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## ALUMNI SUPPORT.

It is now generally conceded that a fraternity to be solidly prosperous must have the kind support of alumni. If alumni are indifferent to the welfare of a chapter, that chapter stands condemned by those best qualified to sound its praise. If they support the chapter, it is not to be supposed that men of matured minds and practical methods would fritter away their support on something cheap and unworthy.

That lukewarmness of old members is largely due to the processes of growth and natural attachment to new surroundings, must be admitted. It would not be true to say that all loss of enthusiasm can be attributed to this, however.

There are yet many changes to be made towards improvement in our western chapters, and this the alumnus knows. He also knows from his experience in chapter life that many things are not as they ought to be. He realizes that at about the time when the active members, through experience, see the folly of a given course and are ready to introduce a change, their college course draws to a close and their authority with the chapter ceases. New men come in to repeat the follies, and get ready to do away with them, just as they graduate. The possibility of reform within a chapter, unaided by outside guidance and stimulus, is thus reduced to a minimum.

And so the alumnus often has conscientious mental misgivings as to the results of certain fraternity practices.

He remembers how his antagonism to a rival fraternity was fanned into hatred by the edict of his own chapter. As he thinks it over now, he don't see why amicable relations were impossible.

He remembers that, very often, fraternities prided themselves on "bucking" against college rules. He now reflects that the purpose of a college life is to get an education; and that in so far as students do not enter into the plans and purposes of Trustees and Faculty—plans adopted for students' benefit—they defeat, in that degree, the very object of their college course.

The alumnus thinks over some of the chapter "victories" he



used to gloat over ; how, by finesse, we captured this man from the claws of our rivals ; how we snubbed the young lady who dared refuse an engagement with a good brother because, perchance, his breath was scented ; how we got the best offices in the societies in spite of opponents, qualifications and the trivial matter of honesty.

He thinks all this over now, and somehow (it may be fogysim) he thinks there ought to be a change. He don't see why a chapter should determine the social attachments of members. He can't understand why he shouldn't exercise his judgment as to fitness, when college honors are to be disposed of. He maintains, in short, that fraternity experience should broaden the manhood of the member and not dwarf it into the little grooves of prejudice.

As he looks at it now, any thing which stands as a barrier between the student and the acquirement of the largest benefits to be secured from college, professors, and students, cannot be too strongly condemned.

Do not think, however, that the crusty alumnus would have chapter life prosaic and too utterly Puritanic. If there is one thing which monopolizes his heart when college life is reviewed, it is the song of the chapter flowing into his soul with all its melody, it is the kindly joke that brought down the house at a member's expense, it is the improvised banquet, where the overflowing of young life expressed itself in joke and song and dance. The mixing of this care-dispelling joyousness with the weightier work of the chapter cannot fail to be most beneficial.

The alumnus has no doubt in his mind that there are possibilities of great good before the fraternity. He would like to see a general shaking off of obnoxious features. Before he can conscientiously recommend a chapter to a friend going to college he wants to know that the anima of the chapter is good ; that the controlling element is not vicious, but studious, clean, manly.

I am glad to know that my own chapter, the ancient Gibraltar of the fraternity, is sustaining a record made by the arduous and sacrificing work of nearly half a century. I trust that others, with her, may cast off the barbaric customs and make the vaunted culture of the Greek a reality.

E. E. GRIFFITH.

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## THE CONVENTION.

THE time for holding the biennial convention is almost at hand and important announcements are to be noted. The Nashville Convention fixed upon Cincinnati as the place, and October 18-22 as the time for the 1886 convention. The General Council has no authority for annulling the acts of the convention, but in this case was compelled to make a change in the arrangements. The Cincinnati Alumni, by resolution, deemed it expedient to advise the General Council of circumstances which make it impracticable to hold a successful reunion in that city at the time named. In this emergency the New York Alpha Alumni, and associate members of active chapters, extended to

the General Council a warm invitation to change the reunion to their city, and, by unanimous vote, the invitation was accepted. The time remains unchanged.

To all who recognize the colors, therefore, be it known that the Convention of the  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  will be held in the city of New York, beginning October 18, 1886. The Secretary of the General Council, and W. R. Worrall, Alpha Province President, will furnish further and detailed information. Announcements of railroad and hotel rates will be duly made.

The Convention, it need hardly be said, will mark an epoch in the history of our order. Matters of profound interest, relating to its internal government and policy, will be presented for consideration. Among the things to be discussed and acted upon will be—

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Ritual ;

The report of the Song Book Committee ;

A proposition to change the time of holding the general conventions ;

The proposed location of a convention house, to be purchased by the fraternity ;

The matter of assessments and dues ;

The revocation of certain charters ;

The consideration of petitions for charters which have been vetoed by the General Council ;

The question of extension and policy ;

The election of members of the General Council ;

The election of a SCROLL Editor and SCROLL Business Manager.

There are also other questions which the occasion will make pertinent, and the time will call for the counsels of the fraternity's truest and ablest spirits. It is to be an invasion of the East by the West and South, and our brethren of Alpha Province will make the invaders welcome. Distance need deter no one from attending. California, Texas and Maine will be there, and the chain connecting the angles of this triangle should not be broken.

Every chapter not represented is liable to forfeiture of charter. Let the delegates urge the alumni to attend, and let them take with them their wisdom, their wit and—their wives, if they have them.

HILTON U. BROWN, P. G. C.

## PHI DELTA THETA RECORDS.

*Year Ending April 1, 1886.*

COMPILED BY A. A. STEARNS, H. G. C., FROM THE REPORTS OF CHAPTER HISTORIANS.

TABLE I.

CHAPTER.	Founded.	College.	Location.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Chapter Historian.
Maine Alpha.....	1884	Colby University.	Waterville.	5	0	3	0	20	2	I. L. Townsend.
N. Hampshire Alpha.	1884	Dartmouth.	Hanover.	9	0	2	0	25	0	Emerson Rice.
Vermont Alpha.....	1879	Univ. of Vermont.	Burlington.	10	0	7	0	29	2	H. C. Chase.
Massachusetts Alpha..	1885	Williams.	Williamstown.	15	0	2	0	13	0	Samuel Abbott.
New York Alpha.....	1872	Cornell.	Ithaca.	9	0	0	0	9	0	Harry Snyder.
New York Beta.....	1884	Union.	Schenectady.	4	0	4	0	13	2	E. S. C. Harris.
New York Gamma...	1884	Col. City of N. Y.	New York.	8	0	10	0	11	3	George Wm. Hubbell.
New York Delta.....	1884	Columbia.	New York.	6	0	6	0	13	2	R. H. Stodder.
Pennsylvania Alpha...	1873	Lafayette.	Easton.	6	0	8	0	15	5	H. C. Reeder.
Pennsylvania Beta....	1875	Penn. College.	Gettysburg.	4	0	6	0	14	3	M. L. Rouzer.
Pennsylvania Gamma..	1876	W. & J. College.	Washington.	11	0	4	0	23	4	H. T. Stewart.
Pennsylvania Delta...	1879	Allegheny.	Meadville.	7	0	3	0	16	2	Frank M. Kerr.
Pennsylvania Epsilon.	1880	Dickinson.	Carlisle.	2	0	5	0	19	3	N. E. Cleaver.
Pennsylvania Zeta....	1883	Univ. of Penn.	Philadelphia.	2	2	10	1	13	11	G. M. Guiteras.
Virginia Alpha.....	1869	Roanoke.	Salem.	..	..	..	..	..	..	No report.
Virginia Beta .....	1873	Univ. of Virginia.	Univ. of Va.	2	4	1	0	9	0	John D. Fletcher.
Virginia Gamma. ....	1874	R. & M. College.	Ashland.	0	0	2	0	1	0	T. J. Barham.
Virginia Delta.....	1875	Richmond.	Richmond.	0	0	0	1	2	0	William H. Lyons.
Virginia Epsilon.....	1878	Virginia M. I.	Lexington.	0	0	0	0	2	0	G. B. Miller.
North Carolina Beta..	1885	University of N. C.	Chapel Hill.	2	0	4	1	9	4	W. H. McDonald.
South Carolina Beta..	1882	S. C. College.	Columbia.	2	0	2	0	8	0	George Walker.
Georgia Alpha.....	1871	Univ. of Georgia.	Athens.	9	2	12	0	16	3	James J. Gilbert.
Georgia Beta.....	1871	Emory.	Oxford.	11	0	10	0	26	5	W. B. Watkins.
Georgia Gamma .....	1871	Mercer.	Macon.	9	0	8	0	23	8	A. J. Battle.

Alabama Alpha.....	1877	Univ. of Alabama.	Tuscaloosa.	60	1	19	0	42	15	O. A. Hobday.
Alabama Beta.....	1877	State Col. of Ala.	Auburn.	9	1	8	0	16	3	L. W. Wilkinson.
Mississippi Alpha....	1877	Univ. of Mississippi.	Oxford.	9	0	7	0	11	1	Frank Dimmick.
Texas Beta.....	1883	Univ. of Texas.	Austin.	15	1	10	0	21	10	John M. Green.
Tennessee Alpha....	1876	Vanderbilt.	Nashville.	10	0	3	0	23	3	Marvin West.
Tennessee Beta.....	1883	Univ. of the South.	Sewanee.	7	1	7	0	13	0	R. H. Gushée.
Kentucky Alpha.....	1850	Centre College.	Danville.	3	1	7	1	8	4	Frank N. Lee.
Kentucky Delta.....	1885	Central University.	Richmond.	11	0	1	0	10	0	J. J. C. Back.
Ohio Alpha.....	1848	Miami University.	Oxford.	10	1	2	1	8	0	S. W. Townsend.
Ohio Beta.....	1860	O. W. University.	Delaware.	11	1	14	0	8	2	Robert L. Seeds.
Ohio Gamma.....	1869	Ohio University.	Athens.	6	0	1	0	12	0	W. W. Martin.
Ohio Delta.....	1872	Univ. of Wooster.	Wooster.	4	0	11	0	15	4	John Francis.
Ohio Epsilon.....	1875	Buchtel.	Akron.	1	0	4	0	11	3	H. H. Henry.
Ohio Zeta.....	1883	Ohio State Univ.	Columbus.	2	0	4	0	9	4	W. McPherson, Jr.
Indiana Alpha.....	1849	Indiana University.	Bloomington.	7	1	8	0	16	1	R. C. Newland.
Indiana Beta.....	1852	Wabash.	Crawfordsville.	5	1	3	1	23	3	William H. Earl.
Indiana Gamma.....	1859	Butler.	Irvington.	3	0	6	0	11	2	E. A. Gougwer.
Indiana Delta.....	1860	Franklin.	Franklin.	6	0	4	0	16	0	R. W. Wilson.
Indiana Epsilon.....	1865	Hanover.	Hanover.	3	0	4	0	14	1	Charles H. McCaslin.
Indiana Zeta.....	1868	De Pauw Univ.	Greencastle.	9	1	9	2	21	8	T. C. Hopkins.
Michigan Beta.....	1873	State Col. of Mich.	Agr. College.	5	0	6	2	14	5	W. M. Munson.
Michigan Gamma....	1883	Hillsdale.	Hillsdale.	7	0	7	0	20	3	A. R. Heckmen.
Illinois Delta.....	1871	Knox.	Galesburg.	13	0	13	0	11	5	J. B. Brown.
Illinois Epsilon.....	1878	Illinois W. Univ.	Bloomington.	4	0	7	0	13	2	R. A. Eaton.
Illinois Zeta.....	1878	Lombard.	Galesburg.	9	1	5	1	19	2	A. T. Wing.
Wisconsin Alpha.....	1857	Univ. of Wisconsin.	Madison.	4	0	9	0	12	5	D. S. Clark.
Missouri Alpha.....	1870	Univ. of Missouri.	Columbia.	9	0	9	0	17	5	J. F. Weed.
Missouri Beta.....	1880	Westminster.	Fulton.	6	1	2	1	16	1	S. Ed. Young.
Kansas Alpha.....	1882	Univ. of Kansas.	Lawrence.	5	0	4	0	16	2	A. L. Burney.
Iowa Alpha.....	1871	Iowa W. Univ.	Mt. Pleasant.	5	0	4	0	11	0	Jos. P. Standley.
Iowa Beta.....	1882	State Univ. of Iowa.	Iowa City.	5	0	7	0	11	5	W. H. Dart.
Nebraska Alpha.....	1883	Univ. of Nebraska.	Lincoln.	6	0	1	0	12	0	C. G. McMillan.
Minnesota Alpha....	1881	Univ. of Minn.	Minneapolis.	7	0	4	2	14	2	J. C. E. King.
California Alpha.....	1873	Univ. of California.	Berkeley.	9	0	0	0	9	0	Harry A. McIvin.

## SUMMARY BY PROVINCES.

TABLE II.

PROVINCE.	No. of Chapters.	Initiated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Attendant Members, by Classes.					Total Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Alumni Chapters.	Province President.
					'86.	'87.	'88.	'89.	Prep.	The. Cl.			
Alpha...	14	98	70	1	60	60	51	48	9	5	39	1	Wm. R. Worrall, New York, N. Y.
Beta....	7	6	9	2	3	4	7	4	0	13	4	3	George Wm. Cone, Riverton, Va.
Gamma.	9	139	84	0	44	57	49	14	4	23	48	3	S. P. Gilbert, Columbus, Ga.
Delta...	8	48	44	2	13	24	18	18	9	0	17	3	Jno. T. Morrison, Wooster, Ohio.
Epsilon.	8	45	47	5	19	29	27	40	18	2	23	2	J. M. Goodwin, Bowling Green, Ky.
Zeta....	4	30	34	1	10	13	13	10	9	0	14	2	T. H. Simmons, Chicago, Ill.
Eta.....	8	52	31	3	15	19	26	36	4	6	15	2	T. S. Ridge, Kansas City, Mo.
	58	418	319	14	164	206	191	170	53	49	160	16	

GENERAL SUMMARY,  
For Year Ending April 1, 1886.

TABLE III.

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Members living.....	3,169	3,529	3,863	4,267
No. of active chapters....	43	51	54	58
No. of alumni chapters...	10	10	14	16
Initiated.....	307	376	350	418
Retired.....	237	284	277	319
Attendant on April 1st....	617	778	776	833
Average initiation per chapter.....	7.14	7.37	6.49	7.20
Average retired per chapter	5.51	5.57	5.13	5.5
Average attendance on Apr. 1st, per chapter.....	14.35	15.25	14.37	14.36

PROVINCE AVERAGES.

*Year Ending April 1, 1886.*

PROVINCE.	Initiated. Average per Chapter.	Retired. Average per Chapter.	Attendant. Average per Chapter.
Alpha .....	7	5	16.64
Beta.....	.85	1.28	4.42
Gamma .....	15.44	9.33	21.23
Delta.....	6	5.5	10.25
Epsilon.....	5.62	5.87	16.88
Zeta.....	7.5	8.5	13.75
Eta.....	6.5	3.87	13.25



## ATTENDANT MEMBERS—STATES REPRESENTED.

TABLE IV.

Alabama .....	63	Mississippi.....	8
Arizona.....	1	Minnesota.....	16
Arkansas.....	1	Missouri ..	41
California.....	13	Nebraska .....	11
Colorado .....	2	New Hampshire.....	8
Connecticut.....	1	New Jersey.....	3
Dakota.....	1	New York .....	63
Delaware....	1	North Carolina .....	11
Florida.....	8	Ohio.....	63
Georgia....	51	Pennsylvania.....	81
Illinois.....	52	South Carolina.....	8
Indiana .....	84	Tennessee .....	22
Iowa.....	18	Texas.....	27
Kansas.....	18	Vermont.....	32
Kentucky.....	24	Virginia .....	15
Louisiana.....	5	Wisconsin .....	11
Maine... ..	22	West Virginia .....	2
Maryland .....	10	Bulgaria.....	1
Massachusetts .....	6	New Brunswick.....	2
Michigan .....	22		
Total .....			833

# SONGS OF PHI DELTA THETA.

It will be remembered by those who attended the National Convention of 1884 that a committee was appointed to bring out a new edition of the fraternity song book.

For various reasons the work was delayed for some time and it is only recently that the committee, composed of brothers Frank D. Swope and Eugene H. L. Randolph, have completed their undertaking.

We have the result of their labors before us in a goodly sized volume, beautifully printed and tastefully bound in blue and silver.

We have been astonished, upon examining the book, to find what a wealth of songs the fraternity possesses. From every part of the country have come these songs of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  from the pens and the hearts of her brothers.

Most of them are set to the tunes of old college songs, and these the editors wisely determined it was not expedient to print, as they can be found in any of the well known collections, such as "*Carmina Collegensia*," "*Students' Songs*," &c.

But there are some nine or ten songs with which new and original music is printed, and from those that we have hurriedly tried over, we judge that the music is of considerable merit.

Every Phi, we hope, will soon have a copy of this work ; we know that every chapter, at least, will have one, and if this new edition of our song book will inspire the chapters to give a little more attention to music and song as part of the fraternity work, it will more than fulfill its mission.

We know that in many of the chapters the opening and closing ode, and perhaps one or more songs during the evening, form an important and impressive part of the exercises—in others, singing is rarely heard, and when it is it is not our own fraternity song but some college song or popular hit of the day.

With the present volume at the command of every chapter, there will hereafter be no excuse for the neglect of this pleasant duty.

It may be invidious to speak of any particular song or songs, but we cannot help commending the following four or five : "*United in the Bond*," brother W. B. Palmer ; "*Nimble William*," brother F. D. Swope, (with music) ; "*Venite Fratres*," brother J. B. Kerfoot ; "*Legends of Old*," brother E. H. L. Randolph ; and "*Blithely we will Sing*," brother C. G. McMillan.

A pleasant surprise is the presence of four  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  songs by lady friends of the fraternity.

Speaking for ourselves individually and for the fraternity at large, we feel grateful to the editors for their good work. They were the right men in the right place.

## EDITORIAL.

WE can say without self-complacency that the campaign of 1886 begins promisingly. We have rehearsed our numerous advances of last year sufficiently to not need to recall them now. Fittingly as close to that brilliant chain of successes comes the cheering news which the report of our Beta Province President discloses.

The brothers who accomplished those results in Virginia win the fraternity's heartiest appreciation, and we trust that is but the beginning of a series of fortunate undertakings.

We could not begin the year in a more satisfactory condition. Let us strengthen our weak points, build up our new chapters, and work unremittingly throughout the organization, and with the enthusiasm proverbial among us we will find ourselves in October, 1887, correspondingly advanced over 1886, as 1886 is over 1885.

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READERS will find the tables prepared by brother Stearns both interesting and valuable. The statistics have been tabulated with care and thoroughness, and contain much important information.

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WE congratulate our California brethren on the activity and enthusiasm displayed by them. Their banquet at San Francisco was a notable success, and the list of addresses prepared by the San Francisco Phis show that the Pacific coasters are earnest and enterprising. Surely it is no boast now to speak of Phi Delta Theta's stretching from ocean to ocean.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM PRESIDENT BETA PROVINCE.

It gives me pleasure to announce that our chapters at Richmond and Randolph-Macon Colleges have been placed upon a substantial basis by the absorption of the excellent chapters of  $K \Sigma K$  located at these colleges.

Our number had been reduced to two men at the former and one at the latter institution, and heroic measures were necessary and have resulted in great good for our fraternity.

Both chapters come into our fold with enthusiasm and their

membership will be a decided acquisition to our order. While they were fond of, and loyal to their own fraternity, they recognized the superior advantages of ours and made the change in the most honorable manner.

The generous and manly course pursued by the President of *K Σ K*—Mr. Gravitt of Richmond—who, while he still holds his position in his fraternity, advised the course followed by the two chapters, will commend him to the best element of college men everywhere.

I desire to publicly acknowledge the distinguished services rendered by brother J. E. Brown of Michigan University, and to thank, in behalf of the fraternity, for services rendered, brothers Stearns and Lyons of Va. *Δ*, and brothers Barham of Va. *Γ*, and brother Kellam of the late chapter of *K Σ K* at Randolph-Macon.

I commend to the fraternity, with cordial good wishes, the gentlemen who have espoused our cause.

Riverton, Va., June 26, 1886.

GEO. W. CONE.

#### FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE Convention tax has been levied at three dollars and fifty cents for every active member of a chapter on or after April 1, 1886.

Chapter reporters will please send me the amounts due from their respective chapters at their earliest convenience. It is highly necessary that prompt and effective attention be given to this matter.

Trenton, Mo.

CHAS. A. FOSTER, Treasurer.

#### TO REPORTERS.

ADDRESS.—No directory of reporters is published in this number owing to the incompleteness of our list. Reporters would oblige us greatly by sending us their name and address on a postal card immediately on the receipt of this number.

NUMBER II.—The November number will be issued as soon as it is possible to go to press. It will reach chapters at the latest on October 12th, though we hope before that. It will contain full information and instructions concerning the Convention.

Please forward all communications at once, as we expect to go to press in a few days after this number is received.

This number has been shortened in order to allow more space for announcements in the November number.

#### FROM THE EDITORS.

THE Editors take this means of offering a word of explanation to many of the reporters. Numerous unfortunate miscalculations have occurred which no effort of ours could prevent.

During the last few months of Volume X the SCROLL appeared irregularly owing largely to the time when we received "copy" and partly to delays occasioned by great pressure on our time from other sources.

A number of reporters, for these reasons did not seem to do themselves justice in the SCROLL's pages. Those particularly unlucky were the reporters of Alabama Alpha, Beta, Indiana Alpha, California Alpha, and Kansas Alpha. These and others did their work ably and thoroughly, and the failure of their letters to appear was through no fault of theirs.

We beg to assure all of last year's reporters that no fault was found with the report of any one, and that those not appearing were not published invariably because they were a little late for the forthcoming number.

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#### TO REPORTERS OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

THE Committee appointed to supervise the printing of the Convention minutes begs leave through this medium to ask the reporters of chapters which have not yet paid the tax, to send the same to J. M. Mayer, 2136 Seventh Avenue, New York.

The tax was \$2.00 per chapter, and it has been found necessary to levy an extra tax of twenty-five cents to cover mailing and other small incidental expenses.

The total cost of publishing and mailing the minutes has been about thirty-one dollars.

Those chapters which have not yet paid the tax and the small extra assessment will oblige us by remitting immediately. Extra copies will be sent at five cents per copy, and any surplus thus acquired will be placed in the hands of the Province Treasurer as a beginning of a Province fund.

Sept. 15, 1886.

J. M. MAYER.

E. S. C. HARRIS.

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EACH chapter will please inform the Business Manager *immediately* of the full name and address of its reporter and the number of SCROLLS desired.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH,

P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.

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## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

EXAMINATIONS are past, and it comes home to all '86 men that their college days are very few. They will all be sorry to leave the chapter and its pleasant associations, but the prospects for its future prosperity are so bright that no fears are entertained for its

welfare. We have one-half of the ten commencement speakers, and, considering that there were five societies to choose from, we congratulate ourselves for having "yanked the bun." The speakers are brothers Baker, M. V., Baker, C. W., Bishop, Merrill and Wilbur.

Brother Beebe, '89, left college about the middle of the term to teach. Brother Clark entertained the chapter at his house in an adjoining town recently. A more enjoyable time was never spent by the boys together, and the royal manner in which brother Clark's mother and sisters spread before us the good things of the season attested the merits of Phi mothers and sisters.

The seventh annual banquet of our chapter will be held in the chapter rooms to-night, and we have spared no pains to have a royal good time. Brother Hayden, '83, is orator; brother Hoffnagle, '84, prophet, and brother Fisher, '84, poet. Many of our alumni will be present, and we only wish they might all join us at this time.

To-morrow evening the junior Exhibition takes place. All of our junior brothers were appointed, viz.: Brothers Morgan, Roberts and Robinson.

Brother Lane will not be here to graduate with the class, being obliged to leave a week ago to fill a position as civil engineer in Dakota. He will receive his degree all the same, and steps forth at once from theory into practice.

The Committee on New Members has been appointed, and already the next year's men are, many of them, spotted. The prospects are good for an abundant harvest in the fall.

June 28.

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The Commencement honors all fell upon the Phis. Brother Wilbur received the highest place of honor on the programme, and also won the Faculty prize of \$50 for the best examination paper on the English historical plays of Shakespeare.

Brother C. W. Baker received the prize of \$50 awarded to a graduate in the department of civil engineering for high attainment in scholarship and noble traits of personal character.

July 1, 1886.

F. H. CLAPP.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

ON Saturday evening, May 30th, we celebrated the seventh anniversary of our founding at Allegheny. Refreshments were served by Peutz, and many toasts responded to. We received a large number of letters from our devoted alumni, all breathing forth that Phi enthusiasm characteristic of our chapter members. Brother Murray's poem was a special feature of the evening. We were all fired with great enthusiasm, and hope for successful results during the new year which we have just entered.

A most prosperous year for Pennsylvania Delta has just closed, and while, as a rule, we are opposed to one "blowing his own horn," we feel justified in relating some of the successes of the year.

We began the year with ten men and closed with sixteen; we have moved into the finest fraternity rooms in the city; we have taken every prize in the Philo-Franklin Society, brother Murray the declamation, brother Howell the freshman essay, and brother Lynch the centennary oration.

In the contest with the Allegheny Society, on Monday night of Commencement week, brother Lynch as essayist, and brother Murray as orator, were winners. Brother Wells was valedictorian of his class. Brother Kerr has been elected business manager of the *Campus*, and brother Blaisdell local editor for next year. So, while we have had the "lion's share" of honors for the year, they have been all honorably won.

The Commencement banquet was pronounced by all the best Pennsylvania Delta has ever had. Brother Vance, a charter member, was with us, and gave us one of his old-time enthusiastic speeches. Brothers Gallup, '85, and Case, '84, gave us speeches characteristic of the loyal brothers they have always been.

The banquet was held in one of our rooms, and, under the supervision of one of Meadville's popular caterers, was a perfect success. The toasts which followed were well chosen by toastmaster brother Blaisdell, and were much enjoyed by all. Phi enthusiasm ran high. Brother Graves' valedictory and the reply by brother Mason, of the Junior Class, closed the pleasures of the night, and, as "rosy-fingered dawn" told of the approach of a new day, we separated, realizing that the last day of another successful and harmonious year was the best day. Long live Pennsylvania Delta; long live Phi Delta Theta.

June 26, 1886.

C. P. LYNCH.

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### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

COMMENCEMENT at the University is always late; this year it does not occur until the 21st of July. At the commencement exercises Georgia Alpha will be represented by four speakers, as follows: Brothers Foy, Hardwick and Reed, as Sophomore declaimers, and brother Gilbert as Senior speaker.

A few weeks ago, brother Arnold withdrew from the Sophomore class and entered the Law class.

We will lose this year, by graduation, four men. One completes an elective course; one receives the degree of Bachelor of Law, while the remaining two receive each the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

July 1, 1886.

JAS. J. GILBERT.

## ALABAMA ALPHA, STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is rather unfortunate for our chapter that only one short letter, of the many written by my predecessor, found its way into the SCROLL. We hope for better connection in future, and your correspondent is ready to promise that any such failure hereafter shall result through no fault of his.

As, at the outset, I desire to push things to rights, and assign to Alabama Alpha the place she so rightly deserves in our peerless brotherhood, I must beg space and indulgence, believing that what I say will be fraught with sufficient of interest to every live and loyal Phi to justify me in saying it. Be it understood that I value the columns of the SCROLL too highly to waste a single line of it with the records of other fraternities of no interest to us; but in a faithful adherence to Phi duty and affairs, no intentional injustice, I pledge, shall be done to other orders. Some mean and cowardly thrusts have been darkly made at us on two or three occasions in the past. These are now unworthy our notice, and I will pass them by with the silence and contempt they merit; but I give notice that in future we must be let alone. Slanderers must handle figures and truths with more skill and integrity, or their subterfuges will be mercilessly exposed.

Just one year ago  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  replanted her banner at this time-honored institution. She then initiated a good majority of the very finest young men. They joyfully took up her colors, and it is now with feelings of mingled pride and satisfaction she beholds those colors floating coyly and grandly to the toying breezes of success and prosperity throughout this entire State. Her charter members, many of them, had won and worn the highest honors of college. Alabama Alpha, from the early dawn of her second rising—this being her revived existence—was literally crowned and wreathed with victories. Well enough for the past! It is the present collegiate year, now at its sunset, with which we have mainly to do in this letter.

Let us first review the status of the chapter here: In the Alabama corps of cadets there are five military companies, each having one captain and first and second lieutenants. The colonel's staff has two commissioned officers, viz.: Adjutant, with the rank of junior captain, and quartermaster, holding the rank of senior lieutenant. Of the seventeen officers we have twelve, including the first four captains and the two staff officers above named; the Sigma Nus have one; Kappa Alphas have four. Of the famous Company E, that took first cadet prize at the New Orleans Exposition, the officers, and about 90 per cent. of the rank and file, were Phis, tried and true. There are three literary societies here. Each has on its annual celebration a president, orator and six debaters, making a total of twenty-four honors. Of



these, this year, we held all three of the presidencies, one of the oratorships, and eight of the debaterships, making twelve in all, or just one-half of the whole number for the Phis. Out of the nine men selected for having the highest marks, by class comparison, for the senior speaking list,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had seven, Sigma Nu two. On the junior speaking list Phis had five, Sigs had four. All of our speakers acquitted themselves creditably. The Sophomore speakers stood: Dekes, 4; Phis, 3; Sigs, 3; K As, 1; Non-frats, 2. Of the nine prizes offered this year Phis took four, Sigs four, and K As one.

Upon an honor roll of eighty men, including five law students, thirty-four of them are worthy Phis. Our chapter numbers forty-one men; seven of them did not reach the honor roll, but of these, several have an average standing of about 93, but failed to make 90 per cent. in the required number of studies.

Brother Greene fairly walked away with the law class. He was our only man in that department, brother Percy Jones having resigned the class. Still he won the prizes for best oration and for best legal essay, and tied Sigma Nu for highest mark. We lose fifteen men from our chapter by graduation. From these we hate to be separated. While our ranks are thinned,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's true strength remains unimpaired. They leave her interests in worthy and enthusiastic hands, whose zeal will never flag.

Before me now is the list of our officers for the ensuing year. Let the joy bells ring!  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is still far ahead. The companies are reduced to four instead of five. Of eighteen officers we hold nine, including captains of Companies A, B and D, and also adjutant and quartermaster, and three first lieutenants. Two of the three editors are Phis.

Thus, you see, we are not ashamed to publish our record to the Greek world. Alabama Alpha is truly the banner chapter of Phi Delta Theta, and she is in very truth worthy of the honor. At the University,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has had to fight against frats and non-frats combined, allied like base politicians for spoils; still she has tasted but slightly of the bitter chalice of defeat, while she has drunk deeply at the very fount of success. This, indeed, has been a grand and remarkable year in the history of our fraternity, and Alabama Alpha chapter has seemed to be the special object of prosperity's smile and favor. Her short past is bright, her future is promising. She is now in the noon-day splendor of an unclouded glory.

I am pleased to report the initiation into our chapter of brothers John Ralston Burgeph, of Mobile, Ala., and Henry Gabriel Hawkins, of Enterprise, Miss. We are proud of both these brothers. They graduated in the class of '84 with high honors, and will be in the law class next year.

June 26, 1886.

W. W. QUARLES.

## ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

NOTHING of importance has taken place for some time, but to prevent being called negligent we will give a short letter.

Examinations are just over, and now we are only waiting for commencement to come and pass off.

The close of the collegiate year finds us with fourteen attendant members, representing four States—Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana and Virginia.

Brother A. T. Whitfield came up to see us (?) a short time ago.

Brother R. L. Thornton, '77, will deliver the alumni oration on Tuesday of commencement.

June 23, 1886.

L. W. SPRATLING.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THE commencement exercises at Vanderbilt, on June 16th, brought to a close the most successful year in the short but brilliant history of the University. The Phis again outstripped their Greek competitors, and the white and blue once more waves triumphantly over the bulk of honors.

When the session opened last September our prospects were, to say the least, rather gloomy. Our representation in the graduating class was weak, and hope for honors in that quarter shut off. In the end, however, fortune smiled upon the worthy, and Tennessee Alpha's success was as complete as usual. W. H. Watkins gained for us the Founder's Medal, in Oratory; W. P. Sanders, Young's Medal, for Oratory; R. A. Carter, Owen Prize, in Latin; Walter Stokes, one of the four Moat Court Places; Walter Deering, graduate fellowship, in German (\$300); Claude Waller, post-graduate fellowship, in Mathematics (\$500); W. R. Simms, post-graduate fellowship, in English (\$500); Charles T. Cole, post-graduate fellowship, in Latin and History (\$500). We thus took one of the three graduate, and the entire list of post-graduate, fellowships.

This is certainly a most flattering record for the chapter, and one of which we are justly proud. The Founders' Oratorical Medal probably arouses more excitement than any other honor bestowed by the University. The four contestants are generally equally matched, and as the prize is awarded as soon as won, the friends of the several speakers await with feverish excitement the decision of the judges. This medal has fallen to the Phis three consecutive years, and we are beginning to regard it as one of the family; and so, indeed, we look upon several other honors which we seem to have a lien upon.

The Phis for next year are all in good trim, and the chapter was never in better condition than at present.

June 22, 1886.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

## TENNESSEE BETA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THE Tennessee Beta will be glad to see the SCROLL again in its midst, for while the SCROLL is taking its usual summer sleep, Tennessee Beta has not been idle. We have been very successful in securing new men, in fact exceptionally so. On the 28th of July. the chapter was called to order for the purpose of initiating Dr. Basil L. Gildersleeve of this and the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Gildersleeve is well recognized to be the greatest authority on the ancient language of Hellas. Well may Tennessee Beta and the fraternity at large be proud of such a man. Our other initiates are brothers R. H. Armisted of Nashville, Tenn., Devereux Shields of Mississippi, Walter Pollok of Indiana, and Ed. S. Wheat of Tennessee.

Brother Watson of Virginia Alpha has affiliated himself with this chapter.

From this you see we have gained much.

As to our losses, it is true they are but few ; but by no means light. At the end of last term [August 6th] our worthy and beloved brother R. W. Doucy, U. S., left us to return to his post in the far West. For three years he has been Commandant and Proctor at this University. Many and warm were the friends he made. His brothers saw him depart with sorrowing hearts. Before his departure a reception was tendered him by brother Hodgson, at which the chapter presented him with a handsome cane, a worthy tribute of their affection and esteem. Brothers Paine and Armistead also left last term.

We have now a membership of seventeen men, not to mention the girls, who are clamoring for a sub-charter to Tennessee Beta.

The chapter has been by no means backward in social life. Two receptions were given last term ; one to the *K Σs*, who have lately moved into our neighborhood ; another to our lady friends on the mountain. In the future we are desirous of giving these receptions monthly, both to our sister fraternities and visiting friends.

Brother E. H. L. Randolph, Business Manager of the SCROLL, is spending the summer on the mountain, his presence has added greatly to our enjoyment, both in our "billy goat den" and with out.

Bridgeford Smith of Kentucky, charter member, paid us a short visit. Also, brother E. M. Beckwith.

We have seen the song book, and heartily congratulate the fraternity upon such an acquisition, and would advise every chapter to procure copies immediately.

Sept. 2, 1886.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

## OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

OHIO Epsilon opened the year's work with an enthusiastic meeting on September 11th. Besides the active chapter a number of the alumni from the city were present. Our chapter is reduced to seven (7) men—5 seniors, 1 sophomore, and 1 freshman.

Arrangements have been made for our old hall in the Schumacher office, where we were burned out last spring. We expect to reoccupy it in about a week.

Brother A. A. Stearns was with us at our first meeting.

Brother T. L. Jeffords of Vermont Alpha, '86, occupies the adjunct professorship of mathematics in Buchtel. Ohio Epsilon welcomes him and wishes him success in his new field.

Brother E. C. Page, '86, is principal in the High School at Corry, Pa.

Brother S. L. Thompson, '86, is at present at home in Yance, Ohio, but expects to attend a law school soon.

Brother J. K. Pleasants, '86, is assistant teacher of the piano in the musical department of Buchtel.

Brother J. D. Pardee is in Utah, the proprietor of a ranch.

Ohio Epsilon is in good spirits and looks forward to a vigorous campaign.

Sept. 13, 1886.

E. F. CONE.

## KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

BUT few initiations have been made by the fraternities at Centre this year, owing to lack of good material. Three of the fraternities are on the best of terms, but *K A* has fallen into the greatest odium not only with the other fraternities, but also with the non-fraternity men.

At the recent commencement, the trustees honored brother Grider, '82, with the degree of A.M., in course, and brother J. C. S. Blackburn, '57, with the honorary degree of LL.D.

Also, brothers Lumrall, Nelson, Grubbs, Lee, Hamilton and the Reporter received honorable mention for excellence in their studies.

On Wednesday evening, June 16th, President Beatty delivered the address to the Alumni Association, on the subject, "Fifty years of College Life." As Dr. Beatty had resigned his position of President, it partook of the nature of a farewell address.

The response on behalf of the Alumni Association was delivered in a very eloquent and touching manner by Judge J. F. Phillips, Kentucky X, '55.

That the Alumni Association chose one of our most distin-

guished members for this duty was another honor added to Kentucky Alpha's already lengthy list.

We lose but one Phi by graduation this year, brother Howard Tebbets, who really belonged to the class of '85, but was prevented from graduating last year by sickness.

Some time ago we had a very pleasant, though short, visit from five of the Phis at K. M. I.

As we would hold the last regular meeting of the year on the evening of June 5th, we made a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  sociable of it, inviting only the members of the fraternity, and only those young ladies who were true and loyal Phis. In such congenial company Phi spirit ran high, and songs were sung with double zest when "gentler voices mingled in the glad refrain." The chapter hall was handsomely decorated with flowers, arranged in various beautiful designs, the tasteful work of two of our most devoted lady Phis.

After supper the party broke up, singing "Long life to Phi Delta Theta and all her friends."

Delta Province Association, at its last convention, gave Kentucky Alpha the privilege of electing the treasurer of Delta Province. R. S. Dawson was accordingly chosen.

On the afternoon of June 16th we had a pleasant reunion of the alumni and undergraduate Phis in the hall. Brothers Massie, McKee, Knight and Hubbard made very interesting and entertaining speeches.

"May Phi Delta Theta be as successful in the next year as in the last," is the wish of Kentucky Alpha.

July 3, 1886.

R. S. DAWSON.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

THE close of the college year of 1885-86 finds us with twelve good men. We lose none by graduation, and will probably begin in the fall with twelve, as the loss of brothers W. W. Buchanan, '88, and E. W. Matthews, '90, will be made good by the return of brothers J. D. Fall, '88, and J. F. Kerlin, '88. Brothers Buchanan and Matthews will teach next winter, but return in the fall of '86.

During the past year we have initiated four men and lost three.  $\Sigma X$  had the only fraternity man among the graduates this year. Most of the fraternity men in college (twenty-eight out of forty) belong to '88 and '89. We will begin in the fall with all our men in the college classes: '87, 1; '88, 4; '89, 4; '90, 3.  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$  will have one prep. each.

In the athletic contests on field day,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  won four medals, brother W. H. Baldrige, '89, taking two, brother H. U. Brown,

'81, one, and brother L. D. Guffin, '84, one. Brother Baldridge is also captain of the College, Freshman and  $\Phi \chi \Theta - \Sigma X$  baseball nines, and of the University Bicycle Club. Of the eight wheelmen who compose the club, five are Phis.

Brother Buchanan was orator and brother F. R. Kautz, '87, declaimer, at the Pythonian spring exhibition. Brother A. J. Hobbs, '63, delivered the address before the undergraduates on June 17th.

Brothers W. S. Tingley, '73, J. A. Kautz, '85, T. M. Iden, '83, and O. M. Pruitt, '85, took master's degrees on commencement day.

Brother T. M. Iden is secretary and librarian of the college for next year.

Brother M. A. Morrison, '83, has been elected reading clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

Brother E. A. Gongwer, our reporter for next year, is vice-president of the State Oratorical Association.

Brothers Kautz, Noble and myself made a visit to Franklin and Indiana Delta on our wheels recently, and were cared for in a way that proves conclusively, to our minds at least, that for ability in first-class entertaining, Franklin deserves the first place every time.

June 25, 1886.

HUGH T. MILLER.

#### MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have added to our chapter Don Y. Yerkes and H. A. Knevels, both of '88, and two of the best men of their class.

D. J. Stryker, '85, is assisting Dr. Beal in botany.

Michigan Beta is thriving finely, we have a pleasant and nicely furnished suite of rooms, and a jolly, loyal and true band of Phis.

June 22, 1886.

N. S. MAYO.

OUR college year opened on August 25.

Although we had but one week in which to rest, fifteen loyal Phis met in the chapter hall the first Saturday evening, and prepared for the fall campaign.

Not much has been heard from Michigan Beta during the past year, but we are still alive and prospering. At present we have fourteen members, as follows: '87, 2; '88, 8; '89, 4.

We lost two of our "solid" men with the class of '86—brother Stanley, who delivered one of the five commencement orations, and brother Woodworth, historian of his class.

Since our last report to the SCROLL we have initiated brothers H. A. Knevels and D. P. Yerkes of '88, and L. C. McLouth of '89.

We will try and be more prompt with our reports this year than last.

Sept. 10, 1886.

W. M. MUNSON.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

OUR chapter enjoys prosperity in the far West, and smilingly greets her brother Phis.

We are proud to announce the initiation of Mr. E. A. Wheeler, '88, of Axtell, Kansas, and Mr. L. D. Hinshaw, '89, of this city.

We wish the co-operation of every Phi in the State. We have received valuable assistance in the past from members not of our own chapter, and request members of other chapters to send us addresses of any other alumni who have removed to Kansas since the publication of the catalogue.

On Friday evening, March 26th, occurred a happy event in the history of our chapter. With fair ladies of K. S. U. we assembled at the A. O. U. W. Hall, which was decorated with the "white and blue." Miss Nellie Franklin of Severance, Kansas, a sister of "Cap" and Ed., who represent the Franklin family in Kansas Alpha, brother T. S. Ridge of Kansas City, Mo., brother Caldwell and wife of this city, and brother O'Bryon, who is teaching near here, were with us on that joyful evening. Among the toasts after supper, brother Ridge answered to that of "Fraternalities." Brother Snider read a poem. The "wee sma' hours" were stealing rapidly past 'ere we thought of quitting the Reception Hall; and we parted, realizing that the swiftest morn follows the happiest night. The lady Greeks present were members of the Kappa Alpha Theta, the I. C. Sorosis and the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternities.

The Inter-State contest draws near, when we expect to meet many Phis from other States.

B. T. CHACE.

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

We have among our numbers as new men two worthy members of the law class, who will make excellent Phis—Hugh Clemans, '87, and Chas. C. Clark, '86, who was recently elected permanent class secretary. Brother Dickey was elected president of the Zetagathian Literary Society for the spring term.

Our chapter is pursuing the even tenor of its way and will be heard from again.

May 10, 1886.

O. R. YOUNG.

## INITIATES.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

- '87. Edward Irwin Crockett, Kansas.
- '87. Robert Ernest Crockett, Tennessee.
- '88. William Thomas Sanders, Alabama.
- '88. Edward Wadsworth Winfield, Arkansas.
- '88. Nathan Adams Gibson, Tennessee.
- '88. Charles Humphreys Wyche, South Carolina.
- '88. John L. Watkins, Tennessee.
- '89. Robert Allen Carter, Kentucky.
- '89. Fennel Parish Turner, Tennessee.
- '89. James Wyche Manier, Tennessee.
- '89. Pope Taylor, Tennessee.

## IOWA BETA.

- '86. Chas. C. Clark, Iowa City, Ia.
- '87. Hugh Clemans, Manchester, Ia.

## PERSONALS.

## TEXAS BETA.

'85. Thad. C. Bell, nephew of Judge James H. Bell, was married to Miss Kate Kerr Carothers, daughter of Colonel W. S. Carothers, Saturday, July 10, 1886.

## ALABAMA BETA.

'83. D. B. Maugum passed through a few days ago. He is now connected with the *Daily Dispatch* of Montgomery, Ala.

'86. E. L. Pinckard, Alabama Alpha, made us a short but pleasant visit recently.

'87. E. T. Hollingsworth was married to Miss Julia Parott of Cartersville, Ga., on the 19th inst. He will go into the mercantile business at Gadsden, Ala., his home.

At the recent session of the Chancery Court at Greenville, Ala., Messrs. B. R. Bricken and Z. Gaston were admitted to the Bar. In every respect these gentlemen were found worthy and reflect dignity upon manhood and the law.

Mr. Zell Gaston is a native Alabamian, a learned graduate and in charge of the Public School in this place, has won a reputation that can only be equalled by his social standing as a cultured gentleman. He unites youth, moral worth and talents, which with the good gift of exuberent health will ornament any station. It is to be regretted that another equally noble calling is rifled of brilliant talents. Gadsden, where he expects to locate, is to be congratulated upon such an acquisition to the Bar and to society. Our kindest wishes attend him.



## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'62. John E. Davies, A. M., M. D., Professor of Physics at the University of Wisconsin, is taking a vacation trip in Europe.

'83. J. F. Tourtellotte, lately of Denver, Col., was recently married at Madison, Wis.

'85. George A. Buckstaff is now at his home in Oshkosh, Wis. He has just returned from New York, where he took a degree at Columbia Law School.

'86. A. P. Hanson is travelling in Europe.

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## THE SCROLL.

UNDER the new *regime*, we hope the SCROLL will come as near giving full satisfaction to all as is possible. We will make no promises, except to do our work conscientiously and to do the best that our limited powers and experience will allow. We earnestly solicit advice and opinions from chapters and members individually, and will be guided by them in the conduct of the journal. Whenever any one has reason to be in any way dissatisfied with such conduct, if he will communicate at once with the chairman of the Board of Managers, the matter will be considered without delay.

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### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

PROBABLY the largest and most enthusiastic fraternity Convention ever assembled was the one which was called together in the parlors of the Grand Central Hotel on the morning of October 18th, 1886. Of the fifty-seven active undergraduate chapters but three failed to send regularly elected representatives, and many of the alumni associations also sent delegates. The wonderful influence exerted by the Bond could have had no better testimonial than the presence of men whose college life was rather a faint memory than a reality, and yet who came again to counsel with their younger brothers, drawn thither by the ties of their fraternity associations.

After President Brown had opened the proceedings, on behalf of the Phis of New York and vicinity, the Rev. Dr. Worrall, of old Ohio *A*, delivered an address of welcome, to which brother J. W. Fesler, Indiana *A*, responded on behalf of the visitors. The convention then settled down to regular business, the careful consideration of which occupied the remainder of the week.

The most important work of the convention was the adoption of a new constitution. This was done only after every section had been passed upon in committee and after every detail had been thoroughly discussed in convention. The general policy of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  extension may be defined, judging from the convention's

acts, as a *progressive conservatism*. Applications for charters from the University of the Pacific, Iowa Agricultural College and William Jewell College were refused. It was determined that only institutions of the highest standing would be chosen for future homes of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and that extension would for the present be directed principally to the east.

One of the pleasantest features of the convention was the presence of our venerable and beloved founder, the Rev. Robert Morrison. His keen interest in the prosperity of our order might prove a worthy example to our younger alumni, and the words of wisdom which he uttered served to render our councils more fruitful and beneficial.

The regular literary exercises which have in the past formed so important a part of the convention's proceedings were on this occasion omitted. Owing to the press of government business, our chosen orator, the Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, was unable to be present, and instead of the usual public exhibition, the local committee determined to have a private reunion of an informal character. On Tuesday evening, therefore, the delegates assembled together. After singing a number of Phi songs, brother Stearns delivered the Historian's address, and this caused the only regret at the committee's arrangements, for so excellent and polished, both in matter and delivery, was the address, that it seemed unfortunate that the audience was confined to the Phis alone. The presiding officer, Rev. J. B. Shaw, then called for a number of informal speeches from various official and visiting delegates.

After having listened to a valuable disquisition on the fraternity motto by brother Morrison, the meeting adjourned to the dining hall, where all present partook of a luncheon tendered by the New York Phis. This was followed by songs and speeches, among which latter may be mentioned that of brother Paul Jones, and it was "nigh unto sunrise" when this very pleasant meeting was over.

Thursday was arranged as the date for the fraternity Banquet, and at nine o'clock on that evening over one hundred Phis were assembled together. The menus were truly works of art. They were printed in antique on heavy paper, which was enclosed in thick leather bound with white and blue gossamer thread. On the cover was stamped the announcement—"National Convention—Phi Delta Theta—1848-1886," and in the center was the golden shield and sword with full jewels raised and set as in the fraternity pin. The Phis then proceeded to "discuss" the

#### MENU.

Blue Point Oysters on half shell.

Soup.

Chicken à la Phi Delta Theta.

Filet of sole à la Colbert.

	Potatoes Brabant.	
	Filet of Beef piqué sauce Béarnaise.	
French String Beans.		Potatoes Parisienne.
	Chicken Croquettes with green peas.	
	Stuffed Turkey.	Cranberry Sauce.
Lima Beans.		Sweet Potatoes.
	Sorbet au Kirsch.	
	Roast Partridge, bread sauce.	
Plain Celery.		Lettuce Salad.
	English Plum Pudding and Cognac sauce.	
	Charlotte Russe au Maraschino.	
Rhine Wine Jelly.		Burnt Almonds.
	Petits fours assortis.	Neopolitan Ice Cream.
	Pieces montées.	
Fruit.		Nuts and Raisins.
	Roquefort Cheese.	
	Café noir.	Cigars.

Having disposed of the more substantial portion of the banquet, the chairman, Rev. Dr. Worrall, called upon brother A. A. Stearns, Ohio *E*, to answer to the toast, "The Mystic Bond." In eloquent words, the retiring historian described the gentle yet not less binding force of the Bond. Brother Scott Bonham, Ohio *A* alumni, followed in a witty reply to the toast, "The Convention in the East," in which he offered us the hospitality of the Queen City of the West. "Phi Delta Theta—The National Fraternity," was doubly answered by brother E. C. Morgan, California *A*, and brother Clarke, Massachusetts *A*. Rev. G. W. Plack, Pennsylvania *A*, in responding to the toast, "College Friends the Best Friends," completely held the attention of his audience. In glowing colors he painted the happiness of college friendships, and dwelt upon the splendid influence of a good fraternity over both the student and his alma mater. "Hellenic Courtesy" was responded to by brother J. W. Fesler, Indiana *A*, followed by the Hon. Chas. Euston Kincaid, Kentucky *A*, who spoke of the "Phis in Public Life," and gave some interesting reminiscences. The formal toasts of the evening were concluded by brother J. J. Gilbert, Georgia *A*, who, with the inspiring theme, "Our Steady Growth—58 Undergraduate and 17 Alumni Chapters, 4,850 members," spoke happily of the present and hopefully of the future.

On behalf of the fraternity, brother W. R. Worrall presented to two of the retiring officers, President H. U. Brown and Treasurer C. A. Foster, two bouquets of flowers as testimonials of esteem and as an acknowledgment of the able manner in which they had fulfilled the duties of their respective offices.

After short speeches were made by the recipients, there succeeded a number of songs and informal toasts, and when the hour of adjournment came, what proved to be a successful and joyful reunion was finally concluded.

The Convention itself was emphatically a success. The con-

cluding business of the week, the election of officers and the place of holding the next convention was decided in a manner free from any bitterness, and so equally excellent were all the candidates, that extraneous considerations only secured a final decision. The South and West vied with each other in hospitality to secure the location of our next convention, and when the latter was finally chosen, the general good feeling betokened that next year Bloomington will be transformed into a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  metropolis.

The Convention adjourned on Friday, the twenty-second of October, and the delegates departed to their different chapters bearing with them the tidings of the ever-growing power of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; and hoping, when they should again assemble, that the order would be stronger, greater and more extended—the acknowledged National College Fraternity.

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### HISTORIAN'S ADDRESS.

PHI DELTA THETA—NATIONAL CONVENTION.

New York, October 18–22, 1886.

THE beginning of the present century found the people of this country in possession of twenty-six institutions for the higher education of young men, known as colleges and universities, nine of which had been established before the commencement of the war for National Independence, and out of a population of five million people, less than two thousand men availing themselves of the privileges thus afforded.

The history of liberal education in America is one of the most brilliant features among all the chapters of rapid development to which we now point with pride. It has worked itself out of a mass of adverse natural conditions. The sturdy pioneer struggling in heated competition with his fellows in the development of the wonderful resources of the land, made free by his own patriotism, had little time and less inclination to plan for the collegiate training of his sons, and later, when commercial prosperity turned us into a Nation of money getters, when liberal government, wholesome legislation and wise administration had taught men to feel that under the Constitution they were equal in citizenship, equal in rights, and equal in possibility of attaining all things men hold as worth striving for, then the greatest contest of development in the history of civilization began. We became a Nation of enthusiasts, crowding and pushing in confused order, a people selfishly patriotic, full of ambition, in hot haste after wealth and the power incident to it. The building of cities became almost as the work of a day—new territory was explored out of which came new states—great streams of people hurry here from all quarters of the world and join in the whirl of business.



New enterprises—new inventions—new ideas work out revolutions each decade—that such people would halt in the midst of their career and give attention to plans for liberal education is almost a surprise, and that they should so far succeed as to establish the most perfect and effectual common school system in the world, and without the traditions of education possessed by the old world ; without a college-trained ancestry to inspire scholarship, in spite of prejudice, in spite of the alluring spirit of adventure, that they should in one century of time found more than three hundred and fifty colleges and as many more degree-giving institutions out of which the professions are recruited, is as great an achievement as any nations have ever boasted ; indeed, in this our people have won a most brilliant conquest over themselves, and it was nearly a half a century ago that a distinguished Frenchman said of us that the American people, if not the most highly are at least the most generally educated of any in the world. It is a matter of no little significance that seventy thousand men and women are to-day in attendance at the colleges of this country, that seventy thousand new recruits are being trained for our army of educated citizens, and it is further of no little significance that the product of our collegiate training does not come from nor return to a non-producing, titled nobility class, or shut itself up within the narrow sphere of an aristocracy of learning, but rather in this country it comes from and goes back to the progressive and growing elements of society and adds force and dignity to the business and professional life of our people.

I have said this much that I might call your attention in the beginning to the fact that there is being rapidly developed in this country a large and influential social force, founded upon the highest and most liberal education which advanced science and scholarship affords, a force which, whether organized or not, must of necessity exert itself for the most part in one common direction, for men and women of education make their observations from the same view point ; they have many judgments and sympathies in common, and to a large degree their habits of study and methods of calculation proceed upon the same basis, and it is not strange that for the purpose of strengthening and perfecting bonds of friendship and sympathy, social and fraternal organizations should be established among them, that all things held in common might be more distinctly recognized and perpetuated.

A College Fraternity is an association of college men, and I must add that the progressive and intelligent interpretation of human rights has made it necessary to qualify this with “ college women ” also.

A Greek-letter society is an American idea. It was planted in good soil, nourished by propitious circumstances, and has flourished beyond the most sanguine hopes of its projectors.

New York, Massachusetts and Ohio were the pioneer fields of college fraternity organization. The first Greek-letter Society, as they are now understood, was established in 1825 at Union College, when a small number of students perfected a secret organization known as the Kappa Alpha Society, with an intention of extending their organization to other colleges, which was not, however, done till nine years later, when their second chapter was established at Williams; but, in the meantime, five other fraternities had sprung into existence—three at Union, one at Hamilton and one at Williams. In 1835, after ten years of experiment and progress in the College Fraternity system, we find six Greek-letter societies in existence, having ten chapters, four at Union, two at Hamilton, three at Williams and one at Miami University, in Ohio, with a total membership of less than five hundred. In 1886 we have thirty-five College Fraternities, having six hundred and thirty living chapters, located in one hundred and twenty colleges, with a total membership of not less than one hundred thousand.

College Fraternities have gone beyond mere experiment; they have become firmly established. They are anchored in tradition and history, and are backed with the moral force and inspiration of a hundred thousand loyal adherents. But it is not an institution open to all the world. It has grown in strength as the field has enlarged, yet it has lost none of the charm of exclusiveness by which it has always been distinguished. Not more than 15 per cent. of the students who enter colleges in this country join a fraternity; only 120 of the 370 colleges are to-day sheltering fraternities, and only 40 per cent. of the students in these colleges join the mystic circle.

Greek-letter societies will outlive all prejudices and narrow-mindedness by which they are, from time to time, assailed. They will outlive all the so-called anti-fraternity laws, as they exist in some few colleges to-day. They will outlive all that hoary-headed orthodoxy that points to the college society as an institution designed by Satan to enlarge his kingdom among freshmen. The College Fraternity system needs no public defense on this occasion and in this presence. The weight of its own good influence will commend it to those who come in contact with it. It has been a stimulus to good scholarship and good character, and the pride of its associations has made many faltering students faithful to their duty.

Twelve fraternities had already been organized, when, in 18<sup>3</sup>8, six young men sat down one day at Miami University, and planned a new order. Six friends, drawn together by their common work, having mutual sympathies and tastes, joined hands, and solemnly and reverently acknowledged the Bond that was to be to them the sign by which they would conquer; and though

they acted deliberately and earnestly, yet they builded wiser than they could have then foreseen. They founded an institution which was destined to grow in strength and influence till it should become second to none in the land. From that place of small beginning it went out upon its campaign of conquest. It pushed its standards to the North and South, to the East and West, till its organization had touched both the seas and linked the Gulf to the Lakes, and to-day there have journeyed here from more than thirty States, men representing in themselves types of the most advanced collegiate life of the day, that they may counsel together for the honor and glory of Phi Delta Theta.

The history of our order, as one of the subdivisions of the College Fraternity system of this country, is a striking example of what the vigorous and energetic American student life is capable of creating by its own resources. The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is a corporation, compactly organized with systematic administration, recognized by the laws of the land as having a legal status, and entitled to the guarantees and rights which the constitution offers to its subjects. It has living chapters in fifty-seven leading colleges, with flourishing alumni chapters in sixteen of the principal cities. Its members have risen high in the councils of the Nation and the States. Its governing principals have stood the test of the most searching scrutiny and criticism, and after nearly four decades of history we lift our head with the pride of a conqueror.

I congratulate you, my brothers in the Phi Delta Theta, that the recurrence of another National Convention brings you here with the badge of victory still upon you; that you came with words of greeting and encouragement, and will return to your constituency with a feeling that the deliberations of this convention have been thoughtful and profitable; that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is an order of progress, glorying in its history and confident in its prophecy.

Two years ago we met in General Convention in the City of Nashville, and that occasion, made memorable by the hospitality of the representative culture of the South, found our fraternity in the midst of unexampled prosperity. The record which we then reviewed demonstrated that Phi Delta Theta was rapidly growing in strength, and adding to its force and influence in the College Fraternity world; we all went away from that assembly profoundly impressed with the value of our fraternity relations, and now we come again to take further account among ourselves of the changes wrought by two years of action. And it is with no little pride that we extend greeting to seven new chapters, of whose affiliation any order might be proud to boast. Our new recruits at Williams, University of North Carolina, Central University in Kentucky, Southwestern University in Texas, and the re-

establishment at Cornell, Miami University and University of California, have advanced our standard with rapid strides into the front rank of college societies. We are coming now more than ever to realize that, in truth, ours is a national order. We are neither Eastern, Western nor Southern, though we inhabit the leading colleges in each section. We claim the distinction of being founded upon a policy rare in the fraternity world, which recognizes the very general development of liberal education in this country. A National Fraternity is justified by the unexampled progress made by the American people in higher education. The collegiate advantages of this country are being leveled up. New England, with its historic seats of learning—with its traditions of scholarship—is no longer the *sine qua non* in collegiate training. Equal advantages in common cause are making obsolete all qualifying sectional terms, and into that field Phi Delta Theta has come, and upon that field it will maintain its name.

The history of a fraternity will not be written down in prominence in the annals of a country by the side of its great battles and political strifes, but through its agency the college men of the North, South, East and West will link their sympathies and bury the prejudices, and its genial influence will work itself into the literature and philosophy of this nation and be stamped in its statesmanship and its patriotism.

To affiliate with such an organization is a worthy ambition in a student's life. I commend to you, my brothers, the work of your predecessors in active duty as an example and inspiration to your steadfastness, and, as makers of your own history, may you observe with care and fidelity the obligations of our common Bond.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 23, 1886.

*To the Editor of the Scroll :*

I have recently had a talk with the Rev. David Swing, of Chicago, respecting his fraternity affiliations. What he said may be of interest to the Phi world. It will be remembered that our earlier catalogues enroll Professor Swing among the members of Ohio Alpha. It is known also that he is claimed as an Alpha Delta Phi.

It is, comparatively, of slight consequence to the fame of the Phi Delta Theta whether we may justly include Professor Swing in our list of alumni. The order has so grown that many eminent members are "lost in shuffle," when it comes to an enumeration of the fraternity's distinguished sons, yet a statement of the circumstances under which his name disappeared from the roll will perhaps be of interest both to the Phi Delta Theta and the Alpha Delta Phi. The sentiments expressed by

Mr. Swing were certainly honorable to both, and especially gratifying to Phi Delta Theta. He said :

“ You see, my old chapter at Miami (Ohio Alpha, Phi Delta Theta), died, and I thought it dead forever. I had always been a loyal Phi, but when the Alpha died I thought that the reorganization and extension of the order were impossible. So, after a time I united with Alpha Delta Phi, and became in a small way an Enoch Arden ; for when I awoke to the full knowledge of Phi Delta Theta a few years ago, I found that, instead of dying, it had spread to a dozen States. You later Phis have revived it, and it now covers the whole country. I had no idea in joining another order of abandoning the old from dissatisfaction, nor of violating the spirit of the Phi Delta Theta laws. I hardly know what my duty in the matter is. You might restore my name upon the roll, and thus throw upon me the burden of resigning, and I wouldn't do it ! The Phi Delta Theta is my first society, and I feel more attached to it on that account than to any that I have joined subsequently. I have read some of Robert Morrison's reminiscences of Ohio Alpha with great pleasure. The fraternity and its history are still of interest to me, although I am not now on the membership roll. Neither do I remember exactly now how I came to not be a member—unless it be that by uniting with another order I severed all affiliation with the Phi Delta Theta. But, as I said, I did not intend to sever relations with the latter.”

HILTON BROWN.

### OUR SONG BOOK.

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“ Come, brothers, let us all unite,  
Of Phi Delta singing ;  
We'll shout the chorus out to-night,  
Happy voices ringing ;  
We'll sing the songs we love so dear,  
Of common weal and brother's cheer,  
And laud the name we all revere,  
Of Phi Delta Theta.”

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Is monotony monotonous ? If so, what a pleasure it sometimes is ! The saying that “ Phi Delta Theta has reason to congratulate herself upon this, her latest achievement,” must be brought out again, and Phis are few and far between, if at all extant, who will not join with us in the declaration over the pub-

lication of the third edition of the "Songs of Phi Delta Theta." Few committees have been appointed upon whom devolved as arduous duties, and who have discharged them so well, as those who have had in charge the matter of compiling and publishing this edition of our songs. The result is a surprise and a pleasure to the fraternity at large, and must be a source of gratification to the editors.

A few months ago there was placed before the fraternity something entirely new in Greek literature, the *MANUAL*, which has proven and will prove a most valuable article, as furnishing information concerning the growth of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

In the fall of '83 we hailed with delight the successful publication of our Catalogue, after years of painstaking labor by the committee. While the labor of issuing the Song Book has been of a different kind, and not so tedious as that of the catalogue, yet it has been attended with no little amount of labor. The excellence of the work testifies as to how well and thoroughly the editors have appreciated the responsibilities of the task, and how conscientiously they have attended to every matter connected with it.

The editors do not resolve themselves into a song manufactory, but rely for the main part upon contributions from the chapters. Yet governing the selections made, overseeing the arrangement and mechanical execution of the book, to them belongs much of the credit. Brothers Swope and Randolph should be congratulated not only for having so far surpassed all previous  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  efforts at a song book, but for having given us one, than which no fraternity, East or West, can claim a better.

It is from the press of Vanden Houten & Co., the printers of Vols. IX. and X. of the *SCROLL*.

It is a 4to, printed on extra heavy paper. The printing and binding, with careful proof-reading, have given us a book that is as near perfect in mechanical execution as can be. It is tastefully bound in blue cloth, and in a book of that size the color sets well, while a fine silver stamp of original design on the cover, completes the good appearance. The design consists of a harp and wreath, about which is a banner, bearing the words, "SONGS OF PHI DELTA THETA." The combination of our colors and the artistic beauty of the stamp design make an appropriate cover for the collection of Phi songs.

No more fitting lines could have been put upon the title page than those we find there—a selection from one of the songs of that pioneer Phi songster, P. W. Search, Wooster, '76. He was the editor of the first  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Song Book, and was the author of many of the songs it contained. The words of all these bear testimony to the earnestness with which he went into every  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  enterprise, and the glow of love he felt for his chapter and fraternity.

This book contains one hundred and six songs, a large fraternity collection, of which fourteen are set to original music, the remainder having reference to the music of *Carmina Collegensia*, *American College Song Book*, etc.

One thing that we are glad to note is that the songs are not classified under headings, for if anything adds to a song book the idea of lack of variety in contents, it is to find all the songs of a like spirit following directly one after another. Happily this feature is abandoned here, and in turning over the pages, from beginning to end, a song can be found anywhere to fit one's mood. The only exception to this miscellaneous arrangement is upon the last page, where the closing odes are grouped together.

The first page of the book proper contains the songs, *BANDED BROTHERS*, opening

“ Aloud Phi Delta Theta song  
We'll raise this starry night ;  
Come, brothers, join our joyous strain,  
And put dull care to flight,  
While far away, at close of day,  
Our loved ones spend the hours,  
In joyous mirth, around the hearth,  
Let that same bliss be ours.”

and *A THOUSAND YEARS*,

“ From every vale of this broad nation,  
Come forth ye brothers, without fears ;  
From every field and every station,  
Come sing the song a thousand years.

CHORUS :

A thousand years ! Phi Delta Theta !  
High over all that star appears.  
Oh, may the tidings ever greet us !  
Our cause shall live a thousand years ! ”

the first by brother Scott, '76, Lafayette, and the other by Search, '76, Wooster. On the last page is *PHI DELTA THETA FOR AYE*, and the closing odes,

“ Heavenly Father, let thy blessing  
Over all our hearts descend ;  
May thy spirit, power possessing,  
Richly all our ways attend.  
While the path of life we're treading,  
May the sunshine of thy smile,  
Over all its halo shedding,  
Keep us free from sin and guile.”

by Search, and

“ Hail to the golden shield we wear ;  
Hail to the sword and chain so fair ;  
Hail to the spotless white and blue ;  
Hail to the Brotherhood so true.”

by Reddig, '77, Pennsylvania.

While a good many have contributed to the book, yet a majority of the songs are written by a few. Of brother Search's, eighteen are in this edition. His name is a sufficient recommendation for their excellence. Brother Randolph has, besides his other work, contributed eleven songs; brother A. G. Foster ten, and brother Palmer nine.

It is remarkable in how widely different songs true Phis express their fraternity love and enthusiasm. With but one exception brother Foster's songs are set to lively, rollicking, college airs, in whose rapid measures he finds the expression for his sentiments. Imagine to yourself the scene of a stiff rush with a rival chapter, a lively initiation, a rampant Billy Goat, and above all, of a jolly, fun-loving, harmonious, and care-free set of boys, and then give better expression to them than can be found in his songs adapted to such airs as "*Mary Had a Little Lamb*," "*Vive L'Amour*," "*Three Blind Mice*," "*Co-ca-che-lunk*," and so on. How familiar to old Phis is the stanza—

"Come, cheerful companions, and join in our song :  
     Phis are the boys we love !  
 And be we united in one common throng.  
     Phis are the boys we love !  
 Oh, mystery deepens whenever we sing,  
 Our voices united in chorus will ring  
     Here's to the Phis ! here's to the Phis !  
     Here's to the Phis we love !"

And, again, into how many Freshmen hearts has terror been struck by the jingling melody of

"Phi Delta has a William Goat, William Goat, William Goat,  
 Phi Delta has a William Goat,  
     And sharp is his back bone !  
 And every time he gives a jump, gives a jump, gives a jump,  
 And every time he gives a jump,  
     He makes his rider groan !"

CHORUS :

Bleating of that goat, ba-a-a-ah, ba-a-a-ah,  
 Bleating of that goat, ba-a-a-ah, ba-a-a-ah,  
 O ! aint I glad to get out of barbarism, get out of barbarism, get out of  
     barbarism,  
 Aint I glad to get out of barbarism,  
     Riding on that goat !"

Brother Search's songs, while bearing none the less testimony to his active fraternity zeal, are of a different spirit. In the future as in the past, often will one of them be chosen at the opening of the chapter meeting, for where is more love for Phi Delta Theta hall than in his songs. Another song of a like spirit, but by Brother Rightsell, of De Pauw, is a most appropriate favorite with many chapters :



“ Without the sounds of life we hear,  
 It is the world we've left behind,  
 While kindly faces here appear,  
 And welcome in glad tones we find.  
 Let every care which has oppressed  
 Our minds through all the busy day,  
 Be banished, while in peaceful rest  
 We while the happy hours away.”

Those bearing brother Palmer's name will always be popular,  
 especially his UNITED IN THE BOND. In his SMOKING SONG,

“ While gathered here, with song and cheer,  
 Our thoughts together blending  
 Our sorrows fade, like smoke we've made,  
 On evening air ascending.

CHORUS :

Then cheer, boys, cheer, forget all fear  
 Of change that waits before us,  
 While fragrant wreaths, that each one breathes,  
 So lightly gather o'er us.

The ringlets twirl, and upward curl,  
 To float in clouds of azure ;  
 With fancy light, air castles bright  
 We build, and dream of pleasure. CHO.

The volumed blue, of friendship true,  
 Is to this band the token,  
 And in the eyes of loyal Phis  
 We see affection spoken. CHO.

As rings of smoke, that soon are broke,  
 This band must soon part, grieving,  
 Yet still we'll see, where'er we be,  
 Old friends in smoke cloud wreathing. CHO.”

the rhyme is so perfect and the words in such taste that one can almost imagine every note to be a puff from a choice Havana, whose aroma delights the senses. Another one, PHI DELTA THETA FOR AYE, in which he has shared the assistance of Miss Lillian Palmer, refers to the founding and growth of Phi Delta Theta, and its words will be rolled out in gleesome measure to the ever popular air, “ Good-bye, my Lover.”

Brother Randolph has scored a success in his song, THE OLD CHAPEL BELL, set to “ The Spanish Guitar.”

“ When I was a student at college,  
 Naught echoed my heart's voice so well, ring ! ching !  
 As that voice speaking softly, yet grandly,  
 Rung out from the old chapel bell, ring ! ching !

CHORUS :

Ring ! ching ! ching ! ring ! ching ! ching ! Echo the bells,  
 Re-echo the bells, re-echo the bells :  
 Ring ! ching ! ching ! ring ! ching ! ching ! Echo the bells ;  
 The silver-toned bells of my youth, ring ! ching ! ”

Ever since his song, DEAR OLD PHI DELTA THETA, beginning

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

CHORUS :

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

was published in the SCROLL, it has ranked among the first, and its merit decides that it will retain that rank. We have heard its words ring out on the evening air by half a hundred voices, and the enthusiasm that came from singing it repeated itself and the song. When it ceased, the voices and not the enthusiasm were worn out. His STAR OF LOVE, with music by brother Carpenter, of Lombard, is a finely written piece.

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To East for truth ; to West for might,  
Whither then for love ?  
Where truth and might in love unite,  
In the sky above.

CHORUS ·

Oh, star of stars, so pure and bright,  
In the spangled sky !  
Phi Delta Theta's star of love :  
Thou shin'st so clear on high !”

With the songs from the various other contributors praise must be shared; for they are of a high order of merit. It would be well could every one receive the compliment which it deserves, but that cannot be done. It is the great beauty of the book that this and that song cannot be named as being the best, for that would imply that some others were inferior.

The editors did well to reject such MSS. as did not come up to the required standard. As a result we have songs all of a high order of literary merit. There is no doggerel; there are no “swashing strains;” there is no sentiment touched upon but what is the best; and with but one or two exceptions the songs are marked by pure metre. Brother McMillan's songs DEAR CHAPTER HAIL and BLITHELY WE'LL SING, are as fine examples of pure metre and smooth rhyme as there is in song anywhere.

Brother Mitchell in his

“Shout hurrah ; yes hurrah !  
In our hearts we are one ;  
For Phi Delta unites us  
Wherever we roam.”

has combined beauty of language and force of thought in a manner seldom excelled.

GOOD-NIGHT, by J. E. Taylor, of Cal. A, is worthy of more notice than a quotation which we give.

“Tis now the closing hour of night,  
And morning winds his horn ;  
Aurora wings his joyous flight,  
And smiling day is born ;  
Too soon is breathed that word—good night,  
From many a kindly breast ;  
Too soon these festive joys and bright  
Sink down to peace and rest.”

The two set to “*Lauriger Horatius*,” the first of which by brother Search has been mentioned, and the other by brother Carpenter, of Cornell, are each of a worth well fitted to that fascinating hymn.

In speaking of contributors and their productions, we must not omit some few which claim special merit both for the particular grace of the songs and the source whence they came.

The ladies have long ago proven that they are not inferior to the boys in scholastic and literary ability. A few have here given us proof that they are not lacking in the Phi spirit, and that they can sing Phi Delta Theta's praises with as ready a pen as their masculine brothers. Take the first stanza of OUR BROTHERHOOD by Mrs. M. E. Banta :

“How sweet, as sinks the western sun,  
When day and evening greet,  
When toil and care are laid aside,  
For trusted friends to meet,  
With hand to hand, and heart to heart,  
In friendship's sacred ties,  
Good friends, in work, or health, or pain,  
Our brotherhood of Phis.”

The closing lines of Miss Susie D. Plummer's song,

“And in peaceful dreams I see,  
As those days come back to me,  
Rising far above and shining o'er the rest,  
Phi Delta Theta's silvery star,  
Shed its lustrous light afar,  
Like the glittering snow upon the Alpine crest.”

form a most graceful tribute to the love we are only too proud to share with the authoress and her sister Phi girls.

Without doubt FIDELITY by Miss Randolph, and PHI DELTA THETA FOR AYE, in part by Miss Lillian Palmer, will meet with the popularity they deserve. The chorus of the former

“White and Blue !  
Pure and true !  
Emblems of faith and trust !  
Serve them e'er !  
Shame them ne'er !  
Be faithful, be true, be just !

Do them honor !  
 White and blue !  
 Pure and true !  
 Emblems of faith and trust !  
 Serve them e'er !  
 Shame them ne'er !  
 Be faithful, be true, be just !"

is exceedingly well arranged to the air ("Peek-a-boo"), and the whole song is so well written that it will be a familiar one to the Phis.

All of the original music, of which there are fourteen numbers, is of a good order, but there is not as much variety in it as we should like to see. It is mostly of a style that will be nicely adapted for chapter hall singing ; still, can never replace or rank with some of the most familiar and popular college tunes for street and serenade music. That is one point wherein it might be said the book lacks. There are many of the airs used in it appropriate for serenades, yet only a limited number of the songs are worded to suit the occasion. A publication is not rightly commented upon unless it is recognized where it lacks, as well as applauded where it excels. Mind you, however, it is the lack of and not the presence of something which is criticised. All the pieces of music in the book share alike in the fact that they are of good quality.

In the words of NIMBLE WILLIAM, brother Swope has toasted the goat in an entirely new and most successful manner. Even as we read,

"The goat stood in his cool retreat,  
 Billee goatee, goata ;  
 Was sheltered there from Summer's heat,  
 Billee goatee, goata ;  
 His crumpled horn with rage he hooked,  
 His stubby tail with ire he crooked,  
 His blood was up, no Fresh he brooked,  
 Billee goatee, goata."

we begin to feel warm for a red-hot initiation. The music to which it is arranged is airy and lively and suited to the words. The chorus especially runs along nicely. LET HEART AND VOICE UNITE, the words by T. S. Anderson, and music by Swope, is a piece of more than usual merit, while THE STAR OF LOVE deserves a similar mention, ROLLING HOME in marching time, by brother Bradbury, of Colby, is a beautiful air, although it seems that the short notes at the close of the chorus would rather weaken its effect somewhat. In MEMORIAL, by brother Carpenter of Lombard, the music and words are well suited to the spirit of the song.

Mention of the others would be a repetition of what has already been said. The book is before you, and you must judge each one for yourself of its merits.

It is quite easy when some one has done the work, for you to

step in and criticise it. You have the benefit of their experience, see their few errors, wisely shake the head and tell how they might have avoided them, when the truth is you could not have done half so well yourself. One point wherein the book might be criticised has been mentioned. It is a small one and the result of necessity, not of neglect, since the fraternity is the source whence the contributions must be drawn.

There has been such a growth in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  since the second edition was exhausted, that it demanded another at once. When we take into consideration the circumstances under which the editors labored, and the short time which has elapsed since they began active work, we can but marvel how well they have done. The fine appearance of the book; the large number and good literary tone of the songs; and the feature of original Phi music, decide most emphatically that Edition Third of Phi Songs is a radical success, and you can accordingly pass the word around.

\* \* \* \* \* Now a word to Phis and Phi chapters concerning it. The editors have done their part. Will you do yours? The book was published for you. They should be as numerous in every chapter hall as names upon the roll. There is a power in song. It draws the members of the chapter together, softens antagonism, creates enthusiasm, and makes cold hearts grow warm. You can depend upon it that a "singing chapter" is a strong one. So arm yourself with these implements of prosperity. Do not make the mistake of buying those for chapter use individually, for so sure as you do, in a year or so your books will all have graduated from or dropped out of college. But, *as a chapter* send in an order for a full quota, and the brothers in addition will buy their own.

The book makes an excellent present, and there is no more charming thing in the world than, during the hours of holiday evenings, to hear the tender notes of a lady's voice blending with the deeper ones from the breast of a sturdy Phi. J. E. B.

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## EDITORIAL.

By act of the last National Convention, the management of the SCROLL has been somewhat changed. The two departments remain, as before, separate and distinct, but over both is a supervisory board. The relations of the Editor and Business Manager continue to be the same to the fraternity, but questions of policy are determined by the whole Board. With this number is issued a prospectus, the perusal of which will guide chapter reporters in sending in communications. The rules herein have been adopted only after careful consideration, and by an observance of them it is hoped that the SCROLL will appear regularly on the date mentioned in the prospectus.

THE National Convention, after a session extending over five days, adjourned Friday, October 22d.

Considered in the light of its importance to the fraternity, it was undoubtedly one of the greatest conventions of recent years. The adoption of a new constitution was a tedious undertaking, and when it is remembered that in matters of merely routine business like this, there is always a disposition to leave the matter in the hands of the working few, too much praise can not be accorded to the delegates who together remained to examine crit-

ically each section as it came from the hands of the committee, and who came to a conclusion only after thorough examination.

Another feature of the convention was the accord between the delegates. It is of course to be expected that in our order there should exist a fraternal bond between each member. Nevertheless, when we see assembled together men from every part of the Union, animated by a single motive, we have a pardonable pride in Phi Delta Theta. The individual is completely sunk in the society, and a fraternity which can thus exact its tribute of personal sacrifice from every one of its members, and yet make that sacrifice a pleasure, has within it a principle, a *spiritus animi*, that is worth more to it than all the machinery of organization.

The Phis of New York regretted that the short time at hand did not allow of a more formal reception. The departure of the delegates was viewed by them with regret, but the effect of the convention remains, and will do much to strengthen the eastern chapters.

The journal of the proceedings will be published in about a month, or as soon as the material can be made ready. A short resumé of the convention's work, however, may be found on another page.

In a communication to the October SCROLL, which was received too late for publication, and which contained a notification relative to the convention, the president of Epsilon Province, brother Goodwin, reminds the delegates to choose only tried men and true for fraternity offices. The matter of election was as carefully proceeded with as other business, and of the four men chosen in the General Council there is not one whose reputation as a fraternity worker is confined to his own province or even to a section of the country. They are worthy of Phi Delta Theta—national men for a national fraternity.

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WE publish the following extract from a letter written to brother Palmer concerning the Manual. Aside from the fact that its perusal may serve to bring it into still further general use, it contains a valuable suggestion of "civil service" examination which, if practicable, it would be well to incorporate into all chapter by-laws.

"The 'MANUAL OF PHI DELTA THETA' is far better than I had ever hoped. Those who have fought the battles of their chapters,

who have found out by sad experience how difficult it is to collate the information given in the book, are the ones who will appreciate its merits. Realizing how important a matter it is to have every Phi rooted and grounded in the faith of the order, Pennsylvania Gamma has adopted a by-law that no one who has been elected to membership shall be initiated until he shall have passed a creditable 'civil service' examination before a committee of three on the history, growth and policy of the fraternity, the 'MANUAL' to be used as the text book. I don't know how such an exactment would be regarded in most colleges; I know that we of Washington and Jefferson regard it as entirely necessary. As a spiking document the 'MANUAL' is simply superb, and whoever makes himself thoroughly acquainted with it will be so successful as a propagandist that he will be suspected of having a Mascot concealed in his clothes. The 'MANUAL' will prove an invaluable boon to Phi Delta Theta."

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

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NOTICE TO REPORTERS : Names of initiates *must* be given in full with their class and place of residence and on *separate forms*; otherwise their proper classification can not be insured. Reporters are requested to write on one side of the paper only and to arrange communications according to the form in which they appear in the SCROLL.

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THE present management have had little over a week in which to prepare this number, and have inserted all chapter letters surrendered to them. Reporters whose letters have not appeared are requested to notify the editor, but it would be preferable to make a fresh report.

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By an oversight, Tennessee Beta was denominated "Vanderbilt University," in the October No. of the SCROLL. It should have read "University of the South."

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## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE college year at Colby was brought to a very successful close on the 7th of July last. On the 6th of July the Maine  $A, \Phi \Delta \Theta$ , held her annual reunion, and a grand one it was. Every Phi was there with one of ye fair ones, and everything passed off pleasantly. Brother White, Ohio  $E$ , was present, as were also brothers



Wright, '83, and Fuller, '85, both of Maine A. The fall term began September 8th.

The chapter is well represented in the various student offices. Brothers Bradbury and Smith have the presidencies of the Senior and Sophomore classes respectively.

Brother P. N. Burleigh has been elected managing editor of the *Oracle*, and brothers Farr, Beverage and Bradbury are respectively chief editor, managing editor and literary editor of the *Echo*. Of the six delegates who represented the Y. M. C. A., at the State Association, three—brothers Beverage, Goodale and Burbank—are Phis.

The most important event since the college opened has been the opening of our new hall, October 22d. The exercises were happily completed by the initiation of six new men: David Francis Smith, '89; Chas. Wilson Averill, Walter Cary, Fred. Tristian Johnson, Harlan Page Knight and Arthur Jeremiah Roberts, all of '90. We venture to assert that no fraternity at Colby has a handsomer hall.

Brother Bradbury, our delegate, has returned from New York full of Phi spirit. He brought with him a copy of the new song-book, and we think it is, especially as regards its musical character, a very fine production.

October 28, 1886.

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#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

FALL term at Dartmouth opened September 9th, with 22 energetic Phis on hand eager to enter on society work for the coming year, and to labor zealously for the advancement of the chapter to the front rank among the fraternities represented here. The freshman class numbers 70 in the academic department, and from that number we shall initiate about 10 good men.  $\Delta K E$ ,  $K K K$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi T$ , and  $\Theta \Delta X$  take about the same proportion and the few remaining are left out from necessity, not choice on their part.

The fraternity spirit is very strong in our college.

The second anniversary of the founding of our chapter occurs next month, and the chapter members, most of whom are still in college, feel well satisfied with our steady growth and present prosperity.

We lose but 3 men by the graduation of '86, brother Pitman, who is in business in New York, brother Richmond, who has entered the Bowdoin Medical College, and brother Whitehill, who is principal of the High School at Garden Grove, Iowa.

Brother Shelton, '87, who left us sophomore year, has entered upon his second year as instructor in the Tahlequah Male Seminary, Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

September 20, 1886.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

For the first time since our chapter was organized, we come together at the beginning of a college year, with an entirely new class to work in. We recognize the responsibility that rests on us in choosing men who will be true brothers, and do honor to the name of Phis. It is a new experience, but we feel sure that careful steady work will bring its reward in a strong delegation from the freshmen class.

Although Massachusetts Alpha is as yet young, and has by no means attained to that position here which is desired for it, a glance over college affairs shows that we are well supplied with men who take a high stand in all branches of college activity.

Of the sophomore honors, brother Richardson secured two second prizes and three honorable mentions, while brother Woodward took an honorable mention. At the class suppers we had two class poets and one toastmaster. The president and vice-president of the sophomore class are Phis. We have four men on the *Fortnight* board, one on the *Gul* board, the captain of the college foot-ball team, and the president of the Athletic Association.

We feel the need of a chapter house more than anything else to make our society life as pleasant and profitable as we could wish, and to put us on a more favorable footing as compared with the other societies, all of which have houses. But, we are not without hopes even in this, and next year may see us installed in a comfortable and attractive lodge.

September 16, 1886.

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NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

This has been a great day in the history of New York Beta. This evening five men of the class of '90 were initiated into the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ : Brothers Brown, Pickford, Knox, Briggs and Stewart. Our chapter is indeed in a flourishing condition.

New York Beta men were agreeably surprised when, on returning from their summer vacation, they found that the position of Professor of Engineering, left vacant by the resignation of Professor Staly, had been filled by Professor C. C. Brown, late of Terra Haute, Ind., and a loyal Phi.

Brother F. W. Skinner, class of '86, and Brother Harris, also '86, have not forgotten their alma mater, but revived old memories by calling on their brethren of New York Beta. New York Beta ever welcomes Phis, and especially the children who have passed out from under her protecting wing.

September 21, 1886.

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

NEW YORK GAMMA has sustained a serious loss in the gradua-

tion of brothers Shiels and Downer, who have been most earnest and energetic workers for the chapter.

At Commencement, an honorary oration and ten prizes, including prizes for best debate and best essay, were awarded to Phis. This is an achievement of which the chapter is justly proud.

We closed our college year most enjoyably, at a collation tendered us by Brother Palmer. In our midst was Brother Hermon A. Kelley, prophet of the fraternity.

Our outlook at present is very encouraging, and, without doubt, the coming year will be the most prosperous in the history of the chapter.

September 28, 1886.

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#### NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

NEW YORK DELTA opens this year with eight men. We have lost, by graduation, Brothers Baskerville, Mayer, Berry, Stodder, Mullally and McCaskie. We congratulate the fraternity on the success of its National Convention.

October 27, 1886.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

WE have, at the opening of this collegiate year, a smaller number of members than usual. Our chapter met with a comparatively heavy loss when the class of '86 graduated. But, since the other fraternities at our college are not as strong, in respect to numbers, as we are, it makes little or no difference how many members our chapter has.

There was a lively interest manifested by the different fraternities, on account of the good material furnished by an unusually large increase of new students. The Phi Delta Theta fraternity showed herself no insignificant rival in the battle for new men. To prove that this is no vain boast, permit me to introduce to you, Lorenza Kepler, who was lately initiated, after a hard-fought battle with the  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity.

We are sorry to announce the death of brother Doll. By his death the fraternity loses a loyal and enthusiastic Phi.

September 28, 1886.

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

THE commencement season just past was full of honors for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . We graduated five men, among them brother Fulton, who divided the first honor, and brothers Tredway and Iswill, who delivered the finest orations of the day. We were also well represented in the Class Day performances. We have now in our chapter twenty as loyal men as ever bowed at the shrine of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

We welcome into our number brother W. S. Lenhart from Pennsylvania Beta. We have received the song book and desire to congratulate brother Randolph on his success. We will sing nothing but Phi songs at our meetings now.

September 14, 1886.

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PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

THE year of '85-'86 was a glorious year for our chapter. We initiated comparatively few new men, but with a good sized band of strong enthusiastic workers, we set about making internal improvements. We met with almost unhopd for success, so that now, at the opening of a new year, we find the chapter in better working condition than it has been since its history began. Our boys of '86 closed the year in splendid style. Their last strokes were to the honor of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Brother R. E. Wilson led the classical department and took the Patton prize for best class work. Brother I. F. Heisse took third honor, Classical Oration. Brother W. M. Stine lead the Frat. Sci. Dep't, followed closely by brother W. T. Graham.

Our loss by graduation was very great, numbering eight good solid men. Their absence from our active ranks is severely felt. To add to this, brother W. B. Glendening, '87, will not return to college this year.

Notwithstanding our losses, a high-spirited, energetic band of ten loyal Phis returned this fall and began work promptly at the opening of college. The campaign has thus far been quite exciting. As a result I am glad to introduce to the Phi world, six newly and fully fledged brethren worthy of their colors. Brothers C. W. Straw, '90, C. J. Turpin, '90, A. S. Griffith, '90, Hammond Urner, '90, Oliver Mordorf, '89, and H. C. Cheston, '88.

Brother W. M. Stine, '86, has accepted the position of Adjunct Professor in the Sciences at U. of O. We recommend him heartly to Ohio Gamma as a Phi of whom we are not ashamed.

Our prospects are of the very brightest and we hope in our next to record additional victories.

Phis are well represented on the Dickinsonian staff this year, brothers T. M. Culver and N. E. Cleaver as literary editors, and brother J. B. Stein as business editor.

October 1, 1886.

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BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to-day stands head and shoulders over any other two fraternities at Roanoke College. We opened with nine men and

very soon swelled our number to fourteen. We measured our strength with the Phi Gammas and succeeded in carrying off the prize in the person of brother Carpenter, of '91. With him, we initiated brothers Leatherman and Murphy, both of class '88. Since their initiation, we have had the pleasure of adding brothers Capps and Emerson, both freshmen, to our number.

Both brothers Bowers and Platt, neither of whom were with us last year, are again here.

The close of '86 marked a most flattering year, and brothers Keen and Sieg, class of '87, carried off the Mathematical and Greek medals, respectively. Brother Smith, of '86, won the first distinction. He is now principal of the Salem High School. Brother Henkel is teaching in Pennsylvania. Brother Frey is also the editor of the Local column of our college monthly.

A new glee club has been organized, chiefly through the efforts of brother Kuder. It promises fair to overshadow anything of its kind connected with the previous history of the college.

We still continue to hold our own socially against the other fraternities. Positively, the prospects for our chapter were never brighter than they are now.

The following are the fraternity statistics of this college.

Class of '87.	'88.	'89.	'90.	'91.	Total.
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 4	3	1	5	1	14
$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$	1	3	3	1	8
$\Delta T \Omega$ 2		2		1	5
$\Sigma X$ 1		1	1	1	4

September 29, 1886.

#### VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

THE Session of 1885-86 has passed and that of 1886-87 is upon us. A review of last year's work does not make us feel abashed, as a chapter, for the boys made a good record and one that is fully equal to that that can be shown by any of our friendly rivals, for we of Randolph-Macon, though always on the lookout for any honorable contest, do not let fraternity hostility go to any extreme, and thus we live as peaceably together as could be desired.

Virginia Gamma has chapters of  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $KA$ , (S. O.) and  $\Phi K \Sigma$  to contend against; of the medals and prizes taken by fraternity men at the last Commencement,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  received two,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , one, and  $KA$ , one. Brother Thompson won the Washington Society Declamation Prize over representatives of nearly all the other fraternities. Brother J. C. Martin won the Prize in the senior English course. We also had the leaders of several graduating classes. Brothers Russell and Barham received the degree of A. B., thus completing college courses marked by

splendid scholarship and fine success. On the *Randolph-Macon Monthly*, brother Barham was Editor-in-Chief for the regular term and brother Russell was an associate editor and member of the Board of Directors. For a chapter of only seven members, we think this is a good record. We lost four men last year. Brother L. L. Kellam will enter the Theological Department at Vanderbilt University. Brother Russell will attend the "Law School" of the University of Virginia; both Tennessee *A* and Virginia *B* are to be congratulated, for our loss is their gain. Brother Barham will read law at his home. Brother Thompson has gone into business as a tobacconist at Durham, N. C., with splendid prospects ahead.

This session finds us on the ground with four old men; as the number of new students is large, and as we are bent on having a fine chapter, we will report an increased number of members ere long, in fact, we have pledged some splendid men already. The ranks of nearly all the fraternities at this institution are considerably thinned by the absence of a large number of old men who either graduated last June or who failed to finish their course for degrees. Hence, we are not greatly, if at all, inconvenienced by our small number of "spikers."

An organization called the R. M. C., with the ostensible object of defeating the alleged pernicious influences of secret fraternities, was recently established here. It is composed of men unable to gain admittance to the fraternity chapters, and is at present engaged in holding secret meetings, coloring pens and otherwise imitating their more fortunate rivals.

Brother Barham, who attended Mr. Moody's Bible Class, at Mt. Hermon, Mass., during the summer, presented Virginia Gamma with a large card on which were the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  coat-of-arms, and the names of the ten Phis who attended this school. We appreciate this little *souvenir* of a delightful time spent by these "jolly Phis," and only hope that next year a still larger number will be in attendance.

September 22, 1886.

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

THE year of '85-'86 has been one of unusual prosperity for South Carolina Beta as shown by a review of the work accomplished by her members.

The chapter opened with six members, gained one by the return of one of the charter members to college, and three by initiation, making a total of ten members for the year.

Of these one was an *AB* of the class of '84, and was this year in the law department, four were juniors, three were sophomores, and one was a freshman. Few honors are given by the College

and these are very little sought after, but our chapter's class-standing was on the whole better than any other's in college. All but one of our members was on the honor roll in June, and brother Houston was one of '87's distinguished.

Not one of our members failed on his final examinations; which is, in our college, a record remarkable for *any* chapter.

The following society positions were held by Phi: One society president, one chief marshal, one junior orator, one public debater, two editorships on the *Collegian*, two literary critics, two society vice-presidents and several minor officers.

In class organizations, base-ball teams, foot-ball elevens, and in the Y. M. C. A. we are represented. Brother Moore is president of the athletic club.

This record may not prove our chapter the best in the South Carolina College, but it establishes the fact she has no superior.

For the coming session we are well prepared and are sure to sustain ourselves. We are moreover determined to be both aggressive and progressive in all fraternity work, and to make  $\Phi \chi \Theta$ 's Palmetto Chapter worthy of the Palmetto State.

September 26, 1886.

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#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

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

We have opened this year with nine of our old members, brothers M. T. Davis, A. J. Tuggle and Geo. H. Winston, of Class '87, and brothers Lamar Cobb, J. E. Foy, E. B. Cohen, B. S. Davis, T. W. Reed and T. R. Hardwick, of Class '88. We have also initiated one new member, brother E. J. McWilliams, of La Grange, Ga., a most excellent man.

Though so far our chapter is small, it is composed of very fine material. We have already placed two men, brothers Reed and Winston, on the editorial staff of our college paper. Besides, we hope soon to be able to fill up our ranks with men of the best standing.

Brothers Reed and Davis have been elected to the respective positions of historian and treasurer of our chapter for the ensuing year.

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##### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

GEORGIA Beta closed a very successful and satisfactory year's work at commencement of '86. We were represented on the stage by six senior speakers, one of whom, brother W. W. Daves, took first honor. We also had on the stage four junior speakers, four sophomores, and one sub freshman, making a total of fifteen.

Brother C. A. Bennet was awarded Bingham medal for best

essay by any member of the sophomore class. Brother Wm. P. Thomas was awarded the Hebrew medal. Brother W. B. Griffin was awarded the medal for excellence in German. Brother J. C. Speight was awarded the Ancient History medal. W. B. Watkins was awarded medal for the best original speech in junior class.

But, it was on Tuesday night that occurred *the event* of commencement among  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s. At the elegant home of Dr. and Mrs. Callaway was held our Annual Banquet. The house and spacious grounds were beautifully illuminated and all present seemed to give themselves up to the enjoyment of the occasion. When the hour of banqueting arrived, the merry couples proceeded to Seney Hall and partook of one of those elegant feasts for which Georgia Beta is noted. There were many of our alumni present, who were carried back in memory to pleasant college days now passed. Dr. Callaway presided as toastmaster in his usual happy way.

On Monday evening, Georgia Beta celebrated her fifteenth anniversary. Besides twenty-five active members, there were present of our Alumni, brothers B. E. Anderson, '72, W. F. Smith, '80, I. W. Hill, '80, J. G. Lee, '80, M. Callaway, Jr., '81, H. C. Carney, '82, G. T. E. Hardeman, '82, W. I. McLarin, '82, F. A. Quillian, '82, W. H. Ferguson, '83, E. P. Burns, '85, E. C. Mobley, Jr., '85, C. P. Marchman, '85, D. D. Quillian, '85, and brother J. J. Gilbert, Georgia Alpha, '86. It was a very enthusiastic  $\Phi$  reunion and some important business was transacted. Our alumni present contributed \$500 towards building a house for Georgia Beta, \$1,000 having been previously contributed, as well as a lot on which to build. Georgia Beta will soon have a Hall, of which we will be proud. We all felt that it was good to be there and after refreshments and an hour of pleasant conversation, we reluctantly disbanded.

At the residence of Dr. Hopkins—our President—in the presence of a few friends, brother W. W. Daves was married to Miss Annie Hopkins, a most enthusiastic  $\Phi$ . Another honor for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

September 26, 1886.

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

OUR last commencement was largely attended, and out of the unusually large number of visitors, Phi Delta Theta was well represented.

Brother E. H. Cobb won a medal for best declamation in Sophomore class. In addition to this, many other honors were borne away by our men.

The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  ball was said to have been one of the most enjoyable entertainments during commencement week.



This session has opened with brighter prospects for the college than for several years past, and we can safely say the same is true of Alabama Beta.

We had eleven members to return—have initiated four, namely: F. J. Pollock, Selma, Ala.; E. J. Spratling, Gold Hill, Ala.; Douglas Boyd and E. J. Drake, Griffin, Ga.; and have affiliated one, Frank Philips, Mariana, Fla., who was a member of Georgia Beta last year.

Our men have begun earnest, honest work in college, and at the same time are on the alert for the welfare of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and are determined that she shall hold her championship here, which she has had ever since the founding of this chapter.

September 28, 1886.

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#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

THE beginning of this session opened rather unfavorably for Mississippi Alpha, owing to the fact that only two Phis were attendant at the University upon the opening, though by vigorous and energetic "setting," we have been very successful, and we now number ten. Of the members who were here last year only brothers Lehman, C. F. Smith, L. E. Thompson and John W. Oliver, have returned thus far.

We are expecting brother Lewis Southworth every day. He intends to take senior law. Brother Southworth has been the representative of Carroll Co. in the State Legislature, and is a true and loyal Phi. I also understand that brother Whitehead, (known by his classmates as "Prep," owing to his size), anticipates returning about Christmas. Our chapter is in receipt of the sad and lamentable death of Mrs. Mayo, wife of brother Mayo, who graduated in law only a year ago.

Brother Mayo and Miss Annie Lake were married during our commencement week of last session, and were just in the bloom of a happy and pleasant voyage through life. Mrs. Mayo had always been a true and never-tiring sister Phi, and always lent an assisting hand and her energy to any undertaking that Miss. Alpha might attempt, and Miss. Alpha now tenders her heartfelt and tenderest sympathy to brother Mayo and the bereaved family, and sincerely hope that all may prove for the best.

October 13, 1886.

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#### DELTA PROVINCE.

##### OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

WE have nothing but good tidings to report to our brothers in the bond for this month. Ohio Alpha still flourishes, and we feel that we have made good progress in the last few weeks. On September 25th we initiated three excellent men in the mysteries of

Phi Delta Theta. The initiation took place in the A. O. U. W. Hall—our new chapter hall, which we have leased, and which we will occupy the first of the year. After the initiation we adjourned to the Miami dining-rooms, where an hour was spent in a sumptuous supper, which was heartily relished by the Phis. The names of those initiated are as follows: John H. Macready, '89; Frank H. Southgate, '89, and John L. Pythian, '90. We now have a membership of eight, represented in the following classes: Two juniors, five sophomores and one freshman.

Although small in numbers we play a considerable part in college. For two terms we have held the presidency of the Erodelpian Literary Society.

Brothers Kearney Prugh, Sam. W. Townsend and Harry Weidner are editors and managers of the *Miami Journal*, a new enterprise, published monthly.

The Betas (our only rival) have a membership of eight, and we are on the most pleasant terms.

October 18, 1886.

#### OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

SINCE the last report from Ohio Beta five new men have been added to her list.

On Monday evening of commencement week, A. V. Evans, O. G. Callahan and Paul Thompson, all of '90, shook off their barbarian garments and emerged into Grecian brightness.

The fall term found us with six men, three of them being new members. We soon added to our list W. U. Young and W. H. Slevins, both of '90. Ohio Beta has at present eight active and enthusiastic members.

Brother Millington, of '86, is a commercial traveller in Colorado. Brother Seeds, also of '86, is grain inspector for the firm of Scott & Seeds, Columbus, Ohio.

Brother Stevens, of '87, did not return to college this year. He is a real estate agent in Kansas City.

Brother Hoskinson, of '88, is teaching, at present, but will be back the spring term.

Brother Wikoff, of '88, is studying medicine at his home in Forest, Ohio.

Brother Barkdrell, of '88, has entered Boston University.

Brothers Beckham and Murphy paid us a short visit at the opening of the term.

There are fifty-eight fraternity men in school, divided as follows:  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 10;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 8;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 11;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 12;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 10;  $X \Phi$ , 7.

Our spikers are at work, and the future of Ohio Beta looks bright.

## OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

OHIO Delta begins the year with bright prospects. Eleven of our old members are back, and we are glad to welcome brother Frank DuShane of Kentucky Alpha. Our men occupy high positions in the class-room, in the literary societies, and in social circles.

The new students furnish abundant material for fraternity work and we hope to keep up our former record by making Phi out of a few of the best.

September 27, 1886.

## OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

COLLEGE opened on the 16th, with a total enrollment of 300, one-half of whom are in the collegiate classes. According to the agreement made by the fraternity chapters at the close of last year, only students having credit for five terms' work are eligible to membership and of that number 40% have already entered the sacred portals and read the mystic mysteries of Greekdom.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has 12, including 5 seniors;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 8, 4 seniors;  $\Sigma X$ , 9, 1 senior;  $X \Phi$ , 10, 1 senior;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 9, 3 seniors;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 11, 4 seniors.

All the Greeks have put on their armor and are rushing the new men with great zeal, but none have yet succumbed. The pink and lavender only have yet appeared, and that for a man probably pledged last year and held for the purpose.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is not behind any and is well supported by an enthusiastic chapter, now stronger than at any time last year. Moreover, all our men have returned except brother Coe, who is at Painesville, and brother Johnston, who is attending a commercial college at Cleveland; we are exceedingly glad to welcome back one of our most enthusiastic charter members, brother Chas. A. Winter, who has resigned a lucrative position to finish his college course. Brother Robt. Eckhardt has also returned.

Brothers Seeds and Rownds, of Ohio Beta, are engaged here in the city and will attend our meetings.

Brother E. G. Stone, our first initiate, stopped a few hours last Saturday on his way to resume work at Pittsburgh.

Our last initiates have not yet been reported. The last of May we had our first double initiation and a rare treat it was. The happy men are H. H. Ward and Mark Francis, who has three Phi brothers. The earnest caution with which the former walked up the wall and the extreme grace with which the latter bounded between the blanket and ceiling were—well, *amusing*. It was such a treat that double initiations are decided just the thing.

Ohio Zeta greets  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  everywhere with wishes for a bright and happy new college year.

September 23, 1886.

## KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report, commencement has passed away when our brother J. T. Wade represented us among the junior orators with universal applause and eclat, and the chapter was otherwise well represented on the honor roll. A pleasant vacation has passed for the majority of us, and we have had a happy reunion. But a short time ago, when our session opened, our prospect was extremely dark. Only four of us, brothers Wade, Roberts, Harrison and A. Knoebel returned, while some of the other fraternities had a good force, especially the  $\Delta K E$ , who had nine active members and one alumnus to return. We went quietly to work and by perseverance and by the aid of that splendid work, brother Palmer's Manual, we now have in our fold seven new men, the choicest of those who entered college this session. On the night of the 18th, we initiated brothers Launey Clay, '88, Wm. Orpheus Shewmaker, '89, Duffield E. Myers, '91, and Henry P. Rhodes, '88; and on the night of the 25th brothers George W. Kildow, '90, James E. Shelburne, '91, and Albert B. Cook, '88; on the night of the 24th of last April, we initiated brother Robert E. Roberts, '89. We expect to strengthen our band in a short time with a few more good men who are yet out of the light of Grecian culture.

Last June we lost brother H. C. Bedinger by graduation and brother M. F. Duncan who took an elective course and did not take a degree and is now at Union Theological Seminary.

We now have a bright new hall and are as happy as can be.  
September 28, 1886.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

## INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

NEVER has Indiana Alpha started out under brighter prospects. Having thirteen men to start with, she will affiliate brother E. J. Stalker, '88, from Indiana Delta, brother Isreal, '88, from Indiana Delta, brother W. H. Foster, '88, from Ohio Alpha, and brother F. B. Foster, '88, from old persecuted Illinois Gamma. We have the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world E. P. Coberly, '90, and R. H. Wacker, '90. These men we secured after a hard fight, in which one of our sister fraternities was specially interested. We have now 2 seniors, 5 juniors, 7 sophomores and 5 freshmen, making 19 in all, and the battle is still on. Though we wish our rivals all success, yet we expect to make it interesting for them. We were honored with a visit lately from brother S. B. Hatfield, Indiana Alpha, '64. Though Mr. Hatfield has been out of college a number of years he is still an enthusiastic Phi, and seemed to enjoy getting back among the boys. Brother Beldon, ex '88, who is like an inspiration to the

boys, is with us for a few days. He will teach this year and enter '89 next year. Brother Bert Fesler spent a few days with us during the opening of the University. Fesler is one of the wheel horses. He also remains out to wield the birch, entering '89 next year. We are on a solid basis and intend to put in some good hard licks this year.

Sept. 15, 1886.

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INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

ON reassembling for another year we are very sorry to miss among our number brothers Henry Little, W. E. Willis and F. C. Jones, who will not be back this year. We begin the new year with a membership of thirteen. The graduating of '86 has made quite a breach in our ranks, taking from our number brothers W. S. Brown, C. F. Coyle, J. G. Lovell, A. R. Miles, F. G. Sharpe, F. L. Snyder and C. U. Stockborger. Brother Stockborger has been appointed a tutor of German in the college. We wish them all success in their respective callings. In the class-day exercises of '86 brother Coyle performed the office of historian in a most creditable manner.

The past year has been one not only very pleasant but also very profitable to our chapter. We vacated our former hall for one considerably larger, and situated in the best part of the city. It has been elegantly carpeted and partly furnished. It is our intention, before the year is over, to make it the finest in the city. In the class-room we were, as usual, superior to any fraternity in college. Of the honors awarded we received a prominent share. In the Baldwin oratorical contest, which took place in April, we were represented by brothers Lovell and Brown of '86, brother Lovell being awarded second honors. In the February contest brother W. C. Harding, '89, was one of the debaters. Brother Coyle, '86, received the Baldwin prize for scholarship in Greek, and brother G. W. Martin, '87, took second prize on Junior essay. In the Fowler prize debate, brother Sharpe, '86, received second prize; brother J. H. Carter, '87, was one of the contestants. In declamation, brother Berry Crebs took the sophomore prize, brother S. C. Spencer the freshman prize, and brother T. B. Noble second prize in the preparatory department. Brothers Henry Little and E. C. Ashby also took part in the latter contest.

As we enter upon the duties of the coming year, it will be our endeavor not only to sustain the reputation of our chapter, but to raise it even higher.

The college has received a large addition of new students this fall, and we trust we shall soon have the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world new knights of the shield and sword.

Sept. 16, 1886.

## INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

INDIANA Delta never began a year in her history under more favorable auspices than this. The college has been on a boom in every way for some time past and begins the term with the largest number and best class of students for many years past. The chapter begins the year with 5 seniors, 2 juniors, 3 sophomores and 2 freshmen ; all enthused with the true Phi spirit of harmony and brotherly love.

Last commencement the boys captured all the prizes offered but one. Brother J. T. C. Noe, of Springfield, Ky., took the junior oratorical prize, and brother C. S. McCoy second, Brother Noe also took the junior classical prize. Brother Chesley Holmes took the prize for sophomore essay. The freshman prize in declamation was taken by a lady, but the audience would have given first and second places, almost unanimously, to brothers Deer and Stalker. By the system of grading, commonly used, brother Deer would have been given first place.

We begin the year with three places on the *Collegiate* staff, including Editor-in-chief, brother C. S. McCoy, and the Business Manager, with the usual number of society honors.

Brother Stalker, '89, desiring to graduate a year sooner, has gone to the State University and will graduate with '88.

Brother W. A. Halteman, of Peoria, Ill., was a welcome visitor to our hall at our first meeting.

Sept. 28, 1886.

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## INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

THE chapter meetings of the past year have been very enthusiastic, and although we lost five splendid men by graduation, we had the pleasant duty of welcoming back brother H. C. Johnson, '89. Two men have been, moreover, added to our number, brothers Huffer and Reynolds, both of '90.

Our delegate to the convention, brother T. G. Brashear, has returned, and his description of the men who were there assembled has served to still further increase our love for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

October 26, 1886.

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## INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

IF we should during the college year, express our appreciation for Indiana's infant, we trust you will attribute the same to our congenial relations in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta, and not to a desire for notoriety.

Indiana Zeta still maintains the lofty position she has labored so earnestly to establish. And if hard work will place our beloved Chapter on a higher plane we may expect the early attainment of that desirable end.

At present we number twenty-two. We made plain the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta to six worthy men, and have bright prospects of a few more.

Oct. 15, 1886.

### ZETA PROVINCE.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

At the close of last year our chapter lost three splendid men, brothers Brown, Porter and Byrnes, of the senior class. But, though they could no longer remain with us, they left us so firmly established that the chapter begins the year with an excellent standing, and well ahead of our rival,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ . The president and two other officers of the Gnothautii Society are Phis. Three of the seven members of the lecture course committee of that society are Phis, and one a Phi Gamma Delta. Brother Williams, the only Phi in his class, '90, was elected class president on the first ballot. Since the beginning of the year, we have initiated four new men, thus more than making up for numbers lost by graduation. Since our return we learn that brother Brown has been called to the principalship of our Eastern school. We are now very well acquainted with the brothers of Lombard University, and frequent exchange of visits is a source of much benefit and enjoyment.

A short time since, Delta Chapter and the fair sisters of I. C. spent a Saturday very pleasantly at Highland Park, a picnic ground near the city. The ladies brought a glorious dinner, which, with boating on the lake and a dance to the music of a harmonican in Brother Crocker's hands, made a very enjoyable day.

Brother Byrnes made us a short visit this term, as he went through, on his way East.

Brother Porter is looking up a situation in the far Southwest.

We have all settled down to hard work, with prospect of a good measure of success in all our undertakings.

October 22, 1886.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Our annual reunion and banquet was held on June 15th last, at the Hotel Ashley. If space would permit, I would enjoy giving the full details, but suffice it is to say, that nothing of the sort so elaborate was ever before held in our city. The menu cards were in themselves a triumph of art.

Brother Brown, our National President, was present to grace the occasion, and was warmly received.

Your reporter had the pleasure of spending the summer with

brothers Eaton and Higbee, of Devils Lake, Dak., who are enjoying a prosperous business in insurance and collections. They are still thoroughly imbued with Phi ardor, and will always be "at home" to all Phis.

Brother Vanneman, '86, is Principal of the city schools of the same place for the coming year.

On my return I had the signal pleasure of meeting brother James G. Wallace, '82, of Pennsylvania Gamma, who is still full of Phi zeal. Brother Wallace is employed by a leading business house of Minneapolis.

Brother R. E. Williams, '86, is now a thriving young attorney of the city, with brightest of prospects in his chosen profession. Brother Williams took the first prize for sholarship last commencement.

Brother J. H. Shaw, '86, has not yet returned from his extended tour through the East.

Brother W. H. Stillhamer has embarked in business with his pater familias at Syracuse, Kans. Brother Stillhamer is much missed.

Brothers Pollock and Prince are teaching school, but attend our sessions regularly, as does brother Burr, who is employed by a leading grocer of the city.

Brother Joseph Sterling, an old Phi, is to be married this evening to Miss Hattie Winchell, of Leroy, Ill. Brother Sterling will take his bride to the land of the Dakotas, with the best wishes of Illinois Epsilon.

I have the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world, brothers J. B. Hunter and C. W. Wheeland, '91, who have been lifted from "the lowly depths to the vaulted skies," and are now basking in the sunlight of social revolution.

College politics have already claimed the attention of the students, and so far, the Phis, by their usual keenness of foresight, have had everything their own way, despite the fact that we have a triple combination to fight.

Our chanter has work before it this year and expects to do it. That she is able to do it is demonstrated by our success in securing our two new members, whom other "frats" were equally anxious to get, but not equally fortunate.

Sept. 21, 1886.

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#### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

TWELVE Phis gathered around our altar at the beginning of the year.

The girls ever remember us. Miss Jennie Colgrove gives us an ornament to our parlor. a fine oil painting.

We have received several of the new Phi song books. All the



boys participate in the music, and gayety reigns throughout our halls.

All our boys are in the college department. We intend to initiate only college men, as we have a number of good men in that department in view. As five men are seniors we expect to add to our dozen a few good college students.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE University has opened this year with very flattering prospects, and I am happy to inform the fraternity at large that the fraternal outlook is equally good. Especially is this true of our own chapter.

No brighter prospects have, within my knowledge, opened before Missouri Alpha than those with which she begins the present collegiate year. Indeed, it is to be questioned whether our chapter was ever before in so prosperous a condition as at present. The other fraternities here thus far seem to be making rather slow progress; but Missouri *A* has started with such zeal and energy as to place her unquestionably far in the lead. I am pleased to say that the  $\Sigma$  *Ns* have started with very good prospects, and, although their number is small, yet we trust that success may crown their deserving efforts.

We are glad to have with us again brother W. F. Means, who took the degree L. B. in '85, and who now contemplates taking the course in law.

Missouri Alpha is also occasionally cheered by the presence of brother R. M. Dooley, who is teaching near Missouri State University. The Phis who graduated from the chapter last year have met with at least the usual success in their respective professions. Brother W. W. Clendennin, who accompanied Professor Spencer, our distinguished professor of natural history, on a scientific journey through Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, has returned from his sojourn abroad and accepted the chair of mathematics in Christian University, Canton, Mo. Brother W. J. Spilman, who was honored with the valedictory last June, is principal of the public schools at Marshall, Mo. Brother J. A. Jarger is engineering at Omaha, Neb., and brother F. B. Wright is in business at Kansas City, Mo.

An athletic association has recently been organized here, in which the Phis play a prominent part. Brother H. W. Clark was elected president, and brother R. P. Barse treasurer of the association. We confidently expect a number of games during the year, and look with sanguine hopes to the promising future of some of the Phis. The Athenæan Literary Society late last

session elected brother T. J. J. See president, and brother W. F. Knox secretary, and they have recently opened that society with admirable satisfaction to all parties.

We are anticipating several initiations soon from the best material to be found in the college. In contemplating the year's work which lies before us, we are greatly inspired by the encouraging prospect of obtaining a large share of the honors and prizes. We hope that every chapter has as promising an outlook as Missouri *A*, and we extend to all of them our heartiest sympathies and best wishes.

September 30, 1886.

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MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

It is likely that some of the readers of the SCROLL think Missouri *B* has ceased to exist, as this is our first report for the year. Such, however, is not the case. The year '85-'86 was a memorable one in the history of Missouri *B*. We captured nearly all the prizes worth noticing, and otherwise did honor to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . At our commencement, we cast out on the great sea of life four noble Phis—Brothers Gallaher, Richmond, Wilkerson and McChesney. Of such men both Westminster and Missouri *B* may well feel proud.

We began work this year with only six men—our rivals, the *B \Theta I*s, having the same number. But things were not destined to keep this position long. Missouri *B* opened her eyes on the situation and went quietly to work, "seeking whom she might devour." This work was consummated last night, and to-day I have the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world three noble brothers in the Bond, brothers Hiuitt, Ferguson and Porterfield. We rejoice to recognize these gentlemen as brothers, and feel honored in having them with us. Our rivals had the advantage of us in asking brother Porterfield three weeks in advance of our invitation, yet, notwithstanding, he joined us immediately upon being asked, and is now "safe within the chapter's fold." They were also after brother Hinitt, but we were a little too sharp for them. The ceremony was one of the most impressive ever held in the chapter. After the exercises the members were invited out to supper, prepared for the occasion, and ate much of the well-known "dorg." Our chapter now has bright prospects before her, and we expect to do some good work this year. At present we have a president in one society and three members on the staff of the college paper.

We were visited a short time since by three or four members of Missouri *A*, among whom was brother H. W. Clark.

Brother C. F. Richmond has returned, and has a position as teacher in the preparatory department of the college.

Brothers Gallaher and Young are studying theology, the former at Chicago and the latter at Princeton.

Brother Burton is teaching at Granville, Mo.

Brother Wilkerson intends taking a course in the St. Louis Law School, and will leave in a few days.

October 19, 1886.

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

FOR the first time in the history of Iowa Beta the sad task has devolved upon her reporter of announcing the death of one of her best beloved members, William Lincoln Park, of class '85. Brother Park met his sad fate through the accidental discharge of a revolver at Fort Fetterman, Wyoming, on the 15th June last. The sad intelligence was received at Iowa city in the midst of commencement and it seemed almost a dream to think that one who had been so full of life and vigor here a few short months before had gone from this world into the world of eternal life and joy, cut down in the flower of youth almost without warning. Alas! reality is here too real. At a special meeting of Iowa Beta, the following resolutions were adopted:—

WHEREAS, it has pleased God in His allwise providence to remove from us our beloved friend and brother, William L. Park. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Iowa Beta chapter of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has lost a zealous and worthy alumnus, and the fraternity a valued member; and be it further

*Resolved*, That as an expression of our sympathy with the bereaved family of our brother we forward to them a copy of these resolutions, and that they be printed in the SCROLL, our fraternity journal.

J. H. DICKEY,	} Committee.
W. H. DART,	
HUGH CLEMENS,	

Iowa Beta began the school year with seven enthusiastic Phis, and already are we glad to announce that the number has increased to eight by the introduction of Ira Orton, of Princeton, Mo., into the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Ira is taking the classical course and is as enthusiastic as the rest of us in the cause of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Brother Dickey, of last year's class, is engaged in the lumber business at Storm Lake, Iowa. Brother Young is employed in the railroad offices at Larramie City, Mon., together with two other S. U. I. boys, all three being Phis. Verner Lovell, our third senior of '86, is studying law at Fargo, Dak. Brother Fowler, of '89, is absent from college this term but expects to return to the Varsity before the year is over. The S. U. I. has a

large freshman class this year and we are very hopeful, and not without reason, of getting our share of the spoils.

Sept. 21, 1886.

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## INITIATES.

### MAINE ALPHA.

- '89. David Francis Smith, Cary, Me.
- '90. Charles Wilson Averill, Alva, Me.
- '90. Walter Cary, Houlton, Me.
- '90. Fred. Tristian Johnson, No. Berwick, Me.
- '90. Harlan Page Knight, Freeport, Me.
- '90. Arthur Jeremiah Roberts, Waterboro', Me.

### NEW YORK DELTA.

- '88. Charles H. Wadleton.
- '90. Carl H. Shultz, Jr.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA.

- '88. Robert Lee Leatherman, Lewistown, Md.
- '88. Joseph La Fayette Murphy, Bristol, Tenn.
- '90. Arthur Emmerson, Portsmouth, Va.
- '90. Charles Robert Capps, Portsmouth, Va.
- '91. Robert Frank Carpenter, Lowmoor, Va.

### VIRGINIA GAMMA.

- '88. Harry Shriver Dent, Milnes, Va.
- '88. Carrol Wesley Vaden, Onancock, Va.
- '88. Samuel Bean Johnson, Franklin. W. Va.

### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

- '87. C. L. Armstrong, Vaiden, Miss.
- '89. William Pierce, Oxford, Miss.
- '90. William Postell.
- '90. Joseph Venn, Memphis, Tenn.
- '91. W. Arnot Anderson, Huntsville, Ala.
- '91. Ed. Lehman, Memphis, Tenn.

### OHIO ALPHA.

- '89. John Hart Macready, Monroe, O.
- '89. Frank Hill Southgate, Newport, Ky.
- '90. John Linton Phythian, Newport, Ky.

### OHIO DELTA.

- '91. S. W. Young, New Castle, Pa.

### OHIO ZETA.

- '89. Mark Francis, Paddy's Run, Ohio.
- '90. Hubert Herrick Ward, Zanesville, Ohio.

## KENTUCKY DELTA.

- '88. Henry Palmer Rhodes, Elizaville, Ky.
- '88. Launey Clay, Richmond, Ky.
- '88. Albert Beecher Cook, Cynthiana, Ky.
- '89. William Orpheus Shewmaker, Harrodsburg, Ky.
- '89. Robert Edwin Roberts, Green Hill, Tex.
- '90. George Washington Kildow, Westernport, Md.
- '91. Duffield E. Myers, Charleston, S. C.
- '91. James Edward Shelburne, Bloomfield, Ky.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA.

- '89. Walter Lincoln Stockwell, Anoka, Minn.
- '89. Bert Leverett Sacre, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '90. Douglas Androus Fiske, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '90. Rudolph William Schimmel, St. Peter, Minn.
- '90. William Webb Harmon, Sauk Center, Minn.

## INDIANA DELTA.

- '90. Oscar Vorhees May.
- '90. Elmer Lute Sellers.
- '91. Ulysses Lincoln Montgomery.

## INDIANA ZETA.

- '90. Ernest Grant Ragnon, Lafayette, Ind.
- '90. William Adin Field, St. Louis, Mo.
- '91. Arlin Ragan Priest, Greencastle, Ind.
- '91. Isaac Elijah Neff, Lafontaine, Ind.
- '91. Joseph Edgar Neff, Lafontaine, Ind.
- '91. Everett Morton Turner, Brounsburg, Ind.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

- '88. F. E. Blain.
- '88. Will J. Phelps.
- '89. Frank Andrews.
- '90. Richard Slater.

## ILLINOIS ZETA.

- '90. Claude Anderson.
- '90. Noble Ebernart.
- '90. Samuel Harsh.
- '90. Frank S. Tuthill.
- '90. Guy P. Williams.
- '91. Henry J. Eckbolum.

## MISSOURI BETA.

- '89. William Hays Ferguson.
- '89. Frederick William Hiutt.
- '90. Robert Edgar Porterfield.

## PERSONALS.

## MAINE ALPHA.

'83. Brother B. J. Hinds is teaching in the Machias (Me.) High School.

'84. Brother R. Moulton is studying medicine at Cambridge, Mass.

'85. Edward Fuller has entered Maine Law School.

'86. Brother Bruce, at present situated at So. Norridgewock, was present at the initiation ceremonies on October 22.

'86. Geo. E. Googins is studying law with Lymonds & Libby, Portland, Me.

'86. K. A. Metcalf has been elected 1st Assistant of the Salt Lake Academy, Salt Lake City.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

'85. Brother Randolph will not remain in New York after Christmas. He will make a tour in the West.

'86. Brother Downer has obtained a position as teacher in one of the largest public schools of the city, where he has charge of the highest class.

'86. Brother Shiels has entered the New York College of Pharmacy.

'88. Brother Naramore has removed to Bridgeport, Ct., having secured employment with a large manufacturing company there.

'89. Brother Treat has gone to Wesleyan College (Conn.) to pursue a special course.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

The following is extracted from the Nashville American, Oct. 25, '86.

"So successful have been our series of sketches of prominent lawyers of this city that we feel emboldened to continue the same, and this week we present the name of Paul Jones, Esq. This gentleman was graduated from the law department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., in 1879. Mr. Jones was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1883, and entered the practice of the profession in New York under the most favorable auspices immediately thereafter. He has since attained a creditable standing at this bar, and is destined to acquire and maintain a position in the front ranks of a profession which numbers so many able men in the City of New York. If so comprehensive a lawyer can be said to have a specialty, Mr. Jones is peculiarly fitted to the practice of that branch of the profession relating particularly to the general law of corporations. He has already prepared exhaustive digests of several of its most important branches.

"It may be further said that this gentleman would doubtless do the profession valuable service if he would consent to embody the result of his labors in the more permanent form of legal publication."

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '85. Brother A. G. Greenlee is studying law at Lincoln, Neb.
- '86. Brothers T. S. Anderson, C. E. Bradt and C. G. Miller have entered the Northwestern Theological Seminary at Chicago.
- '86. Brother John Francis will study medicine at Cincinnati this year.
- '87. Brother J. T. Morrison was married last summer to Miss Grace Mackey. Brother and Mrs. Morrison are now receiving their friends at their home on West Liberty Street.
- '91. Brother L. E. Davis was editor of the *Venedocia Register* during the past summer.

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At a recent meeting of the Tennessee Alpha Alumni, the following resolutions concerning the departure of brother Walter B. Palmer were unanimously adopted :

The members of Tennessee Alpha Alumni have learned with much regret that their highly esteemed friend and brother, W. B. Palmer, has decided to leave Nashville and take up his abode in Seville, Florida, and in separating with him they desire to express the very high respect which they, individually and as an association, entertain for him, and to acknowledge his long, zealous, unselfish and distinguished services, not only to Tennessee Alpha active and alumni, but as well to the cause of Phi Delta Theta, wherever known. To his exertions more than those of any other member of our fraternity is due the establishment, development and prosperity of Phi Delta Theta at Vanderbilt University and the other leading institutions of learning in the South and Southwest. Indeed, wherever our fraternity is recognized, his devotion to its principles, and his earnest, efficient and untiring efforts for their dissemination are conceded and his potent influence felt by all. Therefore, be it

' *Resolved*, First—That by the departure of our brother, W. B. Palmer, from Nashville, the Alumni Association of Tennessee Alpha loses one of its most gifted, useful and highly honorable members.

Second—That we recognize and appreciate to the fullest extent the ability, devotion, courage and industry which he has ever displayed in his efforts for the advancement of Tennessee Alpha, and likewise for the welfare and prosperity of the fraternity at large.

Third—That we commend him to the kindest consideration and warmest friendship of our brother Phis in Florida, or

wherever else his lot may be cast, as one in every particular worthy of their highest confidence, respect and esteem.

Fourth—That the best wishes of each and every member of the Alumni Association of Tennessee Alpha are hereby extended to him for his future usefulness, happiness and prosperity.

Fifth—That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the SCROLL.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. JACKSON,	} Alumni Committee.
J. C. McREYNOLDS,	
W. R. MANIER,	

### In Memoriam.

HALL OF PENNSYLVANIA BETA CHAPTER, PHI DELTA THETA, }  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1886. }

INASMUCH as we have been informed of the sudden death of Frank Albert Doll, our brother in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta, we, the members of Beta Chapter, at Pennsylvania College, do unanimously pass the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That in the death of Frank A. Doll, whose connection with our chapter as an active member extended over a period of three years, the fraternity has lost an active and most earnest worker.

*Resolved*, That ever since his connection with us as a brother he has furnished an example of meekness, friendship and brotherly kindness, deserving the highest praise and worthy the imitation of all his associates.

*Resolved*, That in the character of our deceased brother there was never known to exist a disposition of selfishness, but that a uniform gentleness marked his entire intercourse with every one connected with Pennsylvania College.

*Resolved*, That we recognize the beneficent hand of God in the untimely death of our brother, and look upon it as a warning to all.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them, as well as published in the *College Monthly* and the SCROLL.

T. L. CROUSE,	} Committee.
F. E. METZGER,	
H. C. ROUZER,	

HALL OF INDIANA DELTA, PHI DELTA THETA, }  
FRANKLIN, IND., October 25, 1886. }

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Father of our spirits to call from



his labors on earth our beloved brother, Charles S. Keith, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Indiana Delta of Phi Delta Theta fraternity has lost in the death of brother Keith a devoted brother, and one whom to know was to love and respect.

*Resolved*, That by the sad intelligence of his death we are reminded that one common death awaits us all, striking down with His invincible hand the youth and the aged without distinction.

*Resolved*, That we tender to his mourning friends our heartfelt sympathy.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his friends, one to the SCROLL and one to the *Collegiate*.

J. T. C. NOE, }  
JAS. V. DEER, } Committee.

HALL OF MISSOURI ALPHA, PHI DELTA THETA, }  
COLUMBIA, MO., August 30, 1886. }

WHEREAS, An all-wise Providence has seen fit to take from our midst our beloved brother, John J. Campbell, of Kansas City, Mo.; and,

WHEREAS, In the untimely removal of our brother from this earthly sphere, the profession of law has lost a bright and promising member; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we deeply deplore the misfortune that has so suddenly cut down our brother at the very threshold of what must have been a successful career; and,

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartiest sympathies to the many mourning friends and our earnest condolence to the stricken family. From the one has gone out a friend, tried and true as steel, whose trust naught could shake nor aught could cause him to betray, even in thought; from the other has been taken a loving member, devoted and tender in all those relations which bind loving hearts to the hearthstone.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our records, and, further, that they shall be presented to the bereaved family, and published in the Columbia *Herald* and SCROLL OF PHI DELTA THETA.

JAMES S. SNODDY, }  
ED. M. WATSON, } Committee.  
L. D. EVANS, }



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## NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Bloomington, Ill., in the XXXIX year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Monday, October 10, 1887, and closing the following Friday.

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## REMINISCENCES OF JOHN McMILLAN WILSON.\*

BY HIS BROTHER, ARCHIBALD WILSON.

“Those who undertake to write histories do not, I presume, take that trouble on one and the same account, but for many reasons, and those such as are very different, one from another; for some of them apply themselves to this part of learning, to show their great skill in composition, and that they may therein acquire a reputation for speaking finely. Others of them there are who write histories in order to gratify those that happen to be concerned in them; and, on that account, have spared no pains, but rather have gone beyond their own abilities in the performance. But others there are who, of necessity, and by force, are driven to write history, because they were concerned in the facts, and so cannot excuse themselves from committing them to writing, for the advantage of posterity. Nay, there are not a few who are induced to draw their historical facts out of darkness into light, and to produce them for the benefit of the public, on account of the great importance of the facts themselves with which they have been concerned.”

So wrote Josephus, the able and skillful warrior, the zealous priest, the faithful and impartial historian, as a prelude to his valuable history of his country and his nation.

Now, of these several reasons, *borrowed* for collecting a few items of interest towards preparing the following brief biography of one long since dead, the first one given the writer will modestly disown. The second reason must be left to the judgment of those who may yet live, and who may have been connected or concerned with events to be outlined in this brief sketch. Of the third supposed plea the writer is not, per force, constrained to write save that, if the memory of one, now long since passed from the stage of human action, is worthy of being perpetuated

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\* LIBERTY, Ind., August 13, 1886.

MR. W. B. PALMER—

Respected and very dear sir:—Agreeable to request, I have, though in a very imperfect manner, prepared a sketch of my brother, J. McM. Wilson, the manuscript of which, together with a few other documents you may deem



on history's page, he is of necessity the one to assume the task, as perhaps the last one living from whose memory can be evolved this imperfect and brief memoir.

of some trivial interest, I herewith send. In sending you this crude sketch, my first attempt at authorship, I humbly ask not only yourself, but the entire membership of the honorable Fraternity you represent, that its many defects may be charitably passed over. In the first place, I have had to draw on memory to a great extent for facts. Perhaps, in following the thread of my brother's career, I have thrown in too much that is puerile and trashy; perhaps there is too much of a vein of sentiment for a plain biography; but, in this last, having been intimate with all the companions of his earlier years, I have, naturally, followed him (and them) in feeling as well as fact. Perhaps I have given too much prominence to times long past, to the portrayal of the old ancestral tree; but in this I have thought it proper to point back to the "rock from which he was hewn." Many other things have been introduced in the course of the narrative simply for the sake of expansion. When looking over the life of John McMillan Wilson, it was one, after all, so uniform and uneventful that, epitomized, it could only be summed up thus: He was born—he lived—he died. I send it for your acceptance with a great feeling of trepidation, knowing that it must pass under the highest criticism of our country. For the imperfections that pervade my production throughout, I must plead many excuses. First, I am poor in this world's favors, and have had but few opportunities for mental improvement, except as snatched from the fleeting hours. With the man of Nazareth, through life I have followed a hard, laborious, unremunerating pursuit, and, like Him, have grown poorer and poorer. Deficient scholarship unfits me from being a brilliant writer. In compiling this sketch I have taken the career of my brother and followed it along its actual course, however uninteresting it may be. No other chain of statement could have been the *truth*. The narrative simply sets forth his antecedents, his childhood and youth, surroundings, school and college life, experiences, struggles, trials and triumphs, and that is all that can be recorded. This we have imperfectly done. My brother's character and disposition are familiar to many yet living, and to them this brief memoir will add no new light. With them, the writer is assured that his memory will ever remain green. Two manuscripts of addresses by my brother herewith sent. The larger one I think I recognize as the one delivered on his graduation day. The smaller one was prepared for a similar occasion at Xenia some time after his leaving there, and entering the university at Oxford. They may have some passing interest to the Fraternity you are connected with. Perhaps it has an historical department—a suitable place of deposit for such old documents. If they remain in present hands, they are safe; but, *in time*, vandalism will do its work. There are, also, a few manuscript sermons here which I will dispose of in like manner. They may be of some interest to some in the undefined future. A copy of an address delivered before the society of Phi Delta Theta, at Miami University, June 29, 1853, by the Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., is a masterly effort. I have two copies, and send one with this.

To sum up, I do not see any other outline to have followed in this narrative. Some things connected with his later years, I have barely hinted at, which the mantle of oblivion must be thrown over. Those that labored to throw a blight over a life which promised much in its opening, have gone to their reward. I could not have recorded anything otherwise, with Pilate, "Ἐχέينو τὸ ὅποιον ἔγραψα ἔγραψα."

Hoping that our acquaintance, rather singularly formed, may be the precursor of a lasting friendship between us, I remain, as ever, yours,

ARCHIBALD WILSON.

As to the fourth reason supposed by our illustrious author, its appropriateness to this, an effort to "draw a few historic facts out of darkness into light," by the portrayal of the life and times of one who endeavored to act well his part on life's stage, must be adjudged by all those who were co-actors with him, and who yet remain to finish their part in life's drama.

John McMillan Wilson, the subject of this sketch, was born in Union County, Indiana, September 10, 1825.

This date carries us far back into the "back woods" era in the peopling and development of eastern Indiana. Sixty years ago but little had been done by the hardy pioneers in the section named towards subduing the primeval forest. Six decades ago, the tide of immigration to this part of our now populous and wealthy State had but begun. But with the advent of those sturdy settlers from the older States, soon came the sound of the woodman's axe, the crack of the hunter's trusty rifle, and the song and the whistle of the merry plowman, to break primeval silence. Those were days when hand joined to hand, and heart to heart, and shoulder to shoulder, in the onerous undertaking of subduing the forests and bringing the wilderness to be fruitful fields. The men and women of that age, who composed the original element in the formation of society in the county we speak of, were of sterling type. We revere their memory, now that they have all passed away, while we live to enjoy the blessings, the fruits of their life-struggles.

We call to mind the names of some of the more prominent among the settlers of the eastern part of the county. The Rideours, from Maryland, have always been the leading financiers of Union County; next, the Keffers and the Millers, from Virginia, conspicuous in the field, in the mechanical arts, or in the sphere of traffic. South Carolina was represented by the Elliotts and McDills, and also the McMillans, of which latter family we will speak more anon. The Hamiltons, to be mentioned somewhat conspicuously in the course of this narrative, as among the ancestry of our subject, though originally from Scotland, were early settlers in Union County from the Palmetto State.

John Wilson, Senior, the father of the subject of this sketch, came to Union County, Indiana, about the year 1823. He was originally from the north of Ireland, near the city of Newry, in the county of Armagh; but, with the spirit of enterprise that animates the Old Countryman, he, with three sisters and a younger brother, came to the United States, determined to seek a fortune in the western world. The family landed in the city of New York some time in the latter part of the year 1807. Here the sisters remained permanently. The younger brother, James, entered the United States Navy, but did not live long to serve his adopted country as a marine. John Wilson remained

in New York city till the close of the war of 1812, his occupation being principally coverlet weaving, and occasionally spending at farming a short period among the farmers, up the Hudson river.

About the year 1812 he contracted marriage with a lady from Scotland, a Miss Margaret Clyde. To this union there was born one child, James, now living in the State of Iowa, and quite an old man. From New York, John Wilson came west, to the city of Pittsburg. There, soon after coming, he was deprived by death of his companion, and his child left motherless at the age of two years. But, eventually tiring of the despondency and uncertainties of city life, he once more embarked with his earthly all, with his little boy, then about seven years of age, to seek a home still farther West.

Coming to Cincinnati, with his household goods in a skiff (there were no floating palaces in those days), the two, by the aid of kind friends, soon found their way to the borders of Indiana, in the neighborhood where begins the history of the subject of this narrative. In 1824, John Wilson contracted a second marriage, in the family of Rowley McMillan, recently from South Carolina. To this second marriage there were four children, John McMillan Wilson being the eldest. Of these four, but one is living.

In the year 1823, John Wilson purchased the farm, the old homestead and birth-place of these four children. Here he lived, through all the hardships and trials of farm life, till near the close of his own laborious life, and died at the age of 85 years. The mother survived him about 18 years. Here we leave the immediate parentage of him who is to be the leading character in this memoir, as reference to them will be briefly made, perhaps, further on. They appear now as integral parts in the formation of the community, which, we think, had much to do in giving the character of Mr. Wilson a proper bias in his early and after life.

It is, perhaps, worth while to notice here two distinct classes that formed quite an important element in the population of Union County, quite distinct in character and principle, but in some respects bearing a strong affinity to one another—the Quakers, or Friends, known everywhere for their intelligence, virtue, honesty and sobriety. These people contributed much in their peculiar sphere to make an intelligent community.

The other class, the Dunkards, or German Baptists, having settled in considerable numbers in Union County, at an early day, immigrating hither from Pennsylvania and Virginia, and bringing with them their plain, simple and industrious habits and principles, in time became quite an element of strength and honor to the county, and, by their industry and economy, soon

made the wilderness before them to blossom as the rose. These two classes, or branches of the Christian Church, became an integral part of the community at an early day. The Dunkards, mainly from Pennsylvania, and the Friends, from the Old North State, considered with leading families herein especially mentioned, certainly were important factors in the general welfare of the country wherein they had settled.

These brief references to the intellectual and moral status of the community in which our subject was born and brought up are made, because we think they were not without a decided influence in the formation of his character, on the principle that we naturally assimilate to our surroundings. Much, also, in his make up may be credited to an ancestry traceable back to times long past in the annals of the mother country, Scotland. Much, we say, he derived in many leading traits as a natural inheritance. The Wilson stock, not very numerous in this country,\* are of Scottish descent. The Hamiltons, referred to on a previous page, are also traceable to the same Highland home. Tradition hath it, but the reference is now lost, and it is now retained only as oral tradition, that the Hamiltons, through the maternal line, are derived from Robert the Bruce, the companion-in-arms of Sir William Wallace in a heroic, but unsuccessful, struggle for the independence of their native Scotland. But, coming down through the mists of fable, to a period of more authentic history, we find the Hamiltons prominent, earnest and active in the public affairs of the age they lived in. Sir Robert Hamilton† comes conspicuously on the pages of his country's history in the period intervening between what is called the Restoration (about A. D. 1679), and the Revolution Settlement, 1688 or 1689.

Mr. Hamilton espoused the cause of the persecuted Presbyterians, in Scotland, in their striving for what they felt to be their rights and privileges, as against the encroachments of asserted kingly power and prerogative. While believing honestly the kingly office to be of divine right, those worthies contended through fire and sword for the integrity of the compact between king and subject, the rights of conscience in their religious convictions, as pledged by various settlements and parliamentary enactments, with all that was involved in the ancient Scot's coronation oath. Into and through this long and bitter strife, the spirit of which Macauley calls the struggle between prerogative and privilege, Mr. Hamilton entered with all the enthusiasm of his ardent temperament and deep conviction of right and duty, choosing rather to suffer affliction, persecution, and death itself,

\* There are but fourteen of the entire race living, including infants, in this country.

† Of Preston. We locate our ancestry in the County of Lanark. Our name is perpetuated in the name of a town of some note.

if called upon, than to defile the conscience by a sinful compliance with what he and his fellow-sufferers deemed the defections of the age. In this transition period from feudalism, mediæval ignorance and semi-barbarism, these were the men, far in the advance of their age, to guard and nurse the germ of civil and religious liberty. Loyal to the crown and faithful to the compact, yet quick to perceive the insidious advances of kingly and priestly despotism, they "angered oppression in every gale, and snuffed the approach of tyranny in every tainted breeze."\* Mr. Hamilton went over to Holland after the rising in arms and defeat at Bothwellbridge, by the persecuted Presbyterians of Scotland, in which affair he had taken an active part. While abroad, Mr. Hamilton ably represented his suffering brethren at home, in securing for them the sympathy and material aid of the good people of Holland, and of others throughout the Continent. Shortly after his expatriation, Mr. Hamilton's estate was confiscated and himself sentenced to death, whenever taken, for his participation in the skirmish at Bothwel, and for other acts; yet did he esteem a steadfast adherence to the cause he made as his life-work the greatest of his riches, and took joyfully to the spoiling of his worldly goods, choosing rather to suffer affliction in a righteous cause, with all the reproaches that followed, than to purchase ease and pleasure by the sacrifice of principle. Mr. Hamilton remained abroad till the accession of William and Mary to the throne of England, which happy event put an end to the period of persecution for conscience sake, and brought relief to the people of Scotland, who had suffered so much, particularly during the short reign of James the Second. Mr. Hamilton wrote much during his exile to his suffering brethren at home. He was a very prolix writer. A vein of deep piety and a constant expression of a firm, unwavering faith ran through his letters. There are many of them preserved in an old work published in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1780, entitled, "Faithful Contendings Displayed"—perhaps not now extant in this country. See the same quoted frequently by Macauley, in his valuable history. An old writer thus speaks of Mr. Hamilton:

"He was of such constancy of life and manners, that it might be truly said of him which was said of the Emperor Marcus Antonius, '*In omni vita sui similis, nec ulla unquam in re mutatus fuit. Ilque vera fuit vir bonus nec fictum aut simulatum quicquam habuit.*'"

Mr. Hamilton died October 21, 1701, at the age of 51 years.

The Wilsons appear on the stage of public life, contemporary with the Hamiltons, during the troublous period referred to.

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\* Professor Morse.

Mr. James Wilson appears, in the annals of the time, in various capacities, as a writer, a correspondent, and as a commissioner to Holland and elsewhere, in behalf of the faithful and earnest men at home.

Mr. William Wilson, a careful and impartial annalist, nearly a century later, collected and has transmitted to us from twelve different accounts of the times and men of the age above briefly referred to, that were written by men who were officers in the Scot's army, and otherwise identified with the events of that age, much of our information. From these annals we have drawn much here recorded. The Wilsons and the Hamiltons became related by marriage nearly two centuries ago, and this inter-relationship has continued to our day. At the return of a more peaceful era, these two families appear less prominent, and but little is known of them in the quiet monotony of more peaceful days. A little more than a century ago, a Hamilton (the great grandfather of our subject), appears again, true to the pugnacity of the race, on the Moor at Culloden, against the invasion of a scion of the hated house of Stuart. (With the Hamilton, it is ever the same, whether at Pentland, or the skirmish at Drumellog, the engagement at Bothwell, or the encounter at Airmoss, "resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.")

On the field of Culloden perished the last hope of a race noted for nothing but tyranny and perfidy, and with it has passed away an age which, with all its attainments in civilization, in knowledge, in humanity, was still darkened by the receding shadows of a mediæval barbarism.\* From Scotland our stern Presbyterian ancestry passed over to the north of Ireland, but at what date is not known.

The Hamiltons mainly settled down to the quiet pursuits of husbandry, in the county of Donnegal; some of them with the Wilsons in Armagh. This part of the Emerald Isle, being in a great measure peopled by the thrifty, enterprising and persistent Scotch, was a congenial field for the development, growth and application of those principles our forefathers had contended for across the channel.

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\*As an illustration of this remark, an incident connected with that famed battle-field has been transmitted to us, which, perhaps, never appeared on the page of history. Great grandfather Hamilton related that, after the action at Culloden a detail of ten men from each company in the regiment to which he belonged, was made by lot, whose grim duty was to pass over the field and end the sufferings of the wounded by the aid of the friendly (?) musket ball. In this horrid treatment, friend and foe were served alike. This incident is now stated on the *third* relation only from the event. Great grandfather Hamilton related it to Father Wilson, his grand-son, when a lad about eight years of age. He repeated it to the writer about thirty-six years ago. This illustrates how traditions are often preserved intact through long stretches or periods of time—in this case 141 years.

At an early day in the history of our own Republic, the Hamiltons, the McMillans, and others of Presbyterian ancestry, came across the sea, and located themselves in Chester and Abbeville districts, in South Carolina. In these two districts, principally Chester, quite a cluster of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian element amassed itself, and continued for many years as a nucleus, or rallying point, for those of kindred faith and convictions, as they, from time to time, came across the water. We may assume that the noble old commonwealth derived much of its moral and political stamina from the accession to her population of such material. South Carolina also afforded a refuge for the Huguenot, fleeing for a place of safety and repose from the fires of persecution, consequent upon the revocation of the edict of Nantz, in the year 1685. These people, coming to her shores at such an early day, contributed much to make up a desirable element in the formation of the commonwealth. Dr. Ramsey, a historian of some note, gives, in a history of South Carolina, a list of names of some of these original settlers—too long a list to be given here—from which have sprung some of the most illustrious of her citizens. To the influence of the conscientious Huguenot and the stern, inflexible Scotch covenanter, South Carolina owes much in shaping for her a noble position among the States. Between the years 1810 and 1818 quite a large body of the Scotch-Irish people left that sunny clime for the then far north-west, and settled chiefly in south-western Ohio, and in the bordering State of Indiana. Among these we find the Hamiltons, true to their indomitable nature, seeking newer and more extended fields for action. Here have they made their mark in the country's progress, and from here have they dispersed themselves in various places throughout the west.

Rowley McMillan, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this memoir, came from the county of Tyrone, Ireland, about the year 1775. He settled in Abbeville district, South Carolina, near a place named Long Cane (Pendleton), as a small farmer, and continued there many years, an active citizen of his adopted State and country. There quite a large family, in time, gathered around him, he, in the meantime, serving a term in the war for Independence. On the return of peace, he returned to his family and home in Abbeville. Here, at Pendleton, he passed the years in the quiet monotony of home-life, till about the year 1803,\*

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\* An old dingy paper, and brown with age, thus certifies to the good standing of the McMillan family :

State of South Carolina, } We the subscribers, do hereby certify unto all  
 Pendleton District. { whome it may concern, That Rowley McMillan,  
 and Mary his wife, hath lived in this neighborhood for a number of years, and  
 have always maintained an honest, reputable "character," and are good

when he removed to East Tennessee. In this, then new and rising State, he found himself and family a comfortable home for many years. Having been disabled for active out-door life from a wound received in the engagement at Cowpens, in the Revolutionary War, he turned his attention to teaching, in which profession he excelled as a strict disciplinarian and an able and efficient expounder. In this pursuit, Grandfather McMillan spent the summers and winters of his later years, till incapacitated by old age. While engaged in this honorable and useful employment in the mountainous region of East Tennessee, these qualities of the schoolmaster often came into requisition. While many of those young mountaineers, who were placed under him to receive the rudiments of a common school education, arose to honorable stations in after life, it often required a firm hand to curb their turbulent spirits.\* *En passant*, it may be said, that those were days of crude methods in the art of "teaching the young idea how to shoot." The teacher's outfit being the indispensable quickener of dull intellects, the long switch, the ruler, with a flattened piece of lead attached, for ruling paper (and which served also as a smaller instrument of torture), a few small books (spelling and readers,) not excepting the inevitable pen-knife and the big bunch of goose quills, the making of pens from them being an indispensable acquirement, but *now*,—

"No longer need the poet's pen  
From wing of goose be plundered,  
Nor quill to write the hero's might,  
From Jove's own Eagle sundered."

We have gold pens, steel pens, fountain pens, gutta percha pens, and pencils, indelible and otherwise, in every style of finish and fineness, which would have delighted and amazed our pen-

citizens, and have raised a very sober family of children, and as such we can recommend them when they left us.

Given under our hands the 1st day of November, 1803.

John Willson J. P.,  
Robert Anderson,  
John Hallum,

Bazzle Hallum  
William Gunn.

(Verbatim.)

\* The writer treasures up an old pen-knife, a relic from one of the battle fields on which, with those young hot-spurs, the old warrior school-master was oft engaged. Sam Houston, somewhat noted in after-life, with a squad of young bloods attempted, on a Christmas occasion, to extort the customary treat. Failing by the usual ruse, "barring out" "our army of occupation," they resolved on making a sortie, and bringing the grave question to the issue of battle. *The old veteran corps* fell back for defence to a tree, and stood—with blade in hand—"a living wall"—"impregnable," "while Sam's bold heroes held their ground, point for attack was nowhere found." Quailing finally "before th' unbroken line," the invincibles withdrew—in good order—the subsidy given up, and never afterwards demanded. The practice of enforcing treats from that time on went into disuse. This was, perhaps, the only occasion in which the Hero of Horse Shoe Bend and San Jacinto ever backed.



men of a past age. In the primitive days of which we have been speaking, the curriculum in those back-woods seats of learning was not very comprehensive. Reading, writing, and cyphering, and a smattering of grammar summed up the course. Of the old text books then in use for young beginners, there was the New England Primer, beginning with the alphabet, continuing with words of one syllable, short poetic pieces for reading lessons, as, "In Adam's fall, we sinned all," "The idle fool is whipped at school," etc, including the shorter catechism, a portion of which was usually repeated by the older scholars as a closing exercise of school. For the next grade, Webster's old spelling book; then came in course, Cocker's or Pike's arithmetic, and Lindly Murray's English Grammar. For a glossary of the English tongue, there were in use Entick's and Manton's dictionaries,—old works, containing many words now obsolete. For readers there were several by old authors, mainly selections from the Bible—the secret source, we think, of the stern virtue of "our grandfathers' days." For those that would dip into other ancient lore, there were "Æsop's Fables."

This old schoolmaster—of the *old school*—came to Union County, Indiana, about the year 1818, and continued in his favorite profession for some years after coming hither, but on the old crude plan. An old "Article of Agreement is here copied, an old relic, showing the progress that has been made towards perfection in our common school system in sixty years :

"We, the subscribers, do promise to pay to Rowley McMillan Senr., the sums annexed to our Names, for, and in consideration of twelve month's labour, to Be employed in teaching such scholars as shall attend at the school house near Harmon Shook's cabin, in Reading, *Wrighting*, and Arithmatick, to commence from the tenth day of Febuary,\* in the year of our Lord, 1823. N. B. I will attend good hours, 5 days in each week, and teach at two Dollars for each schollar per Quarter, to be paid in Linnen Cloth, yard wide, at 50 cents per yard. Labouring work at 50 cents per day, or corn, 25 cents per Bushel. One Quarter dollar from each schollar to be paid in money every three months. I will Board myself. The employers to keep the school in wood during the term—my wages paid Quarterly

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Henry Blose, one scholar	8 00	William Coe 1½ scholars	18 00†
Thomas Redick, 1 scholar	8 00	John A. White 2 scholars	16 00"
— McQuoid scholar	—		

John McMillan Wilson, being a favorite grandchild, became a protégé of his grandfather, Rowley McMillan, at the age of

\* The r left out.

† This is copied verbatim, but here is a higher rate.

three or four years, an important circumstance in giving shape and direction to his career in after life. On the old school master's knee, in the cozy chimney corner, he first acquired a knowledge of the English alphabet, and how to use it, and also other rudiments of an education, so that at an early age he was an expert reader, and quite proficient in the first principles of mathematics. In this latter branch of knowledge he excelled as by intuition. From this small, quiet, primary department, we find the young scholar then transferred to the old log school house but a few rods distant from the old cabin home. Here was his first experience in "going to school." This old "temple of learning," built by the united labor of the old pioneer settlers, and supported by private enterprise, was then presided over by an eccentric character named John Miller, and who, from his peculiar traits, and from the place of his nativity, was known in his day as "Old Scotch Miller." This old pedagogue, a scholar of rare attainments, possessing a mind well stored, and a teacher of more than ordinary abilities, especially when difficult and abstruse lessons and problems were to be inculcated by a vigorous application of the long birch rod, was a very eccentric character. An exile from his native Scotland, he brought with himself to the wilds of America all the peculiarities of the Scottish race. A dear lover of the national beverage, a good supply of which he always kept during school term in a convenient hiding place near the old school house (and it was ever observable that the blows from the long whip were always in exact ratio to the number of visits to the hollow tree during school hours). Besides other nicknames, significant of the peculiarities of our *Magester Domminie*, the goaded pupils added the sobriquet "Old Cyclops," but with this difference, that the central orb was placed in the back of his head, so swift was he upon occasion to whirl on his toes to apply the lash to the hapless delinquent. The hasty, fiery and impetuous temper of this old schoolmaster is somewhat peculiar to the natives of the "Land o' Cakes;" and oftentimes may be esteemed as one of the virtues of the race. Firm and unwavering in their convictions, and fearless in their adherence to them, when the hour of strife comes, the hardy Scot ne'er stops to reckon the odds.

"Tak a Scotchman frae his hill,  
Clap in his cheek a highland gill—  
He has nae thought but how to kill  
Twa at a blow."

But laying aside this little piece of pleasantry, indulged in at the expense of our long departed hero, with all encomiums on his fellow countrymen, we return to the subject of this brief memoir. Under the instruction of this, his first regular teacher at school, the future Alumnus of "Old Miami" made very fair

progress. The usual course in Arithmetic, his favorite study, was soon mastered, and also other branches of learning, as then taught in the neighboring schools. The thirst for knowledge, partly inherent, and partly stimulated by the interest and supervision of the aged grandfather, his foster-guardian, made the ascent of the pathway to knowledge easy and delightful. The years of his boyhood, thus passed quietly along, caring for and enjoying the sweets of home with the aged grandparent and his two maiden daughters, the two canny housekeepers in the humble homestead, devoting his days and years to the cultivation and management of the little farm, and the more important cultivation of his mind in the acquirement of useful knowledge. To these three persons, to whose care and guardianship Mr. Wilson was committed in early life, was he deeply indebted for the proper bias in the formation of his deep religious character, next to the grace of God—to them for the early imbibing of those principles, both ecclesiastic and civil, to which he adhered so pertinaciously through life. Access to large and costly libraries was not, forty or fifty years ago, a neighborhood privilege, but the supply of mental pabulum within the reach of our student, though not extensive, was of a superior grade. His books in home hours were his constant companions; the first of these was the Book of books, the reading of which, morning and evening, was the daily practice. Next, for corresponding reading, the works of such old authors and divines as the Erskines of the old country, Owens, Baxter, Henry's Commentary, Harvey's Meditations, Paradise Lost, etc. For secular reading, Rollins' Ancient History, Goldsmith's England, the elementary histories of Greece and Rome, Gibbon's Rise and Fall, etc. This enumeration constituted what we might call the home study. With the aged grandfather he continued to make his home till his faithful old guardian and counsellor reached extreme old age, when the faithful old teacher and stern old patriot—

“ Taught half by reason, half by mere decay.

Then welcomed death and calmly passed away,”

having reached the age of 101 years, his death occurring September 8th, 1843. In reaching this event in the course of our narrative, the death of the honored and beloved grandfather, we have passed over a period of about ten years as containing but little worthy of note, save that they were spent in physical development, and the quiet and steady accretion of a fund of general knowledge. Having lightly tasted, our student now determined to drink more deeply at the “ Perian Spring,” and to that end he began to dip at the fountain of classic lore. In this, now the highest object of his ambition, Mr. Wilson was much aided and encouraged by the friendship of the pastor of the church of which he had become a member early in life, the

Rev. Gavin McMillan. This honored and worthy old minister, a man of deep and extensive learning, was an immigrant to South-western Ohio from South Carolina at an early day—not strictly a native of that old commonwealth, for he was born on mid-ocean—(and it is a mooted point whether under the British flag, or the stars and stripes). Suffice it to say that he received a thorough education in the South, and came to the place of his future labors at an early day—the exact date the writer cannot now give. He was settled, however, as pastor over a small congregation of Reformed Presbyterians in Preble County, Ohio, known as Beech Woods. Here he continued to labor in the ministry till the close of his life. Some time about the year 1843\* Mr. McMillan, becoming interested in behalf of a few young men within the circle of his acquaintance, conceived the plan of opening a small school for the purpose of giving them (and all others that would embrace the opportunity) lessons in Latin, Greek, mathematics, etc. This little school he carried on somewhat on the boarding-school plan; and those young beginners in the higher branches, under his hospitable roof, were made to feel *at home*. Though that little seat of learning, in a retired place on his farm, once a tenant house, may seem as small beginnings, yet those may yet live who can look back to it with a feeling of pride. Here, between those young students, attachments and friendships were formed which retained them fast in fraternal bonds, even when separated to go forth to other places in pursuit of knowledge, or to engage in their life's work. Among those who attended there for instruction we remember the names of Rev. Robert Gray, and a younger brother, the former an honored minister in the United Presbyterian Church; the latter returned to the pursuits of the farm. Mr. George Swan, of the Presbyterian Church, a life-long minister in her communion; a Mr. Nathan Brown, druggist, formerly of Oxford, Ohio; Mr. James Renwick McMillan, eldest son of the worthy teacher, and John McMillan Wilson, the subject of this narrative. As with Damon and Pythias, a friendship of the most sincere, ardent, and indissoluble nature sprang between the two last mentioned, which lasted through all the vicissitudes and mutations of their college life; and through young Mr. McMillan's influence Mr. Wilson was induced, in course of time, to accompany his friend to Xenia, Green County, Ohio, to enter the academy there, then under the management of the Rev. Hugh McMillan, a younger brother of the former teacher, and a man of rare merit. His entrance into the academy at Xenia was about the year 1845. In this institution, as in the more humble but not less efficient school of the elder McMillan, our two students, Mr. Wilson and

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\* This date is not certain.

his inseparable companion and fellow-student, Mr. James R. McMillan, made commendable progress. Attention to school and the acquirement of a classical course had now become the absorbing thought and purpose with Mr. Wilson, yet did not he sever his connection with the old home, but returned at intervals in vacation to look after the affairs of the little farm whereon he had been reared, and also the welfare of the two maiden aunts who had been good counsellors and instructors to him in childhood, and who had now measurably become a care. One of these, about the beginning of the year 1845, was removed by death, in her 66th year. This event, though causing a slight disturbance in the course of his plans, but paved the way for closer attention to his school career. Shaping, therefore, his home affairs to changed circumstances, he returned to the academy with his friend, J. R. McMillan, buoyant with hope. The writer remembers the many long horse-back rides in accompanying him to his school, over a beautiful and picturesque stretch of country (these were before the days of railways), his pleasant chats by the way, his admiration of the ever-changing scenery, and his sudden outbursts of rapture, as some more striking picture of the landscape would pass in review. Mr. Wilson was an ardent, enthusiastic lover of Nature. But little escaped his eye in his journeyings hither and thither, that was beautiful in the grand panorama of created being—the distant hill-top in bold outline—the “towering ranks of trees”—“the bubbling brook”—“that delicate forest flower with scented breath and look so like a smile”—these were ever to him as “feasts of reason,” as oft we rode or walked together—the ever-changing landscape—the mild autumnal days—the sunlight’s glow through the tinted foliage—the spicy odors floating upon the idle zephyr—these would ever and anon call forth from him this rapturous flow of soul: “Who can paint like Nature?”

“Can imagination boast amid his gay creation  
Hues like these? And can he mix them with that matchless skill.  
And lay them on so delicately fine, and lose them  
In each other as appears in every bud that blows.”\*

At the academy at Xenia, in the pursuit of their studies, all went smoothly and pleasantly along with our students, Mr. Wilson and his inseparable companion, Mr. J. R. McMillan. Mr. Robert Gray also accompanied these, his two former school-mates, from the *wilds* of Indiana, to further pursue his studies at the same institution. Xenia and the surrounding country was, at that time, famed for the high standard of intelligence, morals and refinement of its population, and, as yet, has lost none of its ancient prestige. Xenia, at that time a small inland-town,

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\* Thompson’s Spring.

among the first in the State of Ohio to enjoy the advantages of a railway, was then looking up and looking forward to its greater future. It is now a little city of no mean pretensions, full of life and modern enterprise. From an infusion of an element of a high order in the make-up of the population, at an early day in its history, Green County, Ohio, has ever been a favored spot, many of its early settlers being from the same old parent hive, South Carolina. The McMillans, among whom was conspicuous the Rev. Professor Hugh McMillan, Mr. Daniel McMillan, the oldest of four brothers, a successful farmer, Mr. James C. McMillan, merchant, true types of the gentleman and the Christian; and many others of like character we could name, were they with whom our aspirants for literary fame were privileged to associate. In the home of Mr. J. C. McMillan, or Mr. Wilson found for himself, during a good part of his school life at Xenia, a congenial place of abode, and a friendship from his worthy host which remained "a constant flowing quantity," an unbroken chain, throughout his after years, and through many adverse circumstances. But, college life and school associations must, sooner or later, be broken up, and so it was, in due time, with our young men. Many a pleasant hour had passed—in their studio, in the recitation room, in their frequent evening walks, at the quiet ingleside, around the festal board. The sweet associations and acquaintances formed must, in time, all be given up, or remembered only as pleasant dreams of the past.

" Oh! days remembered well, remembered all!  
The bitter sweet, the honey and the gall,  
Those woodland rambles in the silent night,  
Those trees so shady, and the moon so bright;  
That pleasant valley by the cedar closed;  
That rustic seat where we at last reposed.  
And then the hopes that came and then were gone,  
Swift as the clouds beneath the moon passed on."

Our trio of students have now left the pleasant associations around Xenia, and the year 1847\* found the two fast friends, J. R. McMillan and J. McM. Wilson, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where they entered as Sophomores.

Some intervals of Mr. Wilson's time were spent in and near Oxford, in teaching in the common schools, about this period, but the times so spent were but brief; and, to these intervals, exact dates cannot now be given. The entrée at college was to our friends as the turning of a new leaf in life. Now began the formation of new acquaintances, associations and friendships, ties that were to continue unbroken through life. Attachments formed during that period we denominate our school days, are seldom

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\* This date is, with the writer, uncertain.

broken off or forgotten. To the student, his college days are halcyon days, as memory carries him back to them again, and he loves to think them over amid life's busy, and sometimes trying, scenes; he loves to talk them over, as now and then, in after life, he meets the college *chum*; it may be in foreign lands, in the forum, in the legislative halls, upon the crested wave, or on the tented field. There is a *fraternal* feeling in the breast of the student, unknown in life's common walks. An old author\* says:

"Knowledge has a tendency to unite the hearts of all who are engaged in its pursuit; it forms a BOND of union among its votaries more firm and permanent than that which unites princes and statesmen."

These reflections applied with force to the subject of our narrative. A man of warm and generous impulses, desiring but few associates whom he would admit to close fellowship, but to such he maintained an undying friendship. During those years that passed till his graduation, memory recalls but little to break the monotony of college life, beyond the occasional excitement occasioned by some mischievous student's prank. These incidents are, however, inseparable from a student's career. To be concerned in at least one "college scrape," must be considered as belonging to the *inevitable*. But, in these affairs, Mr. Wilson was always an unwilling participator. We call to mind a rather serious outbreak among the students at Miami University during the winter of 1846 or 1847, arising from some trivial difference between a few young men and the faculty, which affair passed into the history of the time as the "Great Snow Rebellion." The students, having taken possession of the corridors of the main building, and barricading all entrances with huge balls of snow, cord wood, and whatever else came to hand, maintained a complete lockout for several days. The insurrection was, however, finally quelled, forty or fifty students summarily expelled, and order restored. In this, perhaps the greatest disturbance ever occurring in "Old Miami," Mr. Wilson was concerned, but escaped the discipline of the authorities.

Passing over a year or two, as containing but little worthy of note, we come to the year 1848. But the reminiscences of that year are brief. It was a campaign year, and political excitement ran high, the election resulting in the choice of General Zachary Taylor as Chief Magistrate. In this campaign, Mr. Wilson took some interest (on the stump), in favor of Mr. Van Buren and the free soil movement; but the field of politics was not to his taste, and he soon abandoned it, and returned to his *old love*, the domain of literature. During the latter part of this year,

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\* Dr. Thomas Dick.

the idea of organizing a Greek Fraternity was thought of and deliberated upon, Mr. Wilson and his friend, now the Rev. Robert Morrison, of Aurora Springs, Mo., being the originators of the project. In this, three or four others united, and the result was the formation of the Phi Delta Theta, a Fraternity which, from that small beginning, has, at the present day, grown to enormous proportions.

The opening of the year 1849 found Mr. Wilson still at the University, in the last year of his collegiate course. In the early part of the year 1849, Mr. Wilson was called upon to mourn the death of his early friend and fellow-student, Mr. James Renwick McMillan. This promising young man, also in his seniority at the University, had a large circle of warm and devoted friends, both at college and around his home, and his early death was deeply deplored by all who knew him, when just upon the threshold of a brilliant career in life. Mr. McMillan possessed mental and social qualities of a high order, and to be known was simply to be loved. In his death, no one felt the loss of a congenial friend more than did his most intimate companion, class-mate and room-mate, Mr. Wilson. Among a mass of old papers, left in possession of the writer by Mr. Wilson, the following is found, in pencil :

“At a meeting of the students of Miami University, held in the Eurodelphian Hall, April 9, 1849, A. W. Rogers being called to the chair, and John W. Lindley chosen secretary, the object of the meeting being stated, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

“WHEREAS, In the mysterious providence of God, our beloved fellow-student, James Renwick McMillan, has been removed from us by death. Therefore,

“*Resolved*, That in the decease of Mr. McMillan, we recognize the loss of one whose studious habits, mental endowments, modest deportment and unpretending piety, furnished many pledges of future usefulness to the world and the church.

“2d. That in consideration of his many qualities as a friend, a scholar, and a gentleman, we will ever cherish a high regard for his name and character.

“3d. That we sympathize with his bereaved friends in the irreparable loss of one so much beloved and respected by all who knew him.

“4th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his father, the Rev. Gavin McMillan, also to the ‘Banner of the Covenant,’ the ‘Presbyterian of the West,’ and the ‘Xenia Torchlight,’ for publication.

(Signed)	J. McM. WILSON,	} Committee of Publication.”
	R. MORRISON,	
	GEO. CRAVEN,	



Mr. McMillan being thus early called away, ere finishing his course at the University, the number of candidates for collegiate honors being reduced to seven, the time passed on with them and neared the day when they must leave college, to enter upon the more active and stern duties of the after life.

The remainder of the senior class were J. B. Combes, Thomas C. Hearne, Robert Morrison, Jas. N. Swan, John J. Tiffany, Charles Waterman and J. McM. Wilson. The usual time of commencement soon came, and our young men acquitted themselves with honor. The pathway to knowledge, sometimes thorny and difficult, they have now traversed. Its most rugged steepes have been surmounted, and the prizes for diligence and perseverance are now to be conferred.

Now must be the affectionate leave-taking from their cherished *alma mater*, as she bestows upon them appropriate testimonials of her high regard, bidding them with her warmest benediction to "accept these memorials of my attachment, for right nobly do you deserve them."\* Now must they each one bid adieu to her venerable halls, her pleasant walks and shady groves, that spacious campus, with all its "sylvan scenes, and hill and dale," and turn their faces homeward, for there is a home-longing amid all earthly pursuits and entanglements, a home-feeling that instinctively lures even the *collegiate* to his old, familiar, boyhood haunts.

"Home! 'tis a blessed name! and they who rove,  
Careless or scornful of its pleasant bonds,  
Nor gather round them those linked soul to soul,  
By nature's fondest ties—  
But dream they're happy."

Our young graduates, after many affectionate and hearty leave-takings and adieus to many dear friends, have hied them away to *their* homes, to speculate as to the grand future and its grander possibilities. The summit of the student's present ambition has been reached—he has got through college—and now he must consider his acquirements as a means rather than an end. The field for usefulness in life now lies before him, with all its various openings; and now the absorbing question is, what shall he do? what now will be his part in the great game of life? Into this period of unformed and unsettled purposes we now follow our subject, Mr. Wilson, and find him at *home*, under the paternal roof whence he had gone in early childhood, now giving his attention to his grandfather's patrimony, left to him (a little farm), and occasionally pouring over Blackstone and other works, with a purpose, half-formed, of sometime entering upon the practice of law. In this field he did not find that

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\* Words addressed to a senior class, by a fellow-student, on a former occasion, on delivery of diploma.

which was consonant to his bent of mind, and those commentaries were ere long laid aside. Teaching next, after a brief period of retirement on the farm, engaged his attention, and in the year 1850, he was installed in what was known as the Western Female Institute, Oxford, Ohio, as teacher (the old building is still used as a school edifice). But the school teacher is somewhat a Nomad, and the next year, 1851, he appears in the role of teacher at Bloomfield, Nelson County, Ky. Another year comes around, and this migratory disposition leads our teacher to Chattanooga, Tenn. But at neither place did he remain a long period. He returned home with settled purpose to seek another sphere in life, and a higher (?) plane on which to act his part. (But is there in all the world-wide range of human action, thought or purpose, a grander or loftier level than that of the teacher? Without him, humanity gravitates to barbarism; without him, the philosopher is but a mountebank; the astronomer an ignorant star-gazer; the chemist only defines and analyzes the mysterious qualities and uses of charms, and deals out to the ignorant his lotions and his potions for petty gain. The school-master goes forth, with the torch of truth and knowledge in his hand, and the mists and shadows of ignorance recede before him. The philosopher, the statesman, the artisan, the merchant, the student, must all look up to him with awe, for they are his workmanship. The school-master is the world's autocrat. He knows no superior. Kings and princes stand before him, and receive instruction from his lips. The teacher, especially the Christian teacher, is the "highest style of man." The Christian teacher, entering the realm of ethics, imparts to man the true conception of himself, his origin, his capabilities and responsibilities, and his final destiny). To reach this climax, this highest rank in this honored and honorable profession, did our teacher, Mr. Wilson, now aspire. He, therefore, entered the Theological Seminary, at Oxford, about the year 1853. This institution, carried on under the auspices of the Associate Reformed Church, and under the management of Rev. Dr. Joseph Claybaugh, afforded an excellent opening for young men devoting themselves to the ministry, both from its favorable surroundings and the high standard of its professorship. The precise date of Mr. Wilson's admittance there, as a theological student, cannot now be given. The appended brief certificate, found among his papers preserved, is the only clue as to date. It is given verbatim :

"A. R. THEOL. SEMINARY, OXFORD, OHIO.

"The superintendents, having attended at the close of the session of the Theol. Seminary, at this date, and heard the examination of the students in church history, translation, exegesis in Greek and Hebrew scriptures, systematic divinity and Homi-

letics, have judged that Mr. J. McM. Wilson has completed one year in the seminary, and has so progressed and given such evidence of proficiency as is entirely satisfactory for the time ; and we hereby recommend him to be received as a student of the second year by the Presbytery of the church to which he may apply.

“JOHN N. PRESSLY, *Ch.*

“*March 29, 1854.*”

In due course of time, and in due order, Mr. Wilson was received under the care of the Ohio Presbytery Reformed Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, and continued to prosecute his studies closely. This preparatory course being finished in the seminary, and his trial efforts before the presbytery being satisfactory, he received license from its hands, and proceeded at once to enter upon what he felt to be now the great work of his life. From the appropriate duties of his chosen profession, Mr. Wilson permitted but little to divert him, and yet was not wholly oblivious to the passing events of the day, but identified himself with every movement of moment to help forward whatever he believed to be on the side of right. The passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, in the year 1854, opened and continued in the public mind a long and bitter agitation as to the future of these two rich portions of our country, which became national in its extent. In this great disturbing question Mr. Wilson was not an indifferent spectator as to its various phases and possible results. Among the many schemes of emigration and colonization then engrossing the public mind a project formed itself in his thoughts to gather a number of persons willing to co-operate in forming a colony in some favorable locality in Kansas, persons in the same ecclesiastical band, the primary object being church extension, and for himself, no doubt, an ultimate purpose of a permanent settlement in his profession. But this favorite idea did not mature. He next associated himself with Mr. Josiah Miller and Robert G. Elliott in an effort to establish a weekly newspaper within the territory of Kansas. In this enterprise Mr. Elliott and Mr. Miller, with all necessary outfits, went out to the territory, located at Lawrence, and the paper was soon in circulation. Mr. Wilson remained at home in Oxford, Ohio, to further the interests of the paper as best he could, consistent with attention to other duties devolving upon him. The paper, the *Kansas Free State*, though mild in its tone as a political paper, was short lived, the chaotic state of society at that time (1855), within the territory proved the undertaking to be premature. The long continued border strife, intensified by the agitation of the great political questions of the time, and which convulsed the entire country, did not present conditions favorable for insuring success in this and like enterprises. Mr. Elliott and

Mr. Miller remained, however, in Kansas throughout the dark days of her history. Mr. Elliott still remains there as an honored, useful and worthy citizen. Mr. Miller, after filling various positions of honor and trust, died at Lawrence, Kan., in 1870. These projects, to which Mr. Wilson had partially turned his thoughts, proving abortive, he continued his itineracy as a licentiate in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church till, from a defect in the vocal organs, he was compelled, in a great measure, to abandon public speaking. But he could not long endure a life of inactivity. He therefore willingly accepted the position of Principal of the Morning Sun Academy, at Morning Sun, Preble County, Ohio. This position he held from 1856 to 1860, when, from a variety of causes, the academy was suspended. This unfavorable crisis in the affairs of the academy now remanded Mr. Wilson again to a life of inactivity. But at this juncture the position of managing editor of the *Banner of the Covenant*, a weekly religious newspaper, published at Philadelphia, Pa., being offered to him by its managing board, he readily accepted, and at once assumed control of the paper. But ere long began the great civil war, with all its demoralizing and disintegrating effects, and his connection with the paper for these, and other weighty reasons of a personal nature, was dissolved. After his return home on his severance from the affairs of the above-named paper, his employments were rather of a desultory nature. The war, with all its exciting questions and phases, was now the all-absorbing fact before the country, and into the current of its passing events Mr. Wilson was drawn, as were all others. He did not go to "the front" along with many of his acquaintances of more peaceful days, but gave his services to the State as a recruiting officer. In this, besides casual and brief periods spent in teaching, he passed the years from 1862 to 1865, making his home in the village of Fair Haven, Preble County, Ohio, with his sister and aged mother. The war finally closed and the survivors returned to their homes, the farmer to his plough, the mechanic to his workshop, the minister to his charge, and the scholar to his books; and peace with all its inestimable blessings returned to cheer the land. The year 1865 may be said to have terminated the public career of the one whose life we have attempted to delineate in the vicinage of his earlier years. Of a long train of unfortunate experiences of a personal nature which Mr. Wilson was called upon, in the providence of God, to pass through, which commenced in 1861 or 1862, which beclouded the remainder of his life, embittered his nature and saddened his heart, of his severance from the Church of which he had been a life-long member, his abandonment of the sacred calling, as well as other kindred pursuits, the writer will say but little. The events referred to are a part of the history of the community where they occurred. The

chief actors concerned have nearly all passed away, a righteous verdict was given at the bar of public opinion and our unfortunate friend was completely exonerated. He was convinced, however, that his usefulness in life around the home of his youth was at an end, and with a heart saddened and disgusted at the perversity of human nature, he disposed of his worldly possessions, and removed to Southern Illinois, determined amid new scenes and associations to begin life anew. But here it would seem that his evil star was still in the ascendant. Ill success in business and the animosity of those he often mistook for friends tended to deepen the shadows that flitted across his path. Isolated from kindred and separated from all the endearments of home, uncommunicative and morbidly distrustful of all human kind, his passage to the grave was sometimes indeed a thorny path. But he was not utterly forsaken. Friends rose up in his hours of deepest despondency; friends stood by him when friendship was most pressingly needed. Beneath that rough exterior were seen capabilities still for farther usefulness. He was introduced to the Blooming Loan and Trust Company as a person in whose integrity they could place implicit confidence. In the service of this company he embarked, and continued in the general capacity of traveling financial agent for about three years, from 1870 to 1873. His last return home was in June, 1873. Impelled by a presentiment that his aged mother was passing her last hours on earth, he dropped into the chamber of death and tarried just long enough to drop the tear of deep affection over her now unconscious form, then flitted away as he came. Thus there is a secret chord in the human breast, a link unbroken when every other tie is snapped, that binds it as with silken bonds to the home of the sainted mother.

\* \* " Her memory is the shrine  
Of pleasing thoughts, soft as the scent of flowers,  
Calm as on windless eve the sun's decline,  
Sweet as the song of birds among the bowers."

When all other feelings and emotions were benumbed, this one remained undimmed and in all its native warmth in the breast of our friend—the undying love for the mother and the paternal home.

" Why in age  
Do we revert so fondly to the walks  
Of childhood, but that there the soul discerns  
The dear memorial footsteps unimpaired,  
Of her own native vigor; thence can hear  
Reverberations and a choral song  
Commingle with the incense that ascends,  
Undaunted toward the imperishable heavens,  
From her own lonely altar?"

From the death-bed of the aged mother, our eccentric friend returned to Illinois, to spend the remainder of *his* earthly career.

Of his movements after his return there, from his extreme reticence, but little is known. He seems to have severed his connection with the aforesaid Loan and Trust Co. about that time, perhaps on account of failing health. Around and in Centralia he had formed a small circle of friends, to whom it seems he was devotedly attached, and with them he was disposed to seek that consolation and happiness that only true friendship affords.

“ Celestial happiness when e'er she stoops  
To visit earth, one shrine the Goddess finds,  
And one alone, to make her sweet amends  
For absent Heaven—the bosom of a friend  
Where heart meets heart.” \* \*

With our friend and brother, this was a truism.

From Centralia he removed to Benton, eighteen miles s.-s.-east of the former place, and made his home at the Benton House. His last adventure in business was giving his time, talent and energy to a project of connecting Benton with the main trunk line of the Illinois Central Railroad, by a short branch. This, and occasional pleading in justices' courts as a diversion, filled up the measure of his last days. He died at the Benton House, July 19, 1874. This information was communicated to his surviving relatives by a Mr. Henry Hudson, who seems to have been his death-bed companion and a true friend.

We have now traced the career of Mr. Wilson from his entrance into life, through many vicissitudes, to its close. The earthly pilgrimage with him, as with many others, was a constant succession of lights and shadows. These seemed with him to chase each other with strange persistence. The brightest days of earthly life were naturally the early days of youth. Life's rosy morn, with all its golden dreams, its buoyant hopes, and joyous expectations, were those passed with the aged grandfather in the humble cabin home. The picture of the

“ Whining school-boy with his satchel,  
And shining morning face, creeping like snail,  
Unwilling to school,”

was never his, but with bounding heart and step elastic, went he cheerfully to the tasks of the hour, were they the lessons at school or the labors around the home. 'Twas in the bitter after-life the shadows lapped athwart his path in all their somber hues. But in all that round of checkered experiences, from “life's sweet morn till close of day,” in every storm, through every gale, though oft hid with grief, oft plunged deep “'neath vision wild and cheerless of despair,” there was the same clinging to the only hope. The soul's sheet-anchor that held him to his moorings safe, was the early training, the disciplines of the boyhood home, the memories of the old ancestral walls, and the lessons of a pious ancestry. \* \* Mr. Wilson

never married. A large collection of old returned letters preserved and left with the writer—a correspondence of too sacred a character ever to be scanned by mortal eye—reveal an episode in the life of our friend. He seems to have met with and formed an attachment to an estimable young lady, during his school days at Xenia, O., who was also a pupil at the academy. This acquaintance ripened into a love of the most ardent and romantic type. An engagement followed, which, it seems, was the intention of himself and lady-love to consummate as soon as finishing his course at college, retiring to the pursuits of the farm, and “the dear delights of home.”

But the Master willed it otherwise. Over a different pathway through life were his footsteps to be directed. The long and weary road, through many trials, griefs, bitter disappointments, losses and crosses, was that over which He, that sits as a refiner and purifier of silver, saw fit to lead him. The polishing process by the hands of the skillful artist is that which brings out the diamond's greater brilliancy. So, under the skill of the Great Lapidarian will be those more precious jewels made to shine, with added lustre, in the diadem of Him, the Master Workman, who with great price hath bought them, and who, when He comes to make up and gather in his jewels, will surely not o'erlook any of those so severely tried in the crucible of earthly affliction and found without a flaw.

Our friend's probation here was one of continued trial, toil, turmoil and bitter experiences.

*“In Cælo quies est.”*

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EDITORIAL.

WITH this number is issued a supplement containing a full report of the Minutes of the last National Convention.

IN the November SCROLL the "Personals" of Ohio Delta appeared as of Nebraska Alpha—through printer's error.

CHAPTER Reporters are requested to observe the following rules :

Personals must be written on *separate sheets*. This department includes all items concerning undergraduates and alumni personally, except honors conferred by faculty or college society, and offices held in chapter or fraternity.

Lists of Initiates as well as "In Memoriam" and other resolutions must also be furnished separately. The former must include the class, the *full* name and residence, in the order mentioned.

Names should be written in a large clear hand, it sometimes being impossible to distinguish the true character of the letters.

It is again necessary to remind correspondents that matter intended for publication should be written *on one side of the paper only*.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY.—College fraternities, as an institution, now form so important a part in the student life of a young man who can claim a mem-



bership in them, and have so strong an influence in the various schools and universities which afford them a home, that it would be idle to question their usefulness and power at this day. They are a class of organizations peculiar to themselves and distinct even from other secret societies. If such a generalization is allowable, they may be said to include the best part of our country's youth.

But, if college fraternities are distinct as a class, is it not true that among themselves they boast of some characteristic that renders each of them distinct from its fellows? Have we not "exclusive" fraternities and "progressive" fraternities, fraternities which claim to be united by stronger bonds than those of mere social enjoyment, and fraternities which to their members are a mere collection of clubs, with nothing in common but a name? If, as has been said, the minds of cultured men run in the same groove, it seems strange that, starting under similar circumstances, and sometimes within the same walls, college fraternities should have so varied a character.

Obviously, the sentiment of mutual sympathy and companionship was the controlling motive in all these organizations, and yet barring those which confine themselves to professional schools alone (and which therefore do not enter into this discussion), we have, after a period of sixty years, scarcely more than two secret fraternities which have any legitimate claim to the name of a National Fraternity.

There is probably no more abused word in the fraternity world than the word "Conservatism." If fraternity conservatism means anything, it means the establishment of new chapters in colleges which have an excellent curriculum and a good corps of instructors. By this we do not mean large, old or even wealthy institutions alone, and certainly not those established in any par-

once told the writer, all the good colleges were in the New England States, New York and Pennsylvania, with one in Virginia and another in Michigan, we might by establishing chapters in all the colleges within certain state lines, reach the very perfection of organization. But although the ridiculous idea that any particular section possesses within its bounds all the learning and culture of the country still lingers in the dusty cobwebs of the imagination of some of our Hellenic brethren, a much broader and more intelligent view is held by most fraternity men. What then should be the standard of extension of the fraternity of to-day? Conservatism indeed; but that true, safe and intelligent conservatism which would examine a charter application from Colorado as earnestly as one from New England, which would inquire concerning the curriculum rather than the price of tuition, and which would ask whether the college that graduates twenty good men does not offer, from a fraternity stand-point, the same advantages as one that graduates ten times the number.

We do not under-estimate the advantages enjoyed by such universities as Harvard, Yale, Columbia or Princeton, but we maintain that there are other colleges which could and do bring to a fraternity men who are morally, intellectually and socially, equally as good as the recruits drawn from these institutions; and after all, what is it that a fraternity founded upon the motives we have mentioned seeks other than the addition of names to the membership roll, which will be an honor to the organization, and of men who will serve to strengthen and extend the bonds of fraternal sympathy.

Perhaps its founders never realized it, but the fraternity which adds a single chapter to its original one is, to be consistent, bound to go on extending into every suitable institution of the country, and any fraternity which does not endeavor to do so, either acknowledges the first act of extension was a grievous mistake, or stands confessedly false to the principles which prompted its establishment.

We realize that the so called "conservative" fraternity can ill afford to be otherwise. While it has been hugging itself in the dream of its own sublime superiority, its more active and far-seeing rivals have been fortifying themselves in their Western and Southern homes—in colleges which in scientific if not classical

learning, fully equal the colleges of the East—and it is now rudely awakened by the new arrival which, though not yet able to compare with it in wealth, can certainly do so in the quality of its men. The “conservative” fraternity, we fear, would find it difficult to establish chapters as flourishing as those recently founded within its own strongholds. Our “conservative” friend realizes this, and making a virtue of necessity, hides behind the screen of a very necessary though a most extraordinary conservatism.

Even in its most restricted sense, there is probably only one sincerely conservative (?) fraternity of any importance—the Northern Order of Kappa Alpha. Having to-day four excellent chapters, it utterly refuses to increase the number, and though they might still nearer reach the ideal by cutting off three of these chapters, its members are certainly more consistent to their curious standard than other organizations. Taking the three great Eastern fraternities, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon, we find on an examination of the claims of “conservatism” put forth by each, a most suspicious tendency to backslide into the evil ways of other fraternities when occasion offers. The first and last of the trio, it is true, disclaim the “Chinese wall” policy, and speak of further extension. The curious observer may ask “can they do it?” They certainly can, but they will not find it a very easy undertaking.

The fathers of Alpha Delta Phi were wiser in their day than their successors. They had an excellent chapter, their second one at Miami, and with that as a basis they might to-day occupy the ground possessed by other fraternities. Delta Kappa Epsilon recently established a chapter at Central University. This is a good beginning, but is it not significant that it is only *beginning*

If a fraternity is good for anything, if it is a true *brotherhood*, there is only one thing necessary for its success—that every new initiate have that character which will make him a worthy associate of his brethren. We do not need to go to Cambridge or New York alone for such men; they are found in many colleges and in many states, and the more of them a fraternity gets, the better and more completely can it work out those benefits for the diffusion of which it was established.

Of course it is claimed that the natural conclusion of such logic is that to reach the pinnacle of success, a fraternity need but enter into every college, real or so-called, academy and high school in the country. But the National Fraternity does not disapprove of conservatism, but of an entirely different thing called by that name. There *are* limitations, but not those born of youthful fancy or hoary-headed prejudice. Thus we must not enter a college where the chapters are merely clubs, having no tie to the fraternity at large. Such are Yale and Harvard, the possession of which on the chapter roll may charm the eyes of the new collegian; but experience has shown that a fraternity can ill afford to indulge in that sort of glory which is apt to please the average freshman. On the other hand, we must not enter colleges where the proportion of chapters to students is so large as to make it impossible for the new arrival to have a proper representation. Rutgers is an excellent example of this. Again we must not enter an institution where the graduates are not true college-bred men, or where the number of degrees conferred is commensurate with the fortune of their recipient. *This* is conservatism, the conservatism of broad views and intelligent inquiry, the conservatism which can be defined, and which will guide its possessor to a successful and prosperous future.

The National Fraternity is the conservative organization of the college world. Whatever may be the ultimate fate of other societies, the usefulness of such a fraternity will increase with its membership roll, and as day by day and year by year, our American colleges become stronger and larger, the centers of the learning and culture of a hemisphere and perhaps of the world, who can prophecy the power and influence and value of a National Fraternity?

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE SCROLL for November is at hand. We like its new appearance very much and think the change a good one. The next change in the SCROLL, which Maine *A* would desire to see, is a good literary department. In the personal column of the November number, brother Fuller, '83, is reported as attending the Maine Law School. This is not so. He is attending the Harvard Law School at Cambridge, Mass. Brother Townsend, '86, is in town studying dentistry. The fall term at Colby will close in a week. At that time the Senior Exhibition will occur. On that occasion Maine *A*, of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , will be represented by brother Watson. Each of the other fraternities and the neuters will be represented by one representative apiece. Brother Watson is also one of the literary editors of the *Oracle* for '87.

November 11, 1886.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Our annual initiation occurred November 12, when nine good men from the class of '90 were transformed into as many loyal and enthusiastic Phis.

Immediately after the initiatory exercises the society took coaches for White River Junction, Vt., where the initiation banquet was served, and a general good time was indulged in.

Brothers Stratton, Quimby and Williams, of Vermont Alpha, were with us, and added much to the pleasure of the occasion. We are much pleased with the character and ability of our delegation from '90, and we feel confident that they will be an honor to the chapter and to the Fraternity. We now number thirty-one active members.

The 31st of October marked the close of our second year as a chapter, and the occasion was observed by appropriate anniversary exercises.

duced in membership to sixteen, but Brothers Cooper and Soenborger have since returned, making our total number of old members eighteen.

Our freshman class numbers about fifty, of whom we have initiated four, and expect to initiate several more.

Brother Stratton of '89, who was initiated at the same time, has temporarily left college, to accept the position of Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at Middlebury, Vt.

Brothers Beebe, Merriam and Quimby, all of '89, have also left college to teach during the winter term.

We were assisted at our initiation by brothers Chalmers, Shaw and Miner, from New Hampshire Alpha, and were represented at theirs by brothers Williams, Stratton and Quimby. We were very much surprised by the presence of our visitors, and our delegates returned with very encouraging reports of the condition and progress of affairs at New Hampshire Alpha, for this chapter, though young in years, may well afford her older sisters an example of energy and devotion to fraternity interests, which will soon give her a high rank in the Fraternity.

Brother E. C. Morgan, our delegate to the National Convention, gave us an enthusiastic report of the Convention, which caused us to feel more deeply than ever the strength and spirit of our brotherhood.

Brother E. C. Morgan has resigned his position as Science Editor of the *University Cynic*, and brother Hyde has been selected to take his place.

Brother Clapp, '86, who is Principal of the Orleans Liberal Institute, Glover, Vt., returns to Burlington at the close of the present term to complete his studies in the medical department of the University.

November 16, 1886.

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#### NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

We began the new year under very propitious circumstances, all the old members having returned, and we then numbered ten.

The first acquisition was the affiliation of brothers Norman R. Weaver, of Alabama Beta, who entered the class of '90 here, and William Z. Morrison, '87, of Ohio Delta.

A short time ago we met with a loss of two members, brothers Charles W. Vreeland, '89, and DeV. L. Bennett, '87, who were compelled to leave for their homes on account of ill health. They expect to return next year. We have initiated three new men, brothers W. A. Schmidt, '90, H. G. Folts, '90, both of Ilion, N. Y., and B. M. Sawyer, '89, of Dickson, Tenn.

We have two more men pledged and a number of others under consideration.

The class of '90 is said to be the largest that ever entered an American University.

Our aim is to raise New York Alpha to her former standing here, and with the aid of our comfortable chapter house we will soon accomplish it.

November 14, 1886.

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#### NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

THE boys have instituted a Phi reading circle, the idea of which is to provide literary entertainments and study for Friday and Saturday evenings of the coming winter. We intend to take up all work of real merit, and make a careful study of each.

New York Beta men who attended the National Convention came back filled with enthusiasm and Phi spirit and firm in the belief that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  acknowledges no equal.

In the senior class elections held last month, the Phis were well represented. Of the four members of the class of '87, Marvin was elected historian, Phillips, poet, Swanker, treasurer, and McMillan, business manager of the *Concordiensis*.

We congratulate brothers Randolph and Swope on the appearance of the Phi Delta Theta song book. It is a marvel of neatness, and the editors have shown much taste in the arrangement of the matter.

November 10, 1886.

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

THERE are at present in our chapter eight active members. Although in point of number we do not rank first in the college, yet in character, ability, and loyalty, the chapter is second to none.

We have every prospect of being further strengthened within a few weeks by the initiation of several new members.

The *College Mercury*, the oldest and best established paper in the college, numbers on its editorial staff two Phis, brothers Winslow and Carnes.

Brother Winslow was recently elected debater by the Phrenocosmian Literary Society for the coming Joint Debate. Brother

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Since our last report Pennsylvania Gamma has received into her ranks two men who will be shining lights in the college before they have finished their course. Frank Mathews, of '90, was the first to venture upon the sea of "Phidom." Delighted with *his* glowing accounts of our brotherhood, George Johnson Hill, of '92, prostrated himself at the shrine of "Barca," and was dubbed a "Royal Phi." We also have to record the departure of brother James P. Blackburn from college. Brother Srodes is president of P. and W. Literary Society, succeeding brother Lip-pencott.

Out of eleven "Class Day" performances for next year, the Phis have four, namely: Brother Bell, orator; brother Hill, distributor of honors; brother Stewart, phrenologist; brother Montgomery, poet.

We wish to correct an error made in last month's report. Brother A. H. Linhart was the name of the one who affiliated with us, instead of W. S. Lenhart, as reported.

Brother Stewart is local editor of the *Jeffersonian*, and brother Ewing is business manager of the same.

November 15, 1886.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

COLLEGE opened on September 21. Nine loyal Phis returned and began the work of another year. Since then we have initiated into the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  four men, brothers H. E. Jackson, '90, W. C. Fishburn, '91, F. S. Christy, '89, and H. B. Espy, '90.

Brother O. J. Mason, '87, will not be in college this year.

On the evening of October 2d, we were honored with a visit from one of the charter members of our chapter, brother W. G. Warner, '81, of Cincinnati. Although brother Warner has been out of college several years he is still an enthusiastic Phi. The boys were greatly interested in his account of the founding and early history of our chapter.

Brother Murray, '86, always a welcome visitor, made us a brief visit last month.

In the senior elections brother Bignell, the only Phi in the class, was elected valedictorian.

In the college publications  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is well represented. Brothers Blaisdell and Kerr being respectively local editor and business manager of the *Campus*; and brother Couse is exchange editor of the freshman paper.

In the inter-society contest, to take place next June between the Allegheny and Philo-Franklin Literary Societies, brother Howell has been elected essayist on the Philo-Franklin team.



Brother Kerr, our delegate, returned from New York full of Phi spirit and enthusiastic over the Convention.

The boys are all pleased with the new dress of the SCROLL.

November 11, 1886.

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PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

OUR chapter has recently passed through a severe affliction in the sudden death of brother E. H. Garrison, '89. Brother Garrison accompanied brother Culver, our regular delegate, and brother Hicks, '86, to the Convention, playing two games of football on his way to New York. This, in connection with the excitement incident to the Convention, brought him back to us in no condition for playing another game. But we were on the eve of a trial with the *eleven* of Swarthmore College, and all feeling that the efficiency of our team depended, in a great measure, on brother Garrison's playing, he was persuaded to take his usual place on the rush line. During the game he requested that he be changed to another position; but, alas! it was a fatal change. In a few moments he gained possession of the ball and in running across the field was *tackled* and thrown. He was rendered unconscious and died in brother Stein's room in about an hour, after vain attempts to restoration. The chapter was largely represented at the funeral, which took place at the home of his parents, Elmer, N. J., October 27. "Garry" was a general favorite, not only among our own men, but throughout the college. Phi Delta Theta has lost a most ardent supporter; those who knew him, a generous friend; and we of Pennsylvania Epsilon, one who *was a brother indeed*.

Brother Culver reports a pleasant and profitable time at the Convention and we are well satisfied with the work accomplished.

Since our last report we have initiated brother H. C. Whiting, '89, and brother L. P. Powell, '90, who give every promise of developing into full fledged Phis; in fact, they already have all their feathers, and all that time can do will be to bring into perfect blending the *white* and *blue* of their plumage.

Brother Cornell, '86, has taken the advice of Co. West, Young

## BETA PROVINCE.

## VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The reason that no letter has appeared from Virginia Beta is that things have been rather mixed up; but we have finally gotten in form, and are doing good work.

At last finals our boys met with their usual good fortune, and for that reason our prospect for this year was very poor. Then only three of us intended to return, but by the 1st of October four had wandered back to their Alma Mater. We at once went to work searching for the Phis that might have come in from other colleges. We collected six of the wanderers—brothers Kellam and Russell from Virginia Gamma; Mansfield, from Virginia Epsilon; Lyons from Virginia Delta; McGinnis from Kentucky Alpha, and Hodgson from Tennessee Beta. This gave us ten men to begin the year with. Since then we have initiated into the Phi world five good men, worthy to wear the white and the blue. Now we stand ahead of all the other Fraternities here, both as to the number and quality of our men. Besides our active members, we have brother R. D. Bohannon, the assistant professor in mathematics and physics, and brother George Taylor, the son of our chaplain. Both are old Virginia Beta men, and take great interest in her welfare.

November 15, 1886.

## VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

WE feel that we can be very thankful for the present healthy condition of our chapter, although at the opening of session we missed brothers Stearnes, Brown, Davenport, Lyons and Morton, brother Stearns accepting the position as principal of Allegheny Institute, brother Lyons attending University of Virginia Law Department.

But on the other hand we have been reinforced by the return of brother R. C. Stearnes, a former student and Phi, and the two initiates, C. H. Baker, '88, Leetown, Jefferson Co., West Virginia, E. L. Flippe, '89, Roanoke, Virginia.

We are also happy to announce the initiation of Rev. W. L. Gravatt, Asst. Rector St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, and ex-president of  $K \Sigma K$  Fraternity, whom to meet is to recognize as a whole souled gentleman, and an already enthusiastic Phi.

These, together with W. A. Boram, '89, Norfolk, Virginia, L. B. Fontaine, '89, Norfolk, Virginia, C. B. Tippet, '90, Louisville, Kentucky, of last year, compose our present chapter, and with these we feel that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has again taken her former hold upon Richmond College. Last week we had a very delightful, though short, visit from brother Geo. B. Taylor, Jr., of University of Virginia.

During Fair week the Phis of our chapter were greatly encouraged by a visit from our excellent Province President, Geo. Wm. Cone. We also enjoyed the privilege of meeting Postmaster-General Vilas, who expressed his pleasure at seeing us, and a wish to meet all other Phis in the city. Among other things, he mentioned how he regretted his inability to attend the Convention then in session ; and also said that the most pleasant remembrances of his life were in connection *with the Φ Δ Θ Fraternity.*

November 11, 1886.

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

So long as the enthusiasm which now exists continues, will North Carolina Beta hold the high position which she has occupied since her establishment. There are two reasons for our success : we are ever studying internal improvement and keep constantly in mind that "quality, and not quantity," is essential to the progress of our chapter.

Our initiates are : Walter H. Grimes, of Raleigh, N. C., and Augus B. Shaw, of Rockingham, N. C.

We enjoy more than a proportional share of college honors and offices. The reports from sister chapters are gratifying.

November 12, 1886.

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#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

##### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

GEORGIA BETA term opened with fourteen men, seven having been lost by graduation. Brothers Fain and Gillespie have not returned, but we are expecting the latter about November 15th. Brothers Lee and McRee, of '86 and '87 respectively, have re-entered college.

Since the term opened we have initiated five men, as follows : Brothers William Franklin Dykes, '89 ; Pierce Roe McCrary, James Frederick Burns, William Henry Morehouse, '90, and Frederick Rounsaville, '92, all from Georgia, except McCrary, who is from Florida.

Brother Enoch Hollingsworth has been elected editor-in-chief of the college paper, the *Emory Phenix*, a position of no mean honor, since seven fraternities and the outside organization are represented on the editorial staff.

Brothers Ardis and Merry, from the Phi Gamma Society, and J. E. McRee, from the Few, have been chosen as fall term debaters of their respective societies.

Brother Burns, '85, who represented Georgia Beta in the National Convention held in New York City, October 18-22, was down to see us on the 29th. He reports a very pleasant as well

as profitable time, and speaks of the convention in the most flattering terms.

We were very much disappointed on learning that Bloomington, Ill., was chosen as the place for holding the next National Convention, instead of Atlanta, Ga., and we trust that something may yet interfere so that Atlanta can get the convention. It would greatly strengthen and build up the Fraternity in the South.

Brother J. C. Dean, '86, has been called to the chair of ancient languages of a college in Kentucky. Brothers Wm. P. Thomas and W. W. Daves, of same class, are teaching in California and Texas respectively.

At the election of Senior class officers, brother Ethridge was chosen dux, and brother Gray chorister.

Oct. 21, 1886.

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#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Our university is again under fine headway. Most of the students have matriculated, and we can look about and take our bearings.

The number has already reached and passed the maximum of previous sessions. When it is remembered our State university is almost only an experiment, such an increase is of interest to friends of higher education everywhere.

Our Fraternity has kept pace with the advance of the university. We opened the year with nine men, since which time we have initiated brothers Carlton and Wilcox, both '87.

We have at present seven Fraternities, with the prospect of another, the *K K A*. The rivalry, of course, between these for new men is great. Some of the chapters, however, have not yet taken that position where they can rival the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . We have taken *Nitor in adversum* for our motto, and are trying to do our duty in the war here waged between Grecian culture and barbarism.

November 10, 1886.

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#### TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

As our first letter of this season failed to appear in the November SCROLL, it is probably best to re-write it, making such additions as are necessary.

The University entered upon its twelfth and most prosperous session with an attendance of about 600, which will probably reach 650 by the middle of the session. Nineteen (19) of our old members have returned with a determination, by an honest observance of the principles laid down in our Bond, and by a careful avoidance of all scheming in the literary societies or elsewhere, to maintain for Tennessee Alpha the proud position she

now holds. The only positions of honor now held by the students are three post-graduate fellowships, *all* held by Phis, and four graduate fellowships, one of which is held by a Phi. The names of all of our last year's members except *two* have appeared on the honor roll of the University. If the reporter of Alabama Alpha so desires I will very soon prove to him that Alabama Alpha is not the banner chapter of the Fraternity.

We have initiated six men, four of whom were previously "spiked" by other fraternities. Four have affiliated with us.

In the Kappa Alpha *Journal* of October appears the following: "We think that we can justly claim to have surpassed all rivals, except the Phi Delta Theta, and for years past at Vanderbilt the cordial relations which have so pleasantly existed between us and them render us almost as proud of their honors as of our own." This is entirely characteristic, and Tennessee Alpha rejoices in such friends and allies as the members of Chi, of *K A*.

November 14, 1886.

#### DELTA PROVINCE.

##### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Reports from the National Convention have impressed upon our minds the greatness of the Fraternity to which we belong. They have likewise encouraged us to greater zeal in the cause of Phi Delta Theta, and we now wear the shield and dagger with more than our wonted pride.

We are much pleased with the November number of the *SCROLL*, and are very glad to see it come out in colors.

In my last report I neglected to speak of our commencement last year, but must call attention to the fact that the Phis, as usual, came to the front on this occasion. Brother C. G. Miller was class historian; brother T. S. Anderson was class poet, and brother C. E. Bradt took fifth honor, and gained an enviable reputation as an orator. In the inter-society contest, brother S. S. Palmer gained the declamation. Brother W. O. Gilbert carried off first mathematical prize, also second Latin, in the preparatory department.

We have fourteen men at present, and two pledged. The other fraternities represented here have memberships as follows: *K K I*, 12; *K A Θ*, 13; *Σ X*, 14; *Φ K Ψ*, 15; *Φ Γ Δ* 17; *Δ T Δ*, 13; *B Θ II*, 18.

The *K K I*'s will give a banquet next week, which promises to be a brilliant success.

There have been very few lively contests between the fraternities here this year, though all the fraternities are sufficiently active.

November 16, 1886.

## OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE more emblematic appearance of the new SCROLL is a happy change, inspiring us with a warmer love for the pleasant pages that tell us of "The Boys we Love." Its prospectus points to success. The "Songs of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ " fills our hearts with pride and joy. Ours is a path of progress. The Manual is the "spiker's" delight and now we want our history.

"Our altar fires are brightly burning."

Ohio Zeta's chapter meetings are joviality itself and her standing in college is certainly pleasing. With reluctance we depart from precedent and report five of six college presidencies and our share of minor offices as ours. Our colors alone have not been shown this term, but time may prove that waiting is wisdom.

In her excellent essay from here  $B \Theta II$  says, "In college politics our policy has ever been to steer clear of any combination or scheming trickery. \* \* Our own principle is 'the best man for the office' regardless of fraternity affiliations, unless of course some special circumstance should influence our judgment otherwise." How modest! How moral! What honor! What courage! In corruption, holy, immaculate. In utter darkness, a radiant star. What a boon to our benighted college. Flee from a fatal fall. Yet 'tis whispered the exalted have already fallen. In extremity, Greece will unite, in despair *barbarian* aid be sought. "O consistency, thou art a jewel."

The  $X \Phi$  chapter having refused to comply with the anti-prep. measures, despite their late repentance, will probably be excluded from inter-fraternity relations.

It does us good to note the recovery of brother J. E. Brown, S. G. C., who has been sick here for the past month. He will resume his medical studies at Cincinnati.

Brother C. P. Bonner, one of our charter members, was united in marriage to Miss Mack of Hamilton, on the 8th, and is now on a western tour. He is Xenia's Civil Engineer.

Brother J. T. Edwards, President of Minnesota Alpha Alumni, paid us a pleasant visit some time since. He was attending a Masonic convention in this city.

We were pleased to meet several Phis bound to and from the Convention.

November 15, 1886.

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 KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

THE condition of the chapter continues to be most favorable.

On the night of September 25th, we initiated brother Joseph W. Joffrion, '90.

At the election of Orators for the intermediate celebration of the literary societies, to be held on February 22d next, brothers

Knobel and Wade were chosen to the first and second speaker-ships respectively in the Philalethean Union.

November 12, 1886.

### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

WE are happy in the privilege of again reporting Indiana Alpha in a firm condition. We are making a specialty of literary work this year. Every Phi can appreciate the benefits which must come from good, solid literary work in the chapter. Here the audience is all forbearance; the criticism, if severe, is given in a spirit of all friendliness, and all things combine to make use of every possible advantage. Just here let me say that the boys appreciate the improvement manifested in the make-up of the SCROLL. We are highly pleased with it, and we are convinced that the change in its management has been no mistake.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , as the leader of college fraternities, deserves a good journal—yes, demands it. Our November issue takes us back to old-time days, when the SCROLL was eagerly looked for and read by every man in the Fraternity, including our illustrious alumni. George B. Thomas was then “the power behind the throne,” and right well did he do his duty. We are confident that, with its present management, the SCROLL will go right to the top.

We have just received a sample of the new song book. It is “a thing of beauty and a joy forever.” Accompanied by our organ, the brothers now make the “welkin ring.” We expect to have a number of copies soon. The book is deserving of the patronage of every brother in the Fraternity. A meeting of the trustees of the university recently resulted in the election of Dr. Gustav Karsten, of the University of Geneva, Switzerland, to the chair of Romance languages, and Dr. Leonard Stejneger, of the Smithsonian Institute, to the chair of biology, with special reference to ornithology. Both have accepted, and will make valuable additions to our worthy faculty. On Thursday, the 18th, brother Frank Hunter will bid farewell to single blessedness and take unto himself a wife. The chapter is invited to attend the wedding in a body. The wedding takes place in the Methodist church, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Brother Carter, from Indiana Delta, class '87, paid us a visit a short time ago. He reports Delta as flourishing.

Five new badges have come into our chapter since the beginning of the year, and now nearly all our boys wear the shield and dagger. On the 11th of October we celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of our birth. After having appropriate exercises in our hall, we repaired to Mrs. Rott's restaurant parlors and *surrounded* a hearty repast. During the progress of the *sur-*

rounding, Ohio Phis, Illinois Phis and Indiana Phis were toasted and responses made by brothers from chapters in each State who affiliate with us. Verily, all who come under the influence of Indiana Alpha will remember her long. Quiet reigns in the Greek circle at present; our rivals are quiet. The *K K Γ* ladies expect to have Mrs. Livermore here on the 18th to deliver her lecture, "The Boy of To-day."

In closing, we wish to express our hearty appreciation of and best wishes for the SCROLL.

November 14, 1886.

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#### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

We began the year with thirteen enthusiastic Phis, and have added, by initiation, three excellent men: W. H. Graffis, '89; O. W. Green, '90, and C. L. De Hass, '91.

There are at present 42 fraternity men in college, distributed as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 16;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 16;  $\Sigma X$ , 10.

Of the student offices,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has a good share. Brothers Miller and Gilchrist are president and secretary, respectively, of the Athletic Association. Brother Fall is treasurer of the class of '88, while we also have the secretary and declaimer of the same class. Brother G. B. Davis is president of the class of '90. Brother Baldridge is vice-president of the College Oratorical Association.

We are represented on *The Collegian* staff by brother Miller, as business manager.

November 15, 1886.

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#### INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

BROTHER Snyder's report of the National Convention is in every way satisfactory. We congratulate ourselves for having membership in a brotherhood whose delegates exemplified such a marked degree of unity of purpose.

We intend to open our hall and hearts to our lady friends in a few weeks. A big time is expected.

We take great pleasure in adding two more names to our list of initiates reported in our last letter, brothers Evett Knight D. Hester and Teijiro Takasugui. There are six Japanese students attending our University, and brother Takasugui is conceded by all to be the best man in every particular. The day is not far distant when those who wear the white and blue shall be found in every land.

Brother S. C. Spencer, of Indiana Beta, lately honored us with a visit. We extend a hearty welcome to all Phis, but especially to our Indiana brothers.

An earnest effort is being made to establish a fraternity library.



The idea is to have such a collection of books and pamphlets, that will furnish us the best possible knowledge of colleges and fraternities in general.

The following is a table showing the places of residence, considered by states and countries, in our chapter: Indiana, 13, Ohio, 1, Pennsylvania, 3, Illinois, 2, Missouri, 3, Iowa, 1, Japan, 1.

November 12, 1886.

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#### MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The present college term closes November 12, for a vacation of three months. Most of the Phis will teach during the winter and return in February ready to do good work at "spiking" the new men who come in at that time.

Michigan Beta is in fine "working order," and has more attendant members than before for several years. All things considered, I think the boys of Michigan Beta have done good work this term. The enthusiasm of the brothers has shown their love for our beloved Fraternity.

On the evening of October 28, the Phis were very pleasantly entertained at the home of brother McLouth. Nearly all of the "Phi girls" were there, and a very enjoyable time was the result.

Brother H. W. Carr left for his home at Mosiertown, Pa., last week. He does not intend to return to the college, but we hope he may change his mind before the Spring term opens. Brother Carr is one of our most loyal Phis, and will be missed not only by the chapter, but by the whole college as well.

October 23, Horace E. Bunce was initiated into the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . He is the fourth man we have added to our chapter this term. All are from the class of '90.

November 7, 1886.

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#### ZETA PROVINCE.

##### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Delta Chapter now meets in a pleasant and commodious hall, which the enterprising committee, brothers Hopkins, Stromberg and Williams, barely rescued from the Knights of Pythias. We feel some encouragement in the fact that we are able to lease so large and fine a hall—fine enough to be desired by the Knights of Pythias—and we have already pledged \$55 to purchase additional furniture. The change from the old, unsightly hall to our new, commodious quarters was made last week, and was celebrated by a *danse sociale* in Delta's new hall.

Some twenty-three couples were present, including three brethren of Zeta Chapter and two Phi Gammas. The occasion passed off very pleasantly and reflects great credit upon brothers

Crocker, Stromberg and Wyckoff, who had the matter in charge.

We shall always remember the annual stag banquet of Zeta Chapter, which we attended a short time since. We never before realized that our Lombard brethren were so eloquent, so musical and such good providers. We have still some cause to envy Zeta Chapter, and this institution is one of them.

Brother Wyckoff is now engaged in training a large chorus of fifty voices, which is to sing at the appearance of Gilmore's Band, the last of this month.

November 15, 1886.

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ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE members of our chapter entered upon this college year with the earnest desire of building up the Fraternity, not only by increasing its membership, but by earnestly and faithfully seeking to do their whole duty as college students; realizing that as they individually improved, they would elevate the chapter. We have most excellent prospects for the future, and as a substantial result of our work already done, we take pleasure in introducing three members of the class of '90: Brothers Delmar Duane Darrah, John Herbert Franklin, and Jesse Alvin Denham. I need only say of them that they are well worthy of the shield and dagger.

Our Fraternity seems to have gained a popularity this term which is quite enviable. So far, we have added five men to our ranks, while our esteemed contemporary, the Phi Gamma Delta, has but two, and Sigma Chi, none. The fraternity spirit is very strong here. We take pleasure in noting the regular attendance of brothers Muller, Kimball and McCormick, our cherished and devoted alumni in the city.

Brother McNight, of Ohio Delta (formerly of Indiana Beta), will affiliate with us next week.

Epsilon now has eighteen names upon her roll, and the boys are in perfect harmony in regard to building up the chapter. We shall try to make our chapter the banner one of the next Convention.

Our "Senate" is our pride as regards literary culture, and deep interest is manifested in the discussion of important bills. It is divided into two divisions—right and left—each member choosing a State, and advocating the interests of the same. We find this to be an excellent practice, and would be pleased to have our Phi brothers call and participate in our debates.

At our last meeting, brother Miller favored the chapter with a detailed account of his trip to New York, which elicited the deepest interest and closest attention from all the boys.

We appreciated more than ever how good it was to be a Phi, and noted with glowing ardor the newly achieved conquests of the shield and dagger.

Our hearts swelled with loyal pride when we heard that Bloomington, Illinois, claimed the next National Convention of Phi Delta Theta. Whether we will be equal to the occasion or not, we will submit to your decision when the time comes. We have long yearned for an opportunity to grasp the hands of our dear Phi brothers from North, East, South and West. We want to see them all assemble in brotherly conclave; and we are happy that, as a centrally located place and a railroad center, Bloomington offers that opportunity.

Brothers everywhere, we welcome you with joy to the Convention of 1887; and in behalf of Epsilon chapter in particular, and Illinois Phis in general, we promise you the most cordial reception the Fraternity has ever known.

November 12, 1886.

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#### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have initiated eight men. Oct. 14, six gentlemen acquainted themselves with our "goat." Several brothers from Illinois Delta were with us to enjoy the occasion. The chapter initiations have been novel and interesting affairs of late. Brother Hale was initiated Oct. 28, and brother Chamberlain the night of the celebration of our eighth anniversary.

A new secret society (local) was recently organized among the ladies, called the Beta Gamma. There were sixteen charter members, and one has been initiated.

The I. C. Sorosis in Lombard numbers seven.

The Delta Theta (local) Fraternity numbers twenty-one.

Phi Delta Theta numbers twenty.

All our boys are delighted with the change of color of the SCROLL covers.

Richard Slater is a member of Illinois Zeta, and Guy Williams of Illinois Delta. We have not exchanged men, as the last SCROLL would have it. Two names were misspelled under Zeta's initiates—Eberhart's and Eckbohm's.

Zeta Chapter celebrated her eighth anniversary in the university Saturday evening, Nov. 6. Our boys welcomed the Delta Chapter (Knox College) boys and several of our alumni members. There were present thirty-three Phis. The toasts and songs, as well as the letters from the pyx, excited considerable interest. The committee provided us with a splendid banquet, and every Phi partook of it as only a Phi can.

November, 1886.

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#### ETA PROVINCE.

##### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

It is unfortunate that Kansas Alpha has been unable to get a

report into the SCROLL this year. It was written and sent a month ago, but does not seem to have reached the SCROLL, though sent according to instructions received the first of this year.

Last commencement brother H. F. Graham represented his department as orator, and represented it well.

Phi Delta Theta was honored through his appointment by the Faculty. Brother Le Suer also graduated, although absent from school for the last term.

This Fall found eleven Phis back for work, and in addition to these brother T. J. Schall, who, though not in school at present, is just as active as ever in the cause. We present, with pardonable pride, six gentlemen to the Phi world.

We do not wish to boast, but will merely say that nearly all of them were "spiked hard," and Phi Delta Theta didn't do all of it either. Their names will be found in the initiates' column.

Besides these there is one other, who was initiated last year, but not reported on account of lateness.

Charles McFarland is now a good and true Phi.

Last Saturday night we had the pleasure of initiating the last of the six—E. L. Glasgow. In order to celebrate most appropriately this important event, we invited the Phi Psis to a "pow-wow." And good company we had, too! At a late hour we dispersed, each Phi accompanying a Phi Psi.

We hope to be in possession of a new hall in a few weeks. But more of that in the future.

Every now and then we receive an encouraging letter from our Alumni, who are as loyal as ever.

Secret societies are in a very prosperous condition this year, and on very good terms.

Brother T. J. Schall has returned from the Convention, and gives a full account of the same. We are especially proud of the photograph of that Convention.

We wish the new management success in their work on the SCROLL.

November 15, 1886.

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#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The school year of 1886-87 opened with a large increase in the number of students, who were, of course, inspected by the Fraternities. Few of these, however, have as yet fulfilled our idea of a good Phi; consequently, we have initiated but one new member. Brother E. L. Thrift, of Beatrice, Nebraska, has joined us, and we feel sure that he will be an ornament to our Fraternity. Two of our members graduated last year—brothers Force and Frankforter.

We have at present ten active members, which number, we hope, will soon be increased by the addition of brother Coddington, who is now residing in Kansas.

Our delegate to the National Convention has returned to us filled with enthusiasm for our noble Fraternity, and more than ever alive to its best interests.

November 14, 1886.

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IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE present school year began with flattering prospects for Iowa Alpha, although four of the eleven members we had at the close of the spring term did not return, six came who had not been in school for some time, which fortunate circumstance swells our ranks to thirteen. We have since initiated two more, brothers Shield and Snider, whom I present with pleasure to the Fraternity.

I have also to report the name of brother Jeffrey, who was initiated June 14, 1884, and on account of the nearness to the close of the year and his absence from the chapter the following year, was never reported.

Brother Jay Kirkendall, '87, is teaching in Saquache, Colorado. Brother T. N. Carver, '87, is principal of the school at Chillicothe, Iowa. Brother H. E. Wilcox, '86, has the principalship of a school at Quindaro, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, Mo., and has united himself with the Missouri Alpha alumni chapter at Kansas City.

We, as a chapter, feel it necessary to make further explanation in the SCROLL of an affair connected with our chapter, which was mentioned at the Convention in the discussion of the Iowa Agricultural College charter question.

Some time during last spring term, brother French, of Osage, Iowa, an alumnus of Iowa  $B$ , L. U. I., wrote us concerning the establishing of a chapter of  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  at the I. A. C. The letter fell into the hands of a member of  $B \Theta II$ , (his connection with that fraternity has *since* been severed, we understand,) who answered it, and several others which followed, under the name of "Henry Parsons in behalf of Iowa  $A$ ."

We first learned of the matter at the beginning of this term when we received a letter from brother French. At our request he sent us the letters he had received from "Henry Parsons," and we immediately recognized the handwriting. When we spoke to the alleged Henry he seemed glad of an opportunity to explain matters and wrote out a full confession.

Our action on the I. A. C. petition will be remembered by those who were at the Convention.

Our rivals,  $B \Theta II$ , seem unusually quiet this year, so far as rushing new men is concerned. They have as yet made no initiations.

The Greeks at the I. W. U. stand:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 15,  $\Pi B \Phi$ , 10,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 7.

November 13, 1886.

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Our number is slowly but steadily increasing, and within the last four weeks we have initiated two men, both of whom are good students, as well as most desirable companions. On October 7 the first of these, C. E. Holmes, '89, became a brother, and on October 30, J. A. Benton, '90, was instructed in the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The number of our attendant members is now ten.  $Z \Psi$  has 14,  $X \Phi$  18,  $\Delta K E$  19,  $B \Theta \Pi$  16,  $\Sigma X$  7, and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  8.

The chapter of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  was re-established here at the beginning of the present college year.

In the University of California we are represented by four professors, a better showing than is made by any other fraternity.

November 10, 1886.

## INITIATES.

#### MAINE ALPHA

Charles Wilson Averill, Alud, Me.

#### VERMONT ALPHA.

- '89. Arthur Talmage Stratton, Malone, N. Y.
- '90. George Isaac Forbes, West Haven, Vt.
- '90. Walter Demerit Parsons, Essex Junction, Vt.
- '90. Cecil McKay Stewart, Des Moines, Ia.
- '90. Ralph William Wilbur, Burlington, Vt.

#### MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

- '88. Charles Ovid Eames, Becket, Mass.
- '90. Marshall Spring Hagar, Richmond, Me.
- '90. Ira Winthrop Travell, Troy, N. Y.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA.

- '89. Burton Mansfield Sawyer, Dickson, Tenn.
- '90. William Armin Schmidt, Ilion, N. Y.
- '90. Harry Gardner Folts, Ilion, N. Y.

#### *Affiliates.*

- '87. William Zalmon Morrison, Ohio Delta, Brockwayville, Penna.
- '90. Norman Rutherford Weaver, Alabama Beta, Selma, Ala.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

- '89. F. S. Christy, Sewickley, Pa.
- '90. H. E. Jackson, Meadville, Pa.
- '90. H. B. Espy, Erie, Pa.
- '91. W. C. Fishburn, Brownsville, Pa.

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

- '88. Harry Clifford Cheston, Williamsport, Pa.
- '89. Henry Freeman Whiting, Carlisle, Pa.
- '89. Oliver Mordorf, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
- '90. Albert Spencer Griffith, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
- '90. Lyman Pierson Powell, Dover, Del.
- '90. Charles Jameson Turpin, Woodbury, N. J.
- '90. Charles Wesley Straw, Dauphin, Pa.
- '90. Hammond Urner, Frederick, Md.

## VIRGINIA BETA.

- Robert Spratt Cockrell, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Henry Louis Smith, Greensboro, N. C.
- Halsted Shipman Hedges, Charlottesville, Va.
- Barton Haxall Wise, Richmond, Va.
- Alex. Brown Stuart, Saltville, Va.

## VIRGINIA DELTA.

- '88. C. H. Baker, Leetown, W. Va.
- '89. E. L. Flippe, Roanoke, Va.

## NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

- '91. Angus B. Shaw, Rockingham, N. C.
- '91. Walter H. Grimes, Raleigh, N. C.

## TEXAS BETA.

- '87. Lobel Alva Carlton, Henderson, Tex.
- '87. Frank Edward Wilcox, McKinney, Tex.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

- '89. Stephen Dunbar Thach, (B. S.) Bell Buckle, Tenn.
- '89. Paul McConnell Jones, (B. S.) Dalton, Ga.
- '89. Eugene Houghton Vaughn, (B. A.) Nashville, Tenn.
- '89. Joseph Mark Leveque, (B. A.) Bermuda, La.
- '91. Paul Andrews, (B. S.) Mobile, Ala.
- Howell Edmond Jackson, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.

*Affiliates.*

- Wylie P. Boddie, Kentucky Delta.
- R. A. Armistead, Tennessee Beta.
- William A. Speer, (B. L.) Georgia Alpha.
- Charles W. Murray, Georgia Gamma.

## OHIO DELTA.

- '91. *L. E. Davies*, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
'89. C. M. Mains, Greenfield, O.

## KENTUCKY DELTA.

- '90. Joseph William Joffrion, Mansura, La.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

- E. P. Cubberly.  
A. H. Wacker.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

- '89. William Herbert Graffis, Star City, Ind.  
'90. Otis Webster Green, Plainfield, Ind.  
'91. Charles Lee DeHass, Hillsboro, Ind.

## INDIANA ZETA.

- '90. Evett Knight D. Hester, Charleston, Ind.  
'90. Ernest Grant *Rognon*, Lafayette, Ind.  
'91. Teijiro Takasugui, Hirosaki, Japan.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

- '89. George P. Cushing, Buda, Ill.  
'89. Hugh W. Coleman, Farragut, Ia.  
'90. William C. Avery, Galeno, Ill.  
'90. Albert L. Johnson, Foulon, Ill.  
'90. *Guy P. Williams*.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

- '90. Delmar Duane Darrah, Bloomington, Ill.  
'90. Jesse Alvin Denham, Bloomington, Ill.  
'90. John Herbert Franklin, Lexington, Ill.  
'91. John Barnett Hunter, Jr., Omaha, Neb.  
'91. Cyrus E. Wheeland, Buffalo, Ill.

## ILLINOIS ZETA.

- '90. Richard Slater.  
'91. Percy Isham Hale, Stoughton, Wis.  
'91. Hugh Chamberlain, Greenview, Ill.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

- '88. (Law) Joseph Thomas Dickerson, Marion, Kas.  
'90. Charles Stone McFarland, Lawrence, Kas.  
'90. Frederick Homer Kellogg, Emporia, Kas.  
'90. Hanford Edson Finney, Kansas City, Mo.  
'90. Frederick Timston, Carlyle, Kas.  
'90. Edward Lincoln Glasgow, Scandia, Kas.  
'90. Amos Hinsdale Plumb, Emporia, Kas.



## CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

- '88. Frederick *Adolph* Allardt, Oakland, Cal.
- '89. Charles Edward Holmes, San Francisco, Cal.
- '90. Joseph Augustine Benton, Oakland, Cal.

## PERSONALS.

## MAINE ALPHA.

'83. Brother B. F. Wright has been admitted to the bar. Brother Wright passed one of the most creditable examinations that have been passed for many years; at least, so say the old lawyers.

## NEW YORK BETA.

'86. Allen has gone to Shreveport, La., where he has received a position in an engineering party.

'86. Felthousen has gone to Leipsic, where he intends to spend a year, studying the German language. He then intends to spend a year in Paris, studying French.

'86. Harris is studying law at Schuylerville, N. Y.

'86. Skinner may be found for the present at Brownville, N. Y.

'86. Blessing is in New York.

## TEXAS BETA.

'86. Brother Robert W. Hall is now of the firm of Buford & Hall, attorneys, Henderson, Texas, where he sees justice administered.

'86. Chas. J. Bradshaw, La Grange, Texas, writes that he is rapidly getting wealthy, and that the "clamor clientium" is heard in his halls.

'86. J. B. Lewright, Austin, Texas, has gone to Mexico as private secretary of one of the officials of the Mexican Central Railroad.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

'83. Those who have followed the labors of "Armeil" during the last three months, for the *Nashville American* and the *New York World*, can appreciate the justice of the following. To say that it is richly deserved is but faint praise:

"WATCHED—ARMEIL'S WORK UNDER INSPECTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

"At the state executive committee rooms last night several members of the committee were gathered, and it needed no question to tell from their serious looks that something was brewing. Four newspaper reporters were attracted by the sus-

picious circumstances surrounding the meeting, and all had their "Fabers" sharpened for use.

"Col. T. M. McConnell, chairman of the committee, explained the object of the meeting by saying that the committee was gathered to pay a debt they owed. He then turned to Mr. Geo. H. Armistead, city editor of the *American*, better known over the State as the "Armeil" of that paper during the canvass just closed. Mr. Armistead's eye fell under the searching gaze of T. M. McConnell. There was a look of guilt in his eye, as if he had a suspicion of the seriousness of the charge about to be preferred. Said Col. McConnell:

"Mr. Armistead, as requested by the Democratic Executive Committee—they look on honesty as one of the greatest principles of Democracy, and feel that all good Democrats ought to be honest, and that when we owe it is our duty to pay—we feel that we owe to you, representing the Democratic party in the joint canvass, a debt that we have in some way to repay. We feel that it would be impossible to return the just dues for your services in this campaign. I have been a close reader of political correspondence for many years. I believe I can say with truth that nowhere in the South, nor in the North, have I ever seen any correspondence written up in such fine style; that was so much sought after by readers that was so just to Democracy. We feel that we should give you some token as a memento to you of your work in this campaign, and in appreciation of your services. I hope you will receive this as a small token of our esteem."

"Mr. Armistead replied by saying: 'I am gratified to feel that you gentlemen who sent me out are in a measure satisfied with my efforts to do good service for my paper and my party. This watch will never chronicle the hour of the day when I do not feel my gratitude to every member of the committee.'

"The watch is one that any man may well feel proud of. It cost \$200.00. It is engraved:

"PRESENTED TO  
GEO. H. ARMISTEAD,  
'ARMEIL,'

By the Democratic State Executive Committee for efficient services rendered in the campaign of 1886."

*Nashville Union*, Nov. 5.

"'ARMEIL.'—Mr. Geo. H. Armistead, city editor of the *American*, who was assigned the special and arduous work of accompanying the gubernatorial candidates over the State and reporting the progress of the canvass, has won a deserved reputation for ability and skill as a correspondent. His daily reports, which appeared with scarcely an intermission in the *American*, have not been surpassed for general excellence and well-sustained effort in the history of political campaigns in this State, and the

popular appreciation of his work is the highest compliment that could be paid him. While many have enjoyed his letters the average reader has little conception of the great amount of labor involved in daily preparing and transmitting long and exhaustive reports amidst the whirl and bustle of constant travel, and the many annoyances, interruptions and difficulties incident to a State canvass. The *Banner* pays but a just tribute to a tireless and capable newspaper man when it publicly and heartily recognizes Mr. Armistead's marked ability and efficiency as a writer and a journalist."—*Nashville Banner*, Nov. 5.

Starting less than three years ago brother Armistead has risen most rapidly in his chosen profession, and to-day occupies the first position on one of the most prosperous and enterprising dailies in the South.

#### INDIANA ALPHA.

'55. Col. Jno. Foster, ex-Minister to Mexico, Russia, and Spain, has been with us since college opened, having been invited by the Faculty to deliver a series of lectures to the students on Mexican history.

'58. Mayor Mitchell has been attending the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University at Bloomington, being a valued member of that body. Brother Mitchell was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Indianapolis on the 2d.

'60. Brother John M. McCoy, Dallas, Texas, was in the city of Bloomington a short time since. He spoke encouragingly of our prospects in the Lone Star State. We are justly proud to find brother McCoy still full of enthusiasm for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

'79. Brother Frank E. Hunter will be married on the 18th to Miss Minnie Howe,  $K \Delta \Theta$ . They will make Texas their future home after Dec. 1. We are willing to partially surrender brother Hunter to the Thetas, provided they return the compliment.

'85. S. G. Ramsey, having changed his plans, has given up dentistry and is attending Commercial College at Cincinnati. His address is 175 Elm street.

'85. T. H. Wilson is attending Medical College at Cincinnati.

Hon. J. W. French was elected on the 2d State Senator from Pasey and Gibson Counties.

'86. J. A. Heiney is Principal of Rochester, Ind., high school.

'87. Brother Walheiser, ex-'87, of Bedford, spent a few hours with us recently. He reports business good.

'88. Brother Isreal, who expected to affiliate with us, has gone to Cincinnati to pursue still further his course in music. Isreal is an accomplished violinist.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

Brother B. P. Blair is in a law office at Wakeeny, Kas.

Brother B. T. Chace is in the County Clerk's office at Olathi.

Brother A. L. Burney is at home in Missouri farming. He is out of school to recover his health.

Brothers W. S. Franklin and V. L. Kellogg spent part of the summer at Estes Park, Col.

Brother Ed. Franklin was in the employ of a mining company at Silverton, Colo., as assayer and chemist.

Brother O. M. Jackson is teaching school near Cedar Junction, Kas.

Brother H. F. Graham is Principal of High School at Abilene, Kas. Dame rumor says — but hush !

Brother G. S. Lewis was in San Francisco during the G. A. R. re-union, this summer.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA.

'85. Brother C. G. McMillan is pursuing a special course of study at Johns Hopkins University.

'85. Brother E. J. Churchill is studying law at Cheyenne, Wyoming Ter.

'86. Brother J. R. Force is in business at Tekamah, Neb.

'86. Brother G. B. Frankforter has accepted the position of Associate Professor of Chemistry in our University.

'88. Brother C. A. Canaclay is located at Nebraska City with the Missouri Pacific Surveying Co.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

'73 J. B. Reinstein and S. C. Scheeline, '74, are in Europe.

'75. W. C. Jones was elected secretary of the Alumni Association of the U. C., at its last meeting.

'76. W. H. Chamberlain was recently elected President of the Dirigo Club, the representative Republican club of the Pacific coast.

'78. The death of J. B. Clow has not been reported in the SCROLL, though it occurred over a year ago. Not long before his demise he was bereaved by the death of his wife.

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At a meeting of the Tennessee Alpha Chapter, the following resolutions relative to the departure of brother W. B. Palmer from Nashville were adopted:

*Whereas*, brother Walter B. Palmer, an esteemed and honored member of Tennessee Alpha, has, since his connection

with our beloved brotherhood, and especially since his association with the present members of our chapter, so nobly upheld the principles of truth and honor, upon which our Fraternity is founded, and has ever been so self-sacrificing to its interests; and

*Whereas*, he now finds that circumstances compel a change of residence and a severance of his social relations with Tennessee Alpha; therefore,

*Resolved*, that Tennessee Alpha loses in him a highly honored, esteemed and valued member; a brother who has been at all times devoted to the welfare of our chapter and of Phi Delta Theta, who has ever been watchful of its integrity and honor, and who has served it with fidelity and distinction.

*Resolved*, that we, the members of Tennessee Alpha, feel sadly the loss of his genial qualities and the fraternal care and love with which he has watched over us, as well as the advice he has always tendered us, and the influence and foresight that he has always exercised in the practical administration of affairs.

*Resolved*, that we wish him the most abundant success in whatever field his future work may be, and hope that he may, occasionally, at least, find time to renew the hallowed associations he has formed among us, and that we assure him at all times of a heartfelt welcome to his long-accustomed place in the old chapter hall.

*Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our records, and that a copy be sent to the SCROLL for publication.

### In Memoriam.

HALL OF N. H. ALPHA OF  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , }  
October 14, 1886.

WHEREAS, An over-ruling Providence has seen fit to remove from earth our brother, Ansel Edward Pendleton, a long but patient sufferer, a warm and faithful friend, a cheerful and active Society brother, an honest and Christian young man, and

WHEREAS, His friends have been deprived of his cheerful presence, of a true example of uprightness, and as the inevitable shaft of death has entered our fraternal circle, now for the second time, and having this time stricken one of our charter members, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of our beloved brother our chapter and Fraternity has lost one of its noblest and most faithful members; and that we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved home and friends, believing our brother has joined the happy throng about the throne of God, in whom he trusted.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the SCROLL

and *Dartmouth* for publication; also that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

G. W. SHAW,	}	For the Fraternity.
E. E. CHALMERS,		
B. S. SIMONDS, JR.		

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HALL OF PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , }  
November 13, 1886.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to suddenly take from our midst our beloved and much esteemed brother, E. H. Garrison, and

WHEREAS, In the untimely death of our brother, the chapter has lost one of its most faithful members and the Fraternity at large a man of noble character, Christian integrity and self-sacrificing devotion to the interests of Phi Delta Theta; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That although bowing in submission to the will of Almighty God, our hearts are veiled in deepest sorrow, because the ruthless hand of death has torn from us one whom we so dearly loved.

*Resolved*, That in the death of our brother, his chosen profession, that of medicine, has lost a brilliant and ardent aspirant and one whose career promised to be one of honor to himself, his family and Fraternity.

*Resolved*, That we most deeply sympathize with his sorrow-stricken parents and brothers to whom our hearts have been drawn with peculiar tenderness in this mutually sad dispensation of Providence.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, published in the SCROLL, and a framed copy placed in our chapter hall.

J. B. STEIN,	}	Committee.
G. W. BABCOCK,		
C. W. STRAW,		

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IN the November SCROLL, Chapter Reporters were notified that all matter intended for publication should reach the Editor on the sixteenth of the month preceding that of publication. As the last SCROLL was not mailed until November 8th, a number of Chapters did not receive their SCROLLS within sufficient time to observe this rule, and correspondence received before November 19th is inserted in this number. The two following letters did not reach the Editor until November 22d, and have therefore to be inserted out of their order. A report had been previously sent by Ohio Epsilon but was lost in the mails. Reporters are notified that hereafter the SCROLL will be mailed from New York before the first day of the month of publication, and *all matter received at P. O. Box 1431, New York, after the sixteenth day of the month at noon*, will under no circumstances be published in the succeeding number.

EDITOR.

## OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have entered our hall in the Schumacher office. Having suffered no loss by the fire as regards furniture and carpets, the hall presents much the same appearance that it did formerly, a few improvements and additions having been made. Our home seems much more beautified and dear to us, and is always open to Phis that may wander to our door.

At a meeting of the Oratorical Association held recently, brother C. Jones, '87, was elected as one of the four contestants for the Spring contest.

We have enjoyed recent visits from brothers S. L. Thompson, '86, V. E. Tomlinson, '80, and A. A. Stearns, '79.

Brother E. C. Page, '86, of Corry, Pa., spent a week with us (?) some time ago and was a participant in an initiation then.

Brother T. C. Druley, Ohio A, '69, who was instrumental in founding our Chapter, visited us some time ago.

The occasion, not long ago, of the initiation of three of the finest men in the college, was one long to be remembered by the Phis of Ohio E. We take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world, brothers J. A. Palmer and W. H. Van Orman, of '89, and brother H. D. Smith, of 90. Our spiking committees are still at work and we have bright prospects before us.

## INITIATES.

'89. Joseph Asa Palmer, Akron, Ohio.

'89. Willard Henry Van Orman, Akron, Ohio.

'90. Halbert Dennis Smith, Chardon, Ohio.

November 20, 1886.

## MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

THE year 1886-87 promises to be as fruitful and interesting as any in our history. Our Chapter is moving along steadily and doing good work. Although we are small in number, we are strong and enthusiastic in fraternity work. We have this year set on foot a movement which, we think, will add greatly to our social relations and help the Fraternity in other ways. Our object is become infused into the members of the Fraternity a true Phi spirit. To this end we have decided to hold informal Phi socials at intervals of four or five weeks during the year. Our first one was held at the residence of Dr. J. G. Reaser and was a grand success. Some of our most beautiful and accomplished sisters graced the occasion by their presence. The next will be held within two weeks, to which we look forward with much pleasure. We believe Chapters situated like ours will find this a good way to arouse interest in their fraternity circles.

Brother Ferguson has recently been elected President of the Philologic Society.

Brother Wilkerson, '86, is studying law at St. Louis.

The office of County Attorney for this county has been recently

filled by brother Tisscher, '83. Brother Tisscher is just entering on the legal profession and we wish him much success.

November 18, 1886.

## PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY.

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### NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Bloomington, Ill., in the XXXIX year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Monday, October 10, 1887, and closing the following Friday.

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Next Convention will be held at Tuscaloosa, Ala., Thursday and Friday following Commencement.

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Georgia Gamma—Mercer University, Macon, Ga.—L. M. Nunnally.

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 Indiana Delta—Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.—C. M. Carter.  
 Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.—C. O. Shirey, P. O. Box 63.  
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 Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.—J. J. Hechman.  
 Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin, Ind.—T. C. Donnell.  
 Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis, Ind.—C. L. Goodwin, "*Indianapolis Times*."

## ZETA PROVINCE.

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 Illinois Zeta—Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill.—O. G. Colegrove.  
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*October 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1886.*

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FIRST DAY.

*Morning Session.*

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, }  
NEW YORK, OCT. 18, 1886. }

THE Convention was called to order by the President of the General Council, Hilton U. Brown, at 10 A. M. Prayer was offered by Wm. M. Carr, Illinois *E*. An address of welcome to the Convention was delivered by J. M. Worrall, D. D., Ohio *A*, and response made by J. W. Fesler, Indiana *A*.

The President of the General Council then presented his biennial address to the Fraternity [Exhibit D], after which the Convention was declared open for the transaction of business.

*On motion*, the General Council appointed standing committees, as shown in Exhibit C.

W. R. Worrall, Chairman of the Local Committees, announced the receipt of invitations for the Convention to visit the Lenox Library, Y. M. C. A., Metropolitan Museum of Art, and American Museum of Natural History. The invitations were, *on motion*, accepted with thanks.

Report of Alpha Province President read, and, *on motion*, accepted. [Exhibit H.]

Report of Beta Province President read by the Secretary, and, *on motion*, accepted. [Exhibit I.]

Report of Gamma Province President read, and, *on motion*, accepted, and suggestions referred to proper committees. [Exhibit K.]

Report of Delta Province President read, and, *on motion*, accepted. [Exhibit L.]

Report of Epsilon Province President read by Secretary, and, *on motion*, accepted. [Exhibit M.]

Report of Zeta Province President read by Secretary, and, *on motion*, accepted. [Exhibit N.]

Report of Eta Province President read, and, *on motion*, accepted. [Exhibit O.]

Report of J. M. Mayer, Editor of the SCROLL, was next read, and, *on motion*, referred to the Committee on SCROLL. [Exhibit P.]

F. A. Winslow *moved* that Chapter reports be dispensed with, and, instead, that the roll be called at the opening of each session. Motion *seconded* and *carried*.

*On motion*, the order of the day was suspended to receive the founder, Rev. Robert Morrison, who responded to the welcome of the Convention.

Roll was then called.

Song Book Committee reported the completion of their work. *On motion*, a vote of thanks was extended to the Editors, and the report referred to the Finance Committee. [Exhibit Q.]

The Convention, *on motion*, adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

## FIRST DAY.

### *Afternoon Session.*

President H. U. Brown called the Convention to order at 2.30 P. M.

Committee on Rules and Order reported. [Exhibit R.] Report was *adopted* as amended.

Committee on Credentials asked for further time to allow the Treasurer to receive the dues. *Granted*.

Committee on Ritual reported through E. H. L. Randolph. Scott Bonham moved to discuss ritual for not more than twenty minutes and then refer to Committee on Secret Work. Motion *seconded* and *carried*.

By unanimous consent the right of voting in the Convention was conferred on members of the General Council and the Province Presidents.

*On motion*, E. H. L. Randolph was appointed to act with Committee on Secret Work.

The following was introduced by J. R. Carpenter :

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to telegraph our goodwill and congratulations to the *II B Φ* Fraternity, now in session at Indianola, Iowa. *Carried*.

The Secretary was instructed to act under the resolution.

*On motion*, the Convention adjourned until 10 A. M. Tuesday.

## SECOND DAY.

### *Morning Session.*

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, }  
NEW YORK, OCT. 19, 1886. }

THE Convention was called to order at 10 A. M. by President H. U. Brown, after which there was a song. Roll call showed forty-one delegates present.

The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and *approved*.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then read, showing fifty-four delegates in attendance. [Exhibit A.]

The Committee on New Constitution was then called upon to report. After the reading, it was *moved* and *seconded* that the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the report. *Carried*.

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On the rising of the Committee of the Whole, the Convention was called and received the report of the Committee. The consideration of the Constitution was taken up section by section. Article relating to finance was referred to a special Committee on Finance, consisting of Scott Bonham, A. A. Stearns and W. R. Worrall. Article relating to SCROLL was referred to Committee on SCROLL.

*On motion*, Convention adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

## SECOND DAY.

### *Afternoon Session.*

CONVENTION called to order at 2.30 P. M. by President H. U. Brown.

E. H. L. Randolph stated that arrangements had been made to photograph the Convention the following day at 12.15.

The special Committee on Finance, to whom had been referred Article of Constitution governing finances, made its report, which was *adopted*.

Consideration of Constitution was continued as before. Section relating to withdrawals and punishments was referred to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

*Moved* by W. R. Worrall that the Chair appoint a Committee

on Chapter Records. Motion *seconded* and *carried*. [Exhibit C.]  
Places of meeting of all committees were announced, and all were ordered to report at the next session.

After a few words from Robert Morrison, Convention, *on motion*, adjourned until 10 A. M. Wednesday.

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### THIRD DAY.

#### *Morning Session.*

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, }  
NEW YORK, Oct. 20, 1886. }

CONVENTION called to order at 10 A. M. by President H. U. Brown.

Roll call showed fifty-two delegates present.

Minutes of second day sessions read and *approved*.

*On motion*, the Chair appointed C. B. Tippet and E. H. L. Randolph a committee to escort E. P. Humphrey, D. D., Ohio A. to the Convention Hall.

Robert Morrison made a few informal remarks on the subject of honorary membership.

Committee on Rules and Order reported further. [Exhibit R.] Report *adopted*, but *ordered* that consideration of report of Committee on Chapters and Charters be made special order immediately on convening of afternoon session.

Committee on Credentials reported further. Report *accepted*. [Exhibit A.]

Committee on Transportation offered a report, which was *accepted*.

Consideration of Constitution was then continued and completed. Constitution as amended was *adopted as a whole*.

Report of Committee on SCROLL was received, and, after partial discussion, laid on the table until after consideration of report of Committee on Chapters and Charters. (Report of Committee on SCROLL is embodied in the new Constitution, also Exhibit D Z.)

Convention, *on motion*, adjourned until 2.30 P. M., and members proceeded to be photographed.

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### THIRD DAY.

#### *Afternoon Session.*

CONVENTION called to order at 2.30 P. M., by President H. U. Brown.

Robert Morrison made some remarks on the interpretation of our motto.

Report of Committee on Chapters and Charters was then

called. Section 1 was *adopted*. Section 2 was *referred to the General Council*. Section 3 was *adopted*. Section 4 was *endorsed* and application *denied*. In the matter of Section 5 the application was *denied*. Change recommended in Section 6 was *ordered made*. In the matter of Section 7 the application was *denied*. Section 8 was *adopted*. [Exhibit A Z.]

*On motion*, Convention adjourned until 7 30 P. M.

### THIRD DAY.

#### *Evening Session.*

CONVENTION called to order at 7.30 P. M. by Historian A. A. Stearns.

Report of Committee on SCROLL was considered section by section, and *adopted as amended*.

Robert Morrison made some remarks on the secret work and general objects of the Fraternity.

Scott Bonham offered the following, which was unanimously *adopted* :

*Resolved*, That this Convention tender to Robert Morrison, the Fraternity's founder, its sincere thanks for his presence on this occasion, and assure him that his attendance at future Conventions will be looked forward to as a great pleasure, and express to him its wishes that health, peace, happiness and length of days may be his.

*On motion*, Convention adjourned until 10 A. M., Thursday.

### FOURTH DAY.

#### *Morning Session.*

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, }  
NEW YORK, OCT. 21, 1886. }

CONVENTION was called to order at 10 A. M., by President H. U. Brown.

Roll call showed forty-eight delegates present.

Minutes of third day sessions read and approved.

*Resolved*, That unfinished business be considered until 11 A. M., and that we then go into nominations for General Council in accordance with order for the day.

Committee on Secret Work reported, recommending adoption of ritual as presented. *On motion, laid on table* till next Convention.

Report of Committee on Jeweler read and *adopted as amended*. [Exhibit Z.]

Nominations for General Council being then called, the following were made :



For President : C. P. Bassett and A. A. Stearns.

For Secretary : J. E. Brown and W. J. Snyder.

For Treasurer : S. P. Gilbert and W. R. Manier.

For Historian : E. H. L. Randolph and J. M. Goodwin.

C. B. Tippet then traced the progress of the work by J. E. Brown and G. W. Cone in absorbing  $K \supseteq K$ , and moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee, and report to the General Council for action. Motion *seconded* and *carried*. [Exhibit C.]

Committee on Provinces *moved* that the consideration of their report be taken up immediately after election of officers, at the afternoon session. Motion *seconded* and *carried*.

*On motion*, Convention adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

#### FOURTH DAY.

##### *Afternoon Session.*

CONVENTION called to order at 2.30 p. m., by President H. U. Brown.

Roll call showed forty-three delegates present.

*Resolved*, That election of General Council be taken up at 3 p. m.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances read, and *adopted as amended*. [Exhibit T.]

Election was then proceeded with, delegates voting as roll was called.

For President : First ballot—Bassett 24, Stearns 26, Palmer 2. Second ballot—Bassett 30, Stearns 23, Palmer 1. Bassett elected.

For Secretary : Brown 39, Snyder 8. Brown elected.

For Treasurer : Gilbert 28, Manier 10. Gilbert elected.

For Historian—M. C. Summers placed in nomination by general consent—Randolph 27, Summers 9, Goodwin 8. Randolph elected.

Committee on Extension then reported. Section 1 of report was *adopted*. Section 2 *stricken out*. Section 3 was *adopted*. [Exhibit W.]

Committee on Provinces reported. [Exhibit U.] Convention proceeded to consider report section by section. After discussion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Provinces be left unchanged in boundary.

*On motion*, Convention adjourned until 10 A. M., Friday.

## FIFTH DAY.

*Morning Session.*

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, }  
 NEW YORK, Oct. 22, 1886. }

CONVENTION was called to order at 10 A. M., by President H. U. Brown.

Roll call showed forty-seven delegates present.

Minutes of fourth day sessions read and *approved*.

Report of Committee on Time and Place of Next Convention submitted and *adopted as amended*. [Exhibit V.]

*Resolved*, That we express our sincere thanks for the warm invitation of the Atlanta Phis, and our regret that we were unable to accept.

Committee on Programme for Next Convention reported, and its report was *adopted*. [Exhibit C Z.]

Committee on Claims rendered its report. Claims of General Council, Local Committee and N. C. Beta, were, on recommendation of Committee, *allowed*. Sleeping car fare of California A delegate, in one direction, was *allowed*, on condition that such action be not considered as establishing a precedent. [Exhibit Y.] Convention subscribed \$12.65 to Ohio A.

*On motion*, the General Council was ordered to print the new Constitution of the Fraternity.

Report of Finance Committee received, and *adopted as amended*. [Exhibit B Z.]

*Resolved*, That the Extension Fund be placed in the hands of the General Council, to be used by them as they see fit.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Three be appointed to devise ways and means of entering University of Michigan. Brother J. T. Morrison was appointed, and remaining two members left to appointment of General Council.

Committee on Records presented its report, which was *adopted*. [Exhibit S.]

Convention tax of deceased members of Alabama A was *re-mitted*.

Report of Secretary of General Council submitted and *accepted*. [Exhibit E.]

Report of Historian of General Council submitted and *accepted*. [Exhibit G.]

Committee on Resolutions presented its report, which was *adopted as amended*. [Exhibit E Z.]

*On motion*, Convention adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

## FIFTH DAY.

*Afternoon Session.*

CONVENTION called to order at 2.30 P. M., by President H. U. Brown.

Roll call showed forty-two delegates present.

Business Manager of SCROLL rendered report. Financial part was *referred* to Committee on Finance. Remainder of report was *accepted*, with resolution, that "Convention is gratified with the financial showing." [Exhibit X.]

Treasurer of General Council rendered his official report, which was referred to Committee on Finance. [Exhibit F.]

Committee on Secret Work reported, and report was *approved*.

Treasurer was ordered to loan \$100 to E. H. L. Randolph, on account of Song Book expenses, on presentation of his note.

E. H. L. Randolph was by vote appointed a committee of one to edit the minutes of the Convention, and to furnish with SCROLL to members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  only.

General Council was *ordered* to return bond of C. A. Foster when new Treasurer receipted for all moneys, etc.

Paper in the matter of Rev. David Swing was *ordered* published in the SCROLL.

Committee on Finance reported correctness of reports of Treasurer and Business Manager, and recommended their adoption. Reports were accordingly *adopted*.

The minutes of the closing sessions were read and *approved*.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday, Oct. 10, 1887.

[NOTE.—The Historian's address, delivered before the Convention, as well as a full account of the week's doings, were published in the Nov. SCROLL.

During the Convention, telegrams or notes of congratulation were received from Gov. J. B. Foraker of Ohio, W. B. Palmer, C. V. Vananda, Mo. Alpha, Mo. Alpha Alumni, Penn. Gamma, N. Y. Alpha J. M. Goodwin, Pi Beta Phi, A. E. Price, F. M. Crossett, Editor of *AT Quarterly*, Me Alpha, Morris Case, J. E. Brown, Ohio Alpha and S. J. Flickinger. A number of alumni, who were present, addressed the Convention at different times.

While our founder, Robert Morrison, was in New York, an excellent photograph of him was taken. Copies may be obtained by sending fifty cents (50 cents)—cost price—to E. H. L. Randolph, P. O. Box 1398, New York. Every Chapter should have one, as it is the only good likeness of our founder taken in late years.]

HILTON U. BROWN, *President*.

CARROLL PH. BASSETT, *Secretary*.

## EXHIBIT A.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting*

Your Committee on Credentials present the following list of official delegates present at the Convention :

Maine Alpha, Colby University, W. Bradbury, '87, Melrose, Mass.  
New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth College, A. C. Willey, '87,  
Wakefield, N. H.

Vermont Alpha, University of Vermont, E. C. Morgan, '87,  
Chaleargay, N. Y.

Massachusetts Alpha, Williams College, C. H. Clarke, '87, Rich-  
mond, Me.

New York Alpha, Cornell University, De V. L. Bennett, '87,  
Ithaca, N. Y.

New York Beta, Union University, C. A. Marvin, '87, Elizabeth-  
town, N. Y.

New York Gamma, College of the City of New York, F. A.  
Winslow, '87, New York, N. Y.

New York Delta, Columbia College, E. P. Callender, '87, New  
York, N. Y.

Pennsylvania Alpha, Lafayette College, H. L. Moore, '88, Water-  
ford, Pa.

Pennsylvania Beta, Pennsylvania College, W. K. Diehl, '87,  
Shrewsbury, Pa.

Pennsylvania Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College, D. M.  
Skilling, '88, Washington, Pa.

Pennsylvania Delta, Alleghany College, F. M. Kerr, '88, Mead-  
ville, Pa.

Pennsylvania Epsilon, Dickinson College, T. M. Culver, '87,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Virginia Alpha, Roanoke College, D. B. Myers, '87, Sheaps-  
burg, Ind.

Virginia Beta, University of Virginia, J. J. Stewart, '87, Abing-  
don, Va.

Virginia Gamma, Randolph-Macon College, R. L. Powers, '84,  
Richmond, Va.

Virginia Delta, Richmond College, C. B. Tippet, '89, Louisville,  
Ky.

North Carolina Beta, University of North Carolina, W. H. Mc-  
Donald, '87, Raleigh, N. C.

South Carolina Beta, South Carolina College, M. L. Copeland,  
'84, Clinton, S. C.

- Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia, J. J. Gilbert, '86, Atlanta, Ga.
- Georgia Beta, Emory College, E. P. Burns, '85, Columbus, Ga.
- Georgia Gamma, Mercer University, L. M. Nunnally, '86, Eufoia, Ala.
- Alabama Alpha, University of Alabama, W. W. Quarles, '87, Selma, Ala.
- Alabama Beta, State College of Alabama, L. W. Wilkinson, '85, Auburn, Ala.
- Tennessee Alpha, Vanderbilt University, Claude Waller, '84, Morganfield, Ky.
- Tennessee Beta, University of the South, H. R. Bohn, '88, New Orleans, La.
- Mississippi Alpha, University of Mississippi, C. F. Smith, '87, Oxford, Miss.
- Ohio Alpha, Miami University, W. J. Rusk, '89, Oxford, O.
- Ohio Beta, Ohio Wesleyan University, W. E. O'Kane, '87, Delaware, O.
- Ohio Gamma, Ohio University, W. E. Bundy, '86, Wellston, O.
- Ohio Delta, University of Wooster, C. K. Carpenter, '87, Wooster, O.
- Ohio Epsilon, Buchtel College, C. Jones, '87, Jeffersonville, O.
- Ohio Zeta, Ohio State University, C. A. Winter, '88, Portsmouth, O.
- Kentucky Alpha, Centre College, R. S. Dawson, '87, Harrodsburg, Ky.
- Kentucky Delta, Central University, J. T. Wade, '87, Campbellville, Ky.
- Indiana Alpha, Indiana University, J. W. Fesler, '87, Bloomington, Ind.
- Indiana Beta, Wabash College, J. T. Tillett, '88, Pevia, Ind.
- Indiana Gamma, Butler University, F. R. Kautz, '87, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Indiana Delta, Franklin College, G. Johnson, '86, Greenwood, Ind.
- Indiana Epsilon, Hanover College, T. G. Brashear, '87, Petersburg, Ind.
- Indiana Zeta, De Pauw University, W. J. Snyder, '87, Catasauqua, Pa.
- Michigan Beta, State College of Michigan, E. R. Lake, '85, Lansing, Mich.
- Michigan Gamma, Hillsdale College, W. H. P. Smith, '87, Ariel, Mich.
- Illinois Delta, Knox College, J. H. Hopkins, '87, Dekalb, Ills.
- Illinois Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan University, W. L. Miller, '87, Bloomington, Ills.
- Illinois Zeta, Lombard University, J. R. Carpenter, '87, Coe Ridge, O.

- Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, J. G. Bennett, '84,  
Madison, Wis.  
Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, R. L. Moffatt, '89,  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Iowa Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University, E. H. Scott, '89, Rome, Ia.  
Iowa Beta, State University of Iowa, F. F. Aby, '88, Galva, Ills.  
Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, H. W. Clark, '87, Salem,  
Mo.  
Missouri Beta, Westminster College, S. E. Young, '86, High Point,  
Mo.  
Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas, T. J. Shall, '89, Lawrence,  
Kan.  
Nebraska Alpha, University of Nebraska, A. E. Anderson, '88,  
Lincoln, Neb.  
California Alpha, University of California, W. O. Morgan, '87,  
Oakland, Cal.

## ALUMNI CHAPTER DELEGATES.

- New York Alpha Alumni, New York, N. Y., Paul Jones, Tenn,  
A, '79.  
Virginia Alpha Alumni, Richmond, Va., R. L. Powers, Va. B, '84.  
Ohio Alpha Alumni, Cincinnati, O., Scott Bonham, O. B, '82.  
Ohio Beta Alumni, Akron, Ohio, A. A. Stearns, O. F, '79, (1).  
Kentucky Alpha Alumni, Louisville, Ky., J. T. Morrison, O. A,  
'87, (2).  
Indiana Beta Alumni, Indianapolis, Ind., H. U. Brown, Ind. F,  
'80, (3).

1. Historian of the General Council.
2. President of Delta Province.
3. President of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. NUNNALLY, *Chairman.*

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EXHIBIT B.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITING MEMBERS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

Your Committee on Visiting Members presents the following  
list of visiting members at the convention :

- Maine Alpha, Rufus Moulton, '84, Boston, Mass.  
Vermont Alpha, A. H. Wheeler, '83, New York, N. Y.  
Vermont Alpha, W. L. Stiles, '84, Montreal, Que., Can.  
Vermont Alpha, W. N. Baker, '86, New York, N. Y.  
Vermont Alpha, S. H. Bishop, '86, New York, N. Y.  
Massachusetts Alpha, W. S. Ferris, '85, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Massachusetts Alpha, S. Abbott, '87, Wakefield, Mass.  
 Massachusetts Alpha, H. J. Wells, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 New York Alpha, D. R. Horton, '75, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Alpha, S. W. Stephens, '88, Ithaca, N. Y.  
 New York Beta, H. D. Griswold, '85, Dryden, N. Y.  
 New York Beta, F. F. Blessing, '86, Slingerlands, N. Y.  
 New York Beta, E. S. Harris, '86, Schuylerville, N. Y.  
 New York Beta, F. W. Skinner, '86, Roundville, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, F. G. Mason, '84, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, F. M. Devoe, Jr., '85, Greenpoint, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, E. H. L. Randolph, '85, New York, N. Y. (1.)  
 New York Gamma, G. W. Hubbel, '86, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, C. A. Downer, '86, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, Albert Sheils, '86, New York, N. Y. (2.)  
 New York Gamma, W. D. Utley, '87, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, Mason Carnes, '88, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, T. H. Knox, '88, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, S. W. Dunscomb, Jr., '88, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, John Campbell, '88, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, J. W. Naramore, '88, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 New York Gamma, E. F. Palmer, '88, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, G. S. Potter, Jr., '88, Wareham, Mass.  
 New York Gamma, B. S. Orcutt, '88, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Gamma, F. I. Brown, '88, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Delta, T. H. Baskerville, '86, New York, N. Y. (3.)  
 New York Delta, J. M. Mayer, '86, New York, N. Y. (4.)  
 New York Delta, G. L. Baker, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 New York Delta, J. D. Berry, '87, Newman, Ga.  
 New York Delta, J. B. Kerfoot, '87, Chicago, Ill.  
 New York Delta, L. Wampold, Jr., '87, Chicago, Ill. (5.)  
 New York Delta, G. D. Scriba, '87, New York, N. Y.  
 New York Delta, W. H. Erbe, '89, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, C. W. Bixby, '76, Wilkesbarre, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, G. W. Plack, '79, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, J. T. Baker, '82, Easton, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, C. P. Bassett, '83, Newark, N. J. (6.)  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, A. A. Bird, '84, Pittsfield, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, J. B. Shaw, '85, New York, N. Y.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, O. M. Richards, '87, S. Easton, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, S. M. Neff, '88, Dover, N. J.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, W. M. Sterrett, '88, Reedville, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Alpha, W. H. Waygood, '88, Albany, N. H.  
 Pennsylvania Gamma, J. C. McClenathan, '78, Connellsville, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Gamma, Wm. Wallace, '82, New York, N. Y.  
 Pennsylvania Gamma, D. B. Fitzgerald, '84, Princeton, N. J.  
 Pennsylvania Gamma, A. J. Montgomery, Jr., '86, Washington, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Delta, M. M. Johnson, '87, Meadville, Pa.

Pennsylvania Epsilon, A. W. Weaver, '83, Esopus, N. Y.  
 Pennsylvania Epsilon, T. M. B. Hicks, '86, Huntingdon, Pa.  
 Pennsylvania Epsilon, R. E. Wilson, '86, Woodberry, Md.  
 \*Pennsylvania Epsilon, E. H. Garrison, '89, Carlisle, Pa.  
 Georgia Alpha, A. C. Blain, '84, New York, N. Y.  
 Kentucky Alpha, C. E. Kincaid, '78, Washington, D. C.  
 Kentucky Alpha, W. R. Worrall, '79, New York, N. Y. (7.)  
 Tennessee Alpha, J. E. Walker, '83, New York, N. Y.  
 Ohio Alpha, J. M. Worrall, '48, New York, N. Y. (8.)  
 Ohio Alpha, Robert Morrison, '49, Aurora Springs, Mo. (9.)  
 Ohio Beta, W. P. Fulton, '84, Princeton, N. J.  
 Ohio Beta, E. S. Barkdull, '87, Toledo, O.  
 Ohio Zeta, H. D. Cretcher, '88, Degraff, O.  
 Michigan Alpha, H. C. Snitcher, '69, Wilmington, Del.  
 Michigan Beta, T. A. Stanley, '86, New Britain, Conn.  
 Indiana Beta, W. H. Scofield, '85, Somonauk, Ill.  
 Indiana Delta, J. K. Howard, '64, Livonia, Ind.  
 Indiana Epsilon, W. T. Morrison, '86, Princeton, N. J.  
 Indiana Zeta, R. T. Savin, '87, New York, N. Y.  
 Wisconsin Alpha, P. C. Slaughter, '59, New York, N. Y.  
 Wisconsin Alpha, C. A. Foster, '81, Trenton, Mo. (10.)  
 Wisconsin Alpha, J. W. Blakey, '84, Shullsburg, Wis.

\* Deceased.

- (1). Business Manager of the SCROLL.
- (2). Assistant Business Manager of the SCROLL.
- (3). Assistant Editor of the SCROLL.
- (4). Editor of the SCROLL.
- (5). Assistant Editor of the SCROLL.
- (6). Secretary of the General Council.
- (7). President of Alpha Province.
- (8). Delivered Address of Welcome.
- (9). Founder.
- (10). Treasurer of the General Council.

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## EXHIBIT C.

### STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

#### CREDENTIALS.

L. M. NUNNALLY, Ga. *I*, *Chairman*.

C. A. Marvin, N. Y. <i>B</i> ,	C. Jones, O. <i>E</i> ,
G. Johnson, Ind. <i>A</i> ,	C. A. Foster, T. G. C. ( <i>ex-officio</i> .)

#### VISITING MEMBERS.

A. C. WILLEY, N. H. *A*, *Chairman*.

M. L. Copeland, S. C. <i>B</i> ,	E. R. Lake, Mich., <i>B</i> ,
R. S. Dawson, Ky. <i>A</i> ,	J. R. Carpenter, Ill. <i>Z</i> .



## RULES AND ORDER.

J. T. MORRISON, Ky. *A* Alum., *Chairman*.

F. A. Winslow, N. Y. *I*,                      T. J. Shall, Kan. *A*,  
W. H. McDonald, N. C. *B*,                  J. T. Bennett, Wis. *A*.

## RESOLUTIONS.

L. W. WILKINSON, Ala. *B*, *Chairman*.

C. K. Carpenter, O. *A*,                      H. W. Clark, Mo. *A*,  
D. M. Skilling, Pa. *I*,                        E. C. Morgan, Vt. *A*.

## EXTENSION.

H. L. MOORE, Pa. *A*, *Chairman*.

R. L. Moffatt, Minn. *A*,                      C. H. Clarke, Mass. *A*,  
J. T. Wade, Ky. *A*,                         J. J. Gilbert, Ga. *A*.

## SCROLL.

J. W. FESLER, Ind. *A*, *Chairman*.

P. Jones, N. Y. *A* Alumni,                  E. P. Burns, Ga. *B*,  
A. E. Anderson, Neb. *A*,                      S. Bonham, O. *A* Alumni.

## PROVINCES.

W. L. MILLER, Ill. *E*, *Chairman*.

W. Bradbury, Me. *A*,                        W. H. P. Smith, Mich. *I*,  
W. E. O'Kane, O. *B*.

## SECRET WORK.

W. J. SNYDER, Ind. *Z*, *Chairman*.

C. A. Winter, O. *Z*,                            J. H. Hopkins, Ill. *A*,  
D. B. Myers, Va. *A*,                         D. L. Bennett, N. Y. *A*,  
E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. *I*.

## APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

W. E. O'KANE, O. *B*, *Chairman*.

W. W. Quarles, Ala. *A*,                      C. B. Tippet, Va. *A*,  
E. P. Callender, N. Y. *A*,                      H. W. Clark, Mo. *A*.

## CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS.

CLAUDE WALLER, Tenn. *A*, *Chairman*.

W. K. Diehl, Pa. *B*,                            J. T. Tillet, Ind. *B*,  
W. J. Rusk, O. *A*,                              C. A. Marvin, N. Y. *B*.

## NEXT CONVENTION.

R. S. DAWSON, Ky. *A*, *Chairman*.

J. J. Gilbert, Ga. *A*,                            E. H. Scott, Ia. *A*,  
J. H. Hopkins, Ill. *A*,                         F. M. Kerr, Pa. *A*.

## PROGRAMME FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

W. H. McDONALD, N. C. *B*, *Chairman*.

W. J. Snyder, Ind. <i>Z</i> ,	W. K. Diehl, Pa. <i>B</i> ,
W. O. Morgan, Cal. <i>A</i> ,	E. C. Morgan, Vt. <i>A</i> .

## FINANCES.

W. O. MORGAN, Cal. *A*, *Chairman*.

C. K. Carpenter, O. <i>A</i> ,	T. G. Brashear, Ind. <i>E</i> ,
C. F. Smith, Miss. <i>A</i> ,	J. R. Carpenter, Ill. <i>Z</i> .

## OFFICIAL JEWELER.

F. R. KAUTZ, Ind. *I*, *Chairman*.

S. Bonham, O. <i>A</i> Alum.,	H. R. Bohn, Tenn. <i>B</i> .
D. L. Bennett, N. Y. <i>A</i> ,	A. E. Anderson, Neb. <i>A</i> .

## PERMANENT FRATERNITY HOUSE.

D. B. MYERS, Va. *A*, *Chairman*.

C. Jones, O. <i>E</i> ,	G. Johnson, Ind. <i>A</i> ,
	T. M. Culver, Pa. <i>E</i> .

## CLAIMS AND AUDITING.

R. L. MOFFATT, Minn. *A*, *Chairman*.

E. R. Lake, Mich. <i>B</i> ,	E. P. Burns, Ga. <i>B</i> ,
W. J. Rusk, O. <i>A</i> ,	C. H. Clarke, Mass. <i>A</i> .

## CATALOGUE.

T. J. SHALL, Kan. *A*, *Chairman*.

H. L. Moore, Pa. <i>A</i> ,	C. A. Winter, O. <i>Z</i> ,
C. Waller, Tenn. <i>A</i> ,	J. T. Morrison, Ky. <i>A</i> Alum.

## RECORDS.

C. A. MARVIN, N. Y. *B*, *Chairman*.

A. A. Stearns, O. <i>B</i> Alumni,	W. W. Quarles, Ala. <i>A</i> ,
E. H. Scott, Ia. <i>A</i> ,	C. B. Tippet, Va. <i>A</i> .

## PRESS.

E. F. PALMER, N. Y. *I*, *Chairman*.

W. E. Bundy, O. <i>I</i> ,	C. B. Tippet, Va. <i>A</i> ,
T. G. Brashear, Ind. <i>E</i> ,	J. B. Kerfoot, N. Y. <i>A</i> ,
	E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. <i>I</i> .

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON AND LEE AND VA. MIL. INST.

C. B. TIPPETT, Va. *A*, *Chairman*.

R. L. Powers, Va. <i>I</i> ,	H. L. Moore, Pa. <i>A</i> .
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## EXHIBIT D.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting:*

It is my pleasure for the fifth consecutive time to look upon the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta. When we met at Wooster, in 1878, we rejoiced in our strength. Then about thirty chapters were on our roll; to-day fifty-eight of the most reputable of American colleges are represented here in the persons of one or more each of their chosen students. A convention in New York has now, for the first time in the history of the order, become possible. The colors of the old New York Alpha at Cornell went down—but not in dishonor—before they were fairly unfurled, and it was seven years before another successful attempt was made to re-enter that Hellas of the College Greeks, the extreme East. Even after the Vermont Alpha was chartered in 1879, it was four years before we gave her a sister; but the Green Mountain Phi is lonely no more. From his perch over Lake Champlain he can almost see the flag flying again at New York Alpha, restored never, we trust, to droop again. Nor are Union, College of the City of New York, Colby, Columbia, Dartmouth and Williams strangers longer to the white and blue.

It is not characteristic of the bold and strong to boast. But the mariner who has outlived the roar and ruin of many tempests may well tell of the perils of the deep, and how, in the providence of God, he has survived them. We have in times passed gone through dark and stormy waters. Of fifteen chapters the civil war left us but five, and three of these were in Indiana. But it was not death; it was sleep. Since the awakening, the Fraternity's growth has been amazing and unparalleled. We are fairly entitled to look upon it with pride. Since the majority of the present council came into office more chapters have been established than during the entire history of the Fraternity prior to the war. Better than that, the eighteen new chapters are all thriving and each is located in an institution of commendable standing.

You are to-day the largest representative body of Phi Delta Thetas that ever assembled. You constitute the supreme authority of an order that has a right to call itself national. With each succeeding convention, the responsibilities entrusted to the delegates are enlarged. The delegates who attended the first convention in Cincinnati, more than thirty years ago, legislated for three chapters, and for an uncertain future; you must conserve the interests of fifty-eight chapters, with their wide round of obligations and material affairs; nor must you lose sight of the mighty future once believed in, now assured. It is a time that calls for broad-minded deliberation and eternal vigilance.

The constitution makes it my duty to give an account to the Convention of the work performed by the General Council. Much of it has become known to all of you. By authority vested in the General Council, charters have been granted since the last Convention to applicants in the following institutions: University of North Carolina, Central University, Williams College, Southwestern University, University of California, Cornell University and Miami University. Alumni chapters have been planted at New York City, Kansas City, San Francisco and Minneapolis. The active chapters of the Kappa Sigma Kappa Fraternity at Richmond College and at Randolph-Macon have been absorbed, and have become parts of the Virginia *L* and *I* of Phi Delta Theta. This successful piece of work has been accomplished by brothers J. Ed. Brown, George William Cone, President of Beta Province, and their co-laborers. By it the only weak spot in the order has been strengthened, and I would suggest that absorption and consolidation may afford the most practicable method of further extension in certain directions. A material advantage was reaped in Texas by gathering in a chapter of the disintegrated "Rainbows." It will be remembered that Kentucky Military Institute, after protracted efforts, failed to obtain a charter from the General Council, and later, on appeal, from the Nashville Convention. Events have ratified the Fraternity's refusal in this case. The Phi who was K. M. I.'s strongest supporter has, since the Nashville Convention, written me that the Fraternity had done best in denying the petitioners. Charters have been refused the following institutions: Washington University, St. Louis; William Jewell College, Missouri; Davidson College, North Carolina (second time); Coe University; Doane University, Iowa; Albion, Michigan; Iowa Agricultural College; Dennison (third time); South Carolina Military Institute, and perhaps others. The University of the Pacific, San José, Cal., is a petitioner before you, and papers containing much evidence will be duly presented. The General Council has been deterred from acting, largely because the California Alpha has not encouraged the enterprise. The case warrants a careful and impartial hearing. The Iowa State Agricultural College will appeal from the adverse decision of the General Council, and facts will be presented that deserve review. The chapter at Monmouth, Illinois *I*, is dead or in a trance, owing to adverse Fraternity laws, and the charter should be withdrawn. The Virginia *E*, at V. M. I., has long been in a dying condition, and it would be cruelty to longer withhold the stroke that would end so miserable an existence. The other chapters of the Fraternity are, I believe, in good order, with such variation of condition as might naturally be expected among so long a list.

I do not hesitate to say that if the Convention finds demoraliza-

tion or prostration or indifference to exist in any given chapter after proper and repeated efforts at reinvigoration have been made, there should be applied heroic remedies. An inquiry into the standing of the institutions in which some of the chapters of indifferent strength are located might be advisable.

The matter of further extension should engage your earnest attention. There should be no stagnation, but every step should be conservatively taken. It is a fundamental factor of our growth that the Phi Delta Theta is national in purpose. We make no pretensions to exclusiveness, but we are and ought to be select. We believe that true American manhood is indigenous to every State, and we recognize no patent right to nobility in any quarter. There is no aristocracy or monopoly of learning in this land or in any college, and this order of ours, by pinning its faith to the State institutions and to the best equipped of the denominational schools, whether found East or West, North or South, has staked its reputation on the nationality of American culture. We believe in all sections of this republic and in each other. A Phi in Boston is a Phi in Charleston.

But while the policy of the order is "broad gauge," it should not be without "ballast." The Normal School, the academy or the private school is not the place for Phi Delta Theta. The great work before the Fraternity is internal improvement. But there are perhaps fields yet available for extension. It is with some mortification that the present General Council has seen one effort after another to re-enter Michigan University fail utterly. I trust that you will see to it that some adequate steps are taken to recover and hold forever this important ground. It would be desirable also for you to place a chapter at Northwestern University, Evanston. In the East great possibilities lie before you—Amherst, Hamilton, Harvard, Tufts, Brown, Lehigh, Bowdoin and others. In this work of extension I commend you to the competent advice of the brethren of Alpha Province, merely suggesting that Amherst, Hamilton and Harvard seem to have proven futile ground for Grecian growth.

In my judgment the time has now come when Phi Delta Theta should take a stand against the spoils system in college politics. "Combinations" are defensible and sometimes necessary, but, speaking generally, victory that comes through numbers has nothing to do with merit. "If you are wise," Emerson says, "you will dread a prosperity which only covers you with gore. Persons and events may stand for a time between you and justice, but it is only a postponement." The life-work of a Fraternity is not only self-perpetuation; it is self-improvement and the betterment of society. It is time to turn our attention within and yet not close both eyes to the without. Friendly and brotherly criticism within the sacred privacy of the chapter retreat will return

more benefits than endless wrangling for the offices that may be within your grasp. Respectfully submitted,

HILTON ULTIMUS BROWN, P. G. C.

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### EXHIBIT E.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting.*

It is a pleasurable duty to record, as Secretary of the outgoing General Council, the harmonious and effective work of the two years now brought to a close. When we were entrusted at Nashville with the interests of the Fraternity, there seemed aspiration enough in an endeavor to hold the honors which were so well won, in our extensions, mainly in the East. We had then upon our roll a larger number of active chapters than had any of our rivals, and we felt that much of our effort must be directed toward preserving and strengthening the position of prominence to which our rapid growth had raised us, rather than in making new efforts at extension.

But the wave of extension once fairly started and recognized swept on, gathering added power in its progress. The unfurling of our colors by able supporters in six of the conservative and standard institutions of the East within one year, was a signal and a surety that from that date no college door at which we should knock would long resist our entrance. In this fact lay a danger. Followers flock beneath a victorious standard. The records of the General Council for the past two years amply prove that many have recognized in our order a Fraternity toward which, in their aspiring moments, they might look with longings for membership. And the same records show that a discriminating and dignified regard for the qualities which should be found in chapters of a National Fraternity, has vetoed numerous applications for charters. The fact that twelve applications for charters have been absolutely refused by the General Council since the meeting of the last Convention is abundant proof of the increasing strength of our position.

The advances which we have made in the same time have been radical and important. Four strong alumni chapters have been planted in large cities East and West. Seven active chapters, with upwards of sixty charter members, in select institutions, have been added to our roll. The character of many of our older chapters has been improved, notably in Virginia, by the absorption of the *K Σ K* chapters. Our position is firmer and our outlook brighter than ever before.

It may be well at this time to refer to a slightly different phase of our growth. One of the most profitable operations in certain

classes of production is known as pruning. The "shoots," "suckers" and "dead wood" must be cut away, that the more favored branches may have the better opportunity.

There are those among our number who are disposed to practice this phase of development on our body corporate, and it must be said in its favor that the practice is highly beneficial in the department of science where it has received most ample demonstration. The process should be introduced and given proper prominence in our proceedings.

The constitution provides that the S. G. C. shall make a full written report to the National Convention, showing, as nearly as possible, the condition of each chapter at the time of the report, but as this work is now efficiently done in the reports of the various Province Presidents, "my occupation's gone," and I commend to you a very careful consideration of these records of our internal policy and development.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROL PH. BASSETT, S. G. C.

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## EXHIBIT F.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting*

It is with pleasure that I present to you my report as Treasurer of the General Council. I am able to leave the post of duty, which I have held for four years, to my successor, in good shape. I thank you all most heartily for the confidence that has been placed in me in the past, and I assure you that the time I have associated with you in my official capacity has been attended with most pleasant and fraternal feelings for you all. The support I have received from the chapters has been magnanimous certainly, and to them is due the credit of our present prosperity. Thanking you for the favors so liberally bestowed upon me, I hereby submit my report.

CHAS. A. FOSTER.

### Summary from cash book :

#### GENERAL FUND.

	Dr.
To cash, reported at last convention.....	\$ 565.50
" Convention tax, '86.....	2,915.00
" Initiation fees, and SCROLL .....	84.60
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	\$3,565.10

		Cr.
By cash, expenses N. Y. Convention.....	\$2,366.57	
"    Paid for claims, SCROLL, medical service, attorney fees, cuts of foun- ders, seal, printing, incidentals, etc..	794.66	
By cash—Balance on hand.....	403.87	
	<hr/>	\$3,565.10

## EXTENSION FUND.

		Dr.
To cash, to date.....	\$307.25	
		Cr.
By cash—Expenses at Kentucky Gamma....	\$ 24.10	
"    "    N. Y. Alpha.....	39.90	
"    Balance on hand.....	243.25	
	<hr/>	\$307.25

## CATALOGUE FUND.

		Dr.
To cash—Balance at last Convention.....	\$72.88	
"    Rec'd from sale of books since.....	19.75	
	<hr/>	\$92.63
		Cr.
By cash—Balance on hand.....	\$92.63	

## TOTAL RESOURCES OF FRATERNITY.

Cash balance in General Fund .....	\$403.87
"    "    Extension Fund.....	243.25
"    "    Catalogue Fund .....	92.63
Note against E. M. Wilson.....	20.00
Judgment note against C. D. Whitehead .....	824.00
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Total .....	\$1,583.75

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

## ADJUNCT REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the above report and find it to be correct.  
Respectfully submitted,  
W. O. MORGAN, *Chairman*.

## EXHIBIT G.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

I have the honor to submit the following report as Historian  
of the General Council for the term ending October 22, 1886 :



The last general Convention instructed the Historian of the General Council, in accordance with plans submitted by him, to prepare suitable books and blanks to carry out the provisions of the constitution relating to this office. The office of Historian is the only bureau of statistics provided for in our constitution, and previous to the Convention of 1884, the duties of both historian and chapters in reference to this had not been so distinctly defined, that any practical results had proceeded therefrom.

The Convention of 1884 authorized the publication of chapter books of record and forms for annual reports. The latter have been in use since that date, but the former were not printed, partly owing to a lack of funds and in part because it was determined to try the experiment of the reporting system without the use of the books of record, and I am prepared now to recommend that the publication of the books of record be indefinitely postponed, and to report that the results of the system of annual reports, as adopted, has been in every way satisfactory.

For the year ending April 1, 1885, reports were received from all the chapters but one, and statistics compiled from the same were published in *SCROLL* for June of that year. In 1886 we still lacked one report of having complete returns from all chapters—statistics compiled from the same being published in *SCROLL* for October, 1886. For the most part chapters were prompt in responding with their reports. Blanks were sent to chapters this year on the 20th of March, and fifty out of over fifty-seven chapters returned the same, properly filled out, during the month of April, and all were in by the 15th of May, except Virginia Alpha, which is not in yet.

A perusal of statistics published in October *SCROLL* gives us a view of the healthy growth in our order that ought to be encouraging. They bring into prominence also a few weak points that ought to receive the attention of the Fraternity. One of the most noticeable things is the large number who retire from the chapter before graduation.

In the year ending April 1, 1885, 277 members retired, and only 127 of these took degrees.

In the year ending April 1, 1886, 319 retired, of which 160 took degrees.

A college Fraternity ought to be an association of college students and college graduates. When Greek meets Greek, each should expect to find in the other a college-trained man, and not feel that more than fifty per cent. of Fraternity men leave college before graduation. Phi Delta Theta owes it to itself to correct this tendency. In my judgment nothing should be more carefully inquired into in choosing men to recruit a chapter than the fact as to whether he intends to complete his course in college. The reports show that 80 % of those who leave the chapters for

other causes than graduation, come from the Freshman and Sophomore classes, thus making a large floating membership with limited collegiate training.

The Nashville Convention authorized W. B. Palmer to collect and secure in some durable form the portraits of the revered founders of our Fraternity. The present G. C. authorized the H. G. C. to complete the work already commenced by him, and the portraits were accordingly published last year. The object was to secure to the Fraternity, beyond the possibility of destruction, the likeness of those whose great work of forty years ago furnished so substantial a foundation for the structure which shelters us. The Fraternity is now the owner of one thousand copies of small prints, that will be published in the SCROLL of this year, and about one thousand copies of larger prints, suitable for framing. About twenty-five chapters have already secured these for their chapter halls, and it is hoped that the chapters will all avail themselves of this opportunity.

The publication of a song book since the last convention has added one more permanent record of Phi Delta Theta genius and enterprise. The hearty and generous co-operation of chapters and members in all the work in which assistance has been asked has been most encouraging to the General Council.

I wish to record my personal obligations to a loyal constituency, whose many courtesies have made my official duties a continuous pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. STEARNS, H. G. C.

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## EXHIBIT H.

### REPORT OF ALPHA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting*

During the month of November, 1885, the General Council tendered me the office of President of Alpha Province, made vacant by the resignation of George E. Sawyer.

After very careful consideration of the matter, recognizing the honor done me, and with a thorough knowledge of my inability to fill the office thoroughly, I concluded my plain duty was to accept and do what I could to advance grand old  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ 's cause in the East, and especially feeling that the Province would suffer without a president, even a poor one.

In December, 1886, there were in the Province twelve (12) chartered attendant and one (1) alumni chapters. All of these were turned over to my care in excellent condition except one, which was in that unhappiest of all states, for a college chapter, *dormant*. Let me here return my most heartfelt thanks to my

brethren of the Province for their warm welcome, earnest self-sacrificing assistance and noble spirit of true brotherhood. With such a band of men to fill the breaches made by my oversights, how could the work fail? And allow me to say also that we have much to be thankful for to those four Phis who sit around our council board. They aided us, and backed up our efforts in many ways, and never have they refused a righteous request. I have to thank them for their many and repeated personal kindnesses.

My first thought on assuming the office, and it was prompted, I may say without erring, by one of my predecessors, now a member of the General Council, was that to bind together and instruct more thoroughly and to become acquainted with all parts of our large province, a Province Convention was necessary. It was judged best after consideration and consultation to hold a convention, the first of Alpha's own, in this city, on February 12th and 13th, 1886. The call was issued, and of its success you all have heard. The benefits of that convention are apparent here to-day. It prompted the invitation to this larger convention to come and meet with us.

Only one week before the Province Convention I was the instrument for gathering in two noble ornaments, as well as useful members to our circle: Massachusetts Alpha at Williams College and New York Alpha at Cornell University.

It was with unusual pleasure that this latter, our second Eastern Chapter in age, was placed among us once more. Representatives of both these chapters are with us to-day, and they will tell you of their struggles and present position.

In March, L. M. Prince, formerly of Illinois Epsilon, commenced to awaken our Pennsylvania Zeta, which, after much work, he successfully accomplished, and with her name again on our roll Alpha Province stands now with a solid phalanx of fourteen (14) attendant and one Alumni Chapters.

In the work of organizing Massachusetts Alpha and reorganizing New York Alpha, I must acknowledge our great indebtedness to A. A. Stearns, C. P. Bassett, H. R. Platt, F. L. Wells, W. S. Ferris, E. S. C. Harris, J. M. Skinner and D. R. Horton. They laid the groundwork and the greater part of the superstructure. D. R. Horton alone arranged for the reopening of New York Alpha. During my term of office I have visited the following chapters: Massachusetts Alpha, and New York Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta, and it was with regret that I could not, under stress of circumstances, visit all in the Province. In returning my charge, let me ask, in the name of my Province, that a man of great discretion and ability be put in Alpha's presidency. The next two years will require not only sound unswerving fidelity to the cause, but a knowledge of men and affairs that

will foresee and keep clear of breakers. It will not do to allow our strength to lead us into false security. Cling close, my brethren, to the teachings of the bond. Love  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  for her principles, and instruct our new men thoroughly. With such a course followed out conscientiously we will soon be the strongest Fraternity in the East, as we are now in the South and West.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RAYMOND WORRALL.

## EXHIBIT I.

### REPORT OF BETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

I hereby respectfully submit my report as President of Beta Province, with the assurance that my interest in the prosperity of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will not in any measure abate on account of my withdrawal from the official position I now hold.

At your request I assumed the office a year ago at a personal sacrifice, with the hope that by a strenuous effort I might bring into line the broken column of our Virginia chapters. By the absorption of the chapters of  $K \Sigma K$  at Richmond and Randolph-Macon Colleges the desired end has been attained, and I shall have the pleasure of presenting to my successor a Province consisting of six thriving chapters, four in Virginia and one in each of the Carolinas.

Our chapter at Virginia Military Institute of course cannot be revived until the college law against fraternities is withdrawn. In Virginia, then, there is but one College (Washington and Lee) which should claim our attention, and at that point I would advise planting a chapter as early as possible. Wake Forest College in North Carolina is making rapid strides, and will sooner or later be a desirable field for fraternity work.

Accept my heart-felt thanks for your hearty coöperation and encouragement in the movement which resulted in re-establishing chapters at two of the best of our Virginia colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WM. CONE.

## EXHIBIT K.

### REPORT OF GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

The report of the Historian of the General Council renders anything like a detailed report from me unnecessary. From that

report it may be readily seen that Gamma leads all other Provinces in every particular save in number of chapters.

As regards finances I have no means of comparison. If any one of my chapters is delinquent, the cause cannot be laid at my door, for that has been the theme of every one of my exhortations. I hope, however, to have a clean score financially. The delegates from this Province will all appear, with possibly one exception ; I hope without exception.

A petition to charter a chapter at Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., will no doubt be presented to the Convention. I have promised to take no active interest against the movement, so I shall be content to ask that the matter be thoroughly examined before acted upon. It is a sectarian institution, and, as I understand, depends for endowment upon the Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church, and is accustomed to fluctuate accordingly. The delegates from Gamma Province, I presume, will be informed in regard thereto.

I extend to the Fraternity, in the name of Gamma Province, and of Georgia more particularly, an urgent invitation to meet in the capital city of Georgia, Atlanta, in 1888.

The advantages of Atlanta for such a gathering are more numerous than my time here will permit me to detail. It is a place of no small historic interest. Where that magnificent city now stands the armies of a divided country met in a bloody conflict, and the city was laid in ashes by the victorious arms. To-day, more beautiful than of yore, it extends a brother's hand to the men of the North, East and West to meet her ; and here, in the heart of the South, engage in a labor of love, and partake of the hospitality of your Southern brothers, held out to you in fraternal love.

If we cannot offer you the splendor of the East, we can meet you with glad hearts, a hearty welcome, and warm hospitality. Atlanta offers in the new H. I. Kimball House the finest and most complete hotel south of Chicago. Our new State capitol will be complete in 1888, and there are brothers in our legislature who will see that we are among the first who deliberate within its walls. Atlanta is a center of railroads, and can be easily reached from any point of the compass. In all it is as cheaply reached by the Fraternity as any city in the United States. I hope the delegates in their wisdom and justice will see fit to adopt Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. GILBERT.

#### EXHIBIT L.

##### REPORT OF DELTA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting:*

When, in May, 1886, I received the appointment to the pres-

idency of Delta Province, vice J. E. Randall, resigned, the Province Convention was due. To say that I was not a little embarrassed to find myself thus unexpectedly called upon to assume the duties of the office and "work up a Convention," within the short space of a week, would be a misrepresentation of my feelings. The position was particularly embarrassing, as what had already been done by the former President and other officers of the Province was vague and indefinitely known to me—the chapter to which I belong having received no communication as to the Convention; its catalogued date and place of holding only being known.

Upon inquiry, W. E. O'Kane, of Ohio Beta, to whom great praise is due for his untiring energy and active work in preparing the Province for Convention, gave me the "lay of the ground" and a knowledge of the active forces at work. The members of this honorable body have seen in the *MAY SCROLL* a partial report of our meeting at Delaware, on May 13th and 14th, 1886. Then and there it was that I met squarely with the general excellence and high standing of Phi Delta Theta, as represented by delegates from various chapters in Delta Province. It is my candid opinion that no other Greek-letter Fraternity, represented in Ohio and Kentucky, can compare with us in general standing. In April, 1886, out of 327 active Fraternity men, representing seven different Fraternities at the seven different colleges and universities in Delta Province, at which Phi Delta Theta meets with rivals, 81 were Phis. The strongest rival and oftenest met is Beta Theta Pi, with a membership of 54 men. Judging from letters which I have received this fall from our various chapters, I am safe in saying that our average showing is now even better than last April.

Since the last National Convention the cause in our Province has been strengthened, principally by internal work in the various chapters. Ohio Zeta, then in her youth, has grown to be one of our strongest and most enthusiastic chapters. The prosperity of Phi Delta Theta in Ohio State University is established, and is on a par with the oldest and every rival.

The Kentucky chapters are in a flourishing condition, as you will learn from the reports of their delegates when given. I shall omit further mention of our older chapters, all of which we are proud to own, and, save a few local defects incident to certain schools, are equally advanced on the highway of Grecian culture, and pass at once to Ohio Alpha, at Oxford.

Phi sentiment would lead me back to old Alpha, our mother chapter, and have me speak of Oxford as the Mecca of our religion, with a further tracing of a history full of interest and glory to every Phi. Present duty, however, omits the past and all sentimentality, which, I fear, is too often allowed a mastery over

judgment in Fraternity affairs, and brings me at once to our new Ohio Alpha. The chapter was re-established on the night of October 3, 1885, by the initiation of seven new men and the affiliation of one old Phi. W. E. O'Kane, of Ohio Beta, was the principal worker in the advance, and to him is due much of the praise. The chapter started out with seemingly fair prospects, and being the only representative of college Fraternities at Oxford, bid fair for future glory. Unfortunately, internal difficulty resulted in the trial and expulsion of Mr. W. E. Morris, the only old Phi in the chapter. This circumstance, together with the securing of good material among the students, of which, all told, the school has but fifty-five, checked for a time and rendered rapid growth into a strong chapter impossible. At present the chapter numbers eight men, all of whom are energetic and active workers. They are opposed by a chapter of  $B \Theta II$ , recently established, and having a membership of eight. As I now regard the outlook, the future success of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  at Oxford, as a power in the Fraternity, depends upon the growth and development of Miami University. Perhaps a quotation from a letter which I recently received from W. J. Rusk will be of interest, as throwing some light on the present condition of the chapter. After speaking of the unfavorable location and appearance of their hall, he says :

"I think that if we could get out of debt (the chapter has a debt of \$75.00), the future prospects of Ohio Alpha would be more bright. As a whole, we are a poor set of boys (financially), and having received no assistance from any outside source, we feel we have done the best we could for the cause of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  here at old Miami. We can secure a good hall if money matters take a decisive turn for the better. Everything else is working to the utmost satisfaction at present."

What I regard as the most important action of our Convention was that recommending the adoption by our chapters of a circular-letter system of inter-communication ; letters to be issued twice each year. Inter-chapter correspondence has never been satisfactorily carried out, and therefore inter-knowledge and common interests have suffered. Then, too, chapter communication with alumni fails of execution, and alumni lose interest and become rusty and indifferent, drifting farther and farther away from the fraternal interest, simply because they are not kept posted on Fraternity affairs. Our circular-letter system is to meet these growing faults, by scattering a well prepared catalogue of chapter facts and events, both among our own and chapters at large, and among all of our alumni, twice each year. (In May SCROLL, Report of Delta Province Convention, see resolutions.)

Delta Province has expressed itself as very conservative in the matter of extension within its limits. There are no colleges, with

the possible exception of Adelbert at Cleveland, that are regarded by all our chapters as worthy of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The college, outside of our limits, at which a good chapter of Phis would be eminently satisfactory and of permanent good to us, is Michigan University. Particularly is this so at Wooster, where many Michigan men attend school, and from which many students go to Ann Arbor. Further, our strongest rivals are represented at both schools.

Without further comment, I submit this, my report of Delta Province, every chapter of which, both active and alumni, will have a representative here to speak for himself and Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MORRISON.

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### EXHIBIT M.

#### REPORT OF EPSILON PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting*

Two years ago I was appointed by the General Council President of Epsilon Province. I come now to render an account of my stewardship in that office to the authority and source from which I received my commission. In the very outset I must tell you that I regret, with a regret that I can hardly express, my inability to be present in person, as I am in spirit, at the National Convention soon to be held in the metropolis of the Union, and to give my report in person, and to meet face to face the vast number of brothers who will be there, clad like armed warriors of old, in their Grecian coats of mail, battling for those noble principles which have been the inspiration of Phis everywhere, and which never fail to warm and thrill the heart of him who has heard them, no matter whether he stands in the chapter hall or whether he recalls them in memory as he used to hear them there. My heart is with you in this Convention.

The Epsilon Province covers historic ground. In it are found some of the time-honored landmarks of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Excepting our old mother, the Miami chapter, she boasts of the oldest chapter in the Fraternity. On her fields remain the scars of some defeats; among her banners float the white and blue of many a hard-won victory. Her reward lies to-day in her having given to the world a John W. Foster, a Byron K. Elliot, a D. D. Banta, a Judge Ward and a Judge Robinson, a Mitchell, an Elam, a Byfield and a Hilton U. Brown—men illustrious in their devotion to duty, steadfast in their adherence to our principles, unselfish and unswerving in their faithfulness to every trust. She finds her reward, too, in the strength and growth of eight active chapters in the eight best colleges in her territory, planted on the granite rock of the ability and integrity of the young and ardent men who fill her halls now.



Indiana Alpha, the first offspring of the mother, Ohio Alpha, dates her rise and growth back to 1849, and has struggled through storms and tempests and wandered over deserts, yet to-day she is rich in eighteen splendid men, who are worthy of the noble heritage left them by some of the noblest and best men the Fraternity has ever had enrolled on its books.

Indiana Beta, which the year 1852 brought forth, has not been less attentive to the business of amounting to something, and has now fifteen active members to care for her interest.

Indiana Gamma, which has sent out into the world a vast number of men who have achieved distinction, and which dates her origin back to 1859, has now fifteen members to keep the old watch fires burning.

Indiana Delta, sprung from the parent stock in the troublous and war-like times of 1860, has met little Fraternity opposition, but has, nevertheless, prospered, and twelve Phi Greeks, with the shield and dagger, still charge and strike the battlements of that barbarian realm, and the breastworks and walls have begun to give way before the unceasing charge.

Indiana Epsilon has been looking from among the hills of Hanover upon the broad and winding Ohio since 1868, and her boys, eleven strong, vigorous and rugged, are as devoted to their home work and the up-building of their chapter as the Swiss are in building their mountain abodes.

Indiana Zeta, 1880, the baby in years, but a giant in strength, in Indiana, situated in the largest University in the State—which has eight hundred students—and meeting the strong competition of twelve other Fraternities, has yet, in a short space of time, taken and maintained a position in the very front rank with her strong and wary competitors. In the class room and on the rostrum, in debate and oration, she has strongly contested every inch of ground and yielded to none an unearned victory, while in the field of “spiking,” her members have become noted for making the atmosphere exceedingly tropical for other Fraternities which conceive the notion that they want a man whom Zeta wants, and which poke their heads above the surface of the crust to attain that end. She wears on the string of her membership twenty-one large, white, robust beads.

Michigan Beta—the year 1873 brought this ornament to the Fraternity, and it has been an ornament ever since—grew in a region where Phis were scarce, and prospered among the enemy, and to-day its seventeen members know no superior in the Agricultural College.

In the year 1882 Michigan Gamma was conceived. It brought comfort to Michigan Beta, strength to the Fraternity at large, and joy unbounded to the barbarians in Hillsdale College. Twelve members there wear the shield and dagger, and make constant

war on the border and legions of the North. Two of her members hold honored positions in the College Faculty.

All the chapters of Epsilon Province have good halls, and the most of them have halls fitted up with elegance and taste. The chapters have long realized the prime importance of meeting regularly once a week, and of the equally high importance of having at each meeting a carefully prepared and systematic performance of literary exercises. This latter, in fact, has been urged upon all the chapters, and I am glad to say that the internal work—solid chapter work—which has been accomplished all over the Province in the last two years has been a source of rare satisfaction to all who have had the good of the chapters at heart. Each chapter has “buckled” itself down to the work which time has proven and will prove to be good and lasting.

During my presidency of Epsilon Province a Convention of the Province has been held annually at Indianapolis. These Conventions have been attended by Phi from every chapter in the Province, each time numbering from seventy-five to one hundred attendants altogether, and have been most gratifying in their results. In these Conventions a lively working interest has always been manifested, and the rare satisfaction which each member enjoyed who attended them is sufficient proof of their usefulness to the constant building up of the Province. Besides the other business attended to at the first Convention, at the suggestion of the writer, a system of Fraternity literary performances was arranged for the subsequent meeting. These performances consisting of oration, history and poem were calculated to be devoted strictly to Fraternity matters, and were intended not only to develop the literary faculties of the members, but also to increase their intimate knowledge of Fraternity affairs, and of the history and theory of our Fraternity.

A commendable blow has been struck at what are known as college combinations in Fraternities, and it is to be earnestly hoped that this corrupt detriment to our growth may cause such agitation, not only in Epsilon Province, but in the entire Fraternity, as will cause it to be eradicated from among the many good and laudable aims of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The Epsilon Province Convention is assuredly a fixture among the things of the earth.

Epsilon Province is now prepared for as good, if not better work, than she has done in the past. The machinery is bright and strong, the oil most salubrious, the engineers trained and skilled, the perennial crop of “barbarians” uncurtailed, and nothing *can* stay our onward progress.

Rapid as has been  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's growth in the past few years, I think we are in the dawn of a still brighter era. Sydney Herbert said that the battle of Inkermann, during the Crimean war, was

a soldier's battle. It was not won by the brilliant generalship and strategy of a commander, but by the bravery and splendor of the soldiers. So it is with us. Our battles are not won by the brilliancy of a general or leader, but by the honor, courage, and brains of every  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. GOODWIN.

## EXHIBIT N.

### REPORT OF ZETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting:*

Since all the active chapters of Zeta Province are represented by delegates in the Convention, who will doubtless be called upon to give reports as to the condition of their respective chapters, it is unnecessary for the Province President either to anticipate or supplement their reports.

It can truthfully be stated of Zeta Province that she has held her own, and is now in as good condition as ever before. Some advancement we very much desired we have as yet been unable to accomplish, notably the re-establishment of a chapter at the Northwestern University at Evanston. Considerable effort has been made to learn of some one in attendance there, either a Phi or candidate for initiation, who would be competent and willing to undertake the difficult task of establishing a chapter there. As yet I have not succeeded in learning of such an one. I trust my successor will be able to accomplish this most desirable work.

I have for some time thought that Wisconsin should have more than one chapter. A year and a half ago I suggested this to Wisconsin Alpha. They were then unfavorable to Beloit College. I hope they feel differently now. It is my judgment that Beloit College would be a desirable and creditable location for a chapter. The territory of Zeta Province is not large, and the opportunity for desirable extension limited.

Illinois Gamma is inactive, and has been so for some time. The anti-Fraternity laws that have prevented its successful operation remain in full force, and while such is the case I think the existence of even a semi-successful chapter impossible. The alumni members of Illinois Gamma are loath to see it driven out by the hostility of unreasonable anti-Fraternity laws, but I think they generally admit that to continue the chapter longer would be to compromise its active members and also the Fraternity. I would advise that the charter be withdrawn till the anti-Fraternity laws are repealed.

The two alumni chapters of Zeta Province, while not as active

as might be desired, yet are composed of men who cherish a loving remembrance of their Fraternity, and in the ceaseless activity of business life are always happy to extend a fraternal greeting to a brother, and to do for the Fraternity all that sterner demands upon their time and attention will permit.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. SIMMONS.

## EXHIBIT O.

### REPORT OF ETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

At the Nashville Convention of the Fraternity in 1884, "seven active chapters of Eta Province responded to the call. In 1886, at New York, one more from the Western threshold of our domain responds as a Phi—loyal and enthusiastic.

Two alumni chapters, one in Minneapolis and one in Kansas City, have been established with large enrollments.

With one or two exceptions the active chapters of the Province have displayed energy and enthusiasm sufficient to command the plaudits of the Fraternity in general. However, there are many improvements which will in the near future, I hope, be consummated, and which will undoubtedly add to the enthusiasm and strength of the Province—such, for instance, as the formation of a Province Association, the establishment of a more systematic correspondence, and a more thoroughly united action in the improvement of the Province.

There have been many applications for charters from students in different institutions of learning in the Province, all of which have been *tabled* for further consideration. One at least, however, in my opinion, should be thoroughly investigated—I refer to that from the Agricultural College of Iowa. Our Western Agricultural Colleges are agricultural only in name, and in name for policy only. They, by bearing the name of *State Agricultural*, command the support of the State Government, and consequently are more substantial than any sectarian or privately endowed institutions.

I believe that in common with the entire Fraternity, Eta Province has made wonderful advancement and will continue to do so, and I heartily thank the reporters and members of the several chapters of the Province who have assisted me in the advancement of her interests.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. RIDGE.

## EXHIBIT P.

## REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE SCROLL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

It may not be inadvisable at this, the end of my term as Editor, to briefly sum up the experience had in that office with a view to suggesting to future Editors some of the difficulties to be encountered in the conduct of the SCROLL, and to point out some of the improvements that may be made.

But in the first instance I feel it incumbent on me to apologize to this Convention for the irregularity in the appearance of the SCROLL during the last six months of the past year. Some of the numbers were delayed through causes independent of myself and others through the pressure of outside circumstances which bore very heavily upon my time. With this apology as prefatory and counting upon your indulgence, I will briefly summarize the conclusion of the last two years' work.

As to the management :

The SCROLL should be under the management of some body of representative Phis, chosen from among the residents of the place in which it is published. Very frequently questions of policy and discretion arise where an Editor does not wish to trust to his judgment alone. Differences as to various courses naturally spring up between those actively conducting the paper, and to decide the proper line is at times very difficult.

Under the present system there is no advisory board. The General Council has itself decided that it has not jurisdiction in certain matters, and there has been occasionally a question over which nobody has had advisory or appellate control. Evidently there should be some Board or body having full ultimate powers as to all questions arising with reference to the management of the SCROLL, with power to act expeditiously, and even with power to appoint Editors in case of any vacancy. As to the exact composition and powers of that board these are points that can be determined only on the fullest discussion.

As to the literary character of the SCROLL :

There has been a tendency of late to introduce into Fraternity organs articles of purely literary merit, and some pressure was brought to bear on the SCROLL to follow in that path. We have steadfastly refused to do so. We have contended that the SCROLL should be confined exclusively to Fraternity topics, first Phi subjects and secondly general Greek information.

Owing to our limited space we made an attempt to condense our chapter letters in order to publish other matters for which otherwise we would not have had room. This we found to be a mistake, and although at the time we were convinced that our

course was a judicious one, we have since been convinced that chapter letters should, under all circumstances, be given first place, and the grip which we have gained on that as a feature should never be lost. It is a matter of just pride and a well-earned cause of congratulation. If the next editor wishes to glean the benefit of his predecessor's experience, let him never fail to give the chapter letter the first place.

In concluding, let me thank the Fraternity for the great honor bestowed upon me. My regret has been that I have not been able to serve you better. To my colleagues, J. B. Shaw and J. B. Kerfoot, on Vol IX., and T. M. Baskerville and L. Wampold, on Vol. X., let me express my sincerest thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MAYER.

## EXHIBIT Q.

### REPORT OF EDITORS OF THE SONG BOOK.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta Greeting :*

The Editors of the Song Book have little to report. The book is before the Fraternity, and the Fraternity must render its own judgment. The task of getting out the work has presented many difficulties which can only be realized by being met with. Whatever shortcomings there may be in the literary standard of the poems or in the musical standard of the compositions are attributable only to the talent—or lack of talent—in the Order, or to the failure by those who possess the talent to use it in our common cause. For whatever faults may be found with the book in any other respects the Editors alone are to be blamed. We can only say we have done the best we could with the means furnished us and with our own powers.

Financially we have no report to make, as the entire cost of the book, excepting one hundred dollars (\$100) was advanced by the Editors. One hundred dollars (\$100) was loaned to us by the General Council, and for that sum the Treasurer holds the personal note of E. H. L. Randolph, payable Oct. 18, 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

FRANK D. SWOPE.

## EXHIBIT R.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

We respectfully recommend the following :

1st. That Roberts' rules be the established rules governing this Convention.

2d. That roll be called, and minutes of previous day's sessions read every morning, immediately after assembling.

3d. That all important motions be made in writing.

4th. That the nominations of officers for General Council be made in open session, Thursday, at 11 A. M., and that elections be held Thursday, at 3 P. M.

5th. That speeches on all topics be limited to five minutes in length, and no member be allowed more than one speech on the same topic.

6th. That no smoking be allowed in the hall during any session of the Convention.

7th. That the time of meeting be 10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.

8th. That the remaining time during first afternoon be devoted to miscellaneous business not covered by committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MORRISON, *Chairman.*

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## EXHIBIT S.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

In order that the records of the various chapters of the Fraternity may be more uniform and complete, your committee would recommend the following method :

1st. The Secretary of each chapter shall be provided with a book, in which shall be written all the records of the chapter proceedings, and said book shall be a complete journal of the chapter's internal proceedings.

2d. The Reporter shall be provided with a book, into which he shall copy the whole or abstracts of all chapter correspondence, and place on record all chapter reports.

3d. The Historian shall be provided with a book, into which he shall copy the history of the chapter, as submitted annually ; also, shall write a special biography of each member. Such biographies shall consist of a concise account of each member's life, his preparatory school, honors received from college or Fraternity, occupations, and how long and where employed, and such other notes as may be of interest to members and aid to catalogue. A space shall be left after each name for further entry.

4th. The Treasurer shall be provided with a book, in which he shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures of chapter moneys, and shall keep a separate account for each member, both debit and credit.

5th. All these books shall be substantially and uniformly bound, and large enough to contain all entries for ten years.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. A. MARVIN, *Chairman*.

## EXHIBIT T.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, respectfully report as follows :

In the case of W. E. Morris *vs.* Ohio Alpha, we find that with the evidences in hand at the time of expulsion. Ohio Alpha was justified in her action ; but we believe that sufficient effort was not made to obtain all the evidence possible in the case. Also, that the action of said W. E. Morris at the time of trial was very hasty, uncalled for and unjustifiable.

But, in view of the evidence obtained later, and now in the hands of your committee, we respectfully recommend that said W. E. Morris be re-instated in the Fraternity and chapter from which he was expelled, provided he offer an apology ; and, in view of Mr. Morris' action at the time of trial, we would also recommend that Ohio Alpha be exonerated from all blame in regard to the expulsion.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. O'KANE, *Chairman*.

## EXHIBIT U.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROVINCES.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

Your Committee on Provinces have carefully considered the question of a re-division of Provinces, and herewith present their report :

That a new division is necessary is very evident. To divide them so that the constitutional requirement respecting the boundaries, according to State lines, should be complied with and, at the same time, the size of each be similar to that of the others, we have had to recommend some radical changes.

These changes seem imperative, because in order to preserve the proper condition of affairs in a national Fraternity, which Phi Delta Theta now is, there should be something like a similarity in size of territory and number of existing chapters in each Province.



The following division of Provinces is, therefore, presented for your consideration :

ALPHA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York.

BETA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

GAMMA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

DELTA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

EPSILON PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas and Arkansas.

ZETA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

ETA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Indiana and Michigan.

THETA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

IOTA PROVINCE : Embracing the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, California and Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. MILLER, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT V.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING THE NEXT CONVENTION.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting*

We respectfully recommend that the next Convention be held in Bloomington, Illinois, commencing at 10 A. M., Monday, October 10, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. DAWSON, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT W.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

In considering the matter of extension, we are somewhat embarrassed, as we find no precedents in the reports of former Conventions, and especially because the province of this committee seems to conflict with that of the Committee on Chapters and Charters.

As that committee deals more specifically with the subject of extension in individual cases, we would confine ourselves to the suggestion of a policy to be pursued by the General Council in the establishment of new chapters during the next two years.

1st. We strongly recommend that it be rigidly conservative.

2d. That extension be confined chiefly to the East.

3d. That provision be made for the financial relief of individual chapters in absolute need.

We recommend to the serious consideration of the General Council Wesleyan and Lehigh Universities in the East. Washington and Lee University in the South, and University of Michigan and Northwestern University in the West.

In regard to the establishment of a relief fund, we would suggest that such a fund be established for the purpose of extending financial aid to any chapter that may be in absolute need, from the withdrawal of a majority of its members from college, or from any cause for which that chapter could not be held responsible, and whose downfall from such cause would be a reproach to the Fraternity, and whose continuance would depend wholly on financial support.

This aid to be extended by the General Council only in extreme cases, as a loan, or in any other way they might see fit.

For this purpose we suggest that a tax per capita be levied, not to exceed twenty-five cents, to be embodied in the annual tax, or levied in any manner the Convention thinks proper.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. MOORE, *Chairman.*

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## EXHIBIT X.

### REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE SCROLL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting*

I have the honor of presenting to this body my official report as Business Manager of the SCROLL for the two years past.

I have but one statement which I regret the necessity of making. I will simply state the fact, which is that there is a singular difference between the total of attendant members each year, as shown by the reports submitted to the Business Manager and those to the Historian of the General Council. By this means the SCROLL annually fails to receive over \$100 which it is justly due. I have but recently had access to these latter reports, when I discovered the discrepancy which, extending back through two years, it is almost impossible now to correct. We can only hope for a better state of affairs in the future. Aside from this I have nothing of which to complain, and many things for which to return sincere thanks. I feel a just pride for my Fraternity in be-

ing able to report for the period of two years just passed *not one single chapter delinquent.*

Although authorized to use annually the interest and 10 per cent. of the principal of all ten year subscriptions, I have found it unnecessary to use either. All such moneys, together with the small surplus on the general account, are on deposit in the name of "PHI DELTA THETA," in the Union Dime Savings Institution, of this city, where they are drawing 4 per cent. (four per cent.) per annum.

For the extreme kindness shown to me in my prolonged illness, and for the kind indulgence in regard to whatever shortcomings in my management of the SCROLL may have been consequent thereon, I cannot express the gratitude I feel.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

**Statement in full from Cash Book :**

SCROLL GENERAL FUND.

		Dr.
To cash for SCROLL taxes, '84-'86.....	\$1,656.50	
“ “ Alumni subscriptions, '84-'86.....	176.00	
“ “ Sundry small sales, '84-'86.....	6.97	
“ “ outside subscriptions, '84-'86.....	6.50	
Total receipts, '84-'86.....	\$1,845.97	
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By cash SCROLL expenses, '84-'85.....	\$ 974.38	
“ “ “ '85-'86 .....	849.62	
“ balance on hand.....	21.97	

SCROLL SURPLUS FUND.

**\$1,845.97**

Amount on deposit in Union Dime Savings Institution :

To cash for ten year subscriptions.....	\$54.00
“ balance on general account . . . . .	21.97
“ interest on deposit.....	1.17

## ACCOUNT FOR CURRENT YEAR.

**\$77.14**

To cash for SCROLL taxes and alumni subscriptions, '86-'87.....	\$255.00
By cash, SCROLL expenses to October 22, 1886.....	\$81.38
	<u>\$ 81.38</u>
By cash, balance on hand..	173.62
	<u>\$255.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

## ADJUNCT REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the above report and find it to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT Y.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

We recommend the payment of the following claims, to wit. :

Expenses incurred by Local Committee.....	\$ 64.35
Expenses incurred by H. U. Brown, P. G. C....	15.83
Expenses incurred by C. P. Bassett, S. G. C.....	22.15
Expenses incurred by C. A. Foster, T. G. C.....	20.60
Expenses incurred by A. A. Stearns, H. G. C.....	18.04
N. C. Beta—Expenses incurred by initiation.....	20.00
W. O. Morgan—Sleeping-car fare one way.....	22.00

Total ..... \$182.97

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. MOFFATT, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT Z.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL JEWELER.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

1st. The Committee on Jewelry recommend that the National Convention appoint Messrs. J. F. Newman, of New York, and D. L. Auld, of Columbus, Official Jewelers of Phi Delta Theta.

2d. That the Convention instruct delegates to report to their respective chapters that it is the sense of the Convention, in order to preserve uniformity in the badge, that members are not to purchase badges of any but Official Jewelers.

3d. Limitations.

(1). The size of badge be restricted to what are now known as small and medium.

(2). That no black scrolls be made.

(3). That the blade of sword be made narrower than at present and in no case jeweled.

(4). That a committee consisting of three (one of which, at least, shall be selected from the present committee), be appointed, which shall instruct jewelers to make badges only as limited in Section 3 of this report, which shall further be ordered to obtain the best figure in prices, to instruct jewelers to publish

revised price-list, containing prices on rings, charms, studs, double-border badges, and badges with crown settings, and also to make provision that badges be of 18 k. gold, and of the finest quality of stones and workmanship.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. R. KAUTZ, *Chairman.*

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### EXHIBIT A Z.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

In regard to the several applications for charters from different institutions the committee beg leave to present the following unanimous report :

1. We recommend that the Convention refuse to grant a charter to the University of the Pacific, located at San Jose, Cal., from the fact that California Alpha, which should know something of the institution, is strongly opposed to such a measure, and also because from an examination of the college curriculum and from other information, the committee believe that that institution is not up to Phi Delta Theta standard.

2. The committee report favorably upon the application from Southern University at Greensboro, Ala., upon the following grounds :

The application is supported by the unanimous voice of the last Alabama State Convention ; is enthusiastically approved of by both the Alabama chapters, and there is no definite well-grounded opposition to the location of a chapter at that institute.

3. As Alumni Chapters, when properly organized and administered, form an important factor in the *successful* growth of a Fraternity, we return favorably the petition of the Atlanta Phis for the establishment of an Alumni Chapter in that city.

4. The committee send in an adverse report to the application from Crete, Nebraska.

5. Finding considerable variance of opinion among those acquainted with the Iowa State Agricultural College, the committee finds itself unable to come to any intelligent decision, and therefore refers the matter to the Convention.

6. The committee have received the following communication from Alabama Beta :

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :*

We, the members of Alabama B of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , request your honorable body to authorize us to change the initial of one of

our charter members, I. A. Lanier, deceased, which is recorded on the charter I. C. Lanier.

B. L. BAYKIN, President.

The committee see no reason why this request should not be granted, and so recommended.

7. Because of conflicting opinions with regard to the advisability of the establishment of a chapter at William Jewel College, Liberty, Mo., your committee would respectfully refer the matter for discussion, pro and con, before the Convention.

8. Inasmuch as the chapter located at Monmouth College, Illinois, has for several years been in a very delicate state, and shows no signs of improvement at this date, and because there are stringent anti-Fraternity laws existing at the institution, the committee advise that the charter be recalled.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAUDE WALLER, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT B Z.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:*

We respectfully recommend that one hundred dollars be loaned to the editors of the Song Book from the Treasury of the Fraternity, provided E. H. L. Randolph shall give his note for the same; such sum to be paid when a sufficient number of books have been sold.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT C Z.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:*

We recommend that the appointment of speakers be left to the Local Committee, subject to the approval of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McDONALD, *Chairman.*

## EXHIBIT D Z.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCROLL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:*

We recommend that until the meeting of the next National Convention, the publication of the SCROLL be in the city of New

York, and that the following be constituted the Board of Publication :

W. R. WORRALL,  
D. R. HORTON,  
T. H. BASKERVILLE,  
ALBERT SHIELDS and  
E. H. L. RANDOLPH.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. W. FESLER, *Chairman*.

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EXHIBIT E Z.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,  
Greeting :*

We, your Committee on Resolutions, respectfully submit the following :

RESOLVED, That this Convention express its appreciation of the faithful and efficient work of the retiring General Council and the various Province Presidents since the last National Convention.

RESOLVED, That this Convention tender its thanks to our founder, Robert Morrison, for his presence and his counsels at this Convention.

RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation to the managers of the SCROLL for their labors during the past two years.

RESOLVED, That we proffer our thanks to the proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel for his kindness to this Convention.

RESOLVED, That we express ourselves as highly gratified with the hospitable entertainment extended us on Tuesday night, October 19, by the resident Phis of this city.

RESOLVED, That the Convention heartily appreciate the work of the Local Committee on Entertainment, and especially the efforts of the Banquet Committee in making the occasion an enjoyable one, and that we unanimously vote it a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. W. WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

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## COLLEGES AND FRATERNITIES IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

It is not certain at what date was first agitated the question of the founding of an institution for advanced education in what was in future years to be the Empire State of the Union. The old Knickerbockers were progressive in all things, yet more than a century had elapsed since the founding of the great University at Cambridge ere the project of placing a similar institution on the banks of the Hudson began to take definite shape. The first authentic information we can find is unearthed in the musty old records of Trinity Church. Therein it appears that in 1703 "the Rector and Wardens were directed to wait upon Lord Cornbury, the Governor, to know what part of '*King's Farme*,' then vested in Trinity Church, had been intended for the college which he designed to have built."\* Some similar plan was agitated again, it appears, in 1729, during Bishop Berkeley's residence in this country. When disappointed in his project of establishing a college or university on the island of Bermuda, he sought to transfer its location to "some place on the American Continent, which would probably have been New York."† But Berkeley's project failed, and nearly a generation was to pass before a college was to be planted on New York soil. Nothing more is heard until 1746, when, in December, an act of the Assembly was passed, which provided that money be raised by public lotteries "for the encouragement of learning and towards the founding of a college" within the colony. That the richest college on the American continent to-day should thus have had its beginning in the proceeds from "public lotteries," is indeed an interesting bit of history. The funds thus realized were vested in the Trustees in November, 1751. The charter was not granted until October 31, 1754, which marks the legal birth of Kings,

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\* Old address delivered before the Alumni of Columbia College.

† Chandler's Life of Johnson.



now Columbia College.\* The control of the new school was in the hands of a Board of Governors, one of whom was the Archbishop of Canterbury. The trying years of the Revolution of course seriously affected the prosperity of King's College; but nothing daunted, on the dawn of peace, revived, reinvigorated, reorganized, and full of the spirit of the times, King's College changed its name to that of "Columbia," and entered upon a period of unrivalled prosperity.

From this date eleven years had elapsed before the planting of old Union College, in 1795, in the fertile valley of the Mohawk, marked the birth of a companion and a rival. These two institutions, now grown to such proportions, were the only ones known to the Empire State at the opening of the nineteenth century. Progress was indeed slow, but every inch of ground was not taken only, but conquered, and the wilderness was made to blossom as the rose in the warm sunlight of civilization and mental elevation and development. The positions held to-day by those old seats of learning well prove that each was builded well. Union had seen its seventeenth birthday when, farther west, in Oneida County, Hamilton received its charter. Twelve years then passed before the establishment of Hobart, followed by that of the University of the City of New York seven years later. Fifteen years after, in 1846, there seems to have been what in modern parlance we would term a "boom," for in that year Madison, St. John's, Rochester and Buffalo came into being. These, with Genesee and the College of the City of New York, founded in 1849, bring the total up to eleven in existence in 1850. Nearly a century had elapsed since the birth of Columbia and more than twice that time since the foundation of Harvard, and yet the great State of New York could not name a dozen colleges or universities of whatsoever standing you please.

In the thirty-six years which have followed, eighteen names have been added to the roll, among which may be found not a few that are a credit to the State and nation—Vassar for women, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Cornell and Syracuse may be named.

New York does not lead in mere number of colleges, but in many other points of comparison it does. Ohio to-day has 33;† Illinois and New York, 29; Pennsylvania, 26, and Tennessee and Missouri, 20. Of those in New York, 23 have courses of four years and 4 have courses of greater length. Elective courses only are to be found in none.

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\* The old charter is rather lengthy and begins, "GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c."

† These figures are from last annual report of U. S. Commissioner of Education (1884), and from the Ninety-ninth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

Of 3,815 college instructors in the United States, 446 belong to New York, 327 to Ohio and 295 to Pennsylvania, giving respectively an average to each institution of over 15, 9 and 11 in the States named.

Of the 32,767 students in the collegiate department of our American colleges, more than ten per cent., or 3,641, belong to New York, while Ohio has more than 1,000 and Pennsylvania more than 1,400 less.

Grounds, buildings, apparatus, etc., in New York aggregate in value \$7,859,163, and \$4,338,099 in Pennsylvania. In New York there are \$12,533,780 of productive funds, and in Massachusetts (the next in order) but a little over half that sum. The colleges and universities in Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania receive no appropriation from the State, while New York leads with \$143,672 (a paltry sum), and Missouri is next with \$127,640. The income from tuition fees in the State of New York amounts to \$544,580 per annum, while Massachusetts, which is next, receives but a little over one-quarter of that sum.

There are in the United States ten colleges or universities which have productive funds in excess of one million dollars. Of these three are in New York, two in Pennsylvania, and one each in Massachusetts, Maryland, California, New Jersey and Connecticut. Following is the list with amounts\*: Columbia, \$4,680,590 (largest); Harvard,† \$4,623,893; Cornell,‡ \$3,587,081; Johns Hopkins, \$3,000,000; Lehigh, \$1,900,000; Pennsylvania, \$1,609,306; California, \$1,566,000; Princeton, \$1,389,000; Yale, \$1,264,051; Union, \$1,159,031. To this list might be added the College of the City of New York, which receives annually an appropriation in excess of the income of \$2,250,000 at 6 per cent. The advantages to be reaped from such an enormous investment can better be realized by a little comparison with other countries. The four Scotch universities rely in all

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\* These figures (taken from U. S. Commissioner's latest report) are very inaccurate, as they give the appraised value, which is often far below the real value. The productive funds of Columbia College consist chiefly of real property in some of the best residence and business districts of the city. Its actual value is probably much nearer twenty than five million dollars. If the actual value could be ascertained many more American colleges would be found in possession of productive funds in excess of \$1,000,000.

† Within the last few days Harvard has been the recipient of a gift of half a million dollars. It is impossible to ascertain all the changes in endowment, etc., since the report from which these figures were taken was issued (1884). The statistics therein contained are the latest collected and hence (supposedly, at least) the best available for purposes of comparison.

‡ By provision of its charter, this sum has heretofore been limited. As this restriction has lately been removed, Cornell will be the richer by a couple of million dollars, making it (according to the figures used in this comparison) the richest college on the American continent (see second foot-note above).

upon a grant of but \$136,262,\* and the English universities upon a total of less than \$2,500,000.

One hundred and thirty-two years have passed since Dr. Samuel Johnson was called to the presidency of King's College and nearly twice that period since the first American University was planted on the shores of Massachusetts Bay. Growth and development have been slow, but they have been sure, and the twenty-nine stars in the Empire diadem shine with a brilliancy that is quickened and intensified with age. All are not of the first magnitude, but the twenty-nine lend great credit certainly to the state which has given them birth and fostered them, and to the nation whose youth seek counsel and guidance from them. One hundred years have passed away since the University of the State of New York came into being and took under its fostering care every university, college and academy in the state. It has charge of the state museum, state library, etc., and has done much to encourage and develop the academies and high schools of the state. Over the universities and colleges it merely keeps a "fatherly eye," receives reports, has powers of visitation and can grant charters. It interferes little or not at all with the practical workings of the higher institutions. At its head is a Chancellor and a Board of Regents on which, *ex-officio*, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction of the state hold places.

In this commonwealth which, it can truly be said, if not leading, is not lead in the matter of higher education, both classic and scientific, it is interesting to inquire what part the College Fraternity, indigenous to the American college, has played in the common drama of the college world. The first New York college was nearly three-quarters of a century old when the first American College Fraternity came into being, sixty-one years ago, in the little town of Schenectady.† The traveler by the New York Central Railway as he passes through this place, rich in traditions so dear to the American heart, sees, on the south side of the road, and not far from it, a little old yellow brick building, once the home of Union College, but long since given over to other uses. The thoughts of the man who pays homage at some Greek shrine cannot but revert to the "Auld Lang Syne" and think of the work begun within those walls by four young men when yet the nation had not closed its first half hundred years. Can any of the hundreds of thousands who have followed in their foot-steps

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\* Less than that appropriated by the State of New York, which sum is insignificant when compared to the total income of all the colleges and universities in the State.

† No account is taken of the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa or the traditional date claimed by Chi Phi but unsupported by facts.

say aught but that "they builded wiser than they knew?" The Kappa Alpha of the North may differ widely in policy and principle from many or all of its successors, but we are not entering into any such discussion. If Kappa Alpha had never come into being probably Fraternities in the American colleges would hold much the same place to-day as they do. It was something which was destined to come, but the fact remains that Union and Kappa Alpha of the North have the enviable distinction (and much to their honor be it said) of pointing out the road to the things that were to be. New York State and "Old Union" seem to have been fertile ground, for four Fraternities had been given birth (three of them at Union) ere the border line was crossed in any direction. Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi and Delta Phi had come upon the field at Union, and Alpha Delta Phi at Hamilton when first, in 1833, the State line was crossed and the second chapter of Kappa Alpha placed at Williams College. The Fraternity history of Columbia presents some curious and interesting features. By far the oldest college in the State and situated in its metropolis, it seems strange that the Fraternity system was comparatively so slow in becoming established there. Kappa Alpha was eleven years old when the oldest chapter at Columbia College was put there by Alpha Delta Phi, which example the pioneer Greek has never followed. Columbia's first chapter was the fourth of Alpha Delta Phi; her second, the seventh of Psi Upsilon; her third, the fourth of Delta Phi, and her fourth, the eighth of Chi Psi. Kappa Alpha had more than arrived at her majority, eight Fraternities had been founded and fourteen additional chapters instituted in the state of New York when, in 1847, Delta Psi was founded, the only Greek letter Order that can claim New York's oldest and richest college as its first home. And yet despite this seeming tardiness in sheltering the Greeks she has afforded a home to more chapters than any other college in the State except Cornell.\*

Union has been the home of twelve chapters, one-third of which are inactive to-day and one-half of which were founded within her walls. This latter fact is indeed something to be proud of. Chi Psi and Theta Delta Chi must certainly regret an absence from the "old ancestral home" of at least twelve and seventeen years respectively. Hamilton, the third college in age, has sent forth one and sheltered seven, all of which are in active operation to-day. Rensselaer, St. Lawrence and Syracuse also enjoy the distinction of having no Greek tombstones on their campus. Hobart and the University of the City of New York, the next two in the order of age, have each sheltered six, two of which are in-

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\* Columbia and Cornell both having known the presence of seventeen chapters, of which fourteen are now active at Columbia and fifteen at Cornell.

active. The latter added to the list the name of Zeta Psi, but that was in 1846, towards the close of its palmy days. When the College of the City of New York was opened it cut seriously into the supply of the University by taking all the graduates of the city schools upon which the University had formerly largely relied for reinforcements. The remaining institutions which have had their full quota of Fraternity chapters are Madison, Rochester, Cornell, College of the City of New York and Syracuse. Cornell, one of the youngest colleges (less than twenty-two years old,) shows a remarkably brilliant record in this line. It has to-day more active chapters than any other college in the state, and records the past glories of Chi Phi and Sigma Delta Pi\* alone. New York has naturally been pre-eminently a field for Eastern Orders, but their Western brethren have found a friendly welcome in their midst. The first of the so-called Western Fraternities to plant its standard in the Empire state was Phi Gamma Delta, which, in 1865, placed a chapter at the College of the City of New York, followed in the next year by one at Columbia. Since then she has added none to the New York role. Four years later Phi Kappa Psi inaugurated its New York Alpha at Cornell, followed, in 1872, by its New York Gamma at Columbia, and in the same year Phi Delta Theta's New York Alpha came into being at Cornell. In 1874, Beta Theta Pi followed her Miami colleague at the same institution and in the next year instituted her chapter at St. Lawrence. It was four years then before another move was made, and this time by Delta Tau Delta at Rensselaer. In 1880 Beta Theta Pi entered Madison, and in the following year Phi Kappa Psi entered Hobart and Beta Theta Pi gained admittance to the classic halls of Columbia and "Old Union." Delta Tau Delta followed again, entering Columbia in 1882. Phi Delta Theta had been slow in Empire State development, but she rapidly came to the front by planting her colors at Union in 1883, and in the succeeding year at Columbia and the College of the City of New York. Of all these chapters every one is active to-day except the Columbia chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

The only distinctively Southern Fraternity which has entered New York is Alpha Tau Omega, which entered Columbia in 1881 and St. Lawrence in 1882. The Columbia chapter died after a brief existence of three years.

There have been instituted in the State of New York 108 chapters of Fraternities, and of this number 87 are active to-day.† Of

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\* An insignificant, defunct organization.

† These figures and facts are obtained chiefly from "*American College Fraternities*" (Edition of 1883,) and the journals of the different Fraternities. This list is revised down to the Spring of 1886. Discrepancies and inaccuracies probably exist, but all the available authorities have been studied.

this number, sixteen out of the seventeen Western Fraternity chapters established in the state form a goodly share\* and some of them are over a score years of age.

But eight of the nineteen New York colleges are strangers to the Greek badge. The average number of chapters at the remaining eleven will almost reach half a score. Following New York in the number of chapters established come Virginia with 86, Pennsylvania with 80 and Ohio with 64. In number of living chapters the order varies, for New York has 87, Pennsylvania 57, Ohio 56 and Virginia drops to fourth place, having only 54, but standing first in number of defunct chapters. It is impossible to form any estimate of the membership, as the last authority is three years old, and nothing accurate is obtainable in all cases, but it is probably safe to say that more Greek badges have been first worn in the Empire State than in any other of the Union.

That New York, when standing first in number of chapters established and also in number of those in active operation to-day, should hold third rank in number of inactive is certainly just cause for congratulation. New York has been the common field on which have met in friendly warfare the Greeks of North, South, East and West. While her own Orders have not been and never will be supplanted, her compeers from the West and South have obtained a foot-hold within her dominion which is as firm and lasting as that of those whose native soil it is. The day of wrangling and bitter, senseless antagonism is past, and the cause of the American College Fraternity will move onward in its brilliant career with the staunch support and the God speed of the Greeks of the Empire State.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

#### REVIEWS OF EXCHANGES.

THE Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, for November, makes very amusing reading. Its artistic criticisms are "chestnuts" of a very wormy nature, and in more senses than one; its information regarding the intentions of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are (what it should be the aim of every Greek organ to give) *news*—news to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  especially; and its weakest point (we hope) is the point wherein it compliments the SCROLL.

The following catches our eye :

"On the first cover page of the SCROLL is a little triangular calico curtain, which is too close to the fire that flickers on a stone stump just underneath. The triangular apron ought to catch fire and burn up, and then we hope the fire will go out. Such a measly fire as that ought, behind the barn or somewhere.

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\* Nearly twenty per cent.

And then there is a tubular structure which hangs down like a Chinaman's chin. Probably the hole in the end of the tube is the one the SCROLL man crawls into when he has a round with the wrong exchange man, or perhaps it's the refuge he seeks when he hears that musical ditty, 'Phi Delt Bill got lame in the knee.' If we may be allowed to make the hoary headed suggestion that the SCROLL man creep into the aperture and pull the tube in after him, we will. The apron being burned, the tube abducted and the fire *non est* we trust  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will use the stump as a wash-stand, and secure something for first page of cover that is worthy the SCROLL's usual good taste."

This attempt at an art *critique* is amusing, for two reasons. Firstly, it has taken *The Shield* just thirty-two months to thoroughly digest the SCROLL for March, 1884. Secondly, we recollect a similar remark made by the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* over thirty months ago, we believe (after so long a time, we cannot venture to speak with certainty without the journal in question before us). Our far Western cousin may be better posted than we on Chinese Physiognomy, but we never noticed the resemblance between a "Chinaman's chin" and a parchment with both ends partly rolled. We trust our ignorance will be overlooked.

In regard to "hoary-headed suggestions," we could not have the heart to refuse the *Shield* its humble petition. It may use as many as it wishes, so far as the SCROLL is concerned. They are strictly in the *Shield's* line. We believe that, according to the ordinary laws of combustion, the "tubular structure" would yield to the "measly fire" prior, in point of time, to the "calico curtain." Should this be the case, the "tubular structure" finds ample protection in "PHI DELTA THETA."

In point of news we note the following:

"Their present intention is to double their membership and, becoming firmly established, to petition the President and faculty for recognition. In this it is not probable that very much trouble will result; I rather think that their chief danger lies in the lack of rivalry from other fraternities. It is, however, pretty well known that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$  are making arrangements to enter."

So we are to enter Cornell College, in Iowa (the one in question)! Another chapter and more glory for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and companionship for  $\Phi K \Psi$ . The only thing we regret is that we have never heard of the college, and that we have already refused well-backed petitions from superior institutions in the same State. However, we hope  $\Delta T \Delta$  will soon keep you company.

We regret that any Greek journal should to-day give a place to such a sentiment as this:

"Our fraternity has no laws pertaining to combinations, and we rejoice in our freedom."

We knew that "combinations"—that pernicious of all pernicious things in the Greek world—were not yet entirely of the past, but we *did not know* that any reputable Fraternity could boldly assert that it "rejoiced" in them.

"The SCROLL of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has a good printer and an excellent proof reader. These humble laborers are essential though unappreciated factors."

For the above we beg to return our humble thanks. We regret we cannot return the compliment.

We note the following, on a casual glance through the book :

"Our rivals were formidable, in name, if not in fact Delta ; Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon and Zeta Psi."

(The first is meant for  $\Delta K E$ , we suppose).

"An appropriation *was give* the *Quarterly*."

"The national annual *convention* of Phi Delta Theta met in the parlors of the Grand Central Hotel in New York City October 18, and *were* in session five days."

The *Shield* also informs us that it is going to train a "thumper" to manage its business, and further alludes to its dear "Phi Psis" as a "pack of jabbering idiots." The recurrence of *slang* throughout the journal is too frequent to note in detail. All in all, as we have said, the latest *Shield* afforded us not a little amusement.

THE *Sigma Chi* (October, Vol. VI, No. 1,) contains a summary of the work of the fraternity's Convention, the literary exercises thereat, and chapter letters.

The following, taken from the address of the Hon. O. S. Brumback, has a phase of fraternity comparisons both novel and odd :

"This distinction readily calls attention to the fact that differences between college fraternities are, in many respects, similar to those which divide the ecclesiastical world. While the Eastern fraternities may in general, as we have seen, be likened to the Universalists, the Western fraternities may be aptly compared with other religious denominations. For example : the  $B \Theta \Pi$  might be designated as the Catholics of the fraternity world, believing implicitly in the infallibility of Wooglin, and contending that their fraternity is the only true one, and all the rest doomed to disappointment. The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  would be the Methodists, who have only to be converted and induced to join and they are *safe within the fold*. It is needless to add that this conversion is often attended with much excitement. Likewise, the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  might be called the Baptists, holding that when once a neophyte is en-



tirely *immersed* into their society, his future happiness is assured, irrespective of any after works of his own. As the Lutherans rejoice over Martin Luther and claim him wholly as their one great representative, so do the  $\Phi K \Psi$ s loudly rejoice over a few celebrities among their number, and proclaim them to the world as the incarnation of all excellence. We would designate them as the Lutherans of the college world. The  $\Delta T \Delta$ s, simple, child-like and inoffensive, are the Quakers; and, perhaps, the  $\Sigma X$  would be the Calvinistic Presbyterians, who, exclusive and reserved, believe in the predestination and foreordination of the accepted few."

The Delta Taus, we fear, will not properly relish this pleasing likeness.

The Convention narrative will vividly recall to the old alumnus his college days. If we must have literary articles in a fraternity journal, let them be of this character, though unfortunately one can seldom hope to see them so excellent. "The Collegiate," should not be quoted in part, but copied in full, and both space and a little asterisk with the significant word "Copyright," forbid. One very pleasing feature of the *Sigma Chi* is the chapter correspondence.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s will be surprised to know that a fine is necessary, or is at least so considered, to ensure the receipt of chapter letters, and as the number contains a letter from every chapter in the fraternity, we must conclude that the system works admirably. It was not to this we referred, however, but to the *tone* of the letters. There is a freedom from any remarks derogatory to a rival fraternity, though this is probably the result of editorial pruning. A frank statement like this is as rare as it is refreshing:

"We are not hoping for much advancement, but will be happy if we can only keep standard as high as it has always been."

It is worth noting, in speaking of chapter correspondence, what an altogether cheerful creature the average reporter is. If many men have graduated, he points with pride to the record, and dwells on the high scholarship of the chapter; if none graduate, he cheerfully notes the fact and reminds us how much better off his chapter is than more unfortunate rivals. The triumphs of several initiations is described with a satisfaction only equalled by that with which he writes that the chapter is small but select, and that while others are joining in a mad rush for men, — chapter sees none worthy of assuming the mantle of the *A B T*.

The chapter reporter is a veritable Mark Tapley, and were he possessed of this perennial cheerfulness through life, he would know little of the world's sorrows.

The *Sigma Chi* has a number of Greek notes, one of which, concerning the initiation of Miss Kate Carothers, *A B*, into

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , we would be glad to see laid at rest. This item has been resurrected a number of times, and every new editor, thinking he has discovered a gold mine of news, publishes the same, whereupon a half a score of other new editors conscientiously copy the same. Let this article be carefully laid away with those that tell us that "Chicago University has at last entered upon a new era of prosperity," that "The  $\Delta T \Delta$  chapter at Lehigh has declined to enter the new partnership scheme with The Rainbow," or "It is rumored that the *Star and Crescent* of  $A \Delta \Phi$  will shortly resume publication." Two years hence they will again resume their weary pilgrimage in the fraternity press, but let them meanwhile have the respite they so richly deserve.

THE *Purple and Gold* ( $X \Psi$ ), Vol. 4, No. 1, has an interesting editorial from the new management. The following, taken from the article, although not an innovation to  $X \Psi$ , presents a frank and courteous, albeit a reserved, declaration of the future policy of the *Purple and Gold*:

"As he [the editor] understands the fraternity journal, it should first of all be devoted to its Fraternity, and fearless in its defence. Its matter, too, should rarely drift away from the pole star, which in our case is  $X \Psi$ . What cares our brother how a neighboring fraternity is faring, or whether one or one hundred students have entered the college where  $X \Psi$  is not seen. Devotion to Chi Psi and her interests is to us the first element of success. Hence, 'Greek Notes' and kindred departments will have no place in the *Purple and Gold*. Courtesy demands at times recognition of a journal or a book alien to Chi Psi; further than this, we believe, a magazine 'devoted to the interests of its Fraternity' should not go. \* \* \* The magazine is intended for Chi Psis alone; indeed, we often wish it could be of a secret nature. Exchanges with other journals of its kind, and the impossibility of keeping its pages wholly from the profane, render caution necessary. This non-secrecy also puts a seal upon a department which we would have more useful."

After a perusal of the above, cannot the reader but conclude that the enthusiasts of Pan-Hellenism are doomed to disappointment? There is no limit to the amenities and courtesies of fraternity journalism, but whether there is any really sincere desire on the part of all leading fraternities to tighten the bonds of Greek-letter societies is a matter of considerable doubt. The number contains matter of interest principally to  $X \Psi$ s. There is an interesting article on "Wesleyan University in '44 and the Founding of the Alpha."

Of interest to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are the reviews on the Song Book and Manual. Of the latter, after a very complimentary notice, the review states:

"It would be faint praise to say that the 'Manual' is the best of its kind; it is a pioneer. So successful and useful a compendium must soon be followed by others."

And of the Song Book, that

"The words seem to have a flow and life that, when sung with true college vim, will surely mean much to the loyal Phi Delta Theta. Altogether, the collection is very commendable."

There is one fault—not peculiar to any one journal, however—which should not be found in so excellently arranged a fraternity magazine as the *Purple and Gold*—the tendency to frequently notice the names of great alumni as though the repetition of one made many. It is told of a certain chapter that it had an alumnus who had in after life reached the dignity of a Representative's seat. Every number of the fraternity journal would contain an item of this character:

"'49, Hon. John Smith, the Representative from Pedunk, recently delivered an address before the Grangers' Club of this town."

The following number would have

"'49, Hon. John Smith, Pedunk's popular representative, passed through this town recently and received an ovation from the populace."

Followed by an article like this:

"'49, Hon. John Smith, who attained national prominence by his famous speech on the improvements of Yellow Creek, has recovered from a dangerous cold."

Now, *X Psi* has among its prominent men Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry, a very estimable gentleman, we believe, who has achieved some notoriety on account of his wealth and his connection with a children's society; but is it worth while to devote over half a page to a description of his yacht, when, if we mistake not, Mr. Gerry's name has had the benefit of frequent repetition in the pages of the *Purple and Gold*. So far as we all stand on the broad ground of self-knowledge, each fraternity knows what it best likes; but the eye, like the ear, becomes wearied, and the reader would forego the pleasure of many times seeing the same names, even of great or pseudo-great men.

THE *Beta Theta Pi* for October, 1886, announces that it has again become a quarterly, and the reasons given for the change are ingenious if not convincing. By the new departure we should judge that the Betas are as capricious in this respect as they are in their extension policy. Fraternity men will remember that not very long ago the Beta Theta Pi asked for the sacrifice of a number of chapters in a manner quite too horrible to contemplate. Suddenly the lion became a lamb, and no

doubt happy for the respite, the threatened chapters were allowed to continue their peaceful existence. *Apropos* of this, the new quarterly contains an editorial which we quote in full :

"Some pointless discussion or sarcasm has been indulged in by certain parties as to the policy of our fraternity, which in some respects has been adjudged capricious and inconsistent. But no one need severely trouble himself on this score, if he will only judge events by their immediate springs of action. When reference is sharply made to the record of one convention as having shown a wild spirit of extension and 'Herodism,' and to another as having reversed the former drift of feeling, the explanation, though somewhat intricate in detail, can always be given by those familiar with the circumstances that led to these opposite courses. Certain exaggerations, both of argument and fact, almost always enter into the actuating motives of the partisans of both sides of certain burning questions ; but even allowing for this, we must consider the effect of impressions by results. As a fraternity we are still in a progressive as well as a somewhat transitional state, and to this fact must be ascribed the fluctuation of measures often so seemingly discordant. There comes a year when three new chapters are established, as during 1885-'86 ; but there has rarely been a previous year when a similar increase might not easily have been duplicated. The simple reason of the present increase is that these were chapters which we desired, while in other cases, the inducements offered were not acceptable. If any one will take the trouble to sift the record of new chapters for the past few years he will clearly see that the advance has been in a desirable direction, and will understand that we do not pass a good thing when we know it. In the matter of withdrawal of chapters, some action to that effect will certainly also be made ; not by reason of unkind clamor, but because some chapters have been visited by unkind fate of circumstances."

Perhaps the reader may understand this highly luminous explanation and perhaps he may not. We suspect that the writer of it is in the same doubtful position. The last paragraph, however, is significant, and before long we may expect to see Beta Theta Pi again on the war path. In advance we extend our condolences to the unhappy victims. The following action and resolution, passed by the convention, seems to presage the "execution" of at least four chapters:

"More reports of committees were received and considered, and something of a breeze was started in the discussion of withdrawal of certain charters. Several delinquents were freely mentioned, and accused and defended, as usual, and the following resolution was finally adopted as the sense of the convention in this matter :

"*Resolved*, That the board of directors be requested to appoint

one or more special commissioners to make a personal examination of the four chapters which the board may consider as possibly the least worthy upon our roll, and that the board be requested to lay before the next convention the results of the investigation.”

Very excellent and compact is the summary of the Convention's work. We note that of three petitions which failed or were withdrawn before coming to a vote of the Chapters, one was from Missouri State University. The “failure,” we conceive, is a greater loss to the Beta Theta Pi than to Missouri University.

The banquet of *B Θ Π* was, like our own, a stag affair, and we believe that the tendency to make gatherings of this kind altogether private and exclusive is a most excellent one. Literary exercises and receptions afford all the opportunity required for more public reunions. In her literary exercises *B Θ Π* seems to have suffered the same unfortunate disappointments as *Φ Δ Θ*. At this day, however, when the work of a Fraternity Convention is so complex, and when increasing size is adding to the already large amount of business, the time gained in omitting literary exercises cannot be altogether regretted.

The review of our song book is not, we think, characterized by a spirit of true criticism. If we except the phrase, “The typographical work is very good,” the writer of the article devotes himself to pointing out the faults alone, which, however valuable a part of criticism, cannot be said to be complete. To those who have seen college song books, and compared them with the “Songs of Phi Delta Theta,” the statement that “we think the large shape and size of the book are somewhat objectionable,” will seem a curious one. The *Beta Theta Pi* should have made the discovery long ago, before so many examples of “large shape and size” had been published. Incidentally, we would like to see what the writer would call a *small shaped* book, as distinguished from a *large shaped* book. The following is cut from an editorial :

“Volume XIII., last year, contained 322 pages, which far exceeded in number as well as in quantity, any other fraternity journal, and Volume XII., 1883-84, nine numbers of 48 pages each, contained 432 pages, of even surpassing calibre.”

This statement, we believe, is of even more than “surpassing calibre.”

Inasmuch as Volume X. of the *SCROLL* had 80 pages more than the *Beta Theta Pi* of the same year (1884-5), the inquiring reader is forced to conclude that the mighty brains of the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi* are not subject to those petty arithmetical distinctions to which more ordinary mortals must submit.

This number contains ninety-five pages, and letters from forty-two of its forty-nine Chapters—a very excellent showing.

Two poems and miscellaneous articles, among them an able

article on that much vexed question—the sphere of a fraternity journal (given in a review of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*) complete the number.

Typographically the *Beta Theta Pi* is very handsome, but the change to a quarterly is to be regretted. However, if *B Θ Π* cannot maintain a good monthly, there is every reason to change the time of publication.

It has become a custom for reviewers to state that the *Δ K E Quarterly* maintains its usual high standard, and for matters of general interest the issue of October (Vol. V., No. 1) even exceeds it.

First in importance is the article, "The First Greek Letter Fraternity, *Φ B K*." Anything concerning the first of college fraternities must be interesting to all Hellenic readers. Mr. Warner, the author (Cornell '72), has given his subject no superficial treatment. We have hitherto become accustomed to depend on one of Mr. Baird's supposititious accounts of the founding of this venerable college society, and it is satisfactory indeed to now know positively through Mr. Warner's valuable article the exact circumstances of the founding of *Φ B K*.

Having sketched the conditions and characteristics of the home of the mother Chapter, we learn that on January 5, 1777, nine young men—students of William and Mary College—mutually entered into the following pledge :

"I, \* \* \*, do swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, as calling on the Supreme Being, to attest my oath, declaring that I will, with all my possible efforts, endeavor to prove true, just, and deeply attached to this, our growing Fraternity, in keeping, holding, and preserving all secrets that pertain to my duty, and for the promotion and advancement of its internal welfare."

The new society was, perhaps, more literary in its tastes than are most similar organizations of our time.

This item from some of the original minutes shows that the Chapter could not have wanted for funds :

"At a meeting in course, September ye 23d, 1780. Agreeable to custom, ye Committee was formed, Mr. Brent as Chairman. Mr. Wm. Short and Mr. Theod. Fitzhugh being absent, the question whether 'Avarice or luxury is more beneficial to a republic?' was only handled by Mr. Swan and Mr. John Nivison. Mr. Thomas Cocke being proposed as a gentleman worthy a seat in this society, was balloted for and received. Mr. Jos. Cabell fined 20 dollars for non-attendance on ye evening he was appointed to declaim. Mr. Swan, Mr. Thos. Lee, Mr. Washington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Nivison, fined 15 dollars each for absenting themselves on evenings when disengaged. Mr. A. Stuart and

Mr. Brent to declaim, Mr. Roane and Mr. Peyton [Short] to argue at ye ensuing meeting. The business being finished, an adjournment took place."

But of most interest to us is the extension policy of this pioneer Greek Letter Society. Two Chapters were established at Yale and Harvard, November, 1780, and September, 1781, respectively, by Elisha Parmele, who had obtained charters from the mother Chapter, the beginning of an extension system so elaborately carried out by later Fraternities.

In connection with this article, a short history of the anti-masonry excitement, and the part which the  $\Phi B K$  took therein is given.

As we have said, the great value of Mr. Warner's production is that it gives us an accurate idea of the founding of the mother of college fraternities, and both he and the *Quarterly* are to be congratulated on its publication.

The usual annual review of Greek student annuals also appears in this number. Of course, the perusal of the article itself alone would be satisfactory to the reader interested in this form of student literature, but the author, at the conclusion of the review, strikes the key-note of one particularly flagrant abuse—the puffs for advertisers. It were better to have a smaller and plainer book than to beg for the trade of advertisers, and thus declare virtual "boycott" against business men who, in the legitimate expressions of the preferences, decline to advertise. It is virtual blackmail, and not of a very nice kind. To show this, we copy the *Quarterly's* quotation from the annual of an Eastern institution :

"*By patronizing those who patronize us, and by positively refusing to deal with others, the way will gradually be paved to less financial difficulty in the future.*"

"*In many instances men in our own town having a liberal share of college trade refused us their patronage, and the students will do well to avoid further dealing with them.*"

For college-bred men such a declaration becomes positively indecent.

The reviews of books by  $\Delta K E$  authors show how excellently the alumni of the Fraternity maintain her literary reputation.

"The Ideal Greek-Letter Society" is a strong and suggestive article. The following sentence, however, is not, we believe, absolutely true, when the standards of some Fraternities are considered :

"The Ideal Greek Letter Society has nothing in common, on the one hand, with Jesuits, Freemasons, Jacobins, Know Nothings; nor, on the other, with the coteries of citizens or students who seek to hide behind a veil of secrecy acts or indulgences which it would disgrace them to make known."

Certainly, secret Fraternities are distinct from all of these, but to say that such organizations have nothing *in common* with Freemasons, for example, is, perhaps, stretching a point.

Among all the remarkable things of the book, the most remarkable is a letter from the Alpha (Harvard). We learn that on one of the nights of the Harvard celebration the Alpha "will hold a banquet, at which all the *Δ K E* Alumni will be present." It is to be hoped that the other Fraternities at Harvard did not attempt to hold a similar reunion on the same date, for if all who belonged to *Δ K E* attended, it is doubtful whether there were any left for the other organizations.

THE *Chi Phi Quarterly* (November number) comes to us with the lower edges of its cover in a woful condition. In fact, the cover is several sizes too large for the journal, and is painfully suggestive of the impecunious Soph. whom the advent of winter compels to borrow an ulster from a bigger man.

There are three short literary articles, all of them, however, bearing on Fraternity topics. One of these, "Exclusiveness," may be mentioned. We do not know whether *X Φ* endorses the sentiments mentioned therein, but to most Fraternities it will be surprising to learn that exclusiveness, so long considered as the greatest charm of chapter life, should be thus regarded :

"Exclusiveness means for the most part the pernicious system of election and honor, combinations against whose Gorgon head so many darts have recently been aimed by the Greek press. It means the determination to put in 'our fellows' at any risk. It means the subservience of honor, truth, and worth to ambition, to falsehood, and to petty man-serving. These plots cannot be consummated beneath the clear gaze of the public, but only by means of the close and secret clannishness of over-exclusive fraternity life. Far be it from the writer to deprecate the pleasures of the secret lodge-room, the sharing of a joke, jest or misfortune, the confidence of youth in both pleasure and distress ; but he only laments the fact that these amenities cannot be too freely indulged in without producing the evils mentioned above."

The usually high standard of the Exchange department is maintained. It is curious to note how easily a mistaken statement will creep into fraternity journals. For example, the May number of the *Beta Theta Pi* mentions that "*X Φ* has a Chapter in the University of North Carolina," and the June number of the *Alpha Tau Omega* says that *X Φ* has five men at the University of North Carolina, when in fact *X Φ* has no Chapter there at all.

Letters and editorials, with correspondence for fourteen of its twenty chapters, complete the number of thirty-eight pages.

LIKE many others, the Sigma Nu Delta is a Convention num-



ber, and as there is no separate journal of the Minutes published, the account thereof helps considerably to swell the volume. The Editorials contain nothing of interest to readers who are not members of the order, and the chapter letters, though few in number, are generally good. The Editor's advice, "Don't be afraid of saying something," is conscientiously observed, and the following clipping will show that Sigma Nu is rapidly taking its place among leading fraternities :

"We have added several important improvements to our chapter hall this year in the shape of two lamps, a table and a nice stove. A letter we received from brother Cooper at Vanderbilt, stating that their hall was furnished splendidly and that they burned gas and had a porter to attend to it, stirred us up."

The letter from Kansas University has the unusual feature of a cut attached, representing the Snow Hall of Natural History of the University. The wonderful advances made by Western and Southern Universities is perhaps not properly appreciated by the New England and other Eastern institutions, and viewed in the light of their present condition, the utter inability of some fraternities to identify any colleges where they may not be established as other than "obscure institutions" has ceased to be even amusing.

The Exchange Editor of the *Della* takes the *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* to task for its disorderly arrangement, which is certainly an extraordinary thing for him to do, as the following shows :

"The *Rainbow* editor seems to have caught the prevalent epidemic and gives vent to his criticism upon the already much ridiculed 'Song Book' of Phi Delta Theta. He suggests that to the verse,

'Phi Delta Theta,  
Púlcima mater,'

there be added

'Oh dulce potater  
Brought in on a waiter.'

This would then make a fit companion piece for that equally stirring lullaby of,

'Phi Delt Bill  
Got lame in the knee.'"

Now this portion of a brilliant attempt at literary criticism was taken from the Beta Theta Pi, and to hold the *Rainbow* guilty of perpetrating it is most unfair to the latter journal. Slovenly is the word to apply to a mistake like this. Nor is this all ; for to speak of the "much ridiculed" Song Book of Phi Delta Theta shows that the writer of the expression has a marvellous capacity for ignorance. The "Songs of Phi Delta Theta" has not been "much ridiculed," but on the contrary has received much praise, not only from other fraternity journals, but from men whose

names have become prominent in the general fraternity world. The "Songs of Phi Delta Theta" has, doubtless, faults, in which we make bold to say it may claim fellowship with the song book of Sigma Nu when that publication may happen to make its appearance, but a little close attention to the ordinary requirements of veracity would have prohibited the publication of the objectionable phrase.

Typographically, the Sigma Nu *Delta* is a very neat and handsome journal, and it speaks well for the literary talent of Kansas University that it can produce the four generally excellent fraternity magazines there published.

THE *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta contains a full report of the last Convention of the fraternity, and letters from every one of its chapters, thirty-one in number. The department of Greek notes maintains its usual excellent standard. Delta Tau Delta has taken a pronounced stand regarding the initiation, or rather non-initiation, of preparatory students, its last Convention having decided that no persons who are members of classes inferior to the Freshman class will be eligible to membership.

The *Rainbow* contains a fairly favorable criticism of the Phi Delta Theta Song Book, but objects to such selections as these :

"Hail, Phi Delta Theta !  
 Drink it down, drink it down,  
 Hail, Phi Delta Theta !  
 Drink it down, drink it down,  
 Hail, Phi Delta Theta !  
 Than all rivals you are greater !  
 Drink it down, drink it down,  
 Drink it down, drink it down."

Now, as the Beta Theta Pi insists that there are no songs comparable to Bingo, Bull Frog, etc., no matter how old or how well known they may be, and as the *Rainbow* condemns precisely such songs, the unfortunate composer may wonder whether universal approval is ever vouchsafed to unhappy mortals this side of the grave.

THE *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* (October) is a good number and contains a selection from the *Golden Key*—an admirable article on "lifting." "Lifting" in the sense of persuading a member to leave his fraternity against the wishes of his chapter mates is always dishonorable ; but when a man has left one institution for another where there is no sister chapter, and has received an honorable discharge from his order because he is denied that fraternity companionship the delights of which he has been taught by experience, it would be unfair to accuse such a man of bad faith, and indeed, whenever such a movement meets with a kindly approval from old fraternity associates, we must assume that the latter know best to what extent "lifting" may be dishonorable, proper or even praise-

worthy. The "Greek Dots" of the *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* are complete and newsy. "A Watchmaker's Epitaph," however, has no more place in a Fraternity magazine than the title page of the prayer book of the Anglican Church or a Christmas story from Dickens. Altogether the Kappa Sigma Fraternity is to be congratulated on its organ. Few of such publications have made so creditable an appearance on their first anniversary as has the *Quarterly*, and what is better, it promises further improvements.

THE *Kappa Alpha Theta* is a very creditable number. The literary articles are good and, unlike those of some other journals, have some bearing on fraternity subjects.

A selection from the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, "Why Secret," will doubtless give rise to much discussion, but the plea of the author, that fraternities should declare publicly the purposes and objects of their establishment, instead of indulging in mere generalizations, is certainly not very practicable. While we pretend to no knowledge of the secrets of other fraternities, we dare say that there is no fraternity which does not claim to be based on the principles of moral and intellectual improvement and social enjoyment within the bounds of propriety and decency. In fact we cannot conceive of a fraternity having other principles than these as the basis of its establishment, no matter how recreant to these principles certain chapters might be; and in fact, if asked to give the standard of an organization, little else than generalizations could be given. The best, in fact the only standard of a fraternity's worth, if it must be judged by its chapter, is to carefully note the quality of men who compose that chapter. The Editorials of *Kappa Alpha Theta* are well written, especially the one on "Rushing" which it would be mutilation to cut out unless in its entirety. The Exchange Department has a large portion devoted to the SCROLL, but not as we might wish. Kappa Alpha Theta resents the remarks of an undergraduate chapter of Phi Delta Theta concerning the withdrawal of a chapter by the former. So far as Kappa Alpha Theta claims that whatever is done by her is, to use a common phrase, her own business, she is in the right; but the question of interference, etc., is a delicate question, and no fraternity can expect to have any of its acts passed without criticism. Further, the assumption that a fraternity as a whole is responsible for all that appears in its journal is within certain limits a false one. The fact that a chapter correspondent attacks a fraternity by no means indicates that such a feeling exists throughout his organization. Chapter correspondence is the utterance of chapters, and it would be impossible to view these utterances as those of the Fraternity. We would not be understood as saying that the Phi Delta Theta chapter has in any way over-stepped the limits of legitimate criticism in speaking of the action of Kappa Alpha

Theta. The right of animadverting upon her action is as unquestionable as her right to resent it ; but certainly the opinion of a whole fraternity is not to be regulated by the voice of a single chapter, no matter how excellent such a chapter might be.

The Kappa Alpha Theta makes complimentary notice of the Manual and Songs. The "Fraternity Notes" have not the merit of great novelty, a quality, however, very rare in this department of fraternity literature.

The number contains correspondence from ten chapters and letters and personals from alumni.

The publications treated in this Review include all which have been delivered to the SCROLL on or before December 15, 1886. ED.

THOSE fortunate enough to be present at our last Convention, will remember with pleasure the presence of our founder, the Rev. Robert Morrison. Deeply sensible of the love which he had for the Order in traveling over so many miles to take a part in its councils, the Fraternity, through the Historian of the General Council, presented him with a cane, the acknowledgement of which will be found in the following letter :

AURORA SPRINGS, MO., }  
Nov. 29, 1886. }

*Dear Brother Randolph :*

On Saturday, 27 inst., per express, I received in good condition an elegant and substantial cane. Like the great image in the dream of the Chaldean King, the head was of gold, while the body of the cane was solid and weighty, well suited to travel with such a head.

This handwriting was on the crown :

1848.  
ROBERT MORRISON,  
FROM  
THE NEW YORK CONVENTION  
OF  
PHI DELTA THETA.  
1886.

This handsome gift is highly appreciated because of its intrinsic value, and because of its prospective usefulness, and more than all else because it is a testimonial of regard from a grand, a National Fraternity, than which there is none better, as I think, upon the Continent.

Please accept for yourself and those whom in this business you represent, my most sincere thanks.

I remain in the Bond, Fraternally yours,

ROBERT MORRISON.

## THAT SWORD.

Some badges have recently been received by the Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu, located at this university, and I notice that as a guard-pin is used a "*sabre*," resembling so closely our "*sword*," that at a short distance off it would most certainly deceive any Phi who might happen to be not aware of the fact.

Whether this is authorized or originated solely with Rho is of little importance, as it is to be presumed that no chapter would do anything contrary to the spirit of the general fraternity.

Now, this seems to me to be an act of great presumption on the part of Sigma Nu, for although we cannot lay exclusive claim to our design, yet the right of priority should be respected, and inasmuch as in 1866 the sword was made the distinctive feature of our badge, and Sigma Nu was not established until 1869, it cannot be asserted, with truth, that the design originated with Sigma Nu.

Among the advantages to us, arising from the sword attachment, may be mentioned that of enabling one Phi to recognize another at a distance; for, even though the shape of the badge proper might not be distinguished, still, hitherto, the moment the sword was seen all doubts as to the identity of the Fraternity would be removed, but now it seems intended that this mark is to be taken from us.

The system of chapter nomenclature used by Sigma Nu is that of the Greek letters, and not by States, and, in my opinion, the proper guard-pin is the chapter letter.

I quote the following from brother Palmer's Manual:

"The sword is totally different from the pin attachments of other fraternities, which almost invariably consist of chapter letters."

And again;

"The combination of the two weapons (shield and sword) makes the badge, even at a distance, entirely dissimilar to all others."

But not so any longer.

This is not the first instance that our designs have been adopted by other fraternities, as at one time both the shield-shape and the eye were adopted, at another time the eye, and again, by two others, the shield.

If we expect to have a badge of *our order*, it seems that, to secure it, we shall be compelled to obtain letters-patent to each and every part of the design.

Although it might be construed as a compliment to our superior designs to have them thus copied, nevertheless this compliment is overshadowed by the loss of a distinctive badge.

HENRY W. CLARK, Mo. A, '87.

THE THIRD ANNUAL RE-UNION OF THE NEW YORK  
ALPHA ALUMNI.

THE night of Dec. 13th was a dreary one, but could in no way affect the spirits of "Ye Anciente Phis" who assembled to do honor to their Fraternity and tender advice to their younger brethren who were present to join in the pleasures, intellectual and gastronomical, of the evening.

The new Phi Delta Theta rooms in New York are in one of the most fashionable portions of the city, and are handsomely and comfortably furnished.

There are separate rooms for each of the two undergraduate chapters, but on occasions like these, all are thrown open.

Contrary to usual custom there was no formal banquet, but after the adoption of a new series of by-laws, the production of a goodly portion of the legal talent of Phi Delta Theta in New York, all present adjourned to a separate room, where was spread a bountiful repast, to which full justice was done.

It was found that the selection of December as the date of the annual meeting had not proven altogether satisfactory, and accordingly it was determined to have another meeting next January, when exercises of a formal character will probably be held.

The city is rapidly gaining in Phi Delta Thetas, notwithstanding the difficulty ordinarily attending any attempt to hold an alumni chapter into active association. Every Phi coming to New York should immediately communicate with the chapter reporter, and become enrolled on the list of members. The chapter now numbers over forty, and expects to increase that list to a hundred before the next Convention.

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## EDITORIAL.

A NUMBER of changes have been made in the SCROLL staff. Brother Orcutt, compelled by rush of personal business, resigned the office of Assistant Business Manager, at a meeting of the Board of Publication, 13th inst. The Business Manager thereupon appointed brother J. B. Kerfoot to the position, and the latter resigned the Assistant Editorship, which the Board has since filled by the election of brother Mason Carnes. At the same meeting brother W. S. Ferris was made a member of the Board, vice brother W. R. Worrall, resigned.

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WHEN the Board of Publication of the SCROLL assumed management, that body determined to omit the names of chapter reporters at the end of letters, seeing at the time no good reason for their insertion, but a number of reasons for their omission, chief among which was that letters are communications from the chapter and not from the individual. An active correspondence has since convinced the Board that the great confusion which would result in an attempt to classify the writers of letters after a considerable period, would do much to still further complex the not very simple task of indexing, especially since in so large a fraternity as our own, errors will creep into the "Di-

rectory" no matter how much care may be exercised. Beginning, therefore, with this number all chapter letters will be followed by the names of reporters, and the latter are requested to observe this change.

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PAN HELLENISM.—United as they are by the similarity of their organization, and animated, for the most part, by a common purpose, college fraternities should undoubtedly have some closer bond of connection, that could enable a man who wore a fraternity pin to claim a sort of secondary membership with any other who carried a similar emblem on his dress. The average Greek, especially if he be of a sentimental disposition, is apt to create some beautiful vision of a closer connection between these organizations, and although not very clear as to how this is to be accomplished, he has a vague idea that something should be done and that somebody should do it. This sentiment, every now and then, endeavors to assume a concrete reality, and thus arise the schemes of Pan Hellenic Conventions, Inter-Fraternity summer meetings, etc., which are regularly discussed and approved, and, if we accept the fruitless conventions of some years ago, are as regularly abandoned. But a few months since, an informal meeting was held at Buffalo by a number of representatives from several fraternities, they, however, not having been especially elected or appointed for the purpose, the object of which was to bring into closer communion the Greeks then at Chautauqua and vicinity. There was to be a meeting in August, and a general invitation was tendered by the committee. August has passed away and, presumably, the committee with it.

It is evident that to be of any use, a Pan Hellenic Convention must have the sanction of a good majority of college fraternities, that regularly appointed delegates should be elected, and should have some definite idea of what really was to be accomplished. Granting that our fraternities would go to the expense of electing and paying for the disbursements of delegates, and should clothe them with the very extraordinary and unusual power of acting for their own fraternity, is there any other good to be obtained by such a meeting of Greeks, beyond the pleasant features of acquaintance and companionship? By no means are the latter features to be underestimated, but can they not be attained as well in other ways?



To gather together fraternity men wherever they are, to have reunions in cities and at summer resorts, are desirable and pleasant objects, but need no convention to accomplish them. This great object—that of bringing American college fraternities into closer communion—can not be attained by conventions, meetings or resolutions, but is not the less easy of accomplishment. *It is the Chapter that can do it, and the Chapter only.* College graduates are ready to forget the fights of their undergraduate life, and are only too willing to bring together the bonds of Grecian sympathy. It is in the chapter that the friction begins, and it is there, and not in the fraternity convention, that we must look for the cultivation of Pan-Hellenism. The almost unavoidable tendency to misrepresent in rushing and spiking, the sacrifices to principle in running in this or that man, the bitter memories of defeat, are not circumstances calculated to increase the mutual esteem of fellow Greeks. If, as the pessimist claims, the evils of rushing, etc., must always exist, how can a convention cure the harsh feelings engendered by them?

But it is not true that these evils must continue. A chapter's existence is not, of course, based on sentiment alone, and practical politics must continue to exist in fraternities as in other organizations, but there is no need for a Chapter to sacrifice its existence or prosperity in order to raise the standard of its treatment of a rival. We know of two cases, and there are probably many more, where it is part of the initiate's creed to look with contempt on another chapter, and to do everything possible to prevent its success. This is not the sort of feeling which should characterize fraternity men, and so long as it continues, Pan-Hellenism will be a delusion. Where they do not exist, the chapters of different fraternities in a college should have a sort of association, and adopt a code of ethics. The reporter, too, plays a leading part, and this important office, instead of being given to a younger member as a sort of drudgery, should be regarded as one of the highest honors in the gift of the chapter, and should be conferred on a man of caution, possessed of a good knowledge of the status of the various fraternities, and—we would like to dwell upon this last—of some literary ability. He should attack another chapter only when the latter's action renders this necessary. We never praise ourselves in vilifying others. Care should be taken to admonish a too enthusiastic member should he attack rivals, and

“lifting” should not be tolerated. Honorable men are generally best obtained by acting honorably, and fraternities do not want the other kind.

Another potent agency in the cultivation of Pan-Hellenism, is the Fraternity organ, and we believe it is aiding to maintain cordial relations between college fraternities. Fraternity journals, in thus acting, have lost none of the rights of criticism, and yet they carry that criticism in a spirit of fairness which may result in disagreement, but never in abuse.

On the Chapter depends the work of bringing into closer union the members of the Greek world. It is not a very difficult undertaking, and when fraternity men find that by accomplishing it, they will not only have added the names of many more good men on the fraternity rolls, but will also have kept from them those which should never have appeared thereon; they will realize that Pan-Hellenism will mean something, and that no Greek need fear to shake the hand of a brother Greek in fraternal greeting.

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### OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 30, 1886.

*To the Alpha Province of Phi Delta Theta :*

BRETHREN :—It is with great pleasure that I give you my first official greeting as your President—pleasure that my duties must be light during my incumbency. But do not let this betray you into the thought that I consider the duties of the office merely perfunctory, or that I am glad to escape them when onerous. No one can be more alive to the importance of this bearing, first upon the Province itself, and secondly, upon our cherished fraternity at large. No, brethren, my pleasure arises from the fact that Alpha Province is advancing upon such a full tide of prosperity that in our circle the *Ultima Thule* seems near at hand.

After a most careful examination I can proudly assert that I find but *one* chapter remiss in any of the particulars required by our Order, and from this chapter the last reports are encouraging. Indeed, the wonderful prosperity of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  at this juncture is a matter of congratulation to us all. To-day our Province comes

fresh from a National Convention held in its midst, of which the peer in the college fraternity world has never been seen, where more colleges and universities in chapters were represented on its floor than were ever before known in the history of any Greek letter fraternity; where the cherished author of our Bond joined in our proceedings and aided us with his counsel. Its influence has spurred on every Phi in the Province to higher efforts, so that here, as elsewhere, we will make this the banner year for Phi Delta Theta.

And yet, brothers in the Bond, we have not yet fully accomplished our work. There are in our Province other worthy college halls where our altar-fires will burn with brilliancy once they are lighted; and in the present appointee of the General Council in Alpha Province you will always find one ready to respond with his best efforts to every movement to further the interests of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Yours in  $\Phi$ — $\text{Κε} \alpha$ .

DUDLEY R. HORTON.

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COLUMBIA, MO., DEC. 1, 1886.

*To the Eta Province of Phi Delta Theta :*

BRETHREN :—I have been informed by brother Brown, S. G. C., of my appointment to the Presidency of Eta Province. In accepting the trust I desire to say a few words to our Province. I desire to urge upon each chapter the necessity of stretching out and finding out what others are doing. Do not shut yourselves up from the rest of the fraternity, and especially from the Province, but communicate with others and try to obtain hints as to internal improvement. Also, let me urge upon all to correspond with me. I am at present identified with Missouri Alpha, and can possibly better appreciate things which may need my attention than if I had left the chapter and was more occupied with other affairs. I hope that each chapter in Eta will have a report in each SCROLL. The one who is, I think, generally most lax as regards his duties is the Chapter Historian, and I would suggest that he make himself "more numerous;" button-hole the members; obtain their biography; record every incident of note occurring in the chapter.

We are especially in need of a convention, and it is my desire to see such brought about. I consulted with the various delegates of Eta, at the last general convention, and this seemed to be the prevailing opinion. Let every chapter inform me at once what are its desires in the matter—when and where. I wish a pleasant and profitable year to each chapter, and hope soon to hear from you.

H. W. CLARK.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

AFTER the usual Thanksgiving recess, the term opened last Thursday. This term is a short one, of only eight weeks, and a great portion of the members employ this time in teaching. Maine Alpha has sent out eight "peds" this year—brothers Beverage, Bradbury, Watson, '87; Burleigh and Smith, '89; Averill, Johnson and Knight, '90. During brother Beverage's absence, brother Brainard, '88, has the management of the *Echo*.

We have twenty-one members now, distributed among the classes as follows: '87, 8; '88, 3; '89, 5; '90, 5. The other societies, according to their seniority, have:

	Class '87.	Class '88.	Class '89.	Class '90.	Total.
$\Delta$ K E.....	6	8	5	7	26
Z $\Psi$ .....	4	2	5	4	15
$\Delta$ T.....	9	5	2	5	21
$\Sigma$ K (ladies' local).4		5	5	7	21

The members of Maine Alpha represent three states: Maine, 19; Massachusetts, 1; New Brunswick, 1. Maine Alpha is in fine condition at the present time and hopes to continue so. She takes great delight in her literary programs.

Dec. 12, 1886.

S. GALLERT.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

SINCE the initiation and anniversary ceremonies nothing of special importance has occurred at New Hampshire Alpha. Our work goes on smoothly and quietly. At present we are holding a mock senate, based on the United States Senate. Just now the chapter is somewhat crippled by the absence of several active members, but we expect to welcome them back early next term.

Dec. 13, 1886.

E. E. CHALMERS.

## VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

BROTHER CROFT, '89, did not return to college this year, but has recently spent a few days in this city and Winooski visiting friends.

Brother Clapp, '86, having returned from teaching and entered the Medical College, has been initiated into the mysteries of the Delta Mu Society of that department. Brother Morgan, '89, is at home sick.

Brother Morgan, '87, is President of the University Bicycle

Club, manager of the University foot ball team, and captain of Company A in the military drill.

Brother Sornborger is absent teaching.

Several of the students have been indefinitely suspended because of pranks committed on Halloween night, but no Phis are among the number.

Our last two meetings have been enlivened by a mock trial, in which one of the brothers was tried for robbery; the pleas are yet to be made.

With the approach of winter and the prospects of another carnival, the enthusiasm for coasting has returned, and none of this spirit is lacking in the Phis, for our traverse, the Gen. Vilas, is the nicest society sled in college.

Dec. 15, 1886.

ARTHUR B. GILBERT.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Our good progress still continues. On Friday evening, Nov. 19, the initiation of Daniel Upton, '90, took place, and on Dec. 10th, F. L. Dodgson, 89, and E. M. Adams, '90, were instructed in the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta.

Brother W. O. Morgan, California Alpha's delegate to the National Convention, made us a pleasant visit of several days duration. Brother Morrison is editor-in-chief of the *Cornell Era*, having been elected at the end of last year.

Nearly our whole chapter are interested in athletics, five being foot-ball players. Brother E. H. Bennett is captain of the Sophomore foot-ball team.

Dec. 15, 1886.

E. C. BOYNTON.

#### NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

FRIDAY evening, December 3d, New York Beta celebrated the third anniversary of her existence. The literary entertainment was of a high order of merit and consisted of a history of the chapter by C. W. Blessing, an oration by A. B. Conover, poems by C. A. Marvin and J. E. Winne; oration by Geo. C. Stewart, "A Prophecy;" A. E. Phillips, poem, and a very able address by H. McMillen. After the entertainment we adjourned to the restaurant underneath our rooms and sat down to a bountiful repast provided by our landlord. Brother J. E. Ewanher acted as toast master, and the following toasts were proposed and responded to: "Alpha Province," A. E. Phillips; "Our Fraternity," Prof. C. C. Brown; "New York Beta," C. A. Marvin; "The William Goat," Geo. C. Stewart; "Our Initiates," F. W. Brown; "The Faculty," H. McMillen; "The Fair Maids," J. E. Winne; "Our Absentees," A. R. Conover; "Our Graduates," M. Nolan. The anniversary was the most successful in

the history of the Chapter. It is with a feeling of pride that we look back upon our past and mark the progress made each year. The growth of New York Beta has been phenomenal, and we stand to-day on a basis that promises to Phi Delta Theta in Union, many years of activity and usefulness.

Dec. 8, 1886.

A. E. PHILLIPS.

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

SINCE our last report we have received into our chapter, brother Winthrop Earle, '89. Brother Earle was initiated Nov. 24, and though with us but a short time has proved himself an earnest and efficient worker for the chapter.

On the College Glee Club we have three men, and one on the Senior Quartette, the best one the college has had for years.

The new rooms of the chapter are in every way superior to those previously occupied by it. In a handsome house and in one of the best locations in the city, we find the task of "spiking" much simplified, and feel that the chapter was never on a surer footing and in a more promising condition.

Our members are distributed among the several classes as follows: Two Seniors, six Juniors, and one Sophomore. We have another Sophomore and several Freshmen pledged, all gentlemen who will be a credit to their chapter and to their fraternity.

Dec. 15, 1886.

S. W. DUNSCOMB, JR.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

FOR reasons best known to the reporter no communication was forwarded for the December SCROLL.

Pa. Alpha, however, is not dormant by any means.

Brothers Head, '87, and Lenhart, '89, not returning, we began the year with only eight men.

We have since received three additions to the chapter roll—two from the Freshman class, and the other brother McCamant, '88.

Our meetings are made so interesting and enjoyable by our entertainment committee that absences are rare and fraternity interest is much quickened.

Our interests prosper about as usual at class elections, and many positions of honor and prominence are held by trustworthy Phis.

Dec. 14, 1886.

HARRY L. MOORE.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report Pennsylvania Gamma has not been idle. Although we have no initiations to announce, yet we have been fortifying our position in college, generally. In the "Senate" just

organized, out of 38 members,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has 12, and they all holding high positions. Our most formidable rivals are  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

The most brilliant event we have to record is the celebration of the eleventh anniversary of the founding of Pennsylvania Gamma. This we did with great pomp and splendor on the evening of December 4. Our hall was beautifully decorated in evergreens and flowers. At one end of the hall hung the portraits of the six men at the mention of whose names every Phi rejoices. At the other end were the pictures of twenty or thirty of Pennsylvania Gamma's sons.

Letters of congratulations were received from brothers Morrison, Bassett, Randolph, Pennsylvania  $\Delta$ , and others.

After our literary exercises we marched in file to the banquet hall, where was everything that could tickle the palate or delight the eye. Not until midnight did we cease from our "feast of reason and flow of soul" and disperse to our rooms, feeling that it had been a time not soon to be forgotten.

Following is the programme of exercises :

1875. ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY PENN. GAMMA,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . 1886.

#### OPENING CEREMONY.

Song, <i>Work! Work! Work!</i> .....	Omnes
Calling the Roll.....	J. B. Clark, '90
Song, <i>Congenial Phis</i> .....	Glee Club
Address of Welcome.....	A. J. Montgomery, Jr., '87
Song, <i>Hail! Phi Delta Theta</i> .....	Glee Club
From Ocean to Ocean.....	D. M. Skilling, '88
Song, <i>Golden Weapons</i> .....	Omnes
The Shield and Dagger.....	C. W. Hays, '88
The Mystic Bond.....	A. H. Ewing, '87
Song, <i>United in the Bond</i> .....	Omnes
The Future of Pa. <i>I</i> .....	H. T. Stewart, '87
Song, <i>Our William Goat</i> .....	Omnes
Our Weary, Weary William Goat....	W. S. Haymaker, '89
Duet, <i>The Barbarian and the Goat</i> .....	Wright and Skilling
Our Last Initiate.....	S. L. Dille, '89
Song, <i>Nimble William</i> .....	Glee Club

#### BANQUET AT BAILEY'S.

Post Prandial Anniversary Ceremony.

Dec. 13, 1886.

J. R. WRIGHT.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Nothing of importance has taken place in fraternity circles since our last letter. The boys are doing good work in the class rooms and keeping up  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's standard of excellence there.

Brother Stubbs, '90, is working in the *Chautauquan* office ; but expects to be in college next year.

We have at present thirteen members. The other fraternities represented here have memberships as follows : *K A Θ*, 9 ; *Φ Γ Δ*, 16 ; *Φ K Ψ*, 13 ; *Δ T Δ*, 10.

The new song book is a favorite with the boys, and its songs help greatly in enlivening our meetings.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 13, 1886.

W. BIGNELL.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI, NEW YORK CITY.

The National Convention which was held in this city last October, and the Convention of Alpha Province last spring, has had a happy effect upon the Phis in the city of New York and its vicinity. These events have been especially noticeable upon the Alumni members.

Since our last report to the SCROLL the New York Alpha Alumni Chapter has taken important steps in the direction of establishing itself upon a surer footing of usefulness, both to itself and to the fraternity at large.

At a meeting of this chapter, held on November 27 ult., it was determined to provide chapter rooms, and since then the chapter has made arrangements with the two active chapters in this city to share their house with them, and the headquarters of the united Phis in New York City is now at these elegant chapter rooms.

A second meeting of the chapter was held on December 13th inst., at which some important measures were considered and adopted.

The day fixed for chapter meetings will in future be the second Monday of each month ; and the meeting in January of each year was determined upon as the date of the annual meeting for the election of officers.

In pursuance of the custom heretofore prevalent, as an annual dinner, a collation was served at the last meeting, which was ample to attest the good taste of the committee having the affair in charge. It was much enjoyed by those in attendance.

Dec. 15.

PAUL JONES.

#### BETA PROVINCE.

##### VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

FRATERNITY circles have not been very greatly moved this session by any unusual or startling circumstances. True, a good deal of spirited "rushing" has been done, and as the Phis were on hand they received a very fair portion of the gains ; three men have donned the white and blue, thus bearing testimony to our vigorous campaign. But our "goat" is not yet satisfied, and we,



as indulgent masters, are busy preparing one or two more offerings to our "William." May he ever serve Virginia Gamma as faithfully as he has done during the past few months. The fraternities at R. M. C. rank, numerically, as follows:  $K A$ , 12;  $B \Theta II$ , 9;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 7;  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , 7;  $\Sigma X$ , 5. The number of students at this College is so small, when compared with the number of fraternities represented, that we do not think it advisable to have a chapter composed of a great number of men, for numbers and superiority do not consistently go together at this place.

The only honorary positions of any note that have been bestowed upon students, at this early date, are the appointments on the editorial staff of the *Monthly*. Brother J. C. Martin represents us in this department as "Collegiana" editor.  $B \Theta II$  and  $K A$  each have one representative.

Brothers Vaden and Martin attended the Virginia College Convention of the Y. M. C. A., held at the University of Virginia, a few weeks since. They report that Virginia Beta is flourishing and that the Phis of the University cannot be exceeded in hospitality and brotherly courtesy. They met several Phis from other colleges, among them brother Walker, of the Virginia Military Institute, who said that there is a well-grounded belief existing at the Institute that the laws opposing fraternities at that place will soon be repealed.

Christmas draws on apace; Virginia Gamma extends fraternal greetings to all the "brothers in the Bond," wishing them, individually and collectively, "the compliments of the season."

Dec. 14, 1886.

J. C. MARTIN, JR.

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

THE change in the manner of conducting the SCROLL prevented South Carolina Beta from making her report last month, a circumstance which she regrets very much, owing to our impatience to acquaint the fraternity with the names of three of the most promising men of the entering class. They are W. T. Aycock, E. E. Aycock and L. W. Boyd. These men, upon whom South Carolina Beta rests her future hopes, are in every way worthy of the fraternity, and we feel that in this year's campaign we have not been surpassed by any other chapter at this institution. South Carolina Beta has ever been very careful whom she initiates, which she regards as an indispensable element in building up a strong chapter. Notwithstanding this fact, we have initiated as many men as any other chapter at this college.

Brother Copeland reports the convention as having been a great success and he has succeeded in instilling into the chapter an energy and enthusiasm such as we never knew before.

Dec. 7, 1886.

J. R. COAN.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report little has occurred to mar the even tenor of our way. There being little or no material worth looking after, we have only to devote ourselves to the many and arduous toils of college life.

It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of Bro. H. C. Carney, one of Georgia Beta's most gifted and loyal sons.  
Nov. 25, 1886. J. P. McREE.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

NOTHING of special interest has occurred here lately in fraternity circles. We have initiated one member since our last report, thus swelling our number to thirty, which number, although large, is warranted by the amount of good material in attendance here.

The following are a few figures concerning our Chapter :

The average age of members is 20.1 years.

The States represented are : Tennessee, 13 ; Alabama, 4 ; Georgia, 4 ; Kentucky, 4 ; Arkansas, 1 ; Kansas, 1 ; Louisiana, 1 ; Mississippi, 1 ; North Carolina, 1.

By departments we stand : Academic, 26 ; Theological, 2 ; Law, 1 ; Engineering, 1 ; Pharmaceutical, 1 ; Medical, 0 ; Dental, 0.

As to time of graduation we have : Post-graduates, 3 ; class of '87, 4 ; class of '88, 9 ; class of '89, 6 ; class of '90, 2 ; irregular, 7.

The fraternities here are :  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $KA$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $K \Sigma$ , and  $\Sigma A E$ .

We are all pleased with the improvement in the SCROLL, but we would like to see a letter from each Chapter in every issue.

Dec. 11, '86.

STEWART BROOKS.

## TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

WE are compelled to announce the departure of two of our most worthy brethren, Bro. Hodgson, our former reporter, and Bro. Smith, both of whom are now studying medicine. The former is at the University of Virginia, and the latter at Vanderbilt. This reduces our number to ten regular members, but the Phis are very energetic, and we hope soon to chronicle the addition of new names to our chapter roll.

Our final examination will begin on the 6th and end on the 20th of the present month. Our time here, therefore, is very

limited. Several of the Grammar School boys will be made "Juniors," and we are keeping a steady eye on some of them.

This Chapter is very much pleased with the SCROLL under its new management, especially the blue color of the cover. We can only wish the management success, and hope that they will retain the same good name as their predecessors.

The mountain is very dull now, as all the visitors have left. We gave some of them a charming entertainment some time since, and intended repeating it, but owing to their early departure we concluded to wait over until next term.

Wishing the Fraternity even more than its usual success, we will now close our correspondence until March, '87, when the Fraternity shall again hear from us.

Dec. 1st, 1886.

A. B. WATSON.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

THE fight for new men has about subsided now, and Phi Delta Theta's forces with an unbroken front, exultant and triumphant, still bivouac upon the field of their success. Unbounded enthusiasm has burned with an undimmed flame in the bosoms of our boys, and, with united purpose and dauntless courage, they have proceeded to the work of spiking. The result is, we have now about utilized the desirable material of college, and time and effort are being devoted to other pursuits of interest and profit than that of luring non-frats into the charms of our mysteries. Our new brothers are *every one* rapidly taking *leading* stands in their classes, and we are truly proud of them all. By a breach of good faith, by which in one of the lower classes Phi Delta Theta was betrayed and her prestige for the future seriously imperilled, we have been placed at a disadvantage, but now we have so retrieved ourselves that the slight reverses of a single year will be surely followed by overwhelming victory. Apprehension has been transformed into absolute faith and confirmed hope. The future is assured. It is with feelings of the greatest pride we give to our peerless brotherhood, the names of our new initiates. They are all men of the right type, made out of superior quality of material from which  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  usually selects her knights of the shield and sword. From the law class we have selected brothers Ervin, Agee, and Harward; from the junior class, brother Clay; from Sophomore class, brothers Palmer, Crook, Forney, Earle, and Martin; from the Freshman class, Carnes, Corwell, Banks, Murphy, and Smith. These occasions give us a *decided advantage* in the two classes last named. We commend these brothers to the entire fraternity. Below is a tabulated statement of the Fraternity Statistics of this college:

	Class '87.	Class '88	Class '89	Class '90.	
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .....	17	7	7	5	36
$\Delta K E$ .....	6	6	6	1	19
$\Sigma N$ .....	9	12	5	1	27
$K A$ .....	3	4	1	3	11
$A T \Omega$ .....	2	4	4	4	14
$\Sigma A E$ .....	2	2	3	0	7
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Totals ....	39	35	26	14	114

November 22, 1886.

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ALABAMA BETA, STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA.

SINCE the last report from Alabama Beta we have initiated five men of whom the Fraternity may feel proud. One of the five is brother S. C. Pitts, who is Assistant Professor in Mechanics. The other names may be found among the list of initiates.

There has been recently established here another  $\Sigma A E$  Chapter. They organized with seven, all of whom are pretty good fellows. The Sigs. were among the first to organize here, but for some cause disbanded and joined the Phis.

It is expected that there will soon be a  $\Delta K E$  Chapter organized here. We have been informed by one of the applicants for the charter that the necessary number of men have been selected, or rather collected. It seems rather late in the session to be organizing where men were not selected among the first, and if these organize, we don't see why there couldn't be about five other chapters established here.

Some of the chapters here continue to take in students from the prep. department. This, we think, equivalent to establishing chapters at the high schools.

Thirteen Fraternity men have been recently promoted to cadet offices and were distributed as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s, 7;  $A T \Omega$ s, 3;  $K A$ s, 2;  $\Sigma A E$ s, 1.

Dec. 7th, 1886.

L. W. WILKINSON.

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MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA'S HALL was the recipient of the presence of brother (Hon.) Lewis M. Southworth, of whom I made mention in the November SCROLL. Brother Southworth returns to take the Senior law course, and our noble chapter shall ever be endeared to him and will always cherish the most sincere and pleasant recollections of his past loyalty to the fraternity.

Everyone is eager for the approach of Christmas and a great many boys expect to go home to spend their holidays.

The Hermean Literary Society elected its officers December 14th. Brother J. W. Oliver was elected to the office of vice-presi-

dent; brother Armstrong was elected to the office of assistant recording secretary.

JNO. M. OLIVER.

Dec. 10, 1886.

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TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

It is a wise remark of some savant, that we might go through life and never meet with the book that contains for us a special message. So it is possible to pass through a college career and never know the limits of the human imagination, and the extent to which misplaced fraternity zeal will carry some chapter reporters. These profound, and we think extremely sagacious reflections, are occasioned by accidentally seeing a letter in the Kappa Alpha *Journal* of November, dated University of Texas.

Our custom here has been, in writing letters to the SCROLL, to report the progress of our own chapter, and mention any honors we may have been fortunate enough to receive. But we have never done this at the expense of other fraternities and—facts. We have always thought both would take care of themselves.

We would take no notice of the letter above referred to, but for the fact of its extensive circulation in the Kappa Alpha *Journal*, and more especially the comment it has received at the University here.

There is an *odi profanum vulgus et arceo* air about the letter that is exceedingly distasteful to a man of refinement. Certainly we do not mind being termed "the plebs." That is the smallest part of the offense. We only protest when the intimation is made that they are the "nobilitas." The first statement is amusing; the intimation bears contradiction on its face. But we do not mean to recriminate, and only ask space to offer a few remarks upon this wonderful piece of fraternity journalism.

I quote: "Strictly speaking, *KA* is the only true fraternity in the University of Texas." Now, we wonder what is meant by "strictly speaking?" If it means to speak entirely from a *KA* standpoint, the statement may be admissible; for what man, with any fraternity spirit, but thinks his chapter and fraternity the only "true" one? For him it certainly is; only he ought not officiously to thrust his opinion upon other people. But if it means to speak according to facts, we take decided issue. There are just six other "true" fraternities in the University of Texas, with all of whom the "possession of a charter and minute-book" plays no more prominent a part than with our *KA* friends.

But hear: "The members of Omicron have always associated together to the almost utter exclusion of outsiders, and gained reputation for exclusiveness." This is ascribed to fraternity intimacy. To an uninterested observer it might be ascribed to dire

necessity. It is a fact, however, that their friends are almost entirely confined to the chapter roll. In some other institutions, we are informed, the same spirit prevails. Whether this be a part of *KA* principles, we know not.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s do not think, when they join the fraternity, that they sever all connection with other Greeks, or even with the poor barbarian. Our obligations should, if anything, make us more social, reserving only our finer affection for our brethren.

Here is another startling announcement: "Our excellent rivals, the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s, so far as any congeniality and fraternity is concerned, may as well be a society for the exploration of the region around the north and south pole; and in fact, last year there was about that much difference in tastes, etc., between its members," some of whom, we are told, are "good men," while none are "particularly bad." This is faint praise, but it is meant to damn. We presume this dictum is the result of our not "associating together to the utter exclusion of all outsiders!" The remark, however, is very unfortunate. The glass-house proverb is a perennial truth. With bated breath, be it spoken, there are feuds even within the *KA* camp, and it is an open secret that some of their members are at dagger points, having long since passed the dismal verge of cold formality. So closely united, and yet so far apart; to keep up the simile, "As far removed as from the centre thrice to the utmost pole."

One other statement we will notice: "We have often found that the paucity of our numbers was detrimental to our interests." "We were perfectly defenceless in the literary societies, class elections, etc., against combinations outvoting us." Therefore, their exclusive number of fifteen is increased, as we are told a little before, by "three very exemplary initiates," whom "their united efforts gained." For what end? "Evidently, forsooth, for the high and ennobling purpose of not being 'defenceless in the societies, etc.,"' and that the "plebs" might not outvote them at the polls.

We refrain from mentioning the "*t. v. e. i.*" We are sorry for them, and would recommend that they join some fraternity which can hold out to them higher aims. We cannot anticipate the action of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , however, in such a contingency. We don't think taking college honors the *summum bonum* of student life, nor beating "plebs" at the polls the test of a "true" fraternity. Standards differ though. Mind, we make no charges against our *KA* friends. We are only investigating an alleged chapter report. If the inferences we have drawn are not the natural ones from the language used, our logic is sadly at fault.

A few words are necessary about the honors mentioned. Quoth 'a: "We had two and the offer of a third out of a possi-

ble seven." They neglected to state  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was the first choice of this "third," and also, strange oversight, that we took four actual honors out of a possible eight. Also, that of class distinctions and proficiencies, we only lacked three of doubling the *K As*. In the light of those facts this statement is amusing: "Omicron's chiefest honor last year was her class standing;" and, "had justice been done, our list of honors would have been increased." We believe in most instances at college, justice *is* done. There, if anywhere, a man stands upon his merits, and if honor is deserved, it is generally received. That seems to be peculiarly true in the University of Texas.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has nothing to complain of in that direction.

A tacit charge seems to be made in this letter that the fraternities here combined against the *KA*. In the name of the Greek world here, as fine men as ever honored the "grand old name of gentleman," we deny it. Our friends are guilty of that very common error of ascribing too much importance to themselves and their acts. The student of history will remember that when the Greeks *did* combine, it was on most momentous occasions, and their antagonist was *anything* but *insignificant*.

This remarkable document closes with: "My next can give more facts and fewer theories regarding the various fraternities." We hope so; we most heartily hope so. We will look forward most eagerly for your "next." We only hope he will not so often go to his "imagination for his facts, and his memory for tropes;" the theories are worthless.

We have written the above in no unfriendly spirit. Our only desire was to correct any erroneous impressions made by this production. Against the *KA* chapter here,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has no quarrel. From the very nature of things, it is impossible.

Dec. 6, 1886.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH.

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### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

BROTHER SAM W. TOWNSEND, we are sorry to state, will not be with us next term. In brother Townsend, Ohio Alpha loses one of its most loyal Phis, and the University one of its brightest students. His genial ways will be greatly missed by our chapter, and we wish him abundant success in whatever field he may enter.

It will be remembered by those present at the late Convention that the case of one W. E. Morris came up for action. The Ohio Alpha followed out the suggestions of the Convention, notwithstanding which a resignation was delivered by him, and before action was taken, on the following day he appeared wearing the insignia of *B Θ II*, thus forfeiting his membership in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

On consultation with Phis high in position in the fraternity, he was unanimously expelled.

We are looking forward with a great deal of anxiety to the dedication of our new chapter hall, as a gala time is anticipated. It will take place during the first part of February.

At the recent joint meeting between the two literary societies, viz. : Erodolphian and Miami Union we were honored with five representatives, Beta Theta Pi with one.

Dec. 13th, 1886.

HARRY WEIDNER.

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OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

At our first meeting this term only six brothers were present, three of whom were new members. The aspect of affairs then was not very propitious ; and it was with sad hearts we went to our rooms. But by dint of hard work and good luck, we have increased our number to thirteen. and the chapter meetings now are cheering, interesting, and enthusiastic.

On Oct. 16th, we let the goat loose on Daniel Wilson Wright, and after an hour and a half mingled with laughter, fright and groans, Mr. Wright became a brother in the Bond. He is a most worthy and enthusiastic accession, and will undoubtedly do honor to Phi Delta Theta in the future ; however, on account of sickness, he is compelled to be out of college for the remainder of this term. On Nov. 12th we initiated William Lincoln Van Sickle. Mr. Van Sickle had been rushed a long time, and the boys seemed aware of that fact. The goat did justice to himself and to Mr. Van Sickle. Brother Hoskinson, who is out of college this term, arrived a little too late for the initiation. Nov. 22d Byron Willis Dawley, a Junior giant, was gathered into the fold. All we can say here is, that it was fun, yes it was fun. Brother Coldtrap, formerly of Ohio Gamma, and a member of the Junior Class, has affiliated. It is with great pleasure that we recommend all of these brothers to the fraternity world, feeling assured that they will add dignity not only to the general fraternity, but also to the chapter of which they are members.

Our last meeting, Nov. 26, was the most delightful we have ever attended. Besides the active members of the Chapter, Messrs. Lupton, Wykoff, and O'Kane, alumni brothers, were present, and gave us very interesting talks on their experience with the cold, cold world. We had the pleasure also of greeting Brother Bennett, of New York Alpha, who entertained us with an account of his chapter, and of Cornell University. The evening was one enjoyed by all, and long to be remembered.

Ohio Beta now has as many men as any fraternity in college ; and we think it is in a better condition for work than it has been since the re-establishment in 1879.



We have nothing but congratulations to offer to our chapter, and, though our fraternity relation has been short, it has been sweet, and is growing sweeter as the days grow older.

Nov. 27, 1886.

O. G. CALLAHAN.

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OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

ALTHOUGH Ohio Gamma has not reported for this year till now, Phi Delta Theta is enthusiastically progressing and stands second to none of the fraternities represented here. Nine Phis, all of whom will stay in college the entire year, with loyal hearts meet in the mystic circle at the beginning of this term. We also welcome to our midst Brother William Stine, of Pennsylvania Epsilon, who is adjunct Professor of Natural Science in our University. He is acquitting himself well in his new position, and is becoming more popular the longer he is with us. Brother Stine meets with us occasionally and entertains us colloquially.

At the close of last year we initiated Geo. W. Welch and Clifford Jones. Brother Welch is attending the Cincinnati Medical College this year and brother Jones is in his father's law office at McArthur, O.

We also graduated brother Bundy, who now has charge of the *Wellston Argus*, and is winning laurels in the field of Journalism. Brother Bundy's graduating address was a marked feature of the commencement exercises. He also represented our chapter at the National Convention.

There has been no active working among the fraternity this year in bringing Barbarians into Grecian light and civilization. The Beta Theta Pis have initiated one and Delta Tau Deltas two, while we have silently looked on.

We also have an addition to our faculty. By an act of the State Legislature a State Normal School was established here, and Dr. John P. Gerdy, of Middletown, Conn., was chosen as the head of it. He is a post graduate of Leipsic, Germany, having obtained the degree of Ph.D. in one term. He afterwards pursued his studies in Johns Hopkins University, and came from there to this place.

Dec. 11, 1886.

A. E. PRICE.

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OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

THE Fall term closes the 16th, and never was Ohio *E* in better condition or spirits. Our highest hopes have been realized and a grand term's work has been achieved. Four men have been initiated, of whom three were reported in the December SCROLL. The last meeting of the term was held on the evening of Dec. 11th, and was the occasion of the initiation of brother Edwin L. Findley, '91. After the initiatory rites had been

performed and the "victim of that William Goat" had recovered from the consequent fatigue, we all repaired to the dining hall of the Hotel Windsor and partook of a sumptuous oyster supper. It was the most enjoyable and merry occasion of the year. We had with us brothers D. Y. Wilcox, '79; F. S. Apt, W. J. Emery, F. A. Schumacher, '85; Prof. F. L. Jeffords and Rev. C. E. Nash, who showed that he had not lost his Phi ardor and had not forgotten how to "bounce a barb."

We have been favored with recent visits from Brothers F. M. Slade, A. A. Stearns, and Dr. R. B. Carter, Ohio B, '83.

We heartily commend the efforts of the editors of the new song book and consider the Manual of Phi Delta Theta an effective agent in spiking.

The Delta Gamma *Anchora*, which is published by the Eta Chapter of Buchtel College, is a very interesting and creditable journal.

There is a rumor that another local fraternity is soon to be established here.

The following is the standing by classes of the fraternities here:

$\Delta T \Delta$ —'87, 3; '88, 0; '89, 2; '90, 2; '91, 3. Total, 10.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —'87, 5; '88, 0; '89, 3; '90, 2; '91, 1. Total, 11.

Lone Star (Local)—'87, 3; '88, 2; '89, 1; '90, 2; '91, 4; '92, 1. Total, 13.

$K K \Gamma$ —'87, 1; '88, 2; '89, 2; '90, 2; '93, 1; special, 2. Total, 10.

$\Delta \Gamma$ —'87, 4; '88, 1; '89, 4; '90, 2; '91, 2; special, 4. Total, 17.

Dec. 13, 1886.

E. F. CONE.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

MONDAY evening, November 15th, we had the pleasure of initiating seven good men—brothers Stiening, Goodell, Hartsock, Bell, Clevenger, Clark and Felwider (see initiates' column). They were the active members of the "*E K E*," a local frat. Seeing that all the benefits of a local frat. and many more were to be derived from a national organization, they agreed to overtures from us, and having disbanded, became of us. They are among the best men in college. All are members of the Athenian Literary Society and every one is an officeholder in that society. Brother Stiening is president. Our chapter now has four of the seven editors of the *Collegiate*, and four of the nine members of the board of managers, including the president and business manager, besides other offices in the literary societies and various college organizations.

Our chapter held a social at our hall Wednesday evening, November 17th, in honor of our new men. After the reception, we repaired to Spillman's, where the wants of the inner man were satisfied with refreshments there provided, and thus closed one of the most enjoyable socials in our experience.

We are all pleased with the new song book and change in the SCROLL.

Dec. 11, 1886.

C. M. CARTER.

#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

WE are glad to raise our voices once again "from among the hills," and assure our worthy brothers that in our "Swiss" retreat, we are as united and devoted as ever. The "Songs of Phi Delta Theta," in the composition of which our chapter so largely aided, reverberate in our spacious hall.

In college duties and honors the Phis continue to be successful. Brother H. C. Johnson is president of the class of '89, and brother R. K. Hutchins of the class of '90. Brother Monroe is one of the speakers at the Junior exhibition, and brothers McCormic and Horan at the Sophomore exhibition.

Our chapter furnishes the president of Epsilon Province in the person of W. C. Covert, who now takes up the duties which brother Jno. M. Goodwin has so nobly performed during the past two years.

Dec. 9, 1886.

C. O. SHIRLEY.

#### INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

WE feel it our duty to express our appreciation for the editorial in the December number, entitled the "Development of the National Fraternity," and trust that in the future the SCROLL may be characterized for its practical editorials. Give us a few more of that type.

Besides the college and literary work that proves a sufficiency for the average student, we have five men who are working for first and second class honors. The chapter has never done better work in its history than it is doing at present.

Brothers Jordan and Bridges of the class of '85, visited the city a few days ago. We extended to them such hospitality as only Phis can.

We are more than anxious to see a chapter established at the University of Michigan. And since the committee on extension at the late convention recommended the same, we would say that two of our Seniors intend to pursue a post-graduate course at that institution next year. Why can this not be the beginning of our project?

To be an intelligent fraternity man is part of our education.

How to develop an interest in this direction has always been a difficult problem, at least in our chapter. But after many attempts and suggestions, we feel confident that we have in some measure solved the difficulty. In connection with our weekly programme, one of the brothers reads a paper on some phase of fraternity work, either general or local. By means of this exercise great good has been accomplished.

We contemplate getting a piano, and that is about as good as having the instrument in our hall.

The following is the number of fraternity men in the University, according to classes :

	Class '87.	Class '88.	Class '89.	Class '90.
$\Delta K E$ .....	5	7	5	24
$\Phi K \Psi$ .....	6	5	6	20
$B \Theta \Pi$ .....	6	4	4	16
$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .....	3	2	4	13
$\Sigma X$ .....	5	2	4	15
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .....	6	1	6	18
$\Delta T \Delta$ .....	0	0	1	5
Totals. ....	31	21	32	111

Dec. 8, 1886.

ROSS GAHRING.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

It gives us great pleasure to report Gamma chapter in a most prosperous condition. Though we lost two men, brothers Heckman and Prince, by graduation, and several of the boys remain out for the term or the year, yet we "opened the books" with a solid phalanx of nine sons of Hellas.

We have just finished our new hall, and November 20th it was "Out of the old house, Nancy," with us. This event was commemorated by the initiation into our brotherhood of F. D. Palmer, '88; J. R. Eastman, '90, and H. E. Crum, '81; followed one week later by that of W. S. Gilbert, '90. Our hall was pronounced by the gentleman who has fitted up all the fraternity halls on the hill, to be the best in town. We are "happy in our bonnie little home," and we invite our brothers to come and enjoy it with us, if only for a short time.

At the last meeting of the board of trustees, two of our brothers were elected to a place among the teachers of the institution. Brother W. O. Robinson was chosen tutor in mathematics, and J. J. Heckman tutor in ancient history.

At the annual oratorical contest of the Amphiectian Society, December 8th, brother Robinson won first honors, thus sustaining the reputation of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , as brother Prince did last year.

On December 1st, occurred the Melendy, Jr., contest of the

Alpha Kappa Phi Society, and brother W. Moore was crowned with the wreath of olive, as was brother Heckman in the same contest last year.

The lamp of Michigan Gamma is trimmed and burning, and the latch-string is always out.

Dec. 13, 1886.

J. J. HECKMAN.

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### ZETA PROVINCE.

#### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

THE Beta Gammas, a local secret society, recently organized among our young ladies, gave their first public exhibition and reception the other evening. About one hundred and fifty were present at the banquet. The literary exercises were well rendered. The Phis presented them with a handsome photograph album. This is the fourth secret society in our college and we are confident of its future success.

We recently had a photograph taken of the chapter in a group and it now forms a part in decorating our chapter hall.

At the prize contest for best declamations at Lombard, next month, there will be seven contestants, three of whom are Phis—brothers Crane, Harsh and McConnell. We hope to get at least one of the prizes.

Dec. 11, 1886.

O. G. COLEGROVE.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

FOREMOST among events which have transpired since our last report, was our initiations. It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the Phi world four new brothers—Frank H. Dexter, Robert T. Haines, Lynn C. Hopkins, and Burton M. Thompson—all of whom Missouri Alpha commends to the fraternity as true and loyal Phis.

Not long since the Phis were magnificently represented on the occasion of the open sessions of the Athenaeum and Union Literary Societies, by brothers W. F. Knox, F. H. Dexter, E. U. Western, F. N. Peters, and W. F. Means. And whilst all the Phis did well on these two occasions, brother Dexter especially distinguished himself as the best declaimer in the University.

Brother W. F. Knox was recently elected orator for the Junior oratorical contest. The other five contestants are non-fraternity men.

Brother Clark has returned from the National Convention, bringing us a very interesting report of the proceedings, with which we are all highly pleased. He also brought home to the chapter seven new badges and some valuable and interesting

pictures. Brother E. N. Western, of Tennessee Beta, has affiliated with us and will take the course in law while here.

Our chapter feels proud and elated over the appointment of brother H. W. Clark to the presidency of Eta Province. A more loyal or enthusiastic Phi could not well have been found.

Brother G. W. Coffman, class of '84, M. S. U., who has been attending the Homœopathic Medical Institute, Chicago, was recently elected valedictorian of his class.

The Union Literary Society has appointed brother W. F. Means, essayist for the inter-society contest with the Athenæan Society. The Athenæan Society has also appointed brother F. H. Dexter, declaimer, and brother E. U. Western, debater for the same contest.

Brother Robert T. Haines has been commissioned First Lieutenant of Company "C."

On the eve of December 3d, Miss Jennie McAfee, Missouri Alpha's favorite Phi sister, tendered our chapter a most hospitable and pleasant entertainment.

Dec. 11, 1886.

T. J. J. SEE.

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#### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

ALTHOUGH nothing important has transpired in our chapter since our last report, yet fraternity interest is not flagging, but moving as smoothly as usual. We are not in as "sombulant" a condition as the reporter of our rivals, the *B & I*s, would have you believe. For we have not only taken in the best men this year, with more to follow, but hold first place in all branches of the college work. However, as he puts it, we are on the best of terms, something that is not always to be found among college fraternities, but which, we think, should be, nevertheless. We see no reason why college fraternities should not live amicably with one another, and think if things were thus, more good honest work would be done.

Our second social is thought by those who attended, to have been even more of a success than the first, from the fact that we knew better what was needed to so make it. We are glad to note that these informal gatherings have awakened quite an interest in fraternity circles. At our last one, we had the pleasure of having with us several of our alumni, who were gladly welcomed within our halls again. Our next social will take place shortly after the holidays, and we can only look forward to it with fond hopes and anticipations.

We rejoice to welcome brother H. W. Clark, as our new province president, and hope that his work may be pleasant to himself and beneficial to us. While probably some of us would have liked Missouri Beta to have had a "finger in the pie" this time,

still, we think we have a good man, and one who will work hard in the interest of the province. We are glad to see the manner in which he is beginning his work—in organizing a province association, etc., and hope it will not stop here.

We expect to have with us, during the holidays, some of our alumni who are studying the professions at various Eastern colleges.

J. E. CRAWFORD.

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

SINCE our last report, Iowa Beta initiated two worthy members—Richard B. Hargrave, of class '90, and Newton C. Young (law department), making, in all, three initiated this fall.

Brother Young has been a Phi in everything but name, for the past three years. He completed his Senior year in the collegiate department last year, but is this year taking the law course.

A short time ago six of the prominent girls of the institution blossomed out in Delta Gamma badges.

The new fraternity has a splendid field in which to labor, although it meets with decided opposition in the *KKTs* and the *ΠΒΦs*.

We are now well represented in the fraternity world, as eight chapters claim the University as their home.

Dec. 10, 1886.

B. D. CONNELLY.

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#### MINNESOTA ALPHA.

WE are fourteen. Four were dubbed this year, and ere this is "scrolled," a trio more will bear our Grecian sword and shield. We meet in our new rooms.

Brother Thompson, '88, of the *Arial* Board, is on the Junior annual. Brother Savage, '89, is on the Home oratorical contest, of which brother Burnell is vice-president.

The Phis of L'etoile du Nord are much pleased with the SCROLL and heartily espouse the doctrine of a National Fraternity.

Dec. 13, 1886.

G. E. BURNELL.

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#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

YESTERDAY was the third anniversary of our chapter and very fortunately we were pleasantly surprised by visits from brothers C. A. Canaday, now of Nebraska City, and R. E. Taylor, formerly of Hillsdale. Brother Taylor, greatly to our regret, expects to remove to Kewanee, Ill., where he will reside permanently. The best wishes of our chapter go with him.

Nothing of special interest has occurred since our last letter. We are all busily engaged in preparing for the coming encounter with the professors and in strengthening our weak points of defense.

Dec. 12, 1886.

J. R. McCANCE.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE work of the National Convention, as reported by our delegate and by the SCROLL supplement, is received with much favor by the California Phis.

On the 20th of last month we initiated brother W. S. Smith, '90, one of the most promising students in the Freshman class.

Active measures are at present being taken by us to secure a chapter house, and at the beginning of next year we expect to have it well established. This will be a great aid in "spiking."

On the 20th of November, the class of '89, gave a most enjoyable dance in the gymnasium of the University, on which occasion brother Harry Melvin officiated as floor manager, with becoming dignity and grace.

Brother Parcells is at present president of the Sophomore class.  
Dec. 6, 1886.

FRED A. ALLARDT.

## INITIATES.

## MAINE ALPHA.

Chas. Wilson Averill, Alna, Me.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

- '90. Alvin Henry Bacon, Sebago Lake, Me.
- '90. Amander Edward Beebee, East Constable, N. Y.
- '90. George Winburn Earle, Kent's Hill, Me.
- '90. William Phineas Earle, Malone, N. Y.
- '90. George Albert French, Plainville, Conn.
- '90. Frederic Orville Grover, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
- '90. Ira Frazier Libby, West Boxton, Me.
- '90. William Gerry Norton, Waukegan, Ill.
- '90. George Boardman Stavers, Portsmouth, N. H.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

- '89. Frank Lemont Dodgson, Batavia, N. Y.
- '90. Eugene Mather Adams, Lockport, N. Y.
- '90. Daniel Upton, Big Rapids, Mich.

## NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '89. Winthrop Earle, New York City, N. Y.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

- '88. Leander Goetz, Greencastle, Pa.
- '90. Lorenza Kepler, Middletown, Md.
- '90. Earnest Hoffman, Hagerstown, Md.

## SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

- '89. William Thomas Aycock, Wedgefield, S. C.
- '90. Laurens Watts Boyd, Laurens Court House, S. C.
- '90. Edwin Eugene Aycock, Wedgefield, S. C.

## GEORGIA BETA.

- '89. Samuel Yulee Way, Walthourville, Ga.



- '89. William Franklin Dykes, Marshallville, Ga.
- '90. James Frederick Burns, Atlanta, Ga.
- '90. William Henry Morehouse, Talbotton, Ga.
- '90. Pierce Roe McCrary, Lakeland, Fla.
- '92. Frederick Rounsavill, Rome, Ga.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

- '90. Elliston Farrell, Nashville, Tenn.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

- '87. Albert Pelham Agee, Perdue Hill, Ala.
- '87. Robert Taite Ervin, Camden, Ala.
- '87. Richard Hainsworth Gorgos, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- '87. Samuel Bernard Harwood, Gainesville, Ala.
- (Three of the above are in the law department.)
- '88. James Burns Cloy, Selma, Ala.
- '89. Samuel Lowndes Earle, Birmingham, Ala.
- '89. James Flournay Crook, Jacksonville, Ala.
- '89. Jacob Forney, Jacksonville, Ala.
- '89. William Mudd Martin, Birmingham, Ala.
- '89. William Bradley Palmer, Furmon, Ala.
- '90. George Young Banks, Columbus, Miss.
- '90. Charles Quintard Carnes, Macon, Ga.
- '90. Sidney Walker Cornell, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- '90. Samuel Davidson Murphy, Eutaw, Ala.
- '90. Walter Lane Smith, Birmingham, Ala.

## ALABAMA BETA.

- Joseph Francis Pollock, Selma, Ala.
- Douglas Boyd, Griffin, Ga.
- Joseph Emory Drake, Griffin, Ga.
- Edgar Johnson Spratling, Gold Hill, Ala.
- James McCoy Chambers, Montgomery, Ala.
- Joseph Hughes Moragne, Jacksonville, Ala.
- Sterling Chambers Pitts, Auburn, Ala.
- John Thomas Gregory, Florence, Ala.
- Edmund Fontain Broun, Charlston, W. Va.

## OHIO BETA.

- '88. Byron Willis Dawley, Mexico, N. Y.
- '89. Daniel Wilson Wright, Worthington, Ohio.
- '89. William Lincoln Van Sickle, Delaware, Ohio.
- '90. Orin Gould Callahan, Bourneville, Ohio.
- '90. Albert Victor Evans, Camba, Ohio.
- '90. Paul Morris Thompson, Delaware, Ohio.
- '90. Walter Ulysses Young, Forest, Ohio.
- '90. William Henry Slevin, Toledo, Ohio.

## OHIO EPSILON.

- '91. Edwin Leigh Findley, Akron, Ohio.

## INDIANA DELTA.

- '88. Lewis Orlando Stiening, Lett's Corner, Ind.
- '89. Charles Elmer Goodell, Mankato, Minn.
- '89. Charles Grant Hartsock, Lawrence, Ind.
- '90. Harry Montford Bell, Dana, Ind.
- '90. Oscar Vorhees Nay, Franklin, Ind.
- '90. Lute Elmer Sellers, Franklin, Ind.
- '91. Allen Walter Clark, Little Rock, Ark.
- '91. Edward Richard Clevenger, Center Square, Ind.
- '91. John William Fulwider, New Brunswick, Ind.
- '91. Ulysses Lincoln Montgomery, Rardin, Ill.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

- '90. Henry Edward Parry.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

- '87. Chas. Henry Schweizer, law, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
- '88. Ferdinand August Geiger, Madison, Wis.
- '89. Frank L. Wright, Madison, Wis.
- '90. Howard Brown, Milwaukee, Wis.
- '90. Edward Holton Rogers, Milwaukee, Wis.
- '90. Edward Rose Maurer, Arcadia, Wis.

## IOWA BETA.

- '86. Newton C. Young, law dep't, '88, Imogene, Ia.
- '90. Richard B. Hargrave, Marshalltown, Ia.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '87. Frank Henry Dexter, Kansas City, Mo.
- '87. Lynn Charles Hopkins, Carrollton, Ill.
- '89. Robert Terrel Haines, Kansas City, Mo.
- '90. Burton M. Thompson, Columbia, Mo.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

- '90. William Sidney Smith, Stockton, Cal.

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## PERSONALS.

## MAINE ALPHA.

- '86. Brother Bruce was in town recently.
- '87. Brother Watson has lately issued a small volume of poems. The book is from the press of W. C. King & Co., Springfield, Mass., and is very tastefully gotten up. It gives Brother Watson a great deal of credit for having undertaken to publish the book, especially at this time.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

- '87. Chamberlain has recently returned from teaching a successful term of school at Wolfborough Junction, N. H.
- '87. Shaw is still teaching at Harwich Centre, Mass.

- '88. Simonds is absent teaching.
- '88. Ely has returned to college.
- '89. Miner is at work in a law office at St. Johnsbury, Vt., for the remainder of this term.
- '90. Libby is out to teach a twelve week's school.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '83. Brother C. H. Hayden was recently married to a sister of brother E. C. Lane, '82. Brother Hayden is still principal of the graded school at Essex Junction, Vt.
- '83. Brother A. H. Wheeler is studying in a theological seminary in New York city.
- '85. Brother Paddock is in Minneapolis, Minn.
- '86. Brother M. N. Baker has secured a position as draughtsman on a railroad in Idaho.
- '86. Brother C. W. Baker is a draughtsman in the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia.
- '86. Brother S. H. Bishop is in the Union Theological Seminary.
- '86. Brother Dodds is traveling through Nebraska for a Minneapolis firm.
- '86. Brother J. S. Merrill has been obliged to return from the West, where he had gone into business, on account of ill-health.
- '87. Brother Brooks is still in Nebraska following his profession as civil engineer.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

- '82. John F. Herman is engaged in business at Carlisle, Pa.
- '82. H. H. Weber is preaching in Baltimore, Md.
- '83. J. E. Musselman is in the First National Bank of Gettysburg, Pa. He was recently promoted to teller.
- '83. Milton C. Remsberg now resides in Spencer, Iowa.
- '83. James W. Shadle is a resident of Huron, Dak.
- '83. Harry L. Yarger was lately married to Miss Mildred Hammer, at Blairsville, Pa. He is, at present, preaching at Ellsworth, Kansas.
- '84. George A. McK. Dyess is attending the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.
- '84. Edward Hill is practising law in Leechburg, Pa.
- '84. Oscar H. Marsh is teaching school at Selingsgrove, Pa.
- '85. Charles Aikens is tutor in the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
- '86. Geo. Landis is in the dry goods business at Newville, Pa.
- '86. H. H. Rouzer is attending lectures in the Law Department of the University of Maryland.
- '86. M. L. Rouzer is reading medicine under a practicing physician, at his home, Mechanicstown, Md.
- '86. T. B. Seigle is engaged in business with his father at Charlotte, N. C.

'86. Francis White is successfully practicing dentistry at Mechanicstown, Md.

'87. Charles Landis is principal of a school at Fairfield, Pa.

'89 Thomas Byerly is attending a business college in Baltimore, Md.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'83. Brother E. H. Pond is practicing medicine at Meadville, Pa.

'83. Brother J. A. Guignon is practicing law at Pittsburg.

'86. Brother W. R. Graves is at his home, Tompkinsville, Pa.

'86. Brother C. P. Lynch was married on November 25th, to Miss Mary Virginia Miller, *K A Θ*. They will make Warren, Ohio, their future home, brother Lynch being principal of the high school at that place.

'86. Brother F. L. Wells is studying law at his home, New Lisbon, Ohio.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

'86. Brothers M. H. Sandifer and Curry are engaged in the drug business, the former at Rock Hill, S. C., and the latter at Gastonia, N. C.

'86. Brother Nicholson is engaged in the mercantile business at Edgefield, S. C.

'86. Brother George Walker is studying medicine at Baltimore.

'86. Brother W. D. Wylie is farming in Chester county. His address is Rossville, S. C.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

'84. Chester Harding is taking the lead in his class at West Point.

'84. Zell Gaston is rapidly rising into prominence at the Birmingham bar.

'84. Richard H. Gorgas is working for "Uncle Sam" in the General Commissary Department, Washington.

'84. John Daniel, Assistant Professor of Natural Philosophy at the University for two years, is attending a special course of science lectures at Johns Hopkins.

'84. Sam Lapsley is becoming a popular and powerful minister of the Gospel, in the "Blue Grass" state.

'84. Ben Hardaway, assistant professor of mathematics at the University for two years, author of a work on Higher Mathematics and Surveying, is winning fortune and fame as an engineer in Georgia.

'84. Coolie B. Gibson is President of the Jacksonville Normal School. He is a shining star, and in time will adorn the chancel of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  with the many garlands of his deserved successes.

'85. Louis V. Clark is winning success in the journalistic

world. Not long has his feet trodden the walks of this enchanting realm, but already they are finding the path that leads to glory and renown.

'85. W. W. Campbell, has a responsible position and lucrative pay on a projected railroad in Georgia.

'85. Archie McLeod is making an enviable reputation and remunerative salary, as assistant principal of the high school in Selma.

'86. A. W. Nelson, a zealous and warm-hearted Phi, is principal of a high school in Choctaw county.

'86. Daniel A. Greene, the *all-honor* man of his law class, is busy at the Birmingham bar. His past successes render his future certain. His reputation extends abroad. He has an occasional *case* as far down as Tuscaloosa, and then we are honored with his genial presence.

'87. Milton W. Corothers, owing to the lamentable demise of his father, is not with us this year. We sustain a serious loss in the non-return of brothers Corothers and Smith.

'87. Joe M. Dedman and Lloyd M. Hooper, '88, are spending a furlough in Selma. Their eyes have been so affected as to necessitate treatment by Dr. Calhoun, of Atlanta, and deprive us of their society. We miss the boys and hope to have them back with us soon.

'88. Charleton G. Smith did not return to college. He is handling cash in the Third National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

'86. Brother F. W. Yates is in town. Brother Malvern Dimmick is teaching "the young idea how to shoot" at Whiting, Ia., and is gaining much prominence as a professor. Brother A. S. White is at Utica, Miss., and brother J. D. C. Higdon anticipates studying medicine in Kentucky. Brother C. W. Frazer has affiliated with Tennessee Alpha.

#### OHIO EPSILON.

'76. Joseph Hidy is a successful attorney at Washington Court House, Ohio, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Buchtel College.

'76. Hon. Geo. S. Pleasants has been returned to the Indiana Legislature.

'79. Dr. D. G. Wilcox leaves soon for Buffalo, N. Y., to continue his practice in surgery.

'80. Rev. V. E. Tomlinson is settled at Valley Falls, R. I.

'85. D. R. Gissenger is practicing law at Marion, Ohio.

#### INDIANA EPSILON.

'86. Brothers McCormic and Morrison are both studying theology at McCormac and Princeton seminaries, respectively.

'86. Brother Hennessey is in Commercial College, Cincinnati,

Ohio; brother Amsden is studying law, and brother J. V. Lagrange medicine, the latter at Franklin, Ind.

'86. Brother J. W. Lagrange was married Nov. 24, 1886.

#### ILLINOIS ZETA.

'86. S. Ward Brigham has entered the Bennett Medical College of Chicago. Rev. Lee Fairchild is now the Universalist pastor at Lewiston, Idaho. Will Harrison is teaching school near Hutsonville, Ill.

#### IOWA BETA.

'83. Brother L. G. Weld is our Assistant Professor in Mathematics, and brother C. S. Magowan, of '84, is Assistant Professor in Engineering. These former students of the S. U. I. are already receiving due recognition of their merits by the honor and confidence placed in them by their Alma Mater. A few days ago brothers P. L. Sever, '83, and Chan. P. Smith, '85, visited the boys for a few hours. They both happened to meet on the cars, and decided to pay the scene of their college life a short visit.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA.

'86. Brother King is Supt. of Schools at Elk River, Minn.

'88. Brother Twichell is with the Minneapolis *Evening Journal*.

'88. Brother William R. Hoag is instructor in civil engineering at the university.

'89. Brother Savage is now convalescent from a severe typhoid. He will resume his studies after the holidays.

'90. Brother Schimmel goes to the Curtiss Business College at Minneapolis.

'90. Brother Fiske took a header. Fate fought fatality from Phidom. Wheel "for sale."

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

'75. W. C. Jones has been appointed Professor of Roman and Constitutional Law at Hastings College of Law, University of California.

'76. J. N. E. Wilson was elected State Senator at the recent election.

'87. W. O. Morgan is spending several weeks with his relatives in Utica, N. Y.

### In Memoriam.

HALL OF ALABAMA ALPHA CHAPTER, PHI DELTA THETA, }  
OCTOBER 5, 1886. }

WHEREAS, it has been pleasing to God, in His divine mercy and all-wise Providence, to lay his hand of affliction heavily upon us, in removing, by death, our two dearly beloved brothers, William Edmund Booker and Sydney Johnston McCoy, from among their friends and labors on earth; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Alabama Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta

Fraternity has sustained irreparable loss in the death of brother Booker, an amiable and trusty man, a son and brother, obedient to parents and devoted to sisters, an earnest, useful and enthusiastic Phi, and a worthy alumnus, having a future of brightest promise, and a character radiant with gems of greatest worth;—and in the death of brother McCoy, a member true to every tie which bound him to life, duty, relatives and friends. In their departure from among us, the world has lost two friends to the weak and champions of the right, our entire fraternity two valued and honored members; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we take this occasion to express our deep sympathy with the bereaved families of our deceased brothers, by forwarding to each of them a copy of these resolutions, and that we convey the grief and loss to our brethren elsewhere, by having them published in the national organ of our fraternity, the SCROLL.

W. W. QUORLES,  
JAMES O. BANKS, JR., } Committee.  
W. B. OLIVER.

HALL OF GEORGIA BETA, PHI DELTA THETA, }  
NOVEMBER 25, 1886. }

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father, in His providence, has removed from our midst, Prof. H. C. Carney, our brother in the bond of Phi Delta Theta, we, the members of Georgia Beta Chapter, do therefore unanimously adopt the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in the death of our brother the fraternity has lost one of her truest, most loyal and most gifted members;

*Resolved*, That during the four years of his active membership as a student, he was an earnest worker and thoroughly alive to all the interests of the fraternity, and that during the four years after his graduation, while serving a professorship in the college, he manifested, both for his own chapter and the fraternity at large, a devotion sincere and unselfish and an interest both enthusiastic and wide awake;

*Resolved*, That in the consistent life of our brother we recognize the noblest type of Christian manhood and an example worthy the highest praise and emulation of his fellow members;

*Resolved*, That we recognize in the death of our brother the impartial demands of Providence, and feel confident that though an irreparable loss to us, we can but acknowledge the dispensation and consider it his eternal gain;

*Resolved*, That exercising for the bereaved family the sincerest sympathy, we recommend that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them through the medium of the SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta.

T. E. HOLLINGSWORTH,  
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## THE NEW MIAMI.

A PASSENGER on a westward-bound train of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis Railroad catches his first sight of Miami University when thirty miles out from Cincinnati. As the train follows the curving track, the venerable structure looms up on its forest-girt hill, alternately to left and right of the observer at the car window. For several miles it is by far the most conspicuous and interesting object in sight.

The train deposits the passenger, whose destination is Oxford, at the station situated on the western outskirts of the town. Upon approaching High street, the eye is engaged by the large and handsome building of the Oxford Female College, an institution coming into deserved popularity, under the management of Dr. Walker, an honored graduate of Miami, and an accomplished Phi.

Passing along High street, to the east, the first indication of the presence of the University is given by the large gilt letters *B Θ II*, projecting in relief from the third story of a prominent business building. Here are located the elegant quarters of our friends and rivals, the Betas. A square to the east are the handsome rooms lately occupied by the A. O. U. W., but now the rallying place of Miami Phis. Beginning with the new year, the Alpha chapter throws wide open the doors of its new home, and will keep open house throughout the year to entertain all callers of the Phi persuasion. It is hoped they will be neither few nor far between.

Oxford is a small village of two thousand inhabitants, and a walk of a few squares brings one to its eastern limit, and at the same time to the University campus. Wide gravelled walks sweep through the magnificent academic groves, where the trees planted years ago by graduating classes are so large and venerable in appearance as scarcely to be distinguished from the primeval growth. Near the centre of the campus stands the University building, from which a sward of the beautiful "blue grass" extends with a downward slope to the four quarters of heaven. The

main building is a three-story pile of brick, with no exterior pretensions to architectural beauty, but its thick and massive walls seem intended to resist the destructive effects of ages. The doors that were again opened in 1885, after remaining closed for twelve years, were, with the exception of the Ohio University at Athens, the first that ever gave access to the pursuit of a classical education in the State of Ohio.

From the top of the tower the eye commands a view of such an extended and varied panorama as, for quiet beauty, is excelled by no lowland country outside of Italy. The critical eye of the poet-traveler, Bayard Taylor, was singularly impressed by the scene, and he was moved to terms of rapturous admiration on the occasion of a visit years ago. When the mind contemplates this fertile region and reflects that, far as the eye can reach, all is the rightful and legal domain of Miami, to hold and to keep forever, it seems strange indeed that so richly endowed an institution should ever ask for aid or droop her head under the burden of overwhelming debt. But such is the sad fact; and this leads to the mention of the first and greatest of a series of blunders which have been fatal obstacles to the success of Miami.

Provision for setting apart land in the Northwest Territory for educational purposes was made by the Federal Government in 1789, and the papers to that effect bear the signature of President Washington. The land was not located until 1809, and Ohio having been previously organized as a State, the Legislature provided for the incorporation of Miami University in the same year, and proceeded to establish the institution upon a definite financial basis. The only means of support secured to Miami by this arrangement was the annual rental on her endowment land—a rent fixed absolutely at the very start, and never to fluctuate with the value of real estate. Thus the thousands of acres belonging to the University, and lying in the Miami valley, so far-famed for fertility, reward a hundred fold the toil of the casual cultivator, while they afford their rightful owner a yearly pittance of twenty-three cents an acre!

The career of Miami has been a most honorable one, and the student of the present will be pardoned for dilating on the oft-recounted glories of the past. The *curriculum* was in the beginning modeled after that at Yale, but was freely changed to adapt it to the wants of a practical pioneer people. The freest expression of opinion on the part of the students was always encouraged, and the literary societies were early recognized by the Faculty as equal to a professorship in the education of men expecting to lead a public life in the pulpit, at the bar, or in the legislative hall. How far these views were justified is shown by the extraordinary success of Miami's sons in all departments of public activity. One-half of the alumni have adopted either the law or the minis-

try as their vocation, and among them are several whose names enjoy more than a local prominence, such as David Swing and Robert C. Schenck. The number of those intrusted with positions of great influence and power is unusually large. In this class Miami counts six U. S. Senators, six Governors of five States, four ministers to various countries, six presidents of other colleges, and an unnumbered list of congressmen and military officers. Men of action, of ready wit, were the great *desideratum* of the busy pioneer times of the West, and this was the class of talent that was graduated here. Miami numbers but few professional literary men, but among that few are the well-known names of Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York *Tribune*; J. G. Montfort, of the *Herald and Presbyter*, Cincinnati, and J. J. Faran, formerly of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*.

The palmy days of Miami date back in the "thirties," before the era of railroads. Then professors came on foot from Cincinnati, and two hundred students, representing fifteen States, came on horseback or by flat-boat all the way from the pine forests of the Carolinas and the bayous of Louisiana. The Faculty was noted for the high culture and moral worth of its members. Prof. R. H. Bishop, the first President, was a graduate of Edinburgh University. The name of William H. McGuffey will forever remain associated with the history of the educational development of the West, in connection with the text books, of which he was the author. Bledsoe, Jenkins and Moffat are known by their works on Mathematics, the Bible, and Church History respectively.

Returning from this digression to the consideration of the present status of Miami, a Faculty of seven is found in charge, three of whom have ventured on the literary field. Prof. McFarland has edited an annotated edition of Virgil, but his main work has been "Variations in the Eccentricity of the Earth's Orbit." Prof. A. D. Hepburn is the author of a "Manual of Rhetoric," and Prof. J. F. James contributes frequently to the scientific journals articles on natural history, besides having described the "Flora of the Vicinity of Cincinnati," in a separate treatise.

The most perfect harmony seems to exist at present among all the college officials. At Miami the most tolerant spirit prevails in regard to religious opinions, and Christianity is inculcated in its purest form, freed from the perplexing dogmas of sect. Attendance at chapel is not compulsory, but the student is given to understand that it is none the less his duty to attend, and, in consequence, the plan has so far proved a decided success.

Late improvements are more noticeable in the chapel than elsewhere. Great stained glass windows, each inscribed with the name of an ex-president of Miami, diffuse a "dim and hallowed" light through the consecrated place. The lofty ceiling, partitioned by cross-beams into frescoed panels, and studded with pendant

gilt globes, is supported by pilasters, ornamented in all the luxuriance of the Corinthian style. It is a luxury to listen to the swell of the solemn-toned organ on some quiet Sabbath, and to abandon one's self to the memories inspired by the time and place.

Passing through the frescoed hall (every inch of available surface about the building has been colored in unimaginable and incomprehensible designs under the name of fresco), the next door opens into the library, a spacious apartment, containing 8,500 volumes, many of which have been lately supplied with the tardy appropriations made for that purpose two years ago by the State of Ohio, which, up to that time, had never given Miami a cent during the sixty years of her history. The library also contains many rare books, valued for their antiquity. There are numerous reading tables, which afford the student an opportunity to keep abreast of the times by a perusal of the best periodical literature of the day. No library could be conducted on principles more advantageous to the student. Eighteen hours a week is the time allowed for free consultation of any books on the library shelves.

Only one degree is conferred on the graduating student, that of A. B. ; but if he prosecute professional studies for three years after graduation, he receives the usual A. M. The internal affairs of the University are administered by a board of twenty-seven trustees.

The present is the second year in the history of the "New Miami." The Faculty is small, but its ability is unquestioned. The students are few, but Prof. McFarland, who was connected with "Old Miami" for seventeen years, recently stated that there are now in attendance as diligent and promising scholars as he has ever seen. The future promises slow but solid growth. A series of lectures, mostly on scientific subjects, is in course of preparation for the term just beginning. Thus, Miami seems gradually coming up to her former high standard in every phase of college life.

Three different journals had flourished under the management of students prior to '73, the best of these being the *Miami Student*. A fourth made its appearance a few months ago under the name of the *Miami Journal*. Its three editors are Phis.

Miami is known in the fraternity world as the birthplace of the Triad— $B \odot II$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$ , of which the first two have returned to their old home, and are now firmly established side by side. The altar that kindled the beams of half a hundred torches and spread the glow of Grecian light throughout the nation has recovered its sacred fire, and around it is grouped to adore and protect it as loyal and devoted a band of Phis as were the "Immortal Six" who watched its first glimmerings.

KEARNEY PRUGH, Ohio Alpha.

## AN ALUMNI CHAPTER IN PROSPECTIVE.

WITHIN the last few weeks efforts have been put forth to organize an Alumni Chapter in Pittsburgh and Allegheny. All the resident Phis who have been approached have readily and heartily agreed to go into the organization, and to do their utmost to maintain a chapter creditable to the order. A preliminary meeting was held on December 22d, at 413 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh. This meeting was called on such short notice that the attendance was necessarily small, and by no means represents the alumni strength of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in the "twin cities." The following Phis were present :

Joseph A. Langfitt, Pennsylvania *I*, '79 ; Joseph A. Guignon, Pennsylvania *A*, '83 ; J. W. Criswell, Ohio *A*, '84 ; W. J. Boone, Ohio, *A*, '84 ; E. J. Lindsey, Pennsylvania *E*, '85 ; R. B. Scandrett, Pennsylvania *I*, '85 ; G. W. Fulton, Pennsylvania *I*, '86 ; W. A. Kinter, Pennsylvania *I*, '86, and W. T. Tredway, Pennsylvania *I*, '86.

Pennsylvania Gamma sent two representatives to the meeting, brothers C. A. Lippincott and A. J. Montgomery, Jr., '87. Brother G. W. Gerwig, Nebraska *A*, '89, who was home for vacation, was also present.

Brother Langfitt was called to the chair and brother Tredway was made secretary. It was unanimously decided to petition the General Council for a charter, and brothers Scandrett, Tredway and Montgomery were appointed a committee to prepare the application. This document will be placed in the hands of the council in a few days. After a good social time the meeting was closed in the orthodox manner with a banquet. Pennsylvania Gamma was kindly invited to attend the first meeting of the prospective chapter, and, in case the General Council grant the petition, we propose to go over to Pittsburgh in a body and assist our alumni brethren in properly celebrating the occasion.

No place, where there is not already an organization, offers such inducements for an Alumni Chapter as Pittsburgh and Allegheny. In the two cities there are between twenty and thirty resident Phis. Besides this there is always a number of members fresh from the work in the Western and the United Presbyterian Theological seminaries in Allegheny, who would infuse life and vigor into the chapter.

Washington and Jefferson College draws a large proportion of students from the region whose geographical centre is Pittsburgh. For that reason, an alumni chapter there would materially aid Pennsylvania Gamma in "rushing" men.

Success to Pennsylvania Alpha Alumni.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

Washington, Pa., January 4.



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## EDITORIAL.

NOTICE TO REPORTERS.—It is essential that the Directory be absolutely reliable, and reporters are therefore requested to immediately notify the Editor and Business Manager of any changes in address or otherwise, such notices to be made in *separate communications*. Numbers of street or avenue or post office box, if any, should always accompany reporter's address, and the present omission of these in the Directory should be rectified at once. If, by neglect of the editor, necessary changes be not made on proper notification, reporters will kindly repeat such notice.

THE CHAPTER REPORTER.—The fraternity organ now forms so important a part in the existence of the Greek Letter Society, that we have become accustomed to look upon it as a portion of the machinery of organization, no less essential than any other; and, although there are many qualities and varieties of subjects necessary to make a good fraternity journal, yet the one great feature which pre-eminently gives such a publication the value it possesses, is the facilities it offers for mutual correspondence between chapters, as well as the opportunities possessed by the latter to announce the condition of the Fraternity in their respective colleges.

The chapter letter, therefore, should be the strong feature of a fraternity journal. There are, of course, other things which must

not be neglected, but it is the chapter correspondence that enables us to know our exact condition—how we stand when compared with other fraternities. If, then, the chapter letter is of such importance, it would be not unnatural to expect that the greatest care would be exercised in its composition. It is not too much to say that the man who is intrusted with the writing of his chapter's letter should feel a serious responsibility in the undertaking. If chapter letters are carelessly worded, or written in a slovenly manner, the chapter, more than the reporter, is to blame. For the election of a man to this office implies, if made in a proper spirit, that the officer is especially well fitted for his task, that he is a good writer, enthusiastic, and possessed of a fair knowledge of general fraternity topics ; and this brings us to a consideration of the qualifications necessary to make a good chapter reporter.

We do not speak of the ideal reporter, but only of such a one as can be found in every chapter, if proper care is taken to make him feel the responsibility of his position. Let the chapter then *honor* the office by giving it to a "worker"—preferably a higher classman—who has shown an active interest in the workings of his own and other fraternities. Having selected the man of necessary ability, see that he fulfills his duty, and if a letter does not appear in the fraternity journal when expected, inquire whether the fault lies with its writer. If the chapter will only do its part, it need have but little fear of not appearing in the fraternity organ.

And now we may suggest to the reporter how he may best perform his duties, so as to reflect credit on his chapter. First, let him be *prompt*. If letters, to insure publication, must be in by the sixteenth, at noon, mail them so they will not reach the office of the journal later than the fifteenth. Should such a regulation exist, it has a purpose, and his duty to his chapter requires the reporter to observe it.

Having seen to it that he fulfills the first essential condition, let the reporter endeavor to follow the *form* of letter imposed by the management. If the date goes at the bottom of the letter when it appears in print, follow the same order and do not insert it at the top. Unfortunately we have no regular forms for chapter correspondence, like our historian's blanks, and in lieu of this, foolscap paper, folded four times, had best be employed. Above all, do not use little note sheets with square envelopes, which,

however suitable when intended for fairer ones to read, bring naught but disgust to the orderly and unsentimental compositor. Finally, be very sparing in the use of abbreviations. A sentence like this always looks awkward "Dec. 16, 35 bros. were present at the celebration of our 3d Anniversary."

Having mentioned the merely mechanical but no less important requirements of promptness and orderly arrangements, we may consider the chapter letter *in se* and *per se*.

In the main, the reporter must decide the nature and composition of his letter, and there is really no reason why such a letter should ever need correction. Initiations, banquets and reunions should always receive mention, with the number present and names of alumni. Accompanying circumstances also should appear, but detailed mention of the viands indulged in, except where a formal *menu* is given, is a little too "realistic." Oysters, candies and ice cream, doubtless lovely things, lose their attractiveness when they appear in cold type. Statistics concerning the membership of other fraternities, arranged by classes, are always valuable, but it is rather hazardous to express an opinion of a rival's standing by any other standard than that of number. Indeed, any reference derogatory to another fraternity should be omitted, except where defence or explanation absolutely demand it. Additions to and new forms of literary exercises or changes in the chapter hall should be duly chronicled, but not in too detailed a manner. It is undesirable, for instance, to state that "we have purchased a new pincushion," etc., etc. Honors conferred by the faculty or by students' organizations should always be mentioned, and if comparisons with similar honors obtained by men in other fraternities are made, let a spirit of fairness characterize them. Important changes in the curriculum, the establishment of new departments, additions to grounds and buildings of the college or university, and any new donations, with the names of the donor, should also form an essential part of the chapter letter.

There is one fault which characterizes almost all writers, and therefore reporters, but it is especially undesirable in a chapter letter—the employment of meaningless generalities. It would be well to weigh our words a little more in these communications. If we say the chapter is in a promising condition, do we really mean it—and do we give the words their full value when we

claim that "we are now the acknowledged equal of any other fraternity at college?" The reporter unwittingly pays but a poor compliment to the rest of his chapter when he says that "our new initiates are worthy to wear the white and blue." Akin to this is the fault of adopting flowery and ornate methods of making a simple and direct statement. Why say that "we are being wafted by the gentle breezes of enthusiasm and loyalty on a sea of hope and prosperity, with all sails set," when we can be more intelligible by the statement that the chapter is in a sound and healthy condition.

Not altogether good, we think, is the requirement made by some chapters that the reporter send a letter every month. The existence of even a large chapter does not always afford material for a monthly report, and it is no object to compel a reporter to fill up a good sized letter with absolutely nothing worthy of mention.

We do not depreciate frequent correspondence, a thing, the value of which cannot be overestimated, only we believe the occasional omission of a letter, when there is nothing in it worth writing or reading, cannot surely be regretted. References to writing on one side of the paper only or furnishing separate lists of initiates and personal items have been omitted, as we trust these have become "part of the creed."

Unjustly perhaps, but not less truly, do we associate the character of a chapter, and even of a fraternity, with some single member thereof we may happen to have met. Still more will we judge of a chapter by the letter it sends, and a reporter should feel that on him in no small degree rests the credit of his chapter.

The mere fact that a fraternity journal is full of chapter letters means but little, and if they are the product of hasty composition, questionable grammar and statements of doubtful honesty, it means that, as a standard of a fraternity's condition, they are worth nothing at all. But if these letters fulfill their end, if they present a succinct, unvarnished statement of facts—and it is for each reporter to decide for himself how nearly his productions are such—then the words of the chapter reporter may be received as words of truth, and by a reference to chapter letters we may obtain so valuable a knowledge of our fraternity as will much more than counter-balance the expenses of their publication.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Jan. 14, 1887.

The earnestness with which the newly appointed Presidents of the various Provinces have entered upon their duties, and the promptness with which the chapters have attended to matters pertaining to the welfare of the Fraternity, give reliable promise that the year 1887 will be replete with successes. A vigorous correspondence has been inaugurated, various improvements suggested, and movements planned which, if faithfully carried out, cannot help but prove of great value.

The constitution adopted at the late New York Convention assigns a new duty to the various chapters of our Brotherhood, and it is to this, as laid down in Article XIII, Sec. 3, that attention is now called.

The time set for the sending out of these reports is March 1st, and each chapter, if it has not already done so, should *at once* appoint its committee to compile the needed information. There is no appointment in the hands of the chapter which calls for a more judicious selection than this, for it is expected that these annual reports shall be the means by which both its alumni and sister chapters can form an estimate of the chapter responsible for its publication. The information they contain is to be complete, concise and compact.

A good idea of what this information is to consist, if not already known, can be gained by reference to page 207, SCROLL for May-June, 1883, or page 289, SCROLL for May, 1886, Sections 1 to 6 inclusive. That every chapter will make most diligent effort towards a successful inauguration of this plan is expected by the Fraternity. Yours in the Bond.

J. E. BROWN, S. G. C.

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FROM THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

ARTICLE XIII., Section 3, of the Constitution, requires that annually, on the first day of March, there shall be issued by each and every chapter a circular letter, which shall give the latest news of interest about the Fraternity, the chapter and the college. A special committee of three shall be appointed by the chapter, and it shall be their duty, *not later than* the first day of March, to issue said letter, which shall be printed in regular small octavo size, five inches by eight inches. One copy shall be mailed, in a sealed envelope, to each correspondent member of the issuing chapter, to the Reporter of every other chapter, and to each of the General officers of the Fraternity. (See Constitution for particulars.) The importance of a strict observance of this law by

*every chapter in the Fraternity* cannot be overestimated, and is at once patent to those conversant with or concerned in keeping truthful and accurate records of our widespread and growing order, and will be of invaluable assistance in the great work of cataloguing our members. LET NO CHAPTER FAIL STRICTLY TO OBSERVE THIS LAW IN LETTER AND SPIRIT. BEGIN AT ONCE, FOR THE TIME IS SHORT.

EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 16, 1886.

*To the Members of Gamma Province :*

DEAR BROTHERS :—No doubt you are all aware of the change which has been made in the management of our Province. The last national convention saw fit to transfer brother Gilbert from the head of Gamma Province to the treasury department of the General Council. Of course, we feel flattered that the convention came to our ranks to find so responsible an officer. My hope is that brother Gilbert will manage the trust now imposed upon him as successfully as he did the affairs of Gamma Province. The General Council has chosen me as brother Gilbert's successor. I heartily accept the position. In assuming the duties of president of this Province, I am aware of the difficulties which beset my pathway, but with the hearty co-operation of each chapter I am satisfied that the Province can not only be kept up to its present high standing, but even be made to attain greater eminence. Let me enjoin upon you, my brothers, to be constantly on the watch, and to let no opportunity slip which would aid your respective chapters. Fill your halls with men who will reflect honor upon the fraternity, and not those who must be adorned with the Blue and White in order to appear honorable. A chapter strong in numbers is to be greatly desired, but be sure that each one is worthy of your colors before you pin them on him. In institutions of varied departments there is a tendency on the part of some fraternities to restrict themselves to a particular class or department—viz. : Law, Medical, &c. Let me advise you not to follow this course. We of Phi Delta Theta want sterling, good, honorable men, no matter whether they be scientists, lawyers, divines, or physicians. We want men in all praiseworthy pursuits. If you have a leaning for any special department, let it be toward the academic, for this class of students is longest at college, and becomes more thoroughly drilled in fraternity work ; but, as stated above, it is better to extend a welcoming hand to all high-minded men, no matter what collegiate course they pursue. Again, always be punctual at the fraternity meetings, and, for humanity's sake, do not forget the collection which will be taken up to defray all just demands made upon you. Of course, all Phis stand well in

their classes and take their share of college honors. Gamma has not been behind in this respect ; see to it that she sustains her reputation. Be sure and keep up a close correspondence with the SCROLL, as this denotes interest and love for the order. Finally, accept my hearty congratulations upon your present high standing, and earnest hope that you will join with me in pushing onward with our work, and by our united efforts we can not only hold our own, but even make the victories of '87 more glorious than those of past years.

Yours faithfully in the Bond,  
GLENN ANDREWS, President Gamma Province.

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CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 7, 1887.

*To the Epsilon Province of Phi Delta Theta :*

IN this, the first official communication to the SCROLL, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor the General Council has seen fit to bestow upon me, and my pleasure in greeting the Phis of Epsilon Province as their president. The delay in communicating arises from the desire to first go over the field, investigate matters as they stand, and report accordingly. To the work in Epsilon Province, three observations are applicable.

First, as relating to individual chapters. Individual chapters are the pulse of the province. Just so far as each chapter is a live, energetic, working unit, with individual members anxiously concerned in the affairs of the fraternity in their chapter, State and province, just so far can genuine success be expected in that chapter, State and province.

In Epsilon Province there is a need of more interest among the several chapters in the general working of the province. Such an interest is vital to intelligent and progressive movement in the work. Indiana *A* is not sufficiently acquainted with *B*, nor *B* with *I*, nor *I* with *Δ*, nor *Δ* with *E*, nor *E* with *Z*, and conversely ; while the Michigan chapters know less of their Indiana sisters, by being further apart geographically. This should not be. It is reparable through one or two means.

In the first place, by a more active correspondence between chapters. Reporters cannot possibly keep the body-fraternity posted. There are items here and there of great interest to every chapter in the province that the reporter cannot commit to his monthly report in the SCROLL. Details of interesting local events, initiations, escapades, victories and defeats, with a host of other events incident upon college and fraternity life. These can be obtained *only* by correspondence. When the members of chapters take upon themselves the duty of faithfully reporting these items to one another, they will inevitably inspire a livelier interest on the part of every man in the several chapters, and the results

will be most beneficial. Again, frequent visits to neighboring chapters give members new ideas and new interest. Attendance at chapter banquets and initiations lend enthusiasm to visiting brothers. There should be frequent exchange of college periodicals, marked as to points of note. All these are means to this one end, viz.: a better mutual acquaintance of the brethren as to their movements in fraternity, social, political and academic life, thereby arousing this needed interest.

Second, as relating to reporters. A reporter, it is granted, has no very easy task. It is hard to be sprightly in news when fraternity, town and college are moving with pleasant monotony in the still part of the year. Startling facts are scarce. But this much can and should be observed, that those facts which are recorded be of the best possible selection and arranged in the most interesting style. Tell the truth and make the most of it, and tell it in such a way that it will impinge.

Generalizations are uninteresting and with little force, but reports that are specific and hearty *are* interesting and give us a good impression of the chapter. Reports that are honest, fresh and vivacious are wanted, and wanted every month, so that at the close of the year the monthly reports in the whole volume of the SCROLL will be accurate history of the year's work.

Third, as relating to Province President. The task of a Province President is not small, and he is powerless to perform it unless supported by a hearty co-operation of every chapter. He needs to be informed as to the movements and condition of chapters, so as to work intelligently. It should never be necessary that a reporter be written to twice before an answer is forthcoming.

I am thankful for the ready assistance offered by the chapters of the province. We have entered upon a year of profitable aggressive work without doubt. Brother John M. Goodwin delivers over the administration with matters in good shape, and departing, leaves behind him in his work a monument to *his* credit and to the honor of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

WM. C. COVERT.

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## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE term closes on Jan. 25th. On the 19th occurs the Junior Exhibition, and brother S. Gallert will represent Maine  $\Delta$  on that occasion. Brother Goodale, '88, we are sorry to say, is compelled to leave college on account of ill health. He is to go South this winter. His return to Colby is doubtful. Brother



Harvey, who was with us the first of the term, left on January 1st to teach school at his house. Maine A has caught the senate fever, which seems to be pervading  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  ranks, and can report it a grand success. She has some very eloquent and promising senators. With this Maine A takes a leave of seven weeks, at the expiration of which she will return full of vim and a desire to do good work.

January 13, 1887.

S. GALLERT.

#### VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

BROTHERS Robinson and J. C. Morgan, who were at home sick during the latter part of last term, and brother Sornborger, who has been teaching, are again with us.

Brother Stratton writes us in very glowing terms of his visit to New Hampshire and Massachusetts Alphas; he fully agrees with the rest of our new members, who think that there is nothing like being a Phi.

Our literary exercises for the present term are to be conducted on the competitive plan.

Brothers Cooper and E. C. Morgan have chosen sides, each side furnishing the literary work on alternate weeks. A spread awaits the victors.

January 14, 1887.

A. B. GILBERT.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

BROTHER N. R. Weaver is the only one of our chapter who has failed to return after the holidays.

We are still carefully looking up the eligible men in college, have two men pledged, and several others under consideration.

Some of our athletic men will soon begin to train for the crew or base ball nine in the "Gym."

We will soon begin to make preparations for our annual banquet, the anniversary of our reorganization Feb. 6th, and we have every facility for making it an exceedingly pleasant affair. A cordial invitation is extended to all Phis who may find us within reach.

Brother G. W. Stephens, '88, will not be able to return, on account of the death of his father.

January 15, 1887.

E. C. BOYNTON.

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

OUR chapter regards with much pride and gratification the recent election of brother Mason Carnes to the position of Assistant Editor of the Scroll. The long experience of brother Carnes, as

a member of the editorial board of the *College Mercury* well qualifies him for the duties he has assumed.

The difficulty between our fraternities, which caused the '86 Microcosm to be edited by but three of the five chapters located here, has been amicably settled, and our annual will be published this year by the five fraternities,  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ , and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , in connection also with the three literary societies, Clonia, Phrenocosmia and Eiponia.

Brothers Winslow and Palmer have been chosen to represent  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  on the board, and there is every probability that the '87 Microcosm will surpass any one previously published.

January 14, 1887.

S. W. DUNSCOMB, JR.

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

FROM the holiday vacation we are all back full of renewed vigor and the determination to plant the standards of Phi Delta Theta where the "Barbs" beholding it will come and seek admission. Things are quiet here now. On the last day of this term, the annual contest between the Philo and Union, and Franklin and Washington Literary Societies will take place. Brother Lippincott, '87, is debater from the former, and brother Ewing, '87, is orator from the latter society, each one contesting against a Phi Gamma Delta.

January 14, 1887.

J. ROBT. WRIGHT.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

THE winter term at Allegheny opened on January 4th, with quite an increase in attendance. Our members have all returned.

Brother T. C. Blaisdell, '88, in connection with a gentleman residing in this city, is conducting a lecture course this winter. We wish the enterprise success.

The annual contest for the Polyhumian declamation prize of the Philo-Franklin literary society took place on December 14th. Brother D. W. Howell, '89, succeeded in capturing it. There were thirteen contestants.

January 14, 1887.

WILL. BIGNELL.

#### BETA PROVINCE.

##### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report which appeared in the Scroll a short (?) time ago, but little has transpired in the Greek world at Roanoke. Everything is quiet, and it seems that circumstances are tending

to produce "a closer bond of connection" between the different fraternities that are represented here. At the election for the performers on the Anniversary ticket, of the Demosthenean Literary Society, the clouds were lowering and it seemed that the storm of an inter-fraternity contest would burst.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is a power in the society and usually furnishes two or three of the five performers at the Anniversary. One other fraternity dissolved itself from all ties of a common fraternity interest, and voted against the combined interests of the other fraternities. This presaged war; but happily "they saw the error of their way," and "recanted." Brothers Kern and Frey have both been elected on the ticket, the former as debater the latter as final orator.

Last week our chapter was pleasantly surprised at receiving a letter from an old member of Va. A. Brother W. H. Lake, who is now in Arizona, engaged in mining.

The  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ s had a banquet in honor of the founding of their chapter at Roanoke, not long since. They invited a representative from each of the other three fraternities here. The banquet was a nice little affair. The Gammas are highly gratified at the success of it. We, too, will soon have the pleasure of chronicling a reunion—but of this later.

Brother Goodman, our latest acquisition, has been elected to fill one of the positions on the Anniversary ticket of the Cicero-Literary Society.

His and brother Kern's chapel essays have been pronounced the best that have been read so far this term.

January 5, 1887.

C. F. KUDER.

#### VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

At the Y. M. C. A. Convention, which met at this place, we were well represented. There were  $\Phi$ s here from Virginia Gamma, Virginia Delta, and Virginia Epsilon; in fact, over half of the chapters in Beta Province were represented.

We had a small sized Province Convention. We have also had a short visit from our province president, C. B. Tippet, who seems to be a whole souled  $\Phi$ . His visit was quickly followed up by a short call from brother Gravette, who was formerly a  $K \Sigma K$ , but is now a worthy  $\Phi$ . On the 23rd of December, we had the pleasure of witnessing the marriage of brother Fielding Miles (last year's member of Virginia Beta) to Miss Eleanor Smith, daughter of Prof. F. H. Smith of this place.

We announce herewith the resignation of James Ernest McGinnis, of Jacksonville, Fla. He was an alumnus of the chapter which was for a few years illegally kept up at the K. M. I.

Our last but most pleasant event to record is the initiation of Wm. J. H. Bohannon. He is a brother of Prof. R. D. Bohannon, who, we are proud to say, is an old member of this chapter.

January 10, 1887.

JNO. D. FLETCHER.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

WE have made two new additions to our chapter, brothers Chandler and Atkinson. They are both very excellent young men, and will reflect credit on our Fraternity.

The Phi Delta Theta is taking her full share of honors at the University of Georgia. We have taken four out of a possible twelve of offices on the editorial staff of our college paper. One of our members delivered the oration at the planting of the Senior tree, and we have fair hopes of placing a man on the Champion Debate

December 26, 1886.

G. H. WINSTON.

## GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

Georgia Beta starts upon the fall term with many glorious prospects, and all of us are pushing forward doing good honest work.

During this term we will be deprived of brother J. P. McRee, with his enthusiastic love for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; brother Dykes, who was taking a prominent stand in the Freshman class, and brother Rouncerville, another enthusiastic member. They will all return to college next October, and be ready to join the ranks of next term. But we have left twenty-four loyal knights to battle for the right.

We were much pleased to see among our number at last meeting the familiar faces of brothers Walter Daves and Walter Griffin, both of class '86. Brother Burns, of Atlanta, also paid us a short visit during the Christmas holidays. Brother Walter Thomas, class '86, is with us now on a short visit. We are always glad to welcome our alumni back to their *Alma Mater*, for we feel assured that they have left us a rich legacy.

Since our last report we have initiated brother Duncan of the Freshman class, also brother Kennon Dearing of the Sub-Freshman department. Both of these are sure to become enthusiastic defenders of the sword and shield.

Brother J. E. McRee from the Few, and brothers J. H. Ardis and A. H. Merry from the Phi Gamma Society represented us on the Fall term public debates. They acquitted themselves admirably, not only reflecting credit upon themselves, but also honor upon the "White and Blue," whose banner still waves aloft far over the heads of its rivals.

Brother Duncan, one of our new initiates, was elected Spring term debater, at the last meeting of the Few Society.

We are very highly pleased with our new Province President, Dr. Glenn Andrews. He seems to be trying to create enthusi-

asm among the boys, and it looks as though his efforts will bear good fruit.

January 7, 1887.

J. E. McREE.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Tennessee Alpha has no news to send to the SCROLL this month, except that her earnest endeavors to live squarely up to the standard of our Bond are meeting with the success they deserve. She will always try to be a chapter worthy of Phi Delta Theta.

The general opinion among our members seems to be that the January SCROLL is the best they have ever seen. We read with especial pleasure "Colleges and Fraternities in the State of New York," and "Reviews of Exchanges."

January 13th, 1887.

STEWART BROOKS.

ALABAMA ALPHA, ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Fraternity affairs have glided along quietly here this year. No animosity or bitterness whatever has been engendered by the friction of contact. Spiking, except in a very few instances, is now a thing of the past for this session. As a condition of our existence here, the Faculty deprived us of all elective powers, and took the reins of franchise into their own hands. By their bad judgment and poor and unfair selection in many cases they show how incomparably better fitted the boys are to hold and exercise the elective franchise themselves. The Junior Speakers have been appointed. Brothers W. N. Compton and James E. Dedman will represent  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  thereon. Of nine, we got two; the Dekes, three;  $K \Lambda s$ , one;  $\Sigma N$ , three. We have only five men in the Junior class. We deplore the departure of brothers J. L. Purifoy and R. P. Roach, of that class. Brother Purifoy was the equal of any man in the class in all of his studies; while in Greek, he had the first mark and was best man. Brother Roach was among the first men of the class, and, we think, would have been honored with a place on the speaking list but for the announcement of his intention to resign. The loss of these men is a positive disadvantage to the entire class, and especially to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's interest for next year.

The debaters, etc., for literary societies are also selected. Brothers J. C. Wright and W. B. Oliver are debaters from the Philomathic; C. L. Horton and J. O. Bouks, from the Eraso-phic; W. W. Quarles, president; brother R. M. Scorey, orator, and brothers W. B. Saffold, J. B. Clay, and W. E. Holloway, debaters from the Peithonian. Nine, out of a total of sixteen honors, fell to our lot. We did not get what we were entitled

to. We always deal fairly and honestly. But for the action of men who, taking advantage of their official position, had the brazen audacity to recommend *themselves* for places—a thing we could not well provide against—we should have had an additional orator and the other two presidents. However, we hold a liberal share, and need not complain. We were sorry to lose from college brother H. P. Williams, who resigned on account of his health.

The Sophomore speakers have not been selected yet. We are sure of a good share of them. Our boys did well in the first term examinations, and thereby secured a good standing in their classes. We are delighted to chronicle the return of brothers Joe Dedman and Lloyd Hooper to college. The ratio and proportion of Junior speakers may be thus stated:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 2 out of 5 in the class;  $\Delta K E$ , 3 out of 6;  $\Sigma N$ , 3 out of 12;  $K A$ , 1 out of 4.

The breach of good faith alluded to in my last was this: during the scholastic year of '84-5, the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s and  $\Sigma N$ s were the only fraternities here; and they existed strictly *sub rosa* to the authorities, but, of course, known to each other. These two fraternities *expressly agreed*, though it was not deemed necessary to reduce it to writing, that they would spike no men in the Freshmen class, that they would not go below the Sophomore class, or class of '87.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  adhered to her pledge strictly, and so preserved her faith, honor, and integrity intact.  $\Sigma N$  stealthily went to work, regardless of her pledged honor, and spiked all the men in the Freshman class that they could. We were apprised of their conduct by a few men whom they had approached, but who had declined to have anything to do with them. This is the way they obtained what little advantage they have in the present junior class. Suffice it to say  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  values her honor and word more than a mere increase of membership, and this information is given to the Greek world only in order that the circumstances may be properly understood.

I will not call on Tennessee Alpha for any proofs whatever. I presume the reporter is a modest brother, and I know pretty well what he would say, so we will not coerce him to sing the psalms of self-praise. We recognize the great worth and merit of our chapter at the Vanderbilt. We are proud of that chapter. We did not formally claim possession of the banner. If Tennessee Alpha has a prior or superior claim to the championship, we will yield to her the palm.

I am gratified to report the initiation of brother P. F. Miles, and commend him to the fraternity. In his accession we achieved a signal triumph.

January 4, 1887.

W. W. QUARLES.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

## OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

IN looking over the work of last term, we may notice much advancement. In September we numbered eleven, and at the close of the term seventeen. One member was received by affiliation, and five tested the strength of our William Goat. All are good Phis.

Brother E. R. Strain, '85, who is now a student of the Boston Medical College, and brother Dallas Jones, '82, now a prosperous physician at Seville, Ohio, paid us pleasant visits.

We closed the term's work with a very enthusiastic meeting. On this occasion, brother Moffatt beheld the light of Grecian culture for the first time.

Brother T. S. Anderson, '86, spent his vacation in the city, and we found that his enthusiasm for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had in no way abated.

Brothers S. S. Palmer and Jno. T. Morrison have been elected to represent the Athenæan Literary Society in the Inter-Society Contest, to be held next June. Brother Palmer will be the Orator, and brother Morrison the Debater.

The boys have all returned except brother Frank Du Shane, who has been compelled by ill-health to remain at home.

Our first meeting for the term was held last Saturday evening. We had recently the pleasure of receiving from our Province president a communication containing words of encouragement and advice.

W. C. MILES.

January 13, 1887.

## OHIO EPSILON, BUCHEL COLLEGE.

THE winter term opened on January 5, 1887, and found Ohio Epsilon's eleven brothers at their respective posts. The term's work opened with a very enthusiastic meeting on the evening of the 8th, which was enlivened by the presence of brother R. B. Carter, M.D., of Ohio Beta. The doctor has recently settled in Akron, taking up the practice of brother Wilcox, '79, who has removed to Buffalo.

Brother A. A. Stearns, '79, has been engaged as general agent for Buchtel College for the remainder of the year. We are confident that our brother's ability will insure him great success in his work.

Fraternity rivalry here is on the wane.

January 12, 1887.

E. F. CONE.

## OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

IF to obtain new members were the whole of fraternity life, we might be accused of lack of animation, for not yet has the

"argent and azure" heralded a new-made Phi. But there is another view of chapter work, and therein our progress is sure and pleasing.

The term's work began January 6th, and the new rules and the ready compliance of the students show the determination of all to give Ohio's chief seat of learning the rank she should have. The final examinations attest the high scholarship of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , showing some excellent records and only a few "breaks."

We have received the new Constitution, and brother Brown's, S. G. C., courtesy has placed in our possession a copy of the proposed new Ritual. It is splendid.

The inter-fraternity anti-prep. agreement has been put in a stronger form, and  $X \Phi$ , having applied for admission, will probably be represented on the *Makio*, the fraternity annual.

FRED S. BALL.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

We have been most fortunate in securing excellent men this year. We have initiated five, all of whom are taking hold, and bid fair to work as true Phis should. We have good meetings, and hope soon to have some new song books to enliven us. Kentucky Alpha now has eleven members, and is still working.

January 10, 1887.

F. N. LEE.

#### KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

We have no disposition to "crow" over what we have done, though we have great cause for self-congratulation. At the election of Junior Orators for the June celebration, December 17th, brother Rhodes was elected to the first honor. After a season of social enjoyment during the holidays, we are ready to take the field for  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  again.

January 8, 1887.

A. KNOBEL.

#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

##### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Nothing more important has happened since our last report than our initiations. Towards the end of last term we took into the fold Harley H. Hoskins, of Seymour, Ind. A few nights ago the goat was again led from "his cool retreat," and W. R. Cravens was ushered "out from darkness black to a brighter, better way." These brothers are a valuable addition to our chapter, and we take pleasure in introducing them to the Phi world. Ere long we will "clinch" a few more "spikes."

We are sorry to note the absence of brothers French and El-



rod this term. Brother French has accepted a position as post-master in the Senate at Indianapolis. Brother Elrod is at home.

The new Constitution has been received. For conciseness and neatness it is a model.

We are much pleased with the January number of the SCROLL. The list of initiates is especially gratifying, and we are pleased to note steady growth and improvement in the Fraternity generally, as well as in the SCROLL.

In a Freshman election, held some time since,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was honored with the only office given to Greeks. Rivalry in class honors is in the extreme among fraternities, and we consider it quite a victory. We are now eighteen in number. Our rivals are  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , and  $\Phi X \Delta$ .  $K K \Gamma$  and  $K A \Theta$  each have flourishing chapters.

January 13, 1887.

F. B. FOSTER.

#### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

THE close of the first term finds Indiana Beta stronger than ever. Victories continue to fall to our lot. Friday, December 10th, the literary societies elected representatives for the annual contest, February 22d. One-half the number are Phis—brothers Cooter, Earl and Wilson. We are proud of them, and are sure they will honor the fraternity.

At last our new home is completed. We have worked hard and long, but now we have a parlor in which to receive our friends. On the evening of the 24th of November some fifteen Phis could be seen wending their way towards their new home, with as many of Crawfordsville's lovely young ladies. We ushered them into our elegantly furnished new hall with just pride. There was a cheerful fire in the large base-burner—a gift of some alumni. At one end of the room was a large and elegant French-plate mirror—a gift of brother Earl. We had an informal reunion, much enjoyed by those who participated therein. After partaking of refreshments, we listened to the singing of the chapter quartette, all present joining in the choruses. Indeed, we need only visit the homes of the loveliest of Crawfordsville's population to listen to the refrain of the words sung on this most pleasant and delightful occasion.

Our new men are just among the best in college. Three of them are the pick of a Freshman class of fifty. We have but one prep. Three Phis belong to the Wabash football team, which holds the championship medal of Indiana for '86-'87.

Our Oratorical contest takes place in February, and Phi Delta Theta will be properly represented.

January 8, 1887.

O. S. HOFFMAN.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

It is with much pleasure we report to the Fraternity the continued prosperity of Illinois *E* so far during the collegiate year.

Brother McNight, as predicted in the last report, affiliated with us on the 4th ult. He will meet with us regularly, and we value the acquisition highly, as he is loyal to the core.

The chapter feels highly honored in the appointment of brother Miller to the presidency of Zeta Province. We feel confident he will fill the position with credit to the Fraternity.

We are glad to note the reattendance of brother Van Pelt, as an associate member; he is one of Epsilon's most devoted alumni, and will add much to the enthusiasm of our meetings. Brother Scott has returned to college. He has been in the West, and comes back to finish the year with us. Brothers Hunter and Wheeland, two of our new members, will not return. They have engaged in the stock business, in Wyoming, with headquarters at Omaha, Neb. They announced, on leaving, that they would always be "at home" to all Phis.

We feel deservedly proud over last term's work in college; the Phis at the beginning of the term went to the head of the class, and maintained their positions. It has been said in the past by some that the Phis of this institution were engaged almost wholly in the pursuit of social pleasure. While the fraternity ranks far above either of its contemporaries socially, it has demonstrated its ability to excel also in the class-room.

The boys are expecting to have a jolly time to-night; we have been invited to spend the evening with our lady friends, at the home of brother Wilson, a few miles out of town. It is safe to say that it will be the merriest party of the season.

It was with deepest regret and sorrow that we learned of the death of brother Ruby, '82, which occurred in Florida, on the 27th of November. He was a victim of consumption. The memorial service was set for the 11th ult., and appropriate resolutions adopted, which are sent herewith. Kind and affectionate as a child, true and faithful as a friend, generous, magnanimous and forgiving as a foe, his death has left a vacant place in the hearts of all those who knew him and loved him, which will be difficult to fill. Among the members of his Fraternity, Will. Ruby was honored and loved, and every one was his warm, true friend. Let us cherish his memory and emulate his virtues. It gives us comfort and consolation to know that his death was as his life—that of a Christian.

January 12, 1887.

R. A. EATON.

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ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

We regret to announce the temporary absence of brothers Con-

ger and Chamberlain from our chapter meetings, but we hope to see them with us again ere long.

Brother Milo Summers, Ex-President of Zeta Province, spent the holidays with some of the Phi brethren in Galesburg.

We have received a very interesting letter from brother W. L. Miller, our newly elected Province President. We are in hopes of holding a convention of the Province next spring. Galesburg will probably be the place of its meeting, as we have two chapters in the city, and there are many Phis in the surrounding country.

January 10, 1887.

O. G. COLEGROVE.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

OUR holidays are over, and all the boys, except one, are gathered together, and are prepared to enter upon a new year's work. The one whom we miss from our midst is brother J. F. Weed, who has an appointment to a clerkship in our State Legislature.

Since our last report Missouri Alpha has lost her favorite "Phi sister," Miss Jennie McAfee, who was married on the evening of the 5th inst. to W. B. Bates, of Shelbyville, Tennessee. Mr. Bates is a member of  $\Sigma A E$ ; nevertheless, we Missouri Alpha boys of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  cordially join this chapter of the Sigs in extending to their happy brother our hearty congratulations. We shall always remember Miss McAfee for her faithfulness and valuable services to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  during the dark days of our *sub rosa* career.

Our chapter, at present, has seventeen active members. About half that number will graduate this year. Our second semester will begin next week. Every new student who enters the university is being carefully watched. We are all looking forward to a convention of Eta Province, and we hope that all the chapters therein will be represented.

January 12, 1887.

T. J. J. SEE.

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#### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

OUR chapter has done, so far this year, as good work as could have been expected under the circumstances. Although nothing sparkling or brilliant has occurred, yet Phi spirit and enthusiasm have maintained a steady and glowing blaze. We started with comparatively few men, but have added such a goodly number of loyal brethren that now we feel strong and powerful. Since our last report we have added to our number two very desirable men—brothers William M. Langtry and Collin A. McPheeters. They both rank among the best men in college.

Fraternity spirit has been greatly augmented since the first of the year. This we attribute, to a great extent, to our social banquets, held once a month, and of which we have made mention in some of our former reports. The last one, given at the residence of Col. J. K. Rickey, was a grand success, eclipsing all former occasions. About twenty-five were present, and not one failed to pass a pleasant and enjoyable evening. A number of well-rendered solos, both vocal and instrumental, delighted the music-loving portion of the party. However, the feature of the evening was the "grand chorus" at the table, where a rich feast was spread before the Phis and their sisters. As the different "phrases and cadences" were drawn out, and "interludes" chimed in merrily, one could not help seeing how well the Phis knew the meaning of enjoyment. The gathering dispersed during the small hours of the night, giving all honor and praise to the Phis.

Brothers Wilkerson and Gallaher, who have been spending the holidays at home, have returned to their respective places of study—St. Louis and Chicago. Brother France, of St. Joe, Mo., has not yet returned. We have not heard, definitely, if he intends pursuing his college work the coming term.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to the marriage of brother C. W. Sebastian, of Columbia, which is to be held on the 19th inst. We are very sorry, indeed, that our college duties will render it impossible for us to be present on that occasion.

January 10, 1887.

J. E. CRAWFORD.

#### IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

WE have had our share of the honors so far this year. Brother Havighorst is to represent the Iowa Wesleyan University as Orator at the State Oratorical Contest; a Phi holds the presidency of the Senior; the local editor and two associate editors of the *Iowa Wesleyan* are Phis; and last term we held five of the seven offices, including those of president and vice-president, in one of the literary societies; this term we hold three.

On the evening of December 3d we assembled at the home of brother Gray, each Phi bringing with him a fair maiden. The scintillating rays from the P. E. O. stars and the golden arrows of I. C. so pierced the hearts, that, for us at least, time flew by unheeded. Judging by the compliments received from the ladies, we don't think ourselves egotistical in concluding that it was a pleasant affair for all.

In our account in the December SCROLL of the correspondence a member of *B Θ II* did for Iowa Alpha, I stated that his connection with that fraternity had been severed, having been so informed by him and by other members; but he has lately been

wearing his badge, and seems to be a Beta the same as of yore. We simply wish to correct the mistaken idea which might be gathered from the last report.

January 13, 1887.

ED. H. SCOTT.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

OUR present membership numbers fifteen, and under the vigorous policy of our president, we look forward to a prosperous future.

A literary spirit awakes in our chapter. At our last meeting brother Fiske entertained us with a recitation, brother Brown with an essay, and brother Schimmel with a violin solo.

Brother Brown, '89, will represent us at the Eta Province Convention *in prospectu*.

Together with the alumni chapter, we shall hold our annual banquet at the West Hotel this month.

We have initiated brother Leeds, '90, and we commend him to the Phi world.

January 10, 1887.

GEO. E. BURNELL.

#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

KANSAS ALPHA pursues the even tenor of her way, surprising the Greek world now and then with a new initiate. Our latest effort in that line is brother O. C. Billings, of Lyndon, Kansas. He is the seventh initiate this year, and we are congratulating ourselves on our good fortune in "spiking." In the face of considerable opposition we have succeeded in every instance. But our success is not confined to initiates. We have a fair share of class and society honors. Brother E. A. Wheeler is on the *Weekly University Courier* and on the *Review* staff. The Phis have also the Orator for the Orophilian in the coming Quad-Orophilian contest on January 14, 1887. A goodly number of minor offices are held by our men, but these are not dreamed of sufficient importance to be reported.

December 11th. 1886, the  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  held an Inter-Fraternity Social, and Greek met Greek in very pleasant combat. This is a new feature of university life, as heretofore not more than two fraternities have met thus. Bitter animosities are becoming a thing of the past, though good, honest opposition is as strong as ever.

Since our last letter brother E. F. Neal withdrew from college and entered his brother's bank in Caldwell, Kansas. He will return the second term of '87-'88. We miss his cheery countenance, and wish him every success.

Kansas Alpha wishes her sister chapters a "Happy New Year" and many successes.

January 9, 1887.

W. E. HIGGINS.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

WE have commenced the winter term with fair prospects and with plenty of enthusiasm. All of our present members are with us, and in addition our number has been increased by two of our alumni.

Brother E. O. Lewis, '84, is second assistant Secretary of the Senate, and on account of his official duties will reside with us for some months to come.

Brother Gerwig, while visiting his home in Pittsburg during the holidays, had the pleasure of meeting several Phis from other chapters. An informal meeting was held, and a most enjoyable time was passed.

Nebraska Alpha greatly regrets the circumstances which compelled brother R. E. Taylor, formerly of Hillsdale, to leave for his future home in Kewanee, Ill. Brother Taylor, previous to his departure, kindly presented the chapter with a handsome bookcase and stand, which greatly improve the appearance of our hall. Our best wishes follow brother Taylor on his way.

Some time in the near future the Eta Province of Phi Delta Theta expects to hold a convention. The place of meeting has not yet been fixed upon, but we earnestly hope that the other chapters will see fit to hold it here.

January 12, 1887.

J. R. McCANCE.

## INITIATES.

### NEW YORK BETA.

- '90. Fred Ward Brown, Antwerp, N. Y.
- '90. Henry Ward Briggs, Quaker Street, N. Y.
- '90. Edward Ferguson Pickford, Schenectady, N. Y.
- '90. John Calvin Knox, Albany, N. Y.
- '90. George Carmichael Stewart, Amsterdam, N. Y.

### VIRGINIA BETA.

William J. H. Bohannon, Matthews C. H., Va.

### ALABAMA ALPHA.

- '90. Pierce Francis Miles, Union Springs, Ala.

### OHIO DELTA.

- '90. William Edward Forgy, Forgy, Ohio.
- '91. William L. Esterley, Columbiana, O.
- '91. William James Moffatt, New Castle, Pa.

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## KENTUCKY ALPHA.

- '89. Willis Green, Falls of Rough, Ky.
- '90. George A. McRoberts, Danville, Ky.
- '90. Jonathan Robert McRoberts, Danville, Ky.
- '90. Jonathan Rice Cavan, Danville, Ky.
- '91. Allie Warren Lee, Danville, Ky.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

- '90. Elwood P. Cobberly, Andrews, Ind.
- '90. Alex. H. Wacken, Brownstown, Ind.
- '90. Hailey H. Hoskins, Seymour, Ind.
- '90. H. R. Cravens, Bloomfield, Ind.

## INDIANA BETA.

- '90. Geo. McFarlane Galt.
- '90. Herbert Hawkes Gortner.
- '90. John Edwin McNutt.
- '91. Earl Dick O'Rear.

## MISSOURI BETA.

William M. Langtry.  
Collin A. McPheeters.

## \*IOWA ALPHA.

- '89. William Riley Jeffrey, Jr., Washington, Iowa.
- '91. Victor Hugo Shields, New London, Iowa.
- '91. Charles Frederick Snider, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA.

- '90. Warner Mifflin Leeds, Lisbon, D. T.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

- '90. Frederick Funston, Carlyle, Kan.
- '91. Orley Colfax Billings, Lyndon, Kan.

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\*The initiates of this chapter should have appeared in January SCROLL, but through neglect of the editor the names were omitted.

## PERSONALS.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '86. E. M. Wilbur is teaching in Mt. Beacon Academy, at Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.
- '87. O. F. Davis is Principal of Chester High School, Chester, Vt.
- '88. C. W. Safford is teaching at Binghamville, Vt.
- '89. W. A. Beebe is teaching at Malone, N. Y.
- '89. H. F. Quimby is teaching at Claremont, N. H.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'85. Brother W. H. Gallup is principal of the High School at Brier Hill, Ohio.

'85. Brother C. W. Proctor was married to Miss Alice L. Heath, at Kirksville, Mo., on Dec. 31.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

'86. E. B. Cottingham is winning golden opinions for himself as a pedagogue in Camden.

'85. Dan Pratt is secretary and treasurer of the Pratt Gin Company, the largest and most profitable industry of its kind in the South.

'86. D. A. Greene, in the happy pursuit of his legitimate business paid us a most pleasant visit several days since. It always makes our hearts glad to see Dan—he is so genial.

'85. Henry R. Dawson, son of the Commissioner of Education, is pursuing the fascinating life of a farmer on his father's large estate. Henry is still an ardent  $\Phi$ , though an alumnus for two years. Once a Phi, forever a Phi, is the motto of Alpha's alumni.

'85. Louis V. Clark has quit wielding the pen, and is now planting money in corner lots in the growing town of the South, Birmingham. Phis are getting very numerous there. We must have an alumni chapter there soon. This would be a magnificent place for the National Convention in 1889.

'86. P. W. Jones, orator, author and poet, is one of the most brilliant and talented young lawyers in the State. If genius and learning make men great, his future is literally paved with golden promises.

'86. V. W. Jones, who graduated with distinguished honors, both military and academic, being the winner of the Anglo-Saxon prize awarded by the English Text Society, is a popular and efficient principal of a school at Forest Home.

'86. E. L. Pinchard, who wore becomingly the highest honors of his class, is rising rapidly at his engineering profession in Birmingham. With his talent and perseverance he is sure to win fame and fortune, and reflect credit upon beloved Phi Delta Theta.

'85. Aurelius A. Evans, the witty, humorous and staunch old Phi of former days, is making himself a potent factor of education at Clayton. While at college he was the "Jones" of our banquet-board. Always, "he was all right," and will be until he is Governor some day. He is popular with all—with none more so than his admiring patrons.

S. Price Gilbert, ex-president Gamma Province, now treasurer of General Council, has been prospecting in booming Birmingham. It is rumored he is to locate there in the practice of law. Alabama will be proud for him to take up his residence in



her city of iron, wealth and progress. With a province president and brother Gilbert within the State confines,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  ought to receive a grand stimulus and impetus.

#### OHIO ZETA.

Brother J. E. Randall, Ohio Beta, '83, and charter member of Ohio Zeta, was married on the 29th of Dec. to Miss Lilian Love Gatch.

'89. Brother Cretcher, and brother Bigley, Ohio Beta, '83, in the grocery business at De Graff, Ohio, have bought a large grain elevator, which they will operate.

#### INDIANA ALPHA.

'84. D. S. Ramsey is book-keeper in the firm of Ramsey Brothers at College Corner, Ohio. He was recently elected city clerk.

'85. E. E. Griffith is superintendent of the Frankfort, Indiana, schools.

'86. A. C. Heiney is principal of the Rochester, Indiana, schools.

#### IOWA ALPHA.

'86. Brother Wykoff, Illinois Delta, was in the city several weeks last term, and visited our chapter meeting.

'89. Brother Smith spent several days with us last term. He will be with us again during the spring term.

'89. Brother Gray has gone to St. Paul, where he will stay until the opening of the spring term, when he will return to college.

### In Memoriam.

HALL OF ILLINOIS EPSILON, PHI DELTA THETA, }  
DECEMBER 9, 1886. }

WHEREAS, an Allwise Providence has seen fit to take from our midst our beloved brother, William S. Ruby, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Illinois Epsilon of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, has lost in the death of brother Ruby a devoted brother, and one whom to know was to love and respect; and

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to his mourning friends, and to the bereaved family.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our records, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and to the SCROLL, and further, a copy be framed and hung in our chapter hall.

F. T. WILCOX,  
L. A. STRAIGHT,  
D. D. DARRAH.

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The following letters were received too late for classification.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

The Phis have returned from their holiday visit home. They enter the new year with a new zeal and determination to make the record of Georgia Gamma more brilliant, so that our sisters may see it as we see it, the "Banner Chapter" of the fraternity.

The Phis have gone to work in earnest and already signs of victory are seen on all sides. In the late elections in the literary societies we made a grand march, and won the highest honors of the society, and a goodly number of subordinate officers. More than half the representatives of the societies on public occasions will be Phis. The beauty of this victory is, the Phis went in on their worth and merit, and not by fraternity combination and political intrigues, as these elections have heretofore been conducted.

The "Theta Social Club" has proven quite an interesting and beneficial feature to the chapter, the meetings of which during the last three months were more pleasant and entertaining than ever before. But the event of the season was the "Earthquake Receptions" given by the club at the elegant residence of Mrs. Newsom, a strong friend to the Phis. The name itself is shaky, but we feel not shaky in pronouncing it an enjoyable success. The programme was unique and odd, and fully carried out to the satisfaction and pleasure of all. Refreshments was announced by our kind hostess, and after doing justice to the spread, amid a constant flow of wit, humor and fraternal love, we returned to the parlors; some engaged in social colloquy, while others, overcome by the sweet strains of the orchestra, participated in the "Terpsichorean" art. When the hour of adjournment was announced, we voted our hospitable hostess the pleasures of the evening and wishing no ill to the "Prophet Earthquake Wiggins," we dispersed to our homes with gleeful hearts of the evening's merriment.

At the close of this term we loose three loyal Phis, brother G. S. Jones, Jr., '88, accepting a junior place with Geo. S. Jones & Co., Wholesale Grocers, Macon, Ga. Brother J. Pat. Long, '88, is looking after his fruit growing interest in South West Georgia. Brother Howard Wynn, '90, withdrew on account of ill health. We regret this loss, for they were scoring a brilliant record in every department. We hope to report their places filled at the opening of next term.

January 15, 1887.

L. M. NUNNALLY.

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TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

I suppose this is our first appearance in the SCROLL. The reason of our procrastination is certainly not that we are unmind-

ful of the interest or are disloyal to the cause of Phi Delta Theta, for we are working with every fraternity enthusiasm that ever distilled in the hearts of any true Phi.

Under inevitable circumstances, our last reporter, brother Bateman, a very energetic Phi, was compelled to return to his home in Fort Worth, Texas. We regret to loose him, besides in being taken away brother Bateman is loosing an opportunity of graduating this year in the University, this occurrence is the cause of our failure last month to represent our chapter in the SCROLL.

We received a brotherly letter from brother Glenn Andrews, our province president, of Montgomery, Ala., not long ago. It was read with much interest. He wishes this, our first, to be a good, long, characteristic. Texas letter; we do characterize a a Texas nature by not writing a long letter, but by meaning what we say.

We can speak cheerfully of our success this year. At the commencement of this term four fearless brothers constituted the Phi band, they were brothers Holt, Camp, Marrs and Bateman, we have since rescued seven more "from the outer world."

We are offered some resistance by our faculty, they first looked at us with a lenient eye; but the storm of objection has been gradually approaching, we trust though, as is probable, that they will cause us no trouble.

January 14, 1887.

D. S. PERKINS.

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#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

We were very highly pleased with our January SCROLL, and wish to return our thanks to brother Randolph for his able and valuable contribution on "Colleges and Fraternities in New York State." Our boys were much interested in the Exchange Department and made many remarks concerning its fullness and attractive features. The arrival of our fraternity paper is one of the most pleasant occurrences of each month, and the Phi boys are as busy as bees while they cull from the editorials, the exchanges, the chapter letters and the live personals, the news which they bring from all parts of the U. S.

In our last chapter report the names of two of our boys could hardly represent the boys to whom they belong. The mistake was probably caused by my own indistinct writing. The names should be Honan and Hutchings in place of "Horan" and "Hutchins."

One of our personals conveyed a wrong idea also. Brother McCaslin is at McCormic Sem. in place of brother McCormic.

Brother T. G. Brashear was elected president of the Union Literary Society at their last regular election.

January 15, 1887.

C. O. SHIREY.

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## HISTORICAL NOTES.

It is nearly twenty years since I left the university or participated with our brethren in social or intellectual enjoyments. An active life through that period of years is not calculated to strengthen the grasp of the memory on those details essential to an intelligent rehearsal of the incidents that obtain while the young collegian is making his preparations to begin life. I am without data.

I was initiated into the Indiana Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta in the fall of 1863, and remained an active member of that chapter until 1866, when my membership was transferred to the Illinois Beta. At the time of my admission to the Fraternity there were but three members attending the Indiana University—A. C. Mellette, Sidney B. Hatfield and E. Stone Gorman. The Phis had long held the lead in all college contests, and pending the selection of candidates for college honors for that year, there was aroused a spirit of jealousy on the part of rival fraternities, all of whom united to overthrow our claim to leadership. The Beta Theta Pis and Sigma Chis had many good and strong men, and together they selected a candidate and pitted him against our gallant leader, A. C. Mellette. The canvas was warm and spirited. The Phis and their adherents won the day by a small margin. The deserving standard borne by their predecessors was upheld.

A short time after I had been initiated in my official capacity as secretary, I began a correspondence with the various chapters of the Fraternity. I learned that on account of the civil war many colleges, both North and South, had suspended work, while in others, where our Fraternity had planted an organization, all the members had entered the army. There were but four chapters then in active operation—three in Indiana and one in Kentucky, the last the Grand Alpha. After much correspondence some activity was infused into the Grand Alpha, and the chapters, apparently, received new life and vigor.



The Indiana Alpha arranged for a reunion at Commencement in 1864. We invited all the brethren to join us, and a great many attended. Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D.D., came from Boston and delivered the address on that occasion. His subject was, "What books we should read, why and how we should read them." His address was worthy the high reputation of its author. We burnished up our old shields, gave a banquet, and invited our lady friends to participate with us in the festivities. Brother Robert Morrison honored us with his presence on that occasion. During this and the following year the Indiana Alpha prospered, and she added the names of many bright young men to her roll of membership. There was the impulsive and practical R. N. Ramsay, the eloquent and cultured O. F. Baker, the lawyer-like and versatile Geo. Wood Easley, the scholarly and social R. J. Cantrell, the plodding and thoughtful W. Henry Moore, the brave and sterling H. L. Powell, and the over-modest and punctual Will H. Owen. These, with our Seniors, Gorman, Hatfield and Mellette, constituted our immediate fraternal band. A truer, a manlier set of college students never assembled in literary halls. Among them there were no petty jealousies. Harmony prevailed in our ranks, and the only rivalry was that worthy emulation—who could best work and who could best agree. Of those named all are living, and have, in middle life, fulfilled the promise of youth, except poor Bob Cantrell, whose untimely death yet blisters my memory with the sad and unconsolable reflection that whom the gods love die young, a sentiment I have already so often realized by the death of those loved ones nearest to me that such consolation has ceased to be practical.

During the vacation of 1864 I visited Madison, Wisconsin, to find out what had become of the Wisconsin Alpha. I learned but little. The boys had all gone into the army with our distinguished brother, Gen. W. F. Vilas.

The success of the reunion of 1864 bore its fruits, and in 1865 the Indiana Phi determined on another meeting, and it was held in June of that year under the immediate auspices of the Indiana Gamma. Brother Jacob S. Broadwell was the Orator, and brother James H. Gookins was the Poet of the occasion. Brother Broadwell's subject was, "The Mind." His grasp of thought and beauty of diction brought the orator, as he was in the fullest sense of the title, up to the full expectation of the clan, who had responded to our call. To the students of Sir William Hamilton's metaphysics his oration was the crowning acme of that profound philosophy interspersed with flowers culled from the choicest fields of eloquence.

Of brother Gookins' poetry I only remember the impressions formed at the time. *Poeta nascitur non fit.* He looked the

poet. His verse chimed in cadences high beyond my ken, and Bobbie Burns never received higher encomiums as Scotland's bard than the Phi Delta Theta's accorded to their own Jimmie Gookins. In practical life he has woven the poetry of his peculiar genius into, the painter's art. His gems adorn the rich halls of rare artistic display.

Again we banqueted, and again we revelled in rich viands and good cheer of every variety. Miss Kate Tarkington, whom we all loved as the uninitiated princess of the Indiana Phis, was present. When I had responded to the toast of "The Ladies," saying all the beautiful things my untutored heart could suggest about the subject, she remarked to me in all the self-complacency of her candid and genial nature: "I do not believe you think one-half as well of the ladies as you speak." A truer friend the Phis never had. She never changed—never surrendered the shield she proudly bore upon her bosom. I saw her nineteen years afterwards, the matronly wife of her beloved Phi husband, Hon. O. F. Baker, and our shield was still there. But even then the dread messenger seemed hovering near, and a few months ago our Indiana Princess was called away.

In the vacation of 1865 I visited the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, to hunt up the archives of the old Illinois Alpha, but they could not be found. The same fall I matriculated at the Chicago University. Through brother Gookins I made the acquaintance of several alumni brethren then in Chicago, among whom were Gen. J. C. Black and Capt. W. P. Black. We began to hold informal, but regular, meetings, and ere long permission was obtained to establish a chapter at the Chicago University. We set a day for inaugural ceremonies. The day came, and, with music, oratory and poetry, we replanted Phi Delta Theta in Illinois. On this occasion Gen. John C. Black was the Orator and Col. Chas. P. Jacobs the Poet. Brother Gookins gave much valuable assistance in founding this chapter. We invited all our brethren to the inauguration. For this purpose invitation cards were neatly printed, and programmes, with coat of arms engraved thereon, were issued. The coat of arms was designed by brother Gookins. We frequently advised together and exchanged ideas about it, and, as a result of our conferences, he formulated a design for the engraver that was so handsome and symbolical of the tenets and virtues of our brotherhood that it became the accepted coat of arms. At the same time was suggested and put into use the attachment of the chain and sword to the old golden shield as originated by the fathers of our Order. The first pin ever made or worn of the new design I had made in Chicago, and presented it to our far-famed and brilliant brother, Gen. John C. Black.

The new Illinois chapter was composed of the best and brightest young men attending the Chicago University. Here I closed my college life, and left the weal of our Fraternity to the keeping of abler hands than mine.

The time given to such society matters should be confined to the period of a young man's college career, yet, after the lapse of nearly two decades, I still feel a lively interest in the literary and intellectual growth of our cherished Phi Delta Theta.

R. A. D. WILBANKS.

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### BIRTH AND REBIRTH.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.—On February 12, 1859, a charter was granted to W. A. Lord and H. L. Stewart for the organization of the Illinois Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta. Fourteen names were added to those of the founders ere the circle disbanded and ceased to carry aloft the banner of our Fraternity at Evanston. But two years elapsed when, as a chapter, she passed from action into history. It was not from a lack of love for learning or the friendships which were fostered in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  that they left Northwestern University and Illinois Alpha.

But 1861 had other calls, and the fact that ten out of the sixteen members enrolled in our catalogue took up the arms of the soldier speaks in eloquent language for the chapter. Nine did duty in the Union ranks, and brother Raleigh, now of Baltimore, Md., rose to distinction in the ranks of the Confederate army.

Nothing attests more to worth than the adherence to principles and the performance of duties. Our men of Northwestern earned this reputation of worth years ago, and that suitable successors to them might be chosen has been the wish of many Phis for years. This wish is now fulfilled. On December 16th last, presents were issued by the General Council which revived those of February, 1859, and transferred Illinois Alpha from the list of the dead to that of the living chapters. On the evening of January 20th, under the direction of T. H. Simmons, acting for brother Miller as President of the Province, assisted by a number of the Alumni Phis resident in and about Chicago, nine students were initiated into the Fraternity, and they constitute the revived chapter at Northwestern.

Of the home of the chapter and its general standing, I presume there are few to whom they are entirely unknown. Those who are acquainted with it know it as a school of the highest standing, and enjoying one of the best patronages secured by any institution in the West. Not only is it a university in name, but in fact. It combines all the elements necessary for successful work and growth.

Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, situated a few miles north of that progressive city, and easily accessible by the numerous trains running over the C. and N-W. Railway, is the seat of the academic department. Here a beautiful campus is adorned with buildings such as are possessed by few others. Science Hall will soon be opened for use, and it is a model in completeness. Each department is equipped with the latest and best apparatus obtainable, and the facilities thus afforded are put to the best use by a faculty of the highest scholarship. Maintained in connection with it is a sub-collegiate department, which fits students for entrance into the Freshman class proper. Between the students of the two departments there exists the closest and most cordial relationship. The various professional schools are located in Chicago, the Illinois College of Pharmacy becoming a department of the university but two years since, and adding much to the strength of the institution. Each of these departments, by reason of reputation and consequential attendance, is self-supporting.

It might be well to mention the Theological School, in which the name of Garrett has been perpetuated. It is the leading biblical seminary under the auspices of the M. E. Church in the West, and besides being liberally supplied with graduates from the academic department, draws many students from elsewhere.

Founded in 1851, it was in 1859 that the Fraternity system was introduced there by the organization of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . There being no other Fraternity in the college, its best material was to choose from. Of such the chapter was formed, being a true representative of the school and an honored addition to our ranks. The cause of its disintegration is known. Since then there have been established there chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 1864;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 1865;  $\Sigma X$ , 1869;  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , 1872;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 1873; and  $\Delta \Upsilon$ , 1880.  $\Phi K \Psi$  was suspended for several years, but is now one of the most prosperous branches of that Fraternity.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  had scarcely been established when she turned to worship a false god,  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , and fell.  $\Sigma X$ , organized by students of good standing, whose general history, including the romantic courtship with  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , is told in Mr. Elliott's history of that, the Omega chapter, is, after her vicissitudes, prosperous.  $\Phi K \Sigma$  has not led a bright existence there for a number of years, and, if not now dead, is comatose.  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Delta \Upsilon$  are each in good condition. The attendance and its quality is such that all the chapters are vigorous, and each with a worthy *personnel*. While the rivalry between them is strong, it is not of an unhealthy character. It is the kind that promotes growth without meriting censure.

Being a co-educational school, there have been organized, among the young ladies, chapters of  $A \Phi$ , 1881, whose other

chapter is situated at Syracuse University, where our New York Epsilon begins such an auspicious existence,  $\Delta \Gamma$ , 1882, and  $K K \Gamma$ , 1882. Naturally they make the social side of college life there one of the pleasantest features, and add much to the interest which centers in a life at Evanston.

The new Illinois Alpha is composed of as fine material as is contained in any chapter there—thanks to fortunate circumstances—and will soon win for herself an equal reputation with the best, as now she is the equal in intrinsic worth. That she will be able to cope in honorable rivalry with these chapters is evinced by the success she achieved in organization, the manner of which was entirely planned and as successfully carried out by one of the petitioners. Favorable as we were to the institution, this move was not made known until it was in such form that success was assured. Then it was that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was approached and the petition sent in. Bearing the strong recommendation of those alumni to whom the men became acquainted, they have had our interests intrusted to them. They received their instructions in Chicago, which had the double effect of starting them in the happiest manner possible, and at the same time bringing together the Chicago alumni with promise of future results.

The chapter meets with a hearty welcome from the entire Fraternity, and the God-speed that she may ever preserve unsullied the honor which accrued to Alpha of Illinois years ago. In turn she invites any and all Phis who journey Chicagoward to forget whatever else may engross them, and enjoy at Evanston their hospitality, which is ever extended to brothers in the Bond.

NEW YORK EPSILON.—On Monday evening, February 7th, the New York Epsilon chapter of Phi Delta Theta was instituted at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. For several months a correspondence had been carried on between the under-graduates and alumni of the Sigma Psi, a local at that university, and brother J. E. Brown, Secretary of the General Council, and brother Dudley R. Horton, President of Alpha Province, in respect to this society petitioning for a charter. This resulted in a petition by the entire  $\Sigma \Psi$  society, and after investigation as to the high standing of its members, both graduate and under-graduate, a charter was finally granted.

Upon the date above mentioned, brothers Horton and Randolph (Historian of the General Council), with the aid of brothers E. C. Boynton, C. A. McAllister, E. H. Bennett, F. L. Dodgson, B. M. Sawyer, I. S. Devendorf, H. H. Williams and H. G. Folts, of the New York Alpha, conferred the privilege of being Phis upon the following gentlemen: Alumni—James Devine, E. A. Hill, Samuel Sprole and Frank Welch; Seniors—

A. C. Driscoll and W. A. Mehan; Juniors—O. F. Cook, G. I. Abbott, N. E. Hulbert, J. H. Murray, W. S. Murray and M. R. Sanford; Sophomores—E. M. Sanford and H. O. Sibley; Freshmen—F. L. Boothby, T. Devitt, E. M. Hasbrouck and J. S. Morey.

The institution was followed by a banquet, tendered by the new chapter to the visitors, over which our new brother, H. O. Sibley, ably presided. After communications and telegrams were read from various chapters in Alpha Province, and from brother J. E. Brown on behalf of the General Council, the following toasts were responded to: "Sigma Psi," James Devine; "Phi Delta Theta," Dudley R. Horton; "Transformation," T. Devitt; "Alpha Province," E. H. L. Randolph; "The Future," W. S. Murray; "New York Alpha," F. L. Dodgson, '89, Cornell; "The Alumni," E. A. Hill.

Phi Delta Theta can congratulate herself that the connecting link between New York Alpha and Beta is composed of the finest material in Syracuse University, equal in every particular to the high standard always required of those whom she takes into her midst.

May New York Epsilon always remain as at her birth, and her position will be among the foremost in our grand galaxy of chapters.

VIRGINIA ZETA.—Just as these pages are going on the press, we learn from brother Tippet of the institution of Virginia Z at Washington and Lee University.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA ALUMNI.—The boys at Pittsburg and Allegheny have fulfilled the promises of brother Montgomery, given in the February SCROLL. They have received their charter and organized an alumni chapter with a boom. Their location is a central one, and their membership roll will be kept full by the adjacent Keystone and Buckeye chapters. They give every promise of being no less "active" than "alumni."

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## A VIRGINIA STORY.

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STONEWALL JACKSON'S GHOST—WEARING CONFEDERATE UNIFORM  
ON HORSEBACK AT THE SCHOOL IN WHICH HE TAUGHT.

At the Virginia Military Institute, on the night of January 28th, shortly after twelve o'clock, as the sentinel was walking his lonely beat, his attention was attracted through the sally-port to the front of barracks by a slight sound resembling the rustling of leaves by a gentle wind. Instantly, between the two large forty-six-pound siege pieces, there appeared a soldier dressed in a Con-

federate uniform and mounted on a large gray horse. His sword was drawn, his horse tightly reined up and two white plumes floated gracefully above his hat. The sentinel at first, almost paralyzed with terror, had gazed upon the object but an instant, when the horse was started through the sally-port into the courtyard at a round trot, crossing the sentinel's beat, making no audible sound, although he was passing over a solid brick pavement. The sentinel, true to his military principle, challenged with a loud voice, "Who goes there?" The rider did not heed the challenge, but passed on at the same pace, until arriving at an abrupt, dangerous and impassable precipice in rear of the barracks, he vanished. The sentinel promptly called his corporal, who informed the lieutenant of the guard and the officer of the day.

The guard was immediately turned out, and though a close and minute search was instituted, no trace of horse or rider could be found. On the next night a similar phenomenon was witnessed by a party of cadets and citizens. This time a sentinel was stationed in the centre of the sally-port to await the re-appearance of the horse and rider. At the same time as on the night before, preceded by the same sound, the horse and rider appeared and started through the sally-port at a great pace. The sentinel commanded, "Halt! Who goes there?" The horse approached nearer and nearer to the sentinel, until within two feet of the point of the bayonet, and vanished, only to reappear just in the rear of the sentinel; then he passed on in the direction he had taken the preceding night, again disappearing at the edge of the precipice. An old veteran present recognized the grand and imposing form of the rider to be that of Stonewall Jackson. So far no explanation can be given.—*Lexington Letter to Richmond State.*

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#### BOARD OF PUBLICATION PROCEEDINGS.

At a called meeting of the Board of Publication of the SCROLL held at 170 Broadway, N. Y., January 21, 1887, the resignation of the Managing Editor, Albert Shiels, was received and reluctantly accepted. The resignation of the same gentleman from the Board was also received and similarly acted upon. After a lengthy discussion of the circumstances it was deemed most desirable to have brother Randolph assume editorial charge of the SCROLL. He was thereupon unanimously elected to the post of Managing Editor. Brother B. S. Orcutt was chosen to fill the vacant position on the Board.

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## EDITORIAL.

**N. B.** —To all correspondents. The editor must in all cases be addressed:  
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LET the good work continue !

BROTHERS HORTON, TIPPETT and others have been doing it.

OVER sixty active chapters respond to the roll call of the Phis.

FIVE states now have "Zetas." Which will be the first with an "Eta?"

SCORE one for Virginia Epsilon. Who can beat the Stonewall Jackson story? Next!

ILLINOIS Alpha, New York Epsilon, Virginia Zeta and Pennsylvania Alpha Alumni this month make their respective bows.

WHILE paying your various assessments, don't forget the SCROLL tax. The Business Manager still receives cash "at the old stand."



BROTHERS Wilbanks, Simmons, McDowell, Thomson and Gookins are at the head of our organization in Chicago. Their names insure the best of results.

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THE SCROLL begs leave to return thanks for the numerous college publications received. They are always welcome visitors. We also received, some days ago, a handsome invitation to a reception tendered by Virginia Alpha.

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AMONG the large number of letters in the present issue, we are pleased to note several from the alumni chapters. We are always glad to hear from our older brothers, and wish they would write us oftener and give us the latest from the "cold, cold world."

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WE have received several inquiries of late as to whether or not the SCROLL is *sub rosa*. Let it be understood by all that it is as free as the air we breathe—at One Dollar *per annum*. That little condition being complied with, it will be sent, postage prepaid, to the Sandwich Islands or Timbuctoo—or Aspinwall.

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BROTHER WILBANKS' paper will be read with interest as throwing some light on the Fraternity's position in the troublous times as well as giving an account of the inception and adoption of the modern badge, and the now accepted coat of arms. It is one of the many papers accumulated by brother Palmer in his labor of compiling our history. The task is an arduous one but brother Palmer has been engaged at it for some time, and has accumulated a mass of valuable material. It is not often that a man can be found possessing the inclination, the energy, and the ability to carry through so great an undertaking and the Fraternity should not fail to grasp the golden opportunity. The coming Convention should make some definite provision for the publication of this work.

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Two very important duties are close at hand. The issue of a circular letter by each chapter is now called for by the Constitution. The date has arrived, and we hope the chapters have fulfilled the duty imposed upon them. If they have not, it is not because their attention has not been called to the matter. The Nashville Convention modified somewhat the duties of the chap-

ter Historians, and under the new *regime* our records, thanks to the energy of brother Stearns, have been greatly improved. For the years 1884-5 and 1885-6 (the two immediately succeeding the adoption of the method now in vogue) *every chapter* has returned a full report. Which chapter will fail in this important duty this year? We are confident none will gain that distinction. If the duty prescribed in Article XIII., Section 3, of the Constitution, is as strictly obeyed as the Nashville provision, we may well feel justified in mutual congratulation. Why should it not be?

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IN this issue is recorded the revival of our old Illinois Alpha at Northwestern University, the institution of our New York Epsilon at Syracuse University and of our Virginia Zeta at Washington and Lee University. Of the first brother Covert says: "Nine good men were initiated, and started off with more good advice than twenty could have absorbed." There are not very many sleeping chapters we care to awaken, but Illinois Alpha was one, and we rejoice that the day has come when action has been added to memory on Michigan's shores.

It was the Editor's privilege and pleasure to be present at the death of Sigma Psi and the birth of New York Epsilon. Our Epsilon Province President's remark would apply here also, except that nine must be changed to twenty, and twenty to about forty, respectively.

The only Southern institution the recent Convention expressed a desire for the General Council to place a chapter at, was Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Brother Tippet's report shows that this work has been successfully accomplished by the absorption of the  $K \supseteq K$  chapter there.

The Pennsylvania Alpha Alumni, at Pittsburg and Allegheny, also makes its debut this month, and to all three chapters we wish a long and honorable career. They enter on it with the best and sincerest wishes of Phi everywhere.

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THE General Council has endeavored to keep as low as possible the extra assessment necessarily levied on account of the convention to be held in the fall. The action of the New York convention in designating 1887 as the year for our next convention, instead of 1888, or, as some suggested, 1889, has made an

extra assessment this year unavoidable. However, the change in year which experience has so strenuously demanded, and which was so well considered at New York, will not fail to bear the desired fruit. The benefits ultimately derived will amply repay the inconvenience and the additional expense. The total tax levied this year is smaller than our usual assessment in convention years, the total assessment last year amounting to \$3.75. In future the regular annual tax will be ample for all bi-ennial convention and other general expenses. Let the chapters remember that this assessment is due April first, and not after the convention has assembled. Forward the money promptly and you will save the Treasurer an incalculable amount of needless trouble save yourselves considerable inconvenience, and save much valuable time which is demanded by more important matters during the sitting of the convention. Do not put off till October what it is your duty to pay in April.

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THE SCROLL has been extremely unfortunate of late. Two valuable men have been compelled to withdraw from the Board of Publication, but the last loss suffered has been by far the greatest. The regret felt by the Board will be echoed back from every chapter in our wide-spread Brotherhood on learning of the resignation of brother Albert Shiels from the Managing Editorship, a position for which brother Shiels was so well fitted and which he so ably filled. He sailed from the port of New York January 24th, on the Pacific Mail Steamship *Acapulco*, for Aspinwall, to commence his duties there as First Assistant Cashier of the Panama Railroad, a post of no little responsibility and of considerable honor for so young a man. His predecessor was much more than twice his age. Brother Shiels' post-office address is "Cashier's office, Panama R. R., Mills Building, New York," or "Aspinwall, United States of Colombia.

The new Editor will find it difficult, if not impossible, to fulfill properly the duties of the office so admirably executed by its previous occupant. The appointment of the Board, coupled with a request that the appointee accept the proffered office, was not to be overlooked, and yet it was not without great reluctance that he has consented to act. The duties of the office he already held, together with the fact that his health will compel

his absence from the City of New York for some of the spring months, made the acceptance of this new duty seem an impossibility. However, the fact that in brother Carnes he has a most worthy and efficient colaborer, that brother J. E. Brown has consented to take charge of the Department of Exchanges, together with an implicit confidence in the assistance of the Brotherhood in general, were the only points which seemed to justify him in assuming charge of the magazine.

After promptness on the part of all correspondents, the instructions for addressing the Historian of the General Council and the Editor of the SCROLL should be strictly observed. All correspondence with the former is to be addressed *in his name* at the address given in the Directory—P. O. Box 1398, New York. *Do not use any name* when addressing the Editor, but address all communications intended for him to "The Editor of the SCROLL," P. O. Box 1431, New York. If these instructions are not followed an inextricable confusion of mail and great bother to correspondents and others concerned will be the inevitable result.

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As the history of Phi Delta Theta is being recorded, let it be recorded truly. It is as much our duty to correct the mistakes and errors of the past as it is to see that our ship is guided aright to-day. Mistakes we have made—who has not? We have outlived the effects of some of our ill-chosen actions. Some we have not, and we never can. The memory of the past—the anticipation of the future demands truth above all else. There are those still living who can unravel the tangled skeins. Shall we not hearken while they speak? Names have been shrouded in forgetfulness, banners have been trampled in the dust. They were honored in life—ought they not be, at least, respected in death? A Phi, whose chapter has been stricken from the roll, says, "What have we to talk about when we meet? All we did for the Fraternity was not valued, and the part we took has been declared worthless." Undoubtedly, such condemnation was not at all intended, but is it not the natural inference? Besides, if the part were worthless, why did the Fraternity ever allow it to be taken? If the institution of any chapter was a mistake, is it rectified by drawing a flimsy veil and pretending that what was was not? The fact remains, the action stands, and the provision

reads : "but any chapter, on its dissolution, *shall not lose its name and order.*"

But was it worthless? was the record made and the work done by each and every one of our almost forgotten chapters—chapters which strengthened us in time of need, which labored yesterday that we might prosper to-day, which added many an honored name to our membership roll—was this to be forgotten and branded as of no value? There is little incentive to a man's working for his chapter if he is stared in the face by the possibility of the chapter he loves some day being unnamed, un-honored and unknown. It is to be hoped that no chapter would oppose the true recording of our history. Some of the names now in use no doubt the bearers would hate to lose, but if their title to it is not good, if by right of priority it belongs to another, they should be willing to sacrifice a little for the common good.

A restoration to correct names would affect some chapters in the States of Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Texas. Some have already unanimously voted their willingness and desire to adopt their proper name whenever the general Fraternity shall authorize the change. The convention to be held next fall will have the time, and we hope it will have the inclination and the energy to push the work.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

### *To Chapter Treasurers :*

It becomes my official duty to call your attention to Art. XII, Sec. 3, Constitution, from which it will be seen that each member attendant, April 1st, is due two dollars to T. G. C.

Owing to the fact that the next National Convention will be held one year from the last, the General Council find it necessary to levy an extra *per capita* tax of \$1.50, making a total of \$3.50 due April 1st, from each member attendant at that time.

Much confusion and many hardships have arisen heretofore owing to the tardiness of chapters in paying assessments, which they find it difficult to pay at all, if not promptly.

I give notice thus early that each chapter may not be in doubt as to what is expected. Prompt payment on first day of April will render the giving of notes for balances at Convention unnecessary. A receipt in full for all dues will be demanded of each delegate to Bloomington Convention.

February 1, 1887.

S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

REPORT ON WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY AND VIRGINIA  
MILITARY INSTITUTE CHAPTERS.

UPON my return from the Convention held October last, I, as chairman of the committee appointed by the Convention to investigate and, if possible, to re-build the old chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  at Virginia Military Institute, and to look into the advisability and opportunity for the institution of a chapter at Washington and Lee University, immediately began to fulfill the duty allotted to me, and after a short correspondence with an old  $K \Sigma K$  at V. M. I., I left Richmond for Lexington, and upon my arrival found that good material was not wanting in making  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  as strong at these institutions as she could desire. After a short stay, during which time a number of the boys of  $K \Sigma K$  took the oath thus admitting them into the Phi world, I returned to report the following results :

Virginia Military Institute re-organized with a chapter of 8 men and W. and L., upon grant of charter by the General Committee, organized with a chapter of 6 men. That they mean business has been proven by the promptness with which they have elected officers, and formed for active work.

I now hope that having brought them before you they will speak for themselves and will prove their worth by exerting an influence which I trust all of us may be proud of.

C. B. TIPPETT.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF BETA PROVINCE.

*To the Beta Province of Phi Delta Theta :*

BRETHREN :—Permit me, as I thus formally accept the position of Province President which the General Council has conferred upon me, to extend to each member of Beta Province the hand of fellowship and cordial good will, and at the same time hope that the movements commenced by my worthy predecessor will be pushed with the same degree of success which has characterized all of his undertakings. The responsibility I assume in taking this position would cause me to utterly reject it, but that I feel assured that at my request you will all grant me assistance in every way you can ; and I trust that each one will ever be on the alert making sacrifices, if need be, in order to accomplish a healthy growth and to exert an influence which shall be not only for our good but also the good of every Phi brother. And now may I ask that in your chapter deliberations you discuss the best methods for ruling our affairs as a Province to advantage, and having decided upon the best plans, not be content but push them forward and by determined efforts, put them to the test. Let us not be satisfied with what has already been done, but try and look ahead and be prepared to aid every good move that

presents itself. And now, brethren, our prosperity lies with you. What will you do? I shall be glad to hear from all and cordially ask you to try me, and if in anything I can assist you, believe me, you can command it.

C. B. TIPPETT.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

ALTHOUGH it is vacation now and the members of our chapter have separated not to meet again as a body for seven weeks, yet we are by no means inactive. We will lose by graduation this year eight men, and their places must be filled. This is what we are doing now. Desirable men are picked out from among those who have made known their desire and intention of entering '91, and are spiked.

Maine Alpha heartily welcomes New York Epsilon to the ranks of Alpha Province, and may she prove a worthy chapter for the glorious Fraternity she enters.

The *Oracle*, our annual, will be out the first of May. We desire to exchange with every chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in colleges where annuals are published, and any that may be forwarded to me before that time will be kindly remembered and exchanged.

February 5, 1887.

S. GALLERT.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

It was with feelings of regret and foreboding that the Phi of Dartmouth returned at the close of the winter's vacation, after the destruction by fire of the business part of Hanover. Our hall, together with those of several other societies, was consumed. But, through the exertions of brothers Morgan, Whittman and Ruensky, who remained here during the vacation, and our friends in the town, the greater part of our furniture was saved; so our loss amounted to only some ninety or one hundred dollars. Of course, we were a homeless chapter for the time being; but, through the kindness of the Faculty, we now hold regular meetings in one of the college rooms, and are thus accommodated beyond our most sanguine expectations until we can again secure a permanent home in some of the blocks that will rise from the present ruins. The misfortune seems to have detracted nothing from the customary enthusiasm and energy of the chapter.

February 14, 1887.

E. E. CHALMERS.

## VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

BROTHER BEEBE has returned from teaching a successful term of school. We have received recent visits from brothers Paddock, '85, and Stratton, '89. Brother Stratton hopes to return to college next year.

It is with great pleasure that we present to the Phi world our recent initiate, brother Howe, leader of the class of '90.

Brother Williams gave us a very glowing account of his experience at the Montreal Carnival last week, and we wish that we might have the pleasure of entertaining several visiting Phis at our carnival this week.

February 14, 1887.

A. B. GILBERT.

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MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA has completed the first year of its existence, and we think we can say without boasting that it has grown from the "baby" of the Alpha Province banquet of a year ago to a very substantial and sturdy youth. We have sixteen members at present, and hope to increase the number to eighteen before the term is over. On the evening of February 5th we celebrated our first anniversary with appropriate exercises, and an informal but very enjoyable "spread."

On the 12th. the name of brother Edward S. Niles, '89, was added to our chapter roll, and we take pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity.

Our position, somewhat distant from any other college where Phi Delta Theta is established, limits very much our intercourse with the other chapters of our Province, but we would like to say right here that our latch-string is always out, and we can promise a pleasant time to any Phi who can make it convenient to come this way.

The attention of our correspondents is called to the change in the office of Reporter.

We heard with pleasure of the institution of New York Epsilon, under such auspicious circumstances, and hope that we may be able to open some connection with our new members before long.

February 14, 1887.

G. L. RICHARDSON.

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NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

THE chapter is one year old, and when we look back and recall the events that have occurred in that one year it seems much longer.

The anniversary was celebrated in the old Phi style by a banquet on the evening of February 5th. The table was spread in



the chapter house, and fourteen brothers, including our honored Province President, sat down to enjoy the viands. After the gastronomical exercises were concluded, brother Boynton, as Orator of the evening, spoke on New York Alpha. Brother Lawrence, as Historian, recalled to the minds of the brothers all the important events of the past year in a most vivid manner. Brother E. H. Bennett, as Prophet, made some astounding disclosures as to the future of each of us, many of which caused uproarious laughter, and, literally speaking, "brought down the house."

The toast-master, brother W. Z. Morrison, then called for the following toasts: "Our Fraternity," by brother D. R. Horton; "The Bobs," by brother Folts; "Friends," by brother Snyder, and "The Ladies," by brother Williams.

Some fine vocal music was rendered by our trio, brothers Devendorf, Schmidt and Dodgson. They were greeted with rounds of applause and encores without number, after which the brethren retired, pronouncing it the most enjoyable evening since the reorganization of the chapter.

On Monday evening, February 7th, brothers Boynton, McAllister, Bennett, Dodgson, Devendorf, Williams, Sawyer and Folts accompanied our Province President to Syracuse to assist in the establishment of New York Epsilon.

New York Alpha is proud of her nearest neighbor, and all unite in saying, "Long live New York Epsilon."

At a regular meeting of this chapter, February 4th, Daniel Upton, '90, was expelled.

The following is an official list of the different Fraternities and number of members here. Number of students at Cornell, about 850.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 14;  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 14;  $\Theta \Delta X$ , 14;  $Z \Psi$ , 19;  $\Psi \Gamma$ , 24;  $\Delta \Gamma$ , 18;  $K A$ , 22;  $X \Psi$ , 20;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 7;  $\Delta K E$ , 18;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 11;  $K A \Theta$ , 8;  $K K \Gamma$ , 9;  $\Delta \Gamma$ , 4.

February 10, 1887.

E. C. BOYNTON.

#### NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

THE institution of New York Epsilon is a deep source of gratification to New York Beta. It forms a connecting link, as it were, between ourselves and New York Alpha, so that we do not feel exiled from the rest of our brother Phis. We extend our hearty congratulations to the bouncing infant.

Brothers Horton and Randolph paid New York Beta a visit on Tuesday last. They were homeward bound, having the evening before been engaged in instituting New York Epsilon at Syracuse University. Their visit was one of particular interest and pleasure to New York Beta men, as we gained information in regard to Fraternity matters in general, and it displayed the close bond of fraternal feeling that characterizes all Phis.

February 12, 1887.

A. E. PHILLIPS.

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

ONCE more we have the pleasant duty of reporting the welcoming of a new brother into our midst. On February 8th we initiated Nathaniel B. Potter, '88, who will prove a valuable addition to our chapter.

Brother Schoonmaker, for several months dangerously ill, has greatly improved in health, and has sailed for Europe, where he will probably remain a year or more.

Brother Sniels, we regret to say, has also left us. He is now in Aspinwall, having received a position on the Panama R. R.

The high position held by the members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in the esteem of their fellow-students is clearly shown by the recent class elections. Brothers Winslow and Knox were chosen presidents, brother Palmer orator, and brother Carnes poet, of their respective classes. Both elections for president were strongly contested, and in the latter case by a member of a rival Fraternity. The position of president of the Senior class for the second term, to which brother Winslow has been elevated, is regarded as the highest honor in the power of the students to bestow.

The untiring zeal of our members has so adorned our new chapter rooms with attractions that we find our meetings more enjoyable than ever before.

The semi-annual examination has for the past few weeks fully engrossed our attentions, but this being now over, we return with renewed ardor to the chapter work, and confidently hope that within a few weeks we will be able to report the initiation of several new members.

February 12, 1887.

S. W. DUNSCOMB, JR.

## NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

ON the evening of the 7th inst. brothers D. R. Horton and E. H. L. Randolph established our chapter. The following brothers from New York Alpha were present: E. C. Boynton, '87; C. A. McAllister, '87; E. H. Bennett, '89; F. L. Dodgson, '89; B. M. Sawyer, '89; I. S. Devendorf, '89; H. H. Williams, '89; H. G. Folts, '90.

After being instructed in the mysteries of Phidom, we proceeded to Graham's café, where we held our inaugural banquet. Brother Henry O. Sibley, '89, acted as toast-master and called for the following toasts, which were responded to as follows: "Sigma Psi," James Devine, '83; "Phi Delta Theta," Dudley R. Horton; "Transformation," T. Devitt, '90; "Alpha Province," E. H. L. Randolph; "The Future," W. S. Murray, '88; "New York Alpha," F. L. Dodgson, '89, Cornell; "The Alumni," E. A. Hill, '83.

As yet, we have hardly become accustomed to our new organ-

ization, but we are determined to be a vigorous chapter in this vigorous Fraternity.

Of the present membership of the Fraternities, the following list, given in the order of their establishment, is supposed to be correct :

	Senior.	Jun.	Soph.	Fresh.	Total
$\Delta K E$ .....	5	8	7	4	24
$\Delta \Psi$ .....	8	3	8	6	25
$\Psi \Upsilon$ .....	2	1	4	8	15
$\Phi K \Psi$ .....	4	4	8	7	23
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .....	2	6	2	4	14

The Gamma chapter of  $Z \Psi$ , which was established here in 1875, has surrendered its charter. Three ladies' societies are represented here— $A \Phi$ ,  $\Gamma \Phi B$ , and  $K K \Gamma$ . The two former were founded in Syracuse.

In the Senior class election, which occurred February 8th, each of our representatives received an office. Brother Driscoll was chosen Farewell Orator, and brother Mehan Presenter to '89.

Brother Hulbert, '88, is our representative on the *Onondagon* Board.

February 12, 1887.

MORGAN R. SANFORD.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

It gives me pleasure to announce the initiation of two new men—brothers McConnell, '88, and Young, '90. Brother McConnell is an honor man and a strong addition to our chapter.

Three Phis will compete for the Junior Oratorical Prize—the largest representation from any Fraternity.

The College Glee Club, in which we have two representatives, will take their annual tour through the State during the Easter vacation, going as far West as Pittsburg.

Chas. Elliott, D.D., '40, Professor of Hebrew, is with us now, and always has a cordial word for Phi Delta Theta. He occasionally attends our meetings and indulges in many pleasant stories connected with the early history of the Fraternity.

Brother Welles was compelled to go home last week on account of sickness. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We regret that the new Ritual is so long delayed, as one after another occasion passes on which we might have used it. We have made some improvements in the old one, however, which enable us to carry on the initiation with increased effect.

February 14, 1887.

HARRY L. MOORE.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

EVERYTHING is quiet here. The feeling existing between the

Fraternities is better than it was at the beginning of the collegiate year.

Brother Goetz, our last initiate, was lately elected business manager of the *College Monthly*. He is also president of the class of '88.

Brother Rouzer, who is at present attending the Law Department of University of Maryland, lately visited us.

The following is the number of Fraternity men in the college according to classes :

	'87	'88	'89	'90	Total
<i>A T O</i> . . . . .	3	1	3	2	9
<i>Φ Δ Θ</i> . . . . .	1	6	0	3	10
<i>Φ K Ψ</i> . . . . .	1	1	2	4	8
<i>Φ Γ Δ</i> . . . . .	4	1	2	4	11
<i>Σ X</i> . . . . .	1	0	3	3	7
Totals, . . . . .	10	9	10	16	45

January 31, 1887.

F. E. METZGER.

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

AT the recent election of officers in the Philo and Union Literary Society, brother Haymaker was elected scribe, brother Montgomery marshal, and your reporter vice-president.

Brother Strodes is president of the Y. M. C. A. of the college, and brother Hess is vice-president of the class of '88.

Brother Ewing, '87, as business manager of the *Washington Jeffersonian*, is making arrangements to give a concert on the 22d for the benefit of the above-mentioned paper. Taking a prominent part in the concert will be the College Glee Club, in which the Phis are well represented.

Brother Montgomery has received the charter for the new alumni chapter to be established in Pittsburg and Allegheny. Quite a number of our chapter intend going over to assist in the initiation, which will take place some time this week.

The halls of Pennsylvania Gamma have lately received numerous embellishments, conspicuous among which are two beautiful silk banners. These are from the fingers of our fair friends, the ladies, and will ever be cherished as sacred mementos of the interest the "fair sex" feels in the prosperity of Phi Delta Theta.

February 14, 1887.

J. ROBT. WRIGHT.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

SINCE our last letter we have received two valuable accessions to our chapter—brothers Charles L. Smith and Homer D. Whitfield, both of Pittsburg. Brother Smith, preferring to graduate

at Allegheny rather than at the Western University, where he had been attending, came here the first of the term and entered the senior class.

We now number fifteen good, staunch Phis, and have lately received visits from brothers C. W. Miner, '81, W. P. Murray, '86, and O. J. Mason, '87.

February 14, 1887.

WILL BIGNELL.

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PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

OUR chapter continues to move on in the line of advancement in Fraternity matters. At the recent Senior election of speakers and officers for Class Day, brothers Heck and Culver secured positions as speakers, and brother Porter as chairman of committee. Brother Cleaver is Class Poet.

One of the most interesting features of our meetings for some time has been the reading by an editor of a bi-weekly paper consisting of contributions from the Phis. An additional scheme has lately been instituted which promises, when in complete working order, to be another attraction. On the evenings when the above paper is not read, a programme is performed, in which the chief aim is variety, while its general character is literary.

We were pleased to have as our guests for several days this week Messrs. Garrison, of Elmer. N. J., brother and cousin of our late deceased brother, E. H. Garrison.

We are sorry to announce that brother Powell has left college. He is now at his home, Dover, Del., and will enter Johns Hopkins University next year. The press accounts have contained much misrepresentation concerning brother Powell's and our chapter's connection with the affairs which have been agitating the college world at Dickinson for some time, and our circular letter, to be issued March 1st, will present the state of affairs as they really exist.

The College Glee Club began a series of entertainments throughout the surrounding country on Friday evening at Greason. An auspicious beginning is reported. Brothers Yeager and Strow are members of the club.

February 12, 1887.

W. M. SMITH.

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NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI, NEW YORK.

THE New York Alpha Alumni began its official existence for the year 1887 by holding its first regular meeting on January 10th, at the chapter rooms in Forty-fifth street.

As provided in the new by-laws, the annual election took place, resulting in the choice of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, T. H. Baskerville; Secretary, W. S. Ferris; Reporter, Paul Jones; Warden, B. H. Miner.

On account of inclement weather there were few members in attendance, and no other business was transacted.

On the 14th instant, however, at the second regular meeting for the year, there was a much larger attendance.

At this meeting the result of the previous meeting was made known to the chapter, and the election of officers was formally confirmed and ratified.

A proposition was introduced, and a motion made to that effect, that in future the chapter hold its regular meeting, informally, at some restaurant to be hereafter designated by the executive committee for that purpose, where the members shall meet at an early hour, dine and discuss such matters as may be presented by the members for the consideration of the chapter. These meetings are designed to be informal, the intention being to hold all formal meetings for the transaction of business at the regular chapter rooms.

The proposition had little opposition, and the motion was carried almost unanimously.

This plan of meeting is something after the manner of the famous Twilight Club of the city of New York, which, it is believed, had its prototype in many of the various clubs of London and Paris.

As applied to the New York Alpha Alumni, however, the plan may now be considered as merely temporary, adopted for the purpose of trial. It may, therefore, be subject to future modification or be entirely abandoned, if found to work unsatisfactorily.

February 15, 1887.

PAUL JONES.

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## BETA PROVINCE.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

EITHER on account of poor penmanship, or of a careless compositor, brother Keen's name appeared in the last report of Virginia Alpha as Kern. This is a mistake worthy of correction.

We have noticed with regret that brother Du Shane, now connected with Ohio Delta, has been prevented by sickness to return to college. He became a member of Phi Delta Theta while a student at Roanoke, and though he is not with us any more, we all feel that the bond is not severed, and our good wishes still follow him.

Four Phis have been elected to positions on the ticket for the Public Debate of the Demosthenean Literary Society. Brothers Murphy, Bowers, Kender and Leatherman are to fill the offices of president, debaters and final orator, respectively. These are the only Fraternity men on the ticket.

Brothers Kender and Goodman have also been elected dele-

gates by the College Y. M. C. A. to the Y. M. C. A. State Convention to be held at Staunton. Brother Frey is president of the College Dramatic Club, while brothers Murphy and Wheeler are members of it. All this goes to show that Phi at Roanoke take an active part in the college affairs.

February 4, 1887, is a day that will live long in the memories of our boys. The event predicted in our last report became true ; that is, we had a big banquet at the Duval House, which is the leading hotel in Salem. Besides the present members of our chapter, brothers Brand, Smith and Persinger, who were former students at Roanoke, were present. One representative from each of the other three Fraternities was also present. The whole number of banqueters was forty-seven, the difference between forty-seven and those mentioned above being filled up by the ladies of Salem. A few words about the decorations. Above the main entrance to the hotel was suspended a large transparency, showing forth from a dark back-ground our badge. The halls and staircase, as well as the parlors, were lighted up by colored lights of every description. The banqueting-hall was gorgeous ; pillars, walls and chandeliers were draped in blue and white. Blue and white flags were visible everywhere. At the head of the hall was a huge bronzed badge, over which fluttered two large flags, each bearing fifteen stars, of which each one represented one of our number. The tables were arranged in the form of a  $\Theta$  ; and in the middle of the hall the three letters,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , were suspended from the ceiling. The *menu* was elaborate and elegant. Want of space forbids us to give particulars. Toasts were not lacking. The following brothers spoke : "Welcome," Myers ; "The Ladies," Keen ; "Hellenic Courtesy," Goodman ; "Our Fraternity," Frey ; "Prophecy," Smith, '86 Toasts to the other Fraternities were proposed and were responded to by their respective representatives. Brother Kuder acted as master of ceremonies. We are especially indebted to Dr. Parsons, the proprietor of the hotel, and to Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Flint and Mrs. Garner, who, in the *role* of patronesses, did all in their power to make the affair a successful one, and one that would be enjoyed by all.

February 14, 1887.

C. F. KUDER.

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#### VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

THAT part of the editorial in the February SCROLL where it is said that it is not a good plan to require the reporters of the different chapters to send a letter to the SCROLL every month, is, we think, especially applicable to the Southern chapters of the Fraternity, for, as Fraternity matters, as a general thing, move along rather more quietly in the South than they do among our North-

ern and Western brethren, a reporter would find it a hard matter to gather together enough items of news to give him material for a letter every month.

However, several things have transpired in our little band lately, and, with the consent of the editor, we will proceed to weave them into the form of a chapter letter.

Virginia Delta feels highly honored that one of her members was chosen to be our new Province President, and will try to show her appreciation of the honor by aiding him all she can in his work. The exaltation of brother Tippet has occasioned a change in our reportorial staff.

Since our last report we have initiated brother Harry Lee Watson, of Richmond, Va. He was taken from the  $K \Sigma K$  alumni, and we most heartily recommend him to the Phi world.

We have been glad to have in our midst for several weeks past brother J. L. Brown. He was one of our main props last year, but decided this year to forsake the feasts of classical lore spread by his Alma Mater for the beggarly elements of business life. He thinks, however, that the change will net him more visible cash. He is doing business in Danville, Va.

Our boys have certainly felt very keenly the loss they have sustained by brother Gravatts leaving the city. He has accepted a call to Norfolk, Va. May richest blessings continue to crown his efforts in his new field. Since his departure there are six of us left to meet together. In numbers we are not so large as some other chapters in our midst. We only hope, however, that they all are as well satisfied and contented as we are. Should we ever for any reason become in the least degree blue or allow our enthusiasm to wane at all, we have in Virginia Gamma a fine antidote only sixteen miles from us. The Virginia Gamma boys come from Ashland to Richmond quite frequently, and are always enthusiastic and ready to help a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  brother to the best of their ability. Three of these brethren were with us at our last meeting, as was also brother Kellam, of Virginia Beta. We only hope that they will repeat the visit and bring the rest of the boys with them.

As college news, let me mention the fact that Richmond College has lately received \$25,000 from Mr. J. M. Bostwick, of New York. We hear also that another gentleman has offered \$10,000 to head a subscription of \$50,000 to the college, and that there is every prospect that the whole amount will soon be raised. So you see that we are moving on.

February 10, 1887.

REAUMUR C. STEARNES.

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NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

CONVENTION news seems to have encouraged our already enthusiastic Phis. When brother A. C. Shaw returns, North Caro-



lina Beta will number seven (7) active members. He has had an attack of typhoid fever, but is convalescent, we are pleased to add, and we are anxiously awaiting his arrival.

It has been the good fortune of some of our boys to have met brothers Ludlow (New York Alpha), of Winston, and Hanks (Tennessee Beta), of Bingham's, N. C. We anticipate a pleasant visit from both soon.

The *K A*, a leading chapter at this institution, now occupies the handsomest hall here, but we are fitting up a chapter house to equal, if not excel, any on the Hill.

We maintain that it is better for the members of any chapter to vote independently of each other and not enter into college politics as a faction to vie with its rival chapters.

Before closing let us note that we will be represented at Commencement by three officers filling most prominent positions.

It is interesting to read the reports of sister chapters—in most cases satisfactory—and to peruse literary contributions in back numbers of our instructive SCROLL.

February 7, 1887.

W. H. McDONALD.

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

Nothing of interest has of late occurred in Fraternity circles here. Examinations are drawing near, and we are all endeavoring to preserve the record of our chapter at that trying ordeal.

Rumor tells us of another Fraternity which is seeking to obtain a foothold in this institution, which, if true, is to be regretted, as the number of Fraternities now represented here is so great as to materially lower the standard of membership therein.

Brother Moore represents the Clariosophic Society in June as its Valedictorian.

January 27, 1887.

J. R. COAN.

#### MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI, BALTIMORE.

MARYLAND ALPHA ALUMNI CHAPTER has not of late been so active as formerly, owing principally to the fact that many of the members cannot be reached. We have no doubt that there are some twenty-five or thirty Phis in this city, and we hope ere long to get them together and have our annual reunion and banquet.

Brother W. H. H. Raleigh, who for a number of years acted as Reporter, and who was for eleven years connected with the well-known wholesale notion and white goods house of Hodges Bros. as confidential and credit clerk, is now manager of the Merchants' Protective Credit and Collection Bureau. He is doing well.

Brother W. S. Bryan, Jr., has just finished the celebrated mur-

der case of the "Burkers," and his address to the jury was one of marked ability.

Brother Harvey H. Rouzer, of Pennsylvania Beta, is reading law in the city, and we hope to have him unite with us.

We wish Phi Delta Theta and the SCROLL much success, and hope that any Phis who may be in Baltimore will be sure to come and see us.

January 22, 1887.

H. H. WEBER.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

THE membership of our chapter at present is but eleven. Three who started with us at the opening of the term, viz. : brothers Tuggle, Foy and McWilliams, have returned to their homes. We have also to announce the initiation of a new brother into our ranks. His name will be found in the list of initiates.

Brother Reed has been elected as a champion debater from the  $\Phi K$  (Literary) Society.

January 27, 1887.

G. H. WINSTON.

### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

"SPIKING" is a thing of the past now with the Fraternities here. All the material has been carefully considered, and about all has been taken that could result to the natural benefit of any of the chapters. Phi Delta Theta got her share of the best young men that have entered college since the opening of the spring term.

In our last report we unintentionally neglected to mention the initiation of brother William Gaither Griffin, a promising member of the Sophomore class. During the last month we have initiated brothers Charles Dalton Moore, of the Freshman, and Edward Branham Griffin, of the Sub-Freshman class.

Brother J. H. Ardis, of the Phi Gamma Literary Society, was elected Junior Respondent.

We regret very much that brother McCann, of the Senior class, has been compelled to be out of college about a month on business, and we hope he will return soon. Brother Augustus Johnson, of Rome, Ga., who was one among us three years ago, is with us on a short visit.

The class tree exercises will take place on the 19th inst. Among the officers of that class brother H. T. Ethridge is Dux and brother Gray is Chorister.

In the Mendelssohn Chorus Club, composed of the musical talent of Oxford, we have brothers Ardis, Gray and Gillespie.

The marks for the fall term were read out last month, and

from the present indication we will have nearly a third of the places on the stage at Commencement. Brother W. B. Watkins took a prominent stand in the Senior class, brothers J. E. McRee and C. N. Bennett in the Junior, brothers Gillespie and Mickler in the Sophomore, and brother Dearing in the Sub-Freshman. We are fully assured of a good part of the Sophomore places at Commencement, as we have some of the best material for speakers in that class.

February 10 1887.

J. E. McREE.

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GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

THE chapter is steadily moving on to victory—the internal and external machinery is in excellent working order. In a short while I hope to be able to tell you more about her success in the “Grecian battles.”

On account of the withdrawal from college of three Phis at the close of last term, our number is reduced to nineteen.

Intermediate examinations are over, and as usual have left not a few with long faces, who will continue to nurse their judge-like profiles until the reports come from home with a letter of satisfactory approval, good cheer and encouragement.

The class of '87 a few days ago elected its class officers for the class tree exercises next June. The officers are from Crank to Historian, Poet, Orator, etc. The occasion will be of unusual interest, both on account of the special qualifications and the ability of the officers elect. The class will go out on a geological expedition next May. The boys are already talking the trip up, and are deeply interested for profit and pleasure.

Our present quarters are just as neat, cosy and comfortable as we can make them, but under the conditions by which we occupy them (special grant from Faculty until needed for college purposes), we may be compelled to vacate at any time, owing to the increasing demands of the college for more room. We have already taken active steps towards erecting a chapter hall. I hope to report more definite progress and plans towards building a temple for Grecian culture that will be guarded by the armor of the “sword and shield.”

February 12, 1887.

L. M. NUNNALLY.

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TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

We are pleased to announce that the Fraternities here have decided to issue an annual. Last session Tennessee Alpha invited the other chapters to join her in publishing one, and the various committees actually met, but, owing to the bad feeling then existing, nothing was done. So the fact that the commit-

tees are now working together amicably may be taken as an indication that the Fraternities which they represent are on better terms—a fact at which we all ought to rejoice. The chapter is moving along smoothly.

February 12, 1887.

STEWART BROOKS.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

SINCE my last letter to the SCROLL the Sophomore speakers have been appointed. As I predicted, we received a very liberal share of them. Fourteen were chosen from the entire class. Out of this fourteen seven fell to our lot,  $\Delta K E$  receiving 3,  $\Sigma N 2$ ,  $A T \Omega 1$ ; and non-fraternity, 1. We have seven men in that class, and every one of them claims the honor.

Brothers Crook, Earle, Forney, Martin, McAdory, Palmer and Searcy, W., will represent  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  on the stage. All of these men but two were initiated this year. This shows with what degree of success we endeavor to combine quantity with quality.

Brothers Ervin and Ager, two of the ablest and most experienced members of the law department, have already passed their graduating examinations in that course. They are both most worthy Phis, and we regret exceedingly to see them leave us.

Brother Zell Gaston has recently united his life to that of one of Greenville's loveliest daughters. We wish them every joy.

We are all pleased with our new Province President. He seems to be earnest and enthusiastic. Alabama Alpha stands ever ready to co-operate with him. We admire his manly address. It has the true metal ring we like to hear.

February 7, 1887.

W. W. QUARLES.

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

Since our last report we have initiated one man. Brother Douglas Boyd, '90, of Griffin, Ga., has withdrawn from this institution to attend Moore's Business College at Atlanta, Ga. He was quite a favorite among the boys, and we regretted very much to give him up.

We rejoice to welcome the return of brother P. T. Vaughan, who has been, for several days, under medical treatment in Selma, Ala. He is one of our competitors for the highest mark in the Sophomore class, and we greatly hope his health will permit him to remain and be victorious in the contest.

Intermediate examinations have just closed, and we feel assured that our men are second to none in class standing, though we have not yet been able to ascertain the exact standing of each.

We enjoyed brother Glenn Andrews' letter very much, thank

him for his counsel, and congratulate the General Council on their wise selection for Gamma Province.

Fraternity statistics are as follows:

*A T Ω*—'86, 2; '87, 5; '88, 4; '89, 5; '90, 3; total, 19.

*Φ Δ Θ*—'86, 3; '87, 3; '88, 3; '89, 8; '90, 3; total, 20.

*K Α*—'86, —; '87, 4; '88, 2; '89, 11; '90, 2; total, 19.

*Σ Α Ε*—'86, 2; '87, —; '88, —; '89, 1; '90, 3; total, 6.

Total, 64. Total number of students, 176.

February 10, 1887.

L. W. WILKINSON.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

No correspondence appeared in last number of the *SCROLL*, owing to the absence of your reporter from the university. Everyone is undergoing the test of exams., which are now going on, and we observe some pretty gloomy faces in every quarter. Since our last report we have initiated one man.

Football is all the rage, and all seem to take much pleasure in the exercise.

There is nothing more of any importance transpiring in the university.

February 8, 1887.

JNO. M. OLIVER.

#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Although some time has elapsed since any news of the progress of Texas Beta has been reported, it must not be inferred that we are falling by the wayside. Several late occurrences have combined to draw the chapter closer together, and we were never in more promising condition. We are now fourteen, and our number will probably not be increased this session. Our chapter has lately adopted the plan of meeting three times a month, instead of two, and we think the change very salutary. It may be proper to mention some of the honors the Phis have so far received this session. On the editorial staff of the *Texas University*, brothers Gilson and Smith as editors-in-chief, brother Hawthorne as business-manager, with brother J. H. Herndon as assistant, have represented Phidom. In the Athenæum and Rusk Literary Societies, brothers Templeton and Hawthorne have held presidencies. Brother James M. Herndon was elected one of the public debaters for the Athenæum contest for best debater's medal. The most important honors of the year are yet to be awarded, but it is presumed the Phis will not be entirely overlooked.

February 6, 1887.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH.

#### TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report honor has fallen to the lot of two of our

beloved and worthy Phis, brothers Camp and Decker, by their election as two of our next Commencement debaters. We have made no recent initiations.

February 8, 1887.

D. S. PERKINS.

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#### GEORGIA ALPHA ALUMNI, COLUMBUS.

Our chapter here has about twenty-two members—active, energetic young men. They all have good positions, and are doing well. We still feel our old, enthusiastic love for Phi Delta Theta, and are always glad to meet our younger brothers who may be passing through the city.

The election of brother S. P. Gilbert as Treasurer of the General Council gave universal satisfaction here. In the name of Georgia Alpha Alumni I congratulate the Fraternity upon having elected such a perfect gentleman and a man of such fine, good sense to so important a position.

It gives us pleasure to note the progress the Fraternity is making, and we hope that soon we may be firmly established in the East.

January 26, 1887.

H. L. MANSON.

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#### DELTA PROVINCE.

##### OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

OHIO ALPHA hasn't much news to render to the SCROLL for this month, save that we will augment our chapter by initiating Mr. W. L. Tobey at our next meeting, Saturday evening, February 19th. Phis from Cincinnati and College Corner are expected to be present and take part in the initiation, after which a repast and a general good Phi time will be had. Mr. Tobey stands at the head of all his classes, and is a member of the class of '90.

Although small in numbers, we still take our share of the honors at college; each Phi holds an important office in the two literary societies.

We are represented on the programme of the celebration of Washington's Birthday by the Erodelphian Literary Society by three Phis.

Brother Southgate, who was compelled to leave college last term on account of ill-health, will not return to resume his studies.

Brother Clough, who resides in Oxford, left college and is studying medicine under a prominent physician of this place. He is an enthusiastic Phi, and although not attending college, his genial presence at the chapter meetings can always be relied upon.

February 14, 1887.

HARRY WEIDNER.

## OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THROUGH some accident in the transmission of the letter, there was no report from our chapter in the last SCROLL. Our Reporter, however, had sent the letter in time for the printer, but it seems that it was delayed somewhere. We have no news of increase in membership, but we are still moving along the path of prosperity as a chapter, and are keeping the fire of brotherly love perpetually burning.

We are, so far as the record of college honors goes, "at the top of the heap." Beta Theta Pi's declaration to the contrary notwithstanding. In the last election we secured three positions in the class, two on the college paper and one on the lecture bureau. The Betas secured the same number, and the others are not so fully represented.

Brother Callahan was elected by his class as Orator for the Twenty-second of February, and our one Senior has the second honor oration for the coming annual, and is Master of Ceremonies at the Pan-Hellenic Banquet, which is to be held here to-night. In view of all this, we are encouraged to labor on and make our chapter the banner one in O. W. U.

The State Oratorical Contest will take place here next Thursday night. The champion of the O. W. U. is a non-frat., and, we think, stands a fair show of bearing away the honors.

We are now preparing our circular letter, which we hope to send out in good time, and heartily wish the new move a full measure of success.

February 11, 1887.

O. G. CALLAHAN.

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OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

EVERYTHING has been remarkably quiet this year in Fraternity circles here. Each chapter endeavors to restrain the spirit of rivalry and to bring the students into friendly relations with each other, and to the cultivation of their broader sympathies and natures. As to our social relations and intellectual abilities, we stand second to none.

Brother Dent has taken a prominent part in two plays quite recently, rendered by home talent. The "McCullough Club," of which brothers Emmet Tompkins, Geo. de Steigner, John Higgins and E. A. Dent are members, played "Richelieu" in the city hall in January, and are now preparing to give "Othello."

Brothers Leonard and Dent represent us on the staff of editors of *The College Current*, the former literary editor, the latter business manager.

Brother S. C. Price is president of the Athenian Literary Society. Brother Stine, our assistant professor of natural sciences, plays the cornet in the M. E. Church choir.

The university is constantly progressing under its able Faculty, and with the consideration that the State has of recent years been liberal in her appropriations, we expect to advance and to offer opportunities for education rarely found in a Western university.

Many electives beyond the Sophomore year have been placed in the course, thus enabling students to pursue such studies as they wish, and also affording post-graduate work.

February 12, 1887.

A. E. PRICE.

#### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

THOUGH we have not added any new members since our last report, we still lead in numbers as well as in the quality of our men.

We receive our share of the little honors the college has to give. Brother S. S. Palmer is editor-in-chief of the *Wooster Collegian*. Brother J. T. Morrison is president of the Athenian Literary Society, and brother S. B. Groves is critic.

Much interest has been awakened in a literary way by the introduction of the "Senate of the United States." We organized the Senate as an experiment, but are now prepared to say it is the most profitable part of our literary work.

Brother J. C. McClarren, '76, who has been practicing law in this city, will soon remove to Kansas.

The *Index*, which has not paid its annual visit since '84, is looked for this year. A board of editors has been elected, but nothing further has been done.

February 12, 1887.

W. C. MILES.

#### OHIO EPSILON, BUCHEL COLLEGE.

THE Ohio Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association holds its annual contest and meeting at Delaware on Thursday, February 17th. Brother F. S. Pixley, '87, is secretary of this association.

A military company has been formed at Buchtel, in which brother A. A. Kohler holds the position of adjutant, brother C. Jones first lieutenant, and brother H. H. Henry sergeant-major.

Brother R. Tucker, '90, has been obliged to withdraw from active duties for the present, but expects to return soon.

Brother S. L. Thompson, '86, paid us a visit on February 3d.

Brother A. A. Stearns entered upon his duties as general agent of the college on the first of the month.

February 14, 1887.

E. F. CONE.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have initiated two valuable men whose names will be found in the list of initiates.



A most enjoyable tea was given to the Phis by one of our best Phi girls some weeks since. She may feel assured that we appreciated the compliment.

Our hall was ornamented at our last meeting by two beautiful table scarfs, gifts from Phis of the fairer sex.

We have received our song books, and are much pleased with them.

At the celebration of the literary societies on the 22d we will be represented by two men, Willis Green and F. N. Lee.

February 8, 1887.

F. N. LEE.

#### KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report nothing worthy of notice has transpired at Central University. We very much miss brother D. E. Myers, who had to leave us a short time ago on account of trouble with his eyes.

In our literary exercises in the chapter we have been deriving especial benefit and pleasure from our paper, the *Shield*, which we publish bi-weekly.

We regret exceedingly to be compelled to announce the expulsion of one of our former members, J. E. Shelburne. The decision was unavoidable, being made after every attempt to adjust the matter without resorting to such severe measures.

February 11, 1887.

A. KNOBEL.

#### EPSILON PROVINCE.

##### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

WE are happy in announcing the greatest victory for Indiana Alpha which has been gained in Fraternity circles this year. On the night of January 15 we succeeded in initiating James Mitchell, '89, and Russell King, '89, both of Indianapolis. These men were spiked by every Fraternity in college. After a term's deliberation and a thorough investigation of all Fraternities, they decided that Indiana Alpha was superior to all other chapters here, and cast their lot with  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . We are justly proud of our victory, and while we don't wish to boast, yet we can't but think it was a test of Indiana Alpha's standing as compared with our rivals. Brothers Mitchell and King shared honors at the Indianapolis High School last June, and are doing splendid work in college as well as in the Fraternity. Both take the ancient classical course. Brother Mitchell is a son of brother James Mitchell, Sr., of Indiana Alpha, and Prosecuting Attorney of Indianapolis, who still wears the badge of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

The joint committee from the State Senate and the House visited the University on the 10th. The committee and invited

guests came on a special train, and spent several hours in looking over the University and grounds. We were favored with short speeches from most of them. All seemed favorably impressed with the University, and expressed themselves as ready to vote for any appropriation bill that might be introduced. We are in need of more room, and hope before long to have a magnificent stone building, containing a large chapel and recitation rooms. A bill will come up at the present session of the legislature to appropriate \$25,000 for a library building. Although we have a pleasant library room at present, still it is too small and not of convenient construction, and moreover is not fireproof, as such a room should be and as our new one will be.

*B Θ Π* has evidently gotten over her avowed aversion to "Preps." here, as the chapter has lately initiated two. *Φ K Ψ* also initiated a "Prep." lately.

President Jordan has invited brother Mitchell to accompany him on a trip to the Bermudas next summer, a privilege which any student might envy.

We were honored by a visit from brother Quick a few days ago. Though we had not met brother Quick before, we learned to love him while he was here, not only because we found him to be one of the most pleasant and congenial men we ever met, but because he came here when Indiana Alpha was nearly dead, revived her, a thing extremely hard to do, when there is so much rivalry as there was here at that time. He is still enthusiastic for *Φ Δ Θ*, and subscribed for the SCROLL while here.

Brother French, '90, who is out at present holding the position of Postmaster in the State Senate, is making us a visit. Indiana Alpha wants it understood that all Phis have a standing invitation to come and visit her, and especially is she glad to see her alumni.

We have twenty active members at present, and brother French will be with us next term.

In our list of initiates in the February number there was a mistake in the spelling of all the names, owing, we suppose, to our bad penmanship. In this issue we will correct them and add those of more recent date. A mistake was also made in noting our rivals, which made *Φ Γ Δ* read *Φ X Δ*.

We wish success to all Phis and the SCROLL.

February 12, 1887.

F. B. FOSTER.

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#### INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

OUR chapter is at present in a better condition than it has been for some time. Our membership is seventeen, every one of them an enthusiastic Phi. Our hall is a handsome one, in which we take a great deal of pride. The college, too, is in a flourishing condition, which, no doubt, has its effect upon a Fraternity.

Wabash just received from some of its friends a donation of \$65,000.

A beautiful pennant, the prize for the State championship in football, was presented to our team a few weeks ago. Three of its best kickers, brothers Harding, Stockbarger and Earle, are Phis.

Brother Galt, '90, one of our new men of this year, carried the highest average grade in a class of fifty-two.

The primary oratorical contest, which will determine the representative to the State Oratorical Contest, is to be held on February 18th. Brothers J. H. Cooter, Harding and Martin will be contestants.

The Greek prize examination has been postponed until the third term, owing to sickness of Prof. McLain. Brother Wm. Cooter, one of the best Greek scholars in the college at present, will contest for this prize.

Three of our old brothers, J. T. Cooter, W. C. Syvier and G. W. Wilson, called on us recently.

February 5, 1887.

O. S. HOFFMAN.

#### INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

THE first term closed with Indiana Gamma in a flourishing condition. We had fifteen men distributed among the classes as follows: Senior, 1; Junior, 5; Sophomore, 3; Freshman, 4; Specials, 2.  $\Delta T \Delta$  had Seniors, 3; Juniors, 6; Sophomore, 5; Freshman, 2; Special, 1. Total, 17.  $\Sigma X$  has Junior, 1; Sophomore, 3; Freshman, 2; Special, 1; total, 7.

In the Sophomore contest, which was held in the latter part of last term,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was very creditably represented by brother J. W. Taylor.

On the eve of that contest, Avery A. Williams, one of the illustrious '90 men, was initiated into the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Brothers H. U. Brown, T. M. Iden and O. M. Pruitt were present.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will have three representatives in the primary contest to be held the last of this term.

Indiana Gamma has turned her energy towards internal improvement, and finds the work very enjoyable. Brothers Iden and Pruitt meet with us and take part in our exercises.

Brother Gilcrist, who is out of school this term, expects to be with us again the third term.

February 10, 1887.

E. A. GONGWER.

#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

It becomes our painful duty to report the death of brother Edward S. Brown, which occurred January 19. Brother Brown was

compelled to leave college last year stricken with consumption. He went West for a time in hopes of benefit, but he continually declined, until his sorrowing friends saw that hope was gone. As a student he was always faithful and industrious; as a brother he was earnest and true. Though he was with us but a few months, he had become endeared to us, and had shown always a most accommodating and loving disposition. He had been a member of Hopewell Presbyterian Church for a number of years, and at the cemetery of that church, four miles west of here, he was interred the afternoon following his decease. Our chapter attended the funeral in a body.

Brother J. V. Deere has been compelled to remain out of college for a while on account of ill-health, brought on by overwork.

Our Fraternity work is progressing as usual, without anything to mar the friendly feeling. Our literary work is mainly drill in extempore debate, which we have found of great profit. This supplements the prepared work done in the literary societies.

Our relations with the other organizations of the college are of a most cordial nature. Factional fights are entirely things of the past. Our boys have been elected to positions of honor and responsibility, but solely from merit and without combinations.

Brother J. W. Fesler, of Indiana Alpha, made us a flying visit Monday, 7th inst.

February 12, 1887.

C. M. CARTER.

#### INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

WE are glad to see that brother Covert, successor of "our own gifted Goodwin," is so thoroughly acquainted with the duties of his new office, and under the leadership of our new Province President we prophecy an unparalleled success for Epsilon Province and a closer bond of union between the chapters.

The much-talked-of Pan-Hellenic social reached its culmination last night (February 11). At fifteen minutes past ten o'clock one hundred and eight Greeks assembled in the parlors of the Palace restaurant, beautifully decorated for the occasion. The festivities were unlike anything we have ever experienced. The hand shaking, the tap on the shoulder, the pleasant conversations, and the liberal sentiments expressed on Fraternity topics, gave evidence of a new era in Fraternity life at DePauw; and as long as memory shall serve us we will delight in recalling the first Pan-Hellenic social, not simply because a new factor has been added to college life, in itself inspiring, but because of the peculiar effect of novelty and unexpectedness. Brother Hopkins was toast-master of the occasion, and acquitted himself in a masterly manner. Brother Millis favored us with a Pan-Hellenic poem. To say the least, the affair was a grand success, and we sincerely

hope that the organization may be perpetuated and its object achieved. We think it our duty to add that the suggestions and earnest efforts of our Beta friend, Eugene Hector, alone made the Pan-Hellenic Club a reality.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brother Paul Miller, of the Freshman class, to whom we made known the mysteries of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  February 5.

The circular letter required by the constitution will make its appearance in a few weeks. The committee appointed to that special work are doing their best, and we feel confident that their labors will meet with universal approval.

A few days ago we placed in our hall a beautiful Everett piano, and in addition to the sweet strains of the instrument may be heard the well-modulated voices of twenty-four ambitious Greeks.

Brother Hopkins has been appointed tutor in mathematics.

Summary: Chapter meetings very interesting; attendance good. We never leave the hall without being benefited. Class work very commendable. Number of visitors since last report, one. Value of improvements this year, four hundred and fifty dollars. Read the SCROLL from cover to cover. We are glad that we have a membership in the National Fraternity.

February 12, 1887.

ROSS GAHRING.

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

WE are at present enjoying our usual winter vacation. Nearly all of the Phis are teaching, but by the time the SCROLL reaches its many readers Michigan Beta's chapter hall will no longer be deserted.

Brothers Case, Carr and Knevels, '88, will not be able to return next term. In them Michigan Beta loses three of her most active and faithful members. Despite their loss we are competent to hold our own against the other societies.

We hope to be able to make a more complete report next month, when we get in running order.

February 5, 1887.

W. M. MUNSON.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure that I can say to our brothers of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  that Michigan Gamma was never in a more prosperous condition, if harmony of individual elements and the comforts of a new and cozy hall go for anything. Drawing as we do our membership from the open rival literary societies of the college, there are grounds for a feeling of emulation, and even enmity and ill-will have stalked in at the breach which society rivalry has left unguarded.

We number fifteen. And as this letter is to be a sort of summary of Michigan Gamma's prosperity, I will recount that among that number we have one tutor in mathematics, one tutor in ancient history and the instructor in the gymnasium.

Brother Moore, of Illinois Delta, who is studying medicine with his brother, Dr. Moore, of this city, gave us a reception at his brother's home at which fun, oysters and girls were the principal attractions of the evening.

We will lose brother Palmer, who goes to Buffalo, N. Y., to assist Dr. Ball for a few weeks in revival work. Brother Palmer is President of the Beethoven (musical) Society at the college.

There are but three Fraternities at present in Hillsdale College,  $\Sigma X$  having withdrawn the charter from the chapter at this place during the last year.  $\Delta T \Delta$  has a membership of about ten, and  $K K I'$  has about twelve. The Delta Taus had it all their own way for about twelve years, but I think there must be a "coldness over de meetin" in their counsels of late.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has secured every man she has "spiked" for over two years, the Delta Taus and Sigs having sought every man of them.

February 7, 1887.

J. J. HECKMAN.

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### ZETA PROVINCE.

#### ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, having taken chief part in a resurrection scene, which occurred on Thursday evening, January 20th, begs leave to salute the Fraternity at large with the first strength of its new life.

This chapter, organized February 12, 1859, at the Northwestern University, at Evanston, suffered so severe a loss of membership during the war that it became defunct soon after its organization, but, thanks to the perseverance in these latter days of I. R. Hitt, Jr., and the hearty co-operation of the Province President and members of the Chicago alumni, Illinois Alpha lives again.

The initiatory services were conducted by members of the Chicago alumni, and the following names were affixed to the Bond: I. R. Hitt, Jr., F. Waugh, G. O. Barnes, E. B. Greene, M. E. Fawcett, H. Hanley, C. M. Carr, W. C. Clark and H. R. Howell. No little astonishment was manifested on the following day when these gentlemen, decorated with the "shield and sword," appeared upon the campus.

January 24, 1887.

M. E. FAWCETT.

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#### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Though no great danger threatens, we are not in the stable condition we might wish. A considerable number of minor difficulties harrass us, as a chapter. In the eyes of the barbarian

world, we are a large and harmonious body, composed of men of more than ordinary acuteness, and boasting unusual scholastic attainments. We alone know our weakness, and this thought, carried about like a leaden weight in our bosoms, makes us sad and distrustful of all mankind.

Before the world we conduct ourselves in a way to inspire respect, and even envy, of the fraternity, and so have rapidly dissolved anti-fraternity prejudice during the last year; but within the chapter-room—alas!—we allow personal interest and indigestion to corrode and destroy self-respect. We still hold together, and rightly congratulate ourselves that “Fraternity-haters” are confined to one boarding-club, composed of fanatics of the worst stripe, without weight in the college or anywhere else, and that several who, a year ago, were on the point of organizing an anti-fraternity society, and who would at that time have made it exceedingly interesting for us, now declare Fraternities right, or at least harmless.

We have got a nice hall. We hold meetings regularly, which is more than can be said of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

Our membership is good, as will be seen from the following list:

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —’87, 1; ’88, 3; ’89, 4; ’90, 4. Total, 12.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ —’87, 1; ’88, 3; ’89, 2; ’90, 0. Total, 6.

$\Pi B \Psi$ —’87, 2; ’88, 1; ’89, 3; ’90, 1. Total, 7.

We are strongly thinking of holding a Province Convention here during the spring term. Galesburg seems to be the best place in the province for such a convention, and it would undoubtedly do us a deal of good.

Brother Hopkins has been appointed on the oratorical contest, and brother Cassidy on the Colton debate. We are thus represented on the only prize contests which have been announced so far.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  each have one representative on the programme at the celebration of Washington’s Birthday.

In regard to scholarship we stand very well, having five men who rank first in all their studies. It is true, we have a few men who would be called poor scholars, but they possess many other qualities which render them valuable as members.

Brother Cushing’s generous conduct in taking care of our large hall without compensation deserves notice.

We derive much pleasure and benefit from association with our Lombard brethren. We enjoyed an evening’s visit from them a short time ago.

We have other triumphs and other troubles, but they do not now occur to the mind of your bilious reporter.

February 14, 1887.

WILL J. PHELPS.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

In my last report I failed to note the absence of brother J. M. Miller, who finished his course in law last term, and is now sojourning at his home in Nashville, Ill..

It is with sincere pleasure that I chronicle the re-attendance of brother Kimball as an associate member. He is one of Illinois Epsilon's boys, who has long since grown to manhood, but still clings tenaciously to the Fraternity, and will do much for the chapter's welfare.

Since our last report, brothers W. D. Frantz, I. C. Mull and J. A. Wakefield have made us flying visits.

In the matter of statistics, we present the following: Membership of the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ —attendant, 14; associate, none.  $\Sigma X$ —attendant, 11; associate, 1.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —attendant, 10, and associate, 7. There are two Sororities here—the  $K K \Gamma$  and  $K A \Theta$ —both of which have a good membership.

In our "Senate," we discuss all the live issues of the day. As a drill in parliamentary law, it has no equal.

Our anniversary exercises occurred on the 5th inst. On this occasion the chapter is wont to have a general powwow. Not wishing to have anything like what had been held heretofore, the boys concluded to celebrate in the hall, and to make it strictly a chapter affair. A delicious menu was served, at the conclusion of which, the toastmaster called upon brother Wilcox to toast the "alumni," announcing Dr. McCormick as on deck for the response. Brother Mueller treated "our babies" to a piece-meal of caresses and exhortations, and was responded to in a most happy vein by brother Darrah. The great "he-goat" was then introduced, in an inimitable manner, by brother Barr, and was conducted through the various scenes of Grecian life by brother Prince. The last on the programme was the "prophecy," by Brother Williams, which was most amusing. The rest of the night was spent in singing and general hilarity, and, on departing, it was unanimously voted to have been the most pleasant evening in the memory of the chapter, and one which had done more to bind the boys together in fraternal love than had anything of the sort ever before.

We are anticipating a visit from brother Higbee, of Devil's Lake, Dak.

February 12, 1887.

R. A. EATON.

## ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

The Lombard Phis now number seventeen.

The chapter misses a new and enthusiastic Phi, brother Frank



Tuthill, but his services will not be lost to the Phi world, as he will soon join the brethren of Michigan Beta.

At a recent meeting, we affiliated Rev. L. J. Dinsmore, now a minister of high rank in the Universalist denomination.

By invitation, our boys visited Illinois Delta the other evening, and participated in a fine stag banquet. The programme was well carried out, the ties of brotherly love rekindled, and the evening one to be remembered by all present.

February 10, 1887.

O. G. COLEGROVE.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE university has opened for the second semester under very favorable auspices. The students have made marked progress not only in their studies, but also in regaining lost power. The Faculty, several years ago, forbade the publication of a college paper independent of the censorship of a member of the Faculty, and up to last session no attempt was made to regain lost rights and privileges. But about a month since the students obtained the consent of the Faculty and began the publication of a monthly college paper—*The University Argus*. Brother H. W. Clark is identified with it as business manager, and brother W. F. Means as legal and alumni editor. *The Argus* has just appeared, and seems to be meeting with general favor both of the Faculty and public.

Our university, although one of the largest and best equipped institutions in the West, is still hoping for a more liberal support by the State. In view of such provisions being made, we have been honored by the presence of quite a large number of the members of the General Assembly. They leave us with sanguine hopes of a liberal provision this year; and, aside from this, there is good reason to think that there will be a permanent endowment, at the latest, within a few years.

Among other events of interest which have transpired of late must not be forgotten the organization of all the students above the Freshman into classes. There are more Phis in the Senior class than in any other; but there are several in the Sophomore class, of which the writer is President. Brother F. N. Peters, who was recently honored with the Presidency of the Union Literary Society, has been chosen Orator for the occasion of the celebration of Washington's birthday by the Senior class.

Some new formalities have been introduced into our chapter, and will undoubtedly prove a valuable addition to our exercises.

Brother C. B. Sebastian, Missouri Alpha, '76, of Columbia, was married to Miss Eugenia Garner, of Richmond,

at the latter place on January 19, 1887. Both wore Phi badges. Although a short time since we lost one by marriage, we have now added another to the roll of true Phi sisters. Brother Sebastian will continue to make Columbia his home and practise the law, in which profession he has gained abundant success.

Brother Clark recently visited Kansas Alpha. He reports Greek matters lively at Lawrence.

The Fraternities here are on perhaps better terms than they have been for some time past.

February 7, 1887.

T. J. J. SEE.

#### IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

AMONG the pleasant social affairs enjoyed by the members of Iowa Alpha this season, one of the most keenly appreciated was the evening spent at brother Weir's home, two miles out of town. The feeling that we had overcome the obstacles of a rainy night and its concomitant inconveniences may have lent unusual zest to the occasion ; at any rate, the merriment ran high. Brother Weir and his sister, as at previous times, showed themselves the best of entertainers, and all felt that the hour for leaving came too soon.

We have one new initiate, E. F. Wehrle. Brother Gruber, Iowa Beta, and brother Wycoff, Illinois Delta, assisted us in the initiation ceremony. We considered Mr. Wehrle the most desirable non-fraternity man in college, and congratulate ourselves accordingly upon his advent into the chapter.

A general quiet prevails in Fraternity circles. The strong anti-fraternity organization of two years ago has almost died out for want of sufficient reasons for complaint.

The Greeks here number as follows :  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 15 ;  $\Pi B \Phi$ , 14 ;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 11.

February 12, 1887.

E. H. SCOTT.

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

It can be truly said that Iowa Beta is flourishing finely. As evidence, we gladly introduce to the Phi world R. Carey Craven and Alfred M. Craven, brothers in a double sense. Carey is an associate editor of our college weekly, and at the State Oratorical Contest, held at Des Moines on the 3d, was awarded third place. It was the written opinion of the Des Moines papers and the opinion of the audience as well, that brother Craven deserved, without a doubt, the first honors of the evening. There were eight contestants.

We also recognize a new brother in the person of H. C. Atwell, from Vermont Alpha. Brother Atwell has been duly affil-

iated with our chapter, and falls into the traces quite naturally. Send us some more, Vermont.

The S. U. I.'s chapter of Sigma Chi has become tired of life, and yielded up its ghost and charter about one month ago. The other Fraternities here are pursuing the even tenor of their way.

February 7, 1887.

B. D. CONNELLY.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

MR. AND MRS. A. U. CARPENTER entertained the Phi boys and their lady friends at their home on Friday evening, the 14th of January.

Our second joint annual banquet with the alumni chapter was held at the West Hotel the 4th inst.

After supper, James Gray, '84, acted as toast-master. The toast programme was as follows: "Phi Progress in Minnesota," Geo. E. Burnell; "Ohio Alpha," F. C. Harvey; "Old Miami," H. L. Moore; "What Phis Can Do," W. R. Hoag; "College Friends the Best Friends," E. J. Edwards; "The National Fraternity," R. L. Moffett; "College Fraternities," Bert Savage; "Our Sister Greeks," W. A. Fiske. After much singing and a general good time, we went home.

February 8, 1887.

GEO. E. BURNELL.

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE mid-year examinations ended to-day. During this term we have augmented our number by five, one of whom was of the class of '89, and the others of '90. Our last initiation took place last Saturday evening, when brothers Hewitt and Parker traversed the rocky road which leads from barbarism to Grecian culture. On this occasion we tested several additions to our initiatory ceremonies which we have recently made; they proved very satisfactory.

The California Football League, which was organized last year, and of which the university team won the championship, has been reorganized. Brother Woodhams has been appointed to represent our team in the councils of the league. He has also been elected business manager of the team.

The board of editors and business managers of the university annual, the *Blue and Gold*, have been appointed. The Phis are represented by brother Woodhams.

February 5, 1887.

F. A. ALLARDT.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Syracuse chapter of Zeta Psi has returned its charter.

AN informal reunion of  $\Theta \Delta X$  was held at New York, February 12th.

THE Chi Alpha is an association of clergymen in the City of New York.

BETA THETA PI held a reunion at the Brunswick, New York, February 17.

THE Fifth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of  $\Delta T \Delta$  was held at New York, February 22d.

HENRY W. GRADY, the Atlanta editor who made himself famous by his New England dinner speech, is a Chi Phi.

AT Union College the membership of the chapters of Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi number, respectively, three and one.

PSI UPSILON held her fifty-fourth annual convention with the Delta chapter of the University of the City of New York, on February 24th and 25th.

THE chapter halls of Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi at Lawrence, Kan., have been totally destroyed by fire. Beta Theta Pi loss, \$700; insurance, \$400. Phi Kappa Psi loss, \$750; no insurance. Sigma Chi saved nearly everything.

PHI DELTA THETA did not institute a chapter at Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., in 1886, as is stated in the February *Kappa Alpha Journal*. Their list of "Fraternity Chapters in the South" contains many inaccuracies.

SIGMA PHI has entered Lehigh University by absorbing the Beta Beta local, the ex-Delta Tau Delta chapter at that institution. The inauguration of the new chapter, which will be called the Pennsylvania Alpha, took place February 4th, representatives from seven chapters attending.

THE dedication of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter house at Sewanee, Tenn., brings the total up to four at that place. Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have small but neat and tasty stone houses, while Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta have little gems in frame. It is rumored that Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha will build soon.

THE following table will give the relative strength of the fraternities in the literary department of Ann Arbor: Chi Phi, 8; D. K. E., 23; Sigma Chi, 12; Delta Tau Delta, 11; Alpha Delta Phi, 18; Phi Gamma Delta, 14; Zeta Psi, 12; Psi Upsilon, 28; Phi Kappa Psi, 23; Beta Theta Pi, 25. Delta Upsilon is not regarded as a fraternity, and numbers about 20 members; Sigma Chi runs as a mixed law and medical society, and numbers 9; Phi Delta Phi, the legal fraternity, numbers 14; Mu Sigma Nu (medical), 9; Delta Sigma Delta (dental) numbers 12; Phi Chi (pharmic) numbers 11; Gamma Phi Beta (ladies) numbers 11; Delta Gamma (ladies) numbers 5; collegiate branch of the New York Sorosis numbers 9; grand total of fraternity membership numbers about 250.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

## INITIATES.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '90. Marshall Avery Howe, Newfane, Vt.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

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## REMINISCENCES OF ROBERT THOMPSON DRAKE.

### I.

ROBERT THOMPSON DRAKE, by his family and early friends called Thompson, was born on a farm, in Clarke County, near Yellow Springs, Ohio, March 6, 1822, which made him a few days the oldest of the founders of Phi Delta Theta.

His parents were plain, hard-working, substantial people. The family was large, and the surplus cash at the year's end small. The children were all well grounded in habits of industry and economy and the fundamental truths of religion. There was among them a laudable ambition for mental improvement which resulted in a college education for two of the boys, Thompson and an older brother, John W., who preceded him in the ministry and who lived some two years after his decease.

But little of Thompson's history in his early life is known to the writer. He was a quiet, thoughtful, well behaved lad.

There was near the family residence a large country Presbyterian church, named Muddy Run, whose minister was always an educator, and generally an able preacher. There the old folks were members, and the household were regular attendants.

When young Drake was in his seventeenth year, the Rev. Robert G. Linn, then pastor, held a protracted meeting, at which the Rev. J. C. Barnes, then of Dayton, Ohio, but formerly of Kentucky, and father of Rev. Geo. O. Barnes, the mountain evangelist, did the preaching. As one of the results, some twenty persons united with the church, and among them was Thompson Drake. He, ere long, upon much earnest, prayerful reflection, concluded that his life-work was to preach the gospel.

Accordingly, as best he could, from time to time he made preparation for college, and in the autumn of 1846 entered Miami University, then the best college in Ohio, and not inaptly called *The Yale of the West*. In 1850 he was graduated under the Presidency of the Rev. Dr. W. C. Anderson. His college

life made friends of Faculty and students. The preparation of his lessons was painstaking and thorough. Accuracy and care characterized all his acquirements. He was not as quick and brilliant as some, but was solid and reliable. And yet he was not the first scholar in his class. About a month before his graduation, in a letter to the writer, then teaching in Middle Tennessee, he explains his failure to promptly keep up his end of our correspondence: "I certainly never knew what it was to be hurried in college until this session. Our lessons are far more laborious than they have been heretofore, and having no lectures, it has literally taken or required all our time to prepare for recitations; (That Hallam is a bore!). Then, having a very few necessary correspondents, and having to lead the music in college chapel, prayer-meeting, church, &c., with the little preparation which it requires, and last, though not least, that Hall matter, have kept me on a continual stretch."

"That Hall matter" was one that at that time was a delicate, difficult and exciting question. The literary societies had formerly elected their anniversary orators independently of the Faculty, but when certain men had been chosen once or twice to whom the Faculty objected, then came a conflict, and to forever adjust this controversy was a work in which Drake took a prominent and successful part.

A month later he playfully writes: "The long agony is over at last! Our examinations closed last Tuesday, and I am—am neither Valedictorian, Salutatorian, nor anything. Ain't it provoking to have such a long, hard struggle, and then be disappointed at last? Horrible! Horrible!! But perhaps you would like to know who the happy individuals were who took the honors. Well, if it would be any gratification to you, and I can quiet my nerves sufficiently to write their names, I'll tell you. Huesten takes the Valedictory, and Mr.—Mr. B-r-o-o-k-s the Salutatory, and I take the—no, there ain't any third honor, I believe—well, then, I get nothing. I don't know what apology to make to you, brother 'Bob,' for the failure and (to *you*, no doubt), dreadful disappointment. I can not plead physical inability, and to plead mental incapacity—that would be too humiliating. I'll not plead that. Then I guess I'll say that I had twice as much to do this session as any other member, and I'm not sure but this might be proven; and, second, they counted grades from the Sophomore year, and—well, if you are not satisfied with these, I'll try and coin up some others when I come to see you."

It may be remarked here that it was no great disgrace to be third, as the second in that class had a grade of  $99\frac{3}{4}$  out of a possible 100, which was rarely, if ever, actually reached.

Mr. Drake, after writing about a variety of subjects, closes his

letter by saying that "there were none of the Examining Committee present, but the Faculty put us through an examination of seven hours on Tuesday, so you may guess that we felt relieved when it was over. Then at night came the ice cream, lemonade and cakes—a treat given to us" (Lindley and himself)—"by our Phi brethren. If it were not for the Bond of brotherhood that links us together in this world, how dreary would life be!"

As illustrating the kind of a man Drake was, an incident of his college life affords a sample: In his Junior year, the summer of 1849, the cholera was very fatal in Cincinnati. It of course caused great alarm in all the country near the city. And Oxford, but thirty-two miles away, shared in the general fear, and soon the dreaded plague appeared in the village. Its first strokes were upon the students, but no student died, and, in fact, none became seriously ill. Not so, however, was it in the town and adjacent country. The cases were many, and of those attacked a large *per cent.* died. A panic ensued, so much so that it was almost impossible to secure nurses for the sick or friends to bury the dead. Several of the students volunteered as nurses, and among them Drake. It fell to his lot one night to be at a house about a mile in the country, where eight of a family of nine persons were sick at the same time with the dread disease. He undertook during that night to wait upon a young man who had the terrible cramp badly, and only was able to cease from vomiting and purging at the same moment by having his body well covered with mustard plasters. They, of course, made him uncomfortable, especially where he laid upon them; hence every few minutes, all the night long, he wished to have his position changed, and as he was very weak, that could only be done by Drake putting his face down close to the sufferer's face; then the poor fellow would put his arms around Drake's neck and raise himself so that Drake could get his arms under and thus turn him over. Toward morning, at the moment when Drake had his arms under the sick man's body and had raised him so that his body was free from pressing upon the mustard, as it had just been upon the bed, he said to Drake: "If it ain't asking too much of you, since I feel so much easier in this position, I wish you would hold me awhile, as I am now." Cholera was then generally regarded as contagious, yet in that close proximity to the feverish, poisonous breath of the sufferer, Drake kept his face and held the sick man for perhaps fifteen minutes. He was, however, rewarded on the spot, for the young man, while thus held up, fell asleep, and that rest seemed to be the turning point of his disease. He soon got well. We never knew Drake to falter in the performance of anything that he regarded as duty. He was a man that could be depended on.

His personal appearance was attractive, of fine form, over six



feet high and well proportioned, with a face in which gentleness and decision were combined. He was a handsome man. It may be a satisfaction to his younger brethren to know that his picture that precedes this paper by no means flatters him. His wife says of it: "The engraving does not do him justice. The expression about the mouth and eyes is not at all like the original, and is, to me, very disagreeable, but perhaps to strangers it does not appear so."

It was Mr. Drake's settled purpose to teach a year or more after graduating, especially with a view to improving his scholarship by a careful review of his college studies. The first offer that came to him was from a place in Indiana, but as there seemed to him a spirit of braggadocio in its circulars and announcements that he thought inconsistent with the modesty and dignity of true scholarship, and as he did not fancy the trial of putting on the style they desired, he declined the offer. The time to secure the best places for teaching for the winter had well nigh gone, and there remained but another offer in his hand, and that was from Bloomfield, Ky. After visiting the place, he thought it not suited to his plans and needs, and he went directly to the Theological Seminary, at New Albany, Indiana, where he spent three years, thus finishing the prescribed course. In the meantime he taught some in the Anderson's Female School in the city, where the seminary was located. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Albany, April 2, 1853.

From July until October, 1853, he filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Ohio. A call for his ministerial services was made by the church with a promise of six hundred dollars annual salary, which, under the circumstances, he was willing to accept. Just before the call was to have been presented to the Presbytery, according to Presbyterian usage, for its sanction, that body passed a resolution not to install any pastor on a salary so small as six hundred dollars. The elder who represented the church at Presbytery could safely have promised that the sum named in their call to Mr. Drake would be increased. This, however, he neglected to do. Mr. Drake went back to Lebanon, packed his trunk, and at once started to Princeton to spend a year in a post-graduate course in the Seminary—a thing much less usual then than now. There he spent the term with great satisfaction and profit, after which he returned to spend a few weeks with friends at home.

## II.

After returning home from Princeton the young minister spent his final holiday among friends, and receiving an invitation to a new and feeble church in Des Moines, Iowa, he went there and began his life work. His labors were acceptable and useful, and

resulted in a formal call to the pastorate of the church. Accordingly the next autumn he returned to Lebanon, Ohio, and was married October 23, 1856, to Miss Amanda Fisher, a worthy help-meet, whose acquaintance he had made when he preached there before going to Princeton. Again at his field of labor in the State capital with renewed earnestness and industry, he accepted the call of the church, and was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry and installed pastor of the church by the Presbytery of Des Moines in the ensuing year. There he labored with singleness of purpose until October, 1860, when, owing to the embarrassed and crippled condition of the church because of financial troubles threatening to overwhelm it, he resigned the pastorate and accepted a call to the church in Troy, the county town of Miami county, Ohio. There he faithfully and successfully labored for six years. While there he passed through the deep waters of affliction in losing in seven months' time three little children—all that he then had. In the spring of 1866, at the request of some of the ministers in St. Louis, he went to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the Presbyterian Church there then had no pastor. There he spent the summer preaching for that people, who desired him to settle with them. The city is situated on the Mississippi River, and is thought to be subject to malaria. With the sad experience of 1861 at Troy fresh in his mind, is it any wonder that he declined the call for his family's sake? He returned to his family that he had left in Lebanon, Ohio, during his visit to Missouri, and took them to Manchester, Adams county, Ohio, where he accepted an invitation to supply a church made up of two churches that had been prematurely united. He went there reluctantly, as the prospect was not, in his view, encouraging, but he disliked to be without definite pastoral work. He chafed at enforced idleness. In 1868 he accepted an invitation to go to Newport, Kentucky, to take charge of a church too much like the one he had left at Manchester. It was composed of two churches formally united, but whose members could not live peaceably with each other. To free them from embarrassment, he resigned, and in the autumn of 1870 accepted the invitation of the church at Miami City, then a suburb, but now a part of Dayton, Ohio. He thought it his duty to leave the church in the spring of 1872. For the remainder of the year he had no stated satisfactory work, though he preached frequently for the Park Church in Dayton. Those were sad days to him. He thought himself better qualified than ever before for usefulness, and yet saw no opening for work in these long and dark months. In January of the following year he accepted a call to the small but interesting church in New Castle, the county seat of the rich county of Henry, Indiana. He went to work with great joy and enthusiasm. He was installed pastor February 10th. Pleasant

prospects opened up before him. His gloom was dispelled, hope cheered his heart, and he preached with renewed interest. The church was revived, and in the few weeks of his ministry there twenty-three persons united with it. It was his closing work, though he knew it not. In March thereafter he was well as usual up to the 18th, when he experienced a violent pain in the region of his heart. In regard to Mr. Drake at this time his widow writes as follows :

“I was sick in bed, and had been for weeks. He kept quiet a few hours, hoping that the trouble would pass off, but getting worse a physician was hastily called. By the use of morphine he was made comparatively comfortable, and friends took charge of him for the night. In the morning I heard him say to a friend who was leaving him : ‘The attack was a very sudden one, and I expect I will rally just as fast, and will probably be in the pulpit Sunday.’ About eleven o’clock I was taken to his room for a few minutes, not being able to sit up longer. He said but little about himself, but inquired anxiously as to my comfort, was afraid I was exerting myself too much, and feared lest his watchers disturbed me in the night. I left the room, he turned himself and followed me as far as he could see me. I little thought it was the last earthly look. An hour or so after the gentleman who sat beside him saw a change pass over his face, and called me, but before I could get to him it was all over.”

An autopsy was made, and the doctors reported the heart contracted to less than normal size, an appearance as betokening previous inflammation of the membrane surrounding it ; the large vein by which the blood descends from the head to the right auricle of the heart had become as thin as tissue paper, and had broken about an inch and a half from the heart, and the blood had effused from it and coagulated about that organ. The physicians declared that had they known the precise trouble they could have done him no good. His father and one brother, it is understood, died of the same disease.

He died March 19, 1873, aged fifty-one years plus thirteen days. His married life was about seventeen and his ministry nineteen years.

It was the writer’s privilege to be in college three years with Mr. Drake, a room-mate in the Seminary with him one year, and to be a member with him in the same Fraternity, and hence his statements touching his friend’s character might be regarded as overdrawn or exaggerated ; it is, therefore, with satisfaction that the testimony and estimate of a co-presbyter and life-long friend, himself an able and successful minister, the Rev. J. S. Kemper, is hereby introduced. After speaking of the circumstances of Mr. Drake’s death, he says, as published in the *Herald and Presbyter*, in April, 1873 :

“This man did not know that he was an invalid. There are remembered by those the most intimate with him, now after all is over thus, barely a few slight allusions during the last year or two, to some tokens of possible trouble, supposed by him to be rheumatic. Far more often and expressly, within the last year and lately, he has spoken, as adding to his regret for being out of active service, of his bettered health and strength. On the other hand, there are various remembered words and other indications, and some telling written relics that witness woefully the inward agony he had from his baffled hopes and endeavors for accepted and useful service of the Church and the Lord in the ministry of reconciliation. How much that did to precipitate his sad and untimely end only the day of revelation of hidden things can ascertain. Not those who had most and closest converse with him, and knowledge of his lot and trial, can ever free themselves from an impression of that import. And these, too, will the most cherish the trust that the estimate, and award, and crown of his ministry, in the day of supreme account, will not rate by the seeming, the events, and presumptions of this world. As he said once to a brother minister tried and disheartened about his work and its results, may one well say of him : ‘The books are not kept *here*.’

“Robert T. Drake gave and consecrated himself and all he possessed to Christ in the ministry ; and he emphatically spent and was spent for that, clinging to it for the work’s sake, when he seemed ‘hedged about’ and his ‘ways inclosed as with hewn-stone,’ till it broke his heart. With painstaking and patient conscientiousness he strove to make the most of himself that could be made for that work.

“Though mature in years when he began his education, he sought no short cut. His furniture was full and ripe ; his understanding was excellent ; his judgment of the soundest. He was kind and affable, humble, modest, patient, firm. His piety was reverent, tender, earnest, and shone extraordinarily in prayer. His preaching was livingly spiritual, and, without the charm of oratory, he was of clear and impressive speech. Said an elder of strong sense, one of the session of which Mr. Drake was longest the head : ‘I never heard him say a foolish thing in the pulpit.’ The writer of this memorial asks a place here for the following letter of another able elder of the same session :

“‘Our dear brother Drake was one of those good men whose rounded and harmonious characters present few salient points for criticism. I do not mean that he had not characteristics worthy to be remembered with affectionate and reverent regard, but that the even balance of his moral and mental qualities prevented special traits from being notably apparent. Modesty, simplicity, sincerity must have been inborn in his nature, and a divine in-

fluence evidently developed these natural graces, adding to them the spiritual.

“‘He was a loving husband, father, friend, a pious, faithful pastor, never losing sight of his high calling, yet ever unassuming in its exercise.

“‘He was grave without severity, cheerful without levity, and remarkably uniform in his deportment. While little adorned with the graces of elocution, his sermons were always interesting to that class of thinking men and women who listen to be instructed in spiritual things, and to catch the holy unction of one whose baptism is from on high.

“‘His intellect, which was excellent, worked slowly, but from close observation I soon came to the opinion that this was owing more to his real conscientiousness than to any natural defect. He was too honest to be superficial in anything, and especially too God-fearing to be so in religious things, either theoretical or practical; hence he often failed to please where men of lighter make might have been more popular.”

Mr. Drake was the father of nine children. Three died in 1861, another in Dayton, in 1872, a few months before her father. The youngest was born five months after his father's death, and bore his father's name. He, too, passed over the river to join those gone before, after a year's stay with his mother. Four children remain, a son, Edward Fisher, and three daughters, all grown. The oldest daughter is an invalid, the second an accomplished music teacher, and the youngest has just graduated at the High School.

Through Mr. Drake's thoughtful care and the benevolent provision of the Presbyterian Church, the family have been fairly secured from financial trouble.

The words at the conclusion of a letter from Mrs. Drake, dated Lebanon, Ohio, January 24, 1887, seem to be a fitting end to this paper: “‘My husband's life was a very quiet, uneventful one, but a very busy one, and I think when the books are opened on the day of reckoning, it will be found not altogether a fruitless one.”

ROBERT MORRISON.

### GENERAL VAN NESS BOYNTON.

ONE MORE SUCCESSFUL PHI JOURNALIST—HIS NAME WAS ACCIDENTALLY OMITTED FROM THE '83 CATALOGUE—BUT HE JOINED THE RANKS IN THE EARLY DAYS AT KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE.

THE best known, and I may safely say the best liked and most respected journalist, the dean of that fraternity in this city, is Gen. Van Ness Boynton. A slight, quiet, unassuming and polite man, he is the possessor of one of those

open, honest and quiet faces which will win for its owner everybody's good-will and confidence. During conversation his bright and intelligent eyes are fixed intently on the person with whom he is talking. The head slightly bent forward, his right hand held against his ear to facilitate his somewhat impaired hearing, he will interestedly and patiently listen to the poorest and humblest seeking his advice or assistance with the same courtesy as he would to a Senator or the President himself. Gen. Boynton is a high-bred, thorough gentleman, who, with innate tact and fine feeling, understands how to make everybody comfortable and easy in his presence. To many a young beginner in the profession he has lent a helping hand, and bestowed upon the struggling aspirant for literary honors that encouraging pat on the shoulder often worth more than the most substantial help. Born the 22d of July, 1835, in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, he removed in 1846, with the family of his father, to Cincinnati. After having received a good school education he entered the Kentucky Military Institute, whence he graduated with honor in 1858, and in the following year, after having obtained his degree of M. A., was appointed professor of mechanics and astronomy at that same institute. In 1861 he received the commission of major in the Thirty-fifth Ohio Infantry regiment and was gazetted lieutenant-colonel the 13 of July, 1863. In the same year he also received his degree of civil engineer. With great skill and bravery he commanded his regiment at Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and Buzzard Roost. At the storming of Mission Ridge he was severely wounded and resigned at Chattanooga, Tenn., in September, 1864, on account of inability for further service, arising from the severity of his wounds. On March 13, 1864, he was brevetted brigadier-general. Always a model officer, he was faithful to his men, well-versed in his duties, gallant in action, and devoted to his cause. In 1865 he was appointed correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* and Western Republican Press Association, and continued in that position until the consolidation of the *Gazette* and *Commercial*. Into this new field he carried the same ideas for which he fought with fervent zeal, displaying fine literary powers, and is now holding one of the highest positions among the journalists of this country. Gen. Boynton is the son of the late Rev. Dr. C. B. Boynton, chaplain of the House of Representatives and professor of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.— *Washington letter to Nashville Union*.

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## EDITORIAL.

**N. B.**—To all correspondents. The Editor must in all cases be addressed:  
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ONCE again to the front!

OVER half a hundred (52) chapter letters published last month!

THE SCROLL has done it before, but no other fraternity publication ever has.

WE challenge any and all to “beat the record,” and will set up a Delmonico supper to the first one that does it in advance of THE SCROLL itself.

WE have been informed of several communications which have been sent us but which, owing to improper address, we have never received. Please address the Editor exactly as requested under “N. B.” above.

“HONESTY is the best policy,” they say, but THE SCROLL adheres to the policy of giving to the chapter letter that prominence which its importance merits. It is the great medium of inter-communication, and, by all odds, the best.

SEVERAL of our chapters have a habit of dropping the name of the State when giving their titles. If a chapter calls itself "Alpha" it means nothing at all. Some even go so far as to have their chapter stationery so printed. Here is about the style: "Theta Province, Alpha Chapter." Which "Alpha" is meant? is an unanswerable question. Every chapter has a legal name. That and no other should be used.

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EVERY few days we receive a request for catalogues or for information as to whom they can be obtained from. The last edition (1883) was exhausted by November, 1884. It will be four years old before a new one can be arranged for, and five or more before it can be issued, provided the 1887 convention takes the necessary steps. In such a thriving order as Phi Delta Theta no longer period should be allowed to elapse between editions of the catalogue.

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If a man is right, he can't be too radical; if wrong, he can't be too conservative.—*March Century*.

So in the fraternity world. A policy which has been developing for a quarter or a half century, when restrictive, has become rigid within the lines of its development. The radical fraternity can become conservative, but the conservative fraternity cannot become radical—not with any hope of success. Our ultra-conservative friends had best so continue. With them it is "Hobson's choice."

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OUR esteemed brother, Robert Morrison, still labors for us and with us, and occasionally we have the pleasure of hearing from him through the pages of THE SCROLL. To this number he contributes the biography of one of those who were with him at the beginning. The sketch of our late brother Drake possesses a double interest in the subject and the writer. It is the intention of THE SCROLL to publish, as fast as they can be prepared, biographical sketches of the six founders. The one presented this month is the second of the series.

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IT is impossible to understand why correspondents will not follow the simplest requests. In the last SCROLL appeared ninety-one names of initiates, of which *twenty-seven were given im-*



*properly*, repeated instructions notwithstanding. In future no initiates names will be published unless the item be proper and complete. Class, full first, middle and surname (no initials), and home address—city or town and State—must be given. Further, in publishing names we have nothing to be guided by but the manuscript before us, and if that is illegible the writer and those he represents must suffer. The pages of THE SCROLL are too valuable to be taken up with two or more insertions of one man's name necessitated by petty carelessness in penmanship. No such corrections will be made hereafter.

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THE printers and binders find it impossible to have THE SCROLL ready to mail on the 25th when final copy is not furnished earlier than the 16th, the date fixed by the Board as the latest at which matter can be received for insertion in the forthcoming issue. The latter date (the 16th) will not be changed, as it is now understood by all, and our correspondents are exceedingly prompt. As brother Shiels promised, some issues back, THE SCROLL for each month will be mailed from New York on or before the first day of that month. We are confident no other fraternity journal toes the mark so sharply. If any do they don't come to us. We are just in receipt of the January issues of some of our contemporaries—the *Quarterlies* of Chi Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, for instance. The latter calls our promise to appear "*regularly and promptly*" a "startling announcement for a fraternity journal." Not surprising that they should, eh?

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ONE of the most striking and enjoyable schemes growing out of college fraternity benefits has been the institution of fraternity summer resorts. Thus there is brought together for physical and social recreation a select company of congenial spirits, endeared by common vows and united by common sympathies and associations, it being one of the natural as well as one of the admirable results of fraternity intercourse that the members of a certain tribe are personally homogeneous both by selection and by training. The leading requirements of congeniality thus being assumed, no more attractive project offers itself than a gathering of the kind mentioned, where friends may meet and new friendships be formed under the most gratifying auspices of mutual confidence and social exclusiveness.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

There can be no question of the advantages and pleasures to be derived from the institution of camps and club-houses where

the different "tribes" can gather to while away their summer hours of leisure. Delta Upsilon deserves credit for being the first to institute the summer camp, but the idea has been developed into something more than transitory by the erection of the "Wooglin" club-house of Beta Theta Pi on the shores of Chautauqua Lake. Phi Delta Theta would do well to follow so commendable an example, and we hope we, too, will ere long have one or more summer meeting places. For a fraternity that clings to no section on this broad continent, it is impossible to name a location convenient to all its seats of action. Such circumscribed orders as Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi find Lake George convenient for all, but one of the geographical distribution of Beta Theta Pi certainly cannot claim that Chautauqua is central. If the matter were properly developed Phi Delta Theta could sustain three such camps as those on Lake George, for she is more than equal to three of each of the fraternities there located. Our Eastern brethren could choose wisely any location in the Adirondacks, or West of them as far as Lake Erie. In the South the mountains of Eastern Tennessee or Western North Carolina are full of delightful places—Monteagle or Asheville, for instance. In the West, Oconomowoc, Waukesha, and the multitude of resorts in and around Wisconsin, would furnish the widest range of available spots. Why cannot we have a permanent place for summer reunion? We can if we only will.

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NUMEROUS protests, we are informed, have been presented to the General Council by chapters that think the last National Convention made a serious error in ordering another convention in so short a time, and that, therefore, are anxious to have the meeting postponed. The arguments presented in the various petitions are that no matters of vital importance which require adjudication before our national tribunal confront us, that the important work of constitutional revision is complete, and we are moving on serenely under our new laws, and that, most especially, the enormous expenses of a national convention are not warranted by our present, or even prospective, needs. The matter of conventional year was well considered at New York, and the sentiment—could convenient means to the end desired be devised—seemed almost, if not quite unanimous, in favor of

a change to odd years. In view of this expression it seems to us to be likely that should a postponement be made it will be until 1889, and not until 1888. Should such a postponement take place the extra *per capita* tax of \$1.50 levied this year will no longer be a necessity, and will undoubtedly be remitted by the General Council. Besides this individual saving, the general fraternity would be so benefited financially as to be relieved entirely of any harrassing money strain, and of all danger of shortage. The ills of so early a convention will be an excessive strain on the members severally, and an over-strained, and, most likely, a drained treasury. The necessity or advisability of the meeting, especially under such circumstances, seems very questionable to many, as evinced by their protests. But the point is—shall it be 1887 or 1889? That the chapters are to decide for those who wish the change to be effected understand that the General Council will not interfere with the decision of the last convention unless a large majority of the chapters advocate the change. We are informed that the votes of all chapters are being secured by the Province Presidents, and that if a sufficient number advocate the change a formal petition will be presented to the General Council. If a change is to be made it must be made at once, and it is essential that each chapter express its opinion without delay. Arrangements for the meeting at Bloomington are soon to begin, and before long it will be too late to make the change, however much it might be desired.

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THERE is a tendency among the fraternities no longer to initiate "preps.," and now they are taken in fewer numbers than ever before. Phi Kappa Psi has one, but will not initiate any more. Beta Theta Pi has "sworn off" entirely, Phi Gamma Delta has one, Sigma Chi two and Phi Delta Theta none—these three last having no more because they can't get them.—*Indiana University Correspondent in January Beta Theta Pi.*

Beta Theta Pi has evidently gotten over her avowed aversion to "preps." here, as the chapter has lately initiated two.—*Indiana University Correspondent in March SCROLL.*

The practice of initiating students (?) below the Freshman class is one that should be summarily stopped. If chapters of Phi Delta Theta that do this will not, of themselves, discontinue the vicious practice, it should be discontinued for them, and without delay. One pretext and another—and they are pretexts

only, nothing else—is gotten up by our chapters—we regret to say it—as well as by those of other fraternities, in justification of this violation of one of the unwritten, but universally recognized, canons of pan-hellenic law. We frequently see among chapter correspondence in our exchanges some such item as this: “We endeavor not to initiate ‘preps.,’ but we are compelled to do so by the attitude of the other chapters here.” The same spirit will generally, on close investigation, be found to pervade all “the other chapters here.” Everybody is trying to hide behind everybody else, and, as a result, everybody is shown up for just what he is worth. This sneaking process is aptly illustrated by the quotations above. We do not claim that Phi Delta Theta is any better than the average, but we can state right here that the actions of a few of our chapters in continuing this practice are a source of sincere regret and mortification to the fraternity at large in general and to each and every other chapter in particular. The presence under “Initiates” in this volume of THE SCROLL of the names of men in the classes of ’91, ’92, etc., is something of which we cannot be at all proud. All say they will cease if their rivals do. The spirit is strong, but the flesh is weak. What is wanted is some energetic Greek at every college where the practice prevails who will see to it that the unwritten becomes a written law. In such a movement it will be much more to the honor of Phi Delta Theta to be the leading than the lead.

Now, in regard to how we alone are affected: No one can become a Phi unless he be a “student of a college” where we have a chapter. *No one who is a student of a preparatory department to a college is a student of that college.* Hence, the initiation of preparatory students (or sub-freshmen) is not only not countenanced by us, *but is specifically and constitutionally condemned.* College fraternities should be confined strictly to the college classes, and Phi Delta Theta has rightly so ordered. Of post-graduate and pre-freshman initiations we are inclined to the toleration of the former first, for men so initiated *are* “college-bred,” whereas in the latter case they *may never be*. Post-graduate initiations and elections, we think, have been completely suppressed. We sincerely hope they have, and that the total abolition of the pre-freshman initiation will soon follow. Let

our chapters all understand that *no one in a preparatory or sub-freshman class, even if regularly initiated, is a Phi legally*. When he becomes a Freshman he is even then not a member of Phi Delta Theta unless he be re-initiated. This practice, thus illegally persisted in by a few of our chapters, brings discredit on the entire fraternity. Let us have no more pre-freshman initiates.

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

### *To Chapter Treasurers :*

It becomes my official duty to call your attention to Art. XII, Sec. 3, Constitution, from which it will be seen that each member attendant, April 1st, is due two dollars to T. G. C.

Owing to the fact that the next National Convention will be held one year from the last, the General Council find it necessary to levy an extra *per capita* tax of \$1.50, making a total of \$3.50 due April 1st, from each member attendant at that time.

Much confusion and many hardships have arisen heretofore owing to the tardiness of chapters in paying assessments, which they find it difficult to pay at all, if not promptly.

I give notice thus early that each chapter may not be in doubt as to what is expected. Prompt payment on first day of April will render the giving of notes for balances at Convention unnecessary. A receipt in full for all dues will be demanded of each delegate to Bloomington Convention.

February 1, 1887.

S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

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### FROM THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

#### *To Chapter Historians :*

Duplicate blanks, to be filled by Historians, were mailed to the Reporter of each chapter about the middle of March. It is essential that they be filled properly and in full and returned promptly. Those who have not yet given this their attention will please do so without delay. Both blanks are to be filled—one retained by the chapter and the other returned, as directed.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH, H. G. C.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### *To the Alpha Province of Phi Delta Theta :*

BRETHREN: The recent disasters by fire which have happened to our own New Hampshire Alpha and the chapters of several other fraternities at Lawrence, Kansas, impells me to

urge upon you the importance of insurance upon chapter property *as a matter of business*. I do not know of a chapter in Alpha Province that has guarded itself from loss in this respect, although many are collecting property of considerable value, the loss of which would about set them back to the starting point. The cost is a mere song—two or three dollars per annum will insure its many thousands. One word is necessary. Each chapter should insure in the name of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, which is a corporation, as the chapters have no separate corporate existence.

The only matter of importance which has transpired in our Province lately is the institution of our New York Epsilon chapter at Syracuse University. It is enough for me to say that in it we have another worthy chapter of loyal Phis in a worthy institution.

New York, March 8, 1887.

DUDLEY R. HORTON.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EPSILON PROVINCE.

*To the Epsilon Province of Phi Delta Theta.*

BRETHREN: Epsilon Province of Phi Delta Theta will meet in convention at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 14th, 10 A. M., in the parlors of the Grand Hotel. These conventions have year by year grown in interest and importance, and it is fully expected that the coming one will only add to the interest and increase the importance. Let the attendance be full and prompt, every man coming in sole interest of Phi Delta Theta, to meet and greet his brother, to exchange sentiments, to get new ideas and inspirations for the common work, and to counsel regarding issues of vital importance to our body fraternity. The programme of literary exercises promises to be most excellent both in quality and quantity, while the idea of six score stalwart Phis gathering around the festive board fills one with feelings of mingled joy and pride. Let each chapter throughout the Province send a full delegation, with reports pithy and filled with the fraternity idea, and we can promise, beyond a peradventure, that the coming convention will be one of the most profitable and interesting in the history of Epsilon Province.

Chicago, Ill., March 5, 1887.

WM. C. COVERT.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

MAINE ALPHA's long departed members are slowly coming together again to work for Colby and Phi Delta Theta. The term which opens the 17th is the most important of all the three.

Perhaps the fraternity at large will be somewhat surprised at not having received a circular letter from Maine Alpha as yet. The reason is that we wish to wait until the term opens. They will be issued about the 21st inst.

About two weeks ago, while in Boston, your reporter, together with brothers Bradbury, Farr and Frentz, had the pleasure of visiting brothers Fuller, Maine Alpha, '85, and Swope, editor of the Song book.

Our anniversary occurs April 1st, when Maine Alpha will be three years old. We expect to make it an occasion to be remembered. I desire to know the address of every Phi in the State, and any that may know of such will confer a favor by making them known to me.

March 14, 1887.

S. GALLERT.

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VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

PHI DELTA THETA is progressing finely up here in Vermont, as well as elsewhere. The term about completed has been one of unusual interest, and consequently of advancement.

The literary exercises presented by both sides have been interesting and instructive, but brother Cooper's side has been declared victorious; and our next meeting is awaited with eagerness, at which time brother Morgan's side is to present the spread.

Brother Gates was one of the delegates from the College Y. M. C. A. to the convention held last month at Yale.

Brother Morgan, '89, who left college on account of ill-health, has not returned.

Brothers Dean, Newell and Gilbert are to represent Phi Delta Theta at the Sophomore exhibition.

The reporter has been chosen editor of the *University Cynic*, to succeed brother Hyde, and brother Hyde has been elected in place of brother Sornborger, resigned.

March 14, 1887.

A. B. GILBERT.

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NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

In accordance with the constitution, New York Beta, on March 1st, issued her first circular letter. If any of our sister chapters have failed to receive a copy we hope to be notified.

Since our last letter was written we have been honored by a visit from brother Ferris, of Massachusetts Alpha.

March 12, 1887.

A. E. PHILLIPS.

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NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

SINCE our last letter, and I am sorry to say it is some time, we have initiated five new members, whose names have already

appeared. They are all splendid fellows, and will, undoubtedly, be an honor to the fraternity.

Brother Prince has left college since his initiation, but may return at a later date.

Brother Wharton, '86, Mines, was with us for a day on a flying trip through the East.

Our chapter rooms, which we occupy jointly with N. Y. Alpha Alumni and N. Y. Gamma, are the rendezvous of all the boys, and give entire satisfaction, as you are sure to find some one there at any hour of the day or night. We have lately added a pool and billiard table to our furniture, which make the rooms all the more attractive. We heartily extend a cordial welcome to all Phis who may be in or passing through the city, and will try and make their stay with us as pleasant as possible.

March 14, 1887.

E. P. CALLENDER.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

FRATERNITY matters at Allegheny are quiet. There is no spiking going on at present, as all the material has been taken that could result in a benefit to any of the chapters here.

On the evening of March 5th, the A. O. Fou, a local fraternity, which had been in existence about a year, ceased to be, and in its place came Pennsylvania Omega chapter of  $\Sigma A E$ . The new chapter starts with eleven charter members. We are glad to welcome these fellow-students into the Greek world, and wish the new chapter a successful career.

Among the commissioned officers in the college battalion, Phis hold the positions of brevet major, adjutant, and one 2d lieutenant. We also have seven non-commissioned officers and one instructor in fencing.

Brother M. C. Blystone, '86, having completed his course in medicine at Chicago, is now a full-fledged M.D., and at present is at his home in this city.

In our circular letter a mistake was made in the address of the reporter. It should be Warren, Pa., instead of Fredonia, N. Y.

The reception, given by the Delta Tau Deltas to the other fraternities and several of the lady students, on the evening of Feb. 14th, was enjoyed by all present. The Delta Taus have a fine suite of rooms and are noted for their hospitality.

We hesitate to say anything unfavorable to any of the fraternities at Allegheny; but believing it is of interest to all Phis to know the relations existing between the different chapters at all colleges where  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is represented, we will say that among the  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  fraternities a spirit of friendship and fairness prevails, which we hope may continue. But the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ s, by their desire of unlimited power, have brought upon themselves the ill-will of all the others. For several years, having held the



balance of power, and recognizing merit in no one outside of their own membership, they acted purely on the principle that "to the victors belong the spoils," and allowed no one but their own men any honors, if it were possible for them to prevent. Things came to a crisis last spring, when the election of editors for the *Campus* took place. The  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ s owned about the same amount of *Campus* stock as each of the other fraternities, but had a scheme to fill four of the eight positions on the editorial staff with their own men. The other fraternities combined to prevent this, but generously shared the honors, and allowed the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ s two of the eight positions. In the next issue of the  *$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  Quarterly*, the letter from the chapter here contained an account of how the fraternities had combined to defraud them of positions on the *Campus*, but were only partially successful. This year the combination, as the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ s call it, determined to see fairness in the class and society elections, and have generally succeeded, not acting selfishly, but only trying to obtain the honors it rightly deserved. These men, who want the whole earth and several satellites thrown in, now pour wails of fraud into the ears of the "non frats.," telling them the other fraternities are their enemies, and succeed in "roping in" a goodly number of this class of college society.

March 14, 1887.

WILL BIGNELL.

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#### NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI, NEW YORK.

THE last meeting of New York Alpha Alumni Chapter was held on the evening of the 14th inst., at Riccadonna's restaurant in Union Square.

In addition to a goodly number of members of the chapter, there were present representatives from the two attendant chapters of New York city.

The General Council was also represented by brothers Bassett and Randolph, both of whom are members of New York Alpha Alumni.

As was designed by the Committee of Arrangements, the meeting was an informal social affair, and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

After dispensing with a bountiful dinner, the chapter, however, transacted some routine business, and listened to the reading of a paper by brother Paul Jones, upon the subject of the importance of alumni associations to the fraternity, and the best means of insuring their success.

The chapter also considered the recommendations of the Province Presidents in regard to changing the time of holding the next National Convention, and it was resolved, by a unanimous vote, to urge upon the General Council the propriety of post-

poning the next convention from October, 1887—the time fixed for that purpose by the convention of 1886—to October, 1889.

Upon the recommendation of brother Horton, the petition for membership of brother G. W. Stephens was granted, and he was elected a member of the chapter.

Brother Stephens comes from New York Alpha (Cornell University), and at present resides at Tarrytown. He has been recently elected Superintendent of the Tarrytown Gas Works, a position heretofore held for a number of years by his father.

March 16, 1887.

PAUL JONES.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA ALUMNI, PITTSBURGH.

THE General Council constituted this chapter January 17. Since receiving our charter a number of interesting meetings have been held, in which reminiscences of college days have held a prominent part. On account of the inability of the boys at Washington and Jefferson to attend in full force, we have postponed the celebration meeting until April 5th. The meeting will be held at the Central Hotel of Allegheny, where the chapter will mostly meet thereafter. We expect to have the greatest reunion of Phi ever held in Pennsylvania, only excepting the Centennial Convention at Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania Gamma Glee Club will furnish the music for the occasion. After the exercises we will partake of the inevitable banquet.

Brothers Joe Langfitt, Dick Scandrett and the undersigned will attend the annual contest between the W. and J. literary societies, March 30th. Brother Lippincott is the P. and U. debater, and brother Ewing F. and W. orator. We expect these brothers to gain a great victory for Phi Delta Theta.

March 14, 1887.

W. T. TREDWAY.

#### BETA PROVINCE.

##### VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

WE were in the midst of our Intermediate Examinations when our last report should have been written; an extra amount of work at this trying time prevented the reporter from "reporting" to the SCROLL. But we hope that the good work done by the Chapter at the examinations will atone for the lack of promptness on the part of the Chapter's "press correspondent." Official announcements of the results of the examinations have not been made; but from the fact that good work during the session usually insures a good showing at the Intermediate and Final, we conclude that Virginia Gamma will have as great reasons for being proud of her record in 1887 as she has for being proud of her past achievements in this line.

Randolph-Macon is an exemplary home for fraternities ; such a kindly feeling pervades our social atmosphere that we think it entirely incongruous, if not absolutely impossible, to be "at loggerheads" with one another. Greeks meet with Greeks as friends with friends ; and while we are all loyal to our respective colors, we do not show it by declaring war on every other fraternity, as is sometimes the case. The Anti-Fraternity Organization, composed of about fifty would-be fraternity men, assumes such a hostile attitude toward the Greek societies that virtual coöperation between them is almost necessary. The only effect that this body has had on the fraternities is to make them even more select in their choice of members than they were before.

Nearly all the college honors are given at the Commencement in June. We confidently expect a due proportion of prizes and medals. Brother J. C. Martin was recently elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Randolph-Macon Monthly*. Several other honors in the shape of positions in public declamation, debate and commencement have fallen to our lot. We are always as well represented as any other fraternity.

The college is in a very prosperous condition. President Smith is actively engaged in raising an endowment fund of \$150,000, and he has succeeded in getting nearly the whole amount. Many improvements will be made in the college buildings and grounds, and the indications are that Randolph-Macon will have a more successful career in the future than in the past. We are striving to make a corresponding advance in the condition of our chapter, and our efforts are meeting with the success they merit. We cordially greet the new chapters and wish them all a long and honorable existence.

March 14, 1887.

J. C. MARTIN, JR.

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VIRGINIA EPSILON, VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.

PERHAPS many have wondered why Virginia Epsilon has not represented herself in the SCROLL this session.

The seeming negligence has not been the fault of our members entirely, but is owing, in a great degree, to the recent action of our Board of Visitors opposing fraternities, and for which reason we have had nothing of very great interest to report. As is, no doubt, known to all fraternities here represented, the governing authorities of this institution have passed a law positively forbidding any new student to be initiated, and requiring them to take an oath upon entering not to become a member of any fraternity organization during their connection with the Institute. Under such regulations there remains nothing for us to do in regard to new work, and we can only meet together now and then and talk of what others are doing and what we could do if our death warrant were cancelled.

We hope, however, and still do seek, to persuade our honorable board to repeal this recently established regulation, and in case of our success we promise to do more towards our duty than Virginia Epsilon has done in the past few years. We commenced this session with only two Phis, one inactive on account of his position of Assistant Professor; but, owing to recent co-allition of the Kappa Sigma Kappa with Phi Delta Theta, we have added six to our roll.

One of our number left the Institute and now we are seven in all. Two, however, are sub-professors and are unable to act with us on account of their positions. This leaves us five members, two of whom fill places in our leading literary society, one as President and the other as vice-President, and four of our members are cadet officers of high rank. We observed in last SCROLL a copy of the "Stonewall" Jackson ghost story. It will, no doubt, be expected of us to explain this, but we leave the mystery unsolved. The ghost, however, has not appeared for some time and very likely will not appear again. At the close of our letter we will not neglect to state that we have at Washington and Lee University, a half mile distant, a fine band of brothers. Though fraternities here are rapidly dying out on account of regulation against them,  $K A$  have 8;  $\Sigma N 4$ ;  $\Sigma A E$ , 1;  $\Sigma X$ , 1, and  $A T \Omega$ , 1.

March 8, 1887.

R. T. GOODWYN.

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VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

VIRGINIA Z sends her first greeting to the sister chapters of the fraternity. Our chapter was organized about the first of the year and is composed entirely of old  $K \Sigma K$  men. It has a membership of six, one of whom is a sub-professor, two are in the Law Department and the remainder are in the Academic Department. We graduate one man in the Law Department and one in the Academic this year. On account of the lateness of our birth, we scarcely hope to increase our numbers this session. The good material had all been absorbed before we came into existence. The fraternities represented in our institution are:  $A T \Omega$ , 1;  $\Delta \Psi$ , 6;  $K A$ , 10;  $\Sigma A E$ , 3;  $\Sigma N$ , 3;  $\Sigma X$ , 6;  $\Phi A X$ , 1;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 6;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 7;  $\Phi O \Psi$ , (local) 6.

The fraternities are, and have been, as far as I know, on excellent terms.

March 14, 1887.

R. E. R. NELSON.

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SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

THE Intermediate examinations are over and S. C. Beta still holds her own. Among those published as "distinguished" appear the names of brothers Houston and Moore, while in the

list marked as "proficient" are the names of brothers Ball, Aycock, E. E. Boyd and W. F. Aycock. All of these missed distinction by a few points only. As the rest of us did not stand all of our examinations from various causes we were not graded. We can compare records with any other chapter at this institution without disparagement.

At the last regular meeting of the Clariosophic Society brother W. W. Ball was unanimously chosen president. He is one of the most efficient workers in that society. At a previous meeting brother J. R. Coan was elected to an associate editorship on the staff of the *South Carolina Collegian*.

The letters which we have received from other chapters up to date show the condition of the fraternity to be in the highest degree gratifying. We think that this manner of intercourse is a step in the right direction.

We are slowly adding to the comfort and attractiveness of our hall. In addition to the one which we already possess we have decided to fit up another adjoining the present one, and as the chapter is very enthusiastic in the enterprise, we hope soon to be in possession of a suite of rooms which will indeed furnish an attractive and commodious place of meeting.

March 10, 1887.

J. R. COAN.

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### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

No doubt the fraternity will deem it strange that a successor to brother Quarles, our efficient and meritorious Reporter, has been elected. However, it was in compliance with his request that one from the Junior class be selected. This was done in order that he might become acquainted with the duties devolving upon him before the beginning of college next fall.

Alabama Alpha enjoyed last Friday, 4th inst., the fortunate opportunity of sending four representatives to Greensboro, to dub and create the charter members of Alabama Gamma, Phi Delta Thetas, and enlighten them concerning the mysteries of our beloved fraternity. Brothers Banks, J. O., Compton, Dedman and Tunstall were the lucky ones chosen to perform the initiatory rites, and on their return reported only such information as would make us proud of Alabama Gamma.

We embrace this chance of presenting brother S. C. Jenkins to the fraternity. In winning him to our ranks we have scored another triumphant victory.

The Sophomore exhibition occurred last Friday night, 11th inst., at which time brothers Crook, Forney, Earle and McAdory acquitted themselves with much credit, and did honor to the fraternity.

We regret exceedingly that brothers Martin, Palmer and Searcy were too unwell to speak.

The Junior exhibition, upon which we are to be represented by brothers Compton and Dedman, J. E., takes place next Friday, 18th, and promises to be a most entertaining affair.

March 13, 1887.

L. M. HOOPER.

#### ALABAMA GAMMA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

[SINCE our editorial pages were typed, we learn of the institution of this chapter. After an exhaustive consideration and on endorsement of every Province President, charter was granted by the General Council. Below is the first letter from the new chapter.—EDITOR.]

Saturday, March 5, saw the newly-fitted bark of Alabama Gamma launched forth, her crew of nine being each in his place and ready for action. Brother Andrews, of Montgomery, our Province President, being unable to come over in his official capacity, authorized Alabama Alpha to send over a committee to effect the organization. Brothers Banks, Dedman, Tunstall and Compton served as that committee.

Only two of the nine are old members, brother E. H. Cobb and myself, both being from Alabama Beta. The following were initiated :

S. W. Roberts, S. J. Haygood, W. B. Otis, H. H. Motley, E. Hawkins, Lee Andrews and J. B. Mangum.

They are all good men and will do the fraternity honor. Everything seems propitious for Alabama Gamma's future. The new initiates, instead of being tired out from waiting so long for a charter, are now more enthused than ever before, and have set valiantly to work. Though occupying at present, on account of her recent birth, a position slightly in the rear rank of Southern University fraternities, Alabama Gamma has gotten out her armor, is already busily engaged in polishing her shields and sharpening her swords, preparatory for the fight in September next. She will gradually grow in strength and stature until she elbows her way through that solid front rank and takes her accustomed place at the lead. Her sun has arisen and is already chasing away the clouds and mists that have heretofore obscured her, and has begun her brilliant ascent to the meridian.

I suppose that all of the Southern and most of the Northern chapters have heard of our long struggle with the General Council for a charter, and I will not enter into details concerning the same.

March 15, 1887.

W. W. MANGUM.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

EXAMINATIONS are now over and all our Phis are again at their respective posts of duty.

The Faculty has passed a new regulation, providing that no time be allowed on examinations, and, naturally, such a law will not meet with welcome among the students, and there is a great deal of dissatisfaction.

On last Saturday, Hermean Literary Society, held its election, and brother L. M. Southworth was elected president; brother Wm. Peirce first censor, and your Reporter first critic.

Mississippi Alpha has not, as yet, succeeded in getting out her annual report, but will do so in a few days.

Reports which are very encouraging, are being received daily from other chapters.

March 7, 1887.

JOHN M. OLIVER.

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### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

OHIO BETA is in a flourishing condition, having more members than any other fraternity in the O. W. U. We can say, also, that we can compare favorably with the others in respect to ability, both in the recitation room and the literary society.

There is considerable excitement here at present over the "fraternity-girl" question.

The *Bijou*, the annual published by the fraternities, will be printed during the spring term. We will be pleased to exchange for like publications of other colleges.

The circular letter system is truly a grand scheme and a source of much pleasure to Ohio Beta, as it must be to the whole fraternity.

March 14, 1887.

O. G. CALLAHAN.

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#### OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

WE are glad to report that Ohio Delta is very prosperous, and that harmony and brotherly love prevail.

Brother W. J. Moffatt was called home by the death of a relative and will not be with us again this term.

Brother J. T. Morrison is publisher of the *Student Statesman*, an inter-collegiate quarterly, in the interest of prohibition. It begins with a circulation of five thousand copies.

We have received about twenty-three circular letters, but it is not our business to make a review. A number of chapters have not heeded the direction of the constitution as regards size, and consequently it will be difficult to bind them neatly. We will do the best we can with what we have, but hope that all will be of uniform size in 1888.

Our aged brother, Dr. O. N. Stoddard, Emeritus Professor, met

with us last Saturday evening. An address of welcome was given by brother S. S. Palmer, in a few well chosen remarks.

Brother J. T. Morrison discoursed in an agreeable manner on the present condition of Phi Delta Theta.

Dr. Stoddard followed with an address, such as he alone can give who has passed through many years of a useful life. We will not soon forget his advice, but will strive harder to improve the present moments and let the future take care of itself. His words were eloquently spoken, and when he quoted those beautiful words of Longfellow—

“ Trust no future howe’er pleasant,  
Let the dead past bury it’s dead ;  
Act, act, in the living present,  
Heart within and God o’er head.”

we resolved to make the most of life by present, earnest, activity.

It will be remembered that Dr. Stoddard was a member of Ohio Alpha in its infancy. After serving as professor in Miami, from 1845 to 1870, he accepted the chair of Natural Sciences in the University of Wooster, which place he filled with great credit, until failing health and old age compelled him to retire from active service. His life has been a very useful one, and he is loved and honored by all who know him. We hope that he will visit us often, for he has a large place in all our hearts.

March 14, 1887.

W. C. MILES.

#### OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

FRATERNITY matters are rather slow, but a few college events may aid us to atone for our failure to send our last letter in time. We regret our silence in such an excellent number.

The contest of the Ohio Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association was held at Delaware, February 17. Although  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was not represented in it, seven members of Ohio Zeta, and brother Martin, of Ohio Gamma, took the happy opportunity of visiting Ohio Beta, which is indeed becoming the banner chapter at the Ohio Wesleyan. After the very interesting programme, we met in the chapter hall, and only regretted that midnight, sending us to our home-bound train, came so soon.

It was our pleasure to meet again our Province President, brother J. T. Morrison, brother F. S. Pixley, Ohio E, Secretary of the Association, and brother H. H. Henry, Ohio E, editor of the *Akron Beacon*, who visited us the next day.

Next year the contest will be held at the Ohio State University, and while we want every wearer of the “white and blue” to feel that he has a personal standing invitation to pull our outhanging latchstring at any time and to partake of our welcome, on that occasion we want all the Phis of Delta Province and the others



who can, to shower in on us and boom  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  in Ohio's capital city.

Brother W. J. Emery, Ohio *E*, '85, book-keeper for Schumacker, at Akron, and his cousin, V. J. Emery, spent several days with us.

Brother J. E. Brown, S. G. C., a new-fledged M. D. from Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, favored us with a short visit a few days since. We hope "J. Ed"—as we all know him—will soon locate in Columbus.

Brother H. F. Schunck, Mich. *T*, later of Wis. *A*, made us a flying call last week.

Washington's birthday was celebrated as our first "University Day." Class orations, addresses by Trustee Wing, Supreme Court Judge Owen and Governor Foraker, excellent vocal and instrumental music, the battalion with its band, and the visitors crowding the chapel to the exclusion of many students, combined to make it one of our long-to-be-remembered gala days. But the Juniors executed the *coup d'état* (everybody calls it one) by blooming forth in black cassimere plugs, the envy of the Oxford-capped Sophomores, and in the evening presenting "Ye First Annual Banquet of ye Juniors to ye Seniors." Forty knights of silk and other tiles surrounded the festal board (and most that came thereon) and spent several hours in translating the handsome, hand-painted Greek menu card (without ponies!), cracking chestnuts and disposing of toasts. A grand pow-wow and cannon salute on the campus closed a happy day stretched several hours into the next, and so '88 is the college class.

Phi Delta Theta has appointed a committee to confer with the other fraternities in regard to a Pan-Hellenic Banquet next term.

Most of the twenty-five circular letters which we received indicate progress and prosperity within our ranks, and we would gladly welcome about twice as many more. If any one, entitled to it, has not received one, we shall gladly send it.

We welcome our new chapters into  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and wish them a *bon voyage*.

March 14, 1887.

FRED. S. BALL.

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

WE have recently procured a new hall. In a short while we will have it nicely furnished, and will be glad to have any of our brethren visit us.

At the Washington Birthday celebration there were two Phi speakers. Both did credit to themselves. Each received a beautiful banner from their lady friends, besides many other kind remembrances.

Brother Dawson has been elected by the Deinologian Society

to contest for a medal given for the best original oration. The contest is to be in June.

We are sorry Kentucky Delta has had trouble with one of her members. She is so near us, we sympathize with her in all trouble and rejoice in every victory.

March 12, 1887.

F. N. LEE.

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### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

WE were somewhat disappointed when our last SCROLL reached us at finding no communication from Indiana Epsilon, especially when we saw so many chapter letters and one from every other chapter of Epsilon Province. However, it was no fault of the Editor that such was the case.

Our reporter, brother C. O. Shirey, was compelled to leave college, and through some misunderstanding no letter was written for publication. It is not likely he will return, and we will thereby lose a good member. He was chosen leader of one side of our Senior Debate and also one of the speakers on the spring exhibition, both of which duties he could not perform.

Brother T. W. Honan was valedictorian of the 22nd exhibition and did himself justice, and reflected much credit upon the fraternity. We will be represented on the coming spring exhibition by brother T. G. Brashear.

We were very sorry to learn of the resignation of brother Shiels. The manner in which he has edited THE SCROLL was very gratifying to us and, we think, to all. As it is, we think the best thing which could have been done has been carried out. We only hope that the coming numbers will be as interesting and instructive as those of the past.

The general convention of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity was held in the parlors of the Madison Hotel, at Madison, Ind., during the last of February. There were about twelve delegates besides members of the chapter here.

On the evening of the 24th, the convention gave a reception to their friends and a delightful time was had by all attending.

At present the relations between different fraternities here are very peaceable, and we hope they will long continue so.

March 12, 1887.

T. G. BRASHEAR.

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

THE spring term opened February 22. For the first two or three days there were but few Phis present, but by the time Saturday night came round, fourteen loyal brothers gathered in our chapter hall. We at once began discussing the merits of the new freshmen and decided on a plan of campaign for the ensuing week.

The various societies at the college seemed to have an idea that Michigan Beta was asleep, but they suddenly changed their minds when on the morning of March 6 three of the "spring freshmen" marched into chapel armed with the sword and shield. One of the new brothers was "almost persuaded" to join *Δ T Δ*, and another to join a local society. The third is a brother of brother Woodsworth, '86.

In our haste in getting out our circular letter on time, the name of brother Lewis McLouth, Jr., was unintentionally omitted.

Brother Frank Tuttle, who came to us from Illinois Zeta, finding that the studies he wished to take conflicted, decided not to remain. We were very sorry to lose him and hope he may decide to enter next term.

We were very pleasantly surprised on returning to college to find brother Stanley, '86, at work in the chemical laboratory. He returned March 11 to his home at New Britain, Conn.

Brother William Snyder, 90, is not able to return this spring, but expects to re-enter with '91.

March 13, 1887.

W. M. MUNSON.

#### INDIANA BETA ALUMNI, INDIANAPOLIS.

THE Indianapolis alumni, while not often heard from as a body of Phi Delta Thetas, are by no means passive in their interest in the welfare of the order. Our chapter meetings are, for the most part, limited to street or office reference to the things dear to us all; but it is our glory that the most distinguished of our brothers are the most fraternal in their acknowledgement of the sign of greeting in the bond. General Ben. Harrison is one whom we delight to honor, and Ohio Alpha can testify to his devotion and liberality, although he is more than a quarter of a century away from college days. Byron K. Elliott, who is, as it were, the patron saint of all Indiana Phis, has been re-elected to the Supreme Bench of the State, and is now serving for the third time as Chief Justice of the State's highest tribunal. Hon. A. C. Harris was defeated for Congress, but that has not cooled his ardor in fraternity affairs. The removal of brother C. L. Goodwin to Los Angeles has taken away a bright and increasing light from Indiana Beta Alumni, but it will shine in any other clime with equal strength.

A score of younger men are burying themselves in business and in professions in this city to emerge one day the pride of the coming Phi.

I must not omit to mention in this connection our "fighting parson," Rev. Rice V. Hunter, of the seventh Presbyterian church. Some years ago he gathered up his sheep skins in the classic

shades of Wooster. He is one of those men who feed the hope that our coming role of alumni will include more than a fair proportion of the great and good men of the land. Already brother Hunter is one of the foremost preachers of this "city of churches."

We are pleased to note that the Greek world is no longer discordant. In my earlier days to be a friend to a Beta or a Sig was almost to be disloyal. Here's to the Phis first, always, then peace and a fair divide to all other Greeks!

March 11, 1887.

HILTON U. BROWN.

## ZETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

By mistake, the Phi Gamma Delta was credited with a membership of only six instead of nine in our last report.

He who writes a report of Illinois Delta this month has a pleasant task. Our hall has been papered, thanks to the energy of brother Stromburg. Brother Andrews has given us a fine centre table, and brother Murdoch, from the fullness of his heart, a magnificent picture.

These improvements, with others soon to be made, will give us the handsomest hall in the city. The awakening of a warmer fraternity enthusiasm was shown at a late meeting when it was decided to hold a province convention in this city some time in May.

We hear indirectly of the marriage of brother Porter in California. Brother Wyckoff has accepted a position with Perrin & Co. of this city.

We receive THE SCROLL regularly, while our rivals are obliged to wait months for the semi-occasional issue of their fraternity magazines.

March 13, 1887.

WILL J. PHELPS.

### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

WITH one exception, all our boys will gather around the fraternal altar next term. We are sorry to lose brother Eckbohn for the coming term but rejoice in the hope of seeing him again in the fall.

At our last meeting we entertained two of our brethren from Illinois Delta. It is quite an advantage to have two chapters in one city.

We expect Zeta Province to hold a convention in this city in the near future. The revival of Illinois Alpha makes us stronger as a Province and should lead us on to greater victories. Our chapter has voted for the convention.

We now miss from our vicinity one who was a charter mem-

ber and who has ever been an attendant member and active, enthusiastic Phi, J. H. Miles, of '88. He has removed to Kansas.

We were recently visited by two brothers who were Phis at Lombard years ago, Wilbur Lawrence and William Murdy. It is needless to say that we were glad to see them.

The Beta chapter of the I. C. Sorosis gave a reception a few evenings ago at which several Phis were present.

Two of our boys are winning their laurels at the medical schools of Chicago. Ward Brigham at Bennett's and Elmer Fell at Rush's. The latter completed his course in February.

March 11, 1887.

O. G. COLGROVE.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Nothing important has transpired in our chapter since my last report. Fraternity work in the collage seems to be "pursuing the even tenor of its way." We have not quite the usual number of members this year, but all are doing good work, both in college and the fraternity, and the prospects are that we will carry off our share, if not the larger portion, of the honors this year.

We are called to the sad duty at this time of recording the death of one of our most beloved and faithful members, brother W. Y. McChesney, '86. Brother McChesney was in very bad health while in college, but stood bravely at his post of duty until the last. He was at the head of his college classes, was active and enthusiastic in fraternity work, and last, but not least, he was a noble Christian worker. Our late brother leaves behind him a bright path in the world, and a host of friends who sincerely mourn his loss. We will ever review the bright and happy hours spent in his company with much pleasure.

Since March 1 we have received a number of circular letters from various chapters, and are glad to note the fact that our fraternity in general is in such excellent condition. Each letter shows that our chapters are progressing finely.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to the marriage of brother L. W. Rood to Miss Belle Gregory on the 16th inst. Brother Rood is one of our most highly respected members and our best wishes will ever attend him.

March 5th, 1887.

J. E. CRAWFORD.

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#### KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

THE letters from this chapter seem "few and far between," but we assure the brethren at large that this is not owing to a lack of

enthusiasm, but rather to the failure of our letters to get into New York by the 16th of the month. The editor will bear us witness that we have written every month. This much for an explanation ; now for the news.

We now number nineteen active members, having initiated one freshman, and he is local editor of the *Weekly Courier* and a good student.

On Friday night, January 14, occurred the seventh annual contest between Oriad and Orophilian societies. The latter was victorious, brother Higgins delivering the winning oration, "Why a Mind?"

The Friday following we gave a domino party, at which brother Clark, our Provincial President, was present. Among the ladies *KKΓ*, *KAΘ*, *ΠΒΦ* and others were represented.

Although the Phi Psis lost everything in the fire of January 27, yet they entertained us on the 29th. Owing to their loss, we placed our hall at their disposal for that evening, and right royally were we repaid. This makes the second time that *ΦΚΨ* and *ΦΔΘ* have met together in social gathering this year.

The State oratorical contest took place February 11 at Ottawa, Kan., the home of brother Jephtha Davis. We attended in a body, and our brother's house was thrown open to us. A banquet was tendered us in the evening.

We are pleased to announce the marriage of brother H. F. Graham, '86, to miss Lou Palmer, '86, *KKΓ*. They will make Abalene, Kans., their home, where brother Graham is Principal of the High School.

In conclusion, we extend the right hand of fellowship to Illinois Alpha, New York Epsilon, and Virginia Zeta, and wish them "God speed."

March 9th, 1887.

W. E. HIGGINS.

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#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

WE have the pleasure of introducing a new brother to the Phi world. Brother Ray McMillan Wheeler, '92, was initiated at our last meeting with appropriate ceremonies. An unusually large number of Phis were present, there being seventeen in all. Brother McMillan, who has been studying at Johns Hopkins University, dropped in upon us just in time to take part in the initiation ceremony. Brother Lambertron, formerly of Ohio Beta, who is now in business in Lincoln, was also present.

From such of the circular letters from other chapters as we have so far received we are pleased to see that the fraternity is in a very prosperous condition indeed. Of course, numerical strength is the most noticeable evidence of a chapter's progress, and we are glad to see that our sister chapters are so strong in this respect.

A bill has just passed the Legislature appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a new Science Hall at our University, and it is expected that it will be built in a short time.

March 10th, 1887.

J. R. McCANCE.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

[The Editor respectfully requests Reporters and others to furnish notes—especially news items—for this page.]

PHI ALPHA CHI has established a chapter at Hampden-Sidney.

DELTA TAU DELTA has revived its chapter at Franklin and Marshall.

THE University of Iowa chapter of Sigma Chi has returned its charter.

THE New York Zeta Psi Club is located at No. 24 East Thirty-fifth street.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON recently held her fortieth convention at Washington, D. C.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON and Phi Gamma Delta have become dormant at the University of Texas.

THE Rainbow Division of Delta Tau Delta will hold its second annual conference at Chattanooga in April.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA held its sixth general convention at Madison, Ind., closing, February 25, with a brilliant reception.

BETA THETA PI has a *quasi* organization at the University of Denver, which will in time be regularly chartered.—*Rainbow*.

GEN. LEW WALLACE, the author of "Ben Hur" and "The Fair God," is a member of the De Pauw chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

THE St. Anthony Club of New York is simply the Columbia chapter of Delta Psi. Their house is No. 29 East Twenty-eighth street.

ON the 2d of March twenty-five men were taken into the Harvard chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, seventeen from '87 and eight from '88.

THE Song Book of Phi Gamma Delta has just appeared. The *Quarterly* is now published at New York under the management of a board of five.

THE University of Virginia chapter of Beta Theta Pi, once among the best, is now reduced to one man, and has but small hopes of revival.—*Rainbow*.

JOHNS HOPKINS would seem to offer a good field for organization, as the fraternities there are but three—Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Phi.—*Rainbow*.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON claims to be the only fraternity publishing their journal every month in the year. Two issues are now and then "bunched," however.

SOME of the Southern Kappa Alphas have had the poor taste (or the good taste) to obtain badges which, in shape, are exact duplicates of the Phi Delta Theta shield.

AT the recent intercollegiate oratorical contest in Ohio, but four of the contestants were fraternity men—three members of Beta Theta Pi and one a member of a local.

SOUTHERN KAPPA ALPHA has entered William Jewel College at Liberty, Mo. Phi Delta Theta refused a strongly-backed petition from that institution less than six months ago.

ALPHA DELTA PHI, Psi Upsilon and Delta Upsilon have summer camps at Lake George, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta at Lake Chautauqua, and Delta Tau Delta at Traverse Bay, Mich.

A COMPLIMENTARY dinner was given at Delmonico's on March 29 by the New York City members of Beta Theta Pi to Ex-Governor George Hoadly, founder of the Harvard Chapter of that fraternity.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON copyrights its *Quarterly*, but several other journals have no scruples against clipping articles in full without obtaining the legal permission. They are certainly at a loss for "copy."

Is Delta Kappa Epsilon a class society at Yale and Harvard? In the last *Quarterly*, under the head "*New Initiates*" are published the names of thirty-four Juniors at Yale and forty-four Sophomores at Harvard.

PHI GAMMA DELTA has entered Lehigh University. The chapter was instituted February 4, and will be called Beta Chi. It is composed of twelve men. This fraternity has but one alumni chapter, and that is located at Chattanooga, Tenn.

FRATERNITY journalism finds barren soil in the "three great Eastern fraternities," of which Delta Kappa Epsilon considers herself the cynosure. All have tried. Alpha Delta Phi has failed utterly. Psi Upsilon's *Diamond* has lived a sort of "hand to mouth" existence. Delta Kappa Epsilon alone has been thoroughly successful.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON has instituted one chapter at Adrian College, Mich., another, to be called Pennsylvania Omega, at Alle-



gheny College by absorbing a local society of eleven men, and still another at —, but the *Record* fails to tell us where. However, it is located at Tulane University and will be called Louisiana Zeta. Virginia Tau has given up its charter. They also fail to mention where Virginia T was located. This fraternity is usurping the glorious title of "Sig.," which was thought to be the exclusive property of Sigma Chi.

THE anniversary exercises of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity were held here to-night, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, and were well attended and greatly enjoyed. Music was furnished by the Italian string band of Columbus, and was of the highest order. About 11 o'clock refreshments were served, and a bountiful supply showed that no pains had been spared either by the members or the helping hands of the fair ones. The artistic paintings and beautiful portraits that so tastefully and elegantly decorated the hall are quite convincing that the social feature of this fraternity is fostered by highly accomplished young ladies. The entertainment was of such a varied character that no one could fail to be highly pleased, and all went away more thoroughly convinced of the benefits and pleasures growing out of the college fraternities.—*Auburn (Ala.) Special to Atlanta Constitution*, Feb. 22.

AN article that has lately been published in regard to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., displays to a remarkable extent the merits and force of fraternities, as well as the fine character of their membership. The showing is all the more admirable inasmuch as Vanderbilt has been closed to fraternities until within the past three years, therefore making the field of operation much more unfavorable than in other institutions. But the statistics now show that six out of sixteen professors, including all the younger men, are fraternity men, with the bursar and librarian and six out of seven fellows. In the matter of scholastic honors and prizes, the record of the fraternities is indeed remarkable, they seemingly monopolizing the brains of the institution, while numbering but 99 out of about 175 literary, law and theological students, and a total number of about 500. The honors taken were as follows: 41 out of 48 certificates of distinguished proficiency; four certificates of school graduation—all; 7 literary prizes—all; 13 out of 15 law degrees, 2 out of 4 oratorical medals, both State oratorical speakerships, all the public debaters, anniversary and moot court orators, besides several special prizes and medalships. This record is indeed gratifying and admirable, and is but a type of fraternity prowess in most other colleges where the same degree of success is generally attained to by the Greek clans.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

THE origin of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity is the subject of a noteworthy article in the last number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. The nature of its beginnings and early history have heretofore been wrapped in mystery, and every previous writer has given a different account, according to his own misinformation or theory. But the present writer's researches have been successful in discovering the original records of the fraternity among some old historical papers, and from among these quaint ancient archives he has constructed the true story of this pioneer of American college fraternities. He shows that the distinguished order of Phi Beta Kappa was founded at William and Mary College, in Virginia, in the winter of 1776-77, and had a prosperous existence of several years as a literary and social organization of the highest and most select nature. In 1779 branch chapters began to be established in other neighboring institutions, all of which, however, together with the mother chapter, were killed by the suspension of Southern colleges during the latter years of the Revolution. But before this fatal event, charters had been granted one Elisha Parmele, a young graduate of Harvard, to establish branch chapters also at Harvard and Yale. Parmele went north and founded the Yale Chapter in 1780, and the Harvard Chapter in 1781, the latter being a posthumous offshoot, as it were, of the original stock, and from these two chapters Phi Beta Kappa was propagated. The fraternity has since had a varied career, departing largely from the original plans of its promoters, and losing its strictly secret character, has now become an open order of scholars, recruiting its ranks from year to year from among the select students of leading American colleges, and forming an influential association of educated and intellectual men.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

[The above-mentioned article is one of much interest and value, and we recommend all who have the opportunity to read it. We would have been pleased to have re-produced it in THE SCROLL, with the *Quarterly's* permission, had we had the available space.—EDITOR.]

## INITIATES.

### NEW YORK ALPHA.

- '89. William Fairchild Dean, Seymour, Conn.
- '90. Edward Albert Darling, New York, N. Y.

### MICHIGAN BETA.

- \*'90. William H Culver, Ypsilanti, Mich.
- '90. Florus Billings Plimpton, Benton Harbor, Mich.
- \*'90. Fred B Stockwell, Pontiac, Mich.

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\* "H" and "B," letters only.

- '90. William Snyder, Corey, Mich.
- '90. Horace Edward Bunce, Marysville, Mich.
- '90. Paul Woodworth, Caseville, Mich.
- '90. Joseph Harlan Freeman, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

- '90. William Allen White, Eldorado, Kan.

## PERSONALS.

## MAINE ALPHA.

- '85. F. E. Barton is practising law in Haverhill, Mass.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

- '83. J. C. Turk is at work on the iron bridge being built by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. at Kansas City, Mo.
- '85. Robert A. Arms, machinist, is at 27 Bellevue Place, Toronto, Ontario.
- '86. Charles W. Baker is on the editorial staff of the *Engineering News*.
- '86. Marvin W. Clark was married January 26 to Miss Mary E. Tracy. Brother Clark is a fine fellow and a loyal Phi, and he has our hearty congratulations. He will make Willston, Vt., his home.
- '86. Jed S. Merrill has a fine position in a large foundry, 3603 Baring Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

- '76. One of the Cincinnati dailies of January 16th contained a wood-cut and flattering notice of that enterprising journalist, brother S. J. Flickinger, now editor of the *Ohio State Journal* at Columbus, Ohio.

## NEW YORK EPSILON.

- '83. E. A. Hill is president of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor Union of Syracuse.
- '83. James Devine is practicing law in Syracuse.
- '90. E. M. Hasbrouck is writing a series of articles for the *Scientific American* on the subject of Ornithology. The sixth one appeared January 22d, and was entitled "Our Warblers."

## VIRGINIA GAMMA.

- '76. F. W. Parham is a professor in the Medical Department of the University of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, La.
- '76. James B. McCabe is practicing law at Leesburg, Va. He is Judge of the Loudoun County Court.
- '77. T. McN. Simpson is a minister of the Va. Conference M. E. Church, South, stationed at Smithfield, Va.
- '79. W. D. Buckner, when last heard from, had a prominent position on an engineering corps in Western Mexico. He is doing exceptionally well.
- '81. B. W. Waters is a minister in the Baltimore Conference

M. E. Church, South. He fills the pulpit of the church at Easton, Md., with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his congregation.

'82. F. C. Watson is doing finely in the drug business at Jacksonville, Fla.

'86. E. E. Thompson is engaged in the tobacco business at Durham, N. C. He is doing very well and his prospects for a successful business career are fine.

#### NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

'81. R. S. White has bought out his former partner in the legal profession, and has a large practice in Elizabethton. He represented Bladen county at the last Congressional Convention, and is thought to be an astute politician for his age.

'84. Joel Hines has gained a reputation at law in Whiteville, N. C., and is considered quite a potent factor in the politics of his county.

'85. R. S. Neal is principal of the Bertie High School in Lewiston, N. C.

'86. W. H. Carroll has been elected principal of Fairfield Academy, Hyde Co., N. C.

'88. T. A. Marshall is in business in Wadesboro, N. C.

'88. G. McKinnon, of Plainview, is owner and manager of Robeson County turpentine orchard.

'89. G. W. Bethell is in the Planter's Bank of Danville, Va.

'90. W. H. Grimes is farming on his father's large estate near Raleigh, N. C.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA.

'74. Rev. A. A. Marshall, D.D., is pastor of First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga.

'77. W. F. Clarke, formerly Judge of Randolph County Court, is practicing law at Lumpkin, Ga.

'78. H. C. Bagley is cashier of National Bank of Americus, Ga.

'78. Hughill Willet is cashier of the General Agency of the New York Life Insurance Co. for Georgia and Florida, with office at Macon, Ga.

'80. Dr. Junius K. Battle is practicing at Eufaula, Ala.

'83. E. Y. Mallory is commercial traveler for A. B. Farquar & Co., Macon, Ga.

'84. W. L. Y. Pickard is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

'86. A. S. Rhodes is principal of a high school at Washington, Ga.

'86. S. W. Durham is engaged in business in Talbaton, Ga.

#### ALABAMA ALPHA.

'85. Hiram Cassedy is assistant postmaster at Brookhaven, Miss.

#### MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

'87. J. C. Higdon has a clerkship at Higdon, Miss.

## OHIO BETA.

'74. Brother J. M. Barker some time ago withdrew from the Mexican missionary work, and is now a minister in the North Ohio Conference of the M. E. Church.

'81. Wm. P. Fulton is a Senior in the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.

'81. A. H. Smith has left the Central Ohio Paper Co., and is now connected with a similar firm at Detroit, Michigan.

'82. Fred L. Rosemond has succeeded to the large law practice of his uncle, Judge Campbell, who confines himself now almost exclusively to his duties on the Bench. His address is Cambridge, Ohio.

'83. Geo. W. Ozias is with the Bradstreet Agency at Dayton, Ohio.

'83. J. E. Randall, and his wife, also a graduate of the O. W. U. class of '83, are at home in Lynn, Mass., where brother R. has a position with the Houston Electrical Works.

'84. L. S. Lupton graduates this month from the Columbus Medical College, Columbus, Ohio. He will probably enter into practice at Delaware, Ohio.

'84. V. E. Rhodes has entered into a partnership for the practice of law with W. H. Fairbanks, *B. & O. II*, O. W. U., '84, at Kansas City, Mo. We recommend him to the Phis of that city.

'84. Jas. F. Steele is in the third year of his pastorate at Zaleski, Ohio. He will be found at the Colville camp-meeting every August.

'86. E. E. Adel has left Groveport, and is with his brother in Arizona Territory.

'86. F. W. Millington was confined to the house at his home in Denver, Col., some months after graduation last June, with a persistent form of fever.

## OHIO ZETA.

'87. H. A. Kahler is in the real estate office of J. D. Edmundson & Co. at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

'89. Charles Hatfield is with the Ætna Insurance Co., corner Fifth and Vine streets, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## KENTUCKY ALPHA.

'83. George H. Barbour, of Falmouth, Ky., who received the degree of M.D. at the Ohio Medical College in 1886, is back again this winter to pursue some special studies at the college and hospital.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

'86. C. L. Donnell, of Greensburg, Ind., has completed his first year's lectures at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## ILLINOIS ZETA.

'75. Rev. L. J. Dinsmore has been chosen non-resident lecturer on Political Science for Lombard University.

## IOWA BETA.

'88. Brother Aby is teaching in the high school at Sheffield, Ill.

'86. Brother Gruber visited the university a few days ago. He is engaged in the wheat business at Duluth, Minn.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

'75. Prof. W. C. Jones is at present President of the Board of School Directors at Berkeley.

*In Memoriam.*

HALL OF OHIO EPSILON, }  
February 28, 1887. }

WHEREAS, Through the visitation of Divine Providence, our beloved brother, Charles Sherman Ticknor, has been summoned from this life, be it

*Resolved*, That the sympathies of this chapter, of which he was a member, be extended to the family and the friends of the deceased, in the loss of one so noble, generous and true ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the SCROLL for publication, a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy engrossed upon the records of this chapter.

A. A. KOHLER, }  
H. H. HENRY, } Committee.  
H. D. SMITH, }

HALL OF MISSOURI BETA, }  
March 4, 1887. }

WHEREAS, An All-wise Providence has seen fit to call home a brother who was so lately in our midst, Wm. Y. McChesney, a loyal and faithful Phi, and an earnest Christian man ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of our beloved brother, our fraternity has lost one of its noblest and most faithful members, and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and also to the SCROLL for publication.

F. W. HINITT, }  
W. M. LANGTRY, } Committee.

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION.

■ The next National Convention will be held at Bloomington, Ill., in the XXXIX year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Monday, October 10, 1887, and closing the following Friday.

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           { Joseph Collaway, Montgomery, Ala.

Next Convention will be held at Tuscaloosa, Ala., Thursday and Friday following Commencement.

## CHAPTER REPORTERS.

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 Pennsylvania Alpha Alumni—Pittsburg, Pa.—W. F. Tredway, 96 Diamond Street.

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- Virginia Alpha—Roanoke College, Salem, Va.—C. F. Kuder.  
 Virginia Beta—University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.—J. D. Fletcher.  
 Virginia Gamma—Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.—J. C. Martin, Jr.  
 Virginia Delta—Richmond College, Richmond, Va.—R. C. Stearnes.  
 Virginia Epsilon—Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.—R. T. Goodwyn.  
 Virginia Zeta—Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.—R. E. R. Nelson.  
 North Carolina Beta—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.—W. H. McDonald.  
 South Carolina Beta—South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C.—J. R. Coan.  
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 District of Columbia Alpha Alumni—Washington, D. C.  
 Virginia Alpha Alumni—Richmond, Va.—Dr. C. M. Shields, 109 N. Fifth St.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

- Georgia Alpha—University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.—G. H. Winston.  
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 Georgia Gamma—Mercer University, Macon, Ga.—L. M. Nunnally.  
 Tennessee Alpha—Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.—Stewart Brooks.  
 Tennessee Beta—University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.—H. R. Bohn.  
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 Alabama Gamma—Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.—W. W. Mangum.  
 Mississippi Alpha—University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.—J. M. Oliver.  
 Texas Beta—University of Texas, Austin, Tex.—R. W. Smith.  
 Texas Gamma—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.—D. S. Perkins.  
 Georgia Alpha Alumni—Columbus, Ga.—Herbert L. Manson.  
 Georgia Beta Alumni—Atlanta, Ga.—Morris Brandon.



Tennessee Alpha Alumni—Nashville, Tenn.—R. F. Jackson, 56½ N. Cherry Street.

Alabama Alpha Alumni—Montgomery, Ala.—Alva Fitzpatrick.

#### DELTA PROVINCE.

Ohio Alpha—Miami University, Oxford, O.—H. Weidner, P. O. Box 38.

Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O.—O. G. Callahan.

Ohio Gamma—Ohio University, Athens, O.—A. E. Price.

Ohio Delta—University of Wooster, Wooster, O.—W. C. Miles.

Ohio Epsilon—Buchtel College, Akron, O.—E. F. Cone.

Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University, Columbus, O.—F. S. Ball, N. Dorm. O. S. U.

Kentucky Alpha—Centre College, Danville Ky.—F. N. Lee.

Kentucky Delta—Central University, Richmond, Ky.—A. Knobel, P. O. Box 242.

Ohio Alpha Alumni—Cincinnati, O.—Dr. J. A. Thompson, 113 West 9th St.

Ohio Beta Alumni—Akron, O. W. J. McCreary, 128 Brown St.

Kentucky Alpha Alumni—Louisville, Ky.—D. N. Marble, 543 Fourth Av.

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Indiana Alpha—Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.—F. B. Foster, Lock Box 20.

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Indiana Delta—Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.—C. M. Carter.

Indiana Epsilon—Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.—T. G. Brashear, P. O. Box 98.

Indiana Zeta—De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.—Ross Gahring.

Michigan Beta—State College of Michigan, Agricultural College, (Lansing), Mich.—W. M. Munson.

Michigan Gamma—Hillsdale College Hillsdale, Mich.—J. J. Heckman.

Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin, Ind.—T. C. Donnell.

Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis, Ind.—H. U. Brown, "*Indianapolis News*."

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Illinois Beta Alumni—Galesburg, Ill.—Rev E. L. Conger.

#### ETA PROVINCE.

Missouri Alpha—University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.—T. J. J. See, Lock Box 700.

Missouri Beta—Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.—J. E. Crawford.

Iowa Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, Ia.—E. H. Scott.

Iowa Beta—State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.—B. D. Connelly.

Minnesota Alpha—University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.—G. E. Burnell, 3132 Minnehaha Ave., S.

Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—W. E. Higgins.

Nebraska Alpha—University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.—J. R. McCance, Room 4, State Block.

California Alpha—University of California, Berkeley, Cal.—Fred. A. Allardt, 1127 Linden St., Oakland, Cal.

Missouri Alpha Alumni—Kansas City, Mo.

Minnesota Alpha Alumni—Minneapolis, Minn.—James Gray, "*Tribune*."

California Alpha Alumni—San Francisco, Cal.—C. S. Melvin, Oakland, Cal.

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## HISTORY AND NOMENCLATURE.

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IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHAPTERS AT DE PAUW, HANOVER AND ROANOKE—ARE THE TITLES OF INDIANA EPSILON AND INDIANA ZETA INCORRECT?

THE following letter, from Rev. D. B. Floyd, is of great historical value. Scarcely any early records of the chapters at De Pauw (formerly Indiana Asbury) University, and at Roanoke College are known to exist, and brother Floyd, being a charter member of each, is better prepared than any other person to give information about their establishment. As he intimates, he has preserved his fraternity papers and correspondence, which enable him to write with exactness as to dates and circumstances.

NEWVILLE, Pa., November 25, 1885.

DEAR BRO. PALMER :

Yours of October 28th, received. You desire me to produce sketches of the early history of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  at Greencastle, Ind., and Salem, Va., with which I was intimately associated and connected in their incipency. Owing to pressure of business engagements, I could not reply to your letter sooner. In the fall of 1867, I entered the preparatory department of Indiana Asbury University at Greencastle, Ind. There was considerable rivalry among the secret orders at that time for recognition on the programme of public performances. There seemed to be no "show" for "barbarians." Some fraternities united to defeat the others—the "frats" having everything in their own hands. Caucuses were held at which the "barbs" were invited, only to get their pledges for votes.

This thing went on until one day in January, 1868, C. O. Perrv, '69, approached me to know if I would join him in the formation of a new fraternity at Asbury.

I consented. We then secured as our coadjutors in this work

John R. Miller, '68, Tolbert Bartl, '69, Thomas J. Brant, '71, and Daniel M. Elder, '71. All of us had been solicited to join some one or more of the old fraternities, but declined. We did not like the spirit which they manifested, and we wished to belong to the same brotherhood. We did not know at this time into what fraternity we would land. All we knew about it at this time was that it would not be any fraternity which then existed at Indiana Asbury, to which we would attach ourselves. At this juncture—whether by accident or otherwise, may not be known—James S. Nutt, Esq., a former member of the Indiana Alpha, ran across our pathway. Nutt was a rising attorney at law in Greencastle. He presented the "claims" of the  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  as only a lawyer can. After due consideration, we determined to join the fraternity to which Nutt belonged. Accordingly, by a prearranged plan, we met in Nutt's law office on Tuesday afternoon, February 25th, 1868, where we found Samuel E. Mahan, Franc Parsons and Cyrus N. Nutt, from the Indiana Alpha, who initiated us into the fraternity. We all signed the bond and constitution that day except John R. Miller, who was not present. He subsequently signed them. My recollection of the date of the charter is that it was granted us at the time of initiation, February 25th, 1868. It was all planned and pushed through, because of the great rivalry between the fraternities for our men.

Our Chapter was chartered Indiana "Eta." It was so inscribed on our badges. I have mine yet, and the inscription is "——— Ind. Eta, I. A. U." The Chapter subsequently went down, and at its reorganization took the title of "Zeta" properly. The number of chapters in Indiana did not run down the Alphabet as far as Eta, at the time of the establishment of our Chapter. The only way I can account for the mistake is that the Alpha boys were so much hurried in granting the charter—giving it to us at the time of our initiation—that they did not consider whether or not they had a Zeta Chapter. When the Chapter at Terre Haute was afterwards established, it was given the name of "Eta" and our Chapter assumed that of "Zeta."

The members with whom I had personal acquaintance, were the charter members, and Henry C. Faucett and Harry A. Buchtel, '73. No others were initiated into the Chapter whilst I was in connection with the University at Greencastle. Whilst I was at Roanoke College, in 1869, a dissatisfaction arose among the members of the Chapter, which resulted in the withdrawal of Bartl, Brant and Buchtel. In 1870 Elder also withdrew.

Our badges were made by a firm in Chicago at a cost of \$12.00 apiece. There was no little stir among the students when we appeared at morning prayers on Wednesday, April 1st, 1868,

with our glittering badges on. This was the day that we publicly announced our existence. Up to this date some of the old fraternities were expecting and hoping to capture us.

At the June commencement, 1868, my connection with Asbury closed. I left for Roanoke College at Salem, Va., and entered the Freshman class of that institution in September, 1868. I kept up a correspondence, however, with my chapter. The many revolutions of the chapter were all made after I had severed my connection as an active member.

As far back as 1851, as you know, efforts to extend the fraternity into Virginia had been made without success. There had been a chapter of the order in the State of Texas before the war, but it was at this time defunct. As a faithful member of the fraternity in a Southern College, I felt that I had a very responsible mission to fill. I saw the opportunity afforded me of extending the order into the Southern States, and I embraced it. Accordingly I began at once to lay plans for the organization of a chapter at Roanoke College. The Grand Chapter of the fraternity was then at Chicago University. I began an extended correspondence with F. A. Smith, of the Illinois Beta. The envelopes in which his letters were enclosed displayed the firm name of "Smith and Kohlsaatt, Attorneys at law, La Salle St., Chicago," which attracted considerable attention, and aroused the curiosity even of the President of the College—that I should have so many letters from these attorneys at Chicago. The final decision of the Grand Chapter was, that, as I was a member of the Indiana Eta and amenable to that chapter for my conduct, my application be referred to the Alpha of the State in which my own chapter was located. I then opened up a correspondence with the Indiana Alpha through Samuel E. Mahan. In this way several months passed before anything definite was done. Finally, in the month of January, 1869, I secured the names of J. H. Van Devanter, M. J. Smeltzer, F. H. Terrill, O. D. Miller, W. F. Dyer, and W. H. Rex to a paper which pledged them to reveal nothing which I was about to communicate to them. I then showed them my fraternity badge and the catalogue, after which they all consented to join me in the establishment of a chapter at Roanoke College. I at once presented this pledge with the names signed thereto to the Indiana Alpha, requesting that the Bond and Constitution be sent me, with the power to initiate these men. In a few days, brother Mahan forwarded by express the Bond of the fraternity together with the By-laws and Constitution of the Indiana Alpha. In the room beneath the Ciceronean Literary Society Hall, occupied by Prof. Davis as a recitation room, on Saturday night, March 6th, 1869, I initiated the above named men into the fraternity. Smeltzer was chosen President, myself Secretary, and Terrill, Warden. By instruc-

tion I immediately made application to the Grand Chapter for a charter. It came on the 1st day of April, 1869. Thus was established the first chapter of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  fraternity in the State of Virginia. This was the only chapter of the fraternity that was in existence at this time in the South, except Kentucky Alpha at Centre College. The whole fraternity at that time numbered but ten living chapters, with a membership of 533 living and dead.

We at once took front rank among the fraternities at Roanoke. At different times we initiated R. Braden, F. H. Chalmers, S. Crocket, M. M. Hargrove, E. F. Hill, I. M. Long, Wm. Miller, I. S. Motter, and B. L. Rex. The outlook was hopeful. But by the next year trouble came. For the honor of the chapter and fraternity, we expelled Smeltzer for drunkenness. It was the means of division in the chapter. Chalmers, Hickell, Crocket, Motter and B. L. Rex sustained Smeltzer. Terrill, Hargrove, Wm. Miller, W. H. Rex and Floyd opposed him. There was a tie. The other members were not in the College at the time. Both sides referred to the Grand Chapter for decision. Smeltzer writing for his side and Floyd writing for the other side. The Grand Chapter sustained us and the opposition withdrew from the order.

Three of the Virginia Alpha boys became charter members of two other Virginia chapters. Terrill and Hargrove were charter members of the Virginia Beta at the University of Virginia, and Shields was a charter member of Virginia Delta at Richmond College.

I am yours in the bond,

D. B. FLOYD.

As is well known by those who have much knowledge of the history of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , there has been much confusion as to the titles of the Indiana Asbury and the Terre Haute chapters, each having for a time borne the title of Indiana Eta. It is settled, however, that the Terre Haute chapter was the last chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  established in Indiana. The minutes of Indiana Alpha, which I have examined, show that it was chartered April 15, 1869. But until the receipt of this letter from brother Floyd I did not suppose there was any question as to priority in point of time as to the establishment of the Indiana Asbury and the Hanover chapters.

Fortunately there is no doubt about the date of the Hanover charter. The date given in the 1883 catalogue, December 14, 1868, is correct, as attested by the charter itself in the chapter's possession. The only doubt is as to the date of the charter of the De Pauw chapter. As it is lost and probably will never be found, the only way to arrive at the date is to consider the evidence in the following

correspondence. Brother Floyd says the charter was given to him and his colleagues on the day of initiation, which was February 25, 1868. If that is true it makes the De Pauw chapter older than the Hanover chapter by the difference between February 25, 1868, and December 14, 1868. When I noticed this discrepancy I instituted a correspondence to gather all the facts about the matter that might be discovered.

Under the old system the Alpha chapter of each State issued charters to all other chapters in the State. I therefore requested brother Bert Fesler of Indiana Alpha to examine the archives of his chapter for the purpose of finding whether they threw any light on the subject. His answer follows.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 4, 1886.

DEAR PALMER :

I have looked through the archives to find the date of the establishment of Indiana Epsilon, but could get nothing positive. October 27, 1868, they had received the Bond and applied for a charter and other necessary papers, instructions, &c.

November 16, 1868: "We made a mistake and sent the petition to Illinois Alpha. It was returned to us this evening and now we forward it to you. *We would like very much for you to send us the charter soon, as we wish to come out with our pins on the second Friday in December.*"

The above is all I could find that would come any way near deciding the date of establishment. We have the minutes of the fraternity during those years, but there is nothing said concerning the establishment of any chapter. "The second Friday in December" was December 11th. And if they were chartered December 14th, as the catalogue says, then they did not get their charter in time to wear their pins, and it is possible that they did not get it for some time after. There are several of the charter members living. I know of one at my home, and I should think they would know positively about it.

In their petition to us for a charter, they say, "This is only a renewing of an old chapter that was here before the war; it was then the Epsilon chapter." So it seems they have the right to that name.

In reference to Indiana Zeta, De Pauw University, I find the following: The petition is endorsed. "Petition of Indiana Theta for chapter," the report for the first year is endorsed "Report of Indiana Eta." The date of the *first* petition for a charter is February 25, 1868. So there must have been some very lively work done if they could send the petition down here and have the chapter act upon it all in the same day.

The first report to us from Indiana Eta, or Zeta, as it now is, reads:

“ \* \* \* I would respectfully submit the above report of the Indiana Eta for the year 1868.”

It is dated December 23d.

Our archives are not complete by any means, and it is very hard to get anything definite about any subject. From all the documents I found, I am inclined to believe that Hanover College is entitled to the Epsilon chapter and De Pauw to Zeta.

Yours, in the Bond,

BERT FESLER.

It is true that an effort was made to establish at Hanover before the war. John Hancock McRae was commissioned to establish a chapter there, but there is nothing which I have seen to prove that a charter was granted to him. He died in his senior year at Hanover, and before accomplishing his object. He is enrolled in the 1883 catalogue under Ohio Alpha, class of 1853. Whether he himself was initiated is doubtful, but it is certain that no other person at Hanover was initiated then. Indiana Alpha was the only chapter which could grant a charter for a chapter at Hanover, and its minutes do not show anything about the *ante bellum* attempt, nor do they mention the charter which shows it was granted by Indiana Alpha, December 14, 1868. Brother Floyd makes the following additional comments under date of April 3, 1886.

DEAR BRO. PALMER :

It would afford me very great pleasure to further assist you in any way in gathering historical facts, which are so important to the fraternity.

I am sorry to say, however, that at this time I have no “documentary evidence” of the exact date of initiation of the charter members of our Chapter at Greencastle. I have had a record, but it has become lost in some way. I have on record many of the dates and facts, with which I furnished you. Some others I have fixed in my mind by association. Among them is the date of the day on which our Chapter was established at Greencastle. My recollection is that February 25th is the day. I am as certain as I am of anything that it was in 1868, and not far from the beginning of the year. I know that I was with the Chapter several months while I was at Asbury. I was there only one year, 1867-8. In September, 1868, I was a student at Roanoke. Therefore, I do most assuredly know that, if the date of the establishment of the Chapter at Hanover is December 14th, 1868, as you say, the date of the foundation of our Chapter at Greencastle *precedes it by several months*. I was a student at Roanoke College *at least three months prior to that date*.

I think you will be perfectly safe in recording the date of our Greencastle Chapter at February 25th, 1868.

Very truly yours in Bond, D. B. FLOYD.

And under same date the following :

DEAR BRO. PALMER :

Since writing you this morning, it occurs to me that the date of the establishment of the Hanover chapter should be December 14, 1867. It runs in my mind that that chapter preceded us in date of organization *some few months*. But I am very positive that if the organization did not take place until December 14, 1868, we are several months older. You see by what I said in my letter this morning to you, it is simply impossible for our chapter to have been organized so late as December, 1868.

Because I was a charter member—was several months an active member—before the close of the only session which I ever attended Asbury. Then came the summer vacation. Then in the fall—September—I was a student at Roanoke—all this occurring in the year 1868.

I notice in the catalogue of 1871, the Terre Haute chapter was established in 1868. You show from the record of Indiana Alpha that it was not chartered until April 15, 1869. This is conclusive that the 1871 catalogue is in error with the date of Terre Haute chapter.

I think, therefore, that it is very probable that the Hanover chapter was chartered *December 14, 1867*, instead of December 14, 1868. I am not the only one who gives the date of our chapter at February 25, 1868. But you will see that Mr. Bartl, who wrote a letter to one of our boys, which letter is in your possession, gives the same date. He was a charter member also, but expelled afterwards.

Very truly your brother,

D. B. FLOYD.

All of the foregoing correspondence was submitted to brother Charles H. McCaslin of the Hanover chapter. His reply is subjoined :

MAY 15, 1886.

DEAR BRO. PALMER :

Your favor of the 12th inst. at hand. I have carefully read the enclosed letters, as have some of the other boys, and while we are very loathe to accept it, the evidence there given seems well nigh conclusive that the De Pauw chapter is older by almost a year than ours. There cannot be much doubt about Floyd's statements, since his connection with the establishment of the Asbury chapter was so active and prominent he can hardly be mistaken, even after this lapse of time. His surmise as to the possibility of our chapter being established in 1867 instead of 1868, can hardly be supported, I think, and we can only accept the conclusion that, through the carelessness of Indiana Alpha,



we have been endowed with a title, which, while incorrect chronologically, has yet become so firmly crystallized during the eighteen years, almost, which we have worn it, that, to remove it would mar its beauty and break many pleasant associations which cluster round our old chapter. While the mistake seems evident from the facts at hand, and while De Pauw probably precedes us in age, yet I do not see much necessity for doing more than correct the records.

Fraternally,

CHAS. H. McCASLIN.

There is no reason to believe that Hanover chapter was established in 1867, as brother Fesler's letter shows that correspondence about getting a charter began in October, 1868. On the contrary there is every reason to rely upon the date which the charter itself bears, December 14, 1868. In the light of the facts produced there also appears to be scarcely any uncertainty about Indiana Asbury chapter being chartered February 25, 1868. Doubtless the delegates from Indiana Alpha to the initiation carried the charter with them with power to fill out the date, and they filled the blank with the date of the initiation. Certain it is that brother Floyd was at Indiana Asbury only during the session of 1867-'68. All the facts combine to prove that Indiana Asbury Chapter was chartered February 25, 1868, and is entitled to the title of Indiana Epsilon, and that Hanover chapter was chartered December 14, 1868, and should bear the title of Indiana Zeta, while the Terre Haute chapter, being chartered April 15, 1869, would be Indiana Eta.

The remarks of the present Editor in the SCROLL of March, 1887, upon the importance of keeping a true record of the growth of the fraternity, and upon the impolicy of obliterating chapters from our catalogue and changing their titles deserves careful consideration. At the convention at Indianapolis, in 1880, some chapters were stricken from the roll and the titles of the expurgated chapters bestowed upon others still living. I then advised this arbitrary legislation, but I have since seen my great error and editorially and otherwise have urged in the SCROLL that the action be repealed. Unless some steps are taken to correct our chapter roll the confusion which exists by reason of the unwise attempts to efface the records of some chapters and to change the titles of chapters in some States will be the despair of persons who hereafter will desire to study the history of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Better for the chapters in those States to acquiesce in the restoration of the true titles, and hereafter let us keep our chapter nomenclature true to the facts and to the requirements of the constitution. The question rests with the convention.

WALTER B. PALMER.

## THE MARCH CIRCULAR LETTERS.

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SIXTEEN FAIL TO REPORT—OF THESE SIX ARE EXCUSABLE—WHY THIS NEGLECT OF DUTY?

We have given over one month's grace and yet reports are still wanting from sixteen chapters. Of this number six are perhaps excusable on account of infancy or some other extenuating circumstances. New York Epsilon, Virginia Epsilon and Zeta, Alaoama Gamma and Illinois Alpha have good reason for their failure to report, but we hope they will be on hand when the roll is called in a twelve-month. Tennessee Beta is excusable for not reporting promptly, as their long vacation comes in the winter, and, although the college opens March 15th, the students are not all back or the chapters in working order till about April 1. However, the same circumstances exist with Michigan Beta, whose report reached us in due season. Tennessee Beta's excuse is only for not reporting *promptly* and we trust they will prove their good will by attending to their duty without further delay. Maine Alpha promised to report by March 21—as they also had a long vacation; but the middle of April is here and Maine Alpha's report is not. We can conceive of no reason whatever to justify silence on the part of Vermont Alpha, Virginia Gamma and Delta, Georgia Alpha, Alabama Alpha, Texas Beta, Illinois Delta and Epsilon and Wisconsin Alpha. All of these chapters are in a gratifying condition and are inexcusable for their failure to report. If they do report subsequently they are inexcusable for their delay. The December semi-annual issued from the University of Wisconsin, by Beta Theta Pi, gives us thirteen active members there, and yet no March report and *not a single chapter letter* have come from our chapter there during this college year.

After noting the numerous reports which have made themselves "conspicuous by their absence," we cannot fail to remark that the forty-six so far received are all conspicuous by the fact that each differs in size from all the rest—so it seems to us—notwithstanding the requirement that they shall be "five by eight inches." The system of measurement in vogue in different sections of the country must be very different, or else somebody has been careless. We have all sizes from the *nine by six* of Pennsylvania Epsilon and Virginia Alpha down to the "cute" little *six and a half by five* leaflet of Mississippi Alpha. Massachusetts Alpha, for instance, is accurately five by eight. There are a few others like it, but they are the exceptions that prove that the rule can be observed, and that its observance will give us a neat and convenient form. Probably the size was regarded as a matter of minor importance; but when those who so desire

come to bind them—and that is the only safe means of preservation—they will find the size of more importance than they thought. Next year let's have all *five by eight*.

We will not have much to say about the individual reports and the facts they contain, because every chapter has them, and all who realize their value as a means of knowledge, both of ourselves and others, will, with us, see the value of the advice given by the *Beta Theta Pi*, and prove that they see it by following it. "We may also suggest that each chapter devote some special occasion to the consideration of these circular letters, having each read aloud and commented upon."

The first one on the list is New Hampshire Alpha. A membership of thirty-one—although smaller by four than Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, the next in the order of size—is certainly a gratifying condition when all the other chapters are old established eastern orders.

Massachusetts Alpha, another *adolescens*, gives us terse and gratifying information regarding itself, but a little more about the other fraternities would add to the general value of the letter.

With nineteen on her chapter roll, New York Alpha compares favorably, to say the least, with her competitors for Hellenic honors at Cornell. Their short description of their chapter house is certainly "of interest," and proves that the first year of their existence has not been wasted in idleness. These three reports are all models, as far as paper, type and presswork (no mean considerations) are concerned.

While the youngest chapter at Union, New York Beta, shows that it is equal to any, if not superior to some—Sigma Phi, for instance. Although the typographical appearance is not of the best, this report is admirable as it touches on all the subjects—the chapter, the rivals and the college—and gives us substantial information.

New York Gamma's letter is neat but hardly complete, as it fails to give us any general information about the other chapters. The inside, clear-across arrangement is neat and well chosen for a circular, but binding will play havoc with the middle part. The alumni information is complete.

New York Delta, again, lacks in not giving any information regarding the condition and standing of her opponents. The report might have been expanded considerably to advantage.

The next—Pennsylvania Alpha—is a gem in its abundance of alumni information, and its general appearance is neat and tasty in the extreme. This report would have been improved if the alumnus had been so well informed regarding the fraternity as the fraternity regarding the alumnus.

Pennsylvania Beta is brief, but tells her story well. With a prosperous college and a prosperous chapter, and especially "on a

firm financial basis," they should not be unhappy. Like so many other reports they might easily enlarge somewhat in the facts concerning the other chapters.

Pennsylvania gives us another gem in the six-page letter from Pennsylvania Gamma. What Pennsylvania Alpha lacks Pennsylvania Gamma supplies and *vice-versa*. General fraternity information for the alumnus is in abundance, but the alumnus himself is forgotten. The idea of giving a picture of some of the college buildings is not bad, but the cut should be a good one. The honors held and secured by the undergraduates, together with their position at the front in point of size, justifies Pennsylvania Gamma in congratulating herself.

Pennsylvania Delta's information regarding its men, past and present, is quite complete as far as it goes. The occupations, however, should be given where possible. General local news is brief but gratifying, but, as in too many other cases, not enough is said of the other chapters.

The next two in order are of the "blanket" size, and neither is remarkable for excellence of typography. Pennsylvania Epsilon gives little in the line of college and fraternity notes save the Powell case, which, very properly, is dealt with at some length. Phi Delta Theta stands second in order of size with Beta Theta Pi and Theta Delta Chi at the other end. Beta Theta Pi's account of her virtues as set forth in her December circular letter from Dickinson may interest our brethren there. Thus she argues her claim to superiority: "1st, we never hurry men into the chapter; 2nd, immorality and coarseness are excluded; 3d, the life of each member is an influence on the others; 4th, an ideal quality of friendship is cultivated; 5th, non-fraternity men yield us the palm." This is gotten up in true Beta style, but none the less so is her characterization of "the others:" "Phi Delta Theta stands well morally, but without much refinement. Sigma Chi has two or three preachers; as for the rest—same old story. Like Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi is a heterogeneous herd, with three or four very good men and some, otherwise. Phi Psi's are made by the 'hustling' process. A young man steps off the train, a dozen Phi Psi's surround him, and in a few hours he wears the badge. This is literally true. These fraternities, with one exception, are abominably rash in selecting men." We are glad that none of our chapters have stultified themselves in their reports by such descriptions.

Virginia Alpha, in her six by nine, shows that her position is creditable, at least in regard to numbers, on which count she is far in the van. She should give us a little more definite information than simply assuring us that her "condition is flourishing, as is generally conceded."

Virginia Beta's report is neat in the matter of paper and type.

Their information regarding alumni is valuable though brief. No mention is made of any other fraternity being in existence at the University, although we have always been under the impression that there were one or two at Charlottesville besides Phi Delta Theta. Surely, at such an institution notes of "our friends" would have made interesting reading.

The two years of North Carolina Beta's existence have been put to good use, but her letter is rather too brief and general. Some account of the other fraternities should have been given and the relative positions of them and the Phis should have received some attention.

South Carolina Beta tells us that she has had "a very prosperous year," but just as we are waiting breathless for a detail of the glories won she withdraws and whispers "modesty forbids our saying any more." Come now, don't be over modest. If you have any more to say, say it, and remember that you are saying it to your brothers in confidence. These secret circular letters are to cover ground without the scope of the regular SCROLL chapter letter. Give us all the *facts* you have so long as you don't stoop to invidious and vulgar comparisons. We do not like the statement in this letter that "fraternity circles have recently been stirred up by a rumored advent of a chapter of  $\Delta K E$ ." Chapters should be careful about being too hasty in reducing rumors to "cold type," (more especially, however, in the SCROLL letter than in these.) They often cause embarrassments and nearly always fail to materialize. We doubt if this rumor was ever even a rumor to Delta Kappa Epsilon herself.

Georgia Beta blooms forth, serene and smiling, beneath the rose and the June bug. Fraternity and college news is pretty well given and the membership exceedingly well if the classes of those who left before graduation, and the employment of the '84, '85 and '86 men had not been omitted. In the list of initiates we don't like to see '91 men. Come, ye Oxford Phis, let us have no more "preps."

Georgia Gamma has so much to say she must needs say it in "nonpareil" in order to get it in. We had rather she had used a little more space and given us "long primer." For the information of the uninitiated we will say that in the make-up of this letter the second and third pages were transposed. We do not consider it in good taste to make such statements as "Georgia Gamma claims to be the banner chapter of the province." When we want to "scratch our own backs," as it were, we can say that Phi Delta Theta is the banner fraternity and—though the statement may, perhaps, not be literally true—not thereby offend a part of our own body politic, but when one chapter claims to stand at the head it also claims that all others stand below—which statement again, perhaps, may not be liter-

ally true—and, though, the imputation may be unintended, still it is rather “robbing Peter to pay Paul.” In general information the letter is perhaps above the average, but a grievous error was made in omitting the class in the list of members. The closing sentiment of brotherly regard is warm and far-reaching, but we wonder how the far down-easters like the adjective “bleak.”

A good sketch of the college—for the limited space—is given us by Alabama Beta. Conspicuous in the report comes this: “We initiate no men who are not in the college proper, condemn this practice, and would be glad if we could never more see in the SCROLL ‘We are proud to introduce to the fraternity brother ——, of the sub-freshman.’ Our fraternity is *strictly* a college fraternity, and we do not feel disposed to degrade our dignity by reaching out to the High Schools for accessions, and, in fact, we do not feel authorized to do so.” When we read that, we involuntarily said “Bravo!” and wished we could give Alabama Beta a good hearty pat on the back and say “Good for you, old boy, of course you have not the authority.” We do not comprehend the remark that “our only present rival is Alpha Tau Omega” when Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon both have fairly good chapters. The alumni notes are especially full, and, all in all, this is a very good letter, except that the arrangement is bad.

Tennessee Alpha presents a tasty sheet, but it is hardly extensive enough. Had they given as much information regarding themselves and their rivals as they did regarding Vanderbilt the letter would have been much more valuable than it is. One distinctive feature about this report is that it gives initials only—in no case the full name. This is a point in which nearly all the reports are lacking, but none so much as this one. The full name should, in all cases, be given. The occupation, address and chapter of the Nashville Phis also should not have been omitted, and alumni of Tennessee Alpha especially should have been looked after. However, we can easily see that the Phis, as usual, have a strong lead at Vanderbilt.

Ah! here’s a “wee, wee” one. Who is it? Oh, yes, Mississippi Alpha. Reports should be *five by eight*. Mississippi Alpha has a habit of slipping out and would probably have been lost had we not taken the precaution to pin it to one of its bigger brothers. The typographical appearance of this letter is not at all to be praised. Information of all kinds is sparse, and we don’t like to see the names of three “preps.” on the active membership list.

Young in years but ripe in experience, Texas Gamma presents a neat and modest letter and makes a creditable showing. They deserve and have the sympathy of all fraternity men

in the dark hours of faculty opposition. Texas Gamma has its fair sisters with the rest of us, but—we're afraid the fellow who wrote this letter is in love.

We are proud to see the next one on hand. We all revere the memory of the buried days of the "Old Miami" and unite in saying "God speed the New." Ohio Alpha has not much to report. The bygone days are familiar to us all and the history of the new era has but begun to record itself. The Phis have their full quota of the honors and are on good terms with their only rival.

Ohio Beta might with profit expand somewhat on the details of her information and should give full names and classes of her members. No attention whatever is given to alumni. The pan-Hellenic fraternity has placed a chapter at Ohio Wesleyan.

Ohio Gamma and Kentucky Alpha look like sisters sure enough. The former gives us a good general letter, and while neglecting the graduate, gives the under-graduate list in commendable style.

Ohio Delta has surely passed over into the land of the blessed. Her "relations with the other fraternities, in the main friendly, and, in some cases, even cordial; with all debts paid" and eager and ready for the pleasures of taxation, surely, she presents a "picture of peace and prosperity." One-quarter of her members "preps," however, looks *very bad*. An attempt has been made to give some alumni notes and, all together, the letter is good.

Ohio Epsilon and Ohio Beta alumni come in the shape of twins. The letter is neat and well printed, but a trifle too large. The alumni list would have been admirable had the occupations been given. Generally the letter is good.

Ohio Zeta gives an account of her beginnings, and tabulates the fraternities, which is probably the best way, were some general notes added. We are of the opinion, Ohio Zeta, that preparatory students should not be initiated *no matter how many terms work* they have credit for. An alumni list might easily have been given here as it is so brief and hence so easily secured.

In a fair letter, Kentucky Alpha shows that she is "holding her own." Not much college news is given, the alumni are conspicuous by their neglect and the list of active members is marred by a '91 man.

Phi Delta Theta is doing well at Central University, as evinced by the annual of Kentucky Delta. With a fair share of *alma mater's* honors, lacking but one of being equal in membership to the largest, and with four Phis—College President and three professors—in the management of the University, their short career has certainly been marked by a long stride in the direction of prosperity.

With its pretty little boat and rather poor print, Indiana Alpha,

the "veteran chapter," tells us of her prosperity. When a chapter is in good condition "financially" it is most likely to be so in the "otherwise." Some attention should have been given to the alumni and the general notes might have been more profuse.

Indiana Beta was not forgotten when they passed around the honors at Wabash, and with less than one-third of the fraternity men she managed to gather in the "lion's share." The letter is rather too brief.

Indiana Gamma reports progress and prosperity, fills her *role* satisfactorily in the college drama at Butler, gives a good list of active members and gives it *properly*, but makes no mention of her correspondent members—save to call for information—the proper thing to do if they have it not already.

Indiana Delta furnishes an excellent report and shows that it "is making hay while the sun shines." The only thing to mar its beauty is the presence of more names from '91 than from any other class save '87. Cannot a chapter of the standing of Indiana Delta forbear initiating preparatory students?

The graduate members of Indiana Epsilon are not forgotten, and, although the letter is brief, it is better than many on that account.

The same might be said of Indiana Zeta, and this letter is quite satisfactory. The sun of prosperity shines over De Pauw and the fraternities rejoice in "good fellowship." Where such a broad spirit of pan-Hellenism finds room why cannot an agreement be effected whereby the initiation of "preps." shall cease?

The front page of Michigan Beta's report is pleasing. It does not show the poor taste of many by trying to fill up the whole space with a profusion of matter, large type and numerous boquets. The report is good, though brief, and the chapter is to be congratulated on coming forth promptly from the seclusion of her long vacation.

A model, indeed, is the letter of Michigan Gamma. With all matter arranged systematically under the four heads: "The College, Fraternities, The Chapter, and a complete list of Initiates in the order of signing the Bond," and with a picture of the grounds and buildings, the report is well gotten up indeed, even though the print and the paper might be improved on.

All alone in its glory comes the only Illinois report from the "Phi Parlor" of Illinois Zeta. They are to be congratulated on owning their meeting-place. We said "yea, verily 'there's nothing new under the sun.'" when we read "for our initiations, we have the use of the whole basement of the University." The report is hardly "breezy" enough, but shows a good membership roll.

A monument, truly, is the twelve-page sheet from Missouri Alpha, and we think it deserves first place for painstaking labor



and completeness. It is certainly almost perfect. If all were so thoroughly gotten up, catalogue work would be but "child's play." The alumni list is *complete*, and college and fraternity notes are full. Missouri Alpha deserves congratulations.

Missouri Beta's print is poor and, though the letter shows prosperity, it is too brief and doesn't give enough general matter.

Iowa Alpha's report is brief but well gotten up, and fully up to the general run. The membership list is neatly and conveniently given, but here again we find twenty per cent. are '91 men.

The report of Iowa Beta is neat, well printed and on excellent paper. General information is brief but to the point, and the "Personals" form a praiseworthy feature.

Minnesota Alpha gives a very complete report, omitting none of the important heads, and shows that in its brief career it has made itself felt in the northwest.

The same can be said of Kansas Alpha, although the print might be improved on; the report is complete and interesting, especially the true Kansas verse

"The dagger and shield  
Their presence revealed  
In the halls of K. S. U."

Nebraska Alpha tells her tale with brevity. Their personal matter and general information are good, but it literally makes us weep to see Phis stoop to the *sub-sub*-freshman.

California Alpha in her short career since rejuvenation, has taken a firm hold on affairs at Berkeley. Her letter is full and the college notes are especially praiseworthy. Although late, it is in all ways acceptable.

Delta Province, the one that first gave the system definite shape, reports in full, as do also Epsilon and Eta Provinces. These twenty-four chapters with none failing to report should bring the blush to the inexcusable delinquents. In Alpha Province three are wanting—one with good cause. Four chapters in Beta Province fail to report, two with good excuse. Of five chapters in Zeta Province four fail to report and three have no excuse. Gamma Province is at the ignominious end of the list with five delinquents—three inexcusable. Here is the "Black list" in full, again—Maine Alpha, Vermont Alpha, Virginia Gamma, Virginia Delta, Georgia Alpha, Alabama Alpha, Texas Beta, Illinois Delta, Illinois Epsilon and Wisconsin Alpha. We are ashamed to be compelled to present such a long one, but our showing is even better than that of Beta Theta Pi, to whom the system is less novel and with whom it should consequently work to greater satisfaction. Where Beta Theta Pi has a chapter at the institution at which one of our delinquent chapters is located it has reported. Of

Beta Theta Pi's forty-nine chapters twelve are delinquent, or over 24% fail to report. Of our sixty-two chapters sixteen are delinquent. Six of these had sufficient reason for not reporting, leaving ten actually delinquent, or about 16 %. Although we have, perhaps, done better than others, we are not at all satisfied ourselves. Some may think we have done quite well, but, frankly, we don't. Why ten of our vigorous chapters should fail to observe the requirement is beyond us. We give it up.

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#### ALUMNI SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It has been so often pointed out, and all so well know it, that it were idle to enlarge on the great importance of alumni subscriptions to THE SCROLL. The time to subscribe is before you leave college, for what is put off till to-morrow is never done, especially if it be the sending of a subscription to your fraternity publication. As many '87 men as can should subscribe for ten years, and send the requisite \$5 to the Business Manager before graduation. All should subscribe for at least one year. Three seniors in each chapter would be putting the average low. The sixty-three chapters, if every senior subscribes for the coming year, will give us \$186—no small consideration. All '87 men who can't conveniently subscribe for ten years should subscribe for one, *and do it now*. The amount to you is small, but the benefit to THE SCROLL will be great.

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## EDITORIAL.

**N.B.** —To all correspondents. The Editor must in all cases be addressed  
"Editor of the SCROLL," P. O. Box 1431, New York, N. Y.

COME, Wisconsin Alpha, what is the matter? Why have we had no letter from you this year?

UNTIL about the middle of September, the Secretary of the General Council may be addressed at "National Military Home, Ohio."

ALL chapters at colleges where annuals are published will please forward a copy of same for review in THE SCROLL to J. E. Brown, National Military Home, Ohio.

AGAIN we would urge all those chapters who are yet in arrears for their SCROLL tax for the current year to remit the same to the Business Manager, without further delay.

OUR catalogue note last month has unearthed a gold mine. We now have on hand a limited number of catalogues, which can be had for \$2.50, postage prepaid. Address the Historian.

THE Editor has been rather slighted in the matter of circular letters. Purely by an accident has he been enabled to possess himself of those issued, for the purpose of review. Next year don't forget the Editor.

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BUT shortly since, we asked the question—which will be the first State to have an “Eta?” The answer has come sooner than we had anticipated, and to Pennsylvania belongs the honor of being its God-mother. To the chapter at Lehigh we give a cordial salutation.

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A LARGE majority of chapters having voted in favor of postponing the convention, the General Council has acceded to their wishes. The extra tax is remitted, the regular \$2 only being now due. Do not delay payment but remit the tax immediately to the Treasurer. Prompt payment is essential.

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THE recently enforced Interstate Commerce Law will have the effect of making our conventions much more expensive than they have formerly been. Heretofore we have generally saved one-third, and frequently one-half. Under the new Act each delegate must pay full, regular, single fare going and returning.

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THE June SCROLL will be sent to Reporters as usual and, in case any of the colleges close before it is issued, full instructions for mailing must be sent to the Business Manager. Otherwise he cannot be responsible for their safe delivery or furnish other copies in case those first sent are lost on account of non-compliance with these instructions.

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THIS month we publish an interesting and valuable series of correspondence relating to the early history of two Indiana and one Virginia chapters. It appears that the chapters at Hanover and De Pauw should exchange titles. The circumstances now brought to light are certainly curious and will be of great aid in straightening out our history, to the extreme importance of which we called attention, editorially, in March.

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WE don't propose to keep “dinging” instructions into the Reportorial ear. College men should know how to write for

print. If they don't, it's time they learned. If your letter—initiates, personals, or anything you send—fails to appear, know that you have violated some cardinal rule which has been continually “drummed” at you. We are done drumming, and the student of the first principles of English letter writing must seek elsewhere than THE SCROLL for his knowledge.

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KANSAS ALPHA asks: “Doesn't the Editor stretch the meaning of the Constitution in his editorial on ‘Preparatory Students?’” Here is a fair question to all: Who stretches the meaning of the Constitution—the Editor, and that large number of chapters and individuals that support his position and endorse his views, or Kansas Alpha, and the rest of the chapters that shame the fraternity and violate its laws by initiating men not eligible to Phi Delta Theta under that same Constitution?

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THE different fraternity journals seem, with but few exceptions, to utterly neglect all matters of general information. There are events transpiring continually which are of common interest to all Greek fraternity men, and we think it should be the duty and aim of the Greek publications to obtain them for the information of their readers. THE SCROLL certainly desires to do so, and to this end requests all Phis, and especially chapter Reporters, to furnish such items of general information and news as are likely to be of interest to the fraternity in general.

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THE “pirating” of the design of our badge, in whole or in part, by a few fraternities that have no scruples against such underhanded methods has been the burden of numerous communications of late received by us, and which urge the desirability of patenting our design. In the first place we cannot obtain a design patent because the emblem has been too long in use and, provided we could, we do not want to do so for we would thereby relinquish our claim to *exclusive* right at the end of the patent-term. We claim a *perpetual exclusive* right to our badge design, and we can maintain it at Common Law. Phi Delta Theta is a corporation recognized by law, and the *design* of our insignia is its private property and can be protected against irresponsible and unscrupulous infringers. We are not too modest

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to say that we consider the pin we wear a handsome one, and while we cannot question the good taste, from an artistic point of view, of those who copy it, we would rather have the compliment come in some form more honorable to those giving it.

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Of all the good fortune for which Phi Delta Theta should be thankful, there is no more marked instance than that, at the three most critical stages in the history of THE SCROLL, have appeared in succession a trio of editors, such as have given their combined talent to the building up of no similar publication—Bates, Thomas, and Palmer.—*Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

Certainly such a galaxy has never graced the publication, if any other department, of any Greek-letter order but our own. Truly was it a critical stage in the history of THE SCROLL when the first of the trio took the helm. With practically no model before him the field was almost totally unexplored, and yet Bates breathed such life and vigor into the first issues of the quarterly he was called upon to edit that its career from the word “go” has been continuously prosperous and its spirit progressive. No other fraternity journal ever had the fortune to have *at any time* such a brilliant editor as THE SCROLL had at the very start. The other two men, of necessity, underwent no such crucial test as did Bates, but their names mark epochs in THE SCROLL’s career, and into that field they carried the activity, the push and the determination which have characterized all their labors for Phi Delta Theta.

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Let us publish a sixty-five page journal every month, and devote thirty pages to fraternity matter, and thirty-five to literary articles of especial merit, and to college news and notes from all parts of the country. The articles will be contributions from the pens of some of the most gifted educators, scientists, metaphysicians, and politicians, as well as from the best writers of our own active and alumni members (we write advisedly). Such a journal will be received with favor and read with interest by every college professor and student in the land, consequently its circulation will be doubled, yea, trebled, in a brief time; and as a medium for advertisements, it will offer such advantages that the revenue from that source and the subscription list will be sufficient not only to pay all expenses of publication, but also to give the editor-in-chief and business manager sufficient remuneration. This is no Utopian scheme—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

I don’t favor the project. I don’t favor it because I don’t think it will be a success. Our subscription list would not be lengthened, because this literary department would almost necessarily smack of the ordinary college magazine,

and our alumni have no appreciation of such attempts. *Besides, the fraternity journal is no place for anything but fraternity matter; it should be filled with discussions of questions pertaining to fraternities in general and in particular, reviews of other fraternity magazines, all kinds of Greek news, a plenty of editorials, chapter histories, personals, etc.* The model fraternity journal should contain the cream of the Greek press, well interlarded with original matter.—*Kappa Alpha Journal (a later issue).*

Such a broad and comprehensive scheme as that outlined in the first clipping it has rarely been our lot to run across, and certainly in the field of fraternity journalism it "caps the climax." The "bold enthusiast" will probably not be heard from again, for he evidently, as the second clipping shows, hasn't it all his own way even within the prescribed limits of Kappa Alpha South. We here produce these extracts because they present the contrast so forcibly. The gist of the whole matter is that strictly literary articles, containing nothing of interest to fraternity men from the fraternity standpoint, have no business in the fraternity journal. The field for it is forcibly and briefly defined in the lines we italicize in the second clipping above.

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OUR archives are not complete by any means, and it is very hard to get anything definite about any subject.—*Letter from Bert Fesler.*

ALL who have ever had occasion to search some musty old chapter records in quest of documents which may have become extremely valuable as throwing light on mooted but essential matters, or even in search of a continuous and properly prepared journal of the chapter's doings will realize the force of the extract above and the great importance of systematic and thorough work in recording the chapter history—which is the fraternity history—in the minute book. The record of the fraternity during a number of the early years is chiefly the record of Ohio Alpha, Indiana Alpha, Kentucky Alpha and perhaps one or two more, and had all these been properly kept the task of tracing back to the beginning would be far easier than we now find it. We had traveled a long distance before we seemed to realize the importance of looking back, and when we came to do so we found the pathway over which we had come, but poorly marked. Years of painstaking research have brought to light many of the missing links. It is perhaps natural that at the beginning there should have been a lack of that system and care which expe-

rience has proven so essential and which are the indispensable requisites to thorough and flawless records. In the case of the old records we have but to search and put together what we find, but it behooves us to heed well the lesson we have so dearly learned. We can see no advantage to be gained by an enforced uniformity of record for every chapter, because circumstances and tradition may adapt one method as best suited to one place whereas it would not do so well elsewhere; but every record should be preserved so that "he who runs may read"—thorough, exact and—by all means—legible. Procrastination is vicious everywhere, and no meeting should find the doings of the last unrecorded. All records and important papers should be insured against destruction and loss by some unforeseen calamity. Next time it may not be a Civil War, but whatever will be the cause, no one can tell when it will come, and this chapter or that find its career cut short, and if the ends have not all been tied as they protruded, there will be but snarls and tangles. We have now no Grand Alpha, no State Alpha, to be of more prominence and importance than the rest. All are equal, and the record of our development can never be complete while one link is missing. The old chapters have but to see that confusion be kept to the past; but those that have no silent gap to bridge, those whose star is just risen, will be inexcusable and even grossly blamable if, with the experience of others before them, of them some future fraternity historian should be compelled to say "the archives are not complete by any means, and it is very hard to get anything definite from them."

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It is among the alumni of a fraternity that the real strength lies, and I should like to see our alumni more enthusiastic. \* \* \* I am glad to see the step the New York alumni have taken, and I hope that it will be a step toward the solution of this knotty problem.—*Letter from Frank D. Swope.*

Probably no subject is oftener discussed and certainly none is of more supreme importance than the question of "alumni loyalty." As brother Wilbanks remarked two months ago:

The time given to such society matters should be confined to the period of a young man's college career, and yet—he adds—after the lapse of nearly two decades, I still feel a lively interest in the literary and intellectual growth of our cherished Phi Delta Theta

The college fraternity is strictly what its name implies—no



other college organization can take its place—and its earnest of true brotherhood gives to its members a stamp which is distinctive and enduring. The line which divides *fraternity* from all else is clear-cut and fixed, and can be no more ably put than in the following from the editorial page of the *Purple and Gold*:

And herein lies the difference, our brother: fraternity has what society has not, and by the having becomes a fraternity. Keep the road with care, watch for these guide posts, for when to secrecy is added unity, and from these are born fellowship and constancy—yes, and when to all is joined *alumni loyalty*, so eloquent and conclusive, then you have reached *fraternity*.

No consideration is more important—none so important—as true and never-failing *loyalty*—loyalty born of love and confidence—loyalty that knows no dividing line between the campus and the chapter hall of the student and the forum and the mart of active life. The seed is buried and the roots take hold and grow in the chapter hall. The blossoming and the blooming are in other fields. Plant the germ in desert soil, guide it not in its tender hours, and the blossom and the flower will never come. The secret of “*alumni loyalty*” lies with the student and in the chapter hall. Such regard and devotion must be there instilled as will weather the tests of the years when the “boys” no longer meet once a week. The chapter must do the work—first with the members of to-day, then with those of yesterday. The student of to-day will be the alumnus—loyal or disloyal—of to-morrow. Instill into him, above all, *constancy* to the principles and cause he has, in his younger days, espoused and no one need question his loyalty when he joins the “silver greys.” As to those who have “gone before,” the chapter must go to them and not expect them to come to the chapter. As brother Brown said in his chapter letter from Indianapolis last month their “chapter meetings are for the most part limited to street or office reference to the things so dear to us all.” The man of the world has not the time for such matters the young student finds. His chapter must come to him and show that years cannot make them forget him, and there will be no danger of him forgetting them. First see that your flame to-day is bright and well fed and then fan dying embers of yesterday and you need have not anxiety about the warmth and brightness of all to-morrow.

## THOUGHTS AND SENTIMENTS.

## PRE-FRESHMAN INITIATIONS.

*To the Editor of THE SCROLL :*

Your editorial in the April SCROLL, relative to the "vicious practice" of initiating students below the Freshman class, touched me in a tender spot. On the first proposition I do not care to speak. I grant that the practice should be discontinued. I agree with you that no one should be admitted into our order, except he be a member of college proper. But it is to your second proposition, viz.: "That no one in a preparatory or sub-freshman class, even if regularly initiated, is a Phi legally," that I object.

I do not for an instant question your motives. I doubt not that you were prompted by a desire to see the order flourish, and to raise the standard of her membership; and I respect the manly way in which you presented your opinions, without the least hesitation or evasion; but I submit that you have passed sentence upon some of us without giving us that privilege, which is not denied the vilest criminal, that of defending ourselves.

I acknowledge that I am a little warm on this subject; but I think that when my standing as a Phi Delta Theta is directly in question I have a right to be so.

Sir, you have impliedly charged every member of the fraternity, who was initiated during the preparatory years of his college course, with being an impostor, an intruder, claiming and enjoying privileges to which he is not entitled. You may make it appear so by the strict letter of the constitution, but you certainly cannot if you construe it in the spirit in which it was framed.

I know a score of men who took upon themselves the obligations of Phi Delta Theta while yet in the preparatory classes, at institutions where it was *not* a violation of the unwritten law, but where every fraternity practiced it, and had done so since their organization, and who gave much of the best part of their college days in laboring for the interests of the fraternity, who held high places in her councils, and who yet love her as dearly and labor for her as zealously as those who have come in at the eleventh hour, and I ask you how you propose to dispose of them?

If they are not legal members of the order then their names are out of place in the catalogue, the badges which a few still wear are decidedly out of place, and the conventions should not be graced with their presence.

You speak of a second initiation. Shall each man, then, return to his Alma Mater and be reinitiated? Surely not that! They

are no longer members of college, many of them have been out for years, and we have it upon your authority that "post graduate initiations and elections have been completely suppressed."

What, then, is the standing of these men? Are they lawfully constituted members of Phi Delta Theta, or are they not? I ask again, because I did not glean from the article whether it was a decision of the General Council, or an expression of the Editor's private opinion.

Columbia City, Ind.,  
April 4, 1887.

Fraternally,  
P. H. CLUGSTON.

[We are glad that brother Clugston has written to us as he has, because he represents a large number of Phis who took the oath of allegiance in their preparatory years, but whom we are not only willing but proud to name as brothers, and his letter will serve to bring home more forcibly to the chapters in question the folly of their ways. The article was an editorial, and as such was intended to express the voice of at least a portion of the fraternity. That it was not an individual opinion the endorsement of all of the General Council, and of numerous other men, whose names and opinions stand high in Phi matters, goes to prove. We meant the editorial to hit hard, but the tender spots it was aimed at were the transgressing chapters, with an eye to the future, and not innocent individuals, with an eye to unearthing the past. There are to-day no less than half a hundred Phis below the freshman class. We put the question fairly: Is this creditable to a "COLLEGE" fraternity, or is it not?

In regard to pre-freshman initiates not being legally Phis, brother Clugston says: "You may make it appear so by the strict letter of the constitution." On this point it is the strict letter of the constitution in its strictest sense that we would have followed in the future. As for the men of the past, *they are Phis*. The fraternity so acknowledges them, it so records them, and in so recording them it honors itself. That is enough. To the men who have gone before we extend the right hand of fellowship. To the erring chapters we say again: "Understand that *no one in a preparatory or sub-freshman class, even if regularly initiated, is a Phi legally.*" Such is the strict letter of the constitution. Observe it. Its spirit commands the same. "Let us have no more pre-freshman initiates."—EDITOR.]

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To Chapter Treasurers:*

Agreeable to requests from a large majority of chapters, the General Council has postponed the next National Convention to

1889. The extra assessment of \$1.50 necessary for the 1887 convention is therefore revoked and will not now be due.

Only Georgia Gamma has paid the annual tax of \$2.00 *per capita* which was due April 1st. It is of the utmost importance that this fixed and regular tax be paid at time specified by the constitution. I trust therefore there will be no delay, now that matters are settled. See Constitution, Art. XII., Sec. 3.

April 23, 1887.

S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

EVERYTHING seems to be going on as usual at Colby, and Maine Alpha is not by any means inactive. The Sophomore Declamation occurs Wednesday evening, and brother Burbank is our representative thereon. Lately a gymnastic instructor was added to the faculty, and now the Phis of Maine Alpha are taken up with this very valuable exercise. In regard to postponing the convention to 1889, Maine Alpha desires to say that she would rather have it in 1887, although the expense would be great and come hard, than to wait until 1889, and let the interests of the society suffer.

Brother Harvey, '87, has received and accepted an offer to be local editor of the Waterville *Sentinel*. The honor is much greater, as he did not seek the position. On the contrary, the position sought him.

April 14, 1887.

S. GALLERT.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

THE opening of the Spring Term finds us with sixteen active members. We shall probably lose five men this year by graduation and otherwise, leaving eleven good and loyal men to begin the work of next year.

On the evening of March 19, the initiation of Leonard Thurlow, '90, took place.

Nothing of importance has happened lately; the work of adding to our number is about done for the year, and each member is busily engaged in blending study and pleasure in that proportion which best suits the true college student.

April 15, 1887.

E. C. BOYNTON.

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

FOR a month past letters have been pouring in upon us from all parts of the country, all telling but one story—success and

enduring prosperity. When, on one day we received a letter from Texas, on the next one from California, and on the next one from Maine, we realized as never before that our fraternity was indeed a national fraternity, and we a band of brothers.

The standing of the several fraternities in our college up to March 2, was as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 16; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 11; Theta Delta Chi, 10; Phi Delta Theta, 11.

In mere numbers, as may be seen, we do not rank first. We do not consider, however, that the number of members in a chapter is necessarily a criterion of success. Our initiates have always been students of such character that, within its comparative short existence, our chapter has become the acknowledged peer of the oldest chapters in college.

April 16, 1887.

S. W. DUNSCOMB, Jr.

#### NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

WE are "holding our own" at Syracuse. Brother Hulbert is president of the Junior class, and brother E. M. Sanford is president of the Sophomore class. Brother Sibley has been chosen to write the Latin ode for Calculus Burial.

Our University is making steady advancement. A new observatory will be erected on the campus, during the coming season. The building will be constructed of gray lime-stone, rock-faced and ornamented with cut stone. The telescope is now being made by Alvin Clark and Son, of Cambridge. There will also be a transit instrument, astronomical and solar clocks, micrometers, spectroscopes, a comet-seeker telescope, and everything necessary for a complete observatory.

Through the liberality of the widow of J. D. Steele a lectureship in Theistic Science has been established, and next year a series of lectures on this subject will be delivered before the students.

In our letter for March, the fraternity given as Delta Psi should have been Delta Upsilon.

The editors of the *Onondagan* promise an unusually good thing, both in regard to cult and literary matter.

April 15, 1887.

M. R. SANFORD.

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

ON the thirtieth of last month, the annual contest between the F. and W. and P. and T. literary societies came off. Brother Ewing was orator, and brother Lippincott was debater. Both men had magnificent speeches, and delivered them splendidly.

Penna. Gamma was very largely represented at the first meet-

ing of Pennsylvania Alpha Alumni, at Pittsburg, Pa., and all were delighted at the cordial reception that was given them.

Brother R. B. Scandrett and W. T. Tredway paid us a visit last week.

Brother Rice, of Ohio Delta, also spent a few days of this week in our town. If he is a fair specimen of Ohio Delta men, that chapter is to be congratulated.

Brother H. H. Miller, assistant city surveyor of Bellaire, Ohio, spent Easter here.

April 12, '87.

J. ROBT. WRIGHT.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

LAST evening the Pennsylvania Eta came into being, ushered forth by the President of the Alpha Province, two members of the General Council assisting. Pennsylvania Alpha, our near neighbor, came over *en masse*—not a man failing to attend. We were introduced to the Phi goat in commendable style, and after the mysterious rites were completed we betook our visitors and ourselves to the inaugural banquet. Brother A. T. Throop acted as toast-master, and the following toasts were responded to in fitting words: "Phi Delta Theta," C. P. Bassett; "Pennsylvania Alpha," Harry L. Moore; "Alpha Province," D. R. Horton; "Pennsylvania Eta," T. F. Newby; "Our Athletes," R. P. Barnard; "THE SCROLL," E. H. L. Randolph; "Alma Mater," O. C. Burkhart; "Our future," F. R. Coates; "The Ladies," Wallace McCamant (Pa. Alpha).

April 16, 1887.

A. T. THROOP.

[We regret that the date of the installation was such as to prevent our giving a full account of the chapter and the college. The chapter starts out most auspiciously, and Pennsylvania Alpha will find its nearest and youngest sister one worthy the stock whence she descends. The ten men who compose the new chapter will all return in the fall. The only senior is valedictorian of his class, and will return as a post-graduate student. Of the University nothing need be said. It is one of the most progressive and wealthy institutions in the East, and so long as the Lehigh Valley R. R. exists it has behind it a most powerful corporation. With its vast endowment, its future is assured. Since January first Sigma Phi and Phi Gamma Delta have placed chapters there, and there is a possibility, if not a probability, of a fourth entering before the close of the current college year.—EDITOR.]

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#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA ALUMNI, PITTSBURGH.

It affords the new born Alumni Chapter great pleasure to state that its first Annual Banquet, held at the Allegheny Central Hotel, on Tuesday evening, April 5th, was a success.

The early part of the evening was devoted to reports from the various chapters represented.

At ten o'clock we were summoned to the dining-room, where we spent a most delightful hour. The tables were very beautifully and appropriately spread and decorated. While at the table a telegram from New York Alpha Alumni, signed E. H. L. Randolph and Dudley R. Horton, was received by W. E. Tredway, which contained words of greeting. It was hailed with loud applause. R. B. Scandrett was toast-master. The subjects of the toasts were: "The National Fraternity," A. J. Montgomery; "Penna Alpha Alumni Chapter," J. A. Langfitt; "Penna Gamma Chapter," H. T. Stewart.

Those present at the banquet were as follows: O. W. University—J. C. McCready (Meadville). Allegheny College—J. A. Guignon, F. S. Christy, Chas. L. Smith, C. V. Blaisdell. Lafayette—Sam'l H. McKee, Rev. E. J. Knox, J. A. Chalfant. Wooster University—J. W. Chriswell, W. S. Boone, F. S. Rice, N. G. Chalfant. Washington-Jefferson College—Jos. A. Langfitt, R. B. Scandrett, George W. Fulton. W. T. Tredway, W. A. Kinter, H. T. Stewart, C. A. Lippincott, J. M. Hill, A. H. Ewing, Frank C. Matthews, Jno. M. Clarke.

We feel that we have a pretty solid chapter. The reports as given by the boys from Meadville, Wooster and Lafayette, were very encouraging, as we regard them, together with the W. and J., as the feeders of our chapter.

Those not present at the banquet from various causes are: A. F. Brown, President of the Keystone Bridge Co.; H. J. Bigger (Lafayette), attorney at law, 152 4th ave., Pgh.; N. B. Hoagg, Allegheny City; Bob. Elliott, Rev. Alex. Hunter and E. J. Lindsay, of Dickinson College.

Of those at the banquet, J. A. Langfitt and J. A. Guignon are attorneys at law.

H. M. Campbell, W. J. Boone, J. W. Chriswell, G. W. Fulton and W. A. Kinter are at the Western Theological Seminary. W. T. Tredway is student at law, in office of Weir and Garrison. R. B. Scandrett is registered with Thomas M. Marshall; Scandrett is also Secretary of the Board of Control of Allegheny City and Professor of Algebra in the High School. S. H. McKee is of firm McKee and Caton, title examiners, in Baker's law building.

It is only the truth to say that the Phis of this city are "getting on in the world," very nicely and very rapidly. Allow me to wish the very best for all the college chapters throughout our own good and great country; to welcome you to visit our city and our chapter at any time, which, however, is understood among Phis in all places and all times.

April 14, 1887.

W. T. TREDWAY.

## ISTHMUS OF PANAMA ALPHA ALUMNI, ASPINWALL.

[We had no knowledge of the existence of this chapter, but as the letter comes in proper shape, with all the most approved platitudes, we reluctantly conclude that we are "behind the times," and assign it to its proper place.—EDITOR ]

NOTHING has occurred worthy of mention since our last report. We are still an enthusiastic band of firm and devoted believers in the ever-growing, eternal and perpetual power of the only and original Phi Delta Theta. Our noble band of brothers still waves aloft the white and blue, and, though few, we have a membership equalling, perhaps, but in no way resembling any other society in this country. "The smallness of our numbers is principally owing to the scarcity of good material."\*

As a resort of health and a place of numerous attractions, allow your reporter to call the attention of the members of "Our Noble Order"† to this school. We have a cemetery which, for the number of bodies to the square foot, would make all rival cemeteries hang their heads in abject shame. No idle waste is allowed by the occupancy of coffins, but the whole cemetery, in the words of one of our Southern poets—

"From the R. R. track to the board fence new  
Is solid nigger through and through."

This, my dear brethren, is a poet's hyperbole, for that sweet Isthmus song-bird, the rattle-snake, has a mortgage on a goodly portion of the nigger cemetery. And the name—do we call it the "Sleep of Death," or the "Last Rest?" Nay, nay; it's name is like itself, unparalleled and unique—we call it "Monkey Hill." There is another cemetery in the City of Panama, but it has an effeminate look of civilization, with flowers and monuments and other things of this kind. I am led to believe that an Alpha Delta and a Psi U have controlling shares in the latter institution.

But we have other things here. We have niggers. Be firm, my pen, be firm, lest I should let thee plunge into a description of the magnificent bird's-eye view of nigger that greets the enthusiastic eye of the beholder. You have them curly headed and straight haired, from the dark ebony of a new safe through the pleasing variations of black, dark chocolate, brown, yellow, light yellow, blotting paper, up to the very light tint of boarding-house coffee. We have also dark-lipped and red lipped, naked and clothed, and Heaven knows what! But it's nigger all around.

Then there is the hospitality of Aspinwall. Go along the principal street, and note the tender invitations to "Come in, darling," or "Walk in, baby," and you will find true Southern hospitality. Would you drink? Then step into any store in the

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† Ditto.



place, and you will find there whiskey which would make a Fourth Ward "politician" sign the pledge. Then—but why tell you all at once? I have a choice edition yet to follow of gambling dens, bar rooms, opium joints—all of which will interest you, I am sure. I might tell you now of the mosquito; but you might think I was exaggerating, and I would not have you mistrust me. Then there is the death rate, but space forbids my giving this. I might conclude with a little tale, however, which, on my word of honor, is strange but unreliable. A man—or rather a Jamaica nigger—was buried at "Monkey Hill" yesterday; and, as he was thrown out of the coffin, he requested a postponement of his burial, which was politely declined, and his protestations were stopped by a mouthful of "Monkey Hill" clay. The grave diggers arrived at their home late for supper.

Last evening the Panama Alpha Alumni had its 55th diurnal banquet since its establishment here. The different toasts were responded to with eloquence, wit, grace and sparkling repartee; tender memories of college and boyhood days, and a large assortment of other choice qualities, for which see back numbers of SCROLL. "Post Master General Vilas was unavoidably absent."

We have as yet initiated no yellow fever, though I believe cholera morbus and slight malaria have entered this sacred retreat of friendship.

With the best wishes for the fraternity, and a tender little faded hope that her reporters may handle the double-horned bob-tailed unicorn of veracity with the same regard as the Isthmus of Panama Alpha Alumni, I remain yours, with three cheers for our great and glorious Bill goat; long may she wave over the land of the free, etc.

April 5, 1887.

ALBERT SHIELS.

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### BETA PROVINCE.

#### VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

SINCE our last report very little has happened to us in the "fraternity line." Everything in regard to spiking men is ended for this year. We have initiated six men, which is far above the average. Brother Stuart left us some weeks ago; he will probably return next session. Brother Wise also has been compelled to withdraw on account of his health; I don't expect we shall have him with us again.

Our boys have been complaining a good deal about having to send out a circular letter. It seems of very little benefit, as they contain about the same things as the reports to the SCROLL, and besides few of the persons to whom they are sent ever read them. It is probably a good thing to send to the corresponding mem-

bers, but I don't see the reason of sending them to any one else. We have sent to our Province President our vote in favor of putting off the Convention.

Brother Buchanan (B. L., '83-4) paid us a flying visit a few days ago. He has just married Miss Nellie Sheffley, a niece of our Latin professor.

Brother Cockrell has been elected business manager of the *Virginia University Magazine*.

Brother Smith has been honored with the final presidency of the Y. M. C. A.

Brother Killam is quite confident of obtaining the same honor in our Temperance Union.

I hoped at this writing to give you some statistics of the different fraternities which have representatives here, but I must put them off until my next report. Nevertheless I can give a few.

The  $\Phi K \Psi$  held a district meeting here last week. The  $\Sigma A E$  chapter here, which, having died out many years ago, was revived in '84-5, have again sent in their charter. This time it is on account of internal disagreement. The  $B \Theta \Pi$  chapter sent in its charter last year, I think. At least they have only one man here this year. The  $\Delta \Psi$  chapter has only five men here this year, and the  $\Delta K E$  only thirteen.

April 9, 1887.

JNO. D. FLETCHER.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

### GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

BRETHREN of the Greek world: Think not that Georgia Beta is derelict in her loyalty to the SCROLL, because her regular communication failed to appear in the last issue. She is moving along with her wonted evenness and power, crippled by no winter demoralization or spring drowsiness. The live and energetic blood that has so long stamped her the prince among seven factions still courses in her veins, and the team supporting her banner in this the last quarter of the collegiate year, '87, are as valiant in representing the *white and blue* as her former veterans. Ga. Beta takes the lead among her numerous sisters in matters of business, which an extract from the letter of our Treasurer of the General Council clearly sets forth: "As usual, Ga. Beta leads the van in matters of business. I desire here to congratulate your chapter in the matter of doing what is to be done *promptly*. You will notice that your receipt is No. 1, no other chapter having paid dues yet."

To-day the annual contest for the Sophomore places occurred. These places are awarded for excellence in declamation, and as usual our Phis were on time, gaining five places out of twelve

awarded among seven fraternities and the "Barb" element. Brothers J. E. Mickler, J. W. Gillespie, W. G. Griffin, W. B. Smith and J. W. Duncan are the successful ones. Besides this there is no news to chronicle, save a flourishing chapter, loyal girls, and the prospects of a boom at commencement.

April 14, 1887.

J. E. McREE.

#### GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

FRATERNITY matters are quiet just at present ; but a little spiking is going on, and we hope to report good results from the same in the next SCROLL.

Three of our number left the University a few days ago, which reduces our number to sixteen. Brother J. W. Ledbetter, '88, was compelled to withdraw, to accept a position with H. W. Ledbetter and Co., brokers and real estate agents, Rome, Ga. We wish him the booming success his business qualities deserve. Brother W. M. Ross, '88, left us to take a place in the drug business with Ross and Jones, Fort Valley, Ga.; he will go to Philadelphia next fall to complete his course in pharmacy; we regret to part with him, for he was an active and earnest worker for the success of the chapter. Brother M. B. Campbell leaves us to look after the building and real estate interest of his father, at Americus, Ga.; next fall he will go to Florida to engage in the fruit-growing business. He made a noble record during his college course, and played a prominent part in the many victories of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and worked faithfully for the chapter's prosperity, and especially did he labor for the success of the Social Club the chapter prides itself on, and it was with sadness we parted.

Next month commencement speakers and class honors will be announced, and we expect a portion in the distribution.

We are making an effort to obtain photographs of our Alumni and officers of the fraternity. Already quite a number have been received. Judging from the ones received, when our photogallery is complete, we can boast of more handsome and distinguished faces than any other chapter in the college.

The chapter returns thanks to the General Council for the elegant engravings of the founders of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . They have been grouped together in a handsome frame, and placed in the club-room. The group is appreciated and highly prized by the chapter.

In accordance with the constitution of the fraternity, Georgia Gamma has sent out her first annual circular letter. The delay in issuing the letter was unavoidable. If any chapter or officer has failed to receive a copy, please notify us. We have received quite a number of chapter circular letters, and as soon as we can get a copy from each chapter we will have them bound in book

form and placed among the archives of the chapter. We have received many answers to our circular, commending the plan and speaking words of encouragement. It is a pleasure to hear from old Phis, and by our annual circular we will try to keep in closer correspondence with our alumni.

The fraternities here have formed a compact to issue a College Annual. Each fraternity has two representatives on the Board of Publication. This is the first time that the fraternities have pushed the same wheel in harmony. We hope this agreement will tend to soothe the partisan strife that has existed so long between the "Greeks." We are represented on the Board of Editors for the chapter by J. E. Brown, Jr., '87, D. Harper, '87, and by B. W. Helvenston, '87, from Phi Delta Literary Society, each of whom are well qualified for their ability and fitness for this new enterprise. The other fraternities are ably represented. In a few weeks we can show a College Annual second to none in the South, with a permanent organization to keep in the lead.

April 11, '87.

L. M. NUNNALLY.

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#### ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

SINCE our last report, Brothers S. C. Pitts, P. T. Vaughan, Jr., and T. M. Watlington have withdrawn from college. Brother Pitts resigned his place as assistant in Mechanic Arts to accept a position on the Alabama Midland R. R. Brother Vaughan was compelled to leave on account of his health. Brother Watlington went home to assist his father in business. In the absence of these members Alabama Beta realizes a great loss, for they are young men of high, moral, manly character, with honorable aspirations for eminence and distinction.

The following men have been appointed to speak next commencement, which will come off the 8th of June, two weeks earlier than usual: B. L. Boykin, Senior Class; J. T. Gregory and H. L. Brown, Junior Class. Sophomore speakers have not yet been appointed, but we hope to get a liberal share when the appointments are made.

April 12th, 1887.

L. W. WILKINSON.

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#### TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

TEXAS GAMMA is, as ever before, in a prosperous condition, still plodding her way through some pending difficulties—the opinion of the faculty still being adverse to our existence. We are working with zealous hearts and minds, and feel certain that we will reap a reward of success and recognition in the future. Our volume of membership is constantly growing. We have recently initiated brother J. W. Davidson of Eston, Texas, and brother

Alf. Yarborough, of Yarborough, Texas, and have some others under good control for future development.

We take much pleasure in mentioning the extensive list of honors for Texas Gamma men this term. On the commencement debate we are represented by brothers A. L. Camp and S. E. Decker—of the other two one is a Kappa Alpha and the other a Sigma Kappa Epsilon. Also on the intermediate debate for the 21st inst, by brothers James Kilgore and Frank Marris—one of the others being a Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the other a “non frat.”

Brother Decker is also editor of our Literary Journal, conducted by the two Literary Societies of the University,

Brother Marris will be our president on commencement occasion.

It has been a source of much pleasure and satisfaction to peruse the many circular letters pouring in on us from chapters far and near, and to know the extensive limits of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's extension, we are instigated to be more gallant in her cause.

April 12, 1887.

D. S. PERKINS.

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### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO EPSILON, BUCHEL COLLEGE.

THE Spring term opened the 29th of March and all of our brothers were found at their posts. Brother R. Tucker, '90, has returned after an absence of about six months, and brought with him a beautiful badge set with pearls and garnets.

So far as Ohio Epsilon is concerned, the issuing of chapter letters has been attended with both pleasure and profit. We have received a number of very entertaining replies from our alumni, who still take the deepest possible interest in the welfare of the fraternity.

The Annual Conference of the Northern Division of Delta Tau Delta met with the Eta Chapter at Buchtel College on the 25th and 26th of March.

Although it has been some time since the State Oratorical Contest at Delaware, O., which brothers Pixley and Henry and your reporter attended, yet it is not too late, since this is our first report since then, to relate how royally and pleasantly we were entertained by our brothers of Ohio Beta.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of a large number of chapter letters.

At a meeting last term we enjoyed a very pleasant call from brother “Bob” Walker, of Ohio  $\Delta$ , '85.

Brother Page, '86, of Corry, Pa., was with us the last week in March.

April 11, 1887.

E. F. CONE.

## KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

KENTUCKY ALPHA has not taken in any new men lately. At a meeting of the Senior Class, brothers Grubbs and Hamilton were honored with speeches for Class Day.

We have been working hard to get our new fraternity hall fixed up, but have not yet completed the work. We hope to have it furnished very soon.

April 14, 1887.

FRANK N. LEE.

## EPSILON PROVINCE.

## INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

THE last term of the college year is well under way, with Indiana Gamma in very good condition. We are seventeen at present.

Brother Gilcrest, '89, who was out last term, has returned, and again greets the boys (and girls, too), with his usual good-natured smile.

Brother de Hass has not yet returned for the term's work on account of sickness, but expects to be able to resume business soon.

Brother A. A. Williams, '90, is principal of the Irvington High School. He is keeping up his college studies, and intends to enter and complete the year's work after his school's commencement. Brother Pruitt, '85, the former principal, is now book-keeper for M. Murry & Co., Indianapolis.

Brother D. Fall's new Rudge light roadster makes the fifth wheel in Indiana Gamma.

In the primary oratorical contest, held last Friday evening, brother H. Th. Miller, '88, was awarded third honor.

Indiana Gamma, at a recent meeting, declared herself in favor of the postponement of the National Convention until 1889.

Our province convention will be held to-morrow at Indianapolis, and we expect to attend.

Brother A. B. Thrasher, M. D., of Cincinnati, O., favored our chapter with a letter, not long since, that contained words both of encouragement and advice. Brother Thrasher, one of the founders of the SCROLL, is one of our alumni, from whom we delight to hear. We should hear from all our alumni oftener.

Indiana Gamma sends her best wishes to her sister chapters—both the old and the new.

April 13, 1887.

E. A. GONGWER.

## INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

THE spring vacation has closed and we have now entered upon the closing term of the collegiate year. Among the few surprises

that awaited the students on their return was an introduction to the *ΔΤ* fraternity. The chapter was established April 2d, with the initiation of twelve men. We greet them with a cordial good will.

M. C. Summers, our ex-province president, called to see us a few meetings ago. Brother Summers is connected with the Chicago Inter-state Publishing Company.

E. F. Dyar, formerly a member of '85, has returned to resume his college work.

April 14, 1887.

ROSS GAHRING.

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#### MICHIGAN BETA, AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

MICHIGAN BETA can report progress in every sense of the word. Since our last report we have initiated William R. Hawkins into the mysteries of the Greek world. We have at present nineteen men, and the feeling in the chapter is all that could be desired.

Brother E. R. Lake, '85, is assisting Dr. Beal in botany.

April 11, 1887.

W. M. MUNSON.

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#### ZETA PROVINCE.

##### ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

THE Illinois Alpha chapter is pleased to report growth since the re-establishment. A fine hall has been secured and furnished, the weekly meetings therein (Monday evenings) are times of literary and social benefit, and the ties of respect and friendship which bound us together in the beginning continue to grow stronger.

Grant B. Parker, of Iowa *A*, has affiliated, and Messrs. David Green and John D. Spaulding, of the class of '91, were lately initiated.

Curtis H. Remy, Indiana *Γ*, '72, one of Chicago's most prosperous barristers, who now resides in Evanston, recently tendered the gentlemen of the chapter and their ladies a reception, surpassing anything of the kind ever given in the city. The genial host revived memories of college days, and every member of Illinois Alpha enjoyed a most pleasurable evening.

The chapter desires to express gratitude to the alumni in and about Chicago, who have so generously contributed to the enjoyment and support of this branch of Phi Delta Theta.

April 14, 1887.

M. EDWARD FAWCETT.

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##### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE chapter commences the spring term without the loss of any by leaving, which is somewhat remarkable. Our chapter roll numbers nineteen.

About the middle of last term, Mr. R. B. Criswell, one of our correspondent members, living in the city, resigned.

Athletics have received quite a boom this year in the way of base-ball and foot-ball; the Phis are well represented on both teams, forming the battery and contributing the second baseman in the ball nine.

We are looking forward with considerable anticipation to the Inter-state contest which occurs here on May 5th next. At present I am unable to say what will be in the list of general attractions, but it is expected that general field day exercises will be provided for, and several base-ball teams are expected here.

However, be it as it may, we want a goodly number of Phis to be on deck, and I take this opportunity of urging all who can to come, as there will be a jollification of some sort on the boards, and inasmuch as it is an event of general interest and considerable importance, we shall expect a goodly number.

Since my last report, the chapter received the announcement of Messrs. Fullenwider and Simmons, attorneys, of Chicago, as having formed a partnership. They are both old men in Illinois Epsilon, and the chapter predicts for them a brilliant and successful future.

I am glad to note the improvement in the health of brother McKnight.

Brother Tomlin, now a stockman of Browning, Mo., favored the boys with a visit last week. He reports prosperity in his business.

April 12, 1887.

R. A. EATON.

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### ETA PROVINCE.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

SINCE my last report, our chapter has swelled its ranks by the initiation of W. R. Macklind. Our chapter has also been crowned with honor by brothers F. H. Dexter and W. F. Means, who took the awards for declamation and essay, respectively, in the inter-society contest between the Athenæan and Union Literary Societies of the M. S. U. This contest was quite a fraternal affair, as six out of the eight contestants were fraternity men. But  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  triumphed over her rivals, receiving two honors, a local fraternity one, and a non-fraternity man the other. The contest was, perhaps, the closest that has been held in the University for many years, and the returns show our standing in literary and oratorical culture.

The Athenæan Society recently appointed brother Dexter declaimer for annual declamation contest, and brother R. T. Haines first alternate.

Brother Dexter having since graduated and left school perma-



nently, to follow his profession in Kansas City, Mo., has resigned his place on the contest to brother Haines.

Three of our most faithful Phis, brothers Means, Dexter and Western, graduated in law on the 24th ult., and have accordingly since permanently left us. But before their departure, on the evening before law commencement, we gave them a farewell banquet at the residence of Mrs. Thompson. An elegant supper was at hand, and after having partaken of the spread, brother E. U. Western delivered the valedictory in behalf of the class, and brother H. W. Clark responded. After these formal addresses, short talks were made by the other retiring members; also by brothers F. N. Peters and J. S. Snoddy.

While we exceedingly regret to lose such faithful and prominent members from our chapter, we have others, and console ourselves in the belief that their worthy efforts will gain for them abundant success in future life.

In behalf of Missouri Alpha, I take great pleasure in announcing that brother J. O. Lewright, Missouri A, '86, graduated at the head of a class of ninety odd students, in section No. 2 of the Missouri University Medical School, at St. Louis, not long since.

Brothers W. F. Knox and R. P. Barse have been unexpectedly called home on account of sickness of their relatives, and we are sorry to learn will not return to school this session.

Brothers F. B. Parsons and L. C. Hopkins have also left for home, and brother Parsons will soon take a trip to the West for his health.

We have just received a short but pleasant visit from brother J. F. Weed, who has been holding a clerkship in the Legislature during the recent session. He goes to Wichita, Kan., where he will probably locate, and enter the real estate business.

Brother Kelley, Missouri A, '80, who holds a government appointment at Washington, also recently paid us a visit, and while here gave us some important information regarding Phi matters at the "fountain head of government."

The literary societies, a short time ago, invited our brother in the bond, Hon. W. F. Vilas, Postmaster-General of the United States, to deliver their annual address; but, owing to rush of business, he was compelled to decline, to our profound regret.

I hereby take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a large number of circular letters issued by our various chapters. The engraving on California Alpha's circular letter is admirable, and especially impressive, with a spirit of mystery so fitting to Phi Delta Theta.

Missouri Alpha extends greeting to all her sister chapters, and best wishes to all Phis, wherever they may be, even in the remotest parts of the earth.\*

April 11, 1887.

T. J. J. SEE.

\* This will probably include the Isthmus of Panama Alpha Alumni.—ED.

## IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report the winter term has closed and the spring term begun, finding the members of Iowa Alpha on hand and ready for work.

Brothers Gray and Smith returned to college and joined our circle again. On the evening of April 11th we initiated Elbert Smith, winning a signal victory (?) over our friends, the Betas,\* and increasing our membership roll to seventeen. We have begun this term by revising our by-laws, strengthening our literary programme, and by taking several other steps which promise future internal development.

The increase and change in our faculty at the beginning of this year, gave us seven new professors, who manifest unusual vigor in certain directions, and a number of radical reforms have taken place. One of the most important is a raising of the standard of grades. The effect has been to pluck an unusual number, but the Phis have pulled through unscathed.

Last term we received a pleasant visit from Gardner Cowles, '83. Brother Tom Carver, formerly of '87, happened in on us, and assisted in the initiation of brother Smith. He contemplates an early departure for California, where he expects to make his future home.

I regret to announce the withdrawal of John F. Gibson, who handed in his resignation February 17th. The reasons for his withdrawal and the acceptance of it were alike honorable to himself and the chapter, and a friendly feeling still exists.

The Greeks here number:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 17;  $\Pi B \Phi$ , 15, and  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 13.

April 13, 1887.

E. H. SCOTT.

## IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

SINCE our last letter to the SCROLL, spring vacation has come and gone for the boys of Iowa Beta, and, with one exception, we are all again in our college home. Brother Atwell completed his course in the Law Department in March. Brother Wheeler, however, of '84, is again with us as a member of the Senior Law class.

A number of changes will be made in the University faculty next year. A new president has been selected in the person of Dr. Charles Schaefer, dean of the faculty of Cornell University. President Pickard, our present executive, has resigned, because of failing health. The chair of Civil Engineering, as also that of Literature, will be occupied by new professors next year.

April 14, 1887.

B. D. CONNELLY.

\* The man was a "prep." Better have let the Betas had him.—ED.]

## KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

FRATERNITY circles are not altogether quiet here. An interfraternity base-ball league has been organized, and several games have been played. Our first, and, thus far, the only game was with  $\Sigma X$ . We were victorious, the score being 17 to 7.

Nothing else can be added to this letter, except to announce that we expect to have a grand reunion of Kansas Phis during commencement week. We extend a cordial invitation to all other Phis also.

Doesn't the Editor stretch the meaning of the constitution in his editorial on preparatory students?

April 10, 1887.

W. E. HIGGINS.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

WITHIN the last two months chapter life has been comparatively quiet, as is generally the case at this time of the year. College life, on the other hand, has been unusually eventful.

On the 23d of March, the nineteenth anniversary of the granting of the University charter, was celebrated by literary exercises in the morning and dancing in the afternoon. During the intermission, the Phis entertained their friends at a spread given by the chapter.

Several weeks ago, an association, to be known as the "Associated Students of the Colleges of Letters and Science of the University of California," was formed. Its object is to effect a more perfect organization of the students. At the election of officers, only two fraternity men were elected, of whom one was a Phi, brother Melvin.

The foot-ball season has closed and the U. C. team has retained the championship, having been victorious in every contest. On the eleven we are represented by three Phis.

Brother Woodhams is at present president of the Junior class.

We shall hold our annual banquet some time during the present month.

April 2, 1887.

FRED. A. ALLARDT.

## THE LEHIGH CHAPTER.

A NEW CHAPTER IN PHI DELTA THETA.—Last night there was established at Lehigh University the Pennsylvania Eta Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, with the following charter members: M. H. Fehnel, '87; O. C. Burkhart, '88; C. H. Miller, '88; R. P. Barnard, '89; J. J. Lincoln, '89; T. F. Newby, '89; A. T. Throop, '89; F. R. Coates, '90; E. H. Beazell, '90, and T. A. Straub, '90. This chapter, the sixty-third active chapter on the roll, was established by the members of the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter of Lafayette.

The initiatory services took place in Fatzinger's Hall, and were conducted under the supervision of Carroll P. Bassett of the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter, president of the fraternity, D. R. Horton, N. Y. Alpha, president of the Alpha Province, and E. H. L. Randolph, N. Y. Gamma, editor of the *Phi Delta Theta SCROLL*. At the close of the exercises those present sat down to a banquet prepared by Caterer Welch, which, with the usual speeches and songs, took up a greater part of the night.

Mr. Throop, as toast-master, proposed the following toasts, which were very happily responded to :

"Phi Delta Theta," C. P. Bassett ; "Pennsylvania Alpha," Harry L. Moore ; "Alpha Province," D. R. Horton ; "Pennsylvania Eta," T. F. Newby ; "Our Athletes," Ralph P. Barnard ; "THE SCROLL," E. H. L. Randolph ; "Alma Mater," O. C. Burkhardt ; "Our Future," Frank R. Coates ; "The Ladies," Wallace McCammant. The committee of arrangements were T. F. Newby, A. T. Throop and F. R. Coates.

The new chapter starts out with very bright prospects, the members all being popular in college and standing well both in studies and in athletics.

Phi Delta Theta is a large and flourishing fraternity, which is particularly well known in the West and South. It now has a roll of sixty-three active chapters, distributed over the United States. Nineteen alumni chapters have been formed, which are located in the principal cities. In point of members this fraternity ranks among the first, having over 4,800 living members. —*Bethlehem Times*, April 16.

A CHAPTER of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was organized last evening at Lehigh University, under the name of the Pennsylvania Eta. This Greek letter fraternity comprises sixty-three chapters scattered all over the United States, the new-born chapter being the seventh within the limits of the State. A delegation, comprising the entire membership of Pennsylvania Alpha, the chapter stationed at Lafayette College, and accompanied by C. P. Bassett, of the class of '83, Lafayette, now President of the General Council of the fraternity, and Messrs. Horton and Randolph, of New York, assisted. Ten brethren were adopted in the fraternity. After the initiatory work a banquet was served, at which Augustus F. Throop, of Lehigh, acted as Magister Epilarum. —*Easton Express*, April 16.

LAST evening ten students of the University were initiated into the mysteries of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Eta Chapter of Pennsylvania was instituted, making the sixty-third chapter of this fraternity. Phi Delta Theta was founded by six students of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, on December 26, 1848, from which place it rapidly extended itself to the western

colleges, until to-day it is one of the largest of college fraternities. About ten years ago Phi Delta Theta had a chapter at Lehigh, which was one of the first fraternities instituted here, but its life was of short duration, and its members resigned the charter. The badge of the fraternity consists of a shield, with an eye in the upper part of the field, and a scroll bearing the Greek letters "Phi Delta Theta" in the lower part. From the badge, attached by a chain, is a sword. The colors of the fraternity are white and blue. The fraternity journal is called the SCROLL. The following are some of the more prominent members of Phi Delta Theta: W. F. Vilas, Postmaster-General; A. E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster-General; J. C. Black, Commissioner of Pensions; Hon. J. W. Foster, ex-U. S. Minister to Mexico and Russia, and later to Spain; U. S. Senator Harrison, of Indiana; U. S. District Judge W. A. Woods; Hon. B. K. Elliott, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana; Hon. Norman Buck, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho, and a number of congressmen and university professors. After the institution the new chapter and their guests repaired to Fatzinger's, where the installation banquet was held. Among Phi Delta Thetas present were C. P. Bassett, president of the General Council; Dudley R. Horton, president of the Alpha province, and E. H. L. Randolph, Historian of the General Council and editor of the SCROLL, all of New York, and the members of the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter, of Lafayette College. The festivities were prolonged by speeches and songs. Phi Delta Theta makes the tenth college fraternity holding chapters at Lehigh,—*South Bethlehem Star*, April 16.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

DELTA UPSILON entered DePauw April 2d.

TWENTY-THREE fraternity journals are now published.—*Ex.*

PHI BETA KAPPA will soon enter the University of Rochester.

THE Adelbert chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon numbers only three men.

THE First District of Phi Kappa Psi held its convention at Harrisburg, April 6th and 7th.

THE Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter at the University of Virginia has surrendered its charter.

A CHAPTER of Kappa Alpha Theta was instituted the first week of April at the University of Nebraska.

PHI DELTA PHI has recently instituted its Choate chapter at Harvard and its Waite chapter at Yale.

THERE are now seven ladies' "fraternities," *II B Φ, K A Θ, K K Γ, A Φ, Δ Γ, Γ Φ B* and *A X Ω*.—*Ex.*

ALL of the fraternities at Ohio Wesleyan, with the exception of Delta Tau Delta, will organize base-ball nines this year.

ALL the fraternities at the University of California, except Phi Delta Theta, live in rented chapter houses.—*The Rainbow*.

THE annual conference of the Northern Division of Delta Tau Delta met with the Eta chapter at Buchtel College, March 25th and 26th.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA recently entered colleges at Albion, Mich., and Los Angeles, Cal. Their late convention sanctioned the admission of honorary members.

THE bi-annual convention of the Delta Gamma Fraternity was held in Cleveland, March 29, 30 and 31, under the auspices of the State Chapter of Adelbert College.

THE *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, has changed its seat of publication from Lawrence, Kan., to Troy, Ohio, and is again under the editorial management of C. L. Van Cleve.

PSI Upsilon lately initiated one of the University Trustees, a New York broker, and it is rumored that he will build a chapter house for  $\Psi \Upsilon$ .—*Syracuse correspondent Shield*.

THE eighth annual banquet of the Central Association of Zeta Psi took place at Clark's, New York, April 22. The association consists of the New York alumni from the different chapters.

THE third Province of the Phi Kappa Psi, comprising the States of Ohio and Indiana, held their convention at Delaware, O., April 6th and 7th, closing with a banquet on the evening of the 7th.

THE "D. K. E. Sophomore Society," of Harvard, the inner circle of the Institute of 1770, gave an original farce, entitled "John Harvard," in Union Hall, Boston, on the evenings of April 1 and 2.

THE Harvard Hasty Pudding Club produced "The Talisman," at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, April 11th and 12th. The performance was given for the benefit of the Harvard University Boat Club.

THE Psi Upsilon Club, of New York, held a club night and reception in the club house, No. 49 West Forty-eight street, April 2d. There was a large attendance. Robert L. Belknap entertained those present with an interesting lecture, enlivened by stereopticon views, which were taken by himself in various parts of the world. After the lecture, a dinner was served.

THE forty-sixth annual convention of Chi Psi was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, April 6th, 7th and 8th. Twenty-eight delegates were present, representing fourteen college chapters. The convention banquet occurred at the hotel on the evening of the 7th. This was the largest convention ever held by Chi Psi.

SEVERAL years ago the Alpha chapter of Sigma Chi was killed at the Ohio Wesleyan University by the expulsion of all its members for the theft of some physical apparatus and general lawlessness. Several attempts have since been made to revive the fraternity at that institution, but without effect. Dame Rumor is loud in her clamoring that within a few weeks the result so long prayed for among the "Sigs" will be an accomplished fact.—*The Shield*.

THE Amherst *Student* has an article on "Phi Beta Kappa" in its last issue, which claims that that fraternity has fallen in its powers and influence. It is charged that of all fraternities, as at present constituted, it has the least definite aim and the least reason for existence. It is suggested that either the members should receive some special privileges or show some signs of activity which would benefit the College, and be more than indications of a feeble existence.

At present there is but little feeling among the different fraternities represented here. Phi Delta Theta, lately established, is forcing herself into notice, and may, after lopping off one or two, be able to eke out a passable existence. She has been courted and petted by few, but as far as we know, is beloved by none. Beta Theta Pi numbers 13 men; Sigma Chi, 15; Delta Upsilon, 16; Phi Kappa Sigma, 4; Phi Delta Theta, 11; we are 23.—*Northwestern correspondent Shield*.

THE April number of the Phi Delta Theta SCROLL contains an account of one of its most distinguished members, Gen. H. V. Boynton. Gen. Boynton was initiated into the fraternity while a student at the Kentucky Military Institute. He is the best known, best liked, and most respected journalist in Washington. A slight, quiet, unassuming and polite man, he is the possessor of one of those open, honest and quiet faces which will win for its owner everybody's good will and confidence.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

PRINCETON AND SECRET SOCIETIES.—The secretary of a congress of Christians, to be held here Wednesday and Thursday, to consider the relations of secret societies to the church, has received a communication from President McCosh, of Princeton, in which he says that the abolition of secret societies in the college has resulted in a great improvement of morals and order.—*Chicago Special to the New York Mail and Express, March 29*.

"The attempt of Dr. McCosh," says ex-Gov. Hoadley, "to stamp out secret societies from the colleges is uncalled for, in view of the great amount of good that has arisen from them, and I lament the error of that ignorant and honored President of Princeton."

ABOUT two months ago the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, having organized a club, took rooms for the new organization at No. 32

E. 45th street, New York, the Columbia College chapter of the fraternity taking rooms in the same house.\* This society is strong in the West, but has only been in Eastern colleges for a few years. Most of its alumni in and about New York are young men who have graduated recently. They have thought it best, therefore, to start the club in a modest way, and have put the annual dues at \$6 per annum, and have concluded for the present to be content with a few rooms, intending by and by to take an entire house. They have no dining or restaurant provisions, but they are beginning to collect a library, and have the most important daily papers and magazines in their reading-room.—*Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

RUMORS are current in regard to the appearance of a new fraternity in college. The local society, which has been endeavoring for the past two years to secure a chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, has evidently become discouraged. Two or three weeks ago it was reported that Phi Kappa Psi had appeared, but it was not substantiated. The latest is the appearance of a committee of Theta Delta Chi, in consultation with the leading members of the would-be chapter. We are sorry that the worthy brethren have been compelled to lower their aspirations, for we should have liked to see Alpha Delta Phi in Madison. The present developments, taken in connection with the campaign arguments which the local society used, are quite amusing. They derided fraternities as the bane of college life; but it seems now that their opinions have undergone a radical change.—*Madison University correspondent in Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Delta Upsilon has, without doubt, the first man in the Senior, Junior and Freshman classes, with a good prospect of second among the Sophomores. This certainly is more than other societies can truthfully claim. The Alpha Delta Phi are holding their usual position at the head of the other chapters, although their relative standing in scholarship is not as good as a year ago. Psi Upsilon has a good chapter, and claims to attain her desired acquisitions; among which superior scholarship certainly finds no place. As a body the Psi Upsilon are gentlemanly, and very uniformly honorable in all college affairs. The record of Delta Kappa Epsilon is still fluctuating, but is held at a fair average by the excellent character and scholarship of a small percentage of her men. Delta Psi and Chi Psi are both good as far as they go, but find their limit early, and are exceedingly few in numbers.—*University of Rochester correspondent in Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

THE *Daily Crimson* recently published a series of sketches on societies at Harvard. It makes no mention of the Greek-letter fraternities, which are almost totally eclipsed by the Cambridge

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\*As also the chapter at College of the City of New York.—Ed.



"clubs. Accounts of eight are given, viz.: Phi Beta Kappa, the Hasty Pudding, the Institute of 1770, the Porcellian, the A. D., the Pi Eta, the O. K. and the Everett Athenæum. The ruling spirit in all seems to be the social, with a little literary interspersed here and there. The articles will not bear much close scrutiny, but we reproduce the account of the origin of the Hasty Pudding, which is now the leading senior and junior society:

"It numbers a little less than one hundred, three-fourths of whom are chosen during the junior year of a class, the rest being chosen the following year. The origin of the name is as follows: In the year 1795, while the students were living together in commons, a member of the class of 1797, who was suffering from ill-health, hired an old lady living near by to cook him regularly some hasty pudding, thinking that this diet would be beneficial to him. As he seemed to thrive under this treatment, a number of his classmates tried the same experiment. The result was that the dish grew in popularity and the "Pudding Men," as they were styled, met each evening in the room of one of the members, where plenty of hasty pudding was provided. At first no thoughts of a regular club existed in the minds of the participants, but later a large and thriving society sprang from this simple proceeding."

No less curious and amusing is the account given of the beginnings of the Porcellian:

"In the year 1791, a student brought a pig into his room in Hollis. In those days the window-seats were merely long boxes with lids, used to store articles in. Said student having an antipathy to the proctor, who roomed beneath, was accustomed to squeeze piggy's ears and make him squeal whenever said proctor was engaged in the study of the classics. The result would be a rush by the proctor for the student's rooms, where the student was to be found studying (?), peacefully seated on his window-seat. Piggy, in the meantime had been deposited beneath, and no sound disturbed the tranquility of the scene. On the departure of the hated proctor, a broad grin would spread over the countenance of the joker, and in a little while the scene would be repeated with variations. But when it was rumored that his room was to be searched by the faculty, the joker determined to cheat them of their prey. So he invited some of his classmates to the room, and the pig being cooked, all present partook of a goodly feast. They enjoyed their midnight meal so much that they determined then and there to form a club and have such entertainments periodically. In order to render historical the origin of the club, and also to give it a classic touch, they decided to call it the Porcellian, from Latin '*porcus*.'"

In regard to the A. D., the writer says:

"The club dates from 1865, but was merely a continuation of the Alpha Delta Phi, which existed until that time."

## PERSONALS.

## TENNESEE ALPHA.

'83. AN ELOQUENT ORATOR.—S. Price Gilbert, Esq., the well known young lawyer and literateur of this city, has been selected by the ladies of the Memorial Association to deliver the address on the 26th of April in memoriam of our dead. Mr. Gilbert is quite a young man, only about twenty-five years of age, but he has already earned a merited reputation for brightness of thought and fluency of speech. An intellectual treat is in prospect for the large number which this announcement will assemble.—*Columbus (Ga) Enquirer-Sun*, March 20.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'58. MR. VILAS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT IN 1888.—A prominent Minnesota Democrat said to your correspondent to-day that he possessed information which could not be disputed that Postmaster-General Vilas is a red-hot candidate for Vice-President in 1888. Mr. Vilas, as Vice-President, he said, would represent the political end of the machine and would relieve the President of many embarrassments he now suffers from. Every appointment under the control of the Postmaster-General has been made with this end in view, and a northwestern boom at the proper time will be started for him.—*St. Paul special to New York World*, March 27.

MODEST MR. VILAS.—Postmaster-General Vilas was enjoying a good cigar after office hours when an *Enquirer* representative saw him to-day, and called his attention to a paragraph to the effect that he was a candidate for the Vice-Presidency on the ticket with President Cleveland in 1888.

"There is not the slightest foundation for such a story," said the Postmaster-General as he puffed vigorously at his cigar, "and the statement certainly never received any encouragement from me, either by thought, word or deed. Several gentlemen have already spoken to me about the paragraph, and to each one I returned an emphatic denial. It has never entered my head to make any plans for 1888, and certainly not as one of the factors on a Presidential ticket."—*Washington Dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer*.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

'74. Prof. A. W. Jackson has been elected an honorary member of the Mechanics' Institute.

'77. G. E. De Golia has been re-appointed Deputy District Attorney of Alameda County.

'79. Fremont Morse has just received a well merited promotion in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. We are told by the oldest officers on this coast that Mr. Morse is conspicuous for his ability, steadiness, thorough devotion to duty, and unimpeachable rectitude.—*Occident*, April 1, 1887.

Press of matter compels postponement of Initiates till June.

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The next National Convention will be held at Bloomington, Ill., in the XXXIX year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Monday, October 10, 1887, and closing the following Friday.

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 Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis, Ind.—H. U. Brown, "*Indianapolis News*."

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### “COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.”

UNDER the above title a very able, valuable and interesting article is contributed to *The Forum* for May, 1887, by Hon. Andrew D. White, late President of Cornell University. Certainly no man is in a better position to know the “true inwardness of things” in regard to the college Greek-letter society, and no one would be quicker to condemn and point out in its true light whatever were wicked or even harmful in student life and student enterprise than he who was for so many years the head and front of one of the wealthiest and most influential—if one of the youngest—of American universities. The discussion by President White is a lucid, brief, and, at the same time, most forcible and truthful, answer to the questions regarding the nature and the imputations touching the honor of what unquestionably has become the most extensive and enduring organization or group of organizations among college men in the world. To the student whose association and fellowship you desire, but who wavers and questions and doubts, here is the answer. To the parents who fear their son is sought as a plaything for the microcosm of evil and vice, here is the answer. To the demagogue who stands at the helm of one or another of our seats of learning and says to the college fraternity: “Enter not here, for when you come in, morality, discipline, order, go out,” here is the answer, aye, and given by one of his own ilk, one whose liberal mind foresaw and whose adequate experience has proven that the American college fraternity and morality, discipline and order go hand in hand.

The writer's inquiry is to ascertain whether these organizations produce “mainly good or evil; and if, like most human organizations, they produce both good and evil, to show how the good may be increased and the evil diminished.” He then shows that man, being “a social being,” drifts into organization and fellowship as naturally and as inevitably as water seeks its level. “Bring together a thousand students, or even a score,” and parties will drift together, cliques will take form and develope, and clubs—

literary, social, athletic—will take root and grow. Nothing can prevent it. "Groups of some sort are inevitable."

"Now," he asks, "do not the fraternities reduce the evils arising out of these to a minimum, and produce some results undeniably good?" He then shows that the standard college fraternity, with its reputation to make and maintain—with its contest against rivals in the same field, with its large number of graduates, whose respect and approval it dare not lose—has a labor to fulfil which no temporary club can have, and "the badge which each member wears fixes his responsibility. To be less than a gentleman is to disgrace it and to injure his fraternity."

Indicating the difference between "respectable, permanent fraternities and all temporary clubs," he says: "A typical result of the desire of undergraduate members to keep the approval of their graduate brothers, is seen in the fact that intoxicating drinks have been rigorously excluded from the chapter-rooms of all fraternities I have known. . . . On the other hand, it is within my knowledge that temporary clubs formed among students who have not entered fraternities—clubs having no reputation to maintain, no responsibility to any fraternity, and under no healthful influences from graduate members—have often become excessively convivial."

Cannot, is the next question, fraternities, while reducing the aggregate of evils in student life, be made a factor in the betterment of college discipline and thereby an aid to the authorities in the enforcement of rules and regulations? First, there is a unity of feeling and action among the members of a single chapter. President White says that he knows that "other college officers, as well as myself, have availed themselves of this relation for the good of all concerned." "More than once," he says, "when some member of a fraternity has been careless in conduct or study, I have summoned senior members of his chapter, discussed the matter confidentially with them, dwelt upon the injury the man was doing his fraternity, and insisted that it must reform him or remove him. This expedient has often succeeded when all others had failed. The older members of various fraternities have frequently thus devoted themselves to the younger in a way which would do honor to a brother laboring for a brother. It is within my knowledge that a certain number of young men have thus been rescued from courses which might have brought great sorrow to them and to their families."

Then is mentioned the fact that there is in this country no system of regular intercourse between colleges and college men. The Board of Regents, in the State of New York, the nearest approach to any educational congress, brings together annually representatives of all the colleges in the State for the broadening of views by the discussion of live issues of practical importance.

But there is nothing of the kind in the Union at large. The great universities of Germany and England are so situated that inter-communication is easy and frequent. The remoteness of American colleges from each other and their separation by sectarian lines, prevents what inter-communication there might otherwise be. To the college fraternity belongs the honor of being *the only instrument* whereby are brought together college men from all sections and from all institutions. "Graduates and undergraduates, professors and students, thus meet, and so do something to create a common interest and to arouse a friendly feeling."

The influence of the chapter meeting, into which the older men, from time to time, love to drop and live over again the halcyon days, gives to the members an impulse for good and a restraint against evil such as no transitory club can do. The chapter-house, again, develops in the young collegian a sense of proprietorship, responsibility and care than which the young man away from home and friends can have no better practical school. In it his college home is far more pleasant and his expenses frequently much less than could be possible in dormitories or "in town." Socially, too, these houses are an advantage, and the receptions which are invariably given in them are attended not only by the members of the faculty and select families in the town, but also by the older members of rival fraternities. Such gatherings are invaluable to the student who is exiled, as it were, from the influences of home refinement and home society. While in England, the writer says, the college officials at Oxford and Cambridge could not understand how "twenty or thirty undergraduates, living together in a house of their own, could be trusted." He answered "that they could be trusted; that the trust thus reposed in them was an educating force of high value, and that he should not be sorry to see the whole body of students in the university with which he was connected divided into fraternities, each living upon the university grounds in its own house, with full responsibility for its keeping and character, and never to be interfered with until it proved its incapacity for proper self-government."

Taking as his premise the idea that "the recognition of these organizations by university authorities seems wise, because in this way alone can a college easily rid itself of any fraternity exercising an influence for evil," the writer argues against the policy of excluding all fraternities on account of consequent harm to both the college and the fraternity: to the college because it thereby seldom does actually rid itself of any, gives rise to secret meetings and underhanded actions calculated to cheat and deceive, and creates a spirit of defiance and contempt for college rules; to the fraternity because they are stunted and dwarfed in their development, they are cut off from the bene-



ficial society and advice of older men, and their moral and intellectual standard must fall materially by reason of their dark and groveling existence. "On the other hand," he says, "if each fraternity is allowed to exist on its merits, any one thought by a college faculty to be injurious can be easily driven out."

Then the writer takes up the arguments common against fraternities, the first and most general of which is their secrecy. He says that their secrecy is rather nominal than real, that it generally covers nothing more than the wording of their motto and the direction of their literary work, and, as he says, surely they have a perfect right to reticence on these points, and can harm no one by enjoining it. "On this very question of secrecy," he adds, "as a simple matter of fact, membership in college fraternities seems frequently to exhaust the desire of young men for entrance into secret organizations, and to keep them from entering the greater secret societies of the world at large. A bitter enemy of the great secret benevolent societies of the country once compared them to the small-pox; if this be just, entrance into the college fraternities might be considered, perhaps, vaccination."

In regard to the objection on the score of expense we will quote in full: "This objection takes two forms. First, it is said that the money given to fraternity purposes would be more useful if applied to something else. This argument goes a great way. It is equally good against eating a sweet potato or an oyster. Strictly adhered to, it would reduce each of us to a certain number of ounces of the plainest food that would maintain life. It is equally cogent against the wearing of anything save the roughest and most serviceable fabrics. Pictures, engravings, beautiful books, works of art, would be equally under the ban. It can be used with killing effect against a ministerial tea-party or an alumni dinner; against the great majority of church bells and steeples; indeed, against every sort of edifice for religious purposes save an oblong box with square windows. Methinks I hear a voice, 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?' but I hear also that other utterance, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'

"But the objection on the score of expense is stated in another way, which seems to me entitled to more careful consideration. It is said that students have sometimes been led into an outlay for social gatherings, chapter-houses, and the like, which they could ill-afford. Here is certainly a point where every fraternity ought to be on its guard. All Americans are interested in keeping down any tendency to extravagance in our institutions of learning. Such tendencies do exist both within and without the fraternities, and they ought to be fought at every point. So far as they exist within the fraternities they are simply bubbles upon the stream of American life. College

life has been made somewhat more luxurious, just as home and hotel life have, but not, on the whole, to so great a degree, save in one or two of the greater institutions, which are powerfully influenced from neighboring luxurious cities. The colleges and universities more remote from the cities are by no means luxurious. Still, constant effort should be made in the fraternities to keep expenses down. The social gatherings should be made simple, the chapter-houses, while roomy and comfortable, should not be extravagant; building committees should bear in mind that two-thirds of the 'Queen Anne' and other decorations lavished upon houses will, within twenty years, be thrown into the rubbish heap. Wealthy graduates should do what they can to provide for their respective chapters suitable houses, and, when this is done, scholarship endowments, which would diminish the expenses of members of small means. This done, the fraternities could justly boast that they diminish undergraduate expenses rather than increase them. It is a fact within my knowledge that, owing to contributions of this sort, life in some of the fraternity houses is cheaper than life of a similar sort outside."

This article—which it would be well for as many as can to read and for each chapter to place in its library—closes with the following paragraph, wherein the question asked at the outset is answered according to the judgment and ripe experience of the writer. We quote in full:

"And finally, it is said that a number of the most venerated officers of American colleges have declared against fraternities. This is true; but it is quite as true that just as many venerated officers have declared against other things in the development of the American university system, which have been established in spite of them, and which have turned out to have been blessings. Perhaps one trouble with some of these excellent men is that they are so venerable. There is no step in the progress of colleges and universities that has not been earnestly opposed on apparently cogent grounds by most worthy college officers. While the objections to college fraternities have come from some of the best men in our country, I think that it will be found that, as a rule, they have never known the better fraternities save from the outside. Their arguments seem based entirely on theory; and nothing is more misleading than *a priori* argument regarding institutions. In such a way Republican government and every form of association into which men have grouped themselves, religious or political, have been argued down. The true question is, Are the fraternities as a fact, under all the circumstances of the case, more powerful for evil than for good? *My contention is that they reduce certain inevitable evils in college life to a minimum, that they produce good in many ways, and that, when college authorities deal with them in a large-minded spirit, they can be made to do still more good.*"

E. H. L. R.

## THE COLLEGE FACULTY AGAIN IN COURT.

WHETHER directly or indirectly, commendably or otherwise, the fraternities seem destined to settle the legal rights of undergraduate existence. Sigma Chi effectually disposed of one phase of faculty despotism in the Waterloo administered the whilom President of Purdue University, and Phi Delta Theta seems to have thrown the boomerang that is playing havoc with the customary quiet of Dickinson College. A great many college eyes are turned just now toward Carlisle, Pennsylvania. It seems that the Freshman class of Dickinson, in this year of our Lord, 1887, is an unusually lively body of Young Americans, a fact that has some bearing on the failure of the college bell to ring for daily recitation. Now, it is known by every college man that when the bell is silent, it is the inalienable right of the Freshman class to "cut" its usual recitation, as also to remain away whenever by a good majority vote its members so decreed it. To think otherwise has always been accounted heresy; to act so is the rankest treason. Of this treason in utter disregard of student law and custom, one Powell, a Freshman and a Phi Delta Theta, appears to have been guilty; and, to curry favor with "the powers that be," he regularly waited at the temple of learning when his classmates had decided to enjoy a little relaxation. It may be that this made him slightly unpopular; but at all events eight members of his class resolved to give him some testimonial of the regard with which the students held his highly moral actions. He was taken from bed in the early hours, had several athletic honors and degrees conferred upon him, and, having been made to wash his feet, was permitted to get home at his leisure. The members of Phi Delta Theta were furious; and, instead of quietly allowing the fellow to reap the fruits that have immemorially waited on such folly, they notified the members of the committee on hazing that the matter would be taken before the college faculty. A hearing was had, and two Sigma Chis, one Chi Phi, one Theta Delta Chi and four barbarians were ordered by the faculty to leave town in twenty-four hours. Indignation meetings were then the order of the day, and routine business went by the board, until some fifty-six students of the four college classes had "solemnly resolved" to accompany the exiled eight if they were forced to leave the institution. The attendance of Dickinson College is not large, and as no serious complications had resulted from Mr. Powell's unwilling ablutions, the edict of expulsion was revoked, upon the agreement of the eight Freshmen to do Powell "no bodily harm."

All this was quite conventional, and similar things are known to have occurred before; but an opportunity for distinction offered, and Dickinson rose to the occasion. On the evening that the faculty met to consider the hazing the usual "over-flow

meeting" was held outside, and some one indulged in the very unusual recreation of throwing stones through the windows. A professor came among the excited students, who were probably as incensed at the rowdyism as he was; and at the next faculty meeting, without a hearing, two members of  $\Theta \Delta X$  were expelled, and the two Chi Phis and one Beta Theta Pi were suspended. One of those expelled, John M. Hill, of  $\Theta \Delta X$ , claiming to be innocent and to have been damaged in character and reputation by the arbitrary action of the faculty, has brought suit for mandamus and the recovery of \$10,000 damages. The mandamus side of this suit has gone to a hearing, and by the rulings of Judge Sadler, a member of  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , the case of *Hill vs. Dickinson College* has become one of the *causes celebres*. As we have been unable to secure the text of Judge Sadler's decision, and the record has not yet been made up for an appeal, we quote from the local papers:

"The main question in the case seems to be whether the faculty gave Hill a fair trial, or were in possession of sufficient information as to his conduct on that night to warrant his dismissal. A jury was selected from the regular panel. Mr. H. S. Stuart made the opening statement for Hill, in which he claimed that Hill had been dismissed without having a trial, or an opportunity of defense and without witnesses. For dismissal there is no appeal, as there is for expulsion, to the trustees. His only redress was by resorting to this court for the exercise of the extraordinary power of mandamus: \* \* \* \* \* Ex-Judge Herman made the opening statement for the faculty. He said that to require a college to give a regular trial before disciplining students was like requiring a father to give his child a trial. These students sang:

" ' Hang Jim McCauley on a sour apple tree,'

and in turn brought in other professors' names. They also sang:

" ' In heaven above where all is love, there'll be no faculty there.' "

" They cawed like crows, and made other abominable noises.

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"All the members of the faculty were called in turn, and all testified substantially to the same facts in regard to the faculty meetings, the disturbance and Hill's conviction. All seemed to agree as to the testimony submitted, which was the statement of Pres. McCauley, that he had evidence connecting Hill with the disorder, the statement of Dr. Rittenhouse that a student (whose name he did not give) had told him that Hill was in the crowd, and that he (the said student) was surprised to see him take part in it,

and the statement of Prof. Morgan that he had seen Hill on the stairs outside the room. This seems to have been about the testimony on which they made up their conviction. Some of them laid stress on the fact that Hill had only denied the stone throwing, though he had been asked more than once whether he had anything further to say. \* \* \* \* It was at this point offered to prove by witness Robert Young, that Hill was actually guilty of disorder on the night of Nov. 9th (the date of the disturbance), that he saw him, heard him, and that afterwards Hill blamed him for "peaching" on him to the faculty. The counsel for the faculty held that if Hill was not guilty of the offense the college faculty would not want to dismiss him, and if he were actually guilty no court of justice should want the college to reinstate him. The counsel for Mr. Hill held that the guilt or innocence of Mr. Hill could have nothing to do with the case. That this action was to determine whether the faculty had properly tried Mr. Hill and convicted him in accordance with that trial. Several authorities were cited on both sides. The argument on this offer occupied over two hours. \* \* \* The court decided that the question for trial was whether the trial of Hill by the faculty of the college was regular and conducted in proper form, and not as to whether Hill participated in the proceedings. \* \* \* After elaborate arguments to the jury were concluded by the learned counsel, the judge charged the jury that they would have to find for the relator, John M. Hill, which they accordingly did. That ended the trial. The jury did not leave the box. \* \* \* Public opinion as to the result is somewhat divided. It is very currently reported that the case will be carried to the Supreme Court by the faculty. So the real end of the case is not yet."

For the decision of the interesting and original questions involved, and which, as Dickinson College is a denominational institution, do not seem to have been raised, we must await the further progress of the suit. It is charged by local papers that there is a lack of confidence and a want of mutual respect in the faculty, that is well understood by the students, and of which the trustees are not in ignorance. A general renovation is called for. Mr. Powell has found hitherto unsuspected attractions in the course at Johns Hopkins University, and the Phi Delta Theta Chapter, in regret for its hasty action, has announced the early appearance of a circular letter\* of explanation and defense. The situation is fruitful of conjecture.—*The Sigma Chi*.

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\* Simply the regular annual circular letter issued by this Chapter, in common with all others, March 1st.

## "RESARTUS."

VERY few men, it seems, believe in the divine inspiration of *self*. Whether it is from inherent modesty, or from lack of appreciation of the certain fact, or from false and improper views of it, I cannot say. But for all that it is a truth. It is not the fraternity idea that *self* shall be merged into and sacrificed for the identity near you, but that, by contact, the two *selves* may become more definite and rise on the stepping-stones of each other's blunders and successes.

An improper conclusion drawn from the truth first stated would make a fraternity man opinionative, conceited, selfish, intolerable in every way; but the proper influence will make him a "true blue" brother, a philanthropist, and give him the highest possible views of manhood. Proper selfishness is pure unselfishness. Old Polonius evinced supreme selfishness when he said :

" Be true to thyself,  
And it follows, as night follows day,  
Thou canst not be false to any man."

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In concentration of effort there is an irresistible force. A unit of ten men, with hearts and minds set on the accomplishing of one object, will do more towards reaching that object than fifty men with as many different plans, though each one is an ideal. This is especially true in fraternity work, because of the nature of the case. Unity is the essence of strength. Without it, force becomes inertia. One radical brother can damp the spirits and check the energies of ten conservative ones. If one brother in the circle is contrariwise, and persistently and dogmatically holds to an opinion or whimish desire, he breaks the *unity* and weakens the striking force of the whole body of members. Ten blows may be of little avail, but ten blows in one will shake a rampart. We all know this to be the honest fact and the true theory. The question is, Do we practice it?

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Athletics in Western colleges have just entered upon an era of rise and progress. The growing intensity of college spirit—the desire to eclipse notable athletic records of the East, and the natural enthusiasm of a new enterprise, have encouraged this comparatively new movement. Through Indiana and Ohio the awakened interest has been especially noticeable. No plea for the cause is needed. Let every man who has in his heart the raising of all the standards in every department of college life, as well as the giving strength and prominence to his fraternity, throw his energies into this Western athletic movement and give it such an impulse that soon the clubs and teams and crews of East and West may meet and measure brawn on equal footing.

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## EXCHANGES.

A MARKED change has come over the spirit of the dreams of most exchange editors. More than ever is the exchange department coming in line with the others, and becoming a true department of news. The change is not so radical since in part it has been gradual, but such a decided step forward as has been made in current volumes calls attention to it. Naturally the facts are well seasoned with opinions, both critical and complimentary, yet, heretofore it must be confessed that, with many, facts were only mentioned to be criticised. Now they are to a larger extent being quoted for their own sake.

The time will not come when the exchange will be wholly a department of quotations and extracts, for comments even of themselves develop new facts, and an occasional reflection from the mirror points out defects. But we opine that this element will hereafter be more in the background.

There is no doubt that the better posted a man becomes on the fraternity world in general, the more enthusiastic and efficient worker he is for his own brotherhood. If he sees the superiority of the order of his choice there is just cause for congratulation ; if he detects points of inferiority, the more diligent he becomes in their remedy.

When any article appears in the SCROLL it is supposed, or ought to be, that it is intended to be for the benefit of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s, since the SCROLL is primarily a news-bringer published for the benefit of the Phis who read its pages. True there are accessory readers whom we are glad to have profit from its pages if they can, but we serve their interests only in so much as we try to improve our branch of a general system, and, in a fashion, leaven the whole.

These articles then, to be of benefit, must bring news, or develop ideas unelaborated.

So it often becomes a troublesome question to decide what ought to be allowed publication in a fraternity journal, and what eliminated. The chapter correspondent often in his endeavor to sustain the reputation of his chapter in a discussion with a local rival, considers it his duty to encroach upon the space of the fraternity magazine, and air in detail the various points in an argument which, even if they merit local attention, do not deserve the prominence which their publication would assure. It is a case where the chapter to justify itself locally, instead rather lowers the dignity of the entire fraternity.

Just as puzzling oftentimes is the question whether or not to reply to a squib some hellenic correspondent in the exuberance of a new defeat has seen fit to utter against us. These correspondents are human like other beings who tarry here below, and these occasional and spasmodic what-nots to which they give rise

act as safety valves, whereby their spirits cease from troubling and are at rest. It takes a man several moons along in his fraternity life to learn from reading the various journals, that those chapters, as a rule, are most prosperous whose letters speak most respectfully of their rivals, and that those who are continually firing broadsides at the others need a little attention themselves. You will generally find Bucktown a noisier quarter than Fifth avenue.

Then again these come to us really as compliments, and as such ought to be appreciated. Those who walk with the crowd meet with little jostling, but who press to the front to gain a position in advance of the slower brethren, must expect a rub here and a scowl there. It's an evidence you see that you are really succeeding in what you attempted.

Occasionally the more stable equilibrium of the editor himself is disturbed, and nominally being a bigger fish, you would expect a little more resulting commotion. Editors have come to expect it, and are disappointed if now and then some chapter writer doesn't tell more about the chapters at his college in a review, the product of thirty minutes' cogitation, than he himself could have learned after years of careful study; but the editor who distinguishes himself thus would be more noticeable from lack of companionship than from genius.

If you wish to distinguish yourself as a chapter correspondent, you cannot choose any better way of doing it than by practicing courtesy. You have no right to shield yourself in a communication to your journal and make statements there not justifiable elsewhere. The mark of a man is not in venom but in charity; in exercising the brain, and not the spleen. If your safety demands it carry that chestnut with you, whose inscription translated means: don't rush into the fray, but once there, make thy "opponent beware of thee."

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Besides interesting printed contents several noteworthy facings have appeared in a number of the issues of our respective contemporaries, and from the character of those that have already appeared, there is the promise that this will continue to be an interesting feature of some of the Greek-letter publications. The feature is not an entirely new one, as from time to time cuts have appeared in various journals, and the *Δ KE Quarterly* is not itself without such a leaf. But it is now assuming more prominence, and entering a wider field than it has heretofore. Prominent members, revered founders, symbolical engravings, chapter houses, and halls have been mirrored for the benefit of readers. In the current volume the SCROLL has presented the likenesses of 110 of Φ Δ Θ's founders, and the rest are to follow.



The *Purple and Gold* of  $X \Psi$ , in numbers 1 and 2, presented engravings of the fraternity coat-of-arms, and in the April number appeared an excellent engraving of Chi Psi houses at Amherst, Hamilton, Minnesota, and Williams, as well as of the old cabin in which her boys of Epsilon met in the forties, when the fraternities were not held in high esteem by the faculty at Ann Arbor. This engraving is accessory to an article entitled CHI PSI HOMES, which describes those above named, as well as making reference to the projected house of the Michigan chapter, which promises to rival, if not to excel, in elegance and richness the houses of  $\Psi T$  and  $A \Delta \Phi$  at the same place.

The *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* has given the photograph of a cherished if not distinguished member, I. A. Jackson, who is in office in that society.

The *\Delta K E Quarterly* has unearthed a copy of some of the time stained records of the venerable  $\Phi B K$ , and in the last issue has placed before us the surviving founders of  $\Delta K E$  at Yale, from which the law of heredity, if nothing else, would make us think that she ought to be a good looking fraternity.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* celebrates the opening of chapter Phi's house at Amherst, by a history of the chapter and its house, set off by the illustration, which, while it does not support the claim that  $X \Phi$  has the finest chapter house at Amherst, does prove that she has a comfortable, cozy and attractive home.

The *Kappa Alpha Journal*, not to be outdone, has permanently prefaced her late numbers with a lithograph, whose engraving is supposed to symbolize some sentiment dear to the hearts of  $K \text{ As}$ .

While so much of energy is being displayed in the fraternity world, and so many movements inaugurated which presage future prosperity, it cannot be said that the sum total of all this has been set forth by the sterner sex. The ladies' societies, not yet out of their teens, are themselves appropriating the insignia of permanence. Four of them publish magazines:  $K K \Gamma$  the *Key*,  $\Delta \Gamma$  the *Anchora*,  $K A \Theta$  their *Journal*, and  $\Pi B \Phi$  the *Arrow*, all being issued as quarterlies. While these have evinced so much of energy, it was for  $A \Phi$ , a sonority, with but three chapters, to become the possessor of a chapter house. Alpha Phi was founded at Syracuse in 1874, and has but two other chapters, a Beta, having been established at Northwestern in 1880 and a Gamma at Boston University. The Syracuse chapter has been uniformly prosperous, and has a large membership role. That she values herself and her future she has shown by purchasing a chapter house, which we believe is the first instance of property investment among the lady fraternities. We congratulate  $A \Phi$  upon her success, and Syracuse upon having such energetic young ladies.

Each year develops the fact that pan-hellenic or inter-fraternity banquets, socials, etc., are becoming a part of college and fraternity life. But, speaking of it, we like the smack of the word pan-hellenic better than of inter-fraternity. It suggests something more cordial than the other. They have pan-hellenic banquets at Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster, De Pauw, Hanover and other colleges, at which, no matter what separate them at other times, they come together to forget them, for the time at least. At the University of Wisconsin they have an annual inter-fraternity ball, but strange to say, at this annual lion and lamb love feast the doors are not opened to all the members of the fraternity world there, but at present is run for the exclusive benefit of those who thus kick themselves because  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  was established at the University before they were. Just why a chapter should be excluded because it was sustained in a *class* affair, namely, the publication of an annual, by a majority of the votes, we are unable to see, especially when the decision is sustained by precedent in other institutions. These fraternities are not denied their right to withdraw from representation on the publication, but their "I won't speak to you" sort of attitude in other affairs not bearing on this, speaks either a compliment to the standing of the excluded chapter or is the continued discharge from a chronic wound—possibly both.

From an editorial in the January number of the *Beta Theta Pi* we quote the following, since it presents a discussion from a different point of view of a theme lately enlarged upon in the SCROLL:

"Certainly there has been a growth of courtesy among the fraternities. A few years since it was considered the smart and proper thing for one fraternity to steal and publish the secret work of another, whenever possible. Illy concealed hatred often gave way to open warfare, and the fraternity quarrels engendered such a spirit of strife and animosity in college life that many institutions refused longer to allow the presence of the secret societies. But our day has seen a great change. The pan-hellenic spirit is abroad in the land, and although not yet practically crystallized, it may some day be reduced to a system, operating over the college world generally, as it does in some few institutions here and there. Pan-hellenic banquets and inter-society hops are becoming familiar features of college life. The publication of college 'annuals,' where members from the various societies meet as representative editors, and the exchange of fraternity publications are steps in the march of improvement. Now most editors are inclined to eliminate from chapter letters such items as show bitter spirit toward rivals, and so there has grown up, little by little, a regard for the feelings of opponents that is truly refreshing after the striking hostilities and abuses formerly in vogue.

"The fraternities have common purposes. Their constitutions, rituals and general organization are largely identical, and whatever of college discipline is of advantage to one works to the good of others. The absorption of smaller societies by larger ones has also been going on quietly for some years. Beta Theta Pi has welcomed with outstretched hands Alpha Sigma Chi, Alpha Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Alpha, Delta Tau Delta and Rainbow have recently consolidated, and other instances might easily be adduced. But from these tendencies to union are we to infer that the American college fraternities are to be consolidated into one fraternity, or even to be united into a few large fraternities? The answer must be in the negative, for there is here no centralizing power. Life, indeed, comes to many from opposition. The healthful spirit of rivalry is that which gives zeal and encouragement to fraternity circles."

In connection with this we refer to ourselves in having allied to us Phi Sigma, Sigma Psi, and Kappa Sigma Kappa, whose chapters are now links in Phi Delta Theta. The latter of these,  $K \Sigma K$ , was founded at Virginia Military Institution in 1867, and has had chapters at Washington and Lee, University of Virginia, Randolph-Macon, Richmond, Virginia State, and the University of Louisiana. In 1886 the University of Virginia, and Virginia State chapters were defunct. The charter of the Louisiana chapter was withdrawn and Randolph-Macon, Richmond, Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee, are our Virginia Gamma, Delta, Epsilon and Zeta.

Under the title of "An Academic Fraternity" is given an account of Alpha Phi, a society in the East, which sustains to academies the same relation that the Greek societies do to our colleges. The Alpha chapter was founded in 1870, at Colgate Academy, and chapters have since been established at Clinton Grammar School, Delaware Literary Institute, Whitestown Seminary, Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary, Centenary Collegiate Institute, and Wyoming Seminary.

BETA THETA PI IN POLITICS is a dissertation we had labeled "Annual Chestnut" even before we saw the February *Sigma Chi*, and brings out the notable "silver greys" for annual inspection, which they bear with usual grace. But what we most congratulate our Beta friend upon is the disclosures she makes in her Boston chapter letter. We have seen how long the "dorg" has been after the "owl" that we are not surprised, when after the explosion which blew University of Chicago students hither and thither, and one of the transported  $\Psi$  Ts turned up in the  $B \Theta \Pi$  chapter in Boston town, that wooglin wags his tail, and barks out his joy. We agree that the occasion should be celebrated with sky-rockets and exclamation points.

We like *The Purple and Gold* of Chi Psi, not at all that it is

conformable to our opinion of what the ideal fraternity journal should be, or that its views coincide with ours. It does neither of these. But as the organ of *X Ψ*, it is *X Ψ* through and through, and suits *X Ψ*, and in that latter we think fulfills its mission. What it attempts it does well, and it attempts not a little.

An editorial in the February number, *WHY A MONTHLY*, says, "in truth we can see but two reasons for a longer life to the monthlies now in existence. Their societies are either young or large. Chi Psi is neither. Therefore, say we, a quarterly is the most useful, the most characteristic, and the most desirable form for our magazine." The argument for the first statement is parallel to that of the denominationalist who has chosen his creed and then proves it from the Bible. All you have to do is to make your choice and you can sustain it, whatever it is. Chi Psi makes her choice of a quarterly, and the chief reasons, therefore, seemed to be that it makes a more æsthetic appearance and saves pennies on the right side of the bank account. Good reasons of themselves, but ones which lose much of their weight when volumes are compared at the close of the year.

Chi Psi has a pretty custom of mentioning her dead as *IMMORTALS*, and under that head says: "Have you never caught yourself regretting the death of a brother,—and only because the draping of your insignia had a somber effect and veiled their beauties? Little thought of the brother at last immortalized! Further, how many of us know the names of the immortals of even our own Alpha? The writer himself has many a time been reminded of his neglect here. Yet not a little of the glory of the fraternity, not a few of its great names, lie hidden behind the star set opposite so many of the immortals in the catalogue. The lesson is obvious. A deeper interest should be manifested in this stellar graveyard. Stroll more often into it, and, reading the epitaphs of great and good men, become familiar with the lives of dead brothers, which lives are legacies of worth and inspiration and prophesy to those that remain. There is much to be learned if you will but pause over these stars. Take down your catalogue and pause awhile. See if you are not a better man and a better Chi Psi. There is another phase of this lesson. How ungrateful to give hardly half-hearted acquiescence to the customary marks of mourning! Each brother should feel the sadness, not simply sham and outward sorrow. There is something hallowing in mourning the dead. It lifts a man into another sphere. So will more earnest sorrow lift us all to a higher understanding of the meaning of Chi Psi; and the brother who sincerely mourns will have set the example to those who will sometime make note of his enrollment among the immortals indeed."

In the April number *CHI PSI HOMES* is the only noteworthy

article. Chapter letters are bundles of Chi Psi notes, well written, containing only a moderate amount of college notes and no general fraternity news whatever.

In the January *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, David Bennett King, in an article entitled GREEK LETTER CLUBS, among other things puts this tersely :

"There is no longer any room for doubt that, in most instances, the Greek letter societies form far the strongest bond between the alumnus and the actual college life of his alma mater ; in many instances it is the only bond. The alumnus is sure that, whatever else is passed away or changed, he will receive a hearty greeting from his younger brethren in the old fraternity rooms." Fraternity club enterprises in New York city are enlarged upon, mention being made of those of  $\Delta KE$ ,  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ ,  $\Delta T\Delta$ ,  $B\Theta\Pi$ ,  $\Psi T$ ,  $\Lambda\Delta\Phi$ ,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ ,  $\Delta\Psi$ ,  $Z\Psi$  and  $\Delta\Phi$ . The remainder of the number is taken up with an account of the late Convention in Washington, where  $\Delta K E$  spirit ran high (no mention made of the headache), an annual review of Exchanges, and list of initiates, Yale and Harvard presenting respectively thirty-nine and sixty.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is the well-edited exponent of a squinting construction, whose grammar she continues to elucidate, and we hope to learn in time that it means without reservation or qualification that  $\Delta T$  is a Greek-letter fraternity, the "anti"-secret appellation having been laid on the shelf for future reference only, the "non" to follow.

The number for January gives a full account of the Delta Upsilon movement at Tufts, originating on account of "(1) general dissatisfaction among the more prominent and influential non-society men with the political and social condition of the college, and (2) a well-grounded and reasonable fear that some second-rate *secret* society might establish a chapter in the college, and thus make a bad situation worse." We italicize "*secret*." It seems that a second-rate society was bad enough, but oh, Delta-U, a *second-rate secret* society ! That would be unbearable, so the squinting construction sacrifices itself on the altar to atone for the state of affairs which fraternities had created in the social and political world at Tufts. Verily, new clothes don't make a new man !

A letter on the last Delta Upsilon camp at Lake George and a poem read at the reunion of the Lafayette and Lehigh chapters, are interesting. A never abbreviated and noteworthy department is that of Alumni Notes, which is particularly full.

About the best thing the last *Chi Phi Quarterly* did was when she arose to the occasion and "rang the bell" on the University of Virginia correspondent on his "quality, not quantity" remark in chapter letter.

Speaking of the late Louisville Convention, the *Quarterly* says : " While from the location it was not expected that all the chapters would be represented, the report of the Committee on Credentials showed a deficiency in this respect that cannot be passed in silence. \* \* \* Next to the absence of certain of the chapters, that of resident alumni in Louisville calls for comment, but three of them appearing at any of the sittings of the convention, and those three not being aware of it until brought in by some of the brothers in attendance." From which we are led to hunt again for an answer to "an unanswered question." The PHI CHAPTER OF CHI PHI does justice to her Amherst chapter and her house, mentioned elsewhere.

The *Kappa Alpha Journal* for February closes an article thusly :

" By her own force the South will lead in arts, sciences, peace and war, and we of *K A* should say bravely, faithfully, happily, we are Southerners and our home is—THE SOUTH." And so confidently did she say it that we were not a little surprised on receiving the March number, under the head of "Westward the Star of Empire Takes its Way," to note the establishment of a chapter at William Jewel college, which, hopes *K A*, will be "but the senior of a number of Missouri sister chapters," and that "the day is not far distant when I shall see our banner waving over the best institutions of this and other Western States." The next convention of *K A* will meet in Columbia, S. C., October 2, 3 and 4.

The *Record* gives the following description of the  $\Sigma A E$  house at Sewanee :

"The building is of beautiful sandstone, which is found in great abundance here. The entire length of the building is 45 feet and it will contain two rooms. Front room, 13x12, and main room, which is designed to serve the purpose of the chapter-house proper, 18x31. The hall has a beautiful front on the street in the shape of an octagonal window. On the left corner of the building there is a graceful turret, on whose summit we propose to display a  $\Sigma A E$  'billy-goat' as a weather-vane. On the right will be a small porch. The building is situated in close proximity to the university buildings and has a large lot connected with it. Our 'boys' are already talking of flower-beds, lawn tennis grounds and lovers' retreats. But all this is in the future."

For what reason the *Record* saw fit to re-print in full the New York New England dinner speech of Editor Grady, we do not know. Had it been given a place in the organ of Chi Phi, of which fraternity Grady is a member, we might perhaps—though, even then, with difficulty—have been able to understand the spirit which prompted its publication ; but for Sigma Alpha Epsilon to reproduce something which had already gone the rounds

of the daily press was certainly nothing less than wanton waste of valuable space.

A prize was offered for best chapter letter written and the December number had an abundance of "copy." In a STUDY OF THE CHAPTERS the remark made about Phi Delta Theta shows that events of long ago still rankle in the Editor's breast which we would think the present united and prosperous condition of  $\Sigma A E$  would ameliorate. Outside of the fact that in the April number an editorial is devoted to the merits of HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE, there is little for the reviewer to note, save a general satisfactory condition of their fraternity.

The *Sigma Chi*, Delta Tau Delta *Rainbow* and Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* have come to us regularly, but although each is especially meritorious in some particular way, they furnish but little to quote from. The first devotes its volubility to Exchanges, the second is going through a course of dieting and is emaciated, while the last has concluded not to grow up with the country and has moved, being now under the editorship of C. L. Van Cleve, of Ohio, who was its editor previous to its transfer to the Kansas chapter. The change will be a good one for the *Shield*, which will brighten and lose the tarnish the wild westernisms sometimes gave it.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* for April devotes itself to the late Convention held in Madison, Ind., and announces new chapters at Albion, University of Nebraska and University of the Pacific, where the "kite" promises to soar as high as in other institutions where it has been longer known.

J. E. B.

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## EDITORIAL.

**N. B.** —To all correspondents. The Editor must in all cases be addressed,  
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It was therefore with good possibilities of success that a member of the Theological School, who was also a member of Phi Delta Theta, incited by certain members of the secret societies, began to make advances to several non-society members of the three lower classes, with the view of forming a chapter of this fraternity in the college. To most of those interviewed the subject was not a welcome one, but, on account of the near approach of an important meeting, when it was desirable that all possible unity should prevail among the non-society men, no definite action was taken for some time on the proposition. On May 29, however, two days after that meeting, a private consultation was held by six men. It was there definitely decided to give no encouragement to the Phi Delta Theta scheme, but to make our own choice of a society, if the formation of a new society at Tufts was made necessary by circumstances. Mention was made of Delta Upsilon and its characteristic feature of non-secrecy, and it was deemed best to investigate the standing and general workings of that fraternity. A letter of inquiry met with such a frank and hearty response as to strengthen our growing conviction that Delta Upsilon was exactly the society we were looking for. A quinquennial catalogue was borrowed from the Boston publishers; one or two old *Quarterlies*, which had been sent in previous years to '85 and '86 men as campaign documents, were secured and carefully perused; and everything which would bear on the subject was eagerly sought.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

We congratulate Delta Upsilon on her entrance into Tufts, but cannot forbear making a few comments on their statement



of the chain of events which led to the institution of the chapter. The idea given in the account is that Phi Delta Theta was, so to speak, thrown overboard, whereas such was not at all the case. Undoubtedly the candidates for fraternity membership "definitely decided to give no encouragement to the Phi Delta Theta scheme, but to make their own choice of a society, but it is a significant fact that, *not until the would-be petitioners to Phi Delta Theta knew positively that they could not obtain a charter from that fraternity*, did they "definitely decide to give no encouragement to the Phi Delta Theta scheme." When the then President of our Alpha Province (which includes the State of Massachusetts) learned that steps were being taken to effect the organization of a chapter at Tufts, he promptly allowed it to be understood that he could not favor such a project. With opposition from that official vanished all hopes of the applicants gaining admittance to Phi Delta Theta. This was early in January. Not until May 29th, *more than four months after* such was known to be the case, was it "definitely decided to give no encouragement to the Phi Delta Theta scheme." As to whether our then President of Alpha Province acted wisely, or whether his course had the endorsement or expressed the animus of the fraternity are questions entirely irrelevant. The fact remains, and we possess the correspondence to prove it.

Further, the account leads us to infer that Delta Upsilon herself was entirely passive in the matter, that not until the pilgrim bowed before the mystic shrine and imploringly sought admittance, was thought of, even most remotely, such a thing as the unlocking, to the barbarian of Tufts, the secret "non-secret" doors. If such were the case, will our honored friend, the *Quarterly*, mind telling us why, perchance, "one or two old *Quarterlies* had been sent in previous years to '85 and '86 men as *campaign documents*?" Yea, verily, "consistency, thou art a jewel!"

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THE sessions of the recent Anti-Secret Society Convention at Chicago were remarkable only for the ignorance displayed by every one who addressed the meeting, as well as by those who wrote papers that were read there. While the Free Masons were the main object of attack, and false, malicious and fanatical expressions were made in regard to that fraternity, it was no more than was expected. But it was a surprise to the college world that any one would

be so carried away with prejudice as to willfully misrepresent the great fraternity spirit that pervades our colleges through the Greek-letter societies. Whatever may have been the experience at Princeton, it is safe to say that it was not the influence of fraternities that caused the intemperance complained of by Dr. McCosh. The brutality of their rushes and hazing has disappeared, and these were surely not caused by fraternities, though existing while fraternities were in full operation. Does their absence now prove anything against the fraternities? We have yet to learn of any of the distinguished men of our country, who have been intimately connected with the active workings of college fraternities, who have ever spoken except in praise of the influence of such organizations.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

The Free Masons and similar organizations have acquired such gigantic proportions that it is not surprising they should have their enemies, many and bitter; and, again, when the cloak of the secret brotherhood is used, as by the Knights of Labor and similar powerful and unwieldy trade associations, as an entering wedge into politics and for the suppression of one of the cardinal maxims of natural law—the trampling under foot of personal liberty—it would be strange indeed did no cry go out against them. But when the secret society, simply because, forsooth, it *is* a *secret* society, no matter what its field or scope, is maligned by those who claim they are waging a warfare between Christianity and the devil, they have certainly gone a little too far. We have nothing to say of any class of secret orders except the Greek letter fraternity, known to the American college. It is strange that such a man as Dr. McCosh should be arrayed with the bigot. His opinion should be worth much; but *what is it worth* when set opposite to that of so many able men in so many fields, and especially in his own? In the warfare—if it may be so called—between the party of which Dr. McCosh is an exponent and the irresistible growth of the Greek-letter fraternity, the McCosh party is bound to go to the wall, and soon, too. There are in the United States to-day probably one hundred and fifty thousand college fraternity men. How many of these will deny assent to the statement of our former Historian in his able address at the New York Convention?

“Greek-letter societies will outlive all prejudices and narrow-mindedness by which they are, from time to time, assailed. They will outlive all the so-called anti-fraternity laws as they exist in some few colleges to-day. They will outlive all that hoary-headed orthodoxy that points to the college society as an

institution designed by Satan to enlarge his kingdom among freshmen. The college fraternity system needs no public defence on this occasion and in this presence. The weight of its own good influence will commend it to those who come in contact with it. It has been a stimulus to good scholarship and good character, and the pride of its associations has made many a faltering student faithful to his duty."

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It is difficult to understand the good of the custom in vogue, in some cases, of arbitrarily limiting the membership of chapters. While it seems to us that, as a general rule, the feelings of true brotherhood and the teachings of fraternity can best be fostered where the number of guardians is small, say not exceeding a score, still we find, as in certain chapters of our own fraternity, that almost an ideal chapter can be maintained with twice that number, or even more. A great deal depends on the customs and traditions of the institutions. At some, the fraternities seem to absorb *all* the students; at others, no more than twenty per cent. We might mention a college where the student attendance will reach five hundred, yet the total membership of the five fraternities there will seldom, if ever, reach seventy-five. A chapter of thirty or forty men there would suffer as much on account of its large membership as one at another institution might, were it limited to ten or fifteen, while all of its compeers numbered twice or thrice that figure. However, while custom and tradition may fix the size of a chapter *approximately*, we cannot see how it can do so, with advantage, *rigidly*. It is hard to appreciate those brotherly feelings which will exclude the odd man, albeit he possesses *all* the requirements and virtues to be desired, because he unfortunately comes at the eleventh hour and finds the mystic circle numerically complete. Like the metropolitan 'bus, so long as the novitiate can stand on a level and hold his own with the rest, and if he is worthy to become a *brother*, there is always room for "one more."

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It will be of interest to the various chapters to know how the vote stood on the question of postponing the time of holding our next National Convention. Only forty-two chapters (out of sixty-three) took enough interest in the matter to express any

opinion or desire. Of the forty-two votes communicated to the Secretary of the General Council by the various province presidents, only four—New York Gamma, Tennessee Alpha, Mississippi Alpha and Ohio Alpha—opposed the change in time. The remaining thirty-eight votes in favor of postponement constitute at the same time a good majority of the sixty-three, and an overwhelming majority of those cast. The following chapters voted in favor of postponement unconditionally: Maine Alpha, New Hampshire Alpha, Vermont Alpha, Massachusetts Alpha, New York Alpha, Beta and Delta, Pennsylvania Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon, Virginia Alpha, Beta and Delta, North Carolina Beta, South Carolina Beta, Georgia Beta and Gamma, Alabama Alpha and Beta, Texas Beta and Gamma, Illinois Alpha and Delta, Missouri Alpha and Beta, Iowa Alpha and Beta, Minnesota Alpha, Kansas Alpha, Nebraska Alpha, California Alpha, and four not specified in Delta Province, reported by President J. T. Morrison. Illinois Epsilon, having a peculiar interest in the matter, being located at Bloomington, voted for postponement, provided a majority of the chapters so voted.

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EPSILON PROVINCE, at the recent convention, took the proper step by setting the summer resort ball rolling. As we shortly since pointed out, the development of such a scheme is one that we cannot afford to neglect, and with the proper push and the right men at the helm it should be carried through to success. It would, perhaps, be best not to leave it to the fraternity at large, but let each section undertake the organization within its own boundaries. The provinces seem too small. By way of suggestion to Epsilon Province, we might mention a coalition with Delta and Zeta. These three provinces form a compact territory, and a resort centrally located therein would certainly command adequate support. However, this is entirely "*gratis*," and is to be accepted by them for what they consider it worth. In any feasible shape, the undertaking is meritorious, but brothers Covert, Miller and Davidson have a responsibility on their shoulders. We have the fullest confidence in them.

This was the most important work of the Indianapolis convention. A full delegation was present, all the chapters being represented. The tide of enthusiasm ran high, and when the banquet

was in order all were "present or accounted for." Apropos the resort question, we are informed that a number of southern Phis intend instituting a summer resort at Monteagle, Tennessee.

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THE closing days of the college year '86-'87 finds THE SCROLL closing up its eleventh volume and the fraternity with its two score years well nigh run. The past ten months of work have brought us our full share of the profits. The New York convention was emphatically a success. The several province conventions have been no less so. THE SCROLL, we think, has moved on prosperously and, we hope, satisfactorily under the newly instituted advisory board. The fraternity, while pursuing its vigorous development within, has not neglected its development, in the few desirable directions that remain, without. Four leading institutions have placed their names on our chapter roll and, of perhaps the only two chapters whose dormancy we regretted, one has been recalled to life and is strong and vigorous again. Within, we have added to our list three promising alumni chapters, located at Pittsburgh, Atlanta and Saint Louis. With an undergraduate membership, approximating nine hundred, we think we can compare favorably with any, and count the closing year well spent.

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At periodical intervals the Beta Theta Pi "prep. killer" stalks abroad, but, like the traditional ground hog, nothing more terrible than his own shadow is necessary to drive him forthwith to the seclusion of his darksome hole. When the Phi Delta Theta "prep. killer" goes forth throughout the land fire sparkles in his eye and he means business. We are ashamed to let "the world" know how many loyal Phis tremble beneath the withering glance of the freshman, and contemplate with mingled fear and admiration the majestic and lordly sophomore. We hope they themselves will all—all except the '92 and '93 men, of course—be freshmen next year. We might remark, by the way, that "the prep. must go!" The day of his destruction draweth nigh. Let us turn over a new leaf in the fall.

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THE recent election of Rev. J. M. Worrall, D. D., of New York, Ohio Alpha, '48, to the Presidency of Centre College is an

honor we are most pleased to record. The New York Phis would sincerely regret his departure from their midst, for his kind fellowship and good counsel have been invaluable to his younger brothers ; but, should he accept the post, New York's loss will but be Kentucky's gain.

In this connection we might mention the fact that the Presidency of Ohio State University has been tendered Ex-President Hayes, with the promise that, if he accepted, all routine and detail work will be left to a subordinate.

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Don't fail to let the Business Manager know to what address the October SCROLL is to be sent and how many each chapter will want.

Remember also that all matter, and especially chapter letters, intended for that number, must reach the Editor on or before September 16th. The current issue appearing prior to Commencement in most of our colleges, reporters will please record matters pertaining thereto in their letters to the October number.

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Now that it is settled that there will be no convention this year there is no further reason for delaying payment of the regular annual tax of \$2, which was due April 1st, and we hope the chapters will be prompt in remitting the same to the Treasurer of the General Council. Do not think, there being no convention there are no expenses. The running expenses of the fraternity are considerable, to meet which, and for other obvious reasons, it is essential that the dues of each year should be promptly paid.

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WE would like to see THE SCROLL more heartily supported in the way of contributions than it has been heretofore. Phis, graduate and student, should oftener make use of its pages for the expression of views and the discussion of matters of interest to us all. Literary contributions bearing on local and general fraternity matters, and historical sketches are especially desirable. Let us have more of these than we have been having.

BROTHER J. E. BROWN, as we remarked when assuming editorial charge of THE SCROLL, has consented to act as Exchange Editor. This month he furnishes a review of all exchanges received since our last review (in January) and up to May 1st. This department has been by no means discarded, as some have seemed to think, but will not appear more than three times—probably only twice—in a volume.

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BROTHER MONTGOMERY writes: "By the way, Pennsylvania Gamma has invited a pan-hellenic conference next Monday evening to consult about the prep. The prevailing sentiment, if I understand it thoroughly, is that 'the prep must go.'" This is the proper move. We trust it is but the first of many.

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WE are just in receipt of the April number of the *Lombard Review*, which is dedicated to the late Eugene Francis Carney, a graduate of Lombard in the class of '85, the first Editor of the *Review* and a charter member of our Illinois Zeta chapter.

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DURING Volume XI. we have published over 270 chapter letters, an average of over 30 per issue or nearly 5 per chapter, i. e., all of our chapters have averaged a report in every second issue, and every chapter in the fraternity has been heard from.

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IT is proper to state that Virginia Gamma's reasons for issuing no circular letter in March were just and sufficient. We have recently received circular letters from Maine Alpha, Vermont Alpha, Alabama Alpha and Tennessee Beta.

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A FEW chapter historians not having returned their reports in season, the Historian of the General Council has been unable to prepare his report in time for this issue. It will be published in the first number of the next volume.

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AGAIN we would request all those chapters at colleges which issue annuals to send a copy to Dr. J. E. Brown, National Military Home, Ohio.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To Chapter Treasurers :*

Agreeable to requests from a large majority of chapters, the General Council has postponed the next National Convention to 1889. The extra assessment of \$1.50 necessary for the 1887 convention is therefore revoked and will not now be due.

It is of the utmost importance that the fixed and regular tax of \$2.00, which was due April 1st, be paid at time specified by the constitution. I trust therefore there will be no delay, now that matters are settled. See Constitution, Art. XII., Sec. 3.

April 23, 1887.

S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

WE were very sorry that the fraternity at large should have felt as they did over the delay of our chapter letter. It is now in every chapter room. The delay was no fault of the chapter's, and we hope it will be overlooked.

The Maine State College League opened to-day with a game between Colby and Boudoin, which resulted in the score of 7 to 6 in our favor. Maine Alpha is represented on the team by Bowman, third base, Bradbury, centre field, and Roberts, substitute. P. M. Burleigh is scorer. Maine Alpha is preparing for her commencement week reunion, which will be a grand affair.

May 14, 1887.

S. GALLERT.

## VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

OWING to a short interregnum in the office of reporter, no letter was sent to the May SCROLL from this chapter.

On the evening of April 23d we initiated C. H. Stevens, '89, and F. L. Moore, '90, with unusually striking ceremonies, making the number on our roll-call at present twenty-two.

Brother Quimby, '89, returned to college at the beginning of this term, having completed a successful term of teaching.

Brothers Croft and Stratton, '89, recently favored us with visits.

Brothers Brigham, '89, and Wilbur, '90, will represent our chapter at the Sophomore-Freshman prize speaking, which occurs in a few weeks.

Brother Merriam, '89, is paying a short visit to N. H. Alpha.



Brother Cooper, '88, is assistant in the experiment station recently established here, and brother Williamis, '88, succeeds him as assistant in the laboratory.

As evidences of progress in our university may be mentioned the recent abolition of annual examinations and military drill, the institution of a system of "cuts" which does away with the necessity of mental exertion on the part of the student in making excuses for absences, and the proposal of the faculty to institute a "Conference Committee" of officers and students to promote a better understanding and communication between the students and faculty. No definite action has yet been taken by the students in regard to this proposal.

The Billings library, which was built two years ago at a cost of \$115,000, is being enlarged by an addition which will cost \$15,000.

A strong base-ball team has been selected from the two departments, with liberal financial support. It is substantially the same team which won so many victories last year and held the championship of the Vermont Inter-collegiate League.

Our lawn tennis grounds are being graded and drained at the expense of the faculty, and are to be maintained by the students hereafter.

May 13, 1887.

C. B. SORNBORGER.

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NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

NEW YORK DELTA has nothing new of fraternity interest to report this month. The chapter is in a prosperous condition, and we lose only two men by graduation this year.

On the 12th of May we celebrated the anniversary of the establishment of our chapter with appropriate ceremony. A theatre party and a dinner finished the exercises of the evening.

We give up our club rooms on June 1st and will begin next fall with at least eleven men.

May 14, 1887.

LEO WAMPOLD.

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PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

ALTHOUGH no letter appeared in the May SCROLL from here the chapter is still alive and flourishing.

Brother C. E. Newkirk did not return to college this term, business duties detaining him at home. He expects to be back next fall.

The contest between the Allegheny and Philo-Franklin literary societies, which is to come off commencement week, is growing interesting on account of the changes on the Philo-Franklin team. At the beginning of the term the declaimer leaving col-

lege, brother F. M. Kerr was elected in his place ; last week the orator, who was elected last fall, resigned, and it looked for a short time as though the contest would be declared off, no person seeming desirous of being elected to fill the vacancy when there was so short a time for preparation ; but matters were arranged by brother D. W. Howell, who was essayist, being elected orator, and brother C. L. Smith essayist. These brothers certainly deserve great credit for their loyalty to the society in consenting to compete against men who have had as many months as they will have weeks in which to prepare.

In our letter to the April SCROLL in stating the relations existing between the different fraternities here we said a few things not at all flattering concerning a chapter of a certain fraternity, on account of which our sanctum was invaded by an irate member of that august body, who gave us the startling information that such a communication had no business in the SCROLL. We informed the aforesaid person that the SCROLL was for the information and benefit of Phis and not for himself and the body he represented, and as long as the Editor saw fit to publish our communications his opinion had no weight whatever.

This information did not have a soothing effect on him, and with much anger did he take his departure.

On Monday evening, the 16th, we give a reception to our lady friends in our hall in the Phoenix Block, and a pleasant time is expected.

The eighth anniversary of Pennsylvania Delta's birth will take place on Saturday evening, May 28th. Preparations are being made for an unusually pleasant time. In the literary part of the programme brother Howell is orator, brother Smith poet, brother Bignell valedictorian, and brother Blaisdell replier.

We have also written to all our alumni who cannot be present to write us letters for the occasion.

In athletics we are not behind. Phis are among the best ball and tennis players in the college.

May 14, 1887.

WILL BIGNELL.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

IN explanation of the non-appearance of a report from Pennsylvania Epsilon since March, we quote from an editorial in a recent issue of THE SCROLL : " The existence of even a large chapter does not always afford material for a monthly report."

During this time, however, we have been by no means inactive. On the evening of April 15th we celebrated our sixth anniversary by appropriate literary exercises and a banquet. It was a grand success and a most enjoyable occasion to all.

By individual gifts and joint action we continue to add to the

furnishings of our hall, and while we have at present as neat and handsome a place of meeting as one could wish, we expect with what is yet to follow to be able to compare with the very best in this respect.

The date of our commencement is June 30th, when we will send forth seven Phis, leaving eight of our present number along with three pledged men behind.

Of the seven seniors, brothers Stein and Heck were at the recent session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference admitted on trial and appointed to Allegheny and Westport respectively. Brother Culver will go to Drew Seminary next year. Brother Porter will most probably study medicine at the University of Maryland. Brothers Yeager, Cleaver and Smith will probably teach and are now open to engagements.

We were pleased a few days since to again give the "grip" to brother E. J. Lindsey, '85, who has returned for the summer to his home near this place from the Theological Seminary at Allegheny. He is a charter member of Pennsylvania Alpha Alumni.

In the SCROLL of May we see our circular letter referred to as of the "blanket" size. All we have to say is that we took care to order the proper size from the printer, and the first we knew of the "blanket" was when the work was completed.

In the same connection we are made acquainted with the points on which Beta Theta Pi claims superiority at Dickinson, and also her characterization of "the others" here.

It is indeed quite interesting, as some things are said which had never dawned upon our intellect before. The SCROLL says: "This is gotten up in true Beta style."

It is most certainly in keeping with Beta style at Dickinson. As to the points on which superiority is claimed, they may, for the most part, be passed by as mere arrogance. We have, as a chapter, always refrained from the vilification of others, and, without fear of being charged with this, can state with regard to the Betas' report as a whole, with special reference to her characterization of "the others," that she not only stultifies herself but also at least approaches most dangerously near the falsification.

In refinement we make as good a showing as the best here, not even self-sufficient Betas excepted, and none are less heterogeneous than we.

May 9, 1887.

W. M. SMITH.

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PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

THE first month of our existence as Phis has passed very pleasantly, and the interest which we feel in Phi Delta Theta is steadily on the increase.

We find ourselves beginning to think of our separation during the summer, for June, with its examinations and subsequent relief from study, will soon be here.

The annual examinations begin June 6, and commencement is on the 23d. Our chapter will be worthily represented at commencement by brother Fehnel, who has the valedictory.

The *Epitome* has not yet been issued, but the editors expect to have it on sale within two or three weeks. It is published annually by the junior class, the editors being elected at the close of the Sophomore year. We hardly expected to get our chapter list and cut into the *Epitome* this year, and were therefore greatly pleased to find that we were not too late.

Perhaps a few words in regard to our university may not be out of place.

Lehigh University was founded in 1866 by Hon. Asa Packer, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and was so generously endowed by him that in 1871 tuition in all branches was made free. It is primarily a technical school, and in addition has excellent courses in the classics and in science and letters.

The faculty numbers thirteen professors and sixteen instructors; the number of students at present is about 350. The library is endowed with a fund of \$500,000, and has now nearly 70,000 volumes. The laboratories are acknowledged to be among the finest in the country. A new chapel, which is being built by a daughter of Judge Packer, is nearing completion, and commencement exercises will be held in it next month. The university is situated in an extensive manufacturing and mining region, and hence presents a good field for technical students.

Brother Welles (Pennsylvania Alpha), called on us a few days ago, and together we looked up another Phi who resides in town, brother Stout (Pennsylvania Zeta), who has since affiliated with us. He is soon to receive his diploma as M. D., from the University of Pennsylvania. Brother Harleman (Pennsylvania Alpha), is train dispatcher at the L. V. R. R. office in this place, and brother Hoffman (Pennsylvania Zeta), is a resident physician at St. Luke's Hospital. Brother Otto, who has been at St. Luke's for some time past, has recently accepted a position in a hospital in Philadelphia.

The numerical strength of the fraternities at Lehigh, March 25, '87, was as follows:

Chi Phi, 19; Alpha Tau Omega, 15; Delta Phi, 11; Psi Upsilon, 27; Theta Delta Chi, 14; Delta Upsilon, 16; Sigma Nu, 13; Phi Gamma Delta, 11; Sigma Phi, 13.

To this list must now be added Phi Delta Theta, 10.\*

May 13, 1887.

A. T. THROOP.

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\* [The reporter does not mention the fact that at the recent athletic games our young chapter took over one-third of the prizes, notwithstanding the fact that there are ten fraternities at Lehigh. Of 37 prizes awarded Pennsylvania Eta received 13.—ED.]

## BETA PROVINCE.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

SINCE our last nothing of a very exciting nature has transpired here in fraternity circles. "Old Theta" holds her wonted place of prominence, both intellectually and socially. Four of the seven speakers on the annual public debate of the Demosthenean Society were Phis, viz.: brothers Bowers, Kuder, Leatherman and Murphy. No other fraternity was represented upon this occasion.

Our senior examinations are just finished and class honors have been awarded. We have three men in the graduating class, viz.: brothers Goodman, Keen and Sieg. The second and third honors have been awarded to brothers Sieg and Keen respectively. Brother Goodman's class standing is also high, being next to that of the third honor.

We have contestants for other prizes, and expect to say something about them in our next.

We regret very much to have to record the expulsion of one of our members, H. R. Barton. Brother Barton's case was a peculiar one, and had been pending for some time; we endeavored to adjust it amicably, but it finally took a turn where equity and the best interest of our chapter seemed to demand imperatively the step we took.

It is not at all probable that we will bring out our goat again this session; but at the beginning of next we expect to have him in vigorous riding order. We will open strong next session, all of our best men except those we lose by graduation expect to return.

Our commencement this year promises to be an interesting one. This is the year for the triennial reunion, and on that account the number of visitors will be much larger than usual. Some improvements have been made about the college grounds and buildings—the campus has been carefully trimmed and cleaned up, and presents a very beautiful appearance. College work has gone on smoothly and satisfactorily this session. The number of students enrolled is 141.

In conclusion, we would be very glad to have any of our brother Phis visit our commencement, and we assure all that may do so that they will receive a warm and fraternal welcome at the hands of Virginia Alpha.

May 14, 1887.

C. F. KUDER.

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VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

As the session draws on to its close, we naturally begin to look forward to the future, and to reckon up our chances of having a

"quorum" present at our opening next year. The prospect is, to say the least, brighter than it was at this time last year; Virginia Gamma lost five men in June, '86, and as this was a greater loss than that sustained by any of "our friends, the enemy," we were at a decided disadvantage at the beginning of the session for want of old men who knew the methods of "rushing" the susceptible freshman.

However, our faithful work received its due reward, and, as a result, we have seven men, of whom we will have six with us next year, and, possibly, the seventh.

With this effective force we hope to make a vigorous campaign against the barbarian hosts who, at the beginning of each year, make bold to start upon their college career at old Randolph-Macon.

During the past month the usually dull routine of college life has been enlivened by entertainments of various kinds, given by the students and their fair lady friends. Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer," was recently presented in the Town Hall, under the auspices of one of our literary societies. The "talented" actors performed their parts to the entire satisfaction of the fashionable audience which was present. Brothers Martin and Dent were the Phi representatives on this occasion, "the social event of the season."

The First Annual Field Day of the Athletic Association of R. M. C. was held a short time ago. The varied programme was carried out with great success, and the spirited contests between the participants were very interesting. Some excellent records were made; all compared favorably with the best records of our sister colleges, and some were far above the average. It is worthy of mention that our Kappa Alpha cousins of the shield and cross won fully three-fourths of the races and other contests, the A. F. O. (local) winning all the rest, with two exceptions. We congratulate the Kappa Alpha upon their success, and only hope that in future contests on the field they may meet many fellow Greeks who may, in good-natured rivalry, wrest some laurels from their muscular grasp.

Our College Glee Club will assist the conventional brass band in discoursing music at our commencement in June. Brother Vaden, a skilful performer on the piano, will play the accompaniments upon his favorite musical instrument. In the person of Brother Dent, who twangs the classic guitar, with the thrilling effect of an (M)Orpheus, we have another musical genius. Others of our chapter have enviable local reputations as vocal musicians, but "further this deponent sayeth not."

This is our last letter for '86-'7; our final words are words of love for the order. We have endeavored to forward the cause we advocate, at R. M. C., and we only hope that the future pros-

perity of Virginia Gamma may bear testimony to the faithfulness with which we have striven to "honor the white and the blue." We wish our fellow reporters and all the brothers in the bond a "pleasant summer," and our graduates of '87 a God speed in their business careers.

May 14, '1887.

J. C. MARTIN, JR.

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VIRGINIA EPSILON, VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.

SINCE writing our last letter we have had the pleasure of introducing into the mysteries of the Phi Delta Theta William Dickinson, of the class of '87. He is a lieutenant in the corps of cadets and is one of its most popular officers. It is hardly necessary for us to state that he, having matriculated before the anti-fraternity regulation was made, was not subject to it. Your reporter neglected, in his last report, to mention the initiation of W. J. Pomlevant and A. Favre, both of whom joined us after resigning their cadetships at this place. They now live at Pearlinton, Mississippi, and we most heartily recommend them to the Phi world.

Last Sunday we were honored with a visit from brother Mansfield, who is now a member of Virginia Beta. He is at present taking the B. L. course at the University of Virginia, and judging from his past career at the V. M. I., he will obtain his degree with little trouble.

April 15, 1887.

R. T. GOODWYN.

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GAMMA PROVINCE.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THIS is our last letter before commencement. In the next we hope to be able to give a creditable list of honors taken by the Phis this session.

The athletic sports on May 6th (Vanderbilt field day), were a complete success. Two or three students of other institutions entered for several of the races, etc., but failed to win any. Sewanee won the tennis match. Vanderbilt won the \$250 State Inter-collegiate Base Ball Cup, defeating Sewanee by a score of 21 to 2.

Work on the *Vanderbilt Comet* is nearly completed, and it is expected from press by the last of the month.

The commencement addresses this season will be by Geo. W. Cable and Gov. Taylor.

May 13, 1887.

STEWART BROOKS.

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ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

SOCIETY celebrations are now a thing of the past, and we will not enjoy any more public literary entertainments again until

commencement, which takes place this year on the 22d of June. Then, however, we will hear from Phis in abundance.

In my last letter to the SCROLL I made full mention of the Plithonian Society celebration, so I will be brief this time. On the occasion we were tellingly represented by brother Quarles as President, brother Searcy, R., as orator, and brothers Clay and Holloway as debaters. The two remaining debaters were members of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Brother Jenkins, our last initiate, represented us on the Philomathic celebration. Each of the above brothers achieved signal praise and honor for Phi Delta Theta.

Judging from a letter received from brother McLeod, of Selma, it seems quite probable that we will soon have an alumni chapter at that place.

Birmingham also has over fifteen Phis in her town, so lets have two more alumni chapters in Alabama besides the Montgomery one.

Our last chapter meeting was one of special enjoyment, caused so by the presence of two most loyal Phis, brothers Greene, of Birmingham, and Murphy, S., of Livingston.

Brother Greene, as President of our State Association, informed us that the convention, which was appointed to meet in June or July, 1887, would be postponed one year, and then it would be held in either Birmingham or Selma.

I suppose from what brother Greene said, that the Executive Committee will confirm his wish concerning the above.

The commencement speakers, composed of the nine men having the highest marks since their entrance to the university, have not yet been appointed ; but we confidently expect 6 out of the 9, and very probably 7.

On the Inter-Society debate, which also happens during commencement, we hope to receive 6 out of the 8 appointed.

After some little inconvenience we have secured a most desirable place for our Phi entertainment, which will occur during commencement week. We trust that as many Phis as can conveniently do so, will make it a point to visit us then, for we will most happily welcome all of them.

May 10, 1887.

LLOYD HOOPER.

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#### ALABAMA BETA.\* ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

BROTHERS H. L. BROWN and E. J. SPRATLING have withdrawn from college since our last report, the former to accept a place as leveller on R. R., the latter being called away on account of his father's illness.

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\* ["Phi Delta Theta says in substance, Alpha Tau Omega is and ever has been the only rival of Phi Delta Theta at this college. Now let us examine the facts of the case. We have 22, Phi Delta Theta has 18. Of this



Brothers J. H. Moragne and Frank Philips have been appointed speakers from the Sophomore class.

Now, brother Editor, as you could not comprehend how we had only one rival, we beg space for recapitulation so all may judge from the facts given. Phi Delta Theta had 11 men eligible to speakers' places, and 5 were appointed; Alpha Tau Omega had 14 eligible and 8 were appointed; Kappa Alpha had 17 eligible and 3 were appointed; Sigma Alpha Epsilon had 3 eligible and 1 was appointed.

During the session Phi Delta Theta has had 14 men eligible to military office, and 13 have been elected; Alpha Tau Omega has had 16 eligible and 15 have been elected; Kappa Alpha has had 17 eligible and 8 have been elected; Sigma Alpha Epsilon has had 3 eligible and 1 has been elected.

Of the last honor certificates given for excellency in scholarship Phi Delta Theta received 8, Alpha Tau Omega received 8, and Kappa Alpha received 3.

Total membership during the session is as follows: Phi Delta Theta, 22; Alpha Tau Omega, 22; Kappa Alpha, 22; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 7.

Total number of students, 183.

From these statements, which are correct according to the college records, it is evident that *quantity* does not necessarily mean *quality*, and will prove false many of the statements about Phi Delta Theta here, in the last number of *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

May 11, 1886.

L. W. WILKINSON.

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#### TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

SOME time has elapsed since we last aired our joys and sorrows through the SCROLL. Certainly not from any lack of interest in fraternity matters, but only because we have been pursuing the even tenor of our existence, and your reporter has long since decided there is nothing new, strange or true in saying that we are just as well as when you last heard from us; with hopes that all sister chapters are enjoying, etc.

Some of the chapters here have lately adopted the novel plan of instituting comparisons. in their chapter letters, between their own and the relative merits of their rivals. The scheme has only three objections: it creates hard feeling, is sure to be erroneous, and does no good. Is it not better to say "By their fruits shall ye know them?" Verily, we think so.

22, a considerable number (3 only), might have been Phis if they had desired. Our average grade last time exceeds theirs, yet Kappa Alpha has only been here three years, and Phi Delta Theta eight years. In the face of such figures and facts their assertions seem ridiculous to be sure. I wish to rouse no hard feelings; all I want is just recognition. Some people might call this spirit of Phi Delta Theta one of *mean* jealousy, caused by a contemplation of the above facts."—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.]

The history of Texas Beta for this year has been marred by no discord or trouble, internally or externally. We have kept on good terms with our rivals, and excellent ones with ourselves.

Our share of the honors might be called leonine, were it not that they were honorably attained. Brother A. Hawthorne will represent the Athenæum Society at commencement. Brother L. A. Carlton is Valedictorian of the Academic class. In the Law Department a Kappa Alpha was elected over brother Andrews by one or two votes in a class of twenty-five. Brother Lennox was elected president of the two literary societies for commencement, but has since resigned. At the annual contest for best debaters' medal in the Athenæum, the prize was won by brother C. F. Maxwell, whom we here take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world. The medal was won by a Phi last year. The other honors are distributed as follows: *K A*, Faculty Representative and Law Valedictorian. *B Θ II*, Society orator. Barbs, Final President vice Phi, resigned. This closes the list, with the exception of grade honors, etc., in which we will lead.

It is stated on good authority that the Omicron chapter of *K A* here intends to return its charter. Six fraternities are still left, and the university will probably survive.

May 11, 1887.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH.

### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

It gives me great pleasure to report to our brothers at large the success that Ohio Alpha has met with the past month. On April 12th, we added to our brotherhood one whose name we take pride in recording, that of Dr. J. R. S. Sterrett, Professor of the Greek Language and Literature. Brother Sterrett, as I presume you all know, is well acknowledged to be one of the ablest Greek scholars of this country. Well may the Phis at large, and especially Ohio Alpha, be proud of such a man.

Brother Dr. Walker, President of the O. F. College, presided that evening, and, after the initiation, he made us a capital Phi speech, plainly illustrating the chief characteristics of our dear fraternity. Brothers Dr. Hawley and Ramsey, of College Corner, were also present to take part in the initiation. To say the least it was a pleasant occasion, and one that will long be cherished by the Phis present.

We are at present making arrangements among our alumni to have a gala time at commencement.

Brother Sterrett takes an active interest in Phi matters, and we are honored by his cheerful presence at our chapter meetings.

Brothers Macready and Rusk are our representatives in the M. U. base-ball nine.

May 14, 1887.

HARRY WEIDNER.

## OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

THE fraternities here have been quite active this term, and have succeeded in bringing several into the Grecian fold.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the Phi world J. Tassett Hays, '89, and make mention of the fact that we have recently pledged one of the best men in the preparatory department.

Brother W. J. Moffatt is not with us this term, being kept at home on account of the sickness of a relative, but we hope to see him again next year.

Brother S. S. Palmer will occupy the president's chair on class day.

Brother L. B. Groves now represents us on the *Collegian* staff.

We will graduate three men this year: brothers Rice, Palmer and Morrison. Brother Palmer will supply the church of Tustin, Mich., during the summer, and will enter Union Seminary, N. Y., in September. Brother Morrison will also enter seminary. Brother Rice may take a post graduate course at Princeton.

Brother W. E. Forgey, '90, took first prize at the declamation contest this evening.

The *Haberdasher*, a substitute for the *Index*, will appear about May 30th.

The Bradshaw plagiarism case has created a good deal of excitement here this, as well as the latter part of last term. Mr. Bradshaw, who is a *B @ II*, represented Wooster in the State oratorical contest, and was awarded third place. In a short time it was found that the oration of said contestant was mostly a compilation from different authors. It was a great surprise to all who knew him, for his honesty had never been questioned before. While it is partly believed that the plagiarism was unconscious, yet the offense was such as to demand his suspension from the university. Accordingly it was decided that the offender should withdraw from the university until after the approaching commencement.

The university has lately received a gift of \$12,000, and has been willed \$25,000 to be paid in five years, the wife of the deceased having the use of it until that time.

We close our last letter for this year wishing all Phis a pleasant summer.

May 14, 1887.

W. C. MILES.

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OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

In this last letter we are glad to introduce our first initiates this year, brothers Geo. B. Nye and Albert C. Buss. We have two more men pledged and will probably have as many more by

the close of the term. Our chapter is now larger than ever before, besides brothers Brown, Seeds and Rounds, O. B., who are in the city frequently, drop in (ours is a fourth-floor hall) for a good time. In college affairs we hold our own and sometimes somebody else's, and our future looks as bright as our present. We graduate, not *lose*, but send out in the world to help us, five seniors this year—our first alumni. Brother Hunt will go in business, McPherson will study medicine, Reeves will run a transit, Emery will teach school and Francis will enter Miami Medical College. They have been our chapter's strength, but we will be as strong next year as our rivals.

At present  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  numbers 12;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 13;  $\Sigma X$ , 10;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 12;  $X \Phi$ , 10;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 10. Tennessee Beta's letter and several annuals have been received lately. Our Makio will appear June 11, and we will exchange with any who wish to do so.

The correspondent to the *Beta Theta Pi* from here reiterates his statement that "it has always been our policy to hold aloof from such combinations, and this policy we have steadily pursued with the result that, though we have not so many offices as our rivals, we have many more friends among the students at large." We made a few remarks early in the year in regard to their "policy." It is a good one, indeed, and we congratulate them upon its possession; but a policy which is not lived up to is worse than none at all. But facts show that they do not "pursue their policy," or, if they do, they have never been able to overtake it. At the beginning of the year, certainly, they had not reached that position, or, at least, it was unknown to the Beta who offered to support one of our men for an office the next term if we would support theirs at that time. It is a very strange coincidence, too, that  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ , with their "many (?) friends among the students at large," marshalled by their pose as opponents and victims of schemes and combinations should *unitedly* oppose the winning side at several elections, and that their candidate was *alternately* a member of  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ . Very strange, indeed, and until we can see a better explanation of these phenomena, we shall hold to our view that it is simply a secret, hypocritical combination against a candid, straightforward one.

May 14, 1887.

FRED S. BALL.

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#### KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

At our last meeting, held on April 30th, we were highly entertained by addresses from two of our alumni, Joe Moore and Dr. L. S. McMurty. The former told us how, in "former days," true fraternity men were compelled to sneak down back

allies when going to their fraternity meetings, to keep any one from knowing of their connection with such a society. It was not thought an honor then to wear a badge.

The latter congratulated us on our new hall, and said that he knew we were popular with "the ladies," when he saw our hall ornamented with table covers and graced with handsome banners, for only they could bestow such gifts.

At the close of our meeting the treasurer was called upon to give his report. He stated that we had been to a good deal of expense in furnishing our hall, but that he was glad to say that everything had been paid for. We all rejoice over this, for it is not often the case. Fraternities go in debt when they attempt to improve their halls, and leave a great weight upon those who come afterwards, thus hindering the prosperity of their chapters. We are exceedingly grateful to all of our alumni, who assisted us. Hope they will all have an opportunity to visit us soon. We will be happy to see them and all other Phis during commencement week, which is the third week in June.

The seniors are out for their vacation. Brothers Grubbs, Hamilton and Dawson have returned to their respective homes to prepare their speeches. Brother Dawson also speaks for a prize on the 14th of June.

Brother W. L. Sumrall has been declared valedictorian of his class.

The Phis will make a good show on commencement, as we have five out of a class of eleven, one being the valedictorian.

This chapter will be left in good condition for next year. There will be eight members if all return, all being in the lower classes. We have no man in the class of '88.

May 13, 1887.

F. N. LEE.

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#### KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

OUR last report having reached New York too late for publication, we combine it with the present.

We have initiated one new man, J. R. Sanders, who is proving himself an excellent acquisition.

At a preliminary contest, held for the purpose of choosing five declaimers in the Philalethian Union to contest for a medal on the 29th of April, two of our number, brothers Kildow and Shewmaker, were chosen. These declaimers are selected by disinterested gentlemen from the city who act as judges on the preliminary contests.

In the senior class organization our brothers, Wade and Knobel, have been well honored, but as the organization is secret, we cannot tell how at present.

The Governor of Kentucky proclaimed the celebration of

Arbor-day on the 4th of April. Central University observed it with imposing ceremony.

Speeches were made and papers read by the students, and a grove was planted by each class. Brother Roberts read a paper on "Profits of Forest Culture," in the chapel.

After the exercises in the chapel, the students and many visitors from the city proceeded to the campus, where each class planted a grove of from eight to twelve trees. All first gathered about the senior grove, and while the class tree was being planted in the centre of the grove, brother Wade, as representative chosen by the class, delivered a short oration appropriate to the occasion. Brother Kildow was the representative of the class of '90, and acquitted himself with honor.

Everything is now quiet among the fraternities here, and everybody is putting in his best work for examinations, which are now almost at hand.

In looking over the circular letters, we rejoice to see the prosperity of our brothers all over the land. Surely, we have great encouragement.

May 7, 1887.

A. KNOBEL.

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### EPSILON PROVINCE.

#### INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA ALPHA has not been represented by a report for several issues, for the reason that she had nothing to report. We don't care to write a letter simply to say that "We are being wafted on in our Grecian bark by the gentle breezes of success," or that "we and our lady friends constitute the only fraternity people here." We take it that the space in the SCROLL is too valuable to be given up to such matter. We are, perhaps, as well satisfied with our year's work as it is possible for mortals to be. Our prospects for a beginning next year are good. We will close the year with twenty-one men, including our seniors, brothers Fesler and Newland, seventeen of whom will likely be back next year. We have lately organized a senate as an experimental feature in our literary work, which promises to be a success. The Alpha, a paper read once a month, furnishes much amusement and a field for literary talent.

Our literary work through the year has been good, and we feel that we could no more dispense with our literary department than with our hall.

Brother J. W. Fesler graduates this year in the ancient classic course and brother Robert Newland in the modern classic. Our Senior class next year will number four, our Junior nine, and our Sophomore six. We expect some affiliates next year, which will swell our numbers.

We are represented on the university ball nine by brother Mitch Shields, as manager, and brother Wilsey. The club will play DePauw on the 14th.

On the 6th of June the chapter will give a grand banquet and ball. We expect to have with us some of our honored alumni, including Judges Byron K. Elliott and William A. Woods, Rev. Jencks and J. L. Mitchell, of Indianapolis. We will have about seventy-five at the banqueting table, including the fair ones, and expect a regular Phi time. We extend a cordial invitation to any brothers who may happen our way to banquet with us.

We were pleased to have a short visit lately from brother Stockbarger, Professor of German at Wabash. Brother Glenn, of Kentucky Gamma, also paid us a visit recently.

In regard to the matter of initiating "preps.," which has received so much attention recently, we are disposed to say a few words. We quite agree with the late editorial that in the future preps. should not be initiated, but when the assertion that men who were initiated while preps., are not legal members, is made, we are disposed to quarrel. We are the only chapter here which has not this year initiated at least one prep. Nor did we spike any, but though it is the sense of the chapter not to initiate any preps. in the future, still we have some brothers who are Phi Delta Thetas clear through, who were initiated below the freshman class. We take it that the chapter was to blame and not the brother as initiated, and propose to stand by them. To us it seems ridiculous that a man who has been in the fraternity for four or five years, and who knows more about its workings and needs, perhaps, than any man in the chapter, must needs be initiated again. But if any action must be taken in the matter let the convention do it in a single stroke.

May 11, 1887.

F. B. FOSTER.

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#### INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

In the late primary oratorical contest Indiana Delta did very well, we think we can say without boasting. There were five on the contest, three of whom were Phis. These three succeeded in taking first, second and third places. This entitled us to orator and first and second delegates. Of the thirteen orators that have represented this college in the State contests seven have been Phis, one of whom received first place.

Brothers Holmes, '88. and Bell, '90, left college at the end of last term, but they will be with us again next year.

At the coming commencement five of our number will graduate. Four of these will receive the degree of A. B., and the other B. S.

Instead of a banquet this year our membership will celebrate our anniversary with a big picnic on some river near here.

Our chapter closes this year in splendid condition. It has been the most satisfactory in our history in many respects.

May 13, 1887.

C. M. CARTER.

#### INDIANA ZETA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

THE collegiate year is nearing its close, and we are glad to report that a retrospective view causes more joy than sorrow, and shows clearly greater success than failure. And we are safe in predicting a still brighter outset for the next year even than for the one so near its close.

We will hold our annual anniversary and banquet on the evening of the 23d. We are sorry that we cannot give you a pen picture of what it will be.

With an affectionate farewell to the SCROLL, we close this year's work, and promise to do better the next.

May 13, 1887.

ROSS GAHRING.

#### MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

It is not because Michigan Gamma is dead that she has not been heard from.

We are making great preparations for field day under the auspices of brother Barringer, who has charge of the gymnasium. Several of us intend visiting the Agricultural Phis on their field day.

The question of admitting "preps." is one that has agitated us to some extent. Some of our best members came in while they were "preps.," and whom we would undoubtedly have lost had we not taken them in at that time. We hope to see the subject further Discussed.\*

W. O. Robinson was elected President of the College Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing year. J. E. Davidson is President of one of the literary societies.

May 11, 1877.

J. J. HECKMAN.

#### ZETA PROVINCE.

##### ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

OUR chapter was never in a more prosperous condition. As to hall and treasury, we are all right, and not a member abates

[\* It is an established fact that young students will have a higher respect for a fraternity which they know is a *college* fraternity and which they cannot enter until they are *college* men. No men worth having need be lost by refusing to admit men *not* college students, and therefore *not* eligible to admission.—ED.]



his interest in the chapter, or the fraternity in general, the superiority of which is daily brought home to us with increasing force.

We have left the Phi Gamma Delta so far behind us that brother Blane says he can't see them even with the assistance of his new opera-glass, purchased especially for the Colton Debate. More than this, it has been whispered that one of their number was expelled from college at the end of last term. It must have come upon him rather unexpectedly or he would have "left school to accept a position with —," as one of their charter members did last year.

In looking over their last *Quarterly* I was surprised to find that it contained a report from the Knox College chapter. They have been ominously silent all the year, and now they come out with a list of members which enrolls two 1st preps. among the Freshmen, in which class they have not as yet a single member. They have just taken in a third prep., who, I suppose, will become a full-fledged Freshman when the *Quarterly* comes out again next fall.

Brother Hopkins has received the highest honor attainable in the college course in winning the first prize in oratory. He also has an appointment on the commencement programme. Brother Cassidy will do us credit as one of the four debaters for the Colton prize, while brother Smith is by common consent the best man on the declamation contest.

Considerable interest attaches to our new-born babe (B. X. Smith), from the fact that he has been an object of solicitous attention on the part of the Phi Gamma for more than a year, but wisely has reserved himself for our spiker. He is the third man we have taken from their clutches in the last year.

We have a powerful auxiliary in a chapter of sister Phis which has lately been organized. One immediate and very conspicuous result due to the Phi sisters is the fact that brother Cassidy is learning to dance.

Brother Porter has a good position in a California bank.

May 12, 1887.

WILL J. PHELPS.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

IN the last report of the year, Illinois Epsilon is eager to bespeak greetings to the Phi world, and hopes to finish up the year's work with credit to herself and honor to the fraternity.

We have one more name on our roll, brother J. F. Wight, '85, who is attending the college of law.

Early in the month the boys had the signal pleasure of meeting brother C. H. McCoslin, an alumnus of Indiana Epsilon, now of Lincoln, Ill. He also attended the Inter-State contest.

As was anticipated in the last report, the Inter-State contest occurred in the city on 5th inst., and was an event of unusual interest, and an occasion of much enjoyment all around. Three Phis were in attendance : Brothers McCoslin and J. H. Hopkins, of Illinois Delta, and R. O. Craven, of Iowa Beta, being a representative delegate to the convention from his State. The boys were glad to see them, and only regretted that more were not in attendance.

On last Saturday evening the chapter was favored with a call from the brothers Frouitz. It was an enjoyable occasion, and, judging from appearances, the older boys delight as much in returning to old familiar scenes as the younger ones do in having them.

It is with deepest regret that I chronicle the departure of brother R. E. Williams, Jr. He was located at Ft. Smith, Ark., and left for his new home last night, where he goes to practice law. He had grown up here in the fraternity, and had come to be looked upon as one of its permanent fixtures, and the boys can hardly realize that he is not to return. As an enthusiastic worker in the fraternity, and a zealous practitioner, brother Williams has no superior, and the chapter feels assured of his success.

This evening the ladies of the Kappa Kappa Gamma will entertain their friends at the home of one of its members, and it is expected to be a very pleasant affair.

May 12, 1887.

R. A. EATON.

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#### ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

THE annual banquet of Zeta\* chapter will be held in Brown's Hotel, Galesburg, May 27th.

The I. C. Sorosis is prospering. By their last initiation they number seventeen. Lombard University closes its year's work June 15th. There are five seniors who are Phi, two from the theological department and three from the college. All of our members have done good work this year. The April number of the *Lombard Review* was dedicated to the late Eugene F. Carney, '85, a charter member of our chapter, and a young man of more than ordinary ability and of great promise. A great effort is being made to increase the attendance at Lombard next year. Two agents are now in the field, brother McCarl, '85, having recently been called to the work.

May 10, 1887.

O. G. COLGROVE.

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[\* There is no such chapter in Phi Delta Theta. The reporter probably means *Illinois Zeta*.—ED.]

## WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

SINCE our last letter to the SCROLL a great many important events have taken place. Perhaps the most important is the long time that has elapsed since the appearance of that letter.

We regret very much that our delinquencies have caused us to be "black-listed," and that our failure to send a circular letter has been pronounced as inexcusable. Nevertheless, without attempting to deny or explain away these charges, we trust that this letter will (if the commensuration existing between repentance and forgiveness be fully recognized), give us a partial restoration to the confidence of the "powers that be."

Our chapter is in an exceedingly flourishing condition. During the college year we have initiated eleven men, and now present an active membership of twenty, four of whom are seniors, four juniors, four sophomores, three freshmen and five members of the law school.

Two of our initiates, F. L. Wright and W. H. Holcomb, have left the university for this term. Brother J. C. Gaveney, who graduated from the university in '85, is with us this term, and will continue his studies at the law school for the next year.

The fraternities of this university are at present quite strong. We think, however, that Phi Delta Theta's strength is far superior to that of any other chapter here by reason of its not being confined to simply one or two classes. This latter fact is particularly true of the Betas and Phi Psis. Their strength is confined principally to their senior classes.

The Junior class recently published vol. II, of the Trochos, our college annual. Vol. I appeared in '84.

The difficulties heretofore existing between the fraternities respecting the order of precedence in the above-named publications have been settled. The class of '89, in contemplating the publication of an annual next year, again sustained Phi Delta Theta in the position she has taken throughout the whole trouble. This led the other fraternities to compromise by allowing the order of precedence to be determined alphabetically.

The Commencement exercises of our university take place June 22. The day prior to Commencement has been set aside as "Alumni Day." We expect a large number of old Phis will attend these exercises, and also inquire into the movements of the goat since their departure from the University of Wisconsin.

For further college and fraternity news we shall have to refer you to our circular letter, which will be thrust upon the literary world in a few days.

G. T. SIMPSON.

May 13, 1887.

## ETA PROVINCE.

## MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

On the evening of April 11 we initiated T. A. J. Mastin.

The annual declamation contest took place since my last report, and we have reason to feel proud of brother R. T. Haines, who represented our Chapter on that occasion; and, although the first prize did not fall to his lot, he captured the second. The end of the collegiate year is rapidly approaching and we are preparing for a banquet commensurate with the success of Missouri Alpha this scholastic year. In looking back over our record we can not but be impressed with the grand success which has rewarded our efforts on almost every occasion. But our chapter has not only achieved distinction in M. S. U. as having the most faithful and earnest of students, but it has ranked equally well on all public occasions, and in the highest circles of society. Indeed, I may say that Missouri Alpha has had a combination of talent which seldom falls to any chapter, as our year's record will show.

We lose by graduation this year brothers H. W. Clark, F. N. Peters and B. B. Beery, besides the law students whom I mentioned in my last report. Brother D. S. McGonigle will perhaps not return next year, but his record for zeal, loyalty and fidelity will ever be remembered by us. The same remark applies *in toto* to the members of the graduating class, and especially do we regret that our Province President, brother H. W. Clark, will not again be with us. There will remain a sufficient number, however, to open the chapter in good form next fall.

Brother W. W. Clendennin, who last year made a scientific journey in company with Dr. Spencer, our distinguished geologist, through Europe and the Italian seas, and who has been Professor of Mathematics in the Christian University this year, was recently elected to the Chair of Natural History in this University. This is an honor of which we all feel proud, and as he graduated last year only, the students and all his friends are equally elated over so signal a success.

Brother W. Hinton recently left for a trip to Europe in company with a friend who goes in the interest of the American Press Association. He will be with us again next October.

Brother W. W. Clark having received the highest average grade has been declared by the Faculty valedictorian of the academic class. Missouri Alpha feels much elated over such an honor, and very justly so, for not only does brother Clark stand at the head of the graduating class, but brother F. N. Peters is next below him.

It may be pleasant to recall that Missouri Alpha took the

same honor last year, brother W. J. Spillman being valedictorian.

Brother B. B. Beery stands at the head of the engineering class, and is therefore valedictorian of it.

May 13, 1887.

T. J. J. SEE.

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MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

WE were eighteen a short time ago, but an unusual number have left this spring, and so we now have only thirteen.

Our college annual, "The Graphic," is now out, and it is one of the finest ever issued by the University.

We are glad the convention has been postponed, and shall keep up our enthusiasm.

We extend our greeting to all new chapters.

Conway McMillan, Neb. A. '85, our Botany instructor, has affiliated with us, and we find him a loyal Phi.

Notwithstanding the determined opposition of our rival fraternities, we initiated brothers Chas. Hall Gould and Earnest Ashur Nickerson.

Brother Leeds, '90, has left the University for the spring to attend to his mother's farm in Lisbon, D. T. He will resume his studies in the fall.

Brother Fiske, '90, has gone to Oakland, Cal., for a six months trip. We miss him much.

Bro H. S. Abbott, '83, was recently admitted to the bar, and shortly afterwards was appointed Asst. Solicitor for the M. & St. L. R. R., at Minneapolis.

We shall lose but one member this spring, and will return next fall 17 strong. We shall then have more men than any other fraternity in the university.

May 12, 1887.

GEO. E. BURNELL.

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KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

SINCE our last report we have initiated Walter Armstrong of Wyandotte, Kan. This gives us twenty active members, more than we have ever had before.

We are glad to state that Kansas Alpha has a home at last. We have leased two rooms on the second floor of the Opera House block, and are prepared to receive all Phis who happen this way.

Nor is this our only success. In the base-ball league games we have played and won two, the last being with  $\Sigma N$ . The score was 18 to 10. We have our share of the literary honors also. Brother J. D. Davis, '87, will make the hat speech on class day.

Brother W. G. Franklin, '87, has been elected an assistant Professor by the Regents, and will teach Electrical Engineering next year. Brother Franklin well deserves this position, being one of the best scientific students ever graduated from this university. Brother J. M. Lupman, at the preliminary contest won a position on the June declamation contest. Brother J. T. Dickerson was elected orator for the Senior Law class on Class Day. The Reporter is one of the contestants for the oratorical prize to be contested for on June 4th.

In conclusion will say that we have not received all of the circular letters mentioned in the last SCROLL.

May 12, 1887.

W. E. HIGGINS.

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#### NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

WE regret very much that the SCROLL has seen fit to so severely comment upon our course in initiating preparatory students, chiefly because we do not think the SCROLL was entirely justified in so doing. Here the preparatory department is much more closely connected with the college proper than is usually the case elsewhere. We admit, however, that to a certain extent we were in the wrong, and as it is clearly the sense of the fraternity that initiations should be discontinued, we shall discontinue the practice in future. We have always been very careful to initiate only those students who have expressly stated their intention of finishing the five year course, and in view of this fact, our policy has not been so strictly conservative as has been that of the Eastern chapters.

Since our last letter a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has been founded here, which numbers five charter members. Kappa Kappa Gamma gave a reception to the new chapter, at which members of Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta were present.

Professor Hunt, who has just taken the chair of Elocution in our college, is a member of Alpha Delta Phi, and is a graduate of the University of Rochester.

May 12, 1887.

J. R. McCANCE.

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#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

ON the 22nd of last month, we added one more name to our chapter-roll by the initiation of Ross Morgan, of the Freshman class. This brings our number up to fourteen, divided among the four classes as follows: Senior, 1; Junior, 3; Sophomore, 5; Freshman, 5;

The principal event in Phi Delta Theta circles here during the

past month, was our second annual banquet. On April 30th, twenty-seven alumni and undergraduates assembled at the Vienna Café, San Francisco. After they had partaken of and enjoyed a bounteous repast, toasts and college songs were the order of the evening. Brother S. E. De Golia, Cal. Alpha, '77, acted as toast-master. The following toasts were responded to :

"Cal. Alpha as She Was," S. E. Scheeline, Cal. Alpha, '73 ; "Our Sorores," D. E. Collins, Cal. Alpha, '74 ; "Our Alma Mater," H. A. Melvin, Cal. Alpha, '89 ; "The Old Boys," L. S. Clark, Wis. Alpha, '66 ; "The National Fraternity," E. M. Wilson, Ohio Δ, '74 ; "Cal Alpha as She Is," M. S. Woodhams, Cal. Alpha, '88.

During the evening permanent officers for the California Alpha Alumni Chapter were elected.

All were greatly pleased with the reunion, and in all tender recollections were awakened, and the love for ΦΔΘ strengthened.

May 3, 1887.

FRED. A. ALLARDT.

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#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA ALUMNI, SAN FRANCISCO.

Last Saturday evening, April 30, resident members of Phi Delta Theta had their annual dinner at Vienna Café, San Francisco. There were twenty-seven present, and a half dozen more would have been there had it not been for sickness or absence from the city. California Alpha Alumni Association was re-organized by unanimous vote and the following officers elected for the ensuing year : President, Prof. William Carey Jones, Cal. Alpha, '75 ; Vice-President, Leonard S. Clark, Wis. Alpha, '59 ; Reporter, C. A. Rhodes, and C. S. Melvin, secretary and treasurer, Pa. Alpha, '82. Jones' address is care of U. C., at Berkeley, Cal. ; Clark's is 224 Montgomery street, San Francisco ; Rhodes is clerk at Grand Hotel, San Francisco ; I am at 533 Kearny street. You will probably receive in a few days an official notification of our banquet.

CHAS. S. MELVIN.

May 4, 1887.

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## INITIATES.

#### VERMONT ALPHA.

'89, Charles Hiram Stevens, Winooski, Vt.

'90, Frank Leslie Moore, Shoreham, Vt.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA.

'90. Leonard Thurlow, New York, N. Y.

#### NEW YORK GAMMA.

'89, Walter Whitman Storms, New York, N. Y.

'89, William Rainey, New York, N. Y.

- '90, Stephen Tallmadge Carter, New York, N. Y.
- '90, William Charles Boyrer, New York, N. Y.
- '90, David Clark Taylor, New York, N. Y.
- '90, George Lounsbury Walker, New York, N. Y.
- '90, Jeremiah Thomas Simonson, New York, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

- '87. Milton Henry Fehnel, Bethlehem, Pa.
- '88. Otto Cornelius Burkhart, Bethlehem, Pa.
- '88. Charles Henry Miller, Strasburg, Pa.
- '89. Ralph Putnam Barnard, Washington, D. C.
- '89. John Joseph Lincoln, Farmington, Md.
- '89. Thomas Franklin Newby, Harrisburg, Pa.
- '89. Augustus Thompson Throop, Port Gibson, N. Y.
- '90. Edwin Herbert Beazell, Chillocothe, Md.
- '90. Frank Raymond Coates, Philadelphia, Pa.
- '90. Theodore Alfred Straub, Allegheny, Pa.

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

- '90, Odell Whitfield McConnell, Hartsville, Tenn.

TEXAS BETA.

- '89 Charles Fortson Maxwell, Belton, Texas.

OHIO ZETA.

- '90, George Blair Nye, Pomeroy, O.
- '91, Albert Charles Buss, New Bremen, O.

INDIANA GAMMA.

- '88, Albert Luther Ward, Lakeston, Indiana.
- '90, Jesse Hawley Mavity, Arcadia, Indiana.

MICHIGAN BETA.

- '90. William Renolds Hawkins, Paw Paw, Mich.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

- '91. David Frisbie Green, Galesburg, Ill.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '90, William Rudolph Macklind, St. Louis, Mo.
- '90, Thomas Allen Jones Mastin, Kansas City, Mo.

IOWA ALPHA.

- '91. Elbert Ellis Smith, Trenton, Iowa.

KANSAS ALPHA.

- '90, Walter Armstrong, Wyandotte, Kan.



## PERSONALS.

## VERMONT ALPHA.

'87. E. C. Morgan is in an engineer's office at Loup City, Neb.

'87. G. C. Robinson is in the employment of the Vermont Marble Co., Rutland, Vt.

'89. D. E. Croft is engaged in evangelical work in Wolcott, Vt.

'89. J. C. Morgan, who left college last term on account of ill health, is much improved but does not return this term.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

'79. A PITTSBURGHER HONORED.—Joseph A. Langfitt chosen Vice-President of the Royal Arcanum.—Pittsburgh was signally honored at the recent state convention of the Royal Arcanum, held at Lancaster. Joseph A. Langfitt, of this city, who was the youngest among the delegates, was unanimously elected vice regent of the order for the ensuing two years, and thus placed in the direct line of succession for the highest office in the state lodge at the expiration of that period. Mr. Langfitt was also placed on the Finance Committee, and through a ten-minute speech to the convention secured for Pittsburgh the next biennial convention, Philadelphia, Harrisburgh and Altoona unsuccessfully contending for the honor.—*Pittsburgh Penny Press*, March 19.

Brother Langfitt is president of our new alumni chapter at Pittsburgh.

## OHIO ZETA.

Brother Edwin G. Stone was recently united in marriage to Miss Ida J. Dever of Portsmouth. Both graduated from the High School there in 1883. Brother Stone and his wife will be at home in Pittsburgh, where he is connected with a rolling mill.

Brother John C. Munger, lately in Florida, is now in the lumber business at his home in Xenia.

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### NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The next National Convention will be held at Bloomington, Ill., in the XLI year of the Fraternity, commencing 10 A. M., Monday, October 14, 1889, and closing the following Friday.

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 Epsilon—B. K. Canfield, Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.

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 Georgia Beta Alumni—Atlanta, Ga.—Morris Brandon.  
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 Ohio Alpha Alumni—Cincinnati, O.—Dr. J. A. Thompson, 113 West 9th St.  
 Ohio Beta Alumni—Akron, O.—W. J. McCreary, 128 Brown St.  
 Kentucky Alpha Alumni—Louisville, Ky.—D. N. Marble, 543 Fourth Av.  
 Indiana Alpha Alumni—Franklin, Ind.—T. C. Donnell.  
 Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis, Ind.—H. U. Brown, "*Indianapolis News*."

Illinois Alpha Alumni—Chicago, Ill.—M. M. Boddie, 46 Portland Block.  
 Illinois Beta Alumni—Galesburg, Ill.—J. L. Hastings.  
 Missouri Alpha Alumni—Kansas City, Mo.—D. M. McClannahan.  
 Minnesota Alpha Alumni—Minneapolis, Minn.—J. G. Wallace, 318 South  
 11th Street.  
 California Alpha Alumni—San Francisco, Cal.—C. A. Rhodes, Grand Hotel.

## COLLEGE CHAPTER REPORTERS.

*Alpha Province.*

Maine Alpha—Colby University, Waterville, Me.—S. Gallert.  
 New Hampshire Alpha—Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.—E. E. Chalmers, P. O. Box 353.  
 Vermont Alpha—University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.—C. B. Sornborger, 49 Mansfield Ave.  
 Massachusetts Alpha—Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.—G. L. Richardson.  
 New York Alpha—Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.—E. C. Boynton, Jr. P. O. Box 1471.  
 New York Beta—Union University, Schenectady, N. Y.—A. E. Phillips, P. O. Box 212.  
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 Pennsylvania Delta—Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.—W. Bignell, P. O. Box 209.  
 Pennsylvania Epsilon—Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.—W. M. Smith.  
 Pennsylvania Eta—Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.—A. T. Throop, P. O. Box 141.

*Beta Province.*

Virginia Alpha—Roanoke College, Salem, Va.—C. F. Kuder.  
 Virginia Beta—University of Virginia, Albemarle Co., Va.—J. D. Fletcher.  
 Virginia Gamma—Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.—J. C. Martin, Jr.  
 Virginia Delta—Richmond College, Richmond, Va.—R. C. Stearnes.  
 Virginia Epsilon—Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.—R. T. Goodwyn.  
 Virginia Zeta—Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.—R. E. R. Nelson.  
 North Carolina Beta—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.—W. H. McDonald.  
 South Carolina Beta—South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C.—J. R. Coan.

*Gamma Province.*

Georgia Alpha—University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.—G. H. Winston.  
 Georgia Beta—Emory College, Oxford, Ga.—J. E. McRee, P. O. Box 32.  
 Georgia Gamma—Mercer University, Macon, Ga.—L. M. Nunnally.  
 Tennessee Alpha—Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.—Stewart Brooks.  
 Tennessee Beta—University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.—E. S. Wheat.  
 Alabama Alpha—University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—L. M. Hooper.

- Alabama Beta—Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.—L. W. Wilkin-  
son.  
Alabama Gamma—Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.—W. W. Mangum.  
Mississippi Alpha—University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.—J. M. Oliver.  
Texas Beta—University of Texas, Austin, Tex.—R. W. Smith.  
Texas Gamma—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.—D. S. Perkins.

*Delta Province.*

- Ohio Alpha—Miami University, Oxford, O.—H. Weidner, P. O. Box 38.  
Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O.—O. G. Callahan.  
Ohio Gamma—Ohio University, Athens, O.—A. E. Price.  
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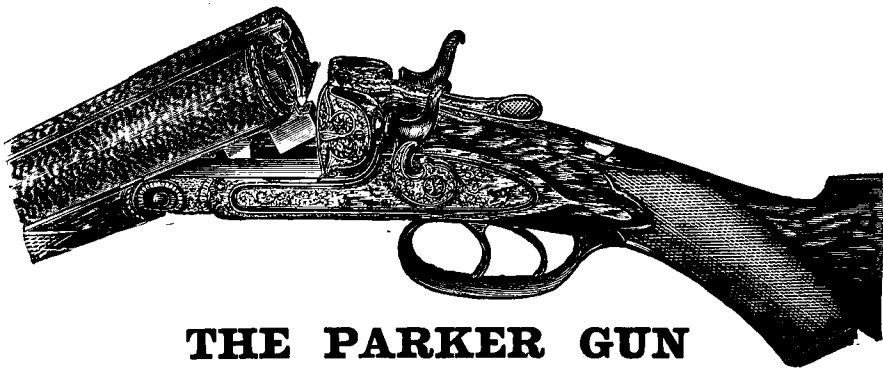
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