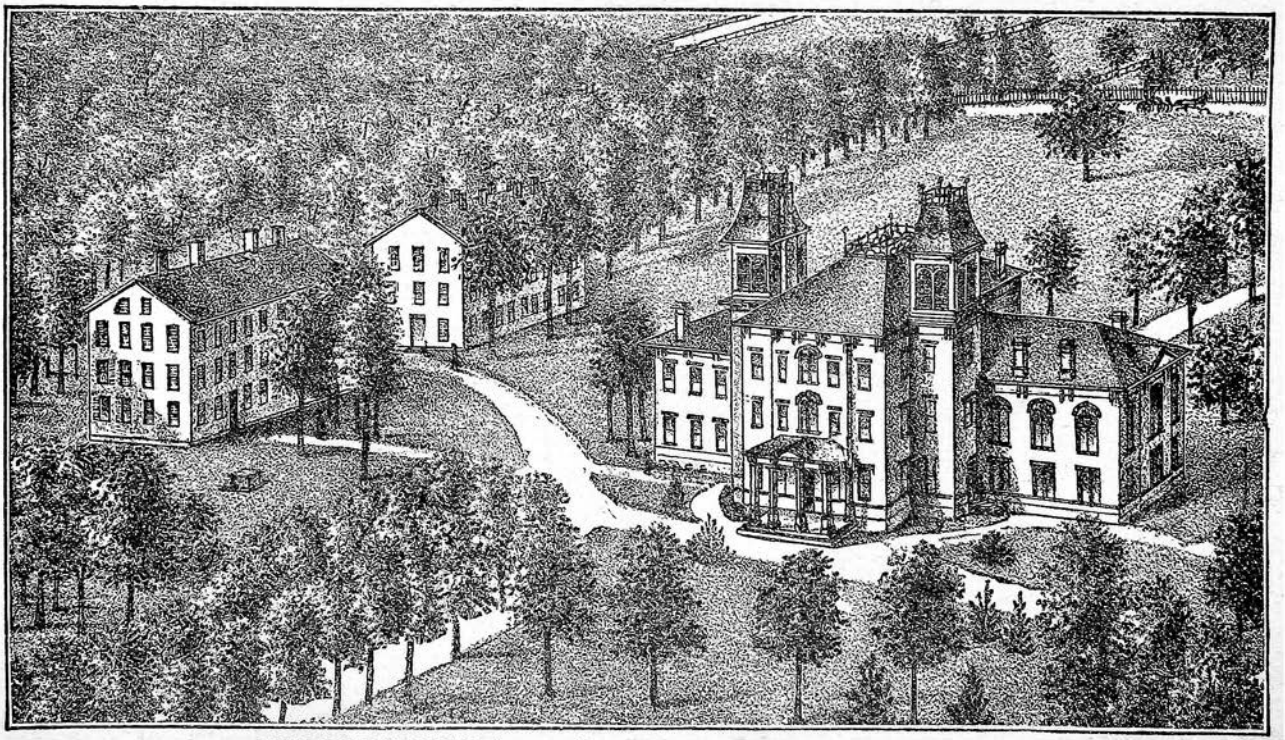

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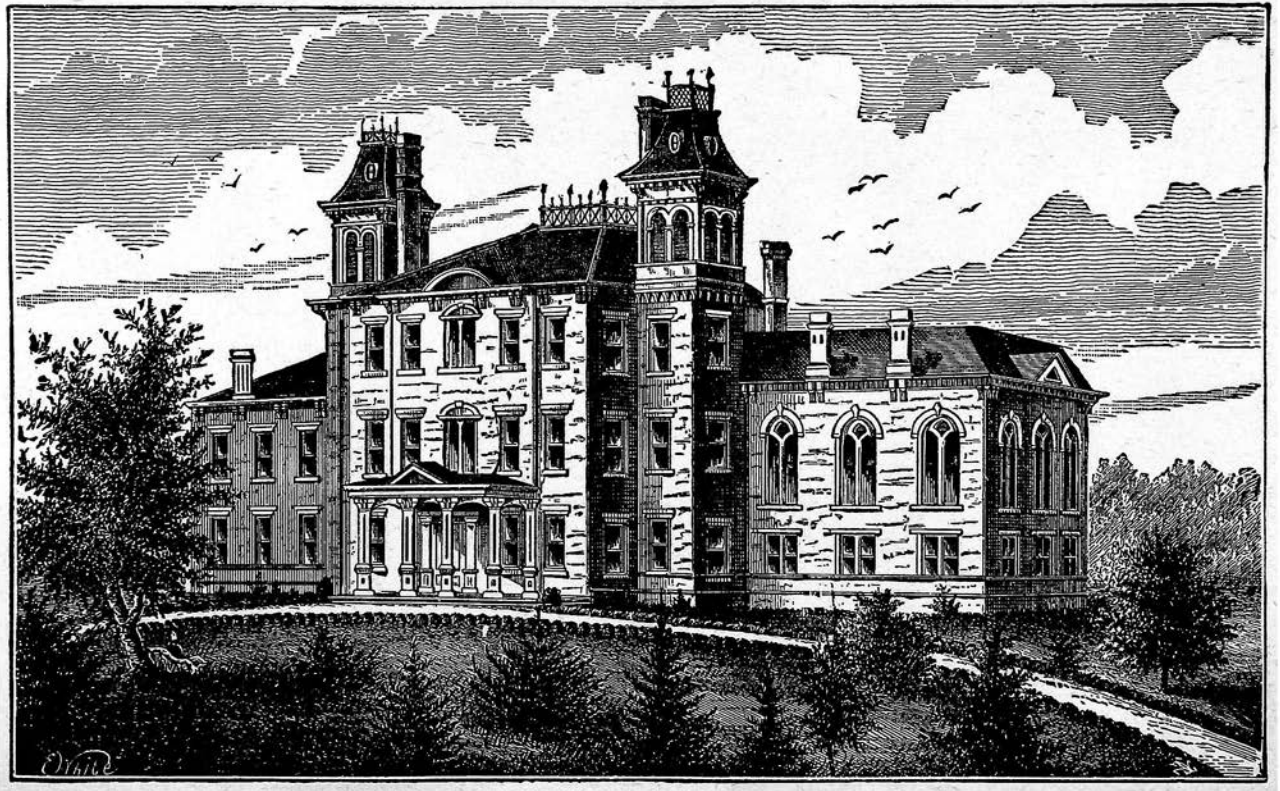

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OLD FRATERNITY RECORDS.

THE documents herewith published have been selected from the archives of the three oldest Chapters—Ohio Alpha, Indiana Alpha, and Kentucky Alpha—from the letters preserved by one of the founders, Robert Morrison, and from my own collection of fraternity papers. They throw a flood of light upon the early history of the fraternity, and it is exceedingly fortunate that they have survived the ravages of time. With a few exceptions, the papers are printed in the order in which they were written.

WALTER B. PALMER.

1849.

Fredericktown, Ohio, October 14, 1880.—Mr. Walter B. Palmer, Dear Brother: I have been extremely busy since the reception of your letter of September 2d, but I have been trying to recall the past incidents connected with the early history of the $\Phi \Delta \theta$, and so meager is my recollection that it is with great reluctance that I attempt to give them to you. When I left college I carried with me no papers relating to the order, excepting the Bond that is now in your possession. My recollection is that it was founded in December, 1848, consisting of six members, viz.: Robert Morrison, Ardivan W. Rodgers, Andrew W. Rogers, John McM. Wilson, Robert T. Drake, and myself. In the August vacation of 1849 I came to Kenyon College, and by order of our $\Phi \Delta \theta$, initiated my brother, Joseph Lindley, and Columbus S. Doolittle, who were students of Kenyon, and graduated the next year. Our object was to found a Chapter at Kenyon, but other societies were so prominent that the project was abandoned. During the next college year we had several accessions from the new students, and Prof. O. N. Stoddard, Prof. Charles Elliott, and President Wm. C. Anderson were made honorary members. The Alphas and Betas both had their representatives in Miami University at the time of our organization, and membership was tendered some of our members, but their offer was

declined. The famous "snow rebellion" occurred about this time, which resulted in the expulsion of one-half the students, divided the faculty, and well-nigh broke up the University. The members of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, both before and after its organization, stood up for order and the old University, and worked for her interests, and we were permitted to see her old halls again filled with students. Two of our number—Morrison and Wilson—graduated in 1849, and Drake and myself in 1850. I commenced teaching in Eastern Ohio immediately, and never met with the order but twice afterward—once in 1851 and once in 1853—and then for a long time I lost all trace of the workings of the order, and my interest was not again thoroughly aroused until a year ago last June by the grand reunion at Wooster University. So you will not wonder that I have forgotten so much of the early workings of the brotherhood. You ask me who conceived the idea. I think perhaps it was Morrison. Then we prepared the Bond and Constitution, and then put our heads together to devise the most appropriate name, which resulted in the one we bear. Then we concentrated our tastes to work out the neat badge we wear. Truly yours, J. W. Lindley.

Warrensburg, Mo., December 15, 1879.—W. A. Black, Indianapolis, Dear Sir: I have neglected too long the answer to your letter. John McM. Wilson, Ardivan W. Rodgers, Robert Morrison, R. T. Drake, J. W. Lindley, and myself were the first members. John McM. Wilson drew up the Bond, with the assistance of all of us except Drake. He (Drake) did not know of the matter until the Bond was ready for signatures. I think we were all a committee on Constitution. Bob Morrison and I were a committee on the badge (pin). Wilson was a regular antiquarian book-worm, being posted on ancient history and customs, law, and theology of the old Covenanter's school. Hence he was considered the master spirit in giving shape to every thing of a permanent character. Bob Morrison was much the same; Ardivan W. Rodgers was not so well posted, but a man of sound judgment and a very high-minded gentleman. There's one feature of our society, possibly not at that time, at least, found in any other, to wit: the recognition of the fact that *moral culture* is an essential to a finished education. Hence the embodiment of that principle signified by the third letter, and hence the necessity which brought this society into existence more than any thing else. I may not be entirely correct about all the names. I have had no means of refreshing my mind for years. All my old catalogues of the college have been destroyed by fire, my office having been burned twice since the war, and all contents destroyed. I recollect distinctly about Drake signing the Bond, and how solicitous we all were lest he should refuse. Others were added to the list, I think, before we permanently organized; but lest I make a mis-

take, I will not attempt to write more. Yours truly, Andrew W Rogers.

Oxford, O., June 4, 1849.—Dear Sir: Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I am a little later in addressing you than I had expected to be, but I am now definitely on hand. The form and general appearance of the drawing last made meets with the approbation of those concerned. Let the thing be the size spoken of, viz.: that of the specimen drawn, except the border and the breadth made slightly less. It is to have a border proportionate in size and width to the drawing, neatly chased (as was spoken of) in the best style. The principal space contained within the border to be occupied by the scroll, the Greek letters Φ Δ Θ to have an appropriate place on the scroll, and if the scroll can be well and sufficiently represented, in order to preserve the proper relative proportions to the pin and the letters and look in no wise cramped, place the all-seeing eye above, not in, the scroll. If that cannot be, leave out the eye entirely. The scroll is *essential;* the eye is not, though it would be appropriate if it and the scroll had proper room. The letters on the scroll, perhaps by the shading, had better appear to be raised, though if they could be rendered more prominent by being cut into the gold, and the space thus made filled with ever during changeless black, do that. The object is to have them appear as if on the scroll, and yet be *the* prominent thing thereon. The whole pin to be solid gold of the thickness of a new Spanish quarter-dollar, or thereabouts, the edge to be left at your discretion, keeping in mind that severe plainness and beauty is the thing desired. The back to be left plain, as that will be the place for the wearer's name. The general outline, of course, to be, as the drawing represents, a handsome shield. Please to make one of sixteen carats fineness, and when done let me know, in order that it may be examined before any others are made like it. We suppose that $8.50 (eight and a half dollars), or thereabouts, will be fine enough for us—not in any case to exceed ten dollars.

The preceding letter fills a page of foolscap, but there is no signature. The sheet was forwarded to Robert Morrison for identification, and he indorsed the following on the back:

Aurora Springs, Mo., July 5, 1887.—I recognize the words on the opposite page to be in my handwriting, and can identify the paper to a certainty. It was directed to J. P. Beggs, of the jewelry firm Beggs & Smith, in Cincinnati. I had seen Mr. Beggs, and had made an arrangement with him to do the work referred to in this paper, and this paper is only a written statement of my verbal or oral direction previously given. The scroll and its Greek lettering were the joint work of Wilson and myself, and all the rest of the plan entirely my own thought. I think, in the letter of which this is one page, that the second page, containing

my signature, was torn off and lost; that had on it also the direction. Envelopes were not in use then with letters as now. Robert Morrison.

According to your direction to notify you of the completion of a pattern society pin made to your order, we have now the pleasure of doing so. We would have sent it up to you had an opportunity presented itself. We think you will be pleased with it, and perhaps you may suggest some alterations, which can be made on the balance.—Beggs & Smith, Cincinnati, to Robert Morrison, June 12, 1849.

By Rev. Mr. Rogers we send pin for you to look at. The scroll we think rather too small, but the engraver thinks it the proper proportion. We suppose it might be made longer and wider, so as to allow the Greek characters to be somewhat larger. However, decide among yourselves, and let us know. Otherwise, we think the pin a beautiful one, of good proportion, etc.—Beggs & Smith, Cincinnati, to Robert Morrison, June 18, 1849.

Piqua, Ohio, July 6, 1849.—Gentlemen of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Society: After having thought and considered the matter candidly, impartially, and without prejudice, I consider it a privilege granted, if not a duty binding, to express my opinion of the style of the proposed badge of our Society. I am in favor of a badge, since I can see no impropriety in it, or any evil that would grow out of it, and since I believe it would add worth to the Society, in that it would cultivate taste and good feeling among its members. But while this is my opinion of the badge entire, yet I am sorry to say that I cannot subscribe to the proposed style. I am perfectly satisfied—indeed, well pleased—with every mark other than the all-seeing eye, which, gentlemen, while I speak positively, I speak feelingly and proudly, I cannot wear. For in my eye and knowledge, in that particular, there is too much appearance of Free Masonry—too much the appearance of concealing from the world what is of vital importance to us, and which we cannot, dare not, reveal. I *cannot*, gentlemen; and with respect, I beg to subscribe myself, yours truly, A. W. Rodgers.

The following is indorsed on the back:

Bah! Ardivan. All nonsense. June 26, 1852, I had the pleasure of seeing you wear the said badge very willingly. J. Alex. Anderson.

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.—Be it hereby known to all whom it may concern that John McM. Wilson is a member of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Society, and that this, the Alpha Association of said Society, hereby confers on said John McM. Wilson the power to establish a Chapter of said Society in the Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., to be called the "Indiana Alpha of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$," all to be done in conformity of the Rules and Regu-

lations in reference to forming new Chapters, as found in our book of laws respecting this matter. J. K. Boude, President *pro tem.;* Sam. R. Matthews, Secretary.

The date is omitted, but the Minutes of Ohio Alpha show that August 25, 1849, authority was granted to J. McM. Wilson to establish a Chapter at Indiana University.

In regard to the Bloomington matter, I have now full confidence in its success, of which I confess I had some misgivings when you first suggested it. I have made all the explanations I have been able to make to Elliott, and he enters fully into the spirit of the thing, and with an evident disposition to make every exertion to carry it through. Nor do I think there is any danger that the character of the members chosen there by him will fall below the requisition. He thinks there are eight there who may be good material, and if approached in the right way can be got.

. By the way, there is a man there named Johnston (perhaps), first in the sophomore class, of popular manners, of a strong and well-stored mind, and of warm and energetic feeling, who goes to Crawfordsville this fall. Elliott is his special confidant. He proposes to place a Chapter there through him. If so, it will be proper to establish the Chapter at Bloomington first, and let authority be given from there. Elliott will go to Crawfordsville at the Christmas vacation. It may be necessary to make some explanations to him before he goes (under the usual pledge), to keep him out of the hands of the Betas, who came out there last fall. What do you suggest in the matter?—J. McM. Wilson, College Corner, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, September 4, 1849.

Miami University, Oxford, O., Nov. 8, 1849.—Messrs. R. G. and S. S. Elliott: Friends and Brethren, greeting. Whereas an application in due form from the University with which you are connected for a charter of organization of the $\Phi \perp \theta$ in said place having been presented, it was voted that a charter be accordingly given, and we, in behalf of the college here established, take great pleasure in complying with the request in sending you said charter, as well as a copy of our Bond, Constitution, and an outline of other matters of importance. The object in view you will find set forth in the Bond and motto; the means of attaining these ends to some extent you will find in the Constitution and laws; the privileges and advantages you will find mentioned in different places, as well as the duties. The Bond points out, we think plainly, who are to be admitted—only those whose heads and hearts, so far as we can judge, are both right—men of high moral character and intellectual endowment. We wish none but tried, genuine *men* to compose our number. Of course, great discretion is necessary in the choice of them. Other societies somewhat like ours have had reference to talent—to the head alone;

ours includes both the head and heart as alike essential. We seek men of sufficient morals to give stability and weight of character in the right direction—men who, in their day and generation, will be useful to their country and their fellow-men; such will be useful to themselves and all with whom they are associated. It will be a privilege to have such for special friends. May such ever be our choice and happy lot! and to this and all other worthy ends let us make every proper effort. On the receipt of the documents sent some days ago, you will find yourselves authorized to elect one more to your number; then organize and elect one or two more; then go to work in good earnest to carry out the provisions of our Bond. Commence the regular business of the Society, adopt your By-laws, and then, if you can get some two or more good men, do so; add to your number then slowly from time to time as you see proper. It is our custom at New-year's or Christmas to have a Phi supper. We think the custom an agreeable one. We hope that just before that event we may hear of your successful organization, and of the names of several new and good brethren, wishes for whose prosperity will be in our hearts as we sit down to our annual feast, as well as I hope ever after. It would be next to impossible that we say now all that may be desirable. We hope often to hear from you, both as individuals and as a college of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$; and any assistance in any way that we can render you, be not backward to ask. Our number now consists of ten—two are not now here, but will be, we hope, in a few days—two resident graduates, two seniors, two juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman—a noble fellow, else we had not elected him while in that class. Our general rule is not to go below the sophomore class; of course circumstances may furnish a reasonable exception. Whenever we can profit by *any* class we wish to do so. Our names are John McM. Wilson, Robert Thompson Drake, John W. Lindley, Ardivan W. Rodgers, Allen A. Barnett, Andrew W. Rogers, Samuel R. Matthews, John Knox Boude, David Swing, and very respectfully yours, Robert Morrison, Chairman of Charter Committee. P. S.—I send you inclosed a badge of our order. Keep it, as, of course, all things else, *sub rosa* until the time may come "to come out." Who the pins are made for the maker does not know; he only knows myself in relation to the matter, and gives none except to me or my order. Of course, as soon as you are in readiness the proper steps will be taken to furnish you with the shields necessary. Do not have any of your letters with any Greek on the outside; direct to private names only. The charter will be sent in a few days; we prefer not to send too large a package at once. I hope you have already received the package sent you on November 5th. It was large enough to have a suspicious appearance. Fraternally yours, Robert Morrison.

Bloomington, Indiana, December 3, 1849.—Friend Morrison:—We have delayed writing so long that I fear you begin to think we have forgotten our friendship, brotherhood, and every thing else. Our excuse is (making all due allowance for general laziness in answering letters—a constitutional weakness) that we were waiting until we could inform you of our organization. This, I am happy to let you know, was effected on Saturday, December 1, at 3 o'clock. I beg leave to introduce to you Mr. Nelson K. Crowe, our friend and brother, whom we elected first. He is a fine sociable fellow, of good mind and character, a good *covenanter*, and a native of Princeton—a member of the junior class. Though at first opposed to secret societies, after a good deal of argument and conversation he began to yield the point, until at last he found himself in our noose. We put the pledge to him, and straightway initiated him into the mysteries. No sooner was he made acquainted with the nature of the organization than he became one of the most enthusiastic, whole-souled "heart and handed" men. We have elected to membership Mr. Strean, a senior, and Mr. Woodburn, a sophomore, and, although we have not sounded them very deeply as yet, we feel certain of obtaining the first, and we have no fear as to the other. We have in view at present some eight or ten, whom we are watching with a critic's eye, four or five more of whom we hope to have around our New-year's turkey. Mr. Johnston, whom we mentioned to friend Wilson as a good brother, and suitable to establish a college at Crawfordsville, passed through here on his way the day after I wrote to Wilson. He only remained in town about an hour, and as we had not received our papers, and he was busy with other matters, we could not even sound him, and of course not initiate him. But if weather and roads are favorable I think of going out to that country about Christmas, and if you think it advisable we will take measures to establish a college there if Mr. Johnston can be obtained. Mr. Johnston is a studious, talented, and upright fellow. He completed the junior year with us, and withal is a good Presbyterian. I think it will be worth some trouble to obtain him. We are happy to acknowledge the receipt of (we think) all the papers sent us, viz.: a large package containing Bond, etc., the charter, and a letter of instruction with the pin, which is indeed very beautiful. Inclosed we send you the value (eight dollars). There are a few points on which we need a little more instruction. We are not certain whether the Constitution you sent us is intended, for the whole order, or only as a model by which to form the Constitutions of the separate colleges. The preamble seems to indicate the former; but we supposed the latter was intended, and accordingly modeled ours after it. Also, in the "Order of Initiation" the word "chapter" is several times used, apparently instead of "college."

Is this a *lapsus pennæ*, or intended? Also we find no article denoting the badge. Such an article, I think, was either read or mentioned to me by Wilson. But I must close, assuring you of the best wishes of your friend and brother, R. G. Elliott. P. S.—Please give my kindest regards to all the brethren. Tell Wilson to write, also Boude, Matthews, Rogers, and Rodgers, one and all. R. G. E.

1850.

There is little of interest to tell you concerning the Phis. We have done little or nothing since you left, but *rest* in vacation. On New-year's we celebrated the annual festival, not at Mrs. Hughes's, as was expected, but at McCullough's. Every thing passed off well; had a tolerably fine supper, after which we adjourned to Drake's room. Lindley and Swing were not in attendance, Swing being sick at home and Lindley afraid of his health. . By a late letter from Bloomington we have learned that a college has been organized, consisting of six members, all first-rate fellows. They had their New-year festival. —A. A. Barnett, Miami University, to Robert Morrison in Tennessee, January 5, 1850.

You left, and some long faces and occasional remarks frequently gave evidence that you were missed. I missed you everywhere—in my room, on the street, at the post-office (where we frequently met), at college, and especially at the meetings of the brethren, that glorious society which we all love, and which, thank fortune, is flourishing most magnificently. Our friends at Bloomington are prospering, and I suppose that we will recommend Joseph Lindley to them as their speaker. I hear nothing from our friends, the Betas. They have been trying to go it blind, you know, and I am somewhat inclined to think they have given up in despair; however, they may have some members.—Andrew W. Rogers, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, February 3, 1850.

I believe you asked me about the Indiana Alpha. We have not heard lately from them. The six persons are Messrs. N. K. Crowe, R. and S. Elliott, Joseph Miller, James Strean, and M. W. Woodburn. A letter was received from Williams which "are cheerin'." He has put forth his arm, and with a mighty effort caught a Tartar; O no! not a Tartar, but a Φ—MacHatton. MacHatton took the bait. Their plan is to "lie low" for the present, "seein' as how" they can't do much. Our college is in a fine state; one new addition since you left—Denny. He is a Φ; goes in strong for it.—A. A. Barnett, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, March 2, 1850.

I have not made much progress, as I told you I expected I•

would not for some time; but I have done something. *MacHatton is now a whole-souled* Phi Delta Theta. He was initiated about two months ago. We have met together frequently, and consider it injudicious to attempt any thing at present.—M. G. Williams, Centre College, to Robert Morrison, March 11, 1850.

Elliott writes that he has got a college under way at Crawfordsville. He went out there himself this spring and nabbed one good fellow who is to plant the remaining seeds. The Faculty there have passed a law that no secret society shall be established there whose Constitution they have not read. The plan is to form a society and show them the Constitution, not the Bond, I presume. . . Your old friends here will never get over their admiration of the long-headed manner in which you worked things.—Andrew W. Rogers to Robert Morrison. First part missing; probably written in the spring of 1850.

Danville, Ky., April 2, 1850.—My dear old friend: I have some good, *glorious*, and no doubt you will think from the character of my former letters, very unexpected news. I am ready to apply for a charter to organize a college of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \theta$. What do you think of that? I first got MacHatton, and waited some time for another. At last I have got him. He is a splendid fellow. He is a fellow with a head on him, and with a good honest Irish heart in him. He stands first in our Society (the Chamberlain). He is a fellow of the right spirit, and a whole-souled Phi. Wherever he goes our principles will be circulated and carried out. His name is William George. There are one or two more that we intend to victimize, if possible. We are feeling for them. We hope to do something more. I have something rich to tell you about the Betas. In the first place I must let you know that we have to speak in chapel once a session. The seniors and the juniors have to write original speeches. The sophomores and freshmen are not required to write; but our class all wrote original speeches, and I made one that seemed to please them, although nothing extra. A few days after Mr. R. V. Moore waited on me to inform me of my election by the Betas. But in the first place he asked me whether I was a member of any secret association. And I, for the purpose of pumping him, asked him what he meant—whether he referred to the Alphas and the Betas. "Yes," said he. I told him I was not connected with either of them. Then he told me a good deal about them. He said the reason he asked me whether I was a member of any other was that it was against their rules for a person to be connected with the Betas who was connected with any other, and that there were three or four at Oxford, and he did not know but that I was a member of one of them. I asked him what ones there were at Oxford besides the Alphas and the Betas. "O," says he, "there was one started there last summer by Morrison, Drake,

and some others; but it was after you (?) had left. It has all blown up now." I pretended great indifference, and asked him for time to think about it. I saw him in a few days, and told him plainly that I was a member of another society, carefully concealing the name; so he is entirely in the dark. He expressed deep and repeated regrets that such was the case. I returned my thanks to the Betas through him with this message, "Not that I loved the Betas less, but that I loved another society more." They are all in a fever. It does me good to see them.

By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the society I have the honor to announce that, whereas H. Q. MacHatton, of Xenia, Ohio, and William George, of Carlisle, Ky., having been duly elected, having heard our Bond and Constitution read, and having accepted the provisions of the same, be it known to all Phi Delta Thetas that the above-mentioned gentlemen are now recognized as full and worthy members of this Society, and are hereby recommended to the friendship and confidence of all our brethren. Given this day of our Lord, April 2, 1850. Mort. G. Williams, by authority.

The above is a form that Morrison sent me. Mr. George is not now attending college. He left last Friday. He expects to become a member again after a while. Does this make any difference? The appeal says "with which we are connected." Please send every thing, with full instructions and full definitions of our relations to the parent society. Please write soon. Give my best to all the "elect." Mort. G. Williams.

We, as you are aware, number twelve, all of whom, except Denny and, Childs, you knew. Denny is an acquisition not to be despised. He is young and retiring, but is of the figure of a man. Childs is generous, whole-souled, and a good student. None of the new students have yet manifested themselves as candidates for secret honors, and I don't care whether they do; for, instead of being in the market for members, there is more danger of an overgrowth. Of course I don't mean that I wish it less by a single man, but I wish it not larger by one unless he is a man. I think there are enough here for a standing army for this summer, and will keep in readiness for any movements next fall. . . . You have heard, perhaps, of the recent developments by and of Williams, of his election to Beta honors, and of the gracious visit of the Hon. R. V. Moore to inform him thereof. . . . . In Williams's letter there came an application from M. G. Williams, H. MacHatton, and William George for a charter to form a college of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \theta$, to be known by the name of the Kentucky Alpha of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \theta$, which was granted, and after having been prepared by Denny, was sent off last Saturday. At our last meeting on Wednesday evening there was one more member

than usual. During the day, while I was busy in my school, a stranger called and presented me a letter of introduction. At noon the word circulated around that there was a Bloomington Φ in town raised quite an excitement among a certain class. At night we held our meeting. He (Crowe is his name) told us that they yet number six; that there is fair prospect for some more, but not a large organization yet; that R. G. Elliott started at the same time with himself to Crawfordsville to do something there; that they will have shortly a chance of reaching Hanover, and that they think of keeping concealed till they get these things done. As to Crowe, he has a head on him, and the right spirit within him.—J. McM. Wilson, Oxford, O., to Robert Morrison, April, 1850; date of month omitted.

Your last letter was read with pleasure; but after its reading it started out to see the Φ brethren, and hasn't returned yet, just like the one before it. It (the former) was gone three months; took a trip to Piqua and back. How popular they are! So the letter being absent, I can't recollect all its contents. I will try and write an answer without yours being before me. . . .
Our dear little brotherhood is looking upward. The usual interest is taken — not usual either, but a greater one. .
Sam Elliott has had to leave Bloomington on account of ill-health. The news from that quarter "are cheerin'." Williams is at work. He fixed Bob Moore; but I suppose you've heard of that. How that he, being driven to extremities by the demand of the Betas, told them that he belonged to a secret society, and that Bob remarked that he didn't know of any society being at Oxford, but one that Drake, Morrison, and some more had formed last summer; but that had *blown up long ago*. How strange!
. Whom have you appointed in this place to order our pins from Beggs and Smith? I don't know but that it is necessary that we should have some one here. If there is none, suppose you do it.—A. A. Barnett, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, Poplar Grove, Tenn., June 1, 1850.

I think it a subject of congratulation that our commencement passed off as well as it did; and, not to boast at all, I think the Phis should feel highly gratified, as well as thankful to a kind and benign Providence, for the safety of their bark, which, though with shattered masts and torn sails, has escaped the storm and arrived safely in port. By the way, we elected Dorsey as a member of our association. Ardivan is the one appointed to see if he will accept membership. To-day Lindley left for New Hagerstown to take his brother's place at a school in that town.
All are gone; none left save Swing and I, who will leave on Thursday next.—A. A. Barnett, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, August 12, 1850.

Wilson has a plan that he will break to you soon. It is a proposition to make a higher degree or higher order of the graduate members of the society. He and I talked it over a few evenings since, and it appears to me that it is just what we want to top out all. Don't tell any other Φ of the plan yet. Our commencement went off in flying colors. . Drake and Lindley carried the day in the graduating speeches without a *dissenting voice.* It was said by some of the Board that Drake's speech had not been surpassed, and equaled only by Laws, and then your humble servant delivered the diplomas in the hall with a speech that made them *all cry.*—Andrew W. Rogers, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, August, 1850; date of month omitted.

Dr. Dorsey, of Piqua, was elected a member of our Φ Society, and Ardivan Rodgers appointed to "pop the question." I hope that he will get him. A college will be established at Hanover. Barnett knows some boys there that he thinks will do, and has been empowered to "fix 'em."—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, Jefferson, Tenn., September 8, 1850.

I have not heard from any of the Φ brethren except Drake and Barnett. One thing I forgot in my last. We elected Dr. Dorsey, of Piqua, and sent Ardivan Rodgers after him. He gave us a fine address at commencement. Alexander Swaney is elected professor of mathematics in Jefferson College, and will likely accept; so I may have a chance of doing something for the Phi Society there some day. That little society that was concocted in Wilson's room has done infinitely more than many of us then hoped for; but it is no more now to what it is destined to be than a little "nigger" is to a dark night.—J. W. Lindley, New Hagerstown, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, September 22, 1850.

The first day of this session we had thirty students; the next seventy, and they have been increasing ever since, until now we have between one hundred and ten and one hundred and twenty. Well of course, among all of these students, there must be some that will make good Phis. We have taken in one named Holmes. He is in the sophomore class, and is a good student. . We are watching four or five more, and I think that they will help eat our turkey. . . Milton Sayler is here, and you know that he is an Alpha. Well, a good many of our Phis think that he is reviving, or rather rebuilding the Alphas here—in fact, we almost know it. He is with Harrison and a fellow named McNutt all the time. The former is a grandson of old Gen. Harrison, and a smart fellow. Sayler is at the top of the junior class, and he (Harrison) is not far behind him. I don't think that he is any better than Denny, if as good. He is, however, a smart fellow, and can make a good debate—not one of much depth,

but one that will take with the majority. McNutt can also make a debate just like Harrison's, but he is not as smart a fellow. Milton is exerting considerable influence with them. George Crane may be one. I can't say for certain.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, November 2, 1850.

We had a meeting last night, and made Ross and Lane Phis. I don't know whether they will accept or not. . . . The Phis forever! Come and help us eat our turkey.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, November 7, 1850.

1851.

I believe that we are on pretty fair footing now, and think that we can hoe a row with any of those that are here. The *Δ Φs* are after Childs, I think, from appearance; and the Betas are after Barr and Lane. They will be badly fooled again in these quarters.—Andrew W. Rogers, Oxford, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, January 4, 1851.

Of our society: Having passed rather a lifeless winter, for good reasons, it is now in the happy spring-time, opening out its leaves and disclosing its buds as if determined on a rich growth this summer. It is my desire that we dig much about it, and water well from the Pierian spring. We are ignorant yet of what a plant it may prove if nurtured to perfection. Curiosity, then, should make us guard it well. . . We expect pleasant times this summer in our rural walks for Phi purposes; but be the shade ever so inviting, and the performance ever so interesting and creditable, yet the absence of many of our "elder brothers" will be noticed. Morrison and Drake and Wilson and Lindley are closely connected with all my "fond recollections," as with nearly all of us. But since you all report unbounded enjoyment in your separation from your *alma mater*, so let us "younger ones" play contentedly upon her lap *yet a little longer*. Her smiles and caresses are still pleasant; her pocket is full of sugar-plums and candy, her heart of all kinds of indulgencies. Ah! let us stay till she weans us.—David Swing, Oxford, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, March 13, 1851.

I have heard nothing from Oxford since I left there. What the committee have done I can't say. Before I left we had one or two meetings, held only to come to an understanding of each other. That I believe we did. I am more and more convinced that we cannot be prepared next June a year. There will be an incalculable amount of preliminary matter to arrange, and it is doubtful whether we can get force enough to make the thing sufficiently imposing. What do you think? Again, is it not better that the "plan" be submitted to several or all of the graduates (after

being matured) before any college action be had on it. The thing must be matured before it is set in motion, as it will be too late to do any thing afterward. By the way, I am beginning to think it not safe to do as we talked of—build any thing at Oxford or anywhere else—on account of the changing nature of college population. But I would not abandon the idea; I would merely change its direction. I'll just whisper in your ear a dream of the future—a hall or lecture-room at a central point, say Cincinnati; a course of lectures on some subject harmonizing with the objects of the order according to a pre-arranged syllabus determined at the reunion, and an arrangement with a publisher to issue them in good style, providing they would, as they could, pay expenses. Of course the lecturers must be of the first talent of the West, Phis or not. This for you now; it will do to think of. It is not to interfere with the annual meeting, the latter to be of course a literary festival. It will require some money; will this be an insuperable objection? I saw Drake. He received yours. He falls in with the plan, but is disposed to put it off for some time, and thinks the colleges should always remain *incog.*, or at least without any *public* standing. The latter I begin to think a good idea, although some of the Oxonians do nôt. I should be glad to know from some source whether we are certainly going to meet this fall—where and when. Of this I know nothing more than when I saw you, and if I am to be there I would be glad some definite arrangements be made soon, so that I may make mine to suit them. Do you know any thing more about it? Have you heard from the committee on the subject? —J. McM. Wilson, Bloomfield, Ky., to Robert Morrison, March 22, 1851.

MacHatton is in Hanover, and was lately about organizing there, under what auspices I have not yet learned. Williams was lying very low at Louisville. I fear he is not living yet. . . . If nothing can be done this fall, what can be done as to holding a meeting at, say Cincinnati, next Christmas holidays, or what do you advise about the matter?—J. McM. Wilson, Bloomfield, Ky., to Robert Morrison, May, 1851; date of month omitted.

Don't you think we ought to come out next fall, or rather next June? Some of the boys are making great calculations on it. What do you think of saying nothing more about the organization of that proposed department of our Association? I only suggest this, and do not mean by it to depreciate the proposition of a senior division.—Ardivan W. Rodgers, Piqua, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, August 8, 1851.

John Lindley has been here and has gone. His brother and two sisters were with him. The latter it was not my privilege to

see at all; the former I was with several times, and like him as a gentleman, as a Phi, and as a *Lindley*. . . . In a word, all goes finely as ever. McNutt was lately initiated, and he is the only new member. We are watching several, and will probably soon elect some more.—David Swing, Oxford, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, October 18, 1851.

On October 28 Lane and Harrison called to take me to Oxford post haste on an account you will sincerely regret. During the whole session Matthews had withdrawn himself from the Society and associated himself entirely with the low set that somehow always boards at M——'s. Rumors were afloat that he was drinking; but our men disbelieved it, till some of them met him in Clute's, where some of the crew had brought him in a state of beastly intoxication, and were dosing him with cucumbers and salt to arouse him. Nothing was done or said to him from a supposed want of jurisdiction. The evil did not stop here. At the opening of the railroad at Hamilton, Childs, Denny, Kemker, with McNutt and others (including one whose name is suppressed because he has satisfied the society), drank freely, and the most of them became very drunk. This was told on them afterward. In the meantime, through the influence of those mentioned, McNutt was elected. On the night of his initiation he and Childs got drunk. . . These things began to be unbearable; but our boys did not know what to do. John and Joseph Lindley were there, and they wanted to conceal such things from them, and did not know how to act. They wrote to me. I advised that, as the accused did not know that these things were in the hands of the Society, to seem to know nothing, to send a friend to each to talk to them, putting the thing on the ground of conscience. Denny was to see Childs, and Harrison to see McNutt. Denny, as afterward appeared in evidence, proved unfaithful; Harrison did not. McNutt promised with tears, on his knees, and calling God to witness that he would never drink again, and Denny reported favorably from Childs. The Society was satisfied and the matter tacitly suppressed. Within a week they were as drunk as ever, and went at it more openly. This occurred on Monday night. Tuesday, because the Warden (Kemker) refused to act, they met and passed a resolution requiring him to arraign them. To this a determined opposition was made by Denny, who declared that he would never consent that Childs, no matter of what he might be guilty, should be questioned. The summons was replied to by a curious note to "the gentlemen falsely styling themselves the Phi Delta Theta," denying jurisdiction: 1. Because the Society had no constitutional power of arraignment. 2. Because they were not the Society, as Denny's vote was withheld. A meeting on Wednesday resolved: 1. That every body had original jurisdiction over its own members, and had inherent power

to carry out its own objects. 2. That the prosecution was commenced, not with unfriendly motives, but from a sense of duty in the case. Invoking on the Society in the affair the blessing of God, they appointed Thursday evening for the hearing. Thursday they came for me. I went, learned all these things, and saw the state of feeling. I could not discover any angry excitement, but saw that unless something was done in the matter the seven not implicated would infallibly leave it; that we had to choose between the parties. The Society was willing that if any assurances were given of reformation the matter should be dropped; if not, they would be expelled. I could learn nothing of the course of the accused. That was a secret, and Denny and Kemker were in it. The trial commenced in the Ero Hall. After some evidence and quibbling, they plead guilty, and retired, and sent in a paper by Matthews proposing to pledge themselves not to drink while they remained in Oxford if the Society would sign a counter pledge that they would not expose them to the faculty and get them dismissed or prosecute them before the temperance society of which they were officers and members. I moved the proposition be accepted. It was seconded. Matthews then rose and commenced a most violent attack upon the Society and every thing about it, charging us all with intending, after getting the accused back into the Society, to inform the faculty on them, and get them dismissed; threatened this and that, and wound up by charging us with intending to arraign him. This was explained. Harrison in talking with McNutt was told that Matthews had been as drunk as he. Why not arraign him too? Harrison replied that the offense was as criminal in the one as the other, but Matthews was not under the control of the Society. Others testified that they had heard such things in circulation, but had not told the thing further. But no explanation did any good. Every thing made him wilder and wilder, and he closed by producing a written resignation and retiring. The Society then took up my motion. The general feeling of mind was that *no one* designed to reveal the matter, and they did so because that course would conduce to the good of the accused more than any thing else; and, as the facts had come before them as a Society and were legitimately a part of their business, they were not to reveal them. In this way they held themselves bound to the same extent the accused wished—that they did not ask a written pledge, but only an assurance that they would not so further offend. But the pledge required of the Society was a radical change in the whole nature of the institution, was a precedent set in the way of an understanding among the members to protect one another in wrong-doing; the Society was intended as a protector of the morals and an inspirer of the intellect of its members, but was not designed to be the concealer of any crimes its members might commit, and that this

constituted the radical difference between this and other societies it condemned. After some reflection, I thought they were right, and withdrew my motion. They were then invited in and informed courteously of the opinion of the Society. They replied in insulting style that they would do nothing else, and left. Their names were stricken off the roll. Hereupon Denny admitted that the Society had done right, but he held peculiar relations to Childs, and he could not stay where he was not. He produced his written resignation, and left, and was followed by Kemker. This is about all I know of the matter. I intended to write you all southward about it, but waited to look for what I saw coming. I was at Oxford a few days ago, and learned more of the "since." Bonham, Brooks, Hibben, and —— were previously elected. All accepted; but while waiting for the meeting Sayler came to Bonham and Brooks, and poisoned them about us, telling them all about our Society so accurately that he must have seen the papers. He told them we had dealt hardly with Childs and McNutt; that his Society had a professor member, which ours had not, etc. He got Bonham on the ground that his brother was an Alpha. Brooks was influenced by the fact that Moffat was a member, and declines us now, but will not decide till next session. This of course proves that some of the "quondams" have been guilty of other violations of the Bond than in its moral view. I suppose they took copies of the papers with them. They have received bids from the Alphas, but Sayler has not got his papers yet to organize. This stirred up our men, and Professor Elliott was elected and accepted. Dr. Anderson will soon be talked to. He was advised with about this affair, but under a pledge that he would not use the knowledge in any way in his character as a college officer. I regret this matter exceedingly, especially that we lose Matthews and Denny; but there is some compensation. A precedent has been set that our moral obligations are *living things*, and that the Society will not screen offenders. These are important objects; would that they could have been gained at less cost! The convention will be held between Christmas and New-year's day at Cincinnati, where this case will be reviewed, the "Organization" decided some way, and the general course of the order decided on. Will you come? if not, send your ideas on these subjects to Oxford for it. Be sure to do the one or the other. All that are in reach are expected, and the most of them have already replied that they are coming.—J. McM. Wilson, College Corner, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, November 29, 1851.

Well, we have been doing things up here—namely, turned out Jim Childs and Joe McNutt for drinking and spreeing in general. Sam Matthews, Uncle Denny, and Ande Kemker went with them, but I reckon you know all about it. We were never in a better condition—feel just as if we had thrown up a dose of

castor-oil, only we are perfectly well, and as a proof of our existence have made two new Phis. Hibben, a nephew of Sam Galloway, and Carson, a brother of Bill Carson, a Beta; also Profs. Elliott and Stoddard, have accepted membership, and are now Phis in every sense of the word. Hurrah! I wish I could hit you in order to impress it more vividly, as I expect you have become hardened to all good news. We are to hold a convention on the first Tuesday after Christmas, December 30th, I think. Of course you will be up. It is to fix the "toploftification" to keep you graduates straight. It is to meet at Cincinnati, and I suppose it will be a very full convention.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison in Tennessee, December 5, 1851.

You doubtless have heard of the difficulties occurring in our number. I should have given you a statement of the same long ere this, but preferred that some who had been longer identified with the order should execute the work. The communication has been sent you, as I am informed, and has doubtless caused feeling in your heart kindred to those which long reigned in my own. Of a truth, Morrison, I never regretted a step so much; but it had to be done. We could not do other than cast them off. For a time I feared that they would injure us, but now I begin to feel safe. Our prospects are brightening. Dr. Anderson, Dr. Claybaugh, Professors Elliott and Stoddard, and Mr. Worrall have all consented to become members. . . I suppose you have learned of our convention to be held at Cincinnati on the 30th instant. We look for a full attendance. Just now, however, the prospect darkens, in that the Ohio River is frozen over; many would come that way.—L. W. Ross, "Home," to Robert Morrison, December 22, 1851.

Officers of the Phi Delta Theta elected at the organization of the order at Cincinnati, December, 1851: President, John McM. Wilson; Vice-presidents, I. S. Lane, L. W. Ross, Robt. Elliott, James Crowe, Joseph T. MacHatton; Recording Secretary, B. Harrison; Reporting Secretary, J. Knox Boude. On motion the Phi Delta Theta adjourned to meet at Oxford June 25, 1852. B. Harrison, Recording Secretary. The date of the month is omitted. The following is indorsed on the back: Minutes of the first meeting of the order of the Phi Delta Theta, Cincinnati, December, 1851.

1852.

Well, we are progressing finely in this region. Our convention met at Cincinnati and agreed upon a Constitution, which will be duly transmitted to the "toploftificators." I like the Constitution very well, with the exception of one clause in regard to the reception of members, which says "that, upon a recommenda-

tion from his college, a member of the lower Phi Delta Theta 'may' be admitted to membership." I think it should be "shall," because the upper story is *not* the *true Phi Delta Theta*, as the Bond and Articles of Agreement will show. They regard graduated members as *correspondent members, not* as constituting the *Phi Delta Theta.* And, although policy dictates that the graduated members should represent the Phi Delta Theta, yet I hold that they are not *the true Phi Delta Theta*, and that they have no right to say that they will represent the Phi Delta Theta, yet will have the veto-power to forbid a member of the *true Phi Delta Theta* after he shall have graduated from coming in their midst and also representing it; and I hope that this clause will be altered. But you can think over it when you get it, and as "Old Dad" is copying it I don't know when that will be. . . I suppose you have not heard of some recent elections. Prof. O. N. Stoddard, Prof. Charles Elliott, Dr. William C. Anderson, Rev. J. M. Worrall, and Mr. J. M. Gregory have lately accepted membership. Yesterday I wrote to W. H. Green, professor in Princeton Theological Seminary, informing him of his election, and sending him the Bond. Prof. Elliott also wrote to him on the subject, and I am confident that he will accept. We are looking up. The past is like the moon in a clear night, but the future like the midday sun.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, January 22, 1852. Morrison writes that "Old Dad" was an appellation for Wilson.

Miami University, February 19, 1852.—Mr. Robert Morrison. Dear Sir: I am instructed to inform you that at the last meeting (February 17) of the Ohio Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta you were appointed to write the biography of Morton G. Williams, deceased, to be placed among the archives.—John A. Anderson, Secretary of Ohio Alpha.

We are flourishing finely at this old University, as a matter of course. . We have one hundred and seventy students in actual attendance, and will have over two hundred in the catalogue. The prospects for next year are, if possible, more flattering than they have ever yet been. The present junior class will graduate about forty, or more. Won't that be some pumpkins for old Miami? You must be on hand to hear the eloquence of that occasion. Our newspaper will, I think, be started in about six weeks. Of course you will take a copy, and you must get as many subscribers as possible.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, Jefferson, Tenn., February 19, 1852.

The prospects of our Society still brighten. We are ten in number. Since you were here last year we have received into fellowship Samuel Hibben, James Carson, and E. E. Hutcheson—all young men of undoubted talent and moral worth. Last night

Profs. Stoddard and Elliott met with us. Eight lengthy essays were read in their hearing, which seemed to please them much. Dr. Anderson would have met us but for bodily indisposition. Rev. Mr. Worrall was also absent for the same cause. We feel now that we have a character with the faculty and such others of our members-elect as have personal knowledge of us. Rev. N. L. Rice, D.D., has accepted membership, and seems highly delighted with our organization and its objects. Wilson was in town a few days since in good health and spirits. Barnett has returned from Louisville, and will spend the summer in Oxford.—L. W. Ross, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, March 19, 1852.

I have never had access to any papers of the late M. G. Williams, although intimately acquainted with him, nor do I know of his having any that would assist you in the work that has been assigned you. While he attended college his reputation as a scholar was good; his piety was never to my knowledge doubted. In all my intercourse with him I have looked upon him as a gentleman and consistent Christian. His prospects as a scholar were flattering, and he was generally loved by the students, who paid every attention to him during his illness at this place. He was confined for about three months here before he was taken home, or rather to his brother's in Louisville, Ky. This is about all the information I can impart. It would afford me great pleasure to render you any assistance in my power, but the above is all I know of. Soon after Williams's death MacHatton left here and entered college at Hanover; so I was the only one left of the Phi Delta Theta. Not having been a member long enough to understand my duty, etc., I did not know how to proceed. I doubted whether I *alone* had the power to initiate others. So I remained inactive, because I did not know to whom I should write for information. However, about six weeks ago I received a letter from the Secretary of the Ohio Alpha stating that no reports had been seen from here. I immediately wrote him the circumstances of the case, and requested information in regard to my power to initiate, etc. He very promptly sent all necessary information. So I went to work, and I am now happy to inform you that we have enough to organize—two others besides myself, who will proceed to business immediately. We will initiate one other to-morrow night. I think our prospects are flattering.—William George, Danville, Ky., to Robert Morrison, Jefferson, Tenn., April 5, 1852.

Articles of agreement between the Ohio Alpha and the Ohio Beta of the Phi Delta Theta: The above-named colleges of the Phi Delta Theta mutually agree that in the initiation of members into the privileges of this Society it shall hereafter be the

duty of the college into which any one is proposed to be initiated to make known to the other the name of the proposed candidate, and if any member of either college shall object to the same it shall be forthwith dismissed.

No date is appended. The date that Ohio Alpha chartered the second chapter at Miami was April 17, 1852.

Miami University, April 26, 1852.—Mr. Benjamin Harrison, Corresponding Secretary of the Ohio Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta. Dear Sir: I have the pleasure of informing you that at a meeting of the Ohio Beta of the Phi Delta Theta held April 17, 1852, Mr. Theophilus McLean, having been duly elected, was initiated to all the rights and privileges of an attendant member of the Phi Delta Theta. Your brother in the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta, J. A. Anderson, Secretary Ohio Beta.

House of Representatives U. S., Washington, D. C., June 1, 1887.—W. B. Palmer. Dear Sir and Brother: Yours at hand. I had wholly forgotten the facts mentioned by you relative to the establishment of a Beta Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta at Miami. Whatever the reason may have been, it certainly was not because of any bad feeling in the Alpha. I have never been in a similar body or association of any sort where there was a more complete and real friendship or harmony, so far as I can recall. There never were two men more heartily loyal to any cause than J. K. Boude and myself to the Alpha. The chances are that the conclusion was reached in the Alpha that it would be better for the order to start a second chapter, and that Boude, Hutcheson, and myself were detailed to do so. You can rest assured that we were not the kind of Phis to start or promote a disagreement. Neither of us had such relations with Childs or McNutt as would have caused us to side with them. Both of us were members of the Church at the time, and would have been outspoken and resolute on such a matter as was then involved. Another fact supporting the above probability existed in the very large attendance of students. Our class in the year following graduated, I think, thirty-three. At the time you mentioned there must have been over forty in it, and a very large number of students at Miami. Ours was the largest class ever in attendance, and it is more than probable that the Beta was chartered because of the size of the Alpha, and of the number of good fellows not in any society. Probably Morrison or Wilson had a hand in it. With best wishes, yours, John A. Anderson.

In regard to the reasons for the establishment of another chapter of the Phi Delta Theta at Miami in 1852 my recollection is not very clear. I do know that there was no lack of harmony between those of us who formed it and the Alpha Chapter, but my impression is that, as the Alpha Chapter was quite large at the

time, we thought that we could hold our meetings in more secrecy if it was divided. It is also my impression that some of us younger members thought that the old chapter was a little too slow and conservative about admitting new members, and we would therefore form a new chapter which would elect some men we thought desirable. I suppose, as it was so short-lived, that it did not accomplish what we expected it would, but I do not remember why it was so soon dissolved. I cannot remember whether we initiated any one except McLean—in fact, my recollections of the whole affair are hazy and indistinct. My recollection is that Anderson was the leading spirit in the whole affair.—J. K. Boude, Washington, D. C., to W. B. Palmer, July 15, 1887.

At one time we had so many members at Miami University that we had two chapters there, as we could not find rooms where we could all meet together secretly.—From a letter from J. K. Boude to C. O. Perry, May 16, 1874, published with the minutes of the 1874 convention. The attention of Robert Morrison being called to this statement, he wrote:

Dr. Boude is entirely correct as to the reason of the swarming of the old Ohio Beta. It was thought to be very important then to be *sub rosa*, and the fraternity there then was too numerous to be well accommodated in our small rooms.—Robert Morrison to W. B. Palmer, June 14, 1887.

When your letters of inquiry touching the Phi Fraternity came I was absent in Europe, from whence I have but recently returned. The chapter at Wittenberg College was founded in 1852. I presume I might be said to have been the founder. I went there in 1852 a member of the order. While I was there Brothers W. H. Wynn, W. B. Yonce, A. Cahill, (formerly an attorney of Dayton, O., now dead), A. M. Geiger, and G. F. Stelling were members. I think there were others, and Morris Kirby and William Gebhart, deceased, were among these others, as I believe. I was but one year at Wittenberg College. My impression is there were few additions after 1852, though of this I am not positive. The cause of its death, I think, was that some became members and withdrew, thus wounding it.—Joseph MacHatton, Morning Sun, Ohio, to S. W. Carpenter, January 30, 1875.

It is against the laws of Wabash College to organize secret societies. We get reports from there when we can.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, in report of all chapters sent to Joseph MacHatton, April 6, 1852. This shows that Indiana Beto was established before the fall of 1852, as stated in the 1883 catalogue.

We have been, and now are, the recipients of the concentrated *thunder* of the *A Δ Φ* and *B Θ Π* Societies; also of a third society, name doubtful. We stand charged of having clicked in the literary societies, and in other places. They declare themselves as

our inexorable enemies; we are innovators, and hence must be trampled under foot at once. Aye, more, they declare us to be without principle, ever working the underhanded game in every enterprise before the literary societies and the College. They even charge us with hypocrisy in religion. I only wish that you were here to see how easy it is for man to make himself a fool and a liar. I think you would laugh and pity alternately. They console themselves with the notion that our Society is made up out of the senior class, and hence that our exit will be cotemporaneous with that of the Phi Delta Theta Society. But (and *but* is a significant word sometimes) what fools! We are now twelve in number—five seniors, four juniors, two freshmen, and one in the grammar school. Does that look like falling out by the way? Since I last wrote you we have received two members, viz.: Henry L. Brown, freshman, and T. W. McLean, of preparatory department—both young men of indubious promise. In a word, we don't think of dispersing yet awhile. Your brother, William M. Morrison, has, in common with many members of the college, knowledge of our existence. He knows of your connection with the Society. That consummate villain, P. McC. Morgan, who left us a year ago, has turned state's evidence against us; has told all in connection with our Society, and has even been base enough to belie us in college and in town. By so doing he has shown himself to be an ass of the long-eared tribe. He is now a member of the Alpha Society. . We have no time set when we shall appear before the public. The reunion will meet at Miami University in June next. Come up if you can.—L. W. Ross, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, April 30, 1852.

Now for society matters. There must be a meeting on Monday to do all indoor work, perfect the thing where found lacking, and fix all small matters. Tuesday the meeting must be held, and the business of the year must be done. I want to know all the items of business that will come up. Write them to me. I want to look at them. See what ought to be done Monday, and what time they will consume. Next there must be a series of resolutions expressive of the aims, hopes, field, and means of the Society that will define and fix it—these to be discussed and adopted. Next, a more important matter about which I want your and Drake's opinion. I think it settled that we must not give the thing the face of a secret society, or we will finally fail. Let it be secret enough to effect its object—not appear so. I think we may have to cut loose some time from the colleges, and appear without any possible connection with the little things of college politics. I think we must have a high, fixed, definite aim, patent to the world before us, in harmony with ourselves, and yet important enough to enlist the sympathies of the good. Well, looking at the central idea of our Bond, it seems to me to be this: That

while it pledges us to a certain course personally, yet it requires us to act in concert for the common good, by literary agencies, and look and act from the Christian stand-point—briefly, to Christianize our literature, and bring it to bear on our education, politics, social philosophy, and ethics. That is wide enough field for any body of men in this age; high enough to suit any one; broad enough for all to stand on. To do something toward that it is necessary to understand and feel it, and command the Society definitely in that direction. The first of these things may be done by those resolutions. The subject may be brought up by them, and thus the spirit of the meeting enlisted. What of the second? I have beat the bush a good deal, and can find no better game than this: You know the Virginia University lectures, and the manner of getting them up; that will illustrate my idea. Let a series of lectures be arranged (not theological, but rather social), the whole forming one argument and delivered by members, or those who will be chosen such, to the students of the Miami University, or somewhere else, say ten of them at intervals, so that they take up one or two years, the lecturers chosen to be of established character and manifest ability, and an arrangement to be previously made that the copyright be taken by some publisher and so arranged as to cover all expense of their delivery. The details can be fixed up. The question is, Is it appropriate if we were ready, and are we old enough? What do you think about it?—J. McM. Wilson, Murfreesboro, Tenn., to Robert Morrison, May 4; year omitted, probably 1852.

Wabash College, June 14, 1852.—John A. Anderson, Oxford, Ohio. Dear Sir: I hope you will pardon me for writing to you on the present occasion if not consistent with your good feelings. We, the members of our order, have been patiently waiting for the reception of the new Constitution and General Report. But so far the mail has either proved treacherous, or they have not been forwarded. Believing, from the spirit in which your favor of the 19th of February was written, that you will take a great interest in this matter, I have concluded to request of you to send me all the information you have in respect to our order at the different colleges; the number of members now belonging to the whole order, their names and residences. Please send to me information concerning the prospect of affairs, especially at Oxford. I make this request because some effort is now being made by some other secret association at your college to establish themselves here, and it becomes us to keep a lookout. I cannot find out exactly what their names are; but there are two different ones that have their agents here, and if you know what two they are I wish you would send me their names, as we are desirous of not being surpassed by any. Whether they will organize, which is contrary to the rules of this college, or not, I cannot tell. There is an abundance of material here, but we cannot do any

thing while our hands are so tied by the laws of the institution. But our desires for your prosperity and success are always with you, and we are always anxious to hear from you. We are only three in number here. Messrs. G. White, and E. C. Johnston, together with myself, constitute our order. Prospects are rather gloomy in Bloomington, Mr. Miller being the only one there now. Messrs. White and Johnston send their compliments to you and all the brethren. Hoping that you will answer my request immediately, I remain your brother Phi, M. M. C. Hobbs.

I regret to say that we effected nothing at our meeting Commencement week. Ardivan W. Rodgers, R. Elliott, and Barnett were the only graduated members present. The only thing we could do was to hold the matter under consideration until next Commencement. The better to effect this, the Phi Delta Theta graduates and undergraduates in general meeting resolved themselves into a committee of the whole to investigate and determine the details of the general plan now before us. Holmes, of the Ohio Alpha, and Hutcheson, of the Ohio Beta, were appointed a special committee, to whom all communications respecting the matter must be directed. It was thought best by the general committee that each member consider the matter in his own mind, and by letter or otherwise confer with every other member of the order. . The reunion failed to complete the organization temporarily made at Cincinnati on January last, a quorum not being present.—L. W. Ross, "Home," to Robert Morrison, July 14, 1852.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., August 9, 1852.—Mr. Morrison: I find it very inconvenient to come by this evening, as I promised to do. You will please excuse me, and take what I may now say in place of my visit. I will tell you as a secret that I expect to dissolve my connection with the college this fall, and if I do I think it not necessary for me to go any farther with our business. But should I remain I will take pleasure in going on with it. Write me at Lebanon by the first of next week, so that I can know where a letter from me will find you. By that time I can tell whether I will remain in Lebanon any longer, and will inform you. Yours in friendship, R. P. Decherd.

Lebanon, Tenn., August 17, 1852.—Brother Morrison: I had the pleasure of receiving your kind note of the 12th inst., and in reply I will take the liberty of asking you: 1st. What is the location of Alpha College of Ohio? I recollect that you said that it was changed from Miami, the place of its origin. 2d. How often does an Alpha or subordinate college meet, and what kind of subjects are discussed, and in what way? Of subjects, suppose you give me a list. 3d. Who is the President of the Ohio Alpha? so that I may know to whom to send an application for

a charter. These are the questions which presented themselves to me this evening upon reading over the papers committed to my charge. Any other information that you may think will be of service to me, please communicate. Be sure to let me know your address at all times, for I may often be under the necessity of addressing you letters of inquiry. My connection with Cumberland University is, so far as I can now see, permanent, and I will be happy to render all the assistance in my power in carrying out the object of the Phi Delta Theta. I remain yours with great respect, R. T. Decherd.

I was much interested in reading the *Scroll* containing the proceedings of the convention of 1851 at Cincinnati. The idea of a Society which was to be composed of alumni alone, which was to be in reality the Phi Delta Theta, was a project of Wilson, which he elaborated and had adopted there. It proved a still-born one, and, received in the light of past wants, was impracticable. I had forgotten that any reference was made at that time to the action of the Ohio Alpha in the cases of Childs and McNutt. They were originally expelled for drunkenness, but the action was afterward modified so that they were permitted to withdraw, if I remember aright. I know that they made an application for a change when they wished to join the Δ K E, and, as we then learned that Denny (who had been selected to talk with them when the charges were first made, and who let us believe that he had done so to no effect) had not performed his duty at all, and led us to believe that they were contumacious, the last action was taken so as to let them down easy as possible, although there was no doubt as to their drunkenness. I think that they are both dead now. Childs was killed at Antietam. In the footnotes to the proceedings it is stated that the badge of the Phi Delta Theta must have been worn prior to 1852 when the Δ K E pin was worn. But this is a mistake, for the Phi Delta Theta pin was not worn publicly until in the summer of 1852, at a party given to the senior class of that year by the President of Miami University, Dr. Anderson. We had the badges, but it was not thought advisable to come out publicly sooner. I then wore the first badge that had been made, which was about one-eighth of an inch longer and wider than those made subsequently. Those were the days of small things in the history of the Society, which has now grown far beyond the most sanguine anticipations of its founders.—J. K. Boude, Washington, D. C., to W. B. Palmer, November 10, 1885.

By the way, it is six months since that plan of operations was arranged and sent to the North. I was very anxious to know whether it would be received with favor or not, as I knew there might be technical objections urged against it; but to this day I know nothing. I find in your letter that Humphrey is elected

speaker; that looks like it had been acted upon. In one of Lindley's letters it is said that the Society at Oxford has been organizing in Texas; that don't look like it at all.—J. McM. Wilson, Murfreesboro, Tenn., to Robert Morrison, November 13; year omitted, probably 1852.

In regard to our course there (the literary societies at Miami), it is plain we must immediately sink out of sight. No pin-wearing, no coming into the halls as a party, no contests for six-penny hall offices will do. There is no middle way; we must do it, or be continually harassed, and at last broken down in spite of ourselves. Indeed, if the wearing of pins and the quarreling for places is to be the only object set before us, we will deserve it. If we quarrel with the *A* and *B*, using their weapons, we will become identified with them in the opinions of all right-thinking men, and that of itself will destroy us. We must do every thing to insure a meeting next Commencement that will give tone to the Society, and lift it above the petty spite of the Alphas. Another thing must be done—we must collect and put away some facts: 1. The history of the speakership question from '45 to '51, and the course of our and the other societies in the matter. 2. The *A* clause in the Ero Constitution, and the facts about its adoption. 3. The origin of the Miami Hall, and the reason it broke off from the Union Literary. 4. The memorial of the faculty to the Board to expel the Alphas, and the charges of design to break down the college made against that society. 5. The facts about the quarrels of the Phis and Alphas the last year in the Miami Union Hall. 6. The course of the short-ear party during the last years of McMaster's term, and Saylor's connection with it. 7. Saylor's course generally. These things are scattered about, and in time will be lost sight of if some care is not taken to preserve them, and as they furnish the key to so much that is now going on they have some value. There will be an explosion some day, and it will not be convenient to hunt up facts when they are to be used. I wish that you would set some one that can to it. In regard to the committees: "On the Address" has nothing further to do; "On Appeals," nothing; "On Elections," prepare a list of all the present graduates to be enrolled as members, get a list of the graduates of next year with their certificates for election, prepare diplomas for members, and make a list of such others as we may want elected; "On Charters and Organizations," get the 4th Article of the Constitution adopted by a majority of the colleges, then attend to whatever may be required for the year, and report their work, the state of each college, and such as may be suitable places to enter, etc.; "Of Arrangements," every thing else. . . What are you doing about the Williams obituary? I think you had better conclude, if you have not done so, to write a memoir. It is true that there

are few incidents of importance, but biography has another and higher office, that of analyzing and delineating character, and a record of his piety, intellect, and whole-heartedness would be the most fitting monument we could rear to the first chosen, the first taken, and the best beloved.—J. McM. Wilson, Murfreesboro, Tenn., to Robert Morrison, November 27; year omitted, probably 1852.

Some one went to Hanover for the purpose of establishing a chapter, but did not succeed. We then elected John H. McRae at Sam Hibben's suggestion, who accepted. But whether McRae has done any thing—and if any thing, how much—I do not know. —J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, New Albany, Ind., December 7, 1852.

What are you doing for the well-being of our Society, and what do you expect to do at the end of the current year? Has Dr. Humphrey consented to membership, and has he agreed to address us at Miami University in June next? If not, are you looking out for an orator? Do you, in short, feel safe in making a demonstration at that time?—L. W. Ross, Hamilton, O., to Robert Morrison, December 9, 1852.

The festival will be held at Miami University on Monday evening, 20th inst. Come and meet with us if you can. Where is H. MacHatton's address? I want to know that I may confer with him by letter concerning the duties, etc., of the Committee on Elections. Received a long letter from Morrison yesterday. He is well and doing well. Is making preparation to meet with us in June next. Correspond freely with all the members, and get up the agony if possible.—L. W. Ross, Hamilton, O., to Robert Morrison, December 15, 1852.

A few days since I received a letter from Wilson, requesting me to write to you. I presume it is in regard to matters connected with the anticipated reunion. As to the precise information you wanted, Wilson did not say. He sent me previously your plans, and a list of committees appointed by himself as President of the Phi Delta Theta; but as he had designed to write to you and a number of others, I supposed he would have given you a list. At an irregular meeting, which we held last June, a Committee of Arrangements was appointed, one of whom was Barnett, the others I have forgotten. A vague understanding was had of what was to be done; but I presume the plan, if it might be called one, has been dropped, nor do I regret it. It did not provide for such a meeting as is indispensably necessary. We need a thorough organization, which as yet we have not. In view of this I would prefer having no public demonstration, or that the address, if there should be one, be credited to the Ohio Alpha,

and not to an order which in reality exists only in anticipation. But still I will not contend against the majority. But even if I should stand alone, there is one thing that I must be allowed to enter my protest against, viz.: *female incumbrances.* Some of the brethren, as observation has shown, consider their duty to the ladies as paramount to all other obligations, and if we are compelled to send committees to parlors and parties to obtain a quorum (as was the case last year), I do not wish to be present. If we design having a reunion let it be the object of our visit to Oxford, and let every thing give place to it; and as you have doubtless, as well as myself, seen the bad effects of gallantry of some of the brethren in such cases, you will, I hope, join with me in admonishing them to lay aside their "besetting sin."—R. G. Elliott, College Grove, Ind., to Robert Morrison, December 25; year omitted, but supposed to be 1852.

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Lebanon, Tenn., Jan. 22, 1853.—Mr. Robert Morrison. Dear Brother: I should have written to you long before this, to acknowledge the receipt of your kind favor of the 22d of September last, but I was waiting to see what success I could meet with before writing. And behold! I am indebted to you for another favor of the 4th instant; and to answer it I have taken my pen. I am so averse in my disposition from giving any one bad news when good is expected that I would rather not write this letter; but an account of what had been done is due you. I examined the list of seniors and juniors in college, and selected out those who would make good members of our Society. But upon inquiry, after explaining so far as I could the nature of the Society, I found that they were unwilling to attach themselves to it, because they were all of them members of one or the other societies in college, and felt bound to give their attention to them. I was then reluctantly compelled to give it up for the present. You see, then, that I have to report *no success.* I intend to keep the matter up before me, and when a favorable opportunity presents itself will strike for an establishment of our Society. I am gratified to learn of the success of it in Ohio and Indiana, and hope by next December to be able to report good success here. I would be glad to hear from you at any time. Your friend and brother, R. P. Decherd.

Lebanon, Tenn., February 10, 1853. — Brother Morrison: Your letter of the 31st ultimo is before me, and in reply I would say that Prof. Stewart has so much to attend to aside from his college duties that I do not think he will be willing to devote a moment's attention to our association. This year especially he will be employed in attending to the building of his house and

various perplexing matters connected therewith. Prof. Mariner will be precisely in the same condition. They both would be excellent assistants to me if they would be willing to go into it; but I doubt very much whether they would. If you see fit you can have them elected, and send them such papers and documents as may be necessary to acquaint them fully with the design of the Society, and then we can all confer together in relation to it, and thereby can see what is best to be done. I shall not move in relation to it till I hear from you again. Be prompt, and I think we may succeed. As to Gilbert Ralston, he has left college, and consequently is out of the question. Write soon. Your brother, R. P. Decherd.

Your letter came a few days ago. It pleased me much more than any epistle of late from any source. The fact that new things are the more pleasing will account for it A line from you is a new thing, and the inclosed love of Drake to me is yet more new. It has been a long time since any thing definite has reached me from him. Like the reports from the Sir John Franklin, they have been unsatisfactory and mystical. Give him my love in return. With respect now to that business: Yesterday after class I offered my company to Nathan L. Rice as he started home. He accepted, and appeared pleasant and talkative. He will be very much pleased, he says, to attend the convention at Oxford if nothing should then prevent. He said he had not forgotten that he was a member, etc. I then mentioned the desire of the Society to form a library of the works of its members only, and that the committee appointed to collect these works did request him to furnish them with a copy of his several publications. He says he will do so as far as possible. He will look over his shelves and piles, and in a few days will have some selected. . . Why did you not tell who those two gentlemen are, who, being "of high promise, will join the procession on the 29th day of the sixth month?" Your reserve leads me to conclude that yourself and Brother Drake were meant. If so, that would be glory enough for one day; but if there be two other such fellows, then still better. But why not tell? My suspicion rests on you.—David Swing, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, New Albany, Ind., February 19, 1853.

On our way hither we met most of the Oxford, Hamilton, and Cincinnati boys, and had a very pleasant little meeting at the Gibson House; present, Harrison, Lane, Ross, Swing, Gregory, Wilson, and myself. We talked over matters pertaining to our organization and the anticipated reunion, but of course did nothing formal. And by the by, I have taken some pains to learn the feeling in regard to the public collation you hinted at in your letter, and all with whom I have met desire nothing more than a

private feast at which ourselves will be both guests and spectators, where we can be sociable and merry, free and easy.—R. G. Elliott, Murfreesboro, Tenn., to Robert Morrison, February 21, 1853.

Lebanon, Tenn., March 10, 1853.—Mr. Robert Morrison. Dear Sir: Some days since I received your letter of the 19th ultimo, informing me of my unanimous election to membership in the Phi Delta Theta Society through the Ohio Alpha chapter, and inclosing a copy of the Bond of said association. The Bond is herewith returned, as requested, and I accept with pleasure the honor of membership in the association. I graduated in June, 1842, at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Your letter would have been replied to sooner, but I delayed until I could find an opportunity to examine the papers in Mr. Decherd's possession. In order to the establishment of a college here an application must be made to the Ohio Alpha chapter. By whom should this application be made? Would Mr. Decherd, Prof. Mariner (should he be elected), and I be sufficient and competent persons to apply? Prof. Mariner is in every way worthy, and so are Profs. Safford and Graunis, if they are not already members. With my best wishes for the success of the order, I am very sincerely yours, Alexander Peter Stewart.

I believe I promised to let you know how we progress in Phi affairs. We remain about as we were; no change that I can perceive. The Society of Inquiry is defunct, and of course will have no address this year, so far as I can learn. Of course, then, that plan is no go. Humphrey's address will be delivered either on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning of commencement week. That will of course be grand.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, April 1, 1853.

I have news from old Miami. The elevation of our brother, E. E. Hutcheson, to the Presidency of Miami Union Literary Society caused all the Alpha and Beta members to resign. These bolters straightway formed a new society called *Eccriteau*, when, to their surprise, the faculty refused to recognize them. Thus you see that they have jumped out of the frying-pan into the fire. The separation is perhaps fortunate. Chambers, Helm, Morgan, and their satellites have for two years waged a war of extermination against the Phi Society; but now, after vowing our ruin, they ingloriously leave the field to us. I am informed that our young brethren (Phis) were not directly engaged in the presidential contest. The Deltas did the lying and fighting; we furnished the candidates. The condition of the order at Oxford is, I fear, not flattering. They need a leading spirit; good soldiers and patriots without a captain. I am, however, not well advised. I expect to go and see for myself in a few days. The reports from

graduated members are cheering. You will of course be at Oxford by Monday of Commencement week. If you have any suggestions, please forward to me. Whatever is in my power I will do. Write me the names of all the members with you in the seminary. I hear you have elected one or two in that place. Tell me if Humphrey will come without fail.—L. W. Ross, Hamilton, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, April 15, 1853.

I wrote to you some time since about certain Society matters. I am anxious about your opinions of them before trying to log-roll about them. Hibbett tells me you will reply as soon as you learn something definite. I wish you would not wait, but tell me what you think, so that I can tell whether any one more than us here looks on it with favor or not. If brought up it will have to be arranged in some measure and some publisher be seen before Commencement. The details, the final arrangements of the thing, the choice of speakers, must be left to the committee intrusted with it, who must be of the best talent and character in the Society. Enough must be arranged to make it a definite proposition. If gone into it must be done so as to make it tell. Let us avoid unnecessary display at Commencement, and turn our attention to strengthening it. Let us do every thing to get all things arranged next Commencement. Let every thing be done to attract those whom we respect, not regarding the opinions of the rabble. I know of nothing now that will give any permanent character to the Society but those lectures or something of the sort. Will you write to me *soon* about these things?—J. McM. Wilson, in Tennessee, to Robert Morrison, May 3, 1853.

Centre College, June 7, 1853.—Robert Morrison, Esq. Dear Sir: Your communication of May 2d, to Mr. Reid, was handed me as the Secretary of Phi Society to answer. I regret to inform you that we have not had a meeting since the reception of your letter. There is a spirit of lukewarmness among us, which has destroyed the general interest of the body. This spirit is not, I believe, from a want of sense of the pleasure which flows from such unions, but more from the fact that some of our members (few in number at best) have been called from college to teach, and others to the country; and also from the need of a suitable room in which to meet. I am afraid that we will be unable to get into "old paths" again this session, which will soon end. Our members are scattered, and will, I fear, never meet again in that capacity, as some will have to leave college. Two of our number graduate this term. I hope, however, that the importance and pleasures of the Society will awaken its wonted interest in those who may remain, and that its after-progress may be more marked and lasting. Owing to the state of affairs just mentioned, and our approaching Commencement, which comes off on the

30th inst., we will be unable to be represented in the anticipated "reunion meeting" of the Phi Societies. We would doubtless have deputized some one to have acted for us had there been a meeting since our information reached us. But as there has not been a meeting of our Society, and consequently no action taken on the subject, we have to leave our interests at the mercy and disposal of the "reunion meeting." Do for us the best you can. I will be pleased to hear the result of your labors, and any thing that may interest one who feels great interest in the progress and ultimate success of the principles upon which our Society is based. My address is Huntsville, Ala., to which place I will return the first of July. Very respectfully and fraternally, yours, etc., Joe W. Lewis.

Miami Union Hall, June 28, 1853.—Gentlemen of the Phi Delta Theta Society: I am instructed cordially and earnestly to invite you to join our procession on to-morrow morning in marching to the grove at 9:30 A.M. to hear our anniversary exercises. Wishing you abundant prosperity, I remain, in behalf of the Society of the Phi Delta Theta. Very respectfully yours, Robert Morrison.

Miami University, June 30, 1853.—Prof. Charles Elliott. Dear Sir: "The Society of the Phi Delta Theta," appreciating the high literary excellence of the poem read by you before that order at its recent anniversary, desire to secure a copy for publication. Hoping that it may prove convenient for you to comply with our request, we remain, sir, your very obedient servants, Benjamin Harrison, L. W. Ross, I. S. Lane, Committee.

Miami University, July 1, 1853.—Messrs. Benjamin Harrison, L. W Ross, I. S. Lane. Gentlemen: In compliance with your request I send you a copy of my poem on Palestine for publication. I am not prompted to do so by any opinion of its "literary excellence," for it has many defects; but I comply solely out of regard to your wishes and those of the Society which you represent. The title of it is not well chosen. The *Israeliad* would express my idea better; but for the sake of euphony I prefer to retain the name Palestine. I am, gentlemen, with sentiments of the highest respect, yours very truly, Charles Elliott.

The two preceding letters appear on the page following the title-page of the pamphlet containing the poem. The only copy of the poem extant probably is in the possession of Robert Morrison.

What are you doing in Phi matters? I am depending on you to fully "enthuse" (as Sam Turley, of Tennessee, would say) John Worrall with our leading idea for the time, cause him to understand the matter fully, and then let us work through him. The committee must be able of themselves to elect the men

necessary for our purpose—*e. g.*, Dr. McMaster and others—and go on then and fill out the programme. It is not essential though that all become members before taking part, but it will probably be best so far as prudent. Let all be fully done and clinched in black and white ere a syllable meets the public eye. Let it be *slowly* done, but for *eternity*. Perhaps it would be well if Maltby could be properly aroused in reference to the matter. He could do much if once thoroughly interested. Get John Boude to take around a subscription paper to the members of the faculty and now get subscriptions to print the speeches, provided they are to be printed; though it is best to go ahead with it anyhow, as it will be an easy matter to pay all back again if not needed. In reference to the Constitution, etc., of our present order, let it be in this way: You are Secretary—take my word for it—and as you have a motion allowing it, just usurp authority and completely write out such a thing as you like, and then, when it becomes necessary to elect a man, you as Secretary can tell him its nature, its object, and its means, and that it is not a secret association as such, though, like the United States Senate and the meetings of almost every ecclesiastical body, it may for a time need and have some secret meetings. To this I think even Dr. Claybaugh cannot object. Literary societies of colleges of which he was and is a member do not thus cause objection to him. By the way, how is it with Prof. Wylie? Have you informed him of his election, and of the nature of our organization? Write soon, and do it in full. Tell me all.—Robert Morrison, Fisherville, Ky., to J. McM. Wilson, July 14, 1853.

In regard to the publication, we have been doing the best the circumstances would permit. Have not yet received Humphrey's manuscript. Elliott's we have. But we have conferred and determined upon a plan, ascertained as nearly as possible the whole cost, and now proceed to execute in the most speedy manner that the whole thing will permit of. We have concluded to make no dependence upon the colleges, as their contributions are gratuitous and quite uncertain, and will be recompensed by a *pro rata* of the address. Our estimate is intended to cover the entire expense, and in order to meet this we propose laying a tax of $4 upon each one of the present members of "The Society of the Phi Delta Theta" (of course making proper deductions for what has already been paid). If there be any surplus fund after the whole expense has been paid, it will be placed in the Society's treasury, to be used as future occasion may require.—Isaac S. Lane, Hamilton, O., to Robert Morrison, Louisville, Ky., August 2, 1853.

The poem and address are in press and will be out soon, but the committee can make no distribution without being first in-

demnified. Now, my good fellow, can't you send on the money upon the receipt of this?—L. W. Ross, Hamilton, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, October 25, 1853.

Miami University, Oxford, O., October 22, 1853.—Dear friend: As in our last annual report an account of the state and condition of your chapter of the Phi Delta Theta is wanting, I have been instructed by our chapter to make some inquiry thereinto. You will therefore please inform us as to your condition, etc. We are still prospering. Our number at this time is only nine, but we will soon have several more. I will refrain from entering into particulars until some word can be had from you, for fear that some accident may happen before the letter gets into the hands of the proper owners, as I do not know any individual to whom I could direct it. You will please comply with our request, and oblige your friend and brother, T. C. Hibbett.

In compliance with your request I send you a report of the Indiana Alpha. As you have now been so long without a report from the Indiana colleges, we requested the Indiana Beta to send theirs to you immediately, without creating unnecessary delay by sending it to this college and having it remailed here to you. Upon the same day I received your letter there came one from Oxford directed "To any member of the Phi Delta Theta Society at Bloomington, Indiana," which came near falling into wrong hands. It was, however, received safely, and found to be from Hibbett, requesting the same information for which you sent. We are now in a prosperous condition, numbering four regular members, and are doing as well as could be expected. We have elected two others—one a senior, the other a junior—but will perhaps not initiate the senior, as he has been "pumped" and found wanting. We contemplate electing at our next regular meeting another junior. We will then number six regular members—Robert I. Morrison, Indiana University, to Robert Morrison, November 7, 1853. The four attendant members, as shown by the report, were as follows: Seniors, Robert L. Ruddick and Theodore Read (who the report says had just been initiated); junior, Robert I. Morrison; freshman, George Miller. The correspondent members were: Class of 1850, R. G. Elliott, S. S. Elliott, L. J. Powell, and James Strean; Class of 1851, N. K. Crowe; Class of 1852, Josiah Miller; Class of —, M. W. Woodburn and R. C. McKinney.

Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., November 19, 1853.—Theo. McLean, Oxford, O. My dear friend: Your letter of the 11th ultimo was received a few days ago, and I embrace a moment of leisure to reply. In regard to the Tennessee Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta Society, I hope to be able in a few weeks to give full and satisfactory information. At present I can say but

little. In December I am to hear from them. I do not know of how many they consist, but Professor Richard P. Decherd, of Cumberland University, 1849, and Professor Alex. Peter Stewart, of West Point, 1842, are full members. The name of the institution is Cumberland University; the place, Lebanon, Tenn.; and the person to address (if you write there) is Professor R. P. Decherd. My kind regards to all the friends. Yours truly, Robert Morrison.

We have had four initiations this session, and have now some four or five persons under consideration. We design increasing our strength to such a degree during the present session that we can, with credit to ourselves, publicly acknowledge the fact of our existence (which we have endeavored to keep secret heretofore), procure pins, and perhaps have a speech at next Commencement. It is a matter of regret to us that you directed your letter as you did, as it was taken out and read through mistake (?) by the secretary of a similar society, which is, by the way, a formidable rival. You will hereafter direct to the undersigned.—L. H. Ralston, Danville, Ky., to Thomas Williams, jr., December 1, 1853.

1854.

Danville, Ky., January 5, 1854.—Mr. Theo. McLean. Dear Sir: At the last regular meeting of the Kentucky Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta, at which your communication in reference to the adoption of our report was read, I was appointed to answer your letter and correct a mistake the Ohio Alpha has made in regard to said report. You say that, after some discussion concerning the legality and propriety of admitting to membership any others than those directly connected with the institution in which the chapter is organized, our report was adopted, and that you learn from our report that we have elected and initiated three who are in no way connected with Centre College. Now, sir, if you will examine our reports transmitted from time to time to the secretary of the Ohio Alpha you will find that we never have elected any but those connected with Centre College, with one exception, and that was a short time before we sent on our last report. Dr. Bosley is the only one who has never had any connection with Centre College, but certainly possesses every qualification required by the Bond. He is a gentleman who possesses high moral and literary qualifications, and will be an honor to our chapter. In our last report two others were reported as not being connected with Centre College, but both of them have been connected with the Centre College, and have been so reported, as you will find by referring to our former reports. You say that electing any one not connected with Centre College was voted a departure from the Bond. In the case already referred to we,

according to that interpretation, have violated the Bond; but we did so through ignorance, for neither in the Bond itself nor Constitution can we find any thing directly or indirectly stating that the members shall consist of college students and those alone. Neither have we in any private or official letters received any such instruction. In the Articles of Union of the Phi Delta Theta which accompanied our charter and Constitution it is stated that, "This Charter shall be accompanied by general instructions to the college to which the charter is sent." But no such instructions have ever reached us. Indeed, I may say that whatever instruction we have received has been such as would have us to infer that others besides those connected with colleges have been contemplated. I know that I for one was elected and initiated when I had no connection with Centre College, or any other, and that too by Morton G. Williams (now deceased), who was just then from your college, and who never, to the best of my recollection, even hinted that only college students were contemplated. In addition to all this, in every report we have received from the Ohio Alpha we find members reported as corresponding members who had no connection with any college at the time of their election or their initiation. But we do not mention these facts with a view of arguing for or against the propriety of electing only those connected with the institution at which the college is established, but simply to show that any departure from the Bond on our part was not intentional. We have no desire to elect any but those strictly contemplated in the Bond, and we desire to act in strict accordance with the universal practice of all the chapters of our order. I am directed by the Kentucky Alpha to request you to make this explanation to the Ohio Alpha at your earliest convenience, and any instructions they may deem necessary will be thankfully received and cheerfully complied with. Yours in the Bond, W. George. P. S.—We are now doing not only well, but very well. We have fourteen regular members, the very best material in Centre College, and seven or eight corresponding members. We have two or three others in view who, in all probability, will be members before long. The Betas are not doing much; they are very quiet this session. We have no reason to believe that many of them here now know any thing about our existence here. So much the better. We would be very much pleased that you would write us something about your order of business. What duties do you have in addition to essay writing, and how are they conducted, etc.? When you elected N. L. Rice, D.D., and several others, did you initiate them like other members? Is Dr. E. P. Humphrey a member of your chapter? In short, we desire information on every thing connected with the order. You will do me a great favor if you will send me a copy of the addresses to your chapter. Mr. Ralston received a copy

of each from you, but I have not yet been able to get it. It has to pass through so many hands. Any communication to my address will be promptly attended to. Yours again, W. George.

Indiana University, Bloomington, February 20, 1854. T. W. McLean, Miami University. Dear sir: This afternoon I received your report, which gives encouraging evidence of the progress of our order. Of the establishment of the Ohio Gamma I had not before been advised, and that it may be a flourishing member I am assured, as it was organized by your own members. But what has become of Ohio Beta? You make no mention of them in your report. Have they discontinued operations, or are they expunged from our records on account of misdemeanor? We have made no additions since I last wrote, but remain as before, *steadfast.* We are getting along finely, but have not yet come out. Accept, through me, the thanks of our order for your punctuality in forwarding your report at the proper time. Tender to your division our best wishes for your future success. The anniversary of the Athenian Society of the Indiana University was celebrated on the 11th inst. Brother Read was the speaker of the occasion. This address was a credit to himself, and worthy a Phi. Let me know soon as to the fate of the Ohio Beta. I remain your friend and brother, Robert I. Morrison.

A little thought will enable you to call to mind some of the more important facts and circumstances attending the origin and history of our Society. Its authors have been its revisers and pillars up to a very recent date. The zeal with which they went about the work, and the anxiety with which they watched its career, alike give evidence of their integrity. When the Society was scarce three years old I became one of its members, and early caught the spirit which actuated its membership. I loved its object, I loved its members. For months we were brethren banded for a great work. . The world would afford us a few men who would indorse our enterprises, but the greater proportion would be drafted from the many thousands of young men then attending, and who would, through all time, attend the colleges and universities of this great Mississippi valley. Our junior order, established in these colleges and universities, would choose out and discipline choice spirits for the work. We could only succeed. Avoiding the rocks upon which the Alphas and Betas had split, we dreamed not of any thing else interposing. A failure was an interdicted thought. What has been the end of all our hopes and aims and efforts? I take it upon myself to answer, *failure.* I repeat it, sir, *failure.* We chose men from the high professional walks to be our helpers in the good work. Out of courtesy they all indorsed the Society, and consented to membership. But yet precious few of them ever have, or ever will,

really recognize the existence of such an organization, much less any obligation on their part to lend an effort for its advancement. . . . We talked about and brought about a demonstration in June last. The fathers of the Society urged the reunion, many of them were present, yet do you remember how hard it was to get a quorum out of the twenty-six members upon the grounds during Commencement week? Publication of the tasteful poem and masterly address respectively read upon the occasion was resolved upon, and a committee appointed to superintend the work. Yet how slow were the old members, *the reliable men*, in affording the material aid requisite to accomplish that resolve. I could tell you of some who were repeatedly written to, and yet did not even notice the solicitation of the committee. I will, however, not personate.—L. W. Ross, Hamilton, O., to Robert Morrison, Louisville, Ky., February 21, 1854.

Indiana University, Bloomington, March 7, 1854.—Dear friend: Your favor of the 24th ult. has been received and read with much pleasure. We have come to the deliberate conclusion not to "come out" until next Commencement. We have not yet determined the exact manner of proceeding at that time, but expect to have a fine exhibition if possible. We have decided not to reveal ourselves before that time for several reasons. By making ourselves known now we would gain nothing. By an imposing exhibition at the end of the present college year we would at least create an impression in our favor. It may be possible that some of our Oxford friends can then give us a call, as they will then be enjoying the liberties of vacation. The existence of our order is not, as you suppose, generally suspected. Bob Matthews only *suspects*. He has mentioned his suspicions to but few, and they, knowing but little of the nature of secret societies, and judging from our actions, think there is nothing of it. Matthews's suspicions are not altogether unfounded, but we have created the general impression among the "outsiders" that Matthews is himself a member of one of the Oxford secret orders, and only wishes to keep them from suspecting him. If we were as generally known as you suppose, of course our best action would be to make ourselves known publicly forthwith. Under favorable auspices we are pursuing our way with high hopes for the future. Raising the curtain but a short distance, we can see in our order the embodiment of the highest talent in America. Our order itself is the brightest literary ornament of the age; the theological, legal, and political, to say nothing of the medical and didactic, situations of many of our graduated members are already worthy our pride, yet this is but the beginning. At our present rate of progress the present generation will witness a wonderful change. That it will be for the better we have every assurance, from the character of our organization, and those who compose

it. A stronger tie than that of mere friendship connects us. United as we are, we are able to encounter all opposition, and triumphantly rear our standard in the midst of difficulties. Great trust is reposed in us. May we be able to prove worthy, and live according to the precepts of our noble motto! Is there a chapter of the Phis in Texas? If so, why was mention not made of it in the report? Your letters are welcome visitants to my study. A continuance of past favors is solicited. My regards to the brothers in the Bond. Yours, etc., Robert I. Morrison.

This college (Alpha) is in a prosperous and vigorous existence, and has the foundation on which to continue it.—John W. Foster, Indiana University, to Secretary Ohio Alpha, December 11, 1854.

1855.

Indiana University, June 1, 1855.—John W. Stoddard, Miami University. Dear Sir: Your letter containing the catalogue of the colleges of the Phi Delta Theta came duly to hand. In reply I have only to say that the report of the Indiana Alpha was forwarded in constitutional time, and at the same time I wrote to the Beta college at Wabash for their report. They answer that they are not in a situation at present to make a report; that some of the members are away; that they are closely watched by the college authorities, who have forbidden any secret organization. They deem it advisable for the present to keep quiet and make no effort to extend. We will send some of our members up at their Commencement, and try to "reorganize" and infuse a little more spirit into the order there. We are in a very prosperous condition at the Alpha, the members prompt in their duties, and interested in the progress of the order. The institution is very popular and has healthy growth, and as it increases the Society will be able to extend its influence. We are desirous of organizing a branch college at Hanover College, but as yet no good opportunity has presented itself. If your college has any means at hand of accomplishing it in a judicious manner, we will be glad to see it organized. With the best wishes of the Indiana Alpha for the success of the Ohio Alpha, I am truly your friend in the Bond, John W. Foster.

We are progressing finely here. Have a fair prospect before us, and hope to do honor to our beloved order and promote its interests.—George Miller, Secretary Kentucky Alpha, to Secretary Ohio Alpha, December 6, 1855.

1856.

We are quite confident that there is no other secret society in this college. *Ergo*, the order here luxuriates in good pasture. N. B.—Please direct any communications to one of our names

simply, as we are compelled to keep the existence of the order here entirely secret.—W. J. Essick, Secretary Indiana Beta, in report to Indiana Alpha, February, 1856; date of month omitted.

Danville, Ky., September 1, 1856.—To any member of the Phi Delta Theta, Oxford, O. Dear Sir: I am authorized to inquire whether there has ever been a catalogue of our Society published, and if not, to inquire what will be the course necessary to the agitation of the question before the several chapters throughout the Union. Respectfully, M. LeRoy Dulaney, Secretary Kentucky Alpha Chapter.

Miami University, September 15, 1856.—Prof. D. Swing. Dear Sir: Whereas it is reported that you have deserted the Phi Delta Theta Society, of which you was once an active member, by connecting yourself with a similar organization in Miami University; and, inasmuch as certain rumors are in circulation arising from that report, and calculated to injure the reputation of the Phi Delta Theta Society, said Society, deeming it right and proper that they should be correctly informed as to the fact, have instructed me to write to you requesting an answer to the question whether or not you belong to any one of the secret societies in the University other than the Phi Delta Theta. Very respectfully, Joel Tuttle, Secretary Ohio Alpha.

Monday, September (no date of month or year given).—Mr. Tuttle, Secretary of Phi Delta Theta Society. Dear Sir: Your note was received Saturday last. I am glad at meeting with the opportunity of speaking with your body regarding my position. It is that of a deserter. During my last year (or two) in college I lost much love for the Phi Society on account of that "Upper Order," which was organized at a convention in Cincinnati—an order constituted of alumni only. This order was to meet only once in a long time, and offered no advantages of a social or literary character. The innovation itself, and the fierce debates that grew out of it, left me not as they found me. I grew cold in the cause. On returning to college as a teacher I was asked to join another society, and, on the ground that the teachers were all (save one or two) in that body, I went in also, it being pleasant to meet with them on occasional literary business. I cannot, Mr. Tuttle, justify that act. I shall not attempt it further than what is above. But your second question is not answered, viz.: "Are you a member of another society?" In reply I say I *am not.* I *was,* but *am not.* At the close of last term I determined to commence this year of labor by withdrawing from that second body. I do not feel it to be consistent with the faithful discharge of my duties as a teacher to hold a peculiar relation to any particular circle of students—such a peculiar relation as a secret society establishes and supports. My resignation is before that other se-

cret society. It is dated September 8, and is a total withdrawal form. On this point I may trouble you with another note erelong. I am pleased, on looking over the chapel in the mornings, to see that you select members with judgment. The success of your Society depends upon the care you take in elections. If you *disregard* numbers and select only the *good* you will find progress of the genuine kind. I await now whatever penalty you may choose to inflict, but hope that you will acknowledge that, notwithstanding my defection, my conduct toward each of you has been that of a personal friend. Yours truly, David Swing.

Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., November 5, 1856.—Dear Sir: Your letter was received some two weeks ago. It came very near destroying our Society, for none of the persons to whom you directed your letter are now at college except E. T. Bryant, and he is not a member of our Society. I happened to get the letter out of the office, and thinking there might be something in it for us took it to Mr. Bryant and asked him to read it. He did so and then handed it back to me, remarking that you was mistaken in the man. I do not think that he understood it at all. So, as far as that is concerned, we are still unknown. Our Society is in a very flourishing condition now; however, a rival society has sprung up this term. They know that we are in existence, for they tried to get one of our members, and told him of our Society, but did not know that he belonged to it. They are trying to outgeneral us, but they have not the material. I do not know the name of their society, but think there is one of the same name at your institution. Could you find out from them any thing about the one here? If so, I wish you would tell me; but do not let them know any thing about us, for we want to keep dark for a while yet. As for the catalogue, we would like very much to have one published, and will do all we can to put it through, depend on that. Your brother in the Bond, Will W. Hill, Secretary of Wabash Chapter.

Indiana University, Bloomington, November 17, 1856.—Joel Tuttle, Secretary of Ohio Alpha. Dear Sir: I have been instructed by the Indiana Alpha to inform you that we and all the colleges under our jurisdiction approve of calling a convention for the purpose of publishing a catalogue, etc. We propose Christmas as the time and Cincinnati as a suitable place for holding said convention. Our annual report will be sent in at the usual time. Please let us know something more about the meeting and what conclusion you have come to before Christmas. Your brother in the Bond, Jas. W. Gorman, Secretary of Indiana Alpha of Phi Delta Theta Society.

Centre College, Ky., December 17, 1856.—Joel Tuttle, Esq., Secretary of Grand Chapter Phi Delta Theta. Dear Sir: Upon

the first meeting of our chapter after the reception of your communication in regard to a general convention, we read and approved said communication, and appointed a delegate to represent us. Hoping to find many brethren present, that the advancement of our noble order may be attained, and to find Phis more ardent (which we doubt) in the common cause than ourselves, we remain fraternally yours, W. LeRoy Dulaney, Secretary of Kentucky Alpha.

1857.

Bethany College, Va., March 31, 1857.—Secretary of Phi Delta Theta Society. Dear Sir: I write you a few lines to ask for some information. I have lately come from the Indiana University (where I was a member of the Phi Delta Theta) to Bethany College, Va., and as I think there is a very fine chance for establishing a large chapter here, I want you to inform me if there has been a charter granted establishing a college in this State yet, and also steps necessary for me to take in order to establish one here. As I was a member but a short time at the Indiana University, I did not become very well acquainted with the Constitution and By-laws of the Society. You will therefore please give me the necessary information in regard to founding a new chapter. There is no secret society here, and the pin has attracted considerable attention, and I think that it will take admirably. I shall hope to hear from you soon. Very respectfully yours, etc., John C. Miller.

ERRATA.

For my great convenience, and by the kind permission of the editor of the SCROLL, this number, excepting cover, is printed in Nashville, Tennessee. However, the most careful attention to the composition and the revision of proofs has not prevented some typographical errors in the first two forms. As these letters will pass into history, it is important that they be absolutely correct.

In the letter of January 4, 1851, "Barr and Lane' should read Ross and Lane.

In the letters of November 29 and December 5, 1851, the name of Andrew C. Kemper is printed "Kemker."

In the letter of November 29, 1851, it is said that "Matthews was not under the control of the Society." Rev. Robert Morrison writes: "It was meant that he boarded at home. His father was then professor of mathematics."

In the fifth line of the letter of November 10, 1885 (included with 1852 letters), for "received" read reviewed.

In the letter of November 27, 1852, the name of Milton Sayler is printed "Saylor."

In the letter of December 25, 1852, for "College Grove, Ind.," read Cottage Grove, Ind.

In the letter of April 15, 1853, for "*Eccriteau*" read *Eccritean.*

For most of these corrections I am indebted to Brother Morrison, who kindly read all proofs.

In the letters relating to the expulsion of some members and the withdrawal of others in consequence in 1851 the accounts of the most serious offenses of which the former and some of the latter were guilty are for proper reasons omitted.

It will be noticed that during the early years chapters were generally called "colleges."

More of these letters will follow in succeeding numbers of the SCROLL. W. B. P.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.

"The crescent moon is sailing west,
Where old Miami stands,
Where Phi Delta Theta, pulcherrima mater,
First opened her bountiful hands." *

Miami University will always be known as the birthplace and first home of the three fraternities, *B Θ Π*, *Φ Δ Θ*, and *Σ X*. As the editors of the *D. K. E. Quarterly* state, it "took the place in Greek history of the West that Union had held in the East."† Rev. Robert Morrison, one of the founders of Phi Delta Theta, writes that it "was early and not inappropriately called 'the Yale of the West.'"‡ The author of a very complete historical sketch of it claims that it possesses "the most beautiful college campus in the country," and of the place in which it is located he writes: "There are few prettier villages than Oxford, a typical college town; retired, yet easy of access; quiet, yet prosperous in business; a place of attractive homes, of well-kept yards, and of wide clean streets, which, with a margin of close turf, stretch away between long rows of shade-trees."§

Another writer says: "A passenger on a westward-bound train of the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Indianapolis railroad catches his first sight of Miami University when thirty-five 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 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. Ox-

*Woodman Bradbury, in 1886 Song-book.
†*D. K. E. Quarterly*, April, 1885.
‡SCROLL, October, 1881.
§C. M. Hepburn, in *Beta Theta Pi*, September, 1885.

ford 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 graveled 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 center of the campus stands the 'College' building, from which a sward of blue-grass extends with a downward slope in all directions. The 'College' 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 effect of ages. . 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 some years ago."*

Through the kindness of Dr. R. W. McFarland, the President of Miami, views of the University buildings are presented to the readers of the SCROLL. The views are printed from a set of plates electrotyped from a set in Dr. McFarland's possession. In this number are given a general view of the campus and buildings, and the elevation of "the College" and "New Chapel." In the November number the two dormitories, which are called "North-east" and "South-east," will be illustrated. "The College" faces north, and the two dormitories face west. In the general view "South-east" is in the distance. "South-east" has doors at its ends; "North-east" has doors at its sides. "The College" is represented with wings or towers on each side, but the left (east) wing and tower have not yet been built. The old "West Wing" of "the College" was built in 1816, and served for a few years to accommodate a preliminary academy. In 1820 "the College" was built by the side of it. Rev. Robert Morrison says that, excepting a roof of slate which it now has, "the College" is substantially the same as when Phi Delta Theta was organized. Dr. McFarland writes that the external appearance is unchanged, but throughout most of the interior are new floors, ceilings, casings, stair-ways, etc. In 1868 the old "West Wing" was removed, and in its place was erected the "New Chapel." The tower now standing was built at the same time. There was a tower on "the College" from 1820 to 1868, but on the construction of the new tower the old one was taken down. On the west side of the tower is a door (instead of a window, as the picture represents), from which a circular stair-way leads to the chapel on the second

*Kearney Prugh, in SCROLL, February, 1887.

floor and to the gallery of the chapel. The only access to the gallery of the chapel is by way of the tower stairs. The library of 8,500 volumes is in "the College." "The College" is 85 by 60 feet and three stories high, the "New Chapel" 67 by 45 feet and two stories high, and the tower 15 feet square. "North-east" was built in 1829 and "South-east" in 1834. Both have always been occupied as dormitories. The north end of the portico of "the College" is in line with the north end of "North-east," the distance between the buildings being 270 feet. The two dormitories are each 100 by 40 feet, and three stories high, and the space between them is 100 feet. These measurements were taken by Dr. McFarland himself for the benefit of this article.

Concerning the names of the different buildings, Dr. McFarland furnishes the following facts: In 1835 the Board of Trustees by resolution declared that the building of 1820 should be known as the "Center Building," the wing on the right as the "West Wing," the building of 1829 as the "East Building," and the building of 1834 as the "South-east Building." This is all the action that has ever been taken on the subject by any one having authority. Previous to that time the building of 1829 had been called "Washington and Clinton Hall." The new name of "East Building" which it officially received, however, was not generally adopted. For fifty years it has been designated as "North-east" to harmonize with "South-east." The word hall or building is never used with the names of the dormitories. By students, faculty, and citizens they are called simply "North-east" and "South-east" respectively. The "Center Building" is commonly called "the College." During the period from 1873 to 1885 the University was suspended. From 1877 to 1885 the buildings were leased by Messrs. Trufant and Marsh, the principals of the "Miami Classical and Scientific Training-school." The catalogues of the school that they published contained pictures of the buildings, and without warrant they denominated "North-east" "Washington Hall," and "South-east" "Franklin Hall." The term "Franklin" had never before been applied to the "South-east;" and so long has it been since "North-east" was called "Washington and Clinton Hall" that Dr. R. H. Bishop, who has lived within two hundred yards of the building for sixty-three years, was scarcely able recently to recall which of the two buildings was once so designated.

Within the last two years about $20,000 has been spent in improving the inside and outside of all the buildings. The improvements are more noticeable in the "New Chapel" than elsewhere. The chapel windows are of cathedral glass, and throw within a dim religious light. On each of six of these windows is inscribed the name of an ex-President of Miami. The lofty ceiling, partitioned by cross-beams into panels, and studded with

pendant gilt globes, is supported by ornamented pilasters. The beauty of the interior is heightened by fine frescoing, the work of German artists. All the rooms of "the College" are frescoed in the same highly artistic manner as the "New Chapel." Of the campus Dr. McFarland writes that its beauty was the beauty of nature until 1885, not $10 a year having been spent on it until then. Since then about $2,000 have been expended on it. He makes the following explanation:

"In the general view the trees back of the two halls on the left cover thirty acres, and are the native forest. Those in front and to the right have been planted chiefly in groups, less in rows than is shown by the picture. Our fifty-six acres have no equal in this country, so far as I have seen."* W. B. PALMER.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

For the Year Ending April 1, 1887.

The reports submitted by the Chapter Historians are noteworthy, chiefly from the fact that the simplest rules were not observed. Inaccuracies—slight, seemingly to the chapter—are of the utmost importance in the compilation of a statistical summary of the Fraternity at large. The dates when the various reports were received are given to show how few reported at the time prescribed. The tardiness in this respect delayed the compilation of the report, and prevented its publication in the last volume of the SCROLL. By a good deal of correspondence the report of every chapter was secured. The failure of Virginia Alpha to report in 1886 prevents the perfection of three of the tables. There is no excuse for a chapter not reporting, or not reporting promptly. If the Chapter Historian is absent, or otherwise incapacitated, the chapter should see that the matter is attended to by some one. The failure of one chapter to report will disarrange the statistics of the entire fraternity. When reports are submitted they should be properly made out. Not half of those received give full names and other information complete. Such carelessness renders the compilation of a complete report not only difficult but impossible. By the time this will be published our total membership will be over 5,000. Since 1883 it has been increased by over half of what it was then. Our annual undergraduate membership and annual initiations will probably exceed those of any college fraternity. Of those who left college (371) exactly one-half (186) took degrees. This is a very good percentage. The following figures are supposed to be accurate. The foot-notes will assist in making the different tables understood.

* Letter to Walter B. Palmer, July 2, 1887.

Chapter Statistics for Year Ending April 1, 1887.

Founded.	Chapter.	Institution.	Location.	Attendant April 1, 1886.	Attendant April 1, 1887.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Degrees taken.	Below the Freshman Class.	Report Received.[15]	Chapter Historian.
1884	Me. *A.*	Colby.	Waterville.	20	21	6	0	5	0	5	0	May 5.	E. E. Burleigh.
1884	N. H. *A.*	Dartmouth.	Hanover.	25	30	9	0	6[1]	0	3	0	M'ch 31.	E. E. Chalmers.
1879	Vt. *A.*	U. of Vt.	Burlington.	29	16	6	0	19	0	11	0	May 18.	S. L. Gates.
1886	Mass. *A.*	Williams.	Williamstown.	13	17	5	0	1	0	1	0	M'ch 30.	S. Abbott.
1872	N. Y. *A.*	Cornell.	Ithaca.	9	16	11	2	4	1	0	0	Apr. 22.	I. S. Diefendorf.
1883	N. Y. *B.*	Union.	Schenectady.	13	15[2]	5	1	4	0	4	0	Apr. 1.	C. W. Blessing.
1884	N. Y. *Γ.*	C. C. N. Y.	New York.	11	11	2	0	4	0	4	0	Apr. 26.	T. H. Knox.
1884	N. Y. *Δ.*	Columbia.	New York.	13	12	10	0	11	0	6	0	Apr. 5.	W. H. Erb.
1887	N. Y. *E.*	Syracuse.	Syracuse.	.....	14	18	0	4[3]	0	4[3]	0	May 1.	O. F. Cook, jr.
1873	Pa. *A.*	Lafayette.	Easton.	15	13	5	0	6	0	5	0	Apr. 8.	W. McCamant.
1875	Pa. *B.*	Pennsylvania.	Gettysburg.	14	12	6	0	8	0	8	2	Apr. 1.	J. J. Hill.
1875	Pa. *Γ.*	Wash. & Jeff.	Washington.	23	20	3	1	7	0	5	1	Apr. 2.	W. S. Haymaker.
1879	Pa. *Δ.*	Allegheny.	Meadville.	16	15	6	0	6	0	4	2	Apr. 11.	T. B. Miner.
1880	Pa. *E.*	Dickinson.	Carlisle.	19	15	8	0	11[4]	0	8	0	Apr. 1.	N. E. C. Cleaver.
1887	Pa. *H.*[5]	Lehigh.	S. Bethlehem.	.....	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	Apr. 16.	A. T. Throop.
1869	Va. *A.*	Roanoke.	Salem.	.....	13	6	0	8	0	3	2	Apr. 25.	T. A. Frey.
1873	Va. *B.*	U. of Va.	Charlottesville.	9	14	6	5	2	1	0	0	Apr. 1.	L. L. Kenan.
1874	Va. *Γ.*	R. M.	Ashland.	1	7	11[6]	0	5	0	2	0	M'ch 21.	J. C. Martin, jr.
1875	Va. *Δ.*	Richmond.	Richmond.	2	6	5[7]	0	6	0	2	0	Apr. 25.	C. B. Tippett.
1878	Va. *E.*	V. M. I.	Lexington.	2	6	8[8]	0	3	0	0	0	Apr. 13.	R. T. Goodwyn.
1886	Va. *Z.*	W. & L.	Lexington.	.....	5	6[9]	0	1	0	0	0	r. 24.	E. L. Darst.
1885	N. C. *B.*	U. of N. C.	Chapel Hill.	9	8	2	0	3	0	1	0	r. 6.	A. Stronach.
1882	S. C. *B.*	S. C. C.	Columbia.	8	8	3	0	5	0	0	0	r. 1	W. W. Ball

1872	Ga. *Γ.*	Mercer.	Macon.	23	18	5	0	5	0	3	1	Apr. 7.	H. R. Harper.
1876	Tenn. *Δ.*	Vanderbilt.	Nashville.	23	30	9	4	6	0	3	0	M'ch 28.	M. West.
1883	Tenn. *B.*	U. of the So.	Sewanee.	13	8	7	1	5	0	0	0	May 30.	R. E. Grubb.
1877	Ala. *Δ.*	U. of Ala.	Tuscaloosa.	42	33	20	0	27[10]	0	20	0	May 11.	J. O. Banks, jr.
1879	Ala. *B.*	A. P. I.	Auburn.	16	17	10	1	10	1	3	0	Apr. 1.	C. L. Newman.
1887	Ala. *Γ.*	Southern.	Greensboro.	.....	11[11]	8	1	0	0	0	0	Apr. 16.	S. W. Roberts.
1877	Miss. *Δ.*	U. of Miss.	Oxford.	11	13	8	0	0	0	0	3	Apr. 4.	J. Lehman.
1883	Tex. *B.*	U. of Tex.	Austin.	21	14	5	0	13	1	9	0	Apr. 12.	P. A. Hawthorne.
1886	Tex. *Γ.*	Southwestern.	Georgetown.	.....	11	8	0	1	0	0	0	Apr. 16.	J. Kilgore.
1848	Ohio *Δ.*	Miami.	Oxford.	8	5	4	0	3	2	0	0	Apr. 4.	W. J. Rusk.
1860	Ohio *B.*	O. W. U.	Delaware.	8	13	9	1	3	1	3	0	Apr. 25.	A. R. Cecil.
1868	Ohio *Γ.*	Ohio.	Athens.	12	9	2	0	4	0	1	3	May 23.	A. Leonard.
1872	Ohio *Δ.*	Wooster.	Wooster.	15	14	6	1	8	0	4	3	Apr. 7.	C. A. Park.
1875	Ohio *E.*	Buchtel.	Akron.	11	11	4	0	4	0	4	1	Apr. 24.	W. H. Van Orman.
1883	Ohio *Z.*	Ohio State.	Columbus.	9	11	3	0	3	0	0	0	M'ch 28.	A. C. Reeves.
1850	Ky. *Δ.*	Centre.	Danville.	8	13	7	0	2	0	0	1	M'ch 31.	W. Green.
1885	Ky. *Δ.*	Central.	Richmond.	10	11	10	0	2	1	0	0	Apr. 11.	A. B. Cook.
1849	Ind. *Δ.*	Indiana.	Bloomington.	16	21	6	3	6	0	1	0	M'ch 30.	R. Newland.
1852	Ind. *B.*	Wabash.	Crawfordsville.	23	13	4	0	10	0	7	0	Apr. 25.	W. H. Earl.
1859	Ind. *Γ.*	Butler.	Irvington.	11	16	5	0	2	0	0	2	Apr. 28.	H. T. Miller.
1860	Ind. *Δ.*	Franklin.	Franklin.	16	19	8	0	5	0	1	5	May 5.	W. T. Van Cleave.
1868	Ind. *E.*	Hanover.	Hanover.	14	11	4	0	7	0	6	0	Apr. 27.	H. L. Moore.
1868	Ind. *Z.*	DePauw.	Greencastle.	21	23	11	0	8	0	1	6	Apr. 14.	L. M. Riley.
1873	Mich. *B.*	M. A. C.	Lansing.	14	18	8	0	7	0	2	0	Apr. 11.	I. Bates.
1882	Mich. *Γ.*	Hillsdale.	Hillsdale.	20	19	8	0	0	0	0	3	Apr. 7.	W. H. P. Smith.
1859	Ill. *Δ.*	Northwestern.	Evanston.	.....	12	12	1	0	0	0	3	June 25.	G. O. Barnes.
1871	Ill. *Δ.*	Knox.	Galesburg.	11	10	7	0	6	0	3	0	Apr. 14.	L. Cassidy.
1878	Ill. *E.*	I. W. U.	Bloomington.	13	9.	5	1	4	1	4	0	May 7.	D. D. Darrale.
1878	Ill. *Z.*	Lombard.	Galesburg.	19	16	8	0	12	0	1	0	Apr. 14.	A. W. Lapham.
1857	Wis. *Δ.*	U. of Wis.	Madison.	12	15	10	0	8	0	3	0	Apr. 27.	A. G. Briggs.

TABLE I.—(CONTINUED.)

Founded.	CHAPTER.	INSTITUTION.	LOCATION.	Attendant April 1, 1886.	Attendant April 1, 1887.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Degrees taken.	Below the Freshman Class.	Report Received.[15]	CHAPTER HISTORIAN.
1870	Mo. *A.*	Mo. U.	Columbia.	17	11	7	1	15	0	7	1	Apr. 9.	E. W. Hinton.
1880	Mo. *B.*	Westminster.	Fulton.	16	10	5	0	7	0	4	1	Apr. 8.	G. F. Ayres.
1871	Ia. *A.*	I. W. U.	Mt. Pleasant.	11	15	3	0	1	1	1	3	Apr. 9.	E. S. Havighorst.
1882	Ia. *B.*	S. U. I.	Iowa City.	11	12	5	1	7	0	4	0	May 23.	W. H. Dart.
1881	Minn. *A.*	U. of Minn.	Minneapolis.	14	18	7	1	5	0	1	1	Apr. 11.	C. A. Savage.
1882	Kan. *A.*	U. of Kan.	Lawrence.	16	17	10	0	10	0	2	1	Apr. 28.	T. J. Shall.
1875	Neb. *A.*	U. of Neb.	Lincoln.	12	10	2	0	4	0	2	3	Apr. 4.	G. W. Gerwig.
1873	Cal. *A.*	U. of Cal.	Berkeley.	9	14	6	0	1[12]	0	0	0	May 13.	H. A. Melvin.
Total.....				819[13]	889[14]	438	26	371	10	186	51	Average date of receipt April 17.	

1. Two deceased.
2. Including one member of faculty.
3. Alumni of Sigma Psi admitted to Phi Delta Theta.
4. One deceased.
5. Chapter organized April 15, 1887.
6. Includes eight members of Kappa Sigma Kappa admitted to Phi Delta Theta, June, 1886.
7. Includes two alumni of Kappa Sigma Kappa admitted to Phi Delta Theta, October and December, 1886.
8. Includes six members of Kappa Sigma Kappa admitted to Phi Delta Theta, November, 1886.
9. Former members of Kappa Sigma Kappa.
10. Two deceased.
11. Three of the charter members were initiated elsewhere.
12. Will return.
13. Plus Pa. Z, 13, and not including Va. A, not reporting—832 attendant April 1, 1886.
14. Less Pa. H, 10—879 attendant April 1, 1887.
15. These reports are all dated April 1.

TABLE II.

Comparative Statistics—1886 and 1887.

Province.	Year ending April 1, 1886.								Year ending April 1, 1887.								Attendance by Classes.				
	Number of Chapters.	Initiated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Alumni Chapters.	Below Freshman Class.	Number of Chapters.	Initiated.	Retired.	Resigned or Expelled.	Attendant.	Degrees Taken.	Alumni Chapters.	Below Freshman Class.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	Special.
Alpha.[1]	14	98	70	1	233	39	1	9	15	110	96	1	237	68	2	5	56	62	55	58	1
Beta.[2]	7	6	9	2	31	4	3	0	8	47	33	1	67	8	3	2	40[3]	10	4	7	4
Gamma	9	139	84	0	191	48	3	4	11	95	88	2	189	48	4	7	82[3]	39	32	24	5
Delta	8	48	44	2	81	17	3	9	8	45	29	4	87	12	3	8	22	20	15	22	0
Epsilon	8	45	47	5	135	23	2	18	8	54	45	0	140	18	2	16	26	26	35	37	0
Zeta	4	30	34	1	55	14	2	9	5	42	30	1	62	11	2	3	12	12	13	22	0
Eta	8	52	31	3	106	15	2	4	8	45	50	1	107	21	3	10	17	18	31	28	3
Total	58	418	319	14	832	160	16	53	63	438	371	10	889	186	19	51	255	187	185	198	13

1. Including Pennsylvania II.
2. Not including Virginia A, not reporting in 1886.
3. Virginia B, Γ, and Δ, and Tennessee A and B having no class system, all members are registered under "1887."

TABLE III.

Comparative Averages, 1886 and 1887.

Province.	Year ending April 1, '86.			Year ending April 1, '87.		
	Initiated. Average per Chapter.	Retired. Average per Chapter.	Attend't. Average per Chapter.	Initiated. Average per Chapter.	Retired. Average per Chapter.	Attend't. Average per Chapter.
Alpha	7.00	5.00	16.64	7.33	6.40	15.80
Beta	0.85	1.28	4.42	5.87	4.12	8.37
Gamma	15.44	9.33	21.23	8.63	8.00	17.18
Delta	6.00	5.50	10.25	5.62	3.62	10.87
Epsilon	5.62	5.87	16.88	6.75	5.62	17.50
Zeta	7.50	8.50	13.75	8.40	6.00	12.40
Eta	6.50	3.87	13.25	5.62	6.25	13.27
Fraternity at large.	7.20	5.50	14.34	6.95	5.88	14.01

TABLE IV.

General Summary for Years ending April 1.

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.[1]	1887.[2]
Total Membership	3,460	3,820	4,154	4,558	4,976
No. of Active Chapters	43	51	54	58	65
No. of Alumni Chapters	10	10	14	16	13
Initiated	307	376	350	418	429
Retired	237	284	277	319	378
Attendant	617	778	776	832	871
Av. initiation per Chapter.	7.14	7.37	6.49	7.20	6.959
Av. retired per Chapter	5.51	5.57	5.13	5.50	5.88
Av. attendance per Chapt'r	14.35	15.25	14.37	14.34	14.01

1. Not including Virginia A, not reporting.
2. Not including Pennsylvania H, organized April 15.

TABLE V.

Attendant Members.—States Represented.

Maine	25	Indiana	77
New Hampshire	8	Illinois	55
Vermont	24	Wisconsin	16
Massachusetts	8	Michigan	30
Connecticut	2	Minnesota	19
New York	78	Iowa	26
New Jersey	5	Missouri	27
Pennsylvania	72	Arkansas	2
Maryland	17	Texas	27
District of Columbia	2	Dakota	1
Virginia	35	Kansas	21
West Virginia	6	Nebraska	9
North Carolina	10	Colorado	1
South Carolina	9	Indian Territory	1
Georgia	46	Arizona	1
Florida	10	California	17
Alabama	64	Utah	1
Louisiana	6	New Brunswick	1
Mississippi	11	Bulgaria	1
Tennessee	20	Japan	1
Kentucky	28		
Ohio	68	Total	889

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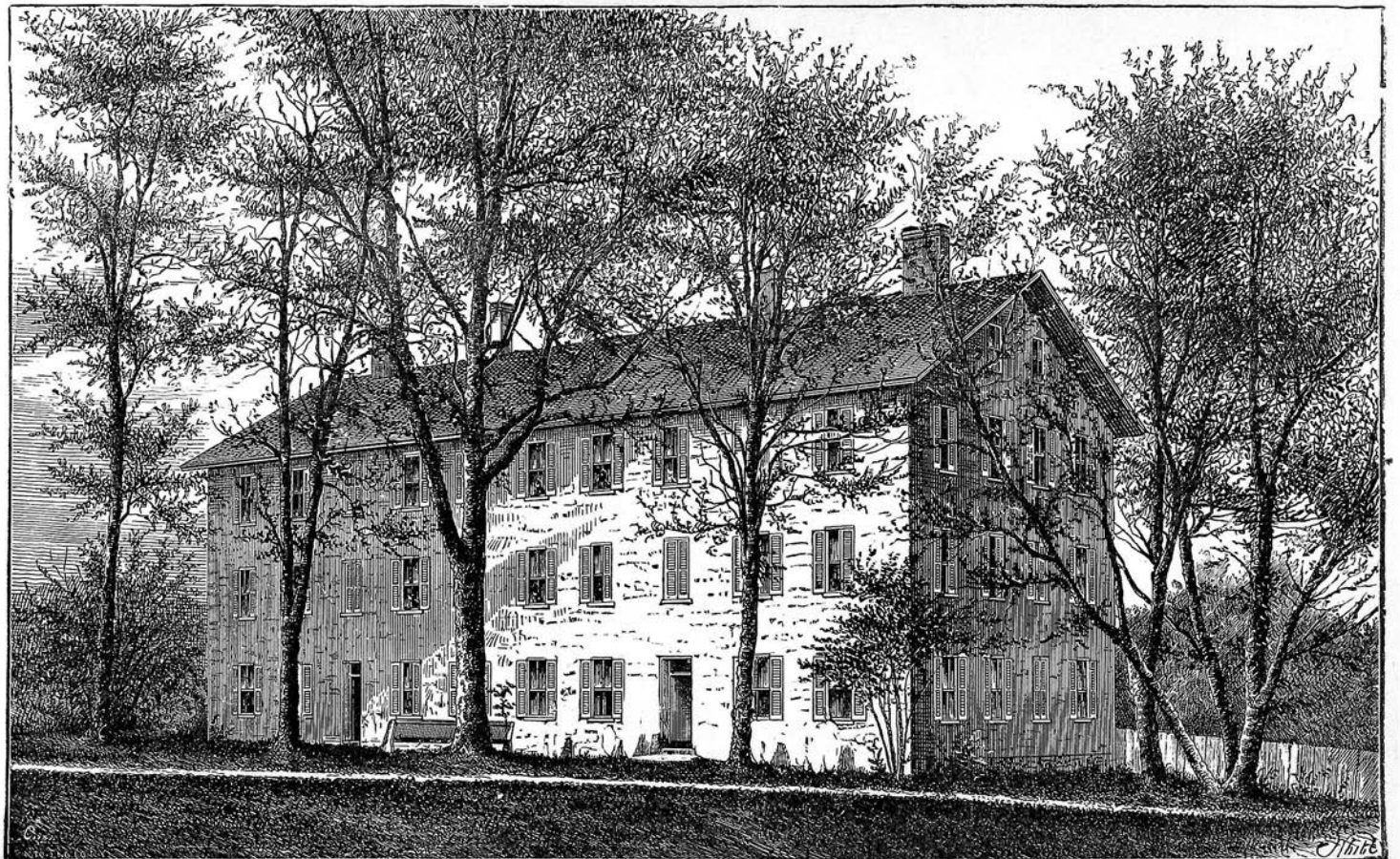

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College of New Jersey, Princeton, December 18, 1856.—Joel Tuttle, Esq., Miami University. Dear Sir: Your kind favor of the 15th inst., came to hand by this morning's mail, to which I hasten to reply. It was through the kindness of my friend, S. F. Steele, of Hillsborough, Ohio, that I obtained your address, who is a member of my class (junior) and was a member of your university some time ago. The chapter that was established in Huntsville, Texas, under the charter granted by your chapter in the spring of 1852, was started just before I left. After our organization and some of the best and most promising men having joined, I went with my father (who had resigned the presidency of the college to accept the presidency of the Mississippi Female College) to Mississippi. Having never attended any of the meetings, except those preparatory to organization, my correspondence (in the four years that have elapsed) with the members almost ceased, and I have heard little as to its progress for some time past. Until a few weeks past I was under the impression that the charter had been revoked, and I was uncertain whether or not I was a member of the Φ Δ Θ Society, for if the charter *had been revoked* I, together with those who became members under that charter, would have been members no longer. Should you in the convention determine to publish a catalogue, I will get a list of the Texas chapter, together with their residences, and forward it to your Publishing Committee. I received a letter, a few days since, from J. H. Banton, Esq., a lawyer in Huntsville, who took the first honor in the class of '54. He made but very few remarks about the society, but said that since I had left them some few additions had been made. I shall write to him, making full inquiries concerning the society in every respect, which I will communicate to you.

I am sorry to say that I will be unable, from previous engagements, to attend the convention at Cincinnati, on the 30th inst., but I wish good success to this endeavor, and would be much

obliged to you if you would communicate to me the result of their deliberations. I would like to go to Cincinnati if I could. I would like to obtain a badge of our society, as some times meeting members I feel a delicacy in making known my membership, etc. I hope to visit Oxford at least before I return to my home (New River, Louisiana,) and get one, and should any of your members either visit New York or Philadelphia, I would like to secure one through that means, as you know, Princeton is just between them. I entered junior this year. I send you a catalogue of our college and you will notice the prohibition on secret societies. This prohibition was first made in 1853, by the Faculty, and endorsed at their annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in 1854. Everyone entering college here, before he can matriculate, must take a solemn pledge not to join or have any connection whatever with any secret society while he may be a member of the College of New Jersey. An exception is made in reference to connection when anyone may have joined at some other college. We have several secret societies here in violation of this pledge, but the best men in college are kept out of them by that. The Faculty ean never crush them out, but they do them a serious injury by preventing men from joining whose membership would be most valuable.

I will send you our catalogue for 1856–'57, as soon as it is issued, and also the catalogue of the Literary Society to which I belong (American Whig Society), and I would be glad to receive a copy of your catalogue. You must excuse me for intruding on your time and attention and permit me to remain truly, your friend and brother, Andrew T. McKinney.

1857.

Huntsville, Texas, March 17, 1857.—Mr. Joel Tuttle, Miami University. Dear Sir: I received your communication several days since, but have been unable to answer it until now. The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society was organized in Austin College about three years since, by A. M. Rafter, formerly a student of your University. I was made a I. C. charter member with some five or six others, with powers to complete the organization. All but one or two of the members retired from the college shortly afterwards, and its organization was consequently not perfected. The charter and other papers were delivered to me and I still retain them. If you desire it and it would be lawful, I can probably effect an organization with the students. There is no member now attending college. Or I can transmit the papers to you. I will therefore await your instructions. Any assistance I can be to you and the cause will be cheerfully rendered. Your obedient servant, J. H. Banton.

Huntsville, Texas, June 16, 1857.—Mr. Joel Tuttle, Miami

University. My dear sir: At your suggestion I have reorganized the Texas Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta, in Austin College. I initiated three young men, all choice spirits, with whom you can freely commune without any mental reservation whatever. William S. Hill is President; Champion Hill, Seeretary; and Louis B. Hightower, Warden. They will initiate other youug men who are eligible under the Bond. I have conversed with them freely and think they understand the nature and objects of the society very well. I have thought it would be proper for you to send them correct copies of the Constitution and Articles of Union, presuming that some changes have been made. And I am further under the impression that the Articles of Union we have are not complete. If you send them, direct them to W. S. Hill, Huntsville, Texas; and I would further advise you to direct all communications to some member in person. The first letter you wrote, which you mentioned in your letter to me, which was directed to the "Chapter," was taken from the P. O. by a young man, student of the college, who sometimes acted as deputy in the P. O., and who claimed to be the only member in college belonging to that society. Hoping this may meet the approbation of the Ohio Alpha, I remain, truly yours, etc., J. H. Banton.

You will observe we have a large number of regular members (21), but I can assure you they are all Phis of the right stamp. Most of our members, at the beginning of this session, were in the senior class, and having a good opportunity for getting good men we thought best to secure a sufficient number to carry matters on when this class graduates. We established a chapter at Georgetown, Ky., last week, and are using all efforts we can to secure the establishment of our order in all the important institutions on our side of "the river." We question each member as to whether he is acquainted with any student or students in any college whom he can implicitly rely on as a man suitable to be initiated, and if he is, he is appointed to correspond with him on the subject. We have lately commenced this *modus operandi* and have not yet heard from any except Georgetown.
I did not know that it was my duty to send the constitution to you until a few days ago. S. W. Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary, Kentucky Alpha, in report to Ohio Alpha, February 10, 1857.

Marshall, Ill., March 15 (year omitted, but probably 1857). Secretary Grand Alpha $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, Oxford Ohio. Sir: You may remember that in December, 1856, a convention of the order was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, for various considerations, the principal of which was to call a general convention at some regular period and to prepare a uniform, orthodox

constitution for the whole order. In September last I left our chapter at Danville, and since then have heard absolutely nothing of our condition and prospects. In Evansville I lately met John W. Foster, a very clever fellow, who loves a good joke, oysters and pretty girls, and he informed me that save the knowledge of the fine condition of our Bloomington Lodge, he was as deplorably ignorant as myself. I write to inquire if it is a fixed fact or only "say-so" about a general reunion, and, if so, when and where such thing is to transpire. Believe me, the ΦΔΘ party in this little "sucker" burgh is as ardent as it can be elsewhere, even if its members are not overwhelming. They have made an attempt to get up a college here, but it has resulted pretty much in a decided failure, and the more they bluster about respectability the more the ears peep from beneath the skin, the whole thing not containing stuff enough after careful analysis to make even a poor little Beta. If you can give an old stager a few items, believe me, they will be fully appreciated. In the Bond, W. Le Roy Dulaney.

We are doing very well here now, and have every reason for encouragement. We have made several acquisitions of a valuable character this session and have more of a similar kind in contemplation. I believe our number (9) is now about equal to that of any of the recent societies in college, and in point of talent we think we can compare favorably with any of them.—John M. Scott, Miami University, to S. W. Mitchell, Centre College, March 24, 1857.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 11, 1857.—John M. Scott, Miami University. Dear Sir: Your letter has been too long neglected, but I felt that I could not sooner answer your question in a manner satisfactory to myself. I have received frequent letters from John W. Foster in reference to the same subject, and one from George Miller, of the Kentucky Alpha. Since my residence at Wisconsin University I have held the matter under advisement, and have come to the conclusion that if a chapter is to be established at this institution it should be done soon. The institution is now permanently established, with an available fund equal to $350,000. An appropriation of $40,000 has just been made for the erection of the main college edifice, which will be commenced in a few weeks. Our faculty numbers seven, and will be increased as soon as circumstances justify it. One chair has been established which is not yet filled. No institution in the West is possessed of a more able corps of instructors. Our chapel roll now numbers about one hundred and twenty students. The upper classes are small, but this is to be expected of a new institution in the West.

There are at present but few students in the number who

would in all respects answer our purpose. But a small chapter, composed of *good material*, might now be established, and enlarged as soon as circumstances will justify it. My connection with the institution expires with the present term, but I have mentioned the matter to a friend who seems anxious to take it in hand. He is a resident of the place, decidedly the best of the Junior class, and would be a great acquisition to the society. He will live here after graduation and would be a trustworthy hand to take care of our interests. There are two or three others who might now be initiated. My room-mate, who is a tutor in the university, is a Beta, and I have recently discovered that he is taking measures to establish a chapter of his society. If you determine to go ahead, the sooner the better. Would you initiate a senior at this late hour? Is it not desirable to extend our number, if we can get good members, even though they are not to remain long in college? If you see fit to send me the necessary documents, with special instructions, I will establish the chapter before I leave. The special instructions will be needed to direct me, in consequence of my having forgotten the forms. Hoping to hear from you soon in reference to the subject, I remain, yours in the Bond, Wm. G. Jenckes.

Mr. J. L. Mitchell read a letter from John C. Miller, of Betheny College, Virginia, stating that he had pledged to secrecy two students of that college, and that he desired us to elect them members of the Indiana Alpha, in order that he may be able to establish a chapter of the Phis at that college. The subject being freely discussed by all present, the gentlemen were duly elected members of the Indiana Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta Society. Extract from the minutes of a meeting of Indiana Alpha, held May 25, 1857, *at six a. m.* The next meeting, June 6, was *at seven a. m.*; afterwards meetings were held at one p. m.

Oxford, Ohio, May 28, 1857.—W. L. Dulaney, Esq.. Danville, Ky. My Dear Sir: You may, perhaps, be surprised that as yet our society has sent no notice to your chapter of their action in regard to the adoption of the revised constitution, which we received from your secretary some time since. Some of the members who were not at the convention and some who were, on making the comparison, concluded that it was inferior to the old one.

Objections were urged against several articles, some of which, you will recollect, were debated at considerable length before the adoption by the com mittee at Cincinnati.

After discussing the matter fully at several meetings of the society the new constitution was finally rejected.

Some of our members proposed to send it back to your chap-

ter with our objections noted, and endeavor to have it adopted, but this was decided impracticable for fear of rendering "confusion worse confounded." I presume it was the understanding when we parted at Cincinnati that you would send a copy of the constitution to all the chapters for their ratification; that all the proceedings of that convention were to be ratified by each of the colleges before they could take effect. Yet we have not heard from a single one except your own. If that convention had been so constituted as to render their actions decisive, all this confusion would have been avoided. We, therefore, propose to refer the matter to the convention which is to assemble at your college in August next. By the way, we are anxious to learn the exact time when the convention meets, and whom you have selected to address us on the occasion.

We would suggest that your chapter notify all the others as soon as possible, and urge upon them the necessity of sending at least one representative with full powers to that convention. With best wishes for your own prosperity, and that of your beloved society, I remain very truly your friend and brother, Joel Tuttle.

Danville, Ky., April 2, 1857.—Brethren of the Ohio Alpha: I was instructed several weeks ago to forward to you a draft of a pin that we desire to be substituted for the one we now have, but have delayed sending it in hope of hearing from Beggs & Smith, Cincinnati, to whom I sent a draft and desired to know what the probable cost of it would be, before I presented it to you. For some reason unknown to me they have sent me no answer. I send you herewith a draft of it, which I hope will meet your approbation. There is but one man (W. L. Dulaney) in our chapter but that is "in" for this pin. The beauty and appropriateness of this pin will at once, I think, suggest themselves to any one who examines it—or, at least, the beauties of its form, etc., will at once be acknowledged superior to that of our present pin. The Φ, you observe, occupies the central position; it is surrounded by the Δ, whilst Θ surrounds the whole. Then the all-seeing eye placed in the upper end of the Θ (where it ought to be), overlooks the whole. Those only who are acquainted with our motto, and know the things signified by our characters, can alone see and appreciate the *entire* beauties of this; but still, everyone must acknowledge that the elipse is far more beautiful than any other figure. Much more, then, is it to be preferred to the "padlock" (as it is usually called here) which we now have as the badge of our society. The finish we had thought of putting on is about this: The Θ is to be natural gold color and milled around the outer edge in black; the Φ to be finished in the same manner; the Δ gold color; the

eye to be the same color, with a line of black underneath it; the face of the bars all to be gold color and engraved. The only objection that Dulaney can offer to it is the want of durability, which we think can be avoided by making it slightly convex. The bars of the Δ do have the appearance of being slender in the draft, but the proportions are not there exhibited as they can be made when they are prepared by the jeweler. We hope you will act upon this matter immediately, and, if it comes in your chapter, present the draft to Beggs & Smith, or some good artist, and have one made with the finish of which I have spoken; and after it is put up, if any improvements suggest themselves, we can make the alterations afterwards. Send the sample, if you have it made, to us immediately. We must have pins some way, and the general objections against our present pin ("padlock") will always prevent it from being generally worn. Let us know as soon as possible what your opinion of the proposed pin is. Yours in the bond, S. W. Mitchell, Ex-Secretary of Kentucky Alpha. P. S.—Your letter, accompanied by the new pin, was received last night. We have not acted officially on it yet, but I showed it to several of our prominent members, and they all think the large one preferable even to it. I have concluded to send you a smaller-sized draft, which happens to be lying on my table. A medium between the two is, perhaps, the best size. The small size would make a neater dress pin, if it can be made sufficiently substantial. Yours, etc., S. W. M.

Danville, Ky., Aug. 28, 1857.—To the Corresponding Secretary of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Society. Dear Sir:—There will be a Convention in this place on the 16th of September, 1857, of all the chapters of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Society, for the purpose of transacting general business for said society, at which time and place we hope to see your Lodge represented by as many delegates as yon may deem necessary for that purpose. This we would have let you known before had we not been compelled to wait for answers from those whom we had selected to address us on that occasion, and I am really sorry to inform you that we failed to procure one; but one of our Professors will say a few words to the Convention in private. Let us hear from you immediately.—Yours respectfully, Henry W. Scull, Corresponding Secretary of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Soeiety.

Indiana University, October 26, 1857.—Secretary of Ohio Alpha. Dear Sir:—I have been instructed by our chapter to state to your college our regrets for not being represented at our annual meeting at Danville, Ky. We were all at the time at our homes spending vacation. Mr. J. L. Mitchell and myself fully expected to attend, but unavoidable circumstances kept me from leaving home until the very day of the Convention, and Mr. Mitchell was kept at home on account of his sister being

very sick. I am instructed to say that our college will be good for an equal share of all that was transacted and resolved during the convention. We would be glad to hear of your having made arrangements for the publication of a catalogue, and we are ready at any moment to go in our share for the advancement of the cause. We are now in quite a flourishing condition. The boys here are all in fine spirits and have high hopes of our advancement in the good cause. We would be pleased to hear of the transactions of the convention as soon as you may be pleased to transmit them to us. Your brother in the Bond, J. W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha.

1858.

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, May 18, 1858.—To the Indiana Alpha of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Gentlemen :—Having from time to time noticed letters in the Post Office addressed to the "$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Fraternity," we deemed it our duty to open and answer them, that you might have some knowledge of the true state of affairs at this chapter. *The society at this place is virtually defunct.* No pins have been worn and no meetings held for more than eight months. There are at present here four other Secret Societies—three of which are very large and flourishing. The demand is more than supplied. Partly then from the difficulty of getting men of the *true stamp* into the society, and partly from the fact that some of its present members were opposed from principle to the existence of such organizations, the Ohio Alpha Chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has been suffered to go down. Whether or not it will ever be revived we do not know. After the Senior class graduates, there will be but one member left—a Junior. We thought it absolutely necessary that you should know these facts, that you may make other arrangements, and send your reports to some other Chapter.—Yours respectfully, James R. Patterson, Edwd. P. Williams.

P. S.—Our Constitution, books, papers, etc., we can express to any chapter which the Society in General Convention may direct.—E. P. W.

Indiana University, May 25, 1858—Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky. Dear Sir : Inclosed you will find a copy of a letter just received by the secretary of our chapter from Oxford, Ohio. It contains news very unexpected to us, and indeed it has caused a good deal of excitement among ourselves. They are the last ones we would have dreamed of sinking. We have had our doubts as to the genuineness of the letter, but circumstances go strongly to prove it. It is the first letter we have received from them for about a year, and we are now inclined to believe that it is too true. We would be glad if you would write to some one at Oxford and elicit some more facts concerning the affair.

If it is so we are anxious about who shall be the *Supreme Alpha.* I do not know, but I think we are the next oldest Alpha, and I think we are entitled to it over any chapter of Ohio now in existence. We are willing to meet in convention and settle it. And if you are acquainted with any one at Danville we would be pleased to have his address, or to have you write to him yourself concerning the matter. I fear we are asking too much of you, but you are the only one we know who could do as much for us. Please write to us soon and let us know what you think of the matter. Yours respectfully, Jas. W Gorman.

On motion of J. L. Mitchell it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a circular calling a general convention of our order in Bloomington on the 13th day of July, 1858. J. L. Mitchell, J. A. Conwell and J. W. Gorman were appointed. Extract from minutes of Indiana Alpha, May 29, 1858.

Indiana Alpha, of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, Bloomington, Ind., June 5, 1858.—To the Brothers of Kentucky Alpha. C. H. Dobbs: At a meeting of this college, held on the 29th of May, 1858, it was resolved to call a general convention of the members of your order to meet at Indiana State University, in Bloomington, Indiana, on the 13th day of July, 1858. The reason and object for making this call are briefly these: A few weeks ago we received a letter from the Ohio Alpha, or rather from some of its members, after repeated efforts, stating that that college of our order had not held a meeting for several months past; that the membership was very much reduced; that the competition between the various societies was very great; that the opposition from without was very strong, and that they were "virtually defunct." This state of affairs leaves the order without an acting head. We have deemed this a sufficient cause to call together the various orders and the members of the association wherever they may be. The knowledge of such a state of things will no doubt surprise, but we trust *not dishearten* you. We do not call you together for the purpose of deliberating upon the best manner of disbanding our organization. We have resolved, after a calm deliberation and survey of our condition, that we *can* and that we *shall live.* And our object in calling you together is to discuss the best means of infusing new vigor into our order, to arrive at the true interests of our various chapters or colleges by personal acquaintance and mutual exchange of views and sentiments, to form a stronger bond of union and form plans for propagating our order throughout the great West.

We trust you will not for a moment entertain the thought of receding, of slackening your efforts for our advancement, or of disbanding our order. Our aims are too high and we are too

fully committed to our cause to give them up at this time. We have a hopeful future before us if we are but true to our interests and our duty, and we hope you will show by a large and spirited delegation that your interest is unabated. We have called the convention during our commencement week, which we hope will add more interest to our assembling. Do not fail to be represented in convention. We give a hearty and urgent invitation to your entire college, and we will endeavor to entertain you as brothers and as friends. We will not forestall the action of the convention by suggesting any plan or any measures, but we trust you will come clothed with full power to act as circumstances may demand. We are not willing to allow the extinction of our college at Miami University. We have written to them, urging upon them the necessity of *maintaining their existence* at any rate, and if necessary wait for more propitious times.

Will you also write to them and use all your arguments to induce them not to give up. Address your letters to Edward P. Williams, Oxford, Ohio.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience what action you will take on this letter and how many delegates we may expect from your college. Jas. L. Mitchell, John A. Conwell, Jas. W. Gorman, Committee.

Indiana University, Bloomington, June 8, 1858.—J. R. Patterson, Oxford, Ohio: Dear Sir—Since I wrote you last, we have held a meeting of our chapter, and resolved to have a general convention here at our institution during our commencement week, on the 13th day of July, 1858. We extend to your college a hearty and urgent invitation, and we trust you will be represented in the convention. We expect to take under consideration matters of vital importance to our order. We have prepared a circular, and are sending it to the different chapters of the order. Please give us a list of all the colleges and chapters in existence in order that we may address them. It is to be hoped that your determination in regard to *giving entirely in* is not permanently settled. We are not willing at all to allow the *extinction* of our chapter at Miami University. Please write at your earliest convenience, and inform us what we may expect from you in regard to a representation and a list of chapters. Yours respectfully, Jas. W. Geneau, Secretary.

Danville, Ky., June 11, 1858.—Rev. Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky.: My Dear Friend—Your kind favor of the 9th inst. is just received. There was a meeting of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Society on last Wednesday night. A communication was received from the Ohio Alpha informing us of the condition of our society at Miami University. They report but three members of the

society in that institution. Two of these are seniors, and will graduate in about one month. They have, in consequence, come to the conclusion to remove the head chapter to this place. Whether this is in accordance with the wishes of the various chapters I cannot say, but we hope soon to be able to write to the different chapters, and will request immediate replies. Our society here is in a very good condition. We have about twelve members. The names of some of the most prominent members are Junius Hall, Henry W. Scull and Thomas W. Bullitt. Beyond this we have no news of interest. Yours truly in the bonds of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Wilkins G. Anderson.

Danville, Ky., June 11, 1858.—Gentlemen: We received your letter informing us of the state of our order at your college, and very much regret the cause which makes it necessary for you to write and us to answer such a letter. We have received a letter from our brethren in Bloomington, Ind., calling a convention to meet in that place on July the thirteenth. Will your chapter be represented at that convention? Is there any possibility of keeping up our order at Oxford? Be kind enough to gather together all the books, papers and property of your chapter and place them in the hands of some reliable person to await the order of the various chapters. Your leaving college makes this necessary. Will you write to us immediately about these things? James S. Ewing, Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Alpha Chapter.

Lafayette, Ind., June 16, 1858.—To the Secretary of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$: Dear Sir: I have had submitted to me for perusal a letter from a committee of the Indiana Alpha, directed to a member of the society who lives in this city. The letter sets forth that from late advices received from Oxford they learn that our chapter there is "*virtually defunct*"—that you never hold meetings, have too much opposition to live, etc. The letter goes on to say that a call is being issued for a grand convention of all the chapters, alumni, etc., to be held at Bloomington at their next commencement. The object of this convention is only hinted at, but sufficient is thrown out to indicate that the design is to *remove the headquarters from Oxford to Bloomington.* I think you will demur to this, and I feel certain that every one who has ever been connected with the society at Oxford will demur to it. I am not entirely clear in my recollection of the provisions of our constitution, but, unless I am mistaken, the headquarters can only be changed by a general convention, *which must be held at Oxford.*

As a member of the society I feel an interest in this matter. I am more than sorry to learn that the chapter at Oxford has been suffered to go down. Can't you resuscitate it? Please have the goodness to inform me more particularly of your condition. I sincerely trust it is not hopeless.

It is just possible that I am mistaken as to the object of this convention at Bloomington, but I think not. Yours very truly, Thomas B. Ward.

Miami University, June 27, 1858.—James W. Gorman. Dear Sir: The absence of Mr. Williams and myself, during senior vacation, is the cause of delay in replying to yours of the 8th ult.

The circumstances compelling our disorganization, as recently communicated, we feel as deeply as yourselves, are greatly to be deprecated. But as much as it is to be deplored, it seems inevitable. We were as zealous and as vigilant as its strongest adherents could desire to avert such an end, but it was forced upon us. The remembrance of its prosperity here in days past, its ascendancy over all similar institutions, and its position as the head and bulwark of the order, conspire greatly to augment the illfortune of its fall.

The reasons, as assigned by my friend Mr. Williams, were, first: The utter absence of material recognized by the Bond as suitable for constituting a chapter. Second: Disturbances arising in the literary societies through the agency of secret societies and the bad odor into which consequently they had fallen. Scruples which some of the chapter entertained as to the propriety of such institutions. These, you must confess, fully justify—or rather compelled—the issue. If at some future day an opening should present itself for the re-establishment of the chapter here, under better auspices, I trust it may be accomplished. We are pleased with your purpose to assemble in convention at your institution, and earnestly hope that "the matter of vital importance may be duly considered," and that our cause may be promoted. I am unable to reply definitely as to a representative from us at that time, but as we then will have left Miami, the probabilities are adverse. . Would be much pleased to hear the result of your deliberations on July 13, prox. My address will be Pittsburgh, Pa. Respectfully yours, J. R. Patteson.

The tone of your letter, your method of expression, brought me back to days of yore, and in reverie I lived *our* past over again. As to the Phi Society, I know nothing of its existence here now. All those with whom I was acquainted, who were members, have gone away, and business, rough jars, trials and vexations, 1 to 10,000 respectively, have closely engaged my attention, so much that I have had but little time to seek after some of those things which would prove both a recreation and an advantage to me. I will, however, find out the first of next session the true condition of our old ship, and after advising with its members confer with you as to what had better be done. I think it would be well to close up or abandon the chapter for

a year. A. A. Barnett, Oxford, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, July 6, 1858.

Having had in view the propriety of collecting together in our book the names of all the members of our order, knowing that it will be not only useful as a reference, but also that if in the future we should desire to publish a catalogue it could be done without delay, therefore we respectfully request of you a list of the names of all the members who have been connected with your chapter since its foundation. Give, if you please, their place of residence and profession, as far as known.—James W. Gorman, Indiana University, to Secretary of Kentucky Alpha, November 2, 1858.

We have been agitating the catalogue question among ourselves at some length, and I have been requested by our members to correspond with you upon the subject and ascertain your opinion and views upon the feasibility of publication. I think that I have heard you say that you had some experience in such undertakings, and it is our desire to hear at your earliest convenience your plan for the publication of a catalogue of our society. It is not our intention to get up a common thing, but one in the first and highest order of beauty and usefulness. It would meet with our hearty support if a valuable engraving of some kind could be obtained as a frontispiece. We are open for suggestions of any kind upon the subject and we would be pleased to hear you express your opinion fully upon the propriety of the undertaking, and also a proposition in regard to the style of the catalogue and its cost. We have received a communication from Centre College upon the subject, and they think it not only proper but necessary. We have no fears but that every chapter as well as most correspondent members will contribute freely in the cause. —James W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., December 6, 1858.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.

In the October Scroll were presented a general view of the grounds and buildings of Miami University and the elevation of "the College" and "New Chapel." In this number are given illustrations of the two dormitories, "Northeast" and "Southeast."

The minutes of Ohio Alpha, which will be published with annotations by Rev. Robert Morrison, one of the founders, in this volume of the Scroll, show that the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Fraternity was founded December 26, 1848, at a meeting held in Wilson's room in Miami University. Wilson's room was in "Northeast." Both dormitories face west; consequently their right ends (looking from the front) are to the north, and their left ends to the

south. Brother Morrison says that his room was on the right of the north door of "Northeast." The window on the right of this door opened into his room. All of the rooms ran across the width of the building. Each room was divided by a partition, and one part was used as a study and the other as a sleeping room, a door in the partition affording communication. In the front part of his room Brother Morrison had a book store. Directly above his room, and on the second floor, was the room of Wilson. Since the time of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s organization, both dormitories have had their roofs modernized, and their interior arrangements have been changed. Since the engravings were made, porticoes like the one in front of "the College" (see October SCROLL) have been built over the doors on the side of "Northeast" and over the doors at the end of "Southeast." A recent letter from Dr. R. W. McFarland, President of Miami University, says that Morrison's room is occupied now as a Y. M. C. A. Hall, and that Wilson's room is tenanted by a student. —W. B. Palmer.

MAMMOTH CAVE MONUMENT.

IN addition to the many monuments erected in the cave by tourists and to the honor and fame of cities, states, foreign countries, men of note and various societies, the Greek world is represented by Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Tau Omega, and perhaps others. Some months ago three Phis made an excursion from Nashville, and, having determined on perpetuating in this manner the order they represented, carried the necessary paraphernalia with them. The paraphernalia consisted of a well-seasoned cherry board on which was neatly painted in conspicuous style, "$\Phi \Delta \Theta$," and in smaller letters, "Placed here June 6, 1887.' To this was attached, by a strong cord, a durable book containing the following prefatory remarks: "Mammoth Cave. Phi Delta Theta Register. This board and book were placed here June 6, 1887, by E. H. L. Randolph, Historian of the General Council, Editor of the 1886 Song Book and Editor of THE SCROLL, W. A. Speer and Walter B. Palmer, ex-Editor of THE SCROLL, Editor of the 1882 Song Book and 1883 Catalogue and ex-Historian of the General Council. [OVER.]

"Notice: To all members of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ fraternity. Please register in the following pages the date of your visit to this place, your name, chapter, class and residence."

The list was headed by the three originators. All Phi girls are expected to register.

A small monument was erected in "Broadway," this side of the "Star Chamber" and just beyond the $A\ T\ \Omega$ monument. The board and book were securely attached and all left in the

darkness to await the "coming man." This notice is here inserted for the purpose of calling general attention to the matter and requesting all Phis, who visit Mammoth Cave, to contribute to the proportions of the monument by adding stones and to record their visit as prescribed. Some who have recently returned report a goodly number of names in the short time which has already passed.

EDITORIAL.

[No attention will be paid to matter written on both sides of the sheet.]

THE one historical point which all fraternities find it most difficult to illuminate is the very beginning. Our history is in a very satisfactory condition. When the book now in preparation, and which is nearing completion, is published, our complete history will be open to all. The early letters on fraternity subjects which appeared in the previous and the present issues, and will continue in a few more, give us much valuable information about the early days. We are very fortunate in having them, revised as they are by the founder. After the conclusion of the letters we will present the original minutes of Ohio Alpha, likewise revised and annotated by the founder. In these, nothing of course in any way touching the secret organization will be published, but the early struggles, reverses and triumphs will be placed before us in the clearest light.

As no chapter letters were published in the October SCROLL it was intended to issue the following number very shortly thereafter. Letters are not sent in with any degree of promptness at the beginning of the year and very few indeed are available in season for a timely issue of the first fall number. We thought to be able to present a fairly complete set of reports by about October 15, at which time it was intended that the November number should make its appearance. But a new and unexpected factor, in the shape of the printers' strike in New York, has somewhat disarranged our plans. The date of receipt of this issue by subscribers is the earliest possible. It will be about the regular time, but we had intended that it should be somewhat earlier.

WE trust the opening year will be even more successful than the one just closed—and that is asking a great deal. But we

are confident it is not asking too much. One recipe can be given which will always assure success—WORK.

HEREAFTER all matter, especially chapter letters, intended for THE SCROLL of any given month, must be in the hands of the Editor by the tenth of the preceding month, instead of the sixteenth, as heretofore.

A REVIEW of college annuals was to have appeared in this issue, but the press of other matter has compelled its postponement till the following number. Exchanges will also be noticed at the earliest opportunity.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

170 Broadway, New York City,
Oct. 13, 1887.

To the Chapters in Alpha Province :

BRETHREN :—It having been requested by a number of prominent Phis in this Province that a vote be taken as to altering the time of the next Alpha Province Convention, you will please vote upon the question *at once*, and transmit your decisions to me.

The time as it now stands fixed, is Thursday and Friday of the third week in April, 1888, and the place, Easton, Pa., with our ever highly-esteemed Pennsylvania Alpha.

It seems that we could hardly prepare for the Convention before January 12th, 1888.

The year opens with every indication of great success for Phi Delta Theta in Alpha Province, and as to the fraternity at large we can congratulate ourselves upon having but one rival for the largest attendant membership. Yours in the bond,

DUDLEY R. HORTON.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EPSILON PROVINCE.

To Epsilon Province of Phi Delta Theta :

BRETHREN :—While we do not confessedly believe that old saw, that "a good beginning always makes a bad ending," we are inclined to solace ourselves in the instance of a bad beginning by the philosophy of the converse. But the real truth of the matter is, according to facts of experience, that a *bad* beginning makes a *worse* ending, and that a good beginning presages

a *better* ending. This time of the year is a time of beginnings, and it is most important that the above facts of experience be remembered.

The summer season has gone and taken with it the realities of a fine vacation. The tents have been folded up and stuffed away, the fishing rods unjointed, the pans and cranes, the outfit *de cuisine* with all equipments of campships have done their duty and now occupy a small portion of the back attic, while we go marching on.

We are through all this and reflect with mingled feelings of joy and regret, and now are to get our hands to tasks varying from small to great. If to end well is good, to begin well is far better. We as students and fraternity men should look well as to how we enter this year. There is certainly due from us to the cause of college and society all the enthusiam and vigor of effort that our summer vacation has made possible. We open a new year of fraternity work, the issue of which rests wholly in our hands. We are to meet new and innumerable tasks and duties of our work, and we are to face them like men. We must not only make our opportunities in this work at this time, but we must make the most out of our opportunities.

If there is a chance for securing fair advantages we must seize the opportunity before it passes. The Old Latins said that the hair on the head of opportunity was all in front, bald at the back —and men to catch her must be in front to sieze her, for if once gone by not even Jupiter himself could catch her. There is a striking moral there if the fable is of heathendom. It is applicable to fraternity work as well as to other. *Make the most of opportunities*, is a good motto. If heeded, sure success is warranted. If unnoticed, defeat is inevitable. This may be a trite saying, but that fact does not affect its importance. It's worth repeating.

If the men of Epsilon Province will but bear it in mind, and then let this year's work be characterized by progressive but cautious movements, with enthusiastic and incessant activity, the year will be signalized by the advance of Phi Delta Theta in every department.

Chicago, September, 1887. WM. C. COVERT.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

The Business Manager calls attention to the fact that quite a number of chapters have failed to pay their SCROLL tax for the year just completed.

Several fraternity Journals have gone to the wall within the past few years, owing their fall solely to this lack of support. It will be impossible to publish the SCROLL under such circum-

stances, and such chapters who have not paid their tax are requested to do so at once, so that last year's accounts may be closed.

The SCROLL cannot be sent to any chapter that remains in arrears. An Article in our Constitution concisely states when SCROLL tax should be paid.

October 15, 1887. LEO WAMPOLD.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

As usual, Maine Alpha has a happy report to send. The chapter rejoices in her continued prosperity. The college term opened Sept. 7 and our men are nearly all here. Bro. Roberts is out at present teaching. The account of our annual reunion must not be omitted. This we held in our hall Tuesday evening, July 6. Each Phi sent invitations to his best friends of the fairer sex; also the presence of our alumni was requested. Many parents, too, and relatives of the members of the graduating class were in attendance. Our capacious hall presented an elegant appearance. All were unanimous in their praise of the home of Maine Alpha. Parents expressed their joy that they had sons belonging to such a brotherhood. The evening was spent in a free and social way. Brother Fuller, '85, favored us with some of his spicy selections and the young ladies performed well their part in the way of piano solos. After several hours of merriment, refreshments were served and all repaired to their homes feeling that they had enjoyed the ideal occasion of their lives. Two facts are alike axioms at Colby: Phi Delta is as good as the best, and the yound ladies of Waterville believe it.

We miss '87 this year, but we will soon send a list of our initiates, who in ability and character eclipse any equal delegation from '91.

Oct. 6, 1887. H. EVERETT FARNHAM.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

AT our recent commencement seven Phis were among the graduates, five of whom were charter members, whose untiring efforts in behalf of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ have done much toward placing this chapter on a firm and sound basis, and who, as alumni, will continue to take deep interest in the progress of New Hampshire Alpha.

Brothers Chalmers, Rice, Ruevsky, Shaw and Willey received the degree of A. B., while brothers Chamberlain and Eastman

received the degree of B. L. All but Chalmers, who choses the law as his profession, expect to teach.

The Wead Political Economy prize of Fifty Dollars, one of the highest prizes awarded, was taken by brother Chalmers.

Brother Morgan, '89, received honorable mention in mathematics.

We are sorry to announce the expulsion from the fraternity of F. M. Porter, '88. Existing circumstances made this step one of absolute necessity.

As was mentioned in a previous letter to the SCROLL, we, together with several other societies, were burned out of our hall. We have engaged a hall in a brick building now being erected, and expect to move into our new quarters some time in September.

Our new hall is most desirably located, and will be finished off with especial reference to our requirements.

The committee having in charge the pledging of new members has laid plans for a vigorous campaign, and we expect to obtain a good delegation from '91.

August 23, 1887. G. B. STAVERS.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

VERMONT Alpha is feeling well. Fortune smiles and so do we, as we congratulate ourselves and the fraternity upon the work of last Friday night.

Eight of the class of '91 were initiated with a gentleness that convinced them of the tenderness of paternal affection, and startled into everlasting flight the last remains of barbarism.

Brothers Hayden and Wheeler, of '83, were with us.

The spread was a pleasant feature of the occasion. Responses and after supper speeches were, of course, delivered under pressure and all were enthusiastic.

In our new brothers we welcome men of whom we expect much. Next week we intend to again add to our number from the same class. We will then report in full.

Oct. 12, 1887. LESLIE A. COOPER.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

THE classic doors of "Old Union" opened September 14.

All the Phis of our chapter were on hand ready and willing to work; but the other fraternities as well were here, and just as anxious to work as we were.

Our goat is in excellent condition, having been led forth to *new pastures* during the last few weeks, and is awaiting impatiently the encounter with '91.

By the graduation of '87 New York Beta lost four members, but at the same time four valuable alumni were added to her number.

Union is still advancing, for on returning we found a very important change had been made in the courses of study, French and German being introduced into the classical course.

October 10, 1887. J. M. DeLong.

New York Epsilon, Syracuse University.

We are but a little more than eight months old, and, although so young, the big infant is beginning to walk.

Seven Phis returned to college to begin the contest under rather embarrassing circumstances, all of our '90 men having left college, and five of the seven who returned being Seniors, but we already have seven men from the class of '91, and it gives me pleasure to introduce them to the Phi world.

We have three men on the editorial staff of the *Syracusan.* Brothers George Washington May, Madison, N. Y., Albert Harrington Meade, Chicago, Ill., Elmer Joseph Redd, Towlesville, N. Y., and W. Newton Holmes, Central Square, N. Y., alumni of Sigma Psi, were with us during last commencement, and were initiated into Phi Delta Theta.

At the close of last term, on the evening of June 21, the chapter was given a reception and benefit by brother A. C. Driscoll, '87, at his house, 86 Noxon street.

It is rumored that the defunct chapter of Zeta Psi here is to be resurrected; the charter was surrendered last winter.

This has been a year of great prosperity for Syracuse University. The Von Ranke Library, the observatory and its equipments, the library building and the Crouse College are gifts that any institution might well be proud of, and will add much to the strength of this thriving institution.

The Crouse College is the gift of John Crouse, of Syracuse, as a memorial to his deceased wife, and it is intended to make this the finest college building in the State.

Oct. 14, 1887. J. H. Murray.

Pennsylvania Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College.

Pennsylvania Gamma begins her twelfth year with more brilliant prospects than ever. In the exit of '87 we lost seven good men—Larrimer, Lippincott, Bell, Stewart, Hill, Ewing and Montgomery. Although we very greatly feel the loss of them, yet their places will soon be filled with others.

All of our men are back, full of renewed vigor and strength for the trials and conflicts of another year.

In the distribution of the commencement honors the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ men came in for a large share. Brother Ewing was honor man of the class. Closely in his wake followed brothers Hill and Bell, while all but one of our men received speeches. Brother Montgomery delivered the class poem at the Class Day exercises. Brother Stewart was phrenologist; brother Hill, in a neatly written and well-delivered speech, presented each member of the class with a suitable remembrance. Brother Bell, as class orator, won laurels for himself and honor for the "faction" by his eloquence. The chapter now numbers 14 men, distributed by classes as follows: Seniors, 4; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 3; Freshmen, 2, and one in the preparatory department.

Sept. 14, 1887. J. ROBT. WRIGHT.

WE began this year under unusually favorable circumstances. Never since the founding of our chapter has she started out with brighter prospects. Our loss by graduation was very great, numbering seven good, loyal men. But we came back full of the spirit of loyal Phis, eager to do good work for the Greek world.

The campaign has been active and successful, and I have the pleasure of introducing to you Percie Farrar, '91, and Joseph Ewing, '90, as fully fledged brethren worthy of their colors. The latter was initiated with imposing ceremony. Our band now numbers sixteen, and we hope to be strengthened in the near future with a few more good men.

Our men occupy high positions in the class-room, the literary societies, and in social circles. Brother Skilling is president of F. and W. Literary Society, brother Wright is exchange editor of the *Jeffersonian*, and brother Hays teaches the "soulless Preps." We are represented on Class Day by brother Hess; and brother Haymaker and your reporter have positions on the *Pandora*.

We are sorry to report the absence of brother Dille, '89, who was injured in the leg by the accidental discharge of a revolver. Fears were entertained that amputation was necessary, but he is convalescing and will be in college soon.

October 13, 1887. G. R. EDMUNDSON.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

THE close of the college year found Pennsylvania Delta in a prosperous condition. We lost two men by graduation, brothers Smith and Bignell. Both contemplate pursuing their studies further, the former at Boston University, the latter at Johns Hopkins.

Since our last letter brother Couse won the Kalamathean essay prize in Philo-Franklin Literary Society, and in the inter-society contest between the Philo-Franklin and Allegheny socie-

ties, brother Howell, the orator on the Philo team, came out victorious.

In the Field-Day exercises, commencement week, brother Christy captured the prizes for throwing the hammer and high pole vaulting.

On June 22 brother F. L. Wells, '86, was married to Miss Nellie A. Jordan, of New Lisbon, Ohio.

Our commencement banquet took place in our hall on the evening of June 29th. We would have been pleased to have seen more of our alumni there; but the presence of brothers Bowser, '79, Nelson, '79, Miner, '81, and Guignon, '83, contributed greatly to the pleasure and merriment of the evening. An elegant menu was served by one of Meadville's popular caterers, after which the night was spent in singing, toasts and a general good time; and on departing all felt that the occasion had been one of the most pleasant in the chapter's history.

July 26, 1887. WILL BIGNELL.

COLLEGE opened this year under very favorable and promising circumstances. About one hundred new students have been enrolled in the College and preparatory departments, which speaks very well for the efficient management exhibited by the Faculty in the direction of securing new students.

The different fraternities here have been quite active in securing men. Among so many new students, there is plenty of material which is somewhat above the average. $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$, $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ and $\Sigma\ A\ E$ have initiated respectively 8, 1, 5 and 3, and now number respectively 15, 10, 17 and 9.

Pennsylvania Delta is not any behind in the race, and it is not probable that she ever will be. We commenced the year with 12 active members and have initiated three splendid men. They all "rode down the big dark hall, with ghosts on every side," the same night—Saturday, October 1. We were fortunate in getting these men, and know that the fraternity will hear of them again before they pass from the stage of action.

Brother Bignell, '87, who is taking a post graduate course at Johns Hopkins University this year, came to Meadville for the purpose of assisting in the initiatory rites of Oct. 1. He is enjoying good health and expects to have a fine time in Baltimore.

Brother C. L. Smith, '87, who is attending the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, Pa., made us a short visit the first week of college. He spent a portion of the summer camping in the wilds of Michigan and Canada.

Brother Harry Jackson, '90, is compelled to stay out of college this year on account of his health. We miss him very much and hope that he will recover sufficiently to enter next term. He is one of our resident members.

Brother Blaisdell, '88, returned to college a few days ago. He was helping his folks to move from Greenville to Titusville, where his father is to preach for the next three years.

The non-fraternity men of this college are trying to "knock out" certain fraternities in this institution, regardless of results. If we are not mistaken, such things have been tried before and never succeeded very well, and we predict the same result for this attempt, because they—the non fraternities—are somewhat under the control of a fraternity that cannot "rule the wave" if it wanted to.

Oct. 10, 1887. F. M. KERR.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that our chapter has lost seven energetic men by graduation in the Class of '87, yet Pennsylvania Epsilon enters upon this new collegiate year with flying colors. Last year $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at Dickinson took her full share of honors. W. M. Smith, the former reporter to THE SCROLL, led his Class in the Latin-Scientific Department. Four Phis, Culver, Heck, Cleaver and Porter, held important positions in the Class Day exercises.

In the Sophomore Oratorical Prize Contest, held May 27th, Oliver Mordorf was awarded the Gold Medal. Brother H. C. Cheston has been appointed assistant in the Chemical Department. This is considered a high honor here, and is obtained only on real merit. Brothers H. F. Whiting and H. Urner each took cash prizes for scholarship in the Sophomore and Freshman Classes respectively. In athletics we are also well represented. Brothers Turpin and Porter are on the College foot-ball team. Brother Whiting won the first medal in the running high jump during the recent field day sports. Brother Geo. W. Babcock was unanimously elected Class Historian of '89. Brother C. W. Straw is a member of the College Glee Club.

Fraternity spirit runs high at Dickinson, and consequently there is great rivalry for new students. We have been very careful in the quality of men we rush. Our expectations have been more than realized in the success which resulted from our well-directed plans in the exciting campaign which always attends the entrance of new men.

We are happy to introduce to the inhabitants of Phidom at large, four new Knights of the Sword and Shield, who have been recently initiated into the mysteries of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and joyously sing, "We wont be 'Barbs' any more."

It shall be our aim to keep the banner of Phi Delta Theta floating high in the breezes of the fraternal atmosphere. Our best wishes are extended to all worthy Phis and THE SCROLL of our beloved fraternity, during the ensuing collegiate year.

October 14, 1887. OLIVER MORDORF.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

OUR only Senior, Milton H. Fehnel, of Bethlehem, Pa., was selected by the faculty as valedictorian of his class. His oration was excellent, and he did credit to himself and to the fraternity of which he is a member.

He was also elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a chapter of which society was established at Lehigh University about a year ago. He is recording secretary of the chapter.

It may be well to state that there are very few honors at our university, the only one for the undergraduates in the three lower classes being the Wilbur scholarship of $200, awarded to the student first in rank in the sophomore class.

A member of the chapter stood third in the race for this prize, but, of course, this cannot be called a "college honor," though, perhaps, it might be a personal one.

July 9, 1887. A. T. THROOP.

OUR men are all back at the University and all report having had an exceptionally good time during the vacation. Our number has been increased by the affiliation with us of brother Dean from the New York Alpha, who is taking a course in Electricity at Lehigh.

Eight of the boys are rooming in one house, and for the present our meeting room is in the same building, but owing to its distance from College and the town, our quarters will probably be changed before long.

At the Commencement exercises in June we were represented by brother Fehnel, the valedictorian, who has returned to College to take a post-graduate course in Chemistry. He was honored by an election to Phi Beta Kappa, and brother Miller, of '88, by an election to Tau Beta Pi, a society offering the same advantages to technical students which $\Phi B K$ gives to the literary men.

On October 1st we were favored by a visit from brothers McCammant and Culbertson, of Lafayette.

Brother Throop, of '89, has been elected an editor of the College annual, *The Epitome*, and brother Beazell has been elected to the vice-presidency of the Class of '90.

On October 13th the Packer Memorial Church, built by Mrs. Mary Cummings, the daughter of our founder, was dedicated. It is said to be the finest college chapel in the country. On the afternoon of the same day, at the fall sports, the Phis showed up very well. Out of a total of twenty-three prizes we carried off fifteen.

On the evening of October 7th, with striking ceremonies we ushered our first '91 man into the Greek world. He is Alban Eavenson, of Philadelphia, and already shows great zeal in working

for the chapter. Since writing the above we have initiated another '91 man, Fitz Daniel Ementrout. This increases our number of members to thirteen, and we hope soon to add several more to the list.

October 15, 1887. MILTON H. FEHNEL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

LAST session was a most pleasant and enjoyable one for all of the fraternities here. There was no discordant feeling—no unmeasured rivalry. Only the most fraternal relations existed among us, so that we could well rejoice in the Utopian idea of pan-Hellenism. Our unequalled success in solicitations; our undimmed popularity in the social circles; our prominence and efficiency in literary work; our unrivaled numbers on public exercises, and our eminently successful banquet, are a few of the many things that placed us in the van of fraternities here. Among the seniors, brother Sieg received the second honor. Brother Keen was given the third honor, while brother Goodman graduated with very high rank as Greek medalist. Brother Bowers did credit to himself and Virginia Alpha.

Thus closed a most pleasant and profitable session. Another has been ushered in, and the boys, having renewed the warm brotherly feeling that has so long characterized our fraternity, are now ready to take up again the line of work and even outstrip the brilliant record of last session. Brother Sieg, of '87, will fill the vacant chair left by Professor Smith; brother Myers will take up the law course at the University of Virginia and brother Goodman will be in Roanoke City, which is very accessible to us.

Our prospects for an exceedingly full school this year are very bright, and we hope to show (as we repeatedly have done) our less fortunate rivals that we make not only quantity, but also quality, our aim.

To all Phis we extend fraternal greetings, and hope to the fraternity universal this will be in every respect an unprecedented year.

Sept. 15, 1887. T. FREY.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

OUR session closed on the 29th of June, and the Phis, as a whole, showed an excellent year's work. In the academical school there were eight of us. Brother Stuart was compelled to withdraw before his examination, but the others of us made an average of two diplomas apiece. Brother Cockrell graduated in

French, logic and physics; Hedges in Latin, mathematics and intermediate Greek; Petrie in French, German and philosophy; Smith in botany, natural history, geology and natural philosophy; Taylor in Latin, natural philosophy and intermediate Greek; Moss in Latin, mathematics and Greek; Fletcher in French, moral philosophy and political economy and science of society. We took four academical degrees, viz., Moss and Petrie M. A., Cockrell B.A. and Fletcher B.Ph. The Phis of the law school also did well. We had six in this department, but only brother wise was an applicant for a degree, and he left very early on account of sickness. The others, with one exception, passed all their examinations. Our only representative in medicine, brother Hodgson, graduated in anatomy and medical jurisprudence. We were represented in nearly every department. Brothers Mansfield and Hodgson represented us in base ball, Fletcher in tennis and Cockrell with the magazine. Among the "dudes and calicoists" we were ably represented by brothers Taylor and Hodgson. Brother Smith was the successful debater in the temperance union. Brother Russell got the $10 prize offered by the magazine, and was second in the race for its medal. This, I think, is sufficient to show our standing.

As for next year, only six of the fifteen are certain to be back, but we always have about four to come in from other colleges. (This year there were six.) This will give us ten to begin with, which is about as many as any other fraternity will have.

Of our old men, three are going to teach—Petrie at Auburn College, Smith at Davidson College (N. C.), and Fletcher at Fredericksburg, Va. Russell will either come back or study law in Kansas. Mansfield expects to take charge of his father's business. Wise is in St. Paul and Stuart in Saltville (Va.). Moss has charge of Dr. Bennett's church, and is reported to be a very good preacher, which is probably due to his good chapter training.

Our chapter has passed a very successful year. It will compare favorably with any other chapter at the university, both as to the number and quality of its members.

Aug. 24, 1887. J. D. FLETCHER.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, prosperous and happy, salutes "the powers that be," and extends a cordial "how-d'ye do" to her sister chapters in the Bond who have, with her, returned to their work for Phi Delta Theta. It may be well for us to preface our remarks about our chapter as it is with an account of it as it was in June, 1887, when we parted for the Summer vacation. At the Commencement of last session the conventional "white and blue"

was hung out over Randolph Macon's classic walls, "primus inter pares," at least. Were we not so modest we would claim $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ to be "primus inter fraternitatis" at R. M. C. And now we state in particular our reasons for this assertion.

College honors, in the shape of prizes and medals, are comparatively few in number, and their paucity enhances their individual value; this fact accounts for the spirit with which students enter contests for them. The Phis succeeded in proving, to their entire satisfaction, that they were able to cope with any in the struggle for the first places, as the list will show. Brother W. C. Vaden, one of our '86 initiates, made the best record in College in the classics; and not only this, but he led the record of any one in any department, standing, as he did, best man in Senior German, Latin, and Greek. In these classes, and especially in Greek, the work necessary to win first honors is very great, and the accomplishment of the feat is quite unusual and worthy of great commendation.

Brother J. H. Riddick won the "Walton Greek Prize," the prize most coveted, in the literary department of the College. The honor was awarded to the student who should, in addition to graduating with distinction in the regular course, stand the best examination in New Testament and Homeric Greek and write the best original essay—not to be less than sixty pages in length—on any subject assigned by the Professor. The subject of Brother Riddick's essay was "Socrates as a Moral Teacher and Exemplar." The production was greatly praised by all who read it. Three-fourths of the members of Senior Greek—the hardest class in College—were Phis; all graduated with distinction. Brothers Martin and Riddick, in addition to this class, graduated with honor in German and Latin, respectively.

The highest honor in the College, in any department, is the "Pace Prize Medal," awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the Faculty, writes the best English essay on any subject assigned by our English Professor. Brother J. C. Martin, Jr., had the honor of carrying off the prize, a beautifully engraved and enamelled gold medal costing $60. His subject was, "The Modern Novel: Henry James, Jr."

There were other aspirants for all of these honors, but, as we show, the Phis were fortune's favorites.

Other honors, in the way of Commencement offices, were held by the chapter, but these we omit to mention, as they are comparatively common-place.

We had seven men; the $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, with nine men, won the Senior English prize and the Estill Match Prize. The $K\ A$, with thirteen men, had one degree man; the $\Phi\ K\ \Sigma$, with seven men, drew a blank, as did the $\Sigma\ X$ also, with five members. We are naturally proud of our record and hope to be enabled to sustain our reputation in future years.

The College now has 140 students, as against 110 last year. A decided "boom" seems to have come to us; six ΦΨs of long standing came up to the help of Virginia Γ and now she numbers ten men, a larger chapter than we have ever had. The increased number of students warrants an increase in the roster of our chapter, as desirable men are to be had in larger numbers. We may state, incidentally, that other fraternities were interested in these gentlemen whom we initiated, but Phi foresight and genuine Phi spiking won the day.

Professor B. F. Sharpe, ΑΔΦ, of Wesleyan University, has accepted the position of Assistant Professor in Natural Philosophy. He is very popular and efficient.

A fine brick gymnasium is being erected. the athletic ΦΨs—brother Moss in particular—are highly elated at the prospect of being able to take "Junior horizontal" and "Senior perpendicular" to their heart's content.

September 25, 1887. J. C. MARTIN, JR.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

FAIR promises from delinquents do not, in my opinion, amount to much, and I must acknowledge that Virginia Zeta has not acted up to her duty, in that only one letter was sent by us to THE SCROLL during last session. Therefore, we make no promises, but beg that our efforts in the future be taken as a witness of our zeal and good intentions. We are just at present in the process of organization and have only four members, viz.: two of last year's men; third, a former member of the chapter at Richmond College; the fourth, a new man, whom, after a close contest with several other fraternities, we snatched, as it were, *ex ore ac fancibus hostium.* He showed his good sense and judgment, of course, by joining us.

The names of our present members are as follows:

Lyman Chalkley, of Richmond, Va., who has attended successively Richmond College, University of Virginia, University of Berlin, and is now taking a course in Law at our University.

Brother H. W. Henry, of Staunton, Va., who is in his third year, and was taken in when the chapter was started.

Brother R. E. R. Nelson, who likewise is in his third year and was one of the charter members.

Brother Jno. Wesley Avery, who was initated Friday, September 30, 1887. He is also taking Law. Brothers Nelson and Henry are in the Academic Department. By the time our next letter comes out we expect that our number will be increased.

It may seem to some that, because we have not a larger chapter, we are lacking in energy or something else, but I think that when our reasons are known it will be agreed that we are about

right. In the first place, in a College like ours, where the numbers are small, it is hardly possible to get a moderate sized chapter without taking in objectionable men. There are only 140 students here and eleven fraternities, and only about sixty eligible men at most.

In the second place, judging from the number of men we now have in the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, we ought not to make the desire to increase our membership our highest object, but on the contrary I think we can afford to be, as we are, select.

Do not mistake my meaning and suppose that I think that numbers are not desirable, for I do not think so. A large chapter is in every way desirable, provided all the members are good men ; but when we cannot have both, it is best to be satisfied with a few *good* ones. Take as an instance the fraternities into which men are taken indiscriminately. It may be true that they take in as many good men as we do ; but then they get bitten and we do not.

I close with best wishes of success for THE SCROLL.

October 15, 1887. R. E. R. NELSON.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THE fall term has opened with an increase in numbers over any of recent years.

All the Phis that are expected have returned and have entered upon their new term with renewed zeal.

We lost two excellent men by graduation last year, brothers McDonald and Simmons. The fight over new men by the fraternities is now the chief item of interest.

We have up to date taken in two, both valuable additions to our chapter—Messrs. Van Wyck Hake, '91, and Davies, '91.

At our last commencement brother Batchelor, of '88, received the representation medal, competed for by three men from each of the literary societies here.

Sept. 12, 1887. W. E. HEADEN.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THE Reporter has carefully compiled the following table of honors taken at Vanderbilt during the session of '86–'87. There may be a few inaccuracies, owing to the absence of complete records during vacation—if so they will be corrected in the next report. The arrangement is, as far as possible, in the order of importance.

INSTRUCTORS FOR '87-'88.

This list includes only those appointed as the result of their work as students of this University.

Instructor in Engng.—Thornburg, *B Θ Π*; instructor in English—W. R. Sims, *Φ Δ Θ*; instructor in Mathematics—Claude Waller, *Φ Δ Θ*; instructor in German—Waller Deering, *Φ Δ Θ*; Assistant in German—John H. Watkins, *Φ Δ Θ*; instructor in Greek—Ferrell, *B Θ Π*; instructor in Latin—Snyder, *X Φ*; instructor in History—Branham, *B Θ Π*; instructor in Technology—Hume, *B Θ Π*; ass't in Laboratory—Hollingshed, non frat.

Φ Δ Θ, *B Θ Π*, and (?) *X Φ* each have a lecturer of this kind in the Medical Dept. This probably completes the list, although, as the fraternities seldom work in the Medical and Dental Departments, other non frats. may be found in them.

Medals and Prizes.

Founder's Academic Medal ($50)—Chambers Kellar, *Φ Δ Θ*.
Faculty Representative—Chambers Kellar, *Φ Δ Θ*.
Crawford Scholarship ($100)—Stewart Brooks, *Φ Δ Θ*.
Founder's Law Medal ($50) Carlisle, *X Φ*.
Founder's Engng. Medal ($50)—Hume, *B Θ Π*.
Founder's Pharmaceutical Medal ($50)—Davis, *B Θ Π*.
Founder's Oratorical Medal ($50)—Barthell, *K A*.
Young Oratorical Medal ($50)—Reid, *K A*.
Founder's Medical Medal ($50)—Brown, *K Σ* (?).
Founder's Biblical Medal ($50)—Crymes, non frat.
Founder's Dental Medal ($50)—Hardaway, non frat.
Biblical Representative—Utley, *X Φ*.
Green Reading Medal ($30)—Chas. H. Wyche, *Φ Δ Θ*.
Owen Medal (Greek) ($25)—Bouta, *K A*.
Owen Medal (Hebrew) ($25)—Utley, *X Φ*.
Three Moot Court Speakers, *Δ T Δ*.
One Moot Court speaker, *K Σ*.

Elective Honors.

Class Representative—Snyder, *X Φ*; Alumni Poet '87—W. R. Sims, *Φ Δ Θ*; Alumni Orator '87—Allen Hall, *B Θ Π*; Alumni Poet '88—Waller Caire. *Δ T Δ*; Alumni Orator '88—A. F. Watkins, *Φ Δ Θ*.

Degrees.

Φ Δ Θ. B. A., 3, B. S., 1.—4; *B Θ Π*. B. A., 1, B. E. 1, B. L., 1, C. E., 1—4; *X Φ*. B. A., 1, B. P., 1, B. L., 2, Bib., 1—5; *K A*. B. L., 3—3; *K Σ*. C. E., 1, B. L., 3—4; *Δ T Δ*. B. L., 4—4; Non frat. B. E., 1, B. L., 3, Bib., 4—8. Total (omitting 81 M. Ds., 18 D. D. Ss., and 13 Ph. Gs.), 32.

School Graduates.

For special higher work in a school: Ml. Phil.—W. R. Sims,

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Greek—W. H. Witt, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Greek—Branham, $B \Theta \Pi$; Nat. Hist. and Geol.—Kirkpatrick, $B \Theta \Pi$; Nat. Hist. and Geol.—Donaldson, non frat.

M. A. CERTIFICATES.

For completing the M. A. course in any one school: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 22; $B \Theta \Pi$, 8; $K A$, 5; $X \Phi$, 4; $K \Sigma$, 2; Non frat. 4; Total, 45.

It has already been mentioned that the fraternities seldom work in the Medical and Dental Departments, which are situated some distance from the rest of the University. An examination of the above list will show that, with the exception of these two departments, the fraternities have taken nearly 95 per cent. of the honors of the University, showing that they nearly monopolize the brains of the institution—a remarkable fact when we remember that only about one-third of the students are to be found in the fraternities.

Another noticeable fact is that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ leads the list, closely followed by $B \Theta \Pi$—these two having distanced all other competitors.

Aug. 25, 1887. STEWART BROOKS.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The commencement exercises took place in August; our short vacation of two weeks is ended, and our boys have buckled down to another term's hard studying. Our men carried off six medals and several diplomas, and also took the lead in the athletic sports. We had brief visits from several of our alumni members this summer, viz., brothers Pearson, C. S., Smith, D. B., Smith, L., Cunningham, P. and H., and Hodgson. They were given a reception at our hall a few days before their departure.

Three new men were initiated in August.

Brother J. R. Pearson, one of our oldest and most esteemed members, will finish here in December. Brother Wheat also finishes then.

Brother J. B. Haden will represent the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the coming contest for the medal for declamation in the Pi Omega Literary Society.

September 11, 1887. RANDOLPH BUCK.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSTY OF ALABAMA.

ALTHOUGH we did not have a letter from this chapter for the September issue, it was not on account of a lack of interest, or from any defeats that we have received; for we can assure the fraternity that Alabama Alpha is now in a flourishing condition, just as she always has been. Our chapter numbers twenty-nine

in all—twenty-six in the Academic and three in the Law department. We have nineteen old members, and we have taken in ten new men—eight by initiation and two by affiliation. We are glad to have brothers McLeod and McIntyre, formerly of Alabama Beta, with us this year.

We feel confident $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ will not fall behind in the Law department while we are represented by such men as McLeod, McIntyre and Street.

October 8, 1887. M. J. McADORY.

ALABAMA GAMMA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

SOUTHERN University reopened September 28, with a most flattering prospect for the most successful year of her history. I suppose she numbered on the first day nearly 160 students. I am proud to say that Alabama Gamma is on a *firm* foundation, and I trust that before many more years shall roll round she will be able to vie with any of her sister chapters. Phi Delta Theta compares favorably with any other fraternities of this college, having 7 old members back, and are daily expecting another, while Alpha Tau Omega has 7, Kappa Alpha 7 and Sigma Alpha Epsilon 6. I am glad to say that we have initiated 4 most worthy young men into our mystic brotherhood whom I heartily commend to the fraternity. The Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha have each initiated 4; and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon 1. We are greatly delighted to have with us this year brother J. M. Chambers, formerly of Alabama Gamma. But, on the other hand, we regret exceedingly that we lost one worthy brother by a most unexpected death. Brother E. H. Cobb was a most excellent specimen of young manhood, and a young man who promised to be an honor to the fraternity, and a blessing to his country. We will be duly represented at our State convention, to be held in Montgomery the last of this month.

Oct. 10, 1887. E. H. HAWKINS.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last many changes have taken place in the fraternity circles, and the session of '86–'87 has made a record that will be long remembered in the history of S. W. U. From our opening until commencement war raged almost incessantly between the Greeks and the Faculty; but an appeal to the Board of Curators last June turned the scale in our favor, and, at the opening of our present session, amid the shouts of the victorious Greeks and the groans and hisses of a few barbarians, who knew they would not have an opportunity to ride a goat, our regent announced that the clause in the catalogue, "No secret societies are countenanced" had been repealed. So, now, on an open sea Texas

Gamma unfurls her sails to a favorable breeze and hopes to assume the place among her sister chapters which her loyal members merit.

Last week we secured and moved into our new quarters, consisting of two elegant and pleasantly situated rooms in the Court House building. It now seems that each member has no other care but to see how elegantly our Phi home shall be furnished and decorated, and already we surmise that some of our numerous Phi girls are making us banners, cushions, etc.

This session honors are already falling to the Phis in our literary societies; having a president of each one, and on the staff of the *Alamo and San Jacinto Monthly* two editors, brothers Mood and Yarbrough; General Business Manager, A. L. Camp; and Assistant, S. J. Thomas. At the last commencement we received our full share of the honors and medals. In the graduating class we had but one Phi, brother Holt, but he captured the orator's medal—one that we now feel belongs to us, as this is the third time it has fallen into our hands.

We opened this session with seven members, six of whom are in the graduating class, and have since initiated two others.

Southwestern University is on a boom this year. The corner stone of the Fifty Thousand Dollar "Annex" will be laid Thursday with Masonic ceremonies, the Grand Master of Texas, escorted by fifty Knights Templar, officiating.

With brotherly love and many good wishes for Φ Δ Θ's success during the present session, we greet our sister chapters.

Sept. 22, 1887. D. EVANS DECKER.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE year just closed has been a prosperous one for Ohio Beta. We began the year with 6 men and closed with 15. Of the accessions to the chapter, 7 were regularly initiated and 2 were affiliated.

C. E. Schenk of the incoming Freshman class, who was initiated Tuesday evening, June 22, was the last acquisition. Brother Schenk has taken high rank in his class and will reflect credit upon his chosen fraternity.

During commencement week, we were honored by the presence of an unusually large number of Alumni Phis.

For the most part good will prevailed among the different fraternities last year, and fraternity feeling was not permitted to run riot.

It matters little to Ohio Beta of Φ Δ Θ, what fraternity claimed to be first in the race in the Ohio Wesleyan University,

last year. If one of our rival chapters at the O. W. U. ranked higher than our chapter, we glory in its prosperity; while, if in the estimation of the students we stood first, we have nothing but good will for our rivals.

All indications point to the fact that next year Ohio Beta will take up the thread of fraternity life as a strong chapter.

With tender recollections of the past and bright and happy hopes for the future, Ohio Beta stands ready to enter upon the new year.

June 23, 1887. A. V. EVANS.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

THIS year opens with eight loyal Phis, who will be in college the entire year. Also brother Sam Price is with us for a month this term doing some private work. He will be out teaching the remainder of the year. Brother Albert Leonard is doing some post-graduate work and will meet with us during the year. Near the close of last year we initiated three good men, all of whom are well worthy the honors of Phi Delta Theta. They are J. Cross Thomas of '89, Blacreek, O.; Edward H. Eves of '91, Athens, O.; Carlos A. Woodworth of '91, Millfield, O. Brother Eves is local editor of the Athens *Herald*, the leading paper of the town. We graduated brother Thomas W. Dick last commencement. We are glad to report that he carried off the honors of his class, and it was conceded by all that his graduating oration was the most masterly of all. He is now at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the State University, doing post graduate work. With this we greet all Phis and wish them success. A. E. PRICE.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

KENTUCKY Alpha entered the course this year with seven stalwart men to carry her on to victory. Right nobly did they labor for their chapter, and the harvest bountifully repays them. Already three men have been won to the white and blue. Brothers Baum, Campbell, and Mills are now bound to us by the silken chords of fraternal love and common ownership of our "William goat." But it would be doing the brothers of '87 rank injustice did we pass unmentioned the glory shed by them upon Kentucky Alpha, their foster parent. Brother Sumrall, in his valedictory, is considered and said to have made one of the most touching and beautiful tributes to our worthy president that was ever heard at Centre College.

Brother Dawson captured the Second Oratorical Medal for the chapter which he had served so faithfully and well.

Our College awards but few prizes, but of them Kentucky Alpha took her share.

In the class of last year we lost five true and noble Phis as ever wore a fraternity badge.

Centre College opened this year with her usual number of men—between 150 and 200—and since then has steadily increased. Kind feelings prevail in fraternity circles. Our strongest rivals are the *B Θ Π*s, numbering ten men.

October 9, 1887. R. H. WINN.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

IT is with great pleasure that I can say for Indiana Beta that she was never in a more prosperous condition. Since our last report another Commencement has passed. Although it took from our hall the smiling faces of four of our brothers, Harding, Martin, and J. H. and W. H. Cooter, still we look back with pleasure upon the success and honors bestowed upon our chapter.

On Monday evening, June 6th, one of Crawfordville's most brilliant audiences assembled in Centre church to hear the annual prize declamations of the Sophomore and Freshman classes. Of the eight speakers chosen four were Phis.

On the same evening the Junior prize essayists were announced, being brothers Wilson and Earle.

With the opening of this term fourteen loyal Phis assembled to put their shoulders to the wheel.

We take pleasure to introduce to our brother Phis brother Herbert Thomson, son of the Rev. Everett B. Thomson, '64, Indiana Beta, only member that remained in college during the war. Brother Thomson was initiated just at the close of last term. We also introduce brother W. H. Bowmen, '91, of White Hall, Ill. Both of these brothers are acknowledged leaders in their respective classes and will no doubt prove valient sons for *Φ Δ Θ*.

October 6, 1887. WILL. H. EARL.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

INDIANA Epsilon has begun the present college year under very favorable auspices. The College is on the increase in every way, and commences the year with an increased number and a fine class of students. Indiana Epsilon enters the Grecian contest this year with eight loyal men. We lost two valuable men by graduation and three brethren have not returned. Brother Monroe, of '88, has left College on account of his health, but, we are

happy to say, will be with us again next year. Brother Honan, of '89, has joined the ranks of Indiana Alpha. Brother Reynolds, of '90, has not as yet returned.

Last Commencement we gave our departing Seniors a farewell banquet and signalized the event by taking in two good men, Brothers Jackson, '90, and McKee, 91. Brother Covert, our province president. was present and assisted in the ceremony.

We have not taken in any men this year on account of the scarcity of new Freshmen, but our spiking committee is hard at work.

We will apologize for the lateness of our report by saying it was caused by a misunderstanding between Brother Brashear, the retiring reporter, and the present reporter.

We all hope to hear good reports from our sister chapters.

September 25, 1887. HAL. C. JOHNSON.

MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

OUR college year closed here on the 17th of August with as interesting a commencement as has been witnessed here in many years.

Among other features of commencement week was our Annual Phi Banquet, which was pronounced by all to be a complete success. The exercises were followed by a very enjoyable banquet, during which time toasts and songs were freely given. After the repast we retired to our hall, and with music, songs and waltzing passed the time "till the moon grew gray;" and as we left the festive hall we felt that the bond of friendship between the members of Michigan Beta had been strengthened by thus mingling with friends, and that we had received an incentive to raise the banner of Phi Delta Theta a little higher in the year that was before us.

Brothers Irving B. Bates and Core L. Himebaugh comprised our list in the graduating class. They were worthy Phis, and stood high in the estimation of the faculty and students. We miss their presence at our weekly meetings, but the influence for good they left behind them shall ever remain with us.

This term opened the 22d of August, and the Phis have been doing good work in securing new men. Already two—Robert Henry Stanley, of '91, and Ray Stewart Baker, of '89—have explored the mysteries of the Greek world and heard "the bleating of that goat." Other names are pledged, and we bid fair to have a successful term. We have at present eighteen names on our roll call, and they all represent good, solid men.

Phi Delta Theta holds the first rank among the societies and fraternities here, and we get our share of the honors both in the class-room and on the campus.

Brothers Lake, of '85, and Woodworth, of '86, are assistants here at the college, the former in botany and the latter in chemistry.

Sept. 13, 1887. CLARK HUBBELL.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

It is with pride and satisfaction that we glance over our year's work. It is also especially gratifying to think that, notwithstanding the fact we lost five of our brothers by graduation, about twelve will assemble at the opening of the college year.

Our thirty-first annual commencement was held June 16th. We were then represented by brothers W. H. P. Smith, Carlton Garlough, H. E. Crum, Chas. J. Barker and I. H. Pierce. Brothers Garlough and Pierce will remain at college, as they intend to graduate in the classical course.

One of the special features of our commencement exercises this year was the first Baccalaureate address, by Hon. G. F. Mosher, President of the College. He is a member of *Α Δ Φ*.

At the anniversaries of the different literary societies all of the Phi Delta Theta representatives did well. We were glad to welcome and entertain, during the closing exercises of the year, brothers Heckman, Prince, Richards, Deal and Chaffee. Brother Landon, of Indiana Alpha, also favored us with a call. All Phis will be gladly welcomed by the Hillsdale boys. Come and see us.

In regard to the matter of pre-freshman initiations, it is true that we initiated three "preps" last year. We were guided by precedent and the action of several of our Alpha chapters, but it was before the sentiment of the fraternity was so strongly advocated in the SCROLL against such initiation. We heartily concur in these sentiments, and shall abide by that unwritten clause of our constitution that forbids sub-freshman initiation.

The Hillsdale boys who were guests of the Phis at Lansing during the Agricultural College "Field Day" were royally entertained during their stay, and before departing for home an elegant Phi banquet was prepared. The Phis at Lansing are loyal brothers.

Sept. 20, 1887. JAS. EDWARD DAVIDSON.

THOSE of us who returned miss from our pleasant chapter room many faces which time has made dear. Among these are brother Smith, '87, who entered Princeton Theological Seminary; brother Barker, '87, this year principal of Allens public schools; brother Richardson, '88, principal of Freemont (Ind.) graded school; and brother Hickman, who roams the wild West as a book agent. Others of our brothers we hope to see among us later in the year.

To fill the places thus made vacant we welcome once more into our midst brothers Greene, Chaffee and Palmer. With such changes we number thirteen active, loyal Phis, three in class of '88, one in '89, and nine in '90, all determined to keep our chapter where she has been for the past two years, at the very front.

The position of Michigan Gamma in the College is well indicated by the result of society and class elections and by the retention of brother Robinson as tutor in Mathematics and brother Barringer as instructor in the Gymnasium. From the present outlook we predict for our chapter during the present year sure success.

October 9, 1887. J. O. DUGUID.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

OUR regular chapter letter for the month of June was written too late for the June SCROLL, which fact we somewhat regret, as it contained a short review of the success of the chapter since its establishment, on January 20, 1887. Though somewhat late in the day, we desire briefly to let our sister chapters know of the good work done at our post since the reorganization of Illinois Alpha, a short notice of which reorganization may be found in the March SCROLL.

Our fraternity was the first which ever entered Northwestern University, the date being April 12, 1859. The chapter then established lived but a few years, when, with members of many of her sister chapters, the boys of old Illinois Alpha went to the war. A number of the members of the old chapter are now prominent business men in Chicago. During the time between the date that the chapter returned its charter and that of its present reorganization, five fraternities have entered the university, namely, $\Phi K \Sigma$, $B \Theta \Pi$, ΣX, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Delta \Upsilon$.

The present chapter was established on the evening of January 20, 1887, when the following members were initiated—Isaac R. Hitt, Jr., '88; Frederick Coe Waugh, '89; Harold Rivers Howell, '89; Evarts Boutelle Greene, '89; George O. Barnes, '90; Clyde M. Carr, '90; Will Clark, '90; Harry M. Hanley, '90, and M. Edward Fawcett, Garrett Biblical Institute.

The initiation was formal and took place in Chicago, with brother Wm. C. Covert as master of ceremonies. Some of the other Alumini who were present and assisted were brothers Wilbanks, Perry, Rogers, McGruder, Brooks, Thomas and McDowell. We came to recitations on the following morning wearing our pins, and it was a complete surprise to the entire fraternity circle at Northwestern. Many of them are still wondering how we managed to keep so "dark" for three or four months, and why they did not think of it before.

We are well represented in the management of the college paper, *The Northwestern.* Brother Hitt is business manager of the paper, and has made a better financial success than any previous manager, and he is also manager and publisher of the "Midsummer Edition" of *The Northwestern,* 15,000 copies of which were issued, to advertise the school. Brother Waugh is exchange editor and brother Fawcett correspondent from Garrett Biblical Institute.

The unmannerly snarl of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield,* which was quoted in a recent issue of this journal, and somewhat unnecessarily, so it seems to us, that we are "petted by few—and beloved by none," may be regarded as the weak penning of a mind embittered by a succession of defeats. Illinois Alpha lives strictly up to the standard required by $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and far from being "beloved by none," has within her brief existence at N. W. U. had most gratifying success in making friends of all whose friendship is worth the seeking after, and now stands in the lead, morally, socially and intellectually, exemplifying as nearly as possible the three principles foremost in the heart of every true Phi.

A reception to the chapter was given on the evening of March 25 by Mr. Curtis H. Remy, a good Phi, of Indiana Epsilon, now one of Chicago's leading barristers, which eclipsed everything in the line of fraternity parties given during the year, and was generally acknowledged to be a model reception in every way, and the members of the chapter are under great obligations to Mr. and Mrs. Remy for the elegant manner in which they and their ladies were entertained.

The chapter always gives its hearty support to all the schemes which call for *proper* college spirit and enterprise. The captaincy of the foot ball and base ball teams of both the freshman and sophomore classes is held by Phis. At the recent field day brother Waugh broke the college record for throwing the base ball, by making the "all real and majestic" throw of 347 feet. He is also secretary of the college athletic association.

At the elections of the spring term of contestants for the various oratorical contests for 1888, four of our boys were elected by an easy majority. Brother Howell, '89, and brother Barnes, '90, for the junior sophomore declamation contest, and brother Hitt, '88, and Clark, '90, from Hinman Literary Society, for the essay contesst, which is more than any other fraternity succeeded in electing for these contests.

Our prospects for this year are very flattering, and we wish our sister chapters throughout Phidom some of the same success which has crowned Illinois Alpha's efforts during its first year, and which we see awaiting us during the season of 1887–1888.

Sept. 20, 1887. Geo. O. Barnes.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

THE school year commenced at Lombard University on Monday morning, Sept. 12.

Never before in a great many years has Lombard started out on such a *boom* as she has this fall. Everything is full to overflowing!

The Ladies' Boarding Hall, which has been thoroughly refitted during the summer, is now filled with pretty lassies, and the boys are happy!

Notwithstanding five of our oldest members completed their course last year, and are now ranked among the alumni, still we have ten earnest, hard working Phis to commence our year's work with.

On Monday night, one week after school began, we had our first meeting. It was called in honor of our Province President, brother Miller.

That night, as we all mingled in our pleasant little room, there was not one of us but felt what a great and good thing our fraternity is.

That night we had a literary programme consisting of music, toasts, select readings and short speeches by the brothers; listened to an interesting little talk by brother Miller; then transacted a little business.

Our chapter room is as neat and cozy as the hands of our girl friends (as well as our own) can make it.

Books are found in our library; lambrequins adorn the brackets; embroidered spreads cover the tables; pictures of our Phi brothers, of conventions and of the founders cover the walls.

Thursday evening, the 22d, we had another meeting, but of a purely business character.

We sincerely hope that all the chapters in our fraternity can feel the success and zeal to work that our members do this fall.

GEO. E. DUTTON.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE University opened this year with a large attendance and encouraging prospects for a prosperous year.

At our first meeting nine loyal Phis responded to roll call.

The rush after new material has been very lively among the different frternities, but Missouri Alpha has taken the lion's share of the best men. We have not lost a man who has been spiked by us, and most of our initiates were spiked by rival fraternities.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Phi world six new brethren. All of them are enthusiastic in the work and will be an honor and a help to the cause.

Brother H. W. Clark, valedictorian of the class of '87, spent 3 weeks among us, and by his experience and good work aided materially in placing the chapter on its present firm basis. We are very glad to again welcome into our midst brother E. W. Hinton, who recently returned from an extensive European tour.

We regret to say that brother McGonigle will not be with us this year; he is in business in Kansas City and is doing well.

Brother Snoddy, ex-librarian of the university, is also in Kansas City, having accepted an excellent position with the Dunn Mercantile Agency.

Brothers Western and Dexter, Law '87, have been successful in their profession and are building up a fine practice in Kansas City.

Brother W. M. Clendenin, '85, lately appointed assistant professor of natural sciences, is filling that chair with much credit to himself and is giving general satisfaction to both students and faculty.

Brother D. D. Moss, assistant in chemistry, has proven himself to be an efficient instructor in that department. We are not content to rest with our present success, but have our eye on several good men who we think in time will make good Phis.

Missouri Alpha sends greeting to all her sister chapters, and trusts that the prospects of the fraternity at large are as bright as our own.

Oct. 9, 1887. R. T. HAINES.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

SCHOOL has not yet begun with us, but next week will witness the return of the students. How many of our chapter will return is uncertain, but at least nine are expected. We have one man spiked and several new ones in view with whom we hope, soon after the beginning of school, to increase our strength and membership. We anticipate prosecuting the line of internal improvement begun last year, and other measures are proposed which may be the theme of our reporter hereafter. Our prospects seem good, and we have reasonable grounds for hoping that we may continue in the successful course inaugurated heretofore, and which was so satisfactorily prosecuted at the close of and during last year.

We name the places and prizes won by $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ with some degree of pride. A Phi attended the State Oratorical contest, as orator from the I. W. U. Phis won the Crane Sophmore, Greek and Latin prizes, and both honorable mentions, which were the only competitive prizes offered in the course; the Valedictory on class day was given a Phi; and a Phi was acknowledged to have given the best oration commencement day. Three of the officers of

the college paper were elected before the close of school, two of whom, the Editor-in-Chief and the Business Manager, are Phis.

Our banquet, held during commencement week at the house of brother Chas. F. Snider, was all we hoped to make it. Some sixty sat at the table, among whom was a representative from Alpha Epsilon chapter of *B Θ Π*. The following relating to it I clip from the *Mt. Pleasant Journal:*

THE PHI DELTA BANQUÉT.

June 20th, 1887, will long be remembered in the annals of Phi Delta Theta as the occasion of the finest banquet ever given by the society to its friends, and indeed ever given in the city of Mt. Pleasant. The elegant and spacious home of Charles Snider was the scene of the young gentleman's hospitality. Three beautiful rooms were thrown together and the banqueting table spread its fine proportions in all, making in one room the Greek character, Phi. The parlor and large hall were filled with merry young folks from ten o'clock until near twelve, when the march was taken to the banquet table. When the doors were thrown open the scene that greeted the eye was only more luxurious than the odors that filled the room from the beautiful pyramids of luscious peaches and other fruit and great baskets and bouquets of flowers. The decorations were all in the society colors, blue and white. The center of the table was of blue outlined with smilax, and at each plate lay a carnation pink, tied with blue and white ribbon, and also most elaborate menu cards in blue and white, bearing on the first page the society emblems finely engraved and the inscription, "Iowa Alpha chapter, 1871, Banquet 1887, Chas. R. Snider's, June 20th." The menu comprised seven courses of every delicacy imaginable, and the third page bore the toasts, that were both witty and wise, with Will Gray, Toast-master. The delightful music from the fine orchestra overhead in the upper hall was varied occasionally between courses by the singing of the fraternity songs, led by Charles Blakeney. The young gentlemen showed themselves able vocalists as well as elegant hosts. It is not possible to transfer the fine pleasures of the evening to the printed page, but any who have known the exhiliration of social hours such as was the gift of Monday evening can in small measure picture the pleasure realized by every guest of the Phi brotherhood. Enough to say that the young people bade each other good morning when the clear rays of advancing day made the walk home a very safe one.

The *B Θ Π* gave a very pleasant reception on the evening of commencement day—June 23. Over a hundred were there, among whom were five Phis.

The *Π B Φ* society (ladies) more generally known as I. C., gave

a reception on the evening of May 13th, which, as usual, they succeeded in making very enjoyable. Our entire chapter were invited.

The largest affair of the season—in point of members especially—was the reception of the P. E. Os, a social society (connected here with the college) of state as well as local fame. Several hundred were in attendance.

We lost three members by graduation, brothers Blakeney, Willits, and Havighorst. Brother Willits, accompanied by brother Wilcox, '86, will go to Boston to study the ministry. Brother Blakeney talks of attending the Ann Arbor law school. Brother Havighorst has taken a circuit under the German Methodist Church, where he will remain a year and then go to Boston to complete his Theological education. As to the other members the opening of school, which will be on the 14th, will probably bring news.

Sept. 10th, 1887. ED. H. SCOTT.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Below is a list of honors and positions held by members of this chapter during the past year :

'87. J. D. Davis, hat speech, class day, '87.

'87. Wm. Suddards Franklin, assistant professor in physics, 88.

'87. (Law) Jos. Thos. Dickerson, orator class day (law), '87.

'88. Edward Adolph Wheeler, editor *Courier*, '87.

'88. Wm. Edward Higgins, editor *Review*, '87 ; orophilian orator, '86–'87 ; vice-president State Oratorical Association, '87–'88.

'88. (Literary) Ed. Curtis Franklin, assistant in chemistry, '86–'87.

'89. Vernon Lyman Kellogg, business manager *Review*, '87–'88 ; assistant in botany, '86–'87.

'90. William Allen White, editor *Courier*, '86–'87.

July 10, 1887. W. E. HIGGINS.

Last commencement week our brothers on the different programmes gained great credit for themselves and us. We were sorry to lose brothers W. S. Franklin, Davis and Dickerson by graduation, but are assured that they will be an honor to Phi Delta Theta in their work outside the college walls. Brother Franklin will be assistant professor of physics, brother Davis enters a college of medicine in Cincinnati, and brother Dickerson will practice law in Marion, Kan. But before these brothers left us we had one more entertainment as a fraternity. It was

held on the night after commencement, and was the most successful ever given by us. A large number were present, among whom were representatives from $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ and $\Sigma\ X$, and the following brothers: Ridge, Ritter, Brown, Mitchell, Smith and Wright, of Kansas City, Mo.; Gates and Sothern, of Independence, Mo.; E. F. Neal, Caldwell, Kan., and O. C. Billings, of Marion, Kan.

We were much pleased with the appearance and Phi spirit of these visitors, and hope that they will come again. Besides these we had with us Profs. Bailey and Nichols. The latter is a Delta Upsilon, and at the banquet table spoke words of praise of the Phis who founded our chapter at Cornell. We are sorry to lose this gentleman from our faculty, but his alma mater called him and he obeyed. We commend him to the Cornell Phis.

During commencement week a German play was given by students selected by the professor of German. Of the five gentlemen three were Phis, brother Finney being the hero, brother Liepman a laborer, and brother Higgins filling a minor part.

Before the year closed we moved into our new hall in the Opera House block. We have not been alone in our attempts to adorn it. Presents have been received from Misses Mamie Henshaw, $K\ K\ \Gamma$, Gussie Price, Helen Sutliffe, I. C., and Etta Hadly, of $K\ K\ \Gamma$. What makes these gifts the more acceptable is that they are the handiwork of the fair donors.

Through press of studies your reporter omitted the report of the chapter's entertainment by the $K\ K\ \Gamma$ at the home of Miss Laura O'Bryon, near Sibley, Kansas. The afternoon and evening were spent most pleasantly. We can say, without flattery, that the $K\ K\ \Gamma$s are most successful entertainers.

During the latter part of the summer vacation we added another room to our hall and a piano to our furniture.

Sept. 10, 1887. W. E. Higgins.

California Alpha, University of California.

Although California Alpha lost no members by graduation last term, our number has been reduced by four. Brother Halladay will not return until next year. Brother Parcells will perhaps return at Christmas. Brother Morgan, '90, who contracted a serious illness while surveying during vacation, will probably return at Christmas, if his health permits.

In the death of brother Norris, however, we have suffered our great loss. It was with deep sorrow that we heard of the decease, on the 18th of September, of our beloved brother. He had gone, during the early part of the vacation, to the southern part of the State, and soon after returned to his home, where he was taken with typhoid fever, of which he died. A true friend, a genial

companion, a faithful Phi, and a young man of Christian integrity, his loss was deeply felt by his brothers and by his classmates.

Notwithstanding our diminished numbers, however, our prospects are good. The freshman class this year is large, and contains many good men, of whom we expect to initiate our share.

The appointments of officers of the University battalion were made last week. In the Sophomore class, brother Parker received the highest appointment, while brothers Smith and Benton were also appointed. No other fraternity received more than two appointments in this class.

October 8, 1887. C. F. ALLARDT.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

PHI KAPPA PSI seems to think she is greatly in need of a song book.

THE Ohio State Convention of Phi Gamma Delta was held at Wooster in May.

THE "biennial conclave" of Kappa Sigma was held at Nashville, Tenn., June 27.

PHI KAPPA PSI has entered Madison University, and calls her new chapter "New York Epsilon."

GAMMA PHI BETA has established a chapter at Boston University. Alpha Phi is there represented.

PRESIDENT MARK HOPKINS of Williams, and W. W. Bennett of Randolph-Macon, died early in the summer.

THE New York members of Sigma Phi have formed a club and opened a house at No. 269 Lexington avenue.

OMEGA KAPPI PHI, a new law fraternity, was founded at the Union College of Law, Chicago, Feb. 25, 1887.

THE Delta Phi chapter, at Rutgers, has broken ground preparatory to the erection of a chapter house, to cost $10,000.

THE contract for the new laboratory at Alabama A. and M. College has been let to Floyd & Stephens, of Opelika, for $11,900.

THE State Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Auburn, Ala., was destroyed by fire June 24. Loss, $50,000; insurance, $30,000.

THE authorities at Wittenberg have issued a proclamation forbidding fraternities to initiate "preps."—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

THE biennial convention of Delta Gamma was held in Cleveland, March 29, 30 and 31, under the auspices of the State chapter of Adelbert College.

On Sunday, October 16th, during the President's stay at Belle Meade, Tennessee Alpha and the resident alumni, comprising about thirty in all, were given a reception by Postmaster-General Vilas. They presented him with a handsome gold mounted hickory stick, cut at the "Hermitage," as a souvenir of his visit to the city and State of "Old Hickory."

Prof. B. F. Meek, of the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, who has been in the city a few days, left this morning for Tuscaloosa, to attend a meeting of the faculty. Prof. Meek says the University will have a larger attendance this year than many preceding years of its history. Preparations for this event are now in progress. The outlook for the University is exceedingly encouraging and gratifying.—*Birmingham Age.*

Hanover, N. H., June 29.—The annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society was held this morning. Last year's officers were re-elected, with ex-Gov. Noyes, of Ohio, 1857, as president. Twenty-one members of the graduating class, having obtained the prescribed degree of scholarship, were admitted to membership. After this meeting the members of the society marched to the college church, where an historical address by Hon. Frederick Chase, of Hanover, and an oration by ex-Gov. Hoadley, of Ohio, were delivered.

Thursday, as Marion Davis, of Athens, was walking down, the street he saw a badge of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity on the lapel of Tom Cook's coat. Cook is a black, burly negro, and sported the badge of this prominent and influential fraternity in a most conspicuous manner. Mr. Davis is not a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, but is a member of the Phi Delta Theta, equally as prominent and respected in college circles. Knowing that any secret society man would take a badge of his own order from any negro found wearing it, Mr. Davis stopped Cook and demanded the surrender of the badge. Cook refused to give it up, whereupon Mr. Davis proceeded to take it, and succeeded in getting it from the negro notwithstanding his resistance. The badge was lost by a Mercer University student named F. D. Warren, and the negro claims to have found it.—*Savannah News.*

Of the fraternities here $Z\ \Psi$, $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, $\Delta\ K\ E$, $B\ \Theta\ \Pi$, $\Sigma\ X$, and $X\ \Phi$, Zeta Psi, which for years held the leading place, has been relegated to a lower rank, from which it will take her some time to recover, if ever at all. Chi Phi has the best all-round chapter at present, having by far the most homogeneous set of men in college. Phi Delta Theta would hardly receive notice, if it were not for the superior qualities of two of her Sophomores. Beta Theta Pi is a hybrid crowd; they have numbers, a considerable amount of brains, and an unlimited quantity of "gall."

With a little more sociability and less "cheek," she could hold a front place in the estimation of other chapters. *Δ K E* has a chapter unworthy of her general reputation; with the graduation of the present Senior class, she loses her best men; her future is dark, unless some vigorous and respectable policy is assumed.—*University of California Correspondent in Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

THE prospects for the university future are brighter than ever before. In numbers we are second only to Harvard on this side the Atlantic. One thousand five hundred and sixty-nine students are now enrolled. Fresh appropriations to meet our growing needs in every direction have been asked for from the State Legislature, and, we have good reason to believe, have not been asked in vain. The one want most keenly felt by the students, perhaps, is that of a properly equipped gymnasium. We have a gymnasium which is largely supported by student enterprise, and of which the students, not excepting the feminine element, eagerly avail themselves. But it is not such as we wish, nor such as we feel we have a right to demand. Accordingly an appropriation has been asked to supply this deficiency too. If it be obtained we shall feel that there is nothing more lacking to enable us to lead an ideal college life.—*University of Michigan Correspondent to Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

PERHAPS a few words in regard to the other fraternities represented here would not be out of place. As our college has never been very large in the number of students attending here, the fraternities have never been so large as in neighboring colleges, hardly ever numbering above twelve. *Δ Δ Φ* is the oldest and was established here in '41; they have ten men at present. *Β Θ Π* was established here the same year, and in '68 the chapter deserted to *Δ K E*; in '81 the chapter was re-established and has at present twelve men. *Δ K E* has five regular and two special students. *Δ Ψ* was established in '47 and numbers ten men. *Δ Τ Δ* was established in '82 and has six men. Our own fraternity established herself here in '75 and was re-established in '86, absorbing the then local society of Chi Upsilon, which was established in '84. We are on very friendly terms with all the fraternities represented here, and have been treated well by all. Although we number but five, we do not feel discouraged, but rather encouraged to make our chapter a united brotherhood, "many in one."—*Adelbert Correspondent in Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

PHI DELTA THETA.—An alumni chapter of this fraternity to be organized in Toledo.—It is quite probable that an alumni chapter of the Phi Delta Theta College Fraternity will be organized by the resident members in Toledo within a few weeks.

This fraternity is the largest college secret society in the world. It has about seventy active chapters in the leading colleges, and more than a dozen alumni chapters in the large cities.

With Toledo's rapid growth a number of "Phis" have located in this city as professional and business men, and it is with the view of reviving the old feelings and strengthening the mystic bonds that an alumni chapter of this society is contemplated. There are in Toledo and the surrounding towns not a few persons who, in their college days, were connected with this organization, and it is believed that a strong and vigorous chapter could be maintained in this city.

If the organization is perfected the society will probably fit up club rooms, in which they will meet for mutual enjoyment and for entertaining visitors to the city, both of their own fraternity as well as members of any other college secret societies.—*Toledo Blade.*

A CHI PHI HALL is to be built for Eta chapter at the State University. During the last commencement at Athens a movement was started by the undergrate and alumni Chi Phi to raise a fund for building a hall for Eta Chapter. The project was received with great enthusiasm at a meeting held at the Atheneum. Mr. J. H. Rucker stated that he thought the Athens Chi Phis would contribute a thousand dollars for the building. Mr. H. W. Grady and Mr. B. H. Hill said the Atlanta Chi Phis would contribute a thousand dollars. Hon. Peter W. Meldrin stated that while Savannah had fewer Chi Phis than any of the other cities, he felt sure five hundred dollars could be raised. Mr. H. V. Washington stated that he felt sure the Chi Phis of Macon would contribute five hundred dollars.

It was decided that if three thousand dollars could be raised and a lot purchased for about one thousand dollars, the remaining two thousand dollars of subscription could be supplemented by an issue of five thousand dollars of six per cent. bonds, which the alumni and Chi Phis will take as an investment. This would afford a fund of eight thousand dollars, of which it was proposed to pay one thousand dollars for a lot, five thousand dollars for building, and two thousand dollars in furniture and decoration of the grounds. The meeting of the Atlanta Chi Phis will be held at *The Constitution* office on Monday, at five o'clock, to discuss the matter and start the subscription in Atlanta. This movement among the Chi Phis will be productive of good to the University. If a club house is built by this society, the other secret societies of the University will probably follow suit, and it is not impossible that two or three handsome club houses will be the outcome of this movement.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

INITIATES.

NEW YORK EPSILON.

'85.* Albert Harrington Meads, Syracuse, N. Y., June 21.
'85.* W. Newton Holmes, '85, Staunton, Va., June 21.
'86.* Elmer Joseph Read, Bradford, N. Y., June 21.
'86.* George Washington May, Madison, N. Y., June 21.
'91. Edward Devine, South Onondaga, N. Y.
'91. Frank F. Gray, Elmira, N. Y.
'91. Benjamin F. Hammond, Syracuse, N. Y.
'91. Van Evrie Kilpatrick, Waverly, Pa.
'91. Joseph Reynolds, Watertown, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'88. William John Bell, Meadville, Pa.
'90. William Willard Johnson, West Middlesex, Pa.
'91. Fred E. Gundy, West Middlesex, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

'91. Hubert Elmer Volney Porter, Forest Grove, N. J.
'91. Frank Moore, Mt. Holly, N. J.
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PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

'91. Alban Eavenson, Philadelphia, Pa.
'91. Fitz Daniel Ermentrout, Reading, Pa.

VIRGINIA GAMMA.

Lucio Ware Hill, Locust Dale, Va.
Graham Heath Lambeth, Richmond, Va.
Daniel Norborne Norton, Richmond, Va.
Harris Lee Moss, Charlottesville, Va.
Warner Peatross, Hanover C. H., Va.
Wesley Carroll Vaden, Farmville, Va.
This last name was printed wrong in the initiates list, last year.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

'91. Van Wyck Hoke, Raleigh, N. C.
'91. Wm. Watkins Davies, Drapersville, N. C.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

James Murphy, Eutaw, Ala.
Thomas Vernon White, Livingston, Ala.
James Thomas Searcy, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Tim Miles Leatherwood, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Walter William Wilds, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
William Marshall Higley, Mobile, Ala.
Edmund Dargan Huger, Mobile, Ala.

* Alumni of Sigma Psi.

TEXAS GAMMA.

'89. Henry J. Bass, Abilene, Tex.
'89. J. Richie Mood, Georgetown, Tex.

OHIO DELTA.

'89. Joseph Fossett Hayes, Carrollton, O.
'89. Thomas Allen Walker, Greenfield, O.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

'89. Arch. Wm. Turner, Law, Columbia, Mo.
'90. Sam'l Anderson Megrath, Omaha, Neb.
'90. Sanford Francis Conley, Columbia, Mo.
'91. Chas. Joseph Babcock, Omaha, Neb.
'91. Herschel Field Martin, Kansas City, Mo.
'91. Edwin Webster, St. Louis, Mo.

PERSONALS.

MAINE ALPHA.

'87. O. L. Beverage is principal of the High School, Hollowell, Maine.

'87. Woodman Bradbury has entered Newton Theological Seminary.

'87. Walter B. Farr will enter upon the study of law with lawyer Haines.

'87. F. R. Bowman will study medicine.

'87. P. N. Burleigh will study law.

'87. R. W. Harvey is one of the editors of the *Waterville Sentinel.*

'87. W. F. Watson has obtained a situation as Professor of Chemistry and Physics in Forman University, S. C.

'87. E. E. Burleigh is now at his home in Houlton, Me.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

Brother Dawson is studying at Union Theological Seminary, and brother Sumrall is taking a post graduate course at Harvard.

Brother Hamilton and brothers O. D. and C. Grubbs are blue grass farming near Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Brother Lee, we are rejoiced to say, is banking here. Any pecuniary benefit needed may be obtained from him.

'80. Brother W. T. St. Clair is Professor of Mathematics at the Boys' High School, Louisville, Ky.

'82. H. P. Grider is farming near College Hill, Ky.

'82. A. G. C. Collins is practicing law in Seneca, Kansas.

'84. Will Sandige is practicing law at Burksville, Ky.

'84. F. W. Samuels is practicing medicine at Louisville, Ky., and also connected with the Faculty of the Kentucky School of Medicine.

MICHIGAN GAMMA

Brother Moore entered the School of Medicine in Michigan University at the beginning of the year.

Brother Sanford was admitted to the Bar, at Mount Pleasant, Michigan, in September.

'85. Brother Taylor is a member of a prominent hardware firm in Kewanee, Ill.

'86. Brother Prince retains his position as principal of the schools in Ulysses, Neb.

'87. Brother Crum is studying medicine at Hillsdale, Mich.

In Memoriam.

New York Delta.—ROBERT HENRY STODDER.

Tennessee Alpha.—ROBERT A. CARTER.

Alabama Gamma.—EDWARD H. COBB.

California Alpha.—J. A. NORRIS.

WE have just received the following :

Mr. and Mrs Nathaniel Baxter, Jr., and Miss Mannie Baxter, entertained last night, at their handsome residence on Spruce street, a number of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity of this city. In the embellishments of the evening the colors of the fraternity, white and blue, were everywhere observable, in the tapers filling the numerous candelabra, the china upon the tea table, and the ribbons draping from the chandelier above the table to a large placque of fresh cut flowers occupying the centre. The young hostess, Miss Baxter, complimented the fraternity by wearing also in her toilet these colors, the same being of rich white moire silk with blue trimmings. In the drawing-room was a beautiful floral piece, a shield thrust through with a dagger, of similar shape and design to the badge of the fraternity.

The guests were assembled at 8 o'clock and were soon seated around the tea table, where an elegant menu, consisting of all the seasonable dainties, was served in courses.

The company, as seated at table, were Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Miss Tomlin, of Jackson, Tenn., and Mr. W. B. Palmer, Miss Baxter and Mr. J. C. McReynolds, Miss Vaughn and Mr. E. A. Price, Miss Irene Russell and Mr. P D. Maddin, Miss Mamie Jackson and Mr. L. R. Campbell.—*Nashville American*, Oct. 28, 1887.

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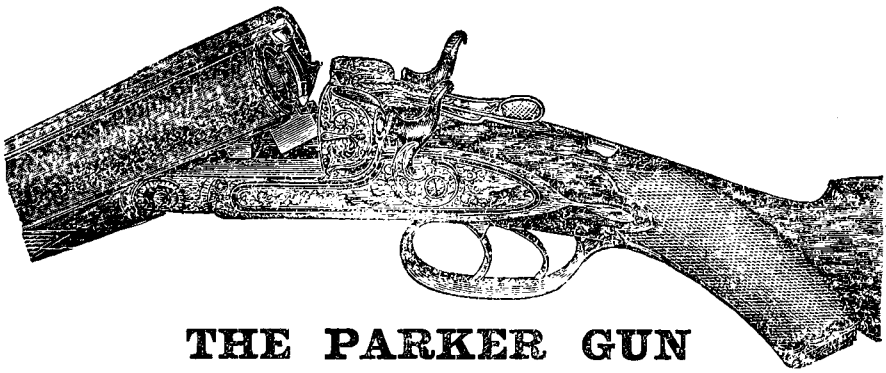

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Indiana Beta Alumni—Indianapolis, Ind.—H. U. Brown, "*Indianapolis News.*"
Illinois Alpha Alumni—Chicago, Ill.—M. M. Boddie, 46 Portland Block.
Illinois Beta Alumni—Galesburg, Ill.—J. L. Hastings.
Missouri Alpha Alumni—Kansas City, Mo.—D. M McClannahan.
Minnesota Alpha Alumni—Minneapolis, Minn.—J. G. Wallace, 318 South 11th Street.
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New Hampshire Alpha—Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.—G. B. Stavers.
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Tennessee Beta—University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.—Randolph Buck.
Alabama Alpha—University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—L. M. Hooper.
Alabama Beta—Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.—T. M. Watlington.
Alabama Gamma—Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.—E. H. Hawkins.
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Texas Gamma—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.—D. S. Perkins.

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Ohio Alpha—Miami University, Oxford, O.—W. J. Rusk.
Ohio Beta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O.—A. V. Evans.
Ohio Gamma—Ohio University, Athens, O.—E. H. Eves.
Ohio Delta—University of Wooster, Wooster, O.—F. A. Walker.
Ohio Epsilon—Buchtel College, Akron, O.—Robert Tucker.
Ohio Zeta—Ohio State University, Columbus, O.—F. S. Ball, N. Dorm. O. S. U.
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Indiana Delta—Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.—L. O. Stiening.
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Illinois Delta—Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.—W. J. Phelps, 231 S. Kellogg St.
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Kansas Alpha—University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—H. E. Finney.
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COLLEGE ANNUALS.

THE annual is pre-eminently the publication of the college world, whether issued by class or societies. It occupies a field wholly its own, without fear or disturbance, for no other publication attempts what it does. Every branch of collegiate and student organizations finds representation in its pages. If there is any which fails to deserve notice from worth, it will get the same amount in satire or ridicule. With the veracity of a college catalogue it tabulates faculty and student lists, and improves upon that magazine by giving organizations and officers, and omitting that attenuated "Table of Expenses" which finds a place in too many collegiate catalogues. It makes light the heart of the fraternity spiker, of whatever stripe, by giving his chapter's list and fraternity's strength prefaced by the finest engraving in the book. It opens the way whereby ambitious young may in after times, when leisure has become responsibility and love dreams turned to paternal cares, take down a dust covered, dogeared book, and with pride show to his rising generation that he was once rusher in the college football team, and short stop in the ball nine. He can furnish vouchers for the antiquity of his morals by pointing to the words which tell that he was once an officer in the college Y. M. C. A. And if need be he can prove that his voice, which has become uncultured and untoned, once entitled him to a place on a fraternity quartette. 'Tis true the annual has its extravagances, but they are expected, missed if not present, and give a more poetic tone to prosier contents.

From the most venerable in volumes to the young infant who for the first time makes his kick and splash in the annual tub; from the artistically perfect to the æsthetically nude; from substantial and well bound books to tissue-covered pamphlets; from five by eights to nine by twelves, the annuals of the collection which is before us are all in all creditable to the colleges which they represent, and the editors who have produced them. They are the *Bijou*, Ohio Wesleyan; *Palladium*, University of Michigan; *Cornellian*, Cornell; *Haberdasher*, Wooster; *Mélange*, Lafayette; *Blue and Gold*, California; *Pandora*, Washington and

Jefferson; *Comet*, Vanderbilt; *Lombard*, Lombard; *Gopher*, University of Minnesota; *Makio*, Ohio State; *Garnet*, Union; *Oracle*, Colby; *Aegis*, Dartmouth; *Gul*, Williams; *Onondagan*, Syracuse; and *Epilome*, Lehigh. Had Wisconsin Alpha, Georgia Alpha, Georgia Gamma, New York Gamma, and New York Delta each sent us the annuals which their respective colleges published, we could have had a list of twenty-one annuals in which $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ was represented, not including the *Palladium* from Michigan, which contains the list of the several Phis who were in attendance there last year. Never before has our fraternity been represented in so many annuals as was in this last year, and although in several of the colleges whence these come, our charpter is among the youngest, yet there are none who are more ably represented than is ours.

In these colleges we meet altogether twenty-seven different fraternities, besides a number of local societies, those met most frequently being $\Delta\ K\ E$ and $B\Theta\Pi$, each eight; $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, $\Phi K\Psi$, and $\Delta\ \Upsilon$ seven; $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ and $X\Phi$ six; $\Psi\ \Upsilon$ and $Z\ \Psi$ five. The average number of chapters in the colleges represented is a fraction over seven; the average membership of all chapters is seventeen and one fifth, while the average of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ chapters is seventeen and three quarters, being about as near the general average as is possible. In only one northern institution on this list do we meet a southern Faternity, that being at Lehigh, where both $A\ T\ \Omega$ and $\Sigma\ N$ are represented by chapters. At nearly all of the Western Colleges we find one or more chapters of Eastern Societies, the converse holding good with regard to the Eastern Schools, but in the three New England colleges, Colby, Dartmouth and Williams, $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ is the only fraternity not of eastern origin represented.

With few exceptions the annuals run in a nearly common size and form suitable for library and shelf filing; one or two are rather diminutive in size, while the *Comet*, true to its genius, has come to us in atlas form, and will have to be put up beside our old geographies.

Some are bound in leather, neat and lasting binding; heavy paste board and cloth predominate; a few hide their fair contents under the protection of very flimsy paper; while the *Aegis* has enveloped herself in oriental parchment, an expensive but not substantial outside. The blue and white covers of the *Gull* and *Palladium*, though heavy and durable, sail easily. For the greater part ornamentation has been left to the inside, but in a few designs appear on the cover. The *Onondagan* has a flaming design. The sun shines on the *Cornellian*. The *Oracle* invites attention by displaying a wizard burning offerings, while in the rear are seen representatives of the gymnasium, tennis court, boat club, and base ball field. The *Makio* gives us the same Japano

hybrid design of last year; while a fair winged figure in gilt, suspending a star from her finger tips, ornaments the sombre black cover of the *Comet*. Within there is an increasing richness in design and execution of cuts, photos, and engravings. The editors are becoming more modest (and sensible), so in only two are editorial portraits displayed as frontispieces. The *Aegis* board is modest yet self-esteeming, so have taken a position midway between the beginning and end of their work. The editors of the *Cornellian* have exhibited themselves merely to show that the example of the bank cashier can be followed by college students. It is on the last page, and represents the entire corps rising hurriedly to intercept the exit of the financial editor, who is making for the door holding in his hand a grip, labeled "Boodle." The *Comet* has found an entirely new plan, so in the faternity lists opposite each engraving we find the photos of the two editorial representatives of the particular fraternity.

The *Garnet* comes in a cover the color of its name, and is published by the fraternities of $\Delta\Phi$, $\Psi\Upsilon$, $\Delta\Upsilon$, $A\Delta\Phi$, $B\Theta\Pi$, and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. KA has but three men in College and is not represented; $\Sigma\Phi$, whose parent chapter at union was the third Greek Letter society of the present system, reduced to one member, is now charterless, while two stray $\Phi K\Psi$s are the only foreigners.

A campus view and photograph of one of the college buildings, a magnificent structure with nothing to identify it, forms the frontispiece. The Senior Class numbered twenty nine men, while the Freshmen enrolled thirty-two. The college is in search of a permanent President, and in the meanwhile Prof. Landon performs the duties of that office. Some new Professors are enrolled in the Faculty, and when a new President is secured it will complete a more vigorous policy which has been inaugurated in that conservative institution. New York Beta is prosperous, with fourteen actives, and Prof. Brown, an associate in the Faculty. She is represented in all the different college organizations. Base ball Director, manager of Foot-ball team, members of lacrosse, gun, canoe, bicycle, and tennis clubs, Junior Hop Committee, Glee Club, and has a good share of Class, Literary, and Y. M. C. A. offices. Only $B\Theta\Pi$ surpasses the chapter in numbers, while $\Psi\Gamma$ is the only one with an equal number.

In her review of the year the *Melange* takes pardonable pride in the athletic successes scored by Lafayette. In Base ball, out of thirteen games played she won eight; of those lost two were to U. of Pa., one to Princeton, and one to Williams; out of twelve games played, her Foot ball team won ten, scoring a total of 231 points, against 75 for her opponents. The frontispiece is an engraving of him after whom the college is named, the Marquis de La Fayette. Class and Society lists are preceded

by steel engravings, and photo engravings of the Foot ball, Base ball, Banjo and Glee Clubs are given. Pennsylvania Alpha is represented on all save the Foot ball team, her strength not running in that line. The chapter had thirteen men, of whom two were seniors. Δ Υ is a comparatively new face at Lafayette, while Σ Χ, who was reduced to five members, rumor says, has given up the ghost this fall. To each chapter list the *Melange* appends a schedule of chapters, location, and membership, thus giving total active membership of each fraternity.

The *Gul* is proof positive that the excellence of an annual does not entirely depend upon the printer. The paper on which it is printed is not as heavy as ordinary text book paper, consequently neither the printing or cuts, especially the latter, show to advantage, yet it is a most excellent annual for all that. It is a happy combination of the witty and sensible, of grind and gems. It is published by the Junior Class, a member of Mass. Alpha being President of the Board of Editors. The attendance last year at the college was '87 66, '88 60, '89 67, '90 95, of these 157 were fraternity men. The book is dedicated "To our esteemed Professor of Political Economy, who, no matter how many jokes have been inflicted upon him by weary Gul Boards, has even laughed at them all with the utmost impartiality and good nature." There is some fine literary work in the book, and the poet gets in a witty mood over his washerwoman in a poem of three stanzas, respectively "SPASM I," "CANTO THE SECOND," "THROB THREE AND CLIMAX," the last running:

"Man laundries little here below,
But wants that little right.
He does not yearn for divers things
That others' forms have dight,
Give me my own—and not alone
Undying thanks you'll earn,
But eke I'll square that small account
Some early date next term."

As to the representation in the different departments, brother Abbott was Senior Poet, Seeley Choragus, Richardson Junior Poet, Terry President and Blackburn Vice President of Sophomore Class, Mapes, '86, on public debate, and one of the Commencement speakers chosen by the Faculty. In the Literary Societies the Chapter has four Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, Historian and Librarian. The Editor in chief, Assistant Editor in Chief, and two associates on the Williams *Fortnight* were Phis. At the '88 Class supper in Albany the Poet was a Phi. In Class prizes the chapter won three, and four honorable mentions. In Athletics she was represented by President of the association, one of the two delegates to the N. E. I. A. A. meeting, Director of Foot-ball Association, and Captain of the Lacrosse team. Re-

presentation in the Glee Club, Choir, and Orchestra completes the good record.

The *Gopher* is a rodent visitor from the northwest, and her Vol. I. bow in the annual world is successful. She succeeds in what she aims—to show that the University of Minnesota, placed at the head of her State, is one of the most progressive institutions in the West. The frontispiece is a photograph of the still somewhat new President, Cyrus Northrup, formerly of Yale College. The University embraces departments of Literature, Science, Arts, Mechanic arts, Agriculture, Medicine, Law, Mining Engineering and Geological Survey. There is a Faculty of thirty-three Professors and Instructors, among whom are two Phis, and an autograph is given with each name. The Literary Societies must be prosperous, as two of them have respectively a membership of 98 and 111. The fraternities represented besides our own, are $X\,\Psi$, $\Theta\,\Phi$ a local, $\Delta\,T\,\Delta$, $K\,K\,\Gamma$, and $\Delta\,\Gamma$. Minnesota Alpha numbered eighteen actives and over thirty resident members in the Alumni Chapter. Brother Burnell, the only Senior in the chapter, was President of the Hermean Society, and Secretary and Treasurer of the Senior Debating Club. The President of the Y. M. C. A., Secretary of the State Oratorical Association, Vice President of College Oratorical Association, one contestant, and manager of the *Ariel*, the college monthly, were all Phis. The athletic honors were pretty evenly divided between $X\,\Psi$, the local, and oudens, while $\Delta\,T\,\Delta$ took her honors in Literary prizes.

Through the *Aegis* speaks the Junior Class, and through it Dartmouth College. It is a good speech well printed, and bound in parchment. The book mourns the loss the College has sustained in the resignation of Prof. Wright, and as a tribute to him his photo is the fontispiece to the volume. Class and fraternity lists are given in full, as the latter embrace almost the whole body of students, and engage in literary work; there are no Literary Societies. No little taste is displayed in illustrations. The list of "Aggies" is prefaced by a cut which demonstrates the first lesson in milking. The medics are toasted in a portraiture of the dissecting-room, whose ornamentation consists of an ax, saw, spittoon, a table burdened by a cadaver, and the motto "The Lord will provide." In "the suggestion for a chapel window, representing the death of Ananias." the stroke at Pres. Bartlett was plausible enough to cause the Editor in Chief and manager to be suspended unless the individual perpretrator was discovered to the Faculty. Happily the wrath of the day blew over and the offence was condoned. The *Aegis* has a poet who in song at least longs for a certain modern movement at Dartmouth, as the verses "Fem Sem" will testify. Possibly it is the same poet who rhymes elsewhere, but if so the subject of his

lines has changed the spirit of his dreams, and "Hanover Seasons" is the cause of it.

"From the time the Fresh appear,
'Till the Seniors disappear,
All the seasons teem with miseries by the
Band, Band, Band,

For the autumn streets are dust,
And it loads each passing gust
'Till we wade thro' worlds of choking, blinding
Sand, Sand, Sand.

And the Winter brings the snow,
In one swift heart sinking flow
'Till the streets resemble Greenland
Land, Land, Land.

And the mercury freezes fast
And forever howls the blast,
O! the happiness when spring is near at
Hand, Hand, Hand.

But when comes the prayed for spring,
When we thought all things would sing,
Then the streets are ankle deep with oozy
Jam, Jam, Jam,

And the grave Professors tear,
And the wicked students swear,
And from morn 'till eve the air is full of
Damn, Damn, Damn.

Who can suppress his admiration for those who piloted the *Onondagan* to publicity. Their desire to "keep it in the family" is shown by the dedication, which says

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But not a single editor has ever yet provided
For college students yet to be, and so we have decided
Towards generations yet to come to show our charity,
And dedicate this magazine to *our posterity.*"

It is published by the fraternity men of the Junior Class and is an annual in which $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ is represented for the first time by our New York Epsilon. One face formerly familiar among the fraternities there has disappeared, $Z\ \Psi$ having become inactive.

The frontispiece is a cut of an Indian maiden, bearing the tribal name by which the annual is known. We can congratulate the *Onondagan* in that the praise of her success is wholly due to Syracuse students. The Art Department has done such training that all the cuts were prepared by Syracuse matriculates.

The five fraternities, $\Delta K E$, $\Delta \Upsilon$, $\Psi \Upsilon$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, range in membership from fourteen to twenty-seven. The chapter cut of $\Psi \Upsilon$ is one of the best of that fraternity's which we have seen. The three sororities, $A \Phi$, $\Gamma \Phi B$, and $K K \Gamma$, flourish, and are represented by chapters of thirty, twenty-four, and nineteen members respectively.

Class organizations follow chapter lists, and in these the Phis are represented by Farewell, orator and Presenter to '89 on '87 Class Day; President, and Historian of Junior class and Historian of Sophomore Class.

An artotype of Dr. Underwood, Professor of Geology, Botany, and Zoology, is given, as well as a self-executed etching of Prof. Wells of the Fine Art College, each accompanied by biographical sketches. An illustration after the plans of their new observatory appears. "The building will be of gray Onondaga limestone, rock faced, with stone trimmings. The main building will be a basement with one story above it. The tower has two stories with circular stairs. The dome will be of wood overlaid with metal, and adjusted on tracks to move with lightest possible friction," the whole to be furnished with the best apparatus, the telescope having an 8 inch clear aperture.

The class of '87, Lombard University, have left their memorial in the shape of Vol. I of the *Lombard*, which, aside from lack of richness in cuts and engravings, compares favorably with others. But their absence in contrast with these others gives it rather a denuded appearance. In arrangement and literary matter it ranks among the best we have received, and Lombard students should see to it that successive volumes follow. The sole engraving is of Benj. Lombard, founder of the University, and is accompanied by a series of wood cuts and biographical sketches of former and present members of the Lombard Faculty. The Fraternities, beside our own, are $\Delta \Theta$, local, the I. C. Sororsis and Beta Gamma. Illinois Zeta has twenty active members, thirteen resident alumni, and the lion's share in class and society offices, while three of her members are on the staff of the *Lombard Review*, including the Editor in Chief.

In the *Pandora*, an excellent annual has been cut down in size out of all proportion, through a mistake of the binder, so runs the tale, otherwise little could be offered against the mechanical appearance of the book, unless to criticise the bad taste which was displayed in inserting various paragraphs and squibs on the pages between Fraternity lists, matter which in another place might have been appropriate, but there out of place.

The frontispiece is a Faculty group photograph, while still greater value attaches by the appearance further on of three engravings of Jas. I. Brownson, Wm. H. West, and Geo. P. Hays, names familiar and cherished in the history of the college. There

is a total of 135 students in the college classes, of whom 64, or not quite 50 per cent., are fraternity members, the number being about evenly between the chapters of *Φ K Ψ*, *B Θ Π*, *Φ Γ Δ*, *ΦΔΘ* and *ΔΤΔ*, *ΦΚΨ* drawing nine of her 14 members from the preparatory department.

An array of base-ball, foot ball, and other athletic teams are given, but they have not measured strength with opponents outside of their own college.

Pennsylvania Eta became a thing of fact just in time for representation on one of the best of annuals. The *Epitome*, as a prelude, says:

"If you the thoughts would read aright
Of those who wear the Brown and White
Read what is written here."

Lehigh has been growing at a remarkable pace, and, like most of the Pennsylvania colleges, is not blessed with the "co-ed." The attendance last year, including post-graduates and specials, was 369. Pennsylvania Eta here meets *Χ Φ*, *Α Τ Ω*, *Δ Φ*, *Ψ Υ*, *ΘΔΧ*, *ΔΓ*, *ΣΝ*, *ΦΓΔ*, *ΣΦ*, and since the issue of the annual the Crimson Halberd, a local organization, has become a chapter of *ΣΧ*. It is the only Pennsylvania college in which we are represented that we do not meet *ΦΚΨ*. The chapter has ten active and four resident members, and will continue a successful career for us at Lehigh.

In the Faculty there are thirteen Professors, one Lecturer, and fifteen Instructors. There is a chapter of *Φ B K*, of which Brother Fehnel, the only Phi Senior, is a member and Secretary. The college has rejuvenated her athletic association, there is an increasing interest in sports, and some athletes being cultivated who will make Lehigh a formidable competitor in the State Inter-collegiate association. In its games with other colleges the ball team failed to score any victories, while the Foot ball won four, lost two, and two were tie games.

The *Oracle* comes from the far east, and makes a good appearance, whether here or there. In size and binding it is quite like the *Onondagan*, but printed on heavy magazine instead of tinted paper. The Colby Freshman Class numbered thirty three, as against twenty-five the year before. The "Colby Almanac" is a neat idea. Thus: "Indications for '90.—Prevailing humidity accompanied by uncomfortably local showers in Fall and Spring; thermometer at the boiling point; wind knocked out; sun rise Sept. 9. Indications for '89.—Cyclones and Simoons, followed by thunder, lightning, and leave of absence; thermometer 196° in the shade; wind all there is. Indications for '88.—Bright skies and a clear sparkling atmosphere; no wind; minimum velocity—not too fast. Indications for '87.—Clear

and sunny atmosphere followed by clouds of future responsibility; moon full; thermometer all right; sunset July 6.

The Fraternities $\Delta K E$, $Z \Psi$, $\Delta \Upsilon$, and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have full representations in each class, while ΣK takes care of the ladies. The college rejoices in winning back the state collegiate championship in base ball from Bowdoin, who was as before her chief competitor. Good records were made in athletics at their annual Field Day. Maine Alpha sustains well here the reputation she has won for herself in the Fraternity, an active membership of twenty-one, three resident members, and as honors she held the Presidency of the Senior Class, class day Historian, Secretary and Treasurer of '88, member of Ex-Committee, President and Historian of '89, the poet and two members of committee on '86 Joy Day. In '87 class awards two first and one second prizes, with two honorary parts. At Field Day exercises, four first and two second prizes. Treasurer of Base ball, and captain with three other members of Foot ball team, a Phi tennis club, and representation on college polo, boat, and bicycle clubs. Not content with this the chapter hold the Secretary and two editors of the Colby publishing association, the Presidency of the Oracle association, first managing, one associate editor, and two special contributors; a record unchallenged.

The *Bijou* is not so large in form, but its pagination is greater than that of the *Oracle.* It is the first issue since that of '84, and is published by an association of the six Fraternities, the editorial representatives of whom have grouped themselves together to form a frontispiece, the only excusing feature of which is that it incidentally gives views of the college buildings. We opine that the alumni and friends of the University would prefer photographs of members of the Faculty, or some benefactor of the college instead of the personal display.

The Pan-hellenic banquet of the O. W. U. is memorized by a cut in which six skeletons are seated about a table, pledging their troth at the flowing bowl. Reference is made to the notorious "Richard III suspension act" by the representation of a large bug, labeled "De Pauw" lifting a water soaked individual '86 out of the O. W. U. pond. Statistics of late Transcript Boards and oratorical contents are given, in both of which Ohio Beta is represented—for the session of '87–'88 by two *Transcript* editors, a business manager and oratorical contestant. Athletics, which have been at ebb tide, are booming, because of new grounds and a projected gymnasium. The musical is one of the most flourishing departments of the institution. Besides concerts by the Musical Union, the Glee Club has done some good work. The military department is wholly under the control of the students, is prosperous, and the captain of one of the two companies is a Phi.

The *Makio* comes in her last year's dress, which has faded from a peacock blue to a yellow, and in matter of illustrations it is something of a composite from former volumes; but the result on the whole is good. One marked improvement is the absence of virulent criticism of the College management, which has been too much of a characteristic of the *Makio* heretofore. The book is "dedicated to the Devil," and the dedicators make the first illustration of the book, that second most important body, the Faculty, being given later on, together with a biographical sketch of the individual members. It is an excellently arranged group, showing in addition the three principal buildings of the University, which lack nothing in size and beauty. Full lists of Literary society, athletic organizations, and Class officers follow. In general make up and appearance the book is a great improvement over former volumes. For the first time since her establishment Ohio Zeta has a full representation in the Senior class. In honors the chapter had the Vice-Presidency of '87, Orator and Presenter on Class Day, Junior Oratorical Contestant, three presidencies in Literary societies during the past year and President of O. S. U. oratorical association. In athletics the vice-president of the association, catcher, and short-stop College ball team, two of the best O. S. U. athletic records, and a lion's representation in tennis club.

The *Comet* is one of the few annuals issued by Southern colleges, and the failure of Georgia Alpha and Gamma to send those of their respective colleges makes it the only Southerner on our list. It owes its existence to $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$, as it was through the endeavors of Tennessee Alpha that the project was brought before the fraternities and its publication insured. Its large chart form makes it of an inconvenient size, and we think future *Comet* boards will find it well to cut it down to regular form. With no predecessors to judge from it has taken for itself a high standard, and ranks first among annuals. It is richly and tastefully made up. The fine views of Vanderbilt buildings add much to the value of the book. The chapter lists of the seven fraternities, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $K\Sigma$, $\Delta T\Delta$, KA, $B\Theta\Pi$, $X\Phi$, and ΣN, are preceded by a sketch of the "Rise of Fraternities at Vanderbilt," in which our chapter so conspicuously figured. Tennessee Alpha surpasses all others in number of students, resident members, and total number of initiates, the chapter now having enrolled 175 names. The section on athletics is preceded by a view of the gymnasium and photograph of the class at exercise. Class and society honors are not mentioned. The Phis have the Treasurer of the V. A. A., short stop (captain), catcher, and R. F. of base-ball team, Manager and Treasurer of Tennis Club, and four members of foot-ball team. At the annual field day exercises $\Delta T\Delta$ secured a majority of all the prizes given.

The *Haberdasher* is merely a substitute in the absence of the index, published through the enterprise of two students, one a ΣX the other a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. It gives a full account of college organizations, has a fair department of miscellany, and succeeds well in absence of a more ornate publication.

Without doubt the *Cornellian* surpasses in richness and elegance, probably in contents, any of the others received, no matter how much we may have praised them. Published by the students of one of our greatest Universities, its standard is entirely in keeping with it. The excellent character of the illustrations not less than any one thing else entitle it to the rank we have given it. They are the work of Cornell students, and are open to little criticism. Besides the various other illustrations there are given photographs of Prof. Schaeffer, formerly dean of the Faculty, now president of Iowa State University; Prof. R. H. Thurston, Director of Sibley College of Engineering; Hiram Corson, Professor of English Literature and Rhetoric; and a group of the Professors connected with the Engineering Department. The College calendar gives the total number of students for the last year as 829, of whom 497 are from New York State, Pennsylvania and Ohio being second and third, with 54 and 53 respectively. Thirteen fraternities are represented, which includes $K A \Theta$ and $K K \Gamma$ of the ladies, and not $\Theta N E$, the Sophomore society. An enumeration of the various organizations and societies would be too lengthy. Of course it glories in Cornell's success in athletics.

The department of miscellany is rich in good things. The following illustrated poem is good:

"I have sent Angelina to-night
A Jacqueminot rose bouquet.
At the hall I shall keep her in sight;
I have sent Angelina to-night
A Jacqueminot bouquet.

"My watch is ticking to-night
At Isaac's across the way.
Oh, well; let my heart be light!
Out care, sad thoughts away!

"At the hall I shall keep her in sight,
My chain will make a display.
I have sent Angelina to-night
A Jacqueminot rose bouquet."

The finale, a cut showing the influence of "Boodle" has already been spoken of.

New York Alpha appears in the fraternity list as last, not dating from founding, but from re-estabishment. The chapter is well represented, had two of the Cornell competitors at the

Inter-Collegiate athletic meeting, a member of her champion ball team, while editor-in-chief of the *Era* was a Phi.

The *Palladium* this year dedicates its frontispiece to Judge T. M. Cooley, long endeared to every friend of Michigan University and now familiar to every one by his connection with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It is published by an association composed of $X\,\Psi$, $A\,\Delta\,\Phi$, $\Delta\,K\,E$, $\Sigma\,\Phi$, $Z\,\Psi$, $\Psi\,\Upsilon$, $B\,\Theta\,\Pi$, $\Phi\,K\,\Psi$, and $\Delta\,T\,\Delta$, while those not in the association represented in it are $\Gamma\,\Phi\,B$, $\Delta\,\Gamma$, the Sorosis, $\Sigma\,X$, $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$, $N\,\Sigma\,N$, $\Delta\,\Sigma\,\Delta$, and $\Phi\,X$. $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$ has a list of five members, and $X\,\Phi$ of three. $\Phi\,\Gamma\,\Delta$ and $\Delta\,\Upsilon$ are not represented at all.

There runs a nice prologue.

"Suppose some years have fled,
And you with age's wintry head,
Have found this book all worn and faded,
And in its pages, musing, read.

The past comes back, the golden time
Of student life in all its prime,
The campus and the walks elm-shaded,
The echoes of the mellow chime.

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You turn the leaves and back to mind
The records of your classmates wind;
Of Tom who cut—of Jack who studied,
The joke on this, on that the grind.

The routs that kept till daylight fell;
The jolly glees you knew so well;
The circling wine-cups crowned and ruddied
With all good-fellowship's own spell.

Ah, then we lived! perchance you sigh,
'How swift the passing years go by!'
And so the dingy book you cherish
And from the past new mem'ries spy.

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We must grow old—yes, that we know
And at our time the years move slow,
But, natheless let the book not perish,
Our year will soon be, long ago!"

The steel engraved invitations of the '88 Fraternity Hop, with group photograph of the committee adorns the book well. There is an interesting "Short History of the University of Michigan." In looking over the list of *Palladium* editors we find that $\Phi\,\Delta\,\Theta$ was represente don those of '66, '67, '68, and '69.

The *Blue and Gold* comes from farther west than the *Oracle* from east, and is fully worthy of the University from which it hails. Bound in a flexible blue leather cover, it comprises many well arranged features. It gives views of interiors of University of California buildings, as well as two general views, including four college buildings, concerning which the only occasion for complaint is that there is nothing by which their identity can be established. Since the re-organization of California Alpha, ΣX has been newly established, and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ newly revived.

Our chapter flourishes with four members of the Faculty, fourteen actives, and a representation in all the student and college enterprises.

Their work accomplished, their undertaking so nearly at an end, either because disheartened by the herculean task, or with an ambition fully satiated, few of the editors have tarried long to say good-bye. In several cartoons of various descriptions portray the close; a frantic appeal to "patronize those who patronize us" is the farewell of the majority; one or two pause to give advice both to readers and to succeeding editorial boards. There is expressed the wish: "May the arrows in your quiver be barbed with mirth, not malice, and may every spot you strike be a centre of good natured joyous fun. * * * * Go forth trusting to the rectitude of your own purpose. Seek not the favor of any, but the good of all. Accept harsh criticism with good grace, and indulgent commendation with becoming modesty. And if you have added one to the joys or taken one from the cares of student life, be satisfied, and know that your mission is accomplished." Another says in an (adapted) epilogue, "All the expected good we are like to hear for this book at this time, is only in the merciful construction of good women; for such we surely hold them. If they smile and say, 'twill do, I know, within awhile all the best men are ours; for 'tis ill hap, if they hold, when their ladies bid them clap." A few have closed their volume bequeathing us neither retrospections or aspirations.

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'Tis like a play. There is an abundance of display, and a good deal of the false to represent the true. Some characters delight you, and strike the chord of sympathy; others are commonplace, coming and going to fill the space. But when 'tis done through mingled praise and criticism, your judgment says "well done."

J. E. Brown.

OLD FRATERNITY RECORDS.

Collected and Arranged for Publication by W. B. Palmer.

In the October and November numbers of the Scroll, installments of old fraternity records extending over several years were

published. The receipt of additional records makes it necessary to break the chronological order, and go back to 1848. Most of the letters now presented were kindly furnished by Mr. A. Wilson, of Liberty, Ind., a brother of J. McM. Wilson, deceased, who was one of the founders of Phi Delta Theta. Rev. Robert Morrison has been kind enough to make another search among his papers and produce several additional documents of value. To Messrs. Frank B. Foster and F. N. Lee, of Indiana Alpha and Kentucky Alpha respectively, I am indebted for their kindness in forwarding to me the achives of those chapters for another examination. The first letter printed below is interesting because it shows how wild some portions of the Hoosier State were forty years ago, and because it shows the acquaintance that existed between Wilson and the Elliotts (who founded Indiana Alpha) before the latter matriculated at Indiana University. Every item of correspondence that is published has some bearing on the history of the fraternity, though it may not at once be apparent.

1848.

We left home on Tuesday morning, intending to take stage at College Corner, but were too late, so went on to Oxford, and waited for the ominibus to start the next morning. In the course of human events, we got under full headway for "the city," and with steady, cold breeze we arrived safely, except that we were almost frozen. Finding that there were no boats going down the river before Thursday at 11 o'clock, we strolled through the town, and then made a descent upon Covington. . The next morning taking our leave of Cincinnati, we plowed the broad waters of the mighty Ohio, scaring the wild ducks from their gentle sports on the placid waters. I spent most of the time upon the upper deck and in the fore part of the boat, so that I had an unobstructed view of the country all along the river. The verdure of spring had clothed the hills and valleys in living green. The hills, sometimes boldly jutting out into the side of the river, and again receding far into the distance, present beautiful and magnificent scenery to the traveler. Amidst such ever varying scenes we reached Madison at dark. This is considerable of a place; it extends along the river about one mile and a half, as near as I could guess, and half a mile back, with long curved streets running parallel to the Ohio. Here we saw and rode upon the "animil" what's called a steam-car, for the first time. We jumped aboard one of them, and were soon sailing away towards Columbus. After feeding and watering the "animil" a few times, we arrived safe and sound at Columbus, about 12 o'clock on Friday. Just think how mad we were when the first thing we saw on landing at the depot was an advertisement stating

that a "hack" would leave for Bloomington on Wednesday. We began to look around for a private conveyance, but every attempt proved unsuccessful. We did indeed find one man who offered to take us out for seven dollars, and we bear his expenses; we told him we could walk for less than half that sum. So we came to the conclusion to take it a "foot back"—a distance of forty miles. We left our baggage and started on our occidental pedestrian peregrination. We had not gone far before I was compelled to pull off my boots and walk in my socks. Proceeding in this manner through an almost total wilderness, we stopped over night at a log-cabin, having performed thirteen miles of our journey. We started early in the morning, and reached Nashville for breakfast. Failing to obtain a conveyance at this place, we goaded forward our weary steps. Four miles from Nashville we struck the famous dividing ridge, extending almost to Bloomington. Proceeding along this narrow elevation, we looked out upon a vast expanse of wild, uncultivated forest, the habitation of wild animals. On each side of the road deep ravines commence, and getting deeper and deeper, they descend several hundred feet. The country is covered over with underbrush; the whole scenery is beautiful but wild. Well, about dark, being fatigued almost to exhaustion, we arrived at the "Eldorado" of our expectation, having made the journey in five days. After numerous disappointments we received our trunks about two weeks after we left them at Columbus. Well, I suppose you are tired out with travels, and would like to know something about the great University of Indiana. I have not space enough in this letter to give you a minute description of it. We are both regular built Sophomores, without examination: and I have no doubt that you could have entered the Senior class "jist as easy." They are not particular here—they have so few regulars that they will catch at anything they can get. There are six Seniors, about the same number of regular Juniors, twelve or fifteen Sophomores, and grammar school students innumerable. There are about one hundred and ten students here this session. As regards the law school, I have not yet learned anything definite, only that there is but one session in the year, and that is held during the winter. The professors are generally all well liked, and with what little dealings I have had with them I think they are very nice men. One thing I am certain of, they are more sociable and not so aristocratic, more "hoosier"-like than the faculty at Oxford. I have not yet had an introduction to Dr. Wylie, but what I have seen of him (and I have seen him out in the clearing rolling logs) I think he possesses more good hard sense than Dr. McMaster.—S. S. Elliott, Bloomington, Ind., to J. McM. Wilson, May 18, 1848.

1849.

Recived into the Treasury from Morrison, 30; Wilson, 30; Rodgers, 1st, 30; Lindly, 30; Williams, 30; Drake, 30: Rogers, 2d, co; In all $1.80. Paid to Morrison by order of Society: For books $1.00; For a box valued at $1.00, paid .80. Indebtedness of the Society, 20. In the Treasury $0.00. R. T. Drake, Treasurer.

Though this report is undated, it is certainly the one that the minutes of Ohio Alpha say was made March 6, 1849. for it includes the names of all the founders and that of Williams, who was initiated January 1, 1849, and whose "permanent absence" is recorded in the minutes of April 12, 1849.

You no doubt heard by Lindly's letter of my doubts respecting going to Wabash College. Since I wrote, those doubts have become settled into, or rather given place to, a decision not to go there. Many things have induced me to take this course, so unexpected to my friends at Oxford. The main reason is the different characters of the colleges. Centre is the oldest and most noted, and has a more eminent man for President, and has as high a course and probably more thorough, (but I don't tell these things here, for you know it would not do to let them run down our hoosier colleges). Wabash may be a good college, I should never have chosen it except under the circumstances as you know. Dr. Young called here yesterday, and I had a conversation with him about it. He told me that there was a strong probability of getting work there, as much as I wanted, and he placed other circumstances and advantages in such a light as induced me to decide to remain here during the summer, and work and prepare for the Sophomore class, which I can do very well. I have not succeeded in getting work here yet, but think I shall before long. I feel the loss already of the society of the Phi Delta Theta. I have imagined the pleasure of your meetings since I left, and have wished to be with you. But being absent from you, I shall still co-operate with you and shall endeavor to shape my course in life according to the noble principles of our model Board, and shall ever remember with the warmest friendship the six names signed to it, and shall take pleasure in adding to my list of friends any whom you may call from the crowd that is expected there next fall. I know they will be worthy or they can't be members. . . . What is the prospect generally? How many students now? How many *in prospectu*? How many prospective members of the Phi Delta Theta Society? Have the Alphas come?—M. G. Williams, Louisville, Ky., to J. McM. Wilson, May 1, 1849.

These articles of agreement, made and entered into between .....of the city of Cincinnati, on the one part, and Robert

Morrison of ..... on the other part. Witness: That the aforesaid ..... covenants and agrees on his part to fulfill the following provisions, to wit: First, that he will manufacture or cause to be manufactured from time to time, as the said Robert Morrison may direct, breast pins of the following description, to-wit ..... Second, that he will manufacture or cause to be manufactured breast pins of the above mentioned description for no other person or persons whatever. Third, that he will give or sell breast pins manufactured according to the terms of the first article above agreed upon to no person or persons whatever without the written order of the said Robert Morrison.

The above is doubtless a draft of a contract made between Robert Morrison and Messrs. Beggs and Smith, of Cincinnati, in 1849.

The college is still going on in the same dull, monotonous routine as usual; nothing astir, not even a breeze; no savage warfare carried on, no piling of wood or snow, or turning cows into the chapel, not even a bucket hung on a wire. This last circumstance brings sadly to my mind that one of the four is no more. (Does the writer here refer to the "snow rebellion" at Miami in January, 1848, and was he a participator in it? From what follows it seems that he attended Miami; perhaps he was one of the large number who were expelled for taking part in that affair. A. Wilson, the brother and biographer of J. McM. Wilson, states that the latter was implicated in it.—W. B. P.). You must indeed enjoy yourself where there is so much stir and excitement. It would doubtless have been grand, gloomy and peculiar to have stood on some elevation far from the scene of strife and combat, and beheld the direful conflict between the fathers of council and their rebellious myrmidons, and to have heard the soul stirring notes of martial music which led the valorous heroes to noble deeds of doing, to reap imperishable honor on the field of glory, and to gather fresh laurels from the hard fought battles of liberty. On the whole, you must be a "hard set." But still when I look back upon the many pleasant associations and delightful scenes through which I have passed at old Miami, I certainly say with the poet *delectat me collegisse*, "It delights me to have been at college."—S. S. Elliott, Bloomington, Ind., to J. McM. Wilson. First of letter missing. Written in the summer, probably of 1849.

1850.

You wrote at last; 'twas good too when it came; but how long was the time in which you did *not* write! Still my faith in your friendship was not shaken, even though in the interval more than once have I read Cowper where he says: "Connections formed at school are said to be lastlng, and often

beneficial." There are two or three stories of this kind upon record which would not be so constantly cited as they are, whenever this subject happens to be mentioned, if the chronicle that preserves their remembrance had many besides to boast of. For my own part I found such friendships, though warm enough in their commencement, surprisingly liable to extinction ; and of seven or eight, whom I had selected for intimates out of about three hundred, in ten years time not *one* was left me. The truth is that there may be, and often is, an attachment of one boy to another that looks very like a friendship, and, while they are in circumstances that enable them mutually to oblige and assist each other, promises well and bids fair to be lasting. But they are no sooner separated from each other by entering into the world at large, than other connections, and new employments, in which they no longer share together, efface the remembrance of what passed in earlier days, and they become strangers to each other forever." Thus talked and felt the poet, and can it be that his feelings in this respect should ever be yours or mine in regard to *our* college friendships? I trust not. *I* indulge in no such forebodings. I think our friendships are placed on a basis which through life, though we be widely separated from each other, shall last and burn, though with but a gentle flame. I am like the Irish girl with her lover ; he swore he loved her more than his own soul, his own life. "Ah," said she "the fires that burn so *fiercely* soon burn out ; I would have one to love me *little* and love me *long.*" These are my sentiments. I am, I suppose, of the cold blooded temperament. I cannot be so enthusiastic as some in matters such as that. I have been schooled a little by experience, and not now, as once I did, do I think the tree-tops reach into heaven. Yet cool as I am, I expect life to close before my love to some shall cease to burn (I said *friendship* before, but I believe with Thomson, that "True love and frienship are the same"). I know that the heart is deceitful, and that we often do not know ourselves, yet these are not the outbursts of an hour, but the sober expectations of many moons. Of course I do not expect that myself and friends will feel so *ardently* attached while we are unable often to interchange the kind offices of frienship as otherwise, but yet there is no reason to see why friendship should become *extinct.* You are aware that I was clothed with a kind of apostolic power from the Ohio Alpha in regard to Middle Tennessee, and I suppose it is now nearly time to make some report. Well, I can only report progress, and very little progress at that. Teaching day after day, and having to be constantly on the ground here, I was in a great measure precluded from any chance to explore the ground. I have, however, done *something;* but I find Nashville University at so low an ebb that for the present I deem it ques-

tionable whether any direct effort should there be made. There are some colleges in the state, but they must be better than the Baptist college at Murfreesboro to ever induce an effort of mine to plant out a college in their midst. I think of going to Lebanon next week, and intend to inspect the Cumberland University there. I am not predisposed greatly in its favor, but am willing to be disappointed if the facts are able to do so. In East Tennessee I cannot for the present go, and the western district has probably no good college in its limits. So here I am, and am not anxious to organize a Phi College in any of the second-rate concerns here. In the words of Williams, "We prefer death to pollution." But while this has been true of my efforts among the Juniors, I have been on the lookout now and then among the clergy, and have one or two in my eye for future attempts. I have thought it best to gather in some men of decided talents and good literary acquirements some distance from Oxford, and then by degrees get some first-rate men nearer home, and then get some one of them, say J. M. Stevenson or Sam S. Gallaway, provided they can be obtained, to open publicly the battle and fire the first "peacemaker." What do you think of this plan? It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can report a letter to you like the following. It is from Maltby's old esteemed friend and pastor, the one who ordained him to the office of ruling elder before he was licensed to preach. He is a man of fine acquirements and indefatigable industry, and perhaps the most successful pastor in Middle Tennessee. He writes to me thus: (The letter immediately follows this.—W. B. P.)

What do you think of that? Ain't he a whole-souled man? I am delighted with him, and am to spend part of my vacation at his house.—Robert Morrison, Poplar Grove, Tenn., to J. McM. Wilson, May 25, 1850.

Clarksville, Tenn., May 3, 1850.—Mr. Robert Morrison, My dear Brother: Your letter announcing to me my election to membership in the Phi Delta Theta Society of Miama University, Oxford, Ohio, has been received and fully considered, together with the Bond you gave me in writing. Allow me to return through you to the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society my most hearty thanks for the very distinguished honor conferred on me in my election, and to assure them of my full determination to do all in my power to advance the interest and to promote the noble and praiseworthy objects contemplated by their union. It will afford me pleasure at all times to contribute my humble mite towards advancing true friendship between man and man, to attain the highest intellectual and moral culture, and especially with the Bible as the only infallable rule of life, the sacred tie of true friendship, as the bond of union, and these principles to be kept sacred while life shall last. Please also accept my thanks for the

very kind and becoming terms in which you have communicated to me my election. My kindest regards to the Society and yourself. Yours truly and fraternally, J. T. Hendrick.

Theological Seminary of the Diocese of Ohio, June 1, 1850.—J. W. Lindly, Dear Friend: Your favor of the 22 ult., informing me of my election to the membership of the Phi Delta Theta Society, is before me. Please tender to the Society my sincere acknowledgments for the confidence which it has seen fit to place in me, I can but express my earnest desire for the promotion of the objects for which the society professes to have been established, and shall ever feel it a high privilege to unite my efforts with its members in furthering their important interests. You are at liberty to make such use of my name as is necessary to render me a member of the society. Feeling a sincere desire for its prosperity and success, I remain your faithful friend, C. S. Doolittle.

I left Danville for home—sweet home—about the first of June after passing the session quite pleasantly. By a tiresome journey I reached home after an absense of about three years. How changed alas! the home of my youth! Phi-ism made a little progress at Danville last session. We now number four, Messrs. George, McClure, MacHatton and myself. What we can do next session "remains to be seen." I expect to return to Danville next session; I don't know whether the others will return or not. There was no more material there last session; perhaps there will be next. . I shall have to support the dignity of a Junior next session.—M. G. Williams, La Porte, Ind., to Robert Morrison, Jefferson, Tenn., July 26, 1850.

There are now but three of us in attendance at college, but two besides myself, viz: M. M. C. Hobbs and Josiah Miller, the rest having graduated, except Woodburn who is teaching. Mr. E. C. Johnson has just passed through on his way to Wabash. He stayed several days, and the brethren, being called together, took counsel. As for the difficulty with regard to the law that exists there against secret societies, after consulting, we have concluded that it hardly deserves notice. He says a great many of the students belong to the Sons of Temperance, and probably some to other similiar societies; and we have concluded that if they can afford to tolerate them, they can tolerate us, also. From his statement they have plenty of the right material there. There are still but two of them, but I think they will soon elect another, and I flatter myself that we will soon have a respectable college there. And by the by, while I think of it, if you have any sheep skins to spare please send us one or two. Hanover presents an interesting field that is I suppose still unoccupied. I would be glad to hear of someone "laboring" there. We are somewhat behind

the times in views here. We would like to know whether you have any new members and what are their names and residences. I would be glad to know where every member lives. There is nothing with regard to the association nor those who compose it that is uninteresting. What are Drake and Lindly doing? Who are in the present Senior and Junior classes? And, by the way, be sure send me a catalogue, if you can find one about the old college. Let me know something about Danville; I have forgotten Mr. Williams' first name. Let me know where Morrison is, for I would like to write; and, in short, let me know all about those who are gone as well as those at college. I feel like I was starving for news from you. With regard to this new order, or grade, or whatever it is, let us know what you have determined on. From what Elliott told me I think favorably of it. There should be a body consisting of the graduates of all the colleges before whom all appeals would come instead of the Ohio Alpha, because sometimes there may be but a few there. But how to organize such a thing and what name to give it will require some of the *long* heads who laid the original scheme. But every one can see the necessity of such a thing. I am pleased with the idea of trying them a year before they be permitted to enter this second grade. Let me drop one word here. Let us keep as far off Masonry as the nature of the case may permit. I will enter my solemn protest against anything like superstition.—Nelson K. Crow. (not Crowe, as in 1883 catalogue) Bloomington, Ind., to J. McM. Wilson, November 20, 1850.

EDITORIAL.

[No attention will be paid to matter written on both sides of the paper.]

THE Song Book has now been out somewhat over a year and the sales to chapters have not been encouraging. Out of sixty-three chapters, thirty-six have not bought a single book, and to the twenty-seven chapters that have made purchases, only 103 books have been sold. Only nine chapters have taken five copies or more, and of these only four have taken ten copies or over. Pennsylvania Epsilon, 15, Missouri Alpha, 14, and Ohio Beta and Michigan Beta each 10, are at the top of the list, while New Hampshire Alpha, New York Gamma, Georgia Alpha and Beta, Ohio Alpha and Epsilon, Kentucky Delta, and Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska Alphas with 1 each, are at the end, which does not make the eye of the Song Book man, who has given his time and his money, sparkle with delight.

Come, do not neglect what is little, if any, short of a duty. The book was issued by your order, and it is your duty to see that it is paid for. No expenses of labor or money were spared, and those who have done your bidding now look to you to do your duty. If every other undergraduate takes a book, that will be sufficient. Let every chapter which has not already done so purchase *at least* five books. This is your plain duty.

THERE is a man in our town, and he is wondrous wise,
Whenever he writes the printer-man he dotteth all his i's;
And when he's dotted all of them, with great *sang froid* and ease
He punctuates each paragraph, and crosses all his t's.
Upon one side alone he writes, and never rolls his leaves;
And from the man of ink a smile, and mark "insert" receives.
And when a question he doth ask (taught wisely he has been),
He doth the goodly two-cent stamp, for postage back, put in.—
St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald.

Pattern after this man and make the Editor happy.

WE wish to inform the SCRAWL and all its readers that the Kappa Alpha shield-badge was designed and adopted before a Phi Delta Theta was ever heard of in the South. Our badge has been the same ever since adopted, while theirs was altered, if we are correctly informed, about the year 1882 or '83, and made more like ours.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

We wish to correct this mistake. Our shield has never been changed since its adoption in 1849. The only change ever made in our badge was the adoption of the sword, which took place when *K A* was only one year old.

WE regret our inability to publish in full the resolutions of sympathy and condolence which we are constantly in receipt of. Were the available space sufficient they would most certainly be produced, but under existing circumstances it is absolutely impossible. Last issue of THE SCROLL contained 60 pp., and then we had to cut out "In Memoriam" resolutions to the extent of over 4 pp. We have fully that much on an average. THE SCROLL is the largest monthly issued, and yet, under existing financial conditions, we have to suppress much valuable matter every month.

AGREEABLE to notice given in November, this and subsequent issues go to the printer on the tenth, by which date at latest all matter must in future reach the Editor. Letters which were intended but not received in season for this issue will be printed in December, unless other orders be given by the chapters whence they came.

WE have been unable to give a review of exchanges, inasmuch as the magazines have not been properly forwarded to our exchange editor, J. E. Brown, National Military Home, Ohio. Exchanges please notice.

THE appalling list of delinquencies elsewhere exhibited needs no commentary. For the sake of your chapter, for the sake of the order, pay what you owe without delay.

THE recent state convention in Alabama was a very active and enthusiastic affair. A second alumni chapter in that State has been petitioned for by the Phis of Selma.

WE will have an interesting item of news for our readers next month.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To Chapter Treasurers

I desire to call your attention to the appalling list of delinquent chapters appended below. The amounts, opposite the names of chapters, were due the first day of April last and should have been paid on that particular day. It does not answer as well for chapters to delay for six months or a year and pay their annual tax at pleasure. if so, the constitution should not have prescribed any fixed date for payment. This is no trivial matter, for the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is no myth, but a big concern, of real existence, and requires money to meet many expenses. Yet, more than half a year has elapsed and only seventeen chapters have paid their tax entire, and not one single chapter had its account balanced on the first day of April. Georgia Beta was the first to pay, her check arriving just one week late. Then came Ohio Alpha.

CHAPTERS IN ARREARS.

Maine Alpha,	$42 00	Ohio Gamma,	$18 00
N. H. Alpha,	60 00	Ohio Delta,	28 00
Vt. Alpha,	32 00	Kentucky Alpha,	26 00
N. Y. Alpha,	32 00	Kentucky Delta,	22 00
N. Y. Beta,	28 00	Ind. Alpha,	42 00
N. Y. Gamma,	20 00	Ind. Beta,	26 00
N. Y. Delta,	28 00	Ind. Gamma,	22 00
Pa. Beta,	21 00	Ind. Delta,	38 00
Pa. Gamma,	45 00	Ind. Epsilon,	22 00
Pa. Epsilon,	30 00	Ind. Zeta,	46 00
Va. Gamma,	14 00	Mich. Gamma,	38 00
Va. Delta,	12 00	Ill. Delta,	20 00
Va. Epsilon,	12 00	Ill. Epsilon,	18 00
Va. Zeta,	10 00	Ill. Zeta,	6 00
N. C. Beta,	16 00	Wis. Alpha,	30 00
S. C. Beta,	16 00	Mo. Beta,	20 00
Ga. Alpha,	18 00	Neb. Alpha,	20 00
Ala. Alpha,	66 00	Iowa Alpha,	30 00
Ala. Gamma,	22 00	Iowa Beta,	24 00
Texas Beta,	28 00	Minn. Alpha,	36 00
Texas Gamma,	22 00		

This list will remain in THE SCROLL, and as chapters pay up, their names will be withdrawn from the list as the SCROLL goes to press each month. I trust that no more urging will become necessary.

I beg that each chapter exert itself at once to send in the amount opposite its name, so that within thirty days more there will not be a single delinquent chapter.

There are several chapters laboring under very great difficulties, not entirely self-imposed, and to these the G. C. are disposed to extend their entire sympathy and lenience, but the large bulk of chapters are heaping a debt upon their shoulders and the shoulders of their successors which is entirely unwarranted and the result of sheer neglect and carelessness.

I would also caution the chapters not to send check of individual members, it always cost something to have them returned to your local bank and collected. Please remember to send exchange. P. O. order. or registered letter.

Very Truly in the Bond, S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

FROM PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

To the Chapters in Alpha Province :

BRETHREN :—The movement to change the time of Alpha Province Convention not having met with hearty approval, the date will remain the same as fixed by the last Convention.

Yours in the Bond. DUDLEY R. HORTON.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.*

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

OUR Chapter is every day fulfilling the hopeful prophesy of our Alumni. Fraternity spirit is at flood. Never has the literary work of the chapter been entered upon with more zest, and never since our knowledge of it, has Vermont Alpha been more favorably situated.

October 7th brothers Adams, Cheney, Hawley, Hogle, Lawrence, Leach, Mould, and Root, were initiated. October 21, brother Grow, also of the class of '91, braved the fury of our "William," who, incited by brother Grow's classmates, warmly welcomed him to the good fellowship of our chapel and fraternity.

We are eagerly looking forward to a new chapter hall, and enthusiasm is not wanting upon the subject of a chapter house for Vt. Alpha.

Brother Paddock, '85, was with us last Saturday evening and proves in himself that "once a Phi always a Phi" is not an idle phrase.

Brother Safford, '88, is still teaching at Hinesburgh, Vt.

Brother Sornborger, '88, is teaching at New Haven, Conn., where he expects to remain through the year.

We contemplate some chapter correspondence upon the subject of the initiation ceremony. Sister chapters please take notice.

Nov. 9, 1887. L. A. COOPER.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

REGISTRATION day, coming as it did so near the end of the month, no letter was sent in for the October SCROLL.

Of New York Alpha's graduates this year brother Morrison is superintendent of schools at Ausable, N. Y. Brother Lawrence is a civil engineer, with headquarters at Minneapolis. Brother Boynton has a very good position with the Eames Vacuum Brake Co. as mechanical engineer, and brother McAllister is engineer of J. J. Astor's steam yacht "Nourmahal."

Brother Dean, '89, has gone to Lehigh. Brother Esterly, Ohio Delta, has entered here as Junior.

* Between the 10th and 16th of the month, we received chapter letters from Me. Alpha. Mass. Alpha, N. Y. Beta, Delta and Epsilon, Pa. Delta and Eta, Ohio Alpha, Ky. Alpha, Ind. Delta and Zeta, and Mo. Alpha, which, to our regret, we were unable to publish. We are aware that our notice of change of date did not reach all chapters in time for them to comply with it owing to delay by printer troubles. In the meantime our arrangements had been made and it was impossible to change them. The letters on hand will be published next issue unless we are ordered to the contrary or other letters are sent to take their place.

We have initiated thus far four '91 men. B. F. Hurd, F. G. Gardner, D. L. Holbrook and C. H. Wheeler. All are New York State men. Besides these there are two Juniors and one Freshman pledged, and the good work still goes on. There are at present eleven men in the chapter.

The writer has been elected President of the Glee club, and in the coming athletic events Phi Delta Theta will be well represented.

As to our neighbors; we are at peace with all men. Kappa Alpha is installed in its new $30.000 house. Beta Theta Pi seems to be recovering some of its lost ground. Delta Upsilon has managed to secure a house, indeed we might state just here that the tendency of the fraternities here is towards having separate houses. As far as we know all the chapters here are in a fairly prosperous condition.

There are now over 1,000 students regularly registered in the University. The Freshman class, of 450, is the largest ever entering an American University.

Oct. 18th, 1887. E. A. DARLING.

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

New York Gamma has commenced the year with a membership of fifteen, distributed among the several classes as follows: Senior, seven; Junior, three; and Sophomore, five.

On October 25, we had the pleasure of initiating into the brotherhood, Frank S. Angell, '89, who is a student of high standing and will prove a valuable acquisition.

At our last commencement, Phi Delta Theta received seven prizes, a conclusive proof that the chapter still maintains and will in the future continue to maintain, its high standing in scholarship. Brother Carnes' successful competition for the Literary Critique Prize was especially noteworthy. The Second Honorary Oration was delivered by brother Lyon.

The loss by graduation of brother Winslow, the last of our charter members, has filled us with sincere regret. The fraternity has never had a brother more loyally devoted to its interests nor more zealously active in its behalf.

We are at last cosily settled in our handsome new apartments in west 23d St. Centrally located in one of the finest portions of the city, they cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to our members We tender to Phis who may at any time be sojourning in our city, a most cordial invitation to visit us.

The outlook this year is even brighter than usual. The active men of the chapter are in no wise remiss in seizing the opportunity offered by the incoming class for gaining many and desirable recruits.

From a literary standpoint Phi Delta Theta continues to receive more than her share of honors. Brother Palmer has been appointed to a position on the editorial staff of the *College Mercury*. The Eiponian Senior Society, whose membership is limited to ten, has elected two Phis to participation in the literary work of the year.

Nov. 5, 1887. S. W. DUNSCOMB, JR.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

FOR some reason the pen of your reporter has been for some time in a state of "innocuous desuetude," and since he cannot prove an alibi he would beg the clemency of the "powers that be" in consideration of this being his first offence.

By the graduation of '87 we lost three men, and the opening of the fall term brought back eleven of the brethren to begin the good work.

Soon, however, Brother Chalfant, '89, of Wooster University, having entered the Junior class here, affiliated with us, and aggressive work was begun.

'91 was thoroughly canvassed and seven of the most desirable men were "rushed"—five have since been initiated and the other two we hope to have with us as soon as they obtain parental permission.

We have been successful in securing more commodious quarters for fraternity purposes in a most desirable location—the whole of the third floor of the postoffice building—five rooms in all, fronting on the public square.

The Phis have received a full share of Senior offices. Brother McCaneaut is class president, Brother Neff will be magister epularum at Senior banquet. Your reporter is class day valedictorian, and Brother Sterrett is chairman of Invitation Committee.

Brother Robinson, '89, has been elected editor-in-chief of the "Melange" for the coming year.

Our meetings are interesting and well-attended. At our last meeting a "mock trial" was conducted with great success and attended by no little amusement.

HARRY L. MOORE.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

WE opened this year with nine active members, and from the number of new students we chose for Phi Delta Theta four, and initiated them into the mysteries of the brotherhood. We meet regularly at 6 P. M. Saturday, for a good social time and mental gymnastics. We derive much pleasure from your bi-weekly paper.

It is a matter of fact, that all the fraternities represented here look up to Phi Delta Theta.

Oct. 15, 1887. L. V. E. GOETZ.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

GEORGIA Alpha began her seventeenth year at the opening of the University, on the sixth of October, with eight old members. To these we have added brother Lane, of the Junior class.

We began the year with two places on the reporters' staff, the editor-in-chief and the business manager, filled by brothers Reed and Davis respectively.

T. R. Hardwick has been chosen to represent us on Vol. III of the *Pandora*. T. W. Reed has been chosen Historian and O. S. Davis Treasurer, for this year.

Our prospects are good and we hope to gain distinction during the present term.

Nov. 5, 1887. T. R. HARDWICK.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

On the 24th of last June the main building of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute was destroyed by fire. The general opinion was then that the attendance for the session of '87–'88 would be small, but to the great delight of all who feel an interest in this reputable institution, the opening (which was on the 15th of September) was more flattering than has been in the history of the college.

Temporary buildings have been provided, and everything is moving along smoothly.

The main building will be rebuilt as soon as possible, with all the desired improvements and modern appliances necessary to give thorough teaching.

Phi Delta Theta had ten men to return this season.

Out of the large number of new students she has initiated eight.

Of the thirty new cadet officers appointed this session, Alpha Tau Omega received eleven, Phi Delta Theta nine, Kappa Alpha seven, Sigma Alpha Epsilon five, and non-frats eight. Brother H. L. Brown is senior captain.

Oct. 28, 1887. T. M. WATLINGTON.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

The present session of the University began Sept. 28th. This date found Texas Beta alert and ready for work, and it is the fault of her reporter, solely, that she has not been heard from until now. We lost many good men last year by graduation, and others who did not graduate were unable to return this term. In the list of personals will be found the whereabouts of some of these brethren, and in my next I shall locate the rest of them.

We are pleased to again have with us brother R. B. Halley, who was out of college last year, teaching.

Brother Lansing B. Fontaine, of Independence, Texas, formerly of Virginia Delta, affiliates with us; he is a true Phi and we are glad to welcome him.

Texas Beta met with her usual success last session; out of eight possible public honors four were won by Phis, viz.: brother L. A. Carlton was Academic Valedictorian, brother C. F. Maxwell won the debaters' medal in the Athenaeum, brother H. W. Gilson was the successful contestant for the best article in the *Texas University;* brother P. A. Hawthorne, who won the debaters' medal in 1886, was representative of the Athenaeum at Commencement. Of the other four honors, two, viz.: representative of the Faculty and Valedictorian of the Law class, were won by members of the now defunct chapter of *K A*, one representative of the Rusk at Commencement, went to a Beta Theta Pi, and the last favorable mention on the public debate of the Rusk was won by a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Three of the five Academic graduates were Phis; one was a Kappa Alpha and the other a Beta Theta Pi.

There are now six fraternities here, and it is rumored that this number will soon be increased by two; but of this more anon.

Nov. 3d, 1887. J. B. LEWRIGHT.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

On Tuesday evening, June 21st, occurred one of the most enjoyable events in Greek Circles at Miami. Phi Delta Theta reunions are always enjoyable affairs, but this one doubly so. J. R. Spivey was initiated and made a valuable addition. Phi Delta Theta is young here, but is decidedly making herself heard. After a pleasant social time in the commodious apartments of the chapter, the boys sat down to an elegant spread. The "wee sma'" hours were coming and going ere the boys left the banqueting table, all declaring the evening most enjoyably spent. The following visitors were present: S. G. Ramsey, W. H. Foster, F. B. Foster, all of Indiana Alpha.

Fall term at Miami opened September 14, with seven energetic Phis on hand, eager to enter upon college work for the coming year, and to labor zealously for the advancement of the banner chapter of the fraternities here.

There is quite an increase in the number of new students at Miami this year over last, from which we have secured an excellent man, Mr. Edward Emerson, class '90, who was initiated Saturday evening, Oct. 8.

Brother Townsend, who left college last Christmas, has again joined the ranks of Ohio Alpha.

The Greeks here number: Phi Delta Theta, 9; Beta Theta Pi, 8.

Oct. 15, 1887. W. J. RUSK.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Year '87–'88 has been entered upon by Ohio Beta with the most flattering prospects for a successful year.

With her sixteen representative men of the Ohio Wesleyan University and fine array of Alumni, Ohio Beta may well feel proud, and rank herself second to no chapter of another fraternity represented in the University.

The life of the Ohio Beta has been full of vicissitudes, but she has steadily prospered. During the past three years the existence of the chapter has at times been imperiled by the loss of good men on account of their graduation or dropping out of school. At times her halls have been filled with transient men, and then again she would be left with but three or four brothers to uphold her banner here. At the beginning of the year '85-'86, but four Phis responded to the reveille of Ohio Beta, and '86-'87 called out but six Phis to meet the enemy and secure the neutral.

So it was with mingled feelings of pride and hopefulness that fourteen loyal Phi brothers assembled in the halls of Ohio Beta the first meeting this term, since which time we have added to our number two of the leading members of the Freshman class, viz.: S. E. Tousley, of Brooklyn Village, O., and Frank Rutledge, of Zanesville, O., both of whom will reflect credit upon their chosen fraternity.

Our only graduate of last year, brother W. E. Miller, is superintending the Worthington, O., schools this year. We predict that he will be as successful in training "the young idea how to shoot," as was he in instructing us younger brothers in the "Great Mysteries of Phi Delta Theta."

Aside from the usual excitement attending upon the efforts of the several fraternities to secure new men, the only event of interest to the general fraternity is the entrance here of another fraternity. Alpha Tau Omega has placed a chapter in the Ohio Wesleyan composed of four men—three Freshmen and one Sophomore. As it was known that this fraternity was making an effort to enter, the event did not surprise the Greeks. The men secured are good men, and we extend the hand of welcome to them, with the hope that the *Palm* may take deep root here and long bask in the warmth of this, the center of Methodism.

Let us now await the result of the efforts of Sigma Chi.

Our four Seniors have taken high rank in their class, as is

attested by the fact that they have been signally honored by their classmates.

Brothers Stevens, McCammon and Dawley are on the editorial staff of the college publication—*The Transcript;* while brother Coultrap is president of the Gymnasium Association. Brothers McCammon and Stevens have also been chosen to represent two of the literary societies in the coming oratorical contest.

Of the honors gained by others of the brothers, space will not permit mention. Suffice it to say that over work this fall has been such that the less enthusiastic are inspired with fresh ardor and the new are enthusiastic, while the general interchange of ideas and experiences have encouraged many enterprises which will result in the material welfare of Ohio Beta.

And now with fond remembrances of the past and bright and happy hopes for the future, we send greeting to all Phis and best wishes for a successful year for Phi Delta Theta.

Oct. 29, 1887. A. V. EVANS.

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Ohio Delta begins another year under the most pleasant auspices. Brother J. T. Morrison is president of Macon Institute, Tenn. Brother S. S. Palmer is now in Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. Brother F. A. Rice is in business in Youngstown, Ohio. Thus we disposed of last year's Seniors.

Brother W. O. Gilbert entered the Sophomore class at Amherst.

Brother Esterley is a Junior at Cornwell, and brother Chalfant is in the same class at Layfayette. Brother C. M. Mains is at home this year, but will return next year and finish with the class of '90.

Eleven responded to the first roll call this term.

In this issue of the SCROLL we take pleasure in introducing brothers Gastore and Keel, who took upon themselves the obligations of the Bond September 24.

The societies are full and doing excellent work.

The University enters upon its most prosperous year with an enrolment of over seven hundred students in all departments. The present freshman class numbers ninety-seven regular members.

Oct. 15. T. A. WALKER.

OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Buchtell College has opened very auspiciously, the attendance being the largest in its history. We lost five men by graduation, who are now engaged as follows : brother Kohler, together with brother Emery, '85, is attending the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio ; brother Hurry is in Schu-

macher's Counting Room in this city; brother Jones is at his home in Jeffersonville, O., studying Medicine; brother Olin is in the insurance business in this city; brother Pixley has purchased the *City Times* and the *Sunday Gazette*, both of which he is fast making the leading journals in the county.

We take great pleasure in announcing the marriage of brother Adolph Schumacher, 85, to Miss Abbie Soule, 85, Delta Gamma. They will make Akron their home, where brother Schumacher is engaged in business.

Brother Cussinger, '85, is the Democratic nominee for Prosecuting Attorney of Marion County.

The College Battalion is flourishing this year. The military spirit is represented in our circle by brothers Ed. F. Cone as adjutant, and J. A. Palmer as First Lieutenant of Company. B.

We are pleased to introduce to the Phi world brothers W. W. Howe,'91, of Boston, Mass., and O. C. Pixley,'91. The former is a brother of our Professor in Mathematics. He was initiated at the close of last year. The latter is a brother of brother F. S. Pixley,'87.

Brother H. H. Stearns, '79, who is at present the Financial Agent of Buchtel College, delivered a masterly and eloquent address on "Higher Education," last Sunday, at the Universalist church in this city.

Oct. 25,'87. ROBERT TUCKER.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The chapter closed the last college year in a flourishing condition, and begins the new year in better shape and with brighter prospects than ever before in the experience of its present members.

During last Commencement week we gave a banquet that was attended by seventy of our members and friends. The supper was prepared at the National Hotel in Bloomington. After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, toasts were eloquently responded to, Judge Byron K. Elliott, of the Indiana Supreme Court, acting as toast-master. From the hotel we adjourned to the chapter hall, where the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent.

We have at present twenty active members—three seniors, ten juniors, six sophomores and one freshman. Brother T. M. Honan, from Indiana Delta, has affiliated, and Brother W. E. Clough, from Ohio Alpha. Our other new member is brother James Hargan, Jr., who met the William goat last month. There is a marked improvement in our literary work this year, and the chapter is better every way. Indiana Alpha is on the boom.

Oct. 15, 1887. JAMES L. MITCHELL, JR.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

We start in this year with all but one of our members present to answer to the chapter roll-call. The November number gives something of our experiences last year and great success in permanently re-establishing Illinois Alpha. We believe that all good Phis will agree with us that our record thus far has been a record of which any new chapter might be proud. Our attempt to make our contests with the other fraternities as friendly as possible has been partially successful, and we trust entirely so with the majority of the societies. The so-called chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has from the start attempted to make itself obnoxious, simply on account of having to give up the honor of being the oldest chapter at Northwestern upon our re-establishment. We, however, never expect to contest against Phi Kappa Psi for new men.

The "spiking" season is well over, and we hope we have satisfied the curiosity of certain other fraternities as regards what men we would get.

On Thursday evening, September 29, we initiated Charles Sherman, a student of high standing and in every way fitted to worship with us at the shrine of Phi Delta Theta.

Last year our hall, though well located, was somewhat too miniature for our growing chapter, and we have obtained another much larger hall, which is also well located, and have fitted it up, so that we doubt if any other fraternity hall here would compare with it.

On Friday, the 28th, our three latest initiates, Brothers Fred. J. Farrell, '90, Stanley Sutton, '91, and Benjamin Buxton, '91, appeared in chapel with the stamp of Phi Delta Theta on their brows and a sword and shield somewhere on their clothes. The triple initiation was in every respect a good one, and the intrants will not hesitate to say that it was thorough. Some of our many Chicago alumni were in attendance, including Province President Miller. After the orgies in the hall were at an end, the scenery shifted and we found ourselves at Walker's festive board, where oysters, cream, etc., were interspersed with speeches by alumni, Phi Delta Theta songs and some very excellent music by the fraternity orchestra. After rousing the quiet hamlet of Evanston by serenades, sidewalk quadrilles, etc., the boys separated with the words, "The success of Phi Delta our sole battle cry" on their lips and renewed determinations in their hearts to be devoted, earnest Phis.

At the annual class elections we obtained the Sophomore class presidency, despite a low-lived combination formed to defeat us. No other elections of importance have occurred, but we expect to get our numerical share of honors, as we have always done.

Brothers Wilson, Earle and Tillett, of Wabash College, Indiana, visited us, and their visit did all the boys good. We extend the heartiest invitation to any of our brothers to call on us if they are in Chicago, and we will do our best to welcome them at the hearth of Illinois Alpha.

Nov. 1, 1887. FRED. C. WAUGH.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The chapter announces the fall term with the loss of many of our members. Brother R. A. Eaton has located at Devil's Lake, Dak.; brother Miller at Chicago; brothers Wright, Prince and Pollock are teaching. Our number in the chapter is not large, but each seems determined to do all in his power to build it up. Early in the term we had the pleasure of initiating Mr. E. J. Manly. Mr. Manly is a graduate of Harvard and a member of our faculty. Shortly afterwards we initiated Mr. Burks.

We were favored a short time ago by a visit from brother Williams, of Fort Smith.

Nov. 6, 1887. J. A. DENHAM.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Missouri Beta begins the year by the initiation of two more worthy brothers, William S. Foreman and George Miller. The former is in the junior classical course, and the latter in the junior scientific course. Brother Miller's father was a member of Kentucky alpha, and is now a minister at Nevada, Mo.

Missouri Beta is invited to a party given in her house by one of the young ladies of Fulton.

At the fall elections we obtained one president and three out of six of the editors of our college paper.

Oct. 14, 1887. L. O. RODES.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA has entered Ohio Wesleyan.

CLARK UNIVERSITY, at Wooster, Mass., is expected to open next fall.

DELTA UPSILON has bought a $7,000 house and lot at Ann Arbor.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON has revived her chapter at the University of North Carolina.—*Ex.*

SIGMA CHI has entered University of California and withdrawn from University of Iowa.—*Ex.*

THE national convention of Theta Delta Chi met at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York, Nov. 17.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA has established a chapter at Columbian University with six charter members.—*Ex.*

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON was not represented in last year's annual —*The Pandora*— of the University of Georgia.

DELTA TAU DELTA has entered the Indiana University with eight men. The chapter was established on June 4th.—*Ex.*

AFTER many years of faithful service at Princeton, Dr. McCosh has concluded to resign the presidency of the College of New Jersey.

THE alumni endowment fund of $25,000 for Beloit College has been completed by Sigma Chi agreeing to raise the necessary $600.

BETA THETA PI in a prominent editorial claims to be strictly a "Western" fraternity. A few months ago "National" was the adjective.

DELTA TAU DELTA's semi-annual report gives 309 active members January 10, 1887. Sigma Chi's active membership last year amounted to 431.

APPEARANCES indicate that certain members of '88 and '89 would be pleased to affiliate with Phi Delta Theta.—*Perdue Correspondent in Sigma Chi.*

THE sixtieth convention of the Delta Phi fraternity was in session November 17, 18 and 19 at the Delta Phi Club rooms, No. 5 East Twenty-seventh Street.

KAPPA ALPHA has revived her chapter at the South Carolina Military Academy after an inactivity of two years, by initiating eleven new men at one time.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*

DR. HENRY D. COGSWELL has donated property worth $1,000,000 to found a technical school in San Francisco. It will be for both boys and girls, and will be named the Cogswell Polytechnical College.—*Ex.*

NOTWITHSTANDING the copyright protection of *The Forum* and Mr. Metcalf's refusal to allow President White's article to be reprinted, the same was deliberately stolen by Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta.

THE Legislature at its last session, aside from raising the salary of a number of professors, made provision for a preceptress, appropriated $5,000 for electrical engineering, and about $30,000 for improvements.—*Ex.*

THE *Record* of University of Pennsylvania records the demise of Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Alpha Theta at that institution. Beta Theta Pi, Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Zeta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Kappa Sigma remain.

THE Chi Phi fraternity began its sixty-fourth annual conven-

tion at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, November 16. The orators were H. S. Cavanagh, of Easton, Penn., and Major Capers Dixon, professor of law in Emery College, Georgia.

MR. JOHN CUMMINGS, in a prize essay entitled "Social life at Johns Hopkins University," published in *Lippencotts Magazine* for September, says, so far as his knowledge extends there exists no working chapter of any secret fraternity in that institution. We understood that Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi were there.

SIGMA CHI is on the best of terms with Phi Delta Theta here. They have a good chapter, and we are united in an effort to sustain a literary society that will be seperior to any other in the University, and in a literary way it is successful. Encouraged by the success of their banquet our alumni are preparing to petition for a charter.—*Nebraska Correspandent in Sigma Chi.*

THERE is very little to be said regarding our rivals. The Sigma Chis, about our strongest rivals, as well as our most friendly, lose three men by graduation, almost the life and existence of their chapter. The Phi Kappa Psis lose their only two good men in the same way. Phi Delta Theta has lately initiated a guileless, twelve-year-old junior prep.—*Wabash Correspondent in June Beta Theta Phi.*

ON the evening of Friday, April 15th, the Eta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was re-established here. The advent of the new chapter had been rumored for some time, so that this addition to our Fraternity list did not take us by surprise. Among their number they have the valedictorian of the present Senior Class and some men of prominence in athletics. We wish them a most prosperous and successful career.—*Lehigh Correspondent in Phi Gamma Delta.*

GOVERNOR FORAKER and Thomas E. Powell, who were pitted against each other in the Ohio gubernatorial campaign, are old friends. They went to Ohio Wesleyan college at the same time. Foraker was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, while Powell was a Sigma Chi. They were frequently pitted against each other in debate in the literary society to which they both belonged. One great point in favor of Powell is that he has red hair.— *Ex.*

THE forty-eighth annual convention of Beta Theta Pi met at Chatauqua, July 20-23; the convention of Sigma Nu met at Birmingham, Ala., August 9-11, the next to be at Asheville, N. C.; the twenty-eighth annual convention of Delta Tau Delta met at Columbus, O., August 24-26; the (Southern) Kappa Alpha convention met at Columbia, S. C., September 20-22; the forty-first annual convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon met at Chicago, October 19 and 20.

THE close intimacy hitherto existing between Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Delta Theta seems to have been broken. The rupture is due to some characteristically mean tricks played on Phi Delta Theta by Alpha Delta Phi. When we consider that the object of this unholy alliance was the partition of officers and the subversion of Delta Kappa Epsilon's ascendency in C. C. N. Y. affairs, we cannot but congratulate ourselves on the futility of our rivals' desperate endeavors.—*C. C. N. Y. Correspondent to Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.*

THE Rev. Emory J. Haynes preached a sermon on the subject "Shall I Join a Fraternity?" in Boston on Sunday. It was apropos of the visit of the Odd Fellows to that city, and in it he spoke strong words in favor of college secret societies of the right sort. "I pay a debt of gratitude this day," he said. "Years ago, when a lad, I came from the state of Vermont, and went to college, where I had the companionship of some young men who admitted me to their secret honors, and I pay honor to them. They were my friends, and they rebuked me when I did wrong, and rejoiced with me when I did well. Then they cared for me and bent over me and saved my life when I was sick. I have a great respect for these secret societies. I owe as much to the watchfulness and sympathy of that society as I owe to the college itself."—*Ex.*

To the Editor of the Nashville American:

INFORMATION WANTED.—West Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 13, 1887.—I am Compiling material for a history of the college fraternity "Chi Phi," together with a biographical record of its members. A branch or chapter of this society was established at the "Military College, Nashville, Tenn.," just at the outbreak of the war; the records unfortunately became scattered and we have the name of but one member, Wm. Marshall, as a nucleus to our roll, and his whereabouts is unknown to the society. It has occurred to me that possibly you might give me some information or light, either as to Wm. Marshall or some one connected with the "Military College" at the date I name; If so, I will be under many obligations to you for any information that will be of service to me. Very respectfully yours,

E. A. WEAVER.

EUGENE FIELD'S book, "Culture's Garland," published by Ticknor & Co., Boston, has made its appearance. It is not the "groove funny book," but abounds in careful and pleasing literary work; a book which, in the days of Tom Hood, would have won for its author a place in that charming company of men who adorned English literature with such bright colors. From the preface to "Culture's Garland," written by Julian Hawthorne, we take the following:

The present little volume comprises mainly a bubbling-forth

of delightful badinage and mischievous railery, directed at some of the foibles and pretensions of his enterprising fellowtownsmen; who, however, can by no means be allowed to claim a monopoly of either the pretensions or the foibles herein exploited. Laugh but look to yourself; *mutato nomine, de te fabula narratur.* It is a book which should, and doubtless will, attain a national popularity; but admirable and indeed irresistible, though it be in its way, it represents a very inconsiderable fraction of the author's real capacity. We shall hear of Eugene Field in regions of literature far above the aim and scope of these witty and waggish sketches. but as the wise orator wins his audience at the outset of his speech by the human sympathy of a smile, so does our author, in these smiling pages, establish genial relations with us, before betaking himself to more ambitious flights. If he have half the confidence that his friends have in his power of wing, he will be far aloft ere long; and then, as now, we shall all wish him Godspeed.—*Arkansaw Traveler, September 3, 1887.*

WITHIN the last six or eight years, New York City seems to have become the center of college societies of all kinds. No first-class college in the country is without its alumni association, and the same may be said of secret societies. No less than six general conventions have been held in that city, besides chapter dinners and division conferences. The following are the more important Greek events that have taken place so far; Phi Delta Theta, general convention, Grand Central Hotel, October 19-22, 1886. Delta Phi, general convention, Club House on 27th Street, November 24–27, 1886; banquet at the Hotel Brunswick. Union dinner of chapters Nu and Beta of Delta Kappa Epsilon, November 24th, at Mazzeti's, and two social receptions later on by Chapter Beta at private houses, at which ladies were present. Sigma Phi, general convention, Murray Hill Hotel, January 6 and 7, 1887; banquet at Delmonico's. Sigma Phi, general convention at the Hotel Brunswick, January 7 and 8, 1887, at which a new chapter was founded at Lehigh University. Theta Delta Chi, alumni dinner at Murray Hill Hotel, January 27th. Beth Theta Pi, dinner at the Hotel Brunswick, February 18th. Delta Tau Delta, conference of Eastern Division at Mechanic's Hall, and dinner at Morrello's, February 22d. Psi Upsilon, general convention, February 24–26, at Masonic Temple, with public exercises and banquet at the Metropolitan Opera House. Beta Theta Pi, alumni dinner to Ex-Governor Hoadly, of Ohio, at Delmonico's, March 29th. Chi Psi, general convention at Fifth Avenue Hotel, April 6–8, and banquet at Brunswick's. There have been, also, a memorial meeting of the Psi Upsilon alumni, in honor of Ex-President Chester A. Arthur, and receptions by the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club, at their respective club houses. The Delta Psi, Delta Phi, Delta Kappa

Epsilon, and Sigma Phi alumni associations occupy houses, though only the first two have houses of their own.—*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

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'91. Charles Adelbert Edgerton.
'91. Jacob Alfred Bohrer.
'91. John Hill.
'91. John Willard Travell.

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'91. James Drury.
'91. John Smiley.

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*Alumnus of Sigma Psi.
†Affiliated.

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'91. William James Rowan, Chester, Pa.
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'91. William Wesley Carter, Macon, Ga.
'91. Osgood Clark, Macon, Ga.
'91. Thomas Colquit Hardman, Harmony Grove, Ga.
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'91. James Stewart, Macon, Ga.

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'91. Arthur Thomas Dudly, Columbus, Ga.

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'89. Edwin Emerson, Oxford, O.
'90. James Rudolph Spivey, Oxford, O.
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OHIO BETA.

'91. Charles Edward Schenk, Thornville, O.
'91. Charles Edmund Tousley, Brooklyn, O.
'91. Frank Bernard Rutledge, Zanesville, O.

OHIO GAMMA.

'89. J. Cross Thomas, Black Creek, O., April 9.
'91. Carlos Anderson Woodsworth, Millfield, O., April 9.
91. Edward Holt Eves, Athens, O., April 9.

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'87. W. E. Bruce is postmaster at So. Norridgewock, Me.
'87. R. W. Harvey has begun the study of law with Webb and Wright.

*Affiliated from Alabama Gamma.

'88. H. H. Brainard has been elected president of his class.

'88. Solomon Gallert has been appointed to take part in the Senior Exhibition.

'89. D. F. Smith has been elected editor of the *Colby Oracle.*

'90. A. J. Roberts has been chosen president of his class.

NEW YORK BETA.

'86. Allen is in Government shore and harbor work at Sandy Hook, N. Y.

'86. Harris is practicing law at Schuylerville, N Y.

'86. Skinner, engineering work on R. R., Sante fee, Cal.

'86. Blessing, teaching in N. J.

'86. Felthousen, traveling in Europe.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

'87. O. M. Richards has entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

'87. R. Walter Head has accepted a position as chemist for the large furnaces at Barneston, Pa.

'87. W. D. Ord is engaged as mining engineer for G. B. Markle & Co., Jeddo, Pa.

GEORGIA GAMMA.

'87. Brother H. R. Harper is editor of the Rome, Ga. *Tribune.*

'87. Brother D. Harper is a mineralogist and dealer in real estate, and has his office in Rome, Ga.

'88 Brother J. W. Ledbetter is engaged in the candy business with his father in Rome, Ga.

'87. Brother A. J. Battle is engaged in the lumber business with Hendrix and Willingham, Macon, Ga.

'88. Brother J. R. Long is principal of the Acadamy at Leesburg, Ga.

TEXAS BETA.

'87. R. W. Smith is stenographer for the law firm of Scott and Levi, Galveston, Texas.

'88. H. W. Gilson is now at home in Calvert, but will return in January and finish his course.

'87. L. A. Carlton is practicing law in Hillsboro, Texas.

'86. Constance Pessels is first assistant in the Tyler High School.

'86. Franz Fiset and C. H. Miller, *B Θ Π*, '86, have recently formed a partnership for the practice of law in Austin.

'86. J. M. Green is a lawyer and editor at Halletsville, Texas.

'86. R. M. Hall is a lawyer at Henderson.

'83. Moran Scott is a lawyer at Gainsville.

'87. Tom Andrews and F. E. Wilcox are attorneys-at-law in McKinney.

'88. P. A. Hawthorne is teaching school near Austin.

OHIO ALPHA.

'86. Brother M. W. Lewis is civil engineer for the city of Duluth, Minn.

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'88. Brother W. H. Foster is at Indiana University.

'89. Brother G. F. Garrod is engaged in drug business at St. Joe's Mo.

'89. Brother J. R. Mayo is studying law at Chilicothe, O.

'89. Brother W. E. Clough is at Indiana University.

'89. Brother F. H. Southgate is at Home, Newport, Ky.

'89. Brother Garrod is in the drug business at St Joseph, Mo.

'89. Brother Mayo is studying law at Chillicothe, O.

'89. Brother Southgate is at home, Newport, Ky.

'89. Brother Clough is attending Bloomington, Ind.

INDIANA ZETA.

'86. Brother J. U. Brown is a rising attorney at Tribune, Kansas.

'87. Brother F. E. Millis is taking a post-graduate course in mathematics and science at Johns Hopkins; his address is No. 249 W. Preston St., Baltimore, Md.

'87. Brother Geo. F. Keiper has entered the medical department of University of Michigan.

'87. Brother M. F. Moore is a civil engineer in West Virginia.

'87. Brother T. C. Hopkins is superintendent of city schools, at Rising Sun, Ind.

'87. Brother Ross Gahring is Methodist minister at Logansport, Ind.

'87. Married, July 13, 1887, Brother W. J. Snyder to Miss Minnie Zellar, Kappa Kappa Gamma, of Knightsville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are living at Brazil, Ind., where the head of the family is engaged in the banking business.

'89 Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma again! Married, at Paris, Ill., May 25, 1887, Brother G. M. Riley to Miss Mary Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are in Kansas now, but will return to college next year and graduate with the class of '89, of which both are members.

'89. Brother O. J. Kern, who was obliged to drop out of college last term on account of weak eyes, is at his home near Gays, Ill. No doubt he will be able to sympathize with Bros. Snyder and Riley, presently.

'90. Brother Turner is teaching near Danville, Ind. He will return to college the third term.

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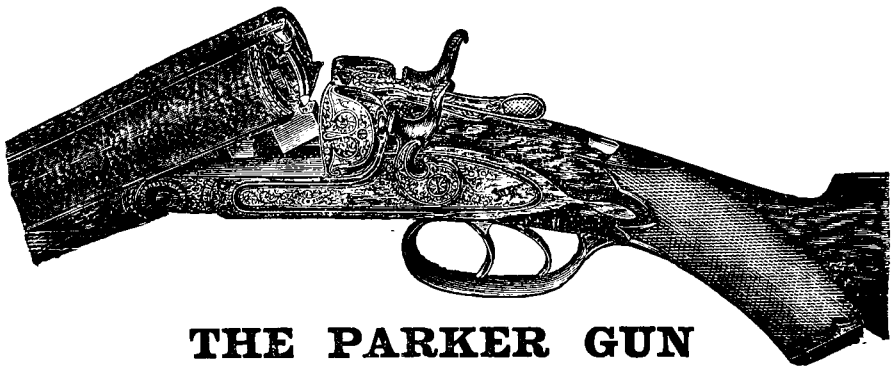

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1851.

Dr. Rice has accepted membership . . Send me a copy of the certificate of special powers the society gave you when you went to Tennessee.—J. McM. Wilson, College Corner, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, March 27; year omitted, probably 1851.

I was glad to learn that you were alive, and that you were still revolving Phi matters in your mind. I was sorry to hear that not more had been done in that way. I fear your presence in reference to that matter will be greatly missed. I should like to be on the ground there for a few meetings to see the real state of affairs. I wish we could get ready to make such a demonstration in 1852 as we ought to do, but it matters little for a year. It is far more important that every stone be carefully laid beforehand, and that the thing be not only finished but perfect, and that to the public it at once bound among them grown and able to speak for itself, as was the goddess who sprang forth from Jupiter's brain. Very much depends upon you. What I can do I will do most cheerfully, but I am so far from the centre of influence that I can do but little. In regard to that little house, it may be not best to build one at Oxford or any other Western college, as they are so changing; and yet it is desirable to have some place to be called, more than any other, *Home*; it matters not greatly where, but it must be in the valley of the Mississippi, perhaps Cincinnati as well as any other place, but it is too soon yet to determine that matter entirely; circumstances may indicate plainly to us after a little while. There are other things more important to us now, and it is best that everything be done in its time. If I am to have any part in the matter I should like to know before the end of my session, which is at the end of June.—Robert Morrison, Poplar Grove, Tenn., to J. McM. Wilson, May 8, 1851.

Your suggestions in regard to the order proper, as you term it, appear to me to be precisely what are required. The course of lectures, or whatever else it may be that you propose of this nature, seems to be exactly in accordance with the spirit of the age. Something like this, a system of treatises or publications upon important subjects of the times, superintended by the Order, would certainly do much to develop those principles contained in our Bond; it would give us something definite and enable us to realize, and yet not circumscribe us in the narrow limits of any one idea, as most other institutions that profess to have a similar object in view. And, besides, it would afford the community an opportunity of seeing that we were doing something, and thus divert that evil suspicion that is always attached to everything mysterious or secret, and we would avoid much censure and difficulty arising from that disposition, which is found even in the best of men, to place the worst construction on things of which they are ignorant. The boys at Bloomington have as yet made no acquisition to their number, but I believe they have a design upon one or two that are coming on.—R. G. Elliott, Princeton, Ind., to J. McM. Wilson, May 9, 1851.

Enclosed you will find the prospectus of *The Miami University Journal.* It will be issued before the commencement, if enough subscriptions can be obtained to justify the undertaking. I know that *you* will do all you can for it. It is a scheme of "Old Dad Wilson," and of course must receive all Phi influence. It is supported by the Faculty and will do the University much good, it is hoped.—J. A. Anderson, Oxford, Ohio, to Robert Morrison, Poplar Grove, Tenn., May 9, 1851.

The society is young, and I fear very much that it is or may become overgrown, especially at Oxford; that is, that it may enjoy too much prosperity *too soon*, and that some elements may be introduced into it which were never designed for it by the founders of the Order. I hope somewhat against hope, now that Andy Rogers is about to leave, as he alone, I suppose, knows of the interior of the whole thing, as well as the ulterior designs entertained by those with whom it originated. I regard the measure proposed as *the* thing that will give eminence and reputation to the Order, and the sooner it is done the easier it will be. It *must* be done, and it cannot be done without your help. A maxim among lawyers is, "When you can kiss the mistress never fool away time with the maid." I am nowise ambitious to belong to a little thing, even though that be good in itself, especially when it is nearly as easy to belong to something not *very* little. Further, *inter nos*, since you and I have had some hand in the origin of something, let us be sure that our child takes the right start when it goes out for the first time in society.

We must do it, or it will most likely *not* be done; and I feel very much as you do that it must be done soon, if ever. I have made some sacrifices for the Order; I hold myself in readiness to make tenfold more, if necessary, that it may succeed; please to show me how or where, and call on me. I regret exceedingly that I could not see the boys all before they separated, inasmuch as you left them, but so it is; let us make the best of it. In regard to proposing with you and Drake to have a meeting at some point this Fall, I cannot answer just now; I wish to know more of the matter first, and then, when we act, to do it soon and thoroughly and be done with it. We owe this to ourselves and to those older brethren of ours who have honored us with their names and influence.—Robert Morrison, Poplar Grove, Tenn., to J. McM. Wilson, June 13, 1851.

I understand from a letter received from Ross yesterday evening, that you and Morrison and some other of the boys have had an interview concerning our society, but he did not state any particulars, and I desire you to do so if you please. But, friend Wilson, whatever your consultation was, and what conclusion you may have come to, let me suggest the idea of dropping the entire plan of another department to the organization. I do not mean to deprecate the plan, but I merely mean a simple suggestion. I think it is high time we were making a public demonstration, and this I think for several reasons. The college at Oxford is of very good size, and it needs something very positive to hold it together, and that would, of course, give it a decided place among the institutions of the University.—Ardivan W. Rodgers, Piqua, Ohio, to J. McM. Wilson, August 13, 1851.

If you come here to teach, *you*, at least, can be let off in time to be at Oxford commencement; and if they *will* come out then, if I know it at New Years perhaps both of us may go. I am sorry that they thus haste, but possibly it may be for the best.—Robert Morrison, Poplar Grove, Tenn., to J. McM. Wilson, September 4, 1851.

I hope your presence may be eminently beneficial about Oxford on and before Christmas. I would be glad to be there myself, but as that cannot be, I certainly could feel very little satisfaction at the course matters are taking in certain directions if you were not about. I am in fear, for on all matters of great importance the only policy is to *hasten slowly*. Please do your whole duty in the matter and a part of mine. Do not let the thing go to the devil yet awhile. If you succeed in this matter you shall not go unrewarded. The fraternity at Oxford, all, Hibbett alone excepted, are preserving to me a most ominous silence, why and wherefore I cannot at all conjecture. Will you keep me posted upon this matter—I mean Phi matters? I shall

depend upon you. I hope all choices made this Winter will be with the greatest caution and every step taken with the utmost care and prudence. . . . My heart is made sad by the news of the death of our very dear and gifted brother, Morton George Williams. The grave numbers few such victims, young or old, but how delightful that he died in the glorious hope of a blissful mortality, Oh! my brother!—Robert Morrison, Poplar Grove, Tenn., to J. McM. Wilson, October 22, 1851.

You have doubtless heard before this of the death of our mutual friend and brother, M. G. Williams. A lady of Louisville told me that his was the triumphant death of a Christian. How mysterious that the brightest and most promising are so soon cut down, whilst duller spirits and more plodding intellects are often left long upon the stage.—R. T. Drake, New Albany, Ind., to J. McM. Wilson, College Corner, Ohio, November 8, 1851.

I embrace the present opportunity to apologize for not calling on you during my short stay at Oxford. . In so short a time it was impossible to call on those whom I had intended to visit. I saw a few of the friends in town, and met once with the fraternity. By the way, they don't do up things as they used to be done in our day and generation. I would like to see much more interest manifested on the part of the acting members than was forthcoming at that meeting at least. I would like to have seen you and had a long talk about this and other common interests. Will that time ever come? You say next Christmas, but I fear not. I like the plan, and would like also to contribute my mite in the deliberation. But I am tied down to this place, so that it would be next to impossible to leave at that time. We have no vacation of any account at Christmas, and I could hardly get to the river then, although it is only thirty miles. But don't wait for me. Go ahead and make all needful arrangements, and I will do what I can towards putting them in operation.—J. W. Lindly, (not Lindley, as in 1883 catalogue) New Hagerstown, Ohio, to J. McM. Wilson, November 8, 1851.

1852.

Our grand reunion "fizzled out" more completely, though not so farcically, than our Cincinnati Convention last winter. This you may probably have anticipated, knowing that all the guardian spirits and mainsprings were absent. Rodgers, Barnett and myself were the only alumni present, the former of whom (as you might easily guess) came laden down with a whole category of female incumbrances, in consequence of which our meeting, intended to have been held at 2 o'clock Thursday, was postponed until midnight, and after one and another had come up and begged leave of absence, drowsiness dismissed the remainder

without even organizing. Next morning we gathered up those remaining in town, graduates and undergraduates, and at the suggestion of Ardivan, passed something like the following: Resolved, That we come here again. Passed unanimously, John A. Anderson alone dissenting. 2. That we write to one another about what we are going to come for. Passed, ayes and noes as above. 3. That we appoint a committee to provide us with several dollars worth of something to eat. Passed, no dissenting voice. After the adoption of the above, which occupied about five minutes, the reunion adjourned, drama closed, curtain fell, and, mortified with the carelessness of some that should have been leaders, I stopped. On reviewing the course of affairs, I find myself of John A. Anderson's opinion. He is still opposed to yielding us the powers of the Ohio Alpha until we show that we are able to organize more perfectly and govern ourselves. He appears willing to grant us a charter under which we shall have the sole jurisdiction over our own members, but nothing more until we evince capacity for self goverment ; and judging from late events, I think his course is a wise one. But against all this, it may be said that we had not the number present that our constitution requires to form a quorum ; according to the strict letter we had not. But twelve was the number that was presumed would undoubtedly be present, and that was made requisite for a quorum, and I think it would not have been in violation of its spirit if we had organized with the largest number that could be obtained, especially since everything has hitherto been done in somewhat of an informal manner. What think you of it? The boys developed themselves in grand agony, agony indeed to the Alphas and Betas, as glittering of the golden shields drew tears from their eyes. How forlorn and discomfited poor crestfallen R. V. Moore looked.—R. G. Elliott, "at home," to J. McM. Wilson, June 28, 1852.

In Cincinnati on my return I saw Ross, Lane, Harrison, Swing, Gregory and Elliott. We talked over things, got to understand each other, agreed to be on the ground, thought it proper to have provided some business for the meeting, say some resolutions for discussion declaring the nature, aims and means of our enterprise, etc. What do you think of it? We thought after talking of it that we would say to the committee that, while all of their arangements were satisfactory, the collation might be omitted, for two reasons. First, if the address is published, as it ought to be, it will take all available cash. Second, we cannot certainly calculate on enough being present to produce the right effect. This is only our opinion now. I think the attendance will be general. Those of us teaching here will have the most difficulty. Lindly will be out just in time,

allowing no time for collection, I the Friday before and Elliott the Friday after commencement. We now think of going on till near the end and then asking a release. I have no special masters, Elliott a Board of Trustees. If we go I think anyone else can.—J. McM. Wilson, in Tennessee, to Robert Morrison; no date; Robert Morrison thinks it was written in 1852.

1853.

The application for a charter to establish a chapter to be called Texas Alpha is dated "Austin College, Huntsville, May 30, 1853," signed by "H. H. Boon, Andrew T. McKinney, Alexander M. Rafter, William A. Allen," and is addressed "to the Ohio Alpha of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society." It is in the usual form, and it is unnecessary to copy it in full.—W. B. P.

Your letter of 2d inst., informing me of my election as a member of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society, through the Alpha chapter of Miami University, came duly to hand, and in reply I beg you to communicate to the chapter my cordial acceptance of the honor thus bestowed upon me, and my thanks for its bestowal. I have perused the enclosed bond, with which I am entirely satisfied, and return it as requested. In further compliance with your wishes I would further state that I am A. B. of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., of 1838, A. M. of 1841, and graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary of 1842, and that my name in full is Rev. Thomas Verner Moore.—Letter from Richmond, Va., to Robert Morrison, April 11, 1853.

You know, Bob, the "top-loft" movement has some opposition, which must be *gradually* overcome. The speeches will not excite it, but the whole ticket will. To avoid difficulty the "basket-fixin's" must be dropped—policy so dictates at present. At some future time it may be proper, but at present it is not. I know the state of affairs here better than you do. Consult Wilson, Elliott, Lindly, Rogers, etc.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, New Albany, Ind., April 24, 1853.

Professor Bishop's Room, June 29, 1853. The meeting, called to order by the President, then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: A. W. Rogers (probably Ardivan W. Rodgers. W B. P.), President; J. McM. Wilson, Recording Secretary; J. K. Boude, Reporting Secretary; David Swing, I. S. Lane, Samuel Hibben, S. S. Elliott, Vice-Presidents. Obituaries being next in order, were called for, and on motion postponed until the next meeting. The President not being prepared to declare the standing committees, the business was postponed. A motion was then made that a copy of Dr. Humphrey's address be requested for publication. Lane, Ross and

Harrison were then appointed a committee of correspondence and publication. The committee on platform resolutions then reported the following series, which were accepted and adopted. On motion the Society adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 7.30 o'clock.

The rest of the minutes are missing. On the paper containing the above the following is written in pencil: The society adjourned for two years.

Oxford, O., June 30. 1853. Received of Robert Morrison for charges for music by the "Eaton Band," during the exercises of the Phi Delta Theta on Wednesday, June 27, 1853, in full, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents. E. P. Sockmus, Agent Eaton Band.

Although but three weeks have passed since we parted, it seems years to me. Those old times, good and bad, which we spent together and enjoyed by telling them to each other during our sojourn in Tennessee ("the centre of the world")—across the States in those lousey hacks, up the river, our outside passage to Oxford, the glories of commencement week, are all fresh in my memory and endear our intimate acquaintance. We may never be permitted to spend another year together in such unreserved intimacy, but we can both look back upon the year that has just closed and regard it as an eventful period of our lives. But it is strange how widely different results will be produced by apparently the same or similar circumstances. The Friday morning I left you we reached Hamilton about half an hour after the Dayton train had passed, so we left Drake and his company, and Morrison, myself and Dr. McMaster and Helen went to Cincinnati. I took dinner with them on the boat, and at five o'clock I took the cars for Columbus; arrived at ten and stayed all night. Next morning at six put for Newark and arrived at home Saturday noon.—J. W. Lindly (not Lindley), Richmond, Ohio, to J. McM. Wilson, July 22, 1853.

1854.

An application in the usual form (except where $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ should appear is a blank) addressed to Indiana Alpha, dated Wabash College, January 28, 1854, signed by J. B. Chapin, H. D. Wilson, T. B. Ward and J. M. Defrees, and praying for power to establish a college to be known as Indiana Beta, is followed on the same sheet of paper by the letter printed below.

MR. JOHN W. FOSTER—Dear Sir: Yours of the 18th inst., together with official papers, is at hand. In accordance with your request we examined the contents of Art. III., Sect. 1st., by which we were induced to forward you the above *legal* application for a charter signed by our attendant members. Believing with you

that "it is desirable that official business should be done in a constitutional manner," we accept your apology "for not sending a copy of application for charter in Mr. Wilson's letter," and have now proceeded to act constitutionally, since we know what is constitutional. We hope, if we are correct in our manner of procedure, that you will please forward the charter and remaining papers as soon as possible, as it is our ardent desire to advance the order with zeal, which we cannot do unless we feel ourselves fully authorized and fully equipped for the struggle. I understand from Mr. Wilson that you requested our report. I believe the Bond of Union requires but one report in a year. This one was made out last December, and by your order, through Mr. Wilson, at that time forwarded to Oxford, Ohio. However, if another is necessary and you desire it, let me know and I will forward it immediately. I hope that in a short time we may be firmly established here, and be so regulated that our communication with you, both official and individual, will be carried on in a more systematic and satisfactory manner. We are in our youth and, of course, must expect some irregularities —some errors will transpire in our conduct. Our *future* will, perhaps, be better. I am much rejoiced to learn that the Order is so flourishing in Ohio, and nothing would give me more pleasure than to see it enjoying the highest degree of prosperity in our own State. Our Order is entirely Western, and why shall we not give to it that same unbounded influence and high tone of character which pertains to the West. Morality and perseverance will accomplish it. Let us to the task with good cheer. Yours in the Bond of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$,

JAMES W. DEFREES.

I should like much to see you and talk society matters over. I have had no time to think much of what we ought to do since Dr. Anderson has got to kicking. One thing ought to be done if practicable—to get us all to have a greater unity of feeling, of thought, and then action. We must endeavor to consolidate more; we are too much disintegrated. We are regarded as a secret society, while we have none, or next to none, of such a society's unity and power. Even fewer numbers than ours, if united in one great heart and soul, might be and do no little things. As to the lower order—better let them go, at least for awhile, until we can take some deliberate, united action. I am sorry that they are doing so bodily. I wish those lectures could have been put through, but———.—Robert Morrison, Louisville, Ky., to J. McM. Wilson, June 16, 1854.

1856.

An application in the usual form, except that there are blanks in some places where $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ should appear, addressed to the

Indiana Alpha, signed by J. E. Chapin, L. P. Spelman and W. J. Essick, and praying for power to establish a college to be known as Indiana Beta, is written on the same sheet as the following letter:

Crawfordsville, Ind., January 24, 1856.—Mr. Jenckes, Dear Sir: Your letter was received some time since, but owing to the absence of most of our brethren during vacation and some two weeks after, we have not been able to take action till the present. We had several very pleasant meetings last term, and now wish our charter so that we can proceed in regular order (Then follows the application. W. P. B.). You will please excuse the haste with which this note is penned. I would also request you to address hereafter Wm. J. Essick, Crawfordsville, Ind., as I am obliged to be absent for the rest of this term. I regret I cannot be in attendance, but I leave enough good staunch fellows to "set the ball rolling." We would be glad to hear from your chapter as often as circumstances will permit. Nothing will give us so much encouragement. With sincere wishes for your health and prosperity we wish you good day for the present. J. E. Chapin. P. S.—Please get us some parchment if you possibly can, and we will remit you whatever it costs. Please also give us the address of the man who makes our pins, and the best mode of obtaining them. Your brother in —— (For some reason Indiana Beta writers often left a blank where $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ should be written. W. B. P.).—W. J. Essick.

Wabash College, Crawfordsville, February 15, 1856.—J. S. Jenckes, Dear Sir: Inclosed you will find our report and $1.00 due for the parchment. The delaying of our report was occasioned by our carelessly mistaking the time when *you* should report for the time when *we* should report. We hope this delay will not occur again. Of course we were glad to get our "sheepskin," and we were not only glad, but perched ourselves on a higher peg when we found that you had confided to our care the interests of the order "in the State of Indiana," and now, good sirs, we hope that you will mind your rank hereafter, and take off your caps to us on "all occasions of public demonstration." Furthermore, we hereby *officially* warn you to grant no more charters and to send applicants to *us*. But soberly, you have evidently made a mistake in the charter by inserting "the interests of the order in the State of Indiana," instead of Wabash College. I suppose it will be difficult to alter this and not hurt the appearance of the parchment thereby. But we are much pleased with our charter notwithstanding this, and we severally tender you our thanks for your interest in and kindness towards us. I have only one thing more to say, and that is what you already know, viz., that I am your friend and brother in the bond of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.—Wm. J. Essick. This letter makes clear that though

the first members of Indiana Beta were initiated in 1850 (see letter of N. K. Crow, November 20, 1850), and though an application for charter was made in 1854, the charter was not granted until 1856. J. E. Chapin signed both the 1854 and 1856 applications for charter.

We are doing very well here, we think, and have every reason to feel encouraged. Our number is about equal to that of any secret society in college; and as to the quality of our material, we have nothing to complain of. We have made several acquisitions of a valuable character this session and have more in contemplation, which will not only swell our number, but will also add to our character.—John N. Scott, Corresponding Secretary Ohio Alpha, to Jas. W. Gorman, Indiana Alpha, March 19, 1857.

In a postscript the following inquiry is made: Have you received the constitution revised by the convention which met in Cincinnati, December 30, 1856? On the same sheet of paper is the annual report of Ohio Alpha for 1856. It includes four Seniors, two Juniors, one Sophomore, one Freshman and one Irregular.

Inclosed you will find our report for this year. We have initiated four new members since I last wrote you. Our society was never in a more flourishing condition. By the way, what has become of that convention you spoke of? We are all anxious to learn where and when it is to be held. Will you please let us know about it as soon as you can conveniently? The students of this college are about to publish a magazine. It is to be called *The Wabash Magazine.* The first number will be issued next month. If any one of the students of Bloomington would like to take it tell them that I am general agent and will give them all information about it. It is to be devoted entirely to literature and general information. We will be thankful for any assistance you can give us.—W. W. Hill, Secretary Indiana Beta, to Secretary Indiana Alpha, December 6, 1856.

1857.

Miama University, June 10, 1857.—Gentlemen of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ Society. Permit me, in behalf of the Sigma Chi society, to present to you the enclosed cards of invitation, to our biennial celebration. With them also receive our compliments. I trust that you will as a society matter keep this secret, and oblige. Yours very truly, Will L. Lockwood, Chairman of Committee.

EDITORIAL.

[No attention will be paid to matter written on both sides of the paper]

ONE of the most pressing needs which we now have before us is the want of a catalogue. The fifth and last edition is now so old as to be almost useless—wholly so in many cases—and then there is always to be considered the time that must elapse after work is commenced before a new one can be produced. Seven years, or even five, is too long a period to be left wholly unrecorded—in available shape—in a fraternity so vigorous and progressive as ours. Catalogues should be issued at least once in ten years, but some means should be provided whereby we may keep track of our membership in the interim. Such a scheme would have the additional advantage of keeping even with the work, and when the catalogue proper came to be desired the Editors would find much of their work done for them, and the chief labor would be in compilation. A few years ago Beta Theta Pi attempted the experiment in her *Hand Book*, but we are not aware that they have since taken any steps in that direction.

Our matter has now grown to such enormous proportions that nothing but a catalogue proper can cover the ground, and the men who undertake it will find a big task ahead of them. But we should remember that not only is the need now great, but the longer we delay the work the greater will be the labor and the expense. We cannot afford to wait until the convention of 1889, but the General Council should endeavor to formulate some scheme whereby the work can be proceeded with at once, and by the time of the next general meeting the book could be ready. A good year for issue, if possible, would be 1888, and then intervals of ten years would mark the close of each decade of our existence. We propose that some scheme be decided upon at once and submitted to the chapters for approval. Two things, and two only, are essential—the man and the money. If the latter is forthcoming we are certain the former will be, but no man will undertake the task unless all of his expenses are guaranteed.

When the next book is issued then let us keep even with our "march of improvement" and record each year as it passes. With the aid of the Historian's documents that would be a com-

paratively easy task, and one number of THE SCROLL each year used for that purpose would do away with any extra expense. This would give us practically an edition of the catalogue every year at no significant expense, would reduce the expense of the regular decennial edition, and infinitely lessen the work thereon.

DISCUSSIONS on the question of alumni support of the Fraternity journal are innumerable, and proposals for remedying the same seem equally so. Our plan of charging graduates $5.00 for a ten years' subscription to THE SCROLL has been under test for over three years now, and, if dollars and cents tell the tale, has been a failure. It may be of importance to the moral and spiritual welfare of a Greek society that it keep the interest of its alumni, and the only practical means seems to be the pages of the monthly journal. But financial support is probably the most important consideration. There is no need of arguing its necessity.

The most common-sense and practicable plan we have yet heard proposed was that introduced and advocated at the New York convention by brother Dawson, of Kentucky Alpha. He proposed that each undergraduate be charged $2.00 per year, $1.00 of which would be considered his SCROLL tax for that year and the remaining $1.00 entitle him to THE SCROLL (at 50 cents per year, our present graduate rate) for two years after he left college. Thus a man in college only one year would pay $2.00 and in return receive THE SCROLL three yeare (one in and two out of college); a man in college four years would pay $8.00 and in return receive THE SCROLL twelve years (four in and eight out of college). This rule would keep our journal before our alumni or associate membership much longer on the average than is now the case, which is a point desired. The other question—that of finances—would be permanently settled, for the income of THE SCROLL would be just doubled, while the extra $1.00 *per capita* would be but a small item. This plan would answer all questions satisfactorily. We earnestly recommend it for consideration and hope it will be given a trial.

IT is not a pleasant thing to have to apologize, but sometimes we are compelled to do so, and then it is the cause and not the

act which we regret. THE SCROLL always makes it a rule to issue with promptitude and regularity, and uses its best abilities in living up thereto, but we have learned somewhat of the fallibility of earthly things when subject to the golden rules of "the Union." In November we were late because there was a strike of the New York typesetters. In December we were inordinately late because the men refused to work on the Greek, and what will be the next reason we don't know. We are doing the best we can and hope you will bear with us, but we hope for better things to come.

THE resuscitation of dormant chapters in institutions of standing is a matter of greater satisfaction than the establishment of new ones. Probably no chapter has suffered greater vicissitudes in its brief existence (or non-existence) than Pennsylvania Zeta. It is a pleasure indeed to record in this issue its rejuvenation and we give it all good wishes for the future. Next month we will give another item of gratifying news which has already transpired but which it was impossible to record this month.

PROVINCE conventions are becoming more frequent and their utility for all things is becoming more patent in different localities. Beta Province has just held her first at Salem, Va., and Alpha Province will soon hold her second at Easton, Penna. All provinces but one or two now hold these meetings at periodical intervals, and we hope that the few who have not succeeded heretofore will soon be able to fall into line.

WE commenced our New Year last September and it was auspiciously begun. May the New Year which we now welcome witness the continuation of what is already well commenced, and bring peace, prosperity and happiness to all.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To Chapter Treasurers:

Your attention is called to the following and your early action requested.

CHAPTERS IN ARREARS.

Maine Alpha,	$42 00	Texas Gamma,	$22 00
N. H. Alpha,	60 00	Ohio Gamma,	18 00
Vt. Alpha,	32 00	Ohio Delta,	28 00
N. Y. Alpha,	32 00	Kentucky Delta,	22 00
N. Y. Beta,	28 00	Ind. Alpha,	42 00
N. Y. Gamma,	20 00	Ind. Gamma,	32 00
N. Y. Delta,	28 00	Ind. Delta,	38 00
Pa. Beta,	21 00	Ind. Epsilon,	22 00
Pa. Epsilon,	8 00	Ind. Zeta,	46 00
Va. Gamma,	14 00	Mich. Gamma,	38 00
Va. Delta,	12 00	Ill. Delta,	20 00
Va. Epsilon,	12 00	Ill. Zeta,	6 00
Va. Zeta,	10 00	Wis. Alpha,	30 00
N. C. Beta,	16 00	Mo. Beta,	20 00
Ga. Alpha,	18 00	Neb. Alpha,	20 00
Ala. Alpha.	66 00	Iowa Alpha,	30 00
Ala. Gamma,	22 00	Iowa Beta,	24 00
Texas Beta,	28 00	Minn. Alpha,	36 00

Very truly in the Bond,

S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

AGAIN let THE SCROLL herald good tidings from Maine Alpha. Since her last report she has received to her classic realms five grand fellows from '91. The older members, aided by the enthusiastic support of the new, are just booming in the Phi cause. The literary work done is a very pleasing feature, and the talent of the new men is simply admirable. It has been gratifying to us to have present at nearly all the meetings several of our alumni. The outlook for next year is excellent. We have already begun to pledge men, and there will be no relaxation in our efforts to make the Fraternity shine even more brilliantly in the future than in the past. If there are any chapters which have not exchanged annuals with us, we shall be pleased to send ours on receipt of them.

Nov. 11, 1887. H. EVERRTT FARNHAM.

THE Winter term has now begun, and we come back to our dear old college home feeling much refreshed by our short recess. Several of our number have not come back, but will spend part of the Winter in teaching. But those of us who remain will push on with the characteristic Phi zeal, both in literary work and acquiring new men; and those who are out will not fail to take a good survey of the field for work outside, and, no doubt, will return to us "rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

Dec. 8, 1887. H. EVERETT FARNHAM.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

SINCE our last letter to THE SCROLL the members of New Hampshire Alpha have been busily engaged in fitting up our new hall, so that now we find ourselves more desirably located than at any time since the formation of the chapter here. and we will most cordially welcome to our new quarters any Phi who may chance to visit Dartmouth.

The 31st of October being the close of our third year as a chapter, was observed by appropriate anniversary exercises.

Our annual initiation occurred Nov. 11, when we introduced into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta six men from the class of '91.

We are much pleased with the enthusiasm our new members have already evinced, and we feel confident that although we expect much from them we shall not be disappointed.

After the exercises at the hall we took coaches for Hartford, Vt., where the initiation banquet was served, followed by toasts and speeches.

We were happy to have with us at our initiation brother Parsons, of Vermont Alpha.

Dec. 8, 1887. GEO. B. STAVERS.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA has entered upon the present year with every assurance of prosperity. Five men have been initiated thus far this term, one from the class of '90, and four from '91, all of them, we feel confident, very desirable fellows. The society now numbers eighteen members, and it is quite probable that two more men will soon join. We are also glad to welcome back Brother Mapes, '86, who returns to fill a position as instructor in Mathematics and Oratory.

It is impossible to close without mentioning that we have moved from our former somewhat cramped quarters into a large, pleasant house, favorably located and well furnished—the pride of the chapter.

Should any Phi happen to stray our way he may be sure of receiving a hearty welcome.

Nov. 11, 1887. A. M. HITCHCOCK.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

THIS chapter is gaining ground steadily. Since our last report in October we have "swung" five more men; two from '89, three from '91, making in all nine initiates this term. From the present outlook there will be at least as many more to report next term.

At the recent election of the Junior class brother Wakeman was elected to the presidency, brother Bennett received a unanimous vote as foot-ball director, and brother Upp was elected athletic director.

In the Freshman elections brother Clark was honored with the athletic directorship.

During the past month we have been pleased to welcome brothers from New York Beta and Pennsylvania Eta, members respectively of the Union and Lehigh foot-ball teams.

Just here we would like to assure our Phi brethren that a great deal of the sensational stuff that finds its way into the New York papers, reports of so-called rowdyism at "Cornell," is pure fiction, originating in the fertile imagination of a penny-a-liner. Of course there is a great deal of fun going on here all the time, but it is only the innocent horse play of the under-classmen.

There has been another addition to the Greek circle here; Alpha Tau Omega shows its smiling face this time.

Eleven secret fraternities and the Non-anti-nonentity secret fraternity are now established at Cornell.

With best wishes for the New Year to all good Phis,

Dec. 8, 1887. EDWARD DARLING.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

IT gives me great pleasure to announce the initiation of three new men—brothers Dean, '89; Drury, '91, and Smilie, '91.

Our chapter is now in excellent condition, and the prospects are bright for the future. As for the college, foot-ball is all the rage here now. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has furnished three players for the 'Varsity eleven in every game so far.

Saturday, November 5, five of us, including Prof. C. C. Brown, called on our brothers of Massachusetts Alpha. We were heartily welcomed, taken to their new and elegant chapter house, and, in fact, treated with true Greek hospitality. We regretted very much that we could not remain longer with them.

November 12, it was the good fortune of three of us to be in Ithaca. We at once hunted up the chapter house of New York Alpha, of which, by the way, they may well be proud. There we found nineteen as loyal brothers as ever bore the white and blue.

I will not speak of our entertainment, but will only say, if any Φ wishes to thoroughly enjoy himself—why, visit New York Alpha.

Nov. 14, 1887. J. M. DE LONG.

NOVEMBER left us enjoying the greatest prosperity, and December brought with it an event to which we had long looked forward, hoping to enjoy a good time and to have our Phi enthusiasm renewed; nor were we disappointed.

Saturday night, December 3, we assembled in our hall to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the establishment of New York Beta. After the president's address by brother Winner, a poem by brother Conover, an oration by brother Knox. chapter history by brother Blessing, prophesy by brother DeLong, and other exercises, we adjourned to the Casley House, where a bountiful repast was awaiting us.

The wants of the inner man were supplied, then the following toasts were given and responded to, brother Briggs, Toast Master: "New York Beta," brother Winne; "The Circular Letter," brother Nolan; "The White and Blue," brother Brown; "Initiates," brother Drury; "The Fair Sex," brother Pickford; "The Sword and Shield," Prof. C. C. Brown; "'90," G. C. Stewart; "Our Alumni," J. M. DeLong, and "The Motto," C. W. Blessing.

Telegrams were received from New York Epsilon and from Allen, '86, and Harris, '86.

Dec. 7, 1887. J. M. DELONG.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

THE opening of the college year finds us with twelve men, having lost one, brother J. B. Kerfoot, by graduation. We have three men ready to be initiated and several more in view. We moved into a cosy suite of rooms a short time since, and so start off under the brightest of prospects.

Nov. 14, 1887. C. H. WADELTON.

NEW YORK EPSILON.

SINCE our last letter to THE SCROLL four new names have been added to our chapter roll.

The initiation social and banquet was held on the evening of October 14. Several of the city alumni were present and took a lively interest in the affairs of the evening.

E. C. Boynton, of New York Alpha, was in the city October 14, and while here visited the Phis at their chapter rooms. We will be glad to receive any Phi who may chance to come this way.

Brother E. M. Sanford, '89, will represent the chapter on the *Onondagan.*

Brother W. S. Murray was a delegate to the college Y. M. C. A. convention held at Schenectady, N. Y., October 28th, 29th and 30th. During his stay at Schenectady brother Murray was entertained in a royal manner by the Phis of New York Beta.

On the evening of October 28, H. R. Shoemaker was initiated into the chapter. Brother Shoemaker is an alumnus of Sigma Psi, and at present is preaching at Navarino, N. Y.

Brother Kilpatrick, '91, is president of his class.

The following is the number initiated by each fraternity from the class of '91 : Ψ Υ, 11 ; Δ K E, 8 ; Φ Δ Θ, 8 ; Δ Υ, 5, and Φ K Ψ, 1.

It is reported that the chapter of Z Ψ has been revived and that several members have been initiated.

The Holden Observatory, which is a gift to the University by E. F. Holden, of this city, is to be dedicated Friday, November 18, 1887. Prof. Newcomb, of Washington, D. C., will deliver the oration.

J. H. MURRAY.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

WE are pleased to again report Pennsylvania Gamma in a prosperous, active condition. All the battles of the term have been squarely met, and, as is usual with Phis, we have come off conquerors.

On October 28, we were favored by a visit from brother Ewing, '87. We extend a hearty welcome to all Phis, and especially to our alumni members.

Brother Hess is president of F. and W. Literary Society.

Monday evening, December 5, is one long to be remembered by our boys. With great splendor we celebrated the twelfth anniversary of our chapter's birth. Brother Smith, of Pennsylvania Delta, Class of '87, and brothers Larimer, Stewart and Montgomery, of '87, added much to the pleasure of the occasion by their presence.

After appropriate literary exercises of a high order, in our beautiful hall, we retired to the restaurant, where a bountiful repast awaited us. Brother Skilling acted as toast-master, and the responses were interesting and amusing. The anniversary was probably the most successful in the history of the chapter. It is with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that we recall our past and mark our progress from year to year. And judging from the past and the present condition of Pennsylvania Gamma we can safely predict for her many years of activity and usefulness.

Following is the order or exercises :

1875. TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA. 1887.

Master of Ceremonies.—A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

OPENING CEREMONY.

Song, "Welcome,"	Chapter Quartette.
Address of Welcome,	D. M. Skilling, '88.
Song, "Hail! Phi Delta Theta."	Omnes.

ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES.

Twelfth Anniversary,	C. W. Hays, '88.
Should Ladies Be Admitted,	S. L. Dille, '89.
Solo,	J. R. Wright, '88.
Fraternity at Large,	G. R. Edmundson, '89.
The Policeman's Beat a Weary One,	W. S. Haymaker, '89.
Duet,	Wright and Haymaker.

BANQUET AT BROWN'S.

Dec. 8, 1887. G. R. EDMUNDSON.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report we have initiated two excellent men in the persons of brothers Sisley and Bullock. Both had been invited by other fraternities, but we were successful in convincing them to our views. The chapter now numbers seventeen good, loyal and substantial men.

On the night of October 28, our chapter was made the victim of something which the perpetrators thought was a huge joke, but which we think is too low to be practiced by *honorable* men.

We hold our chapter meetings in the same building—Phoenix Block—in which the Phi Gamma Deltas hold theirs. On the night in question, three of their number quietly stole out on the tin roof that comes up to our room and there stood at the window for the purpose of hearing and seeing what we were doing inside. Providentially one of our number detected a movement of the shutter and immediately gave the alarm. They were chased to their own hall and there left to act as the spirit moved them. They apologized for their action, and of course it was accepted. About one week later the college was supplied with some very excellent (?) literature in the shape of bills, which contained a full history of the deed and written in language not at all complimentary to Phi Gamma Delta. This part of the business was blamed upon us, but we had and have more self-respect than to do such a mean, contemptible trick. Our chapter showed a great deal of respect to Phi Gamma Delta—and well we could, for we had the vantage-ground—and, we are glad to note, they appreciated it. Whether the circulars were put out by fraternity men or not we cannot now say, but feel proud to say that Phi Delta Theta had nothing to do with it at all. We write this to show how persons can cast aside their Grecian culture and do things that are only characteristic of barbarians.

The non-frats in Philo-Franklin Literary Society did some work this last week for which some of them now feel ashamed. They are endowed with very vivid imaginations and were led into error by allowing themselves to be carried into the realms of phantasy.

They thought Phi Delta Theta was wire-pulling because a non-partisan committee had three Phis of the four on for the annual contest with Allegheny. So they put up another ticket and—having the balance of power—carried it through. Quite a number of our men are in Philo, but not one of them was guilty of doing a single thing to further our interests in the matter mentioned. We hold that merit should be the only motto to follow. We predict that those who have the interest (?) of Philo at heart will not see a contest this year. They deserve such a punishment for their crazy action.

Nov. 12, 1887. F M. KERR.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

I WANT to take up a little of the space of the next SCROLL with something that has not been seen for a long time, that is, a communication from Pennsylvania Zeta. Just about four years ago this chapter was established, the first in the line of eastern extension, under our then province president, C. P. Bassett.

What the life of the chapter was for the first three years the reports which were printed in THE SCROLL will tell. Last year the chapter remained dormant. No meetings were held and no new members initiated.

This Fall some of the older members, in connection with members of other chapters who were in the city, resolved to bring the chapter again into active existence.

Through the courtesy of brothers Radcliffe, Ring and Mitchell meetings have been held at their respective houses, and at every meeting the fraternal feeling has been increased.

The chapter has received the following additions: We have affiliated brothers J. R. Hogg, Dr. M. Radcliffe, W. A. Cattell and J. K. Horner, all of Pennsylvania Alpha, and all residents of the city. Also, brothers L. E. Shoch, Virginia Alpha; B. H. Whaley, O. M. Richardson and A. H. Cleveland, Pennsylvania Alpha, who are in the medical department; and brother McCance, Nebraska Alpha, who is in the college department.

We have initiated Drs. P. N. K. Schwenk and James Mitchell, of the auxiliary course in medicine; Mr. C. J. McFadden, of the first year medical class, and Mr. R. S. Stoyle, of the Sophomore class in the college department. We have more men in view, one of whom hopes to be with us this week.

After much search we have found rooms. After the first of January we will be "at home" to all Phis.

Our rooms are at the northeast corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut Streets, entrance on Chestnut.

Much credit is due brothers Radcliffe and Ring for their efforts in behalf of the chapter.

In conclusion, let me beg of the reporters of all chapters to

send me the names of all Phis who are residents of this city, who are temporarily in the city, or who even intend to be here. The chapter joins in the invitation to all Phis to meet us in our rooms.

Dec. 8, 1887. A. H. CLEVELAND.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report things have been running very smoothly, and nothing startling has happened to break the monotony of college life. We have not taken in any more new men, but have one pledged and several under consideration.

October 29, 1887, will be famous in the history of Lehigh, for on that day we defeated Lafayette, our near neighbor, in foot-ball, by a score of 10–4. The town was hardly large enough that evening to hold our men.

Brother Throop has been elected one of the editors of the *Engineering Journal*, published here by the Engineering Society.

Two of our men are on the University Glee Club, which expects, before long, to give a concert.

We have secured copies of the songs of Phi Delta Theta and the singing of fraternity songs adds greatly to the interest of the meetings.

Nov. 12, 1887. MILTON H. FEHNEL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

IN rendering our report for this session, I could no better show you our position in the Greek world at Roanoke, than by embodying the idea in the sentiment of our great Virginia orator —solitary and alone in its grandeur, like some high mountain peak, stands our fraternity, overlooking the mountain ranges of Greek questions. Although there are three other fraternities here, yet we have found no trouble in swelling our ranks, until they now number nineteen loyal Phis. Our first prize was McClanahan, '89. Closely following him came Edmundson, whom two other fraternities had solicited. Afterwards came in rapid succession from the Freshman class, Brothers Bacot, Palmer, Frantz, Sudler and Housholder. From the Sophomore, Brothers Peace, Barton and Jones. From the Junior, Brothers Sims and Hancher, with the addition of the first two mentioned—making in all twelve initiates, of whom we may well be proud.

To our hall which we so tastefully furnished two years ago, we have added, among other things, several handsome rugs, chairs, plush covered sofa, besides many other beautiful ornaments.

Nov. 20, 1887. T. ARTHUR FREY.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINA.

OUR chapter this session opened with eight old men, as follows: R. S. Cockrell, W. J. H. Bohannan, H. S. Hedges, J. H. P. Hodgson, L. L. Kellan, W. H. Lyons, H. Mansfield, and F. L. Taylor.

We have received by affiliation brothers Chipley, Rodman and Sparks, from Kentucky Military Institute, Gorgas from Alabama Alpha, Barham from Virginia Gamma, Lee from Georgia Beta, and Myers from Virginia Alpha.

Of the members of last year's chapter who have not returned, Stuart is in Europe, Wise is at Colorado Springs, Russell is taking the law course at Columbia College, and Moss is studying theology at Vanderbilt.

Brother Cockrell has just returned from the Province Convention at Roanoke and reports an enthusiastic meeting.

So far we have initiated only three men, but our chapter is in good condition and holds a prominent position among the seventeen fraternities represented here.

Dec. 8, 1887. WM. H. LYONS.

VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

AT the opening of our college, September 23d, we count only four Phis as having returned. Of our chapter last session, brother Cullen has entered commercial life in Richmond, brother Fontaine has matriculated at Texas University, and brother R. C. Stearnes, who received his M. A. degree and Philosophy medal, besides other honors well merited, is now teaching in Alleghany Institute, Roanoke County, Va. At present we number only five men, having initiated brother C. James of Richmond. Among the other fraternities represented, Beta Theta Phi numbers 13 men, Kappa Alpha 7, Phi Kappa Sigma, 6, Phi Alpha Chi, 3. On October 27th it was our pleasure to greet a large number of Phis from the other Virginia chapters, who came to witness the laying of the corner stone of the monument being erected in this City to the memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Brother Davenport, of session 85-6, rejoiced us by a visit during Fair week. Our college opens with 150 men. The Endowment Fund has been enlarged by a gift of $75.000 from Mr. Bostwick of New York, besides other donations in all amounting to about $15.000 more. The building of a new dining hall and gymnasium, the dedication of a magnificent hall in the Library building, to be used as a museum, are indications of the interest manifested by the friends, who have the growth of the institution at heart, and we feel safe in predicting a glorious future for our college.

Nov. 28, 1887. C. B. TIPPETT.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SINCE our last report we have increased our number of members one, by initiating P. L. Woodard, '90, and are honored by getting him.

The Greek world here continues to increase both in number of members and of chapters, Phi Gamma Delta is the last to appear. It was organized about two weeks ago with seven men. This is the ninth fraternity to claim admittance here.

We are pleased to have met with brother Geo. Taylor of Virginia Delta, who has charge of the Baptist Church in this place.

We enjoyed a visit last week from brother Grimes of Raleigh, who was with us last year.

Brother McDonald, of '87, has a position in the State Experimental Station at Raleigh, and is doing well.

Brother Simmons, also of '87, has charge of Hartford High School this year, but intends joining the low class here next Fall.

We have just ordered a carpet and rug for our Hall, and with these additions we have the most desirable chapter rooms in the place.

Dec. 5, 1887. W. E. HEADEN.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

WE apologize to the fraternity for being so slow in the matter of SCROLL letters, but plead as an excuse that her first letter was not published, for what reason we do not know. We lack a great deal of being dead, as our report will show. So far two men have been initiated, viz.: J. D. Rast, Darlington, S. C., H. A. Brunson, Florence, S. C. Both of them are good men and have already given signs of great zeal and enthusiasm for Phi Delta Theta. But still greater incentives have been given our whole chapter by our recent Province Convention, which was held at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., on December 5th. We have all determined to go to work with more vim and seek to place Phi Delta Theta where she ought to be, undoubtedly at the top, with no rivals to speak of, and we are already showing our intentions in deeds as well as in promises. Our representative at the Province Convention was brother W. T. Aycock, who says he was treated in such a splendid manner by the boys of Virginia Alpha, that he wants to go back there. If any of them, or any other Phi, should happen near Columbia, we extend to them a cordial invitation to come and see us, and assure them of a hearty welcome.

There are in college seven fraternities, distributed among about sixty fraternity men. Of this number we have seven distributed as follows: '91, 1; '90, 2; '89, 2; '88, 1; '87, 1; the last of which, brother Houston, is tutor in ancient languages.

Brother Coan is president of the Clariosophic Society, brother W. T. Aycock is president of the Junior Class, brother Brunson is business manager of the South Carolina *Collegian*, and brother E. E. Aycock is a marshal at the coming celebration of the two literary societies. Besides these several minor offices have fallen to our share this term. On the whole we have nothing to discourage us.

Sometime since we had the pleasure of a visit from brother W. F. Watson, of Maine Alpha, who is now professor of c hemistry in Furman University.

Brothers Geo. Walker and W. D. Wylie are studying medicine in Baltimore and New York respectively.

W. W. Ball is assistant principal of the High School, Johnson, S. C.

M. L. Copeland is practicing law at Laurens, S. C.

M. H. Sandifer is attending lectures in Philadelphia.

Dec. 8, 1887. W. T. AYCOCK.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

COLLEGE opened as usual on the second Wednesday of October. A large number of new students entered, and they impress one as having come to work. At the very beginning the campaign was hotly opened in the field of fraternities. Battles were fought and victories won and lost by all parties engaged.

Phi Delta Theta set up her standard, and her flag was waved vigorously. All the old soldiers present did valiant service.

Up to date our efforts have resulted in the initiation of nine as good men as entered. We are confident of their worthiness to wear the colors we all love so much.

In addition to those initiated this term, brother Joel T. Daves, Lake Charles, La., and Wm. L. Abbott, Ga., who were in college a year or two ago, re-entered this fall, and we hope to reap great good through them for Phi Delta Theta in '91. We are expecting the return of brother James P. M. McKee in December. He will enter the Junior class, and be a great addition to our strength. We are now twenty-four strong.

Faithful, honest work, is our watch-word, and we hope to sustain the past record of Georgia Beta, this year. In my next report I will endeavor to give you the political status of affairs.

Nov. 24, 1887. JNO. E. MICKLER.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

WE have initiated, this year, eight fine men, the pick of the college. This gives us, at present a membership of sixteen—

fifteen attendant and one associate. Of this fifteen three are '88 men, six are '90, and six are '91.

On last Saturday the election for Anniversarian and Debaters took place in our two Literary societies. In one of these brother J. W. Overstreet was elected Anniversarian, the highest office given.

On last Friday night, at the elegant residence of Mrs. Newsome on Orange street, we held our first social club for this year. It was voted by all a grand success. Mrs. Newsome is one of our most loyal lady friends.

On the sixth of January, 1888, however, the largest affair of the season will be celebrated. On that night we will have our anniversary exercises, and we intend to make it the grandest affair that even we, who are noted for our splendid entertainments, have ever had.

It is with pleasure that we announce that the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity here, which for a year or two has been practically dead, has initiated eight or ten good men, and seems almost as strong as ever.

Dec. 5, 1887. GEO. S. JONES, JR.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

AT our first meeting this session twenty-one Phis answered to the roll call. Since last commencement death has deprived us of our much loved brother, R. A. Carter of Louisville, Ky.

Our chapter now numbers twenty-seven men, having gained three by initiation, one by affiliation, and two by the return of old members.

The presidential visit to this city was the occasion of quite an enjoyable event to Vanderbilt and Nashville Phis. On Sunday evening, October 17th, the active and alumni members of Tennessee Alpha visited Postmaster-General Vilas, out at the residence of Judge Jackson, and presented him with a gold-headed hickory cane cut from the "Hermitage." Brother R. F. Jackson presented the cane in a neat and appropriate speech, to which Mr. Vilas responded in words of manifest feeling and appreciation. His apt speech and genial conversation made for him a warm place in our hearts, and we shall long remember the pleasant evening passed in his company. His interest in Phi Delta Theta and in Phis convinced us of the fact that fraternity feeling does not end with our college life, but lasts on and on as a blessing to those who are loyal to its teachings. After spending some time in pleasant conversation with Gen. Vilas and other guests of the house, we were driven back to the city, glad to have met our most noted Phi, and all agreeing that it was one of our most happily spent evenings.

The fraternities here are talking of issuing another *Comet* this session. Before my next report I hope this movement will have taken more definite shape.

Nov. 19, 1887. W. H. Harris.

Some of the fraternities here are taking active steps towards issuing another annual this session. Beyond this no fraternity happenings of general interest have occurred during the past month.

F. S. Brockman, of Atlanta, is the fourth man we have initiated this year, and J. H. Moss, an M. A., of the University of Virginia, makes our second affiliate. We commend them to the friendship and good fellowship of all Phis.

The Seniors have elected brother E. I. Cockett, class representative for the next commencement.

Brother W. T. Sanders has been elected to represent the Dialectic Literary Society in the contest for the Inter-Collegiate State oratorical medal, which is awarded every May, in this city. Both are able men and will no doubt sustain their well earned reputation as good speakers.

Dec. 10, 1887, W. H. Harris.

Mississippi Alpha, University of Mississippi.

We have opened with brighter prospects than ever. We lost one member by graduation, brother L. M. Southworth, and brothers C. L. Armstrong and W. A. Anderson, who have failed to return. Opening with a membership of ten, our number has been increased to twenty-two. We have been so successful as to lose only one of the thirteen men we had "spiked."

The following are the honors and medals taken by Mississippi Alpha during the past session: Brother Charles Firman Smith, valedictorian, Senior medal of Phi Sigma Literary Society, for debate, literary medal for best article in University Magazine for session of '86-7, scholarship medal, presented by the "London Society of Science, Letters and Art."

Brother John M. Oliver, anniversarian of Hermaean Literary society, will deliver his oration on the 22d of February next.

Brother L. M. Southworth has just been re-elected to the State Legislature, where he has already won a brilliant reputation. He was with us at the opening of the session, and rendered valuable assistance in "spiking."

We expect to celebrate our success by a magnificent banquet, during the coming winter. Our failure to report in November Scroll was owing to the fact that the University did not open until the 3d of October.

Nov. 13, 1887. Chas. Firman Smith.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

SINCE my last letter to the SCROLL, Texas Beta has been at work and has met with her usual great success. We "spiked" five men in true Phi style and how successful we were, can be seen by referring to our list of initiates. Every one of them had been solicited to join several other fraternities. We take much pleasure in introducing these brethren to the Phi world and confidently expect great things of them in the future.

The initiation ceremonies took place Saturday afternoon, November 12th. We were pleased to have with us on that occasion, four members of Texas Gamma, viz.: brothers Bass, Camp, Kidd and Sessions. We enjoyed their visit hugely, and hope that they and all the other members of Texas Gamma will visit us as often as possible.

Besides these visitors, we were glad to have with us some of our resident alumni, viz.: Hawthorne, Hotchkiss, Johnston, J. O. Lewright and Raymond.

Brother Hawthorne was in town recuperating, after two weeks of arduous labor, "teaching the young idea how to shoot" and how to play base ball. His account of his adventures in the country was thrilling in the extreme.

Brother Johnston is an alumnus of Virginia Delta, Richmond College, class of '79, and is a true Phi and whole-souled gentleman, he brought up to our hall with him a copy of the SCROLL of 1879, and compared with it a copy of the SCROLL for 1887. The comparison was certainly gratifying and showed very clearly the rapid growth of our order.

Brother Johnston is agent here for the Pacific Express Company.

Brother R. A. John, a rising young lawyer of Georgetown, Texas, was in town on business, some weeks since, and found time to make us a short visit.

On Monday, November 28th, brother J. E. Stovall was married to Mrs. Alice Parker, of this city. The wedding was very quiet, only a few invited friends being present. Brother Stovall, a member of Tennessee Alpha, had, while in college, I believe, the reputation of being the best scholar in English whom Vanderbilt University had ever produced. He is a preacher in the M. E. Church, South, and for the past year has had charge of a church here.

"They say" that another resident Phi will soon "double his joys and halve his sorrows," by taking unto himself a wife. We hope to be more definite in our next.

The following list of fraternities which have organized chapters in the University of Texas, is taken from the November number of *The Texas University*, and is believed to be correct: Phi Delta Theta, 11; Beta Theta Pi, 12; Sigma Chi, 7; Sigma

Alpha Epsilon, 17; Kappa Sigma, 12; Sigma Nu, 7; Tarantula Social Club, 12.

Dec. 5, 1887. J. B. LEWRIGHT.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

ON the 22d of June we initiated James R. Spivey. After the initiation the Phis seated themselves at the banqueting table, which was presided over by brother Dr. Sterrett, professsor of Greek. The "we sma'" hours were coming and going ere they left the festal board. There were present with us, brothers S. G. Ramsey, W. H. Foster and F. B. Foster, all of Indiana Alpha.

This fall found seven loyal Phis at Miami. Brother Townsend, who left college at Christmas, has returned. Brother Clough, who was with us last year, has gone to Bloomington, Ind.

On the 8th of October we initiated Edwin Emerson, '89, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the Phi world. The attendance of the college shows a marked increase, from which we hope to secure a few good men. At the recent athletic exhibition two thirds of the prizes were taken by Phis, the other third by the barbs. We have secured a hall that is fitted up the finest of any secret society lodge room in this city; it is so situated that we have a view of the main part of the town, and is by far the most beautiful location that could be secured. The outlook of Ohio Alpha has never been brighter, since its re-establishment, than at present.

Nov. 12, 1887. W. J. RUSK.

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

THIS session has been a most successful one for Ohio Delta. So far we have initiated four men, all of whom will make noble Phis. At least three out of the four are musicians, and the boys are now making an effort to buy a piano. Everything points to success in this direction, and we feel assured in saying that that end will be accomplished, together with a full fledged orchestra, by the beginning of next term.

We are sorry to lose brothers Hoag and Walker, who went home this week and will probably not be with us again next term.

It cannot be denied that Ohio Delta stands in the front rank of fraternities at Wooster. This is proven both by quality and quantity, having in number as many as any other fraternity. She is also represented in nearly every entertainment of the col-

lege year. The annual Shakespearean entertainment of Athenaean literary society, will be given next Saturday evening, in which some of the brethren take part.

Brothers Anderson and Francis, of '84, are expected to spend Christmas with the boys who remain at Wooster during vacation.

Dec. 5, 1887 T. A. WALKER.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

NOTHING deserving especial notice has occurred among us since our last letter, except that of a supper, at which several of our alumni were present. We were entertained and materially benefited by addresses from our alumni, who told of the fraternity in "ye olden time," and how she had ever prospered.

Our goat was again brought forth and compelled to gallop along with the double load of brothers Cook, '89, and Greene, 91, both being valuable acquisitions of whom we are very proud. These having been duly placed under the protection of the sword and shield, we all retired to the lunch room, where a repast had been prepared. There a very enjoyable time was spent and one never to be forgotten, and when the departing hour came each had become more strongly imbued with fraternity spirit and if possible with a greater love and regard for Phi Delta Theta.

We have abstained from preps. this year, but the Beta Theta Pis, notwithstanding their pronounced opposition to that class, have again descended into its ranks.

Centre College was honored a few days since by a visit from an old Phi, Wm. R. Worrall, who has recently assumed the matrimonial garb.

Kentucky Alpha bids fair for a good and prosperous year. With seven old men and five initiates she now has the largest membership at Centre College. We have an elegant set of rooms, handsomely furnished, and are in good condition financially.

In accordance with the resignation of Dr. Beatty, the Trustees of Centre College met, but decided to take no definite step until next year, therefore Dr. Beatty still continues in the President's chair—a circumstance pleasing to all.

Nov. 12, 1887. R. H. WINN.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA ALPHA has begun the new year with gratifying prospects. We have three Seniors, nine Juniors, six Sophomores, and two Freshmen. Last year we considered that we were in

the front part of the procession, but now we are even more confident, and the chapter is in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been during the experience of its present members.

We very much miss brothers J. W. Fesler and Robert Newland, who graduated this last year with honor to themselves and the fraternity; and three of the other old members are out for the year. This year, also, the resignation of Bert Fesler, '89, was tendered and, on October 22, accepted. Brothers T. M. Honan, from Indiana Epsilon, and W. E. Clough, from Ohio Alpha, have been affiliated.

During commencement week, last year, a banquet was given by the chapter that was quite an elegant affair. The supper was prepared at the National Hotel, of this city, and about seventy of the Phi brethren, and their lady friends, enjoyed the feast. After the delicacies of the season had been discussed, the eloquence broke forth. Toasts were handsomely and wittily responded to, Judge Byron K. Elliott, of the Indiana Supreme Court, acting as toast master, and other older members of the fraternity honoring the occasion with their presence. From the hotel we adjourned to the Chapter Hall, where several hours were pleasantly spent in social enjoyment, the orchestra furnishing beautiful music throughout the evening. The banquet was pronounced *the* event of the year by those present, and the brotherhood was the recipient of many compliments.

Charming receptions were also given during the week by the Kappa Alpha Theta ladies, and Misses Orchard and Brodix, members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Finally, I have the pleasure of bringing to the attention of the Phi boys two new brothers, James E. Hargan, who was initiated September 25, and Charles H. Taylor, who became a member on the 12th of November. The acquisition of brother Taylor is the biggest spiking victory of the year, as he was spiked by Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta. Our policy has been conservative this year, and we have not spiked a man till we knew him well; hence, while we have taken in so few members, we have avoided getting men who would not be in every way an honor to the fraternity.

Nov. 14, 1887. JAMES L. MITCHELL, JR.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE has begun her fifty-fourth year under auspicious circumstances. Each of the several past years has shown a marked increase in attendance, but this year the per cent. of gain is largely in excess of any former year. The old buildings having proved inadequate to accommodate the students, an elegant and commodious new building is in course of construction.

Two new departments have been added this year—chemistry and modern languages.

Last year we lost by graduation brothers McCoy, Noe, Carter, Vancleve and Johnson. Brothers McCoy and Noe are the principals of the Bethel Classical Institute, Bethel, Ky. Brothers Carter and Vancleve are theological students; the former at Union Theological Seminary, New York, the latter at Morgan Park, Ill.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit, recently, from brothers McCormick, Hennessy, Hutchings and Johnson, of Indiana Epsilon.

Wednesday evening, November 2, we enjoyed a very pleasant social at the home of brother Alexander, where all were royally entertained.

Though you are late hearing from us, Indiana Delta is not sleeping, but has been looking out for such as will make worthy, loyal Phis, four of whom we have rescued from the darkness of barbarism. Their names will appear in the initiates column.

Nov. 14, 1887. L. O. STIENING.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

HANOVER has been the scene of much rejoicing in the last month, and she has had good reason to rejoice. On the 29th of October the Hanover foot-ball team cleverly defeated the Wabash team, the champions of last year, by a score of 12 to 10. On the 12th of November, she defeated the University of Butler, thereby winning the State championship for 1887–88. Phi Delta Theta was represented on the team by three men, viz.: McCormick, Hennessy and Johnson. McCormick was acknowledged by the papers of Indianapolis to be the finest half-back in the State.

Speakers for the exhibitions of the Junior and Sophomore classes have been announced. Out of our three members in the Junior class we got two of the seven speakers, your reporter securing valedictory, brother McCormick being the other speaker. Out of three eligible men in the Sophomore class we got three speakers in brothers Hutchings, Huffer and Jackson. The boys feel enthused over their work.

We had a chance of visiting Indiana Delta on the 11th of this month. We found our sister chapter in a fine condition.

The latch string of Indiana Epsilon is always out to visiting brothers.

Just as we are writing this we received an invitation to attend the revival of Michigan Alpha at Ann Arbor. We will try and send a delegate to give our new brothers the grip.

The letter of our province president was read with interest by us, and we think it is to the point.

Nov. 27, 1887. H. C. JOHNSON.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

WITH nearly two months of college gone, the "rushing" season over, and our chapter hall filled with twenty-two enthusiastic Phi Delta Thetas, we are in good condition to give THE SCROLL a hearty greeting.

Reviewing the events of the last collegiate year, Indiana Zeta's career was certainly a brilliant one. With six Seniors at the wheel—men who, in the opinion of the entire University had no superiors, and but few equals—we certainly did not want for leaders.

May 23d, was the occasion of our anniversary exercises and banquet. After assembling at our hall and listening to the anniversary exercises of the chapter, which consisted of an oration by brother Snyder, a poem by brother Millis, the reading of the chapter history by brother Moore, and the prophecy by brother Hopkins, we—about thirty couples in all—proceeded to the parlors of the Commercial Hotel. The *menu* provided for the occasion was elaborate. Brother Hopkins acted as toast master of the evening. The following brethren replied to toasts: "The National Fraternity," brother Summers, of Illinois Gamma; "Our Chapter," brother Moore; "Royal Bumper," brother P. M. Miller; "The Phi Banner," brother Geo. F. Keiper; "The Undergraduates," brother Gahring; "Our Seniors," brother Dubois; "The Girls," brother Millis; "Too Full for Utterance," brother Snyder. The entire affair was voted by all the boys as one of the most successful in the history of our chapter.

On the 5th of last May, Hon. W. C. De Pauw, the munificent benefactor of the university which bears his name, died suddenly at Chicago. His relations with the University during the past few years had been such as to cause him to be admired and respected by both Faculty and students. His death was keenly felt. A large delegation from this place attended the funeral at New Albany. By the provisions of his will De Pauw University will receive a sum as yet not definitely determined, but which will not be far from $2,000,000. No nobler monument to his memory can be erected than the institution of which he has been so liberal a patron.

Near the close of last year a chapter was established here by the Alpha Phi Sorosis. This makes four ladies' societies at De Pauw.

Last year being the fiftieth in the history of the University, the exercises of commencement week were devoted principally to the semi-centennial celebration. Numerous noted alumni were present and addressed the students. On commencement day Indiana Zeta was ably represented by brothers Gahring and Hopkins, the latter being one of the five speakers selected by the Faculty.

In department work brother Dubois took honors in Political Philosophy, and brothers Hopkins and Wilkerson honors in Mathematics. Brother Wilkerson also took one of the Cloud prizes in declamation.

Notwithstanding the fact that we lost six Seniors by graduation, and that two of our Sophomores, brothers Kem and Riley, were unable to return, yet brothers Rognon, Richards and Secrest, who were out either a part or the whole of last year, are with us again, and brother O'Rear, of Indiana Beta, who enters the law school here, has affiliated with us. These, in addition to the two new men whom we have initiated, swell our chapter roll to 22. Our men are distributed as follows : Seniors, 2 ; Juniors, 5 ; Sophomores, 6 ; Freshmen, 8 ; Law School, 1. In numbers Phi Delta Theta heads the list, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi coming next with 21 and 19 men respectively.

Brother Wright, president of the Y. M. C. A. at De Pauw, was chosen chairman of the State convention of that organization which met at Crawfordsville a few days ago.

"Class Secret Societies" are creating quite a stir just now. The Juniors have recently organized the "Styx," consisting of the fifteen men who rank first in the class. Objections are raised by a few to these organizations, on the ground that they injure the old fraternities, but the good done in breaking down clanishness will more than compensate for any damage done.

Owing to various circumstances fraternity prejudice is rapidly dying out at De Pauw. There was a time here when it was impossible for a man to see merit outside of his twenty or thirty fraternity brethren. The time is approaching, however, when the students of De Pauw University can meet as man with man and student with student, as well as fraternity brother with fraternity brother. In this work of Pan-hellenism Phi Delta Theta has always taken a leading part.

THE SCROLL will never be obliged to chronicle the initiation of another prep. into Phi Delta Theta at De Pauw. We have with us in the good cause Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Some of the boys seem to think that the fraternity hall is intended for athletic purposes, and quite a number of them are becoming expert "boxers," at the expense of the carpet and other furniture.

The boys have returned this year brim full of enthusiasm for Phi Delta Theta, and with the determination to make things count. From present indications we have never had better prospects for a year of good, solid work, both in our college duties and in the cause of Phi Delta Theta.

Nov. 11, 1887. BERT WILKERSON.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

WE have already entered the last half of the term and are quite satisfied with our success thus far.

It is with pleasure that we introduce brothers Cornahan, Van Fleet and Draper, all Class of '91, initiated since our last report. In our last report we neglected mentioning that brother E. S. Bowen had entered Cornell at the beginning of the year, for the course of Mechanical Engineering. We are sorry to lose him, as he was one of our most loyal fellows. Our brothers at Cornell will find him a true Phi.

One of our charter members, brother H. F. Shunk, '85, of Toledo, O., was nominated for State Representative; but we have not yet learned the result. We congratulate the Pi Beta Phi on having a most excellent chapter of young ladies here established at the end of the year. Most of our fellows have invitations to a Thanksgiving reception to be given by them.

We were most happy to form the acquaintance of brother Campbell, of Pennsylvania Alpha, recently from Allegheny Sem., who supplied the vacancy in the Presbyterian Church here for a few Sundays. We are glad to see any of our brothers who may come this way, and assure them a hearty welcome.

Nov. 15, 1887. J. O. DUGUID.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

ILLINOIS Epsilon has not been idle since our last report, although we have no initiates to announce. While we are few in numbers, our standing in school was never better, and our prospects of new material of the proper kind, is very fair.

We are glad to note the presence of brother Wheeland of Montana, who was formerly a student of our college and is now engaged in the cattle business. He is in partnership with J. B. Hunter, a former student of the Wesleyan and a brother Phi.

We are soon to lose one of our most successful and influential business men. in the departure of brother G. W. Mueller for California. He will be absent until June, 1888, and will be greatly missed.

The Kappas celebrated their anniversary recently, at which the Phi boys were well represent, and were entertained as only the Kappas can. We wish them many returns of the same.

Dec. 5, 1887. J. A. DENHAM.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

WE were all pleased to see such encouraging reports in our last SCROLL, for we now realize how our fraternity is growing and

what an influence she is bringing to bear upon the young men of our colleges. As for us, we are proud to say that Illinois Zeta still carries her colors high (as she always has) and aims to take the lead in all things.

We have not so many older members in our chapter this year as we had last, for from our ranks five members graduated in the class of '87. But all the members are energetic and ready to work, which is an all important factor in fraternity life.

On Thursday evening, the 6th ult., the first barbs of the college were transported from their state of barbarism into the glory of "Grecian light and culture." These men, Grant McCarl, Daniel Allen, Geo. Tapper and Arthur Grubb, are men whom I am confident will be of great benefit to the fraternity, and we are glad they saw fit to wear the badge of blue and white.

Brother McCarl is a brother of Lyman McCarl, who graduated in '85, and who was an earnest worker when we were not in as prosperous a condition as we now are. Daniel Allen graduated from the high school in this city last year and has joined the class of '90. Geo. Tapper hails from Chicago.

The brothers thought the road between "barb" state and Greece rather hard and rough, but they kept on bravely to the end, where their right hand was grasped with the brothers' grip and they were members of a great fraternity.

On Saturday evening, the 12th of this month, we held our annual "stay" banquet in Prof. Parker's room. Our Knox College brothers were over and joined in the feast. The literary programme consisted of a welcome address, by Pres. A. W. Lapham, and response by Will Wycoff. Toasts were then responded to by brothers Smith and Murdock, of Illinois Delta, and brothers Anderson and McCarl of our chapter. Music was furnished by brothers Hale, Grubb and Dutton. Then were read the pnyx by brother Hale.

Our Senior brothers of last year are now scattered from California to Michigan. It seemed good to read the notes which they had placed in the seal box one year ago, and we wished they could have been with us.

Another brother was also gone—this one we will never see again on this earth. Eugene F. Carney, who was with us well and hearty a year ago, has now left us for another world from whence none ever return.

How sad we felt as his note was read, for we could not help thinking how well and jovial he was one year ago that night as he sat in our midst; and we wondered if he knew what we were doing and thinking. But such is the uncertainty of life—even in the midst of life we are in death.

Such has been the doings of the last month. There are a

few other boys whom we hope to initiate ere long and of whom you will probably hear next month.

Nov. 19, 1887. GEO. E. DUTTON.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN Alpha started the present school year with eleven men, and now it gives us pleasure to introduce to the Phi world five new men of the class of '91. Messrs. E. R. McDonald, Chas. S. Wasweyler, Chas. S. Miller, Fred. H. Benson and Harry L. Butler, will be found loyal and true blue Phi Delts.

The differences between the societies, relating to positions on the forthcoming annual, have been satisfactorily settled. In the next annual all societies will be represented.

Our chapter hall has been re-furnished, and we have there had several successful sociables.

The society has been very active this fall, and we shall report the other results of some of this activity later.

Nov. 16, 1887. A. T. LEITH.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

OWING to the scarcity of desirable material among the students we have had no new initiations since our last report.

We are glad to again welcome into our midst brother Jno. W. Froley, a student of '85-'86. He is our only Senior, and from present indications, will bear off some of the highest honors of his class for Phi Delta Theta.

We regret very much that on account of ill-health, brother Borse has been compelled to leave school, but he expects to return next semester.

Last month a party of seven jolly Phis paid a visit to Missouri Beta at Fulton. During our stay we were very hospitably entertained by our brethren and their lady friends.

The appointment and promotion of new officers in the Battalion of Cadets occurred last week, in which the Phis came off with the largest share of honors. Brother E. W. Hinton, Captain Co. "C," the writer Captain Co. "B," brother H. F. Martin 1st Lieut. Co. "A," brother Megeath, color-sergeant, brothers Macklind and Babcock, sergeants.

The military department this year has been eminently successful, having the largest and best drilled battalion it has ever had.

Brother See will represent us on the coming oratorical contest and we feel sure that he will acquit himself with credit to himself and us.

We are making extensive preparations for a party to be given in the Opera House on the 28th inst. We intend to make it the society event of the season.

Nov. 10, 1887. R. T. HAINES.

At our last meeting we initiated Edwin K. Atkinson, of Nevada, Mo.

On the night of November 28th, Missouri Alpha celebrated the 17th anniversary of her existence here and our entertainment was successful beyond our expectations. We quote the following description from *The Columbian*, a local paper edited by a member of the Zeta Phi Fraternity :

"The fall season in Columbia society has been quite gay, and many brilliant receptions and parties given, none more charming and enjoyable, however, than the entertainment given on Monday night, at the Hadden Opera House, by the Missouri Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. The young gentlemen expended considerable time and trouble in preparing and decorating the stage, and that this trouble had not been taken in vain was fully attested by the beautiful appearance of the room. At about half past eight the members of the society, with their lady friends, had assembled and the dance was inaugurated. The music, which was furnished by Prof. Venable and his orchestra of five pieces, was excellent, and as the sweet notes floated through the room, they filled the hearts of the dancers with gladness and caused their feet to beat rhythmic time to its enchanting strains. The programme, though not long, was of sufficient length, and in the arrangement of the dances considerable taste was displayed. At the conclusion of the first half of the programme a rest was taken and an elegant supper was served in the vacant room below, which had been procured and decorated for the occasion.

"As the guests descended the stairway and turned to go into the room, their vision was greeted with an exquisite apron, handsomely framed and displayed. This was the prize apron, made by Miss Mary Garth, for a former entertainment given by the society. The central part was composed of blue sateen tastefully hand-painted, and surrounded by white satin, while around it all ran a white silk cord, the whole being artistically decorated with a number of hand-painted badges The frame, a very handsome gilt one, was purchased by the society, to preserve the apron, which is an excellent work of art. In an alcove on one side of the room, surrounded by flowers and evergreens, was a large sword and shield, the Fraternity's badge, cut from a solid piece of wood by a former member. This was handsomely jeweled. In the center, in large gilt designs, were the Greek letters, 'Phi

Delta Theta,' the emblem of the mystic society, and with the eye that 'never sleeps,' at the top, it presented an attractive appearance. The room was decorated with flowers and plants and around the walls hung charmingly made banners, and also a number of aprons, which were, as said, made for a former occasion. The windows and entrances were draped with damask curtains, which with their heavy folds and rich colorings added much to the handsome appearance of the room. The colors of the Fraternity, white and blue, were appropriately shown in the decorations, large bands of white and blue cloth extended from the wall to the central portion, where they were fastened to the large chandeliers with which the room was brilliantly lighted. To these were fastened wreaths of smilax and bunches of white chrysanthemums, which hung in graceful festoons over the massive table, which looked resplendent in its snowy linen and delicately finished ware. There were other decorations and ornamentations which added largely to the handsome and attractive appearance of the room, and as the members of the society with their fair ladies gathered around the table, they formed a picture of manly beauty and feminine youth, grace and loveliness that delighted the spectators and charmed the hearts of the older guests.

"The supper was an elegant one, both in appointment and serving. That it was such was largely due to Mrs. Belle R. Jacobs, who kindly assisted the young gentlemen in preparing and arranging it, the entire menu having been gotten up under her immediate directions.

"At a late hour the merry dancers departed for their homes, voting this one of the most pleasant entertainments of their lives.

"The ladies appeared in full evening dress, their costumes being conspicuous for beauty and elegance.

"Those present were : Mr. and Mrs. Squire Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sebastian, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Evans, Mrs. Belle R. Jacobs, Mrs. L. E. Thompson, Mrs. J. C. Jones, Dr. W. B. Smith, Dr. B. A. Watson, Field Edmonston, and Misses Stella and Maggie Watson, Mary Clark, Lucy Bass, Maggie Walker, Ellen and Lucy McAfee, Daisy Rollins, Ulie Denny, Hood Turner, Jennie Lou Finney, Jessie Matthews, Willie Beazley, Ida Yeaman, Karleen Coleman, Laura Clark, and Messrs. Bert Haines, T. A. J. and H. Mastin, A. W. Turner, S. A. Megeath, C. J. Babcock, J. W. Froley, W. R. Macklind, Frank Conley, E. W. Hinton, E. M. Watson, Burton Thompson, M. C. Shelton, E. N. Webster, T. J. J. See and E. R. Atkinson.

Dec. 6, 1887. R. T. HAINES.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

As reporter of Missouri Beta I am proud to say that we are doing better fraternity work this year than we have done for sev-

eral. We are not as large as we usually are at this time of the year, but it is owing to the lack of good material in school that is old enough to make good men. We don't like the idea of taking in "preps."

We received an invitation, a few days ago, to a party given by Missouri Alpha, which we regretted very much at not being able to attend, for we are confident that we would have been entertained "right royally."

Brother M. H. Reaser, '87, has accepted a professorship in Carthage College, Missouri. We congratulate him on his good fortune, for we are confident of his success.

Brother G. F. Ayres, '87, is teaching. He expects to attend the Theological Seminary next fall.

Westminster College has been beautified by a large and handsome chapel; and an extensive gymnasium is also being put in, and as every stone in the future prosperity of our college only adds strength to our fraternity, we hope to accomplish much in in the near future.

Dec. 6, 1887. L. O. RODES.

IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

IOWA BETA reports in good condition, though suffering from a slight attack of lassitude, as is evidenced by the fact that this is our first letter this year.

The opening of the year found all the boys back except Brother Hargrave, of '90, who seeks what the world owes him on the Pacific slope. We were, however, reinforced by brother Fowler, who, after the absence of a year, enters the class of '90.

With pleasure we introduce to Phi Delta Theta William Clemans and H. J. Till, both worthy members of the law department. These gentlemen, being tough and hardened by time and experience, gave our goat a hard contest, and he now bows in supplication for tender Freshmen. We hope soon to report new and worthy accessions to the ranks of our under classmen.

The act of the board of regents in removing four professors and the voluntary resignation of the president and two professors made an almost entire change in the Faculty. The prosperity of the school does not seem to be endangered, and the usual number of students are in attendance.

The resignation of Prof. Leonard opened the way for brother Weld, who is now full professor of mathematics. Brother McGowan still remains as Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering.

The boys were recently the guests of Delta Tau Delta, who gave a Pan-Hellenic reception. The affair was a great success, and probably will be followed by more of the same sort. By this means what little of clanish spirit existing among the fraternities will be removed, and a truly good feeling promoted.

Dec. 3, 1887. A. M. CRAVEN,

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

THE November SCROLL has been received and read with a great deal of interest by members of Minnesota Alpha.

We are very prosperous and contented. Our house continues to be a source of pleasure and enjoyment to us. We opened it to the Junior class on Hollow e'en night and they whiled away the time until midnight very pleasantly, with dancing, card playing and singing. All said that they had never enjoyed a class meeting more than the one given by the Junior Phis.

On November 4th we gave our initial party at our house, and it has never been eclipsed in the social life of the fraternities of Minnesota University. Every member of our chapter with his lady friend was present, also Prof. and Mrs. Harry P. Judson. Dancing began at 9.30 and lasted until after the hour of midnight. May, the popular carterer, served an elegant lunch. The ladies in attendance were all Phi girls.

Fraternity life is very slow this year. None of the societies except Kappa Kappa Gamma has initiated more than three. The fraternities generally take in from six to eight each, but this year men are scarce. The Chi Psis have initiated but one. They number eleven. The Delta Tau Deltas have taken in two and now have nine. The Theta Phis have initiated two, and now number seventeen. The Kappa Kappa Gamma have taken in five, and now number fifteen in the University. The Delta Gammas have taken in one, they number twelve. We still number thirteen, but hope in a short time to raise that number by one or two.

Brother Lacre, '89, was recently elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Athletic Association.

This is the last day of the term. The boys are through their examinations and are preparing to eat turkey on the morrow at their various homes.

To-night occurs the true honored Junior and Senior reception to the students of University of Minnesota, Hamline University and Macalester College. It will be a very brilliant affair. The Phis of '88 and '89 are very prominent in connection with it.

We wish all our brethren in the bond a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

November 23. HELMUS W. THOMPSON.

KANSAS ALPHA, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE chapter opened this year with an enrollment of thirteen members, all earnest workers.

Our initiates number five, four of whom were "spiked" by our friendly rivals. Our policy this year has been eminently

conservative and the men we have initiated have all been thoroughly canvassed before being "spiked" by us.

W. A. White, '90, is business manager of the *Review*. W. R. Armstrong, '90, holds a position on the staff of the *Courier*.

To the beauties of our hall have been added two embroidered plush picture frames, the gift of Miss Kittie M. Bristline, Kappa Alpha Theta, and the coat of arms of Phi Delta Theta in hammered brass, the gift of Miss Laura O'Bryon, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

On the 23d of November we celebrated our fifth anniversary by a banquet, attended by the usual Phi spirit of brotherhood and mirth. J. T. Dickerson, '87, presided, and the following programme was rendered: oration, W. E. Higgins, '88; history B. T. Chace, '85; poem, W. A. White, '90; prophecy, H. E. Finney. The visiting Phis present were J. T. Dickerson, Marion, Kansas, Geo. S Lewis, Wichita, Kansas, B. T. Chace, Rosedale, Kansas (charter members). The invited guests were members of the University Faculty, and were Prof. A. M. Wilcox, Prof. A. R. Marsh, Prof. W. H. Carruth, Prof. A. G. Canfield, and Prof. L. D. Blake. The banquet was a quiet success and everyone enjoyed themselves in the warmth of that hearty hospitality and cordiality for which Phi Delta Theta is noted in K. S. U.

Our chapter was never more harmonious in all its parts, and our work has been, and is, characterized by a unanimity of action and congeniality of feeling, that results in good results in all the departments of the fraternity. We are happy among ourselves and confident of our future.

The "barbs" within the past two weeks, have attempted to force the fraternities from K. S. U., by distributing over the State a daily paper, containing an article written by a correspondent (a woman with a grievance) who regards fraternities as an evil, and who had a second article published about a week ago. The enemies of the State have taken care to make the most of these articles, and the "Barbs," first endorsing the correspondent's sentiments in a public meeting, have gone systematically to work to make things "too hot" for fraternities. Such an attempt, of course, could not be visited by anything but failure, and the only damage done is to the University, and that because the impression has gone out through the State that the authorities at the University are harboring an evil in their midst. A few students may be held back on this account, from attending on the opening of the spring term, but before next year the truth will be too well known to allow any falsehoods, such as our enemies have been guilty of, to be believed.

Dec. 5, 1887. H. E. FINNEY.

[At the last moment we received the following letter. A full account will be published next issue.]

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

ON Friday evening, December 9th, 1887, occurred an event of particular importance to the Phi Delta Theta world. It was the revival of the Michigan Alpha chapter, to which event the whole fraternity anxiously looked. Phi Delta Theta is no longer debarred from Michigan University, which she had desired so long to enter. The opening of the present college year found six loyal Phis gathered here, distributed throughout the University as follows: Brothers Wm. L. Honnald, W. H. Stillhamer in the literary department; J. B. Mecham, S. L. Thompson in the department of law; W. L. Moore and Geo. F. Keiper in the department of medicine and surgery. But these were not the only ones interested in our cause. For nearly a year a movement was on foot among some, who are now brothers, to establish a chapter here. Discouragement, defeat and defection attended their work, but their courage conquered. It was not an easy task to inaugurate this movement and to carry it to a successful issue. These few words tell the whole story of the success in which, we know, Phi Delta Theta rejoices. Brethren in the Bond, permit me to introduce to you the initiates, brothers Henry F. Shier, '88, Frank I. Muir, '88, A. L. Colton, '89, P. G. Sjöblom, '90, Frank H. Dixon, 90, and last, but not least, Prof. J. M. Schaeberle.

The event was celebrated by a banquet at Hangsterfer's restaurant. Thirty-one Phis sat down at the festive board. A splendid representation it was. Phis came from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan to rejoice with us. The following toasts were responded to, with your correspondent as toastmaster:

"The National Fraternity," brother J. E. Brown, General Secretary; "The Old Michigan Alpha," brother A. L. Colton; "The New Michigan Alpha," brother H. F. Shier; "The Epsilon Province," brother J. L. Davidson, Michigan Gamma; "The Bond," brother J. B. Mecham; "First Impressions," brother W. H. Stillhamer; "Shield and Sword," brother F. I. Muir; "Nimble William," brother W. L. Honnald; "Our Prospects," brother P. Sjöblom; "Our Greetings," brothers W. L. Moore and W. O. Robinson, Michigan Gamma. The events which transpired on that evening will never be forgotten by all who were in attendance.

We return our thanks to the visiting brethren for their attendance and assistance.

Now, in conclusion, we desire to urge upon any brother, anywhere, who thinks of changing his college relations, to come to Michigan University and Michigan Alpha.

Though we number eleven at present, it will not be long before we number eleven more among our chapter.

Dec. 17, 1887. GEO. F. KEIPER.

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'91. Roger Phelps Clark, Binghamton, N. Y.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

'88. Henry Fish Shier, East Saginaw, Mich.
'88. Frank Irwin Muir, Erie, Mich.
'89. Allen Lysander Colton, Detroit, Mich.
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MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Few, if any, of the enterprises recently inaugurated by Phi Delta Theta can compare in desirability to the revival of our defunct Michigan Alpha. Whatever of success has been achieved in new fields, whatever of honor has accrued to the Fraternity in so many other directions, the fact that the chapter which was established at that greatest of Western Universities—the University of Michigan—had been a dead letter on our chapter roll for so many years has been a matter of serious regret, and the occasion for a standing apology.

But the time was not ripe for a revival, and although at different times opportunities for a *quasi* revival of the chapter arose, yet the fraternity was not willing to see it revived until the proper surroundings were secured, and the conditions for a successful and honorable career of the new chapter fulfilled. Such an opportunity came, and those conditions have been fulfilled since the present body of applicants knocked at our doors and asked for a revival of the presents issued in 1864.

The original charter was granted December 18, 1864, to Bros. Elstun, Harris, and Story of Indiana Gamma, and Bro. Herbert of Indiana Beta, then in attendance at the University, and these brothers gathered together the men who constituted the Michigan Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, and which flourished until 1869, when, weakened, not numerically, but by social differences, the chapter became inactive. The old volumes of the *Palladium* for '66, '67, '68 and '69 give the membership list of the chapter prefaced by the wood cut, such as adorns the title page of our catalogue issued in 1878, and the Phi editors on the staff for these years were Bros. Harris, McGill and Johnson.

Since the chapter became inactive in 1869 many attempts have been made both inside and outside of the Fraternity, but for sufficient reasons none of them ever materialized. Every year there has been a goodly number of Phis from other chapters in attendance at the University, and they have ever sought one another out from the body of the students, and fostered their fraternity attachments during their stay in the University. But being for the most part post-graduate students, scattered through the different depart-

ments, busy in pursuing professional courses, the situation was such that they could not undertake the re-establishment of the chapter, since it was desired only to have it reorganized where it would draw from the same class of students as do our chapters elsewhere, and meet in rivalry with the other Greek letter Fraternities—in the Literary department. Here their acquaintance was most limited, and so was the enterprise awaited which would of itself arise in the right quarter and come to us for admission with its promises of success.

Late in the Fall of 1886 the subject of a revival of the chapter was talked over by two students in the Literary department, one of whom had had numerous friends and acquaintances among Phis at Ann Arbor as well as elsewhere. It was decided to confer with the members of the Fraternity in the University, and with their co-operation and assistance to undertake the project of the formation of an active chapter of the Fraternity in the Literary department. This was done, and the Phis gave all their aid and support to the new enterprise. The men went to work, and by the early spring a petition was presented to the General Council signed by the names of ten students of the University. A thorough investigation of the merits of the petition was then begun, and as a result of which a charter was denied the petitioners. Nothing daunted, the men continued in their work, removing obstacles which had been in the way of the original application, and by June 1st a second one was presented to the Council. This again, on account of the approaching close of the college year, and the uncertainty of return of certain of the applicants, was denied.

A temporary organization was effected, and plans made to continue the work in the following October. The opening of the session found such of the petitioners as had returned at work, and it was not long until the third and successful application was presented to the Council. Satisfied that the conditions were such as assured us a chapter of excellent standing and gave every promise of its stability and continuance, the charter was granted, and active preparations made to install them as the Michigan Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

The presents issued to them bears the date November 11, 1887, and December 9 was the date of initiation and installation, the latter being within nine days of the thirty-third anniversary of the founding of the original chapter in the University.

Invitations were sent out to the different chapters of the Fraternity, more particularly to Epsilon Province and to members residing in Michigan. The time was one when a large attendance could scarcely be expected from sister chapters, as at nearly, if not quite all of them, the students of the college were busied with their fall examinations. But nevertheless when Friday evening, December 9, came there were some more than twenty visiting Phis present to assist in the exercises of the evening.

The initiation and installation ceremonies were conducted by Bro. J. E. Brown, representing the General Council, assisted by Bro. F. S. Ball, of Ohio Zeta, and the other Phis present. The suite of three rooms where the exercises were held were well adapted to the purpose, and everybody present entered into the spirit of the occasion, and united to give the intrants one of our modern and most thorough initiations. Besides the five Phis in the University, two of whom are in the Literary department, the following were initiated as charter members: John Martin Schaeberle, Henry Fish Thier, Frank Irwin Muir, Allen Lysander Colton, Pierre Godfrey Sjöblom and Frank Dixon. These were initiated in twos, and the exercises, which commenced a few minutes before eight, were concluded at fifteen minutes after midnight. The thirty-one Phis then marched into the banquet hall adjoining and there enjoyed the feast given by the new chapter in honor of the occasion, and served by Hangsterfer, whose catering has been the pride of fraternities, societies and classes at Ann Arbor for so many years. At each plate was the programme. Across the first page of the cover of white parchment paper ran diagonally a ribbon of blue, placed over the center of which was a card bearing a steel engraving of the Phi badge. On the page was printed, above: "Dec. 18, 1864, Michigan Alpha, U. of M."; below, "Banquet of Phi Delta Theta, Dec. 9, 1887." Inside was,

ANNUAL BANQUET
MICHIGAN ALPHA
of the
PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY.
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.
Ann Arbor, December 9, 1887,
at
HANGSTERFER'S.

Then followed the menu, preceded by Shakespeare's advice, "Lay on, Macduff, and damned be him that first cries, Hold, enough!" and closing,

"The cock that is the trumpet of the morn,
Doth with his lofty and shrill sounding throat awake the God of day."

The toast list ran as follows:

"TOAST MASTER, Bro. KEIPER

'Around this festive board we meet,
And naught but pleasure know;
'Tis here our brothers new to greet,
And friendship's love bestow.'

THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY, Bro. BROWN

'Great souls by instinct to each other turn,
Demand alliance, in each other burn.'—*Addison.*

THE OLD MICHIGAN ALPHA, Bro. COLTON

'The past is by death possessed;
And frugal fate,
By giving, bids us live to-day.'—*Fenton.*

THE NEW MICHIGAN ALPHA, Bro. SHIER

'Present to grasp and future still to find,
The whole employ of body and of mind.'—*Pope.*

THE EPSILON PROVINCE, Bro. DAVIDSON

'Of provinces, principalities and powers speaks he.'
—*Shakespeare.*

FIRST IMPRESSIONS, Bro. STILLHAMMER

'But thou brightest valor and wit,
Two things that seldom fail to hit.'—*Butler.*

THE SHIELD AND SWORD, Bro. MUIR

'His warlike shield was all of diamonds,
Perfect, pure and clean,
For so exceeding shone its glistening ray.'—*Spenser.*

NIMBLE WILLIAM, Bro. HONNALD

'Thus Bethel spoke, who always speaks his thought,
And always thinks the very thing he ought.'—*Pope.*

OUR PROSPECTS, Bro. SJOBLOM

'Naught unprosperous shall thy ways attend,
Born with good omens, and with heav'n thy friend.'—*Pope.*

'Where be your gibes now? your gambols? your songs?
Your flashes of merriment that were wont to set the table in a roar.
—*Shakespeare.*

In addition to the above, remarks were made by Bro. Professor Schaeberle and W. E. O'Kane. We cannot speak too highly of the responses of Bros. Davidson and Sjöblom, which were polished productions and heartily received.

Bro. Colton gave some interesting historical data concerning old Michigan Alpha, and it appears that it was organized in 1864, on the same street, but a door or two from where was effected the temporary organization which led up to the present Chapter.

The interest did not flag during the whole programme, but the jollity increased as it went. It was far after four o'clock when the brothers joined hands in a circle, sang the parting song, and, with three cheers and a tiger, bade the Chapter "God-speed."

The following were present as visitors : L. C. Langdon, Indiana Alpha, Portsmouth, O.; J. E. Brown, Ohio Beta, Dayton, O.; W. E. O'Kane, Ohio Beta, Delaware, O.; E. S. Barkdull, Ohio Beta, Toledo, O.; B. W. Dawley, Ohio Beta, Delaware, O.; Charles M. Hemphill, Michigan Beta, Ypsilanti, Mich.; H. F. Hall, Michigan Beta, Lansing, Mich.; J. E. Davidson, Michigan Gamma, Bay City, Mich.; C. A. Reynolds, C. D. Garlough, W. S. Gilbert, C. E. Mark, J. W. Carnahan, J. O. Duguid, D. J. Churchill, E. D. Palmer, W. O. Robinson, F. B. Draper, all of Michigan Gamma, Hillsdale. Mich.; W. M. Munson, of Michigan Beta, and Fred S. Ball, Ohio Zeta, Columbus, O.

PHI DELTA THETA REVIVES ITS MICHIGAN ALPHA CHAPTER.—INSTALLATION CEREMONIES LAST EVENING.

The Michigan Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity gave a banquet last night, at Hangsterfer's, on the occasion of its re-establishment in the University of Michigan. The Chapter flourished here in the sixties, but went down in the general confusion and difficulties of those times.

After a few preliminaries and the installation exercises, the company, to the number of thirty odd, sat down to one of "Hank's" typical banquets. Dr. J. E. Brown, of the National Military Home, Ohio, as Secretary of the General Council, represented the National Fraternity; Mr. J. E. Davidson, of the Michigan Camma, doing the same for the Epsilon Province. Prof. J. M. Schaeberle was also present and responded to a toast. Members from chapters in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, were there to aid in ushering in the revived Michigan Alpha.

Telegraphic dispatches from the various chapters in all parts of the United States, saluting the home chapter, were read, as well as a number of letters of regrets and greeting. Toast followed toast; songs, reminiscences, stories and a general good time made the hours short, until daylight warned the revellers that it was time to part.

The menu cards were of white parchment, a blue ribbon running diagonally across the outside, thus embodying the fraternity colors; a beveled card bearing a neat steel engraving of the fraternity pin, the Shield and the Sword. Besides the menu and toasts, two pages were devoted to the autographs of the visiting members; the whole making a very tasty souvenir of an occasion long to be remembered by those participating. Michigan Alpha begins under favorable auspices, swinging with a dozen good men. The reviving of this chapter is a part of the general policy of the fraternity to enter the various State universities, believing that they, supported by the commonwealth, are to be the great universities of the future.—*Argonaut, University of Michigan.*

Phi Delta Thetas at Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 9.—[Special.]—A chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was organized here to-night with a large number of charter members and many representatives of the fraternity from all parts of the country. There was formerly a chapter here, and the reorganization is now made under such promising auspices as to insure its permanency.

[The Phi Delta Theta fraternity is one of the most important Greek letter societies in the country. It was founded in 1848 at Miami University, but met with little success until after the war. Since that time its growth and prosperity have been marvelous and unparalleled. Thriving chapters flourish with considerable influence in sixty-four of the leading colleges of the country, one of which is at the State University in this city. The alumni of the order have their societies in nineteen of our cities and direct the policy of the fraternity. No other college society is so widespread and well founded. Among the leading members in public life are Postmaster-General Vilas, First Assistant Postmaster-General Stevenson, Commissioner of Pensions J. C. Black, Senators Blackburn, of Kentucky, and Harrison, of Indiana; Justice B. K. Elliott, and many others. In this city the more prominent are Prosecutor Huling, S. J. Flickenger, editor *State Journal*, Professor Bohannan, of State University. The fraternity is governed by a General Council, with headquarters at New York, where they publish an excellent monthly magazine devoted to its interests.]—*Ohio State Journal, Columbus.*

The Revival of Phi Delta Theta.

Ann Arbor, Dec. 10.—Last night, in Hangsterfer's Hall, members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity from six States gathered to witness the installation of Michigan Alpha, or rather the revival of old Alpha, which existed from 1864–69.

The new chapter starts out with twelve men strong. Among the initiates was Professor John M. Schaeberle, who has lately been elected Professor of Astronomy in the University of California. Dr. J. Ed. Brown, of the National Military Home of Ohio, Secretary of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta, performed the installation ceremony, being assisted by Bro. Ball, of Delaware, O., and Bro. Keiper, of Lafayette, Ind.

The revival of Michigan Alpha completes the chain in the list of Phi Delta Theta's long and honorable chapter roll, it having chapters in every section of the Union where the high character of colleges will warrant admission.

After the initiation ceremony between thirty and forty Phis sat down to the magnificent banquet provided by Hangsterfer.

Toasts and speeches followed and a general good time. Among the toasts were those replied to by Bro. Brown, General Secretary, upon "Our National Fraternity," and by Bro. Davidson, of Bay City, upon "Our Epsilon Province." It was only after wishing new Michigan Alpha a glorious future that the brothers in the bond thought of leaving the banquet hall, which all will pleasantly remember as the birthplace of the chapter which the fraternity has for so many years longed to see.—*Free Press, Detroit.*

ALUMNI SUPPORT.

To the fraternity in general the question which our subject broaches is one of well-nigh vital interest. The elementary principle of an organization such as ours is implied in its very name, and this principle is one which is to be honored as faithfully by the Alumnus of twenty years' standing as by the undergraduate.

Our ideal of fraternity life, as led by the graduate, is not an impracticable one. Let the reader turn back the pages of his memory to the farewell banquet of the year in which he graduated. Does he not remember how, when called upon by the *magister epularium* for his valedictory words to his beloved brethren, he vowed eternal fealty to the argent and azure standard of Phi Delta Theta? Does he not remember how he promised to keep the memory of his chapter ever fresh, to boast the shield and dagger, and never to lose his fraternal love? Just so! The standard of alumni life to which we hold is simply this, and nothing more. It is nothing beyond what each alumnus has voluntarily promised.

We did not start out, however, to speak at length on the purely theoretical side of the question under discussion, but the rather to pen some practical thoughts. Of late, some of the brothers with whom we sat in council around Phi Delta's altar, while we were yet in college, have visited us. The present is a time of great interest in the chapter's history because of the movements which are on foot to better its condition as to habitation and other important matters. Of course the support of the graduate members is a momentous factor in the plans, and how to obtain this is a subject of great interest.

We consider the annual chapter letter to be one of the happiest thoughts in all our fraternal economy. Like a chain of steel, it binds our entire organization together and promotes the unity of Phi Delta Theta in such a way as can nothing else which we now have. It adds each year fresh fuel to the flame in the breast of the alumnus. But, let us ask, does it do enough? Should not each chapter set in motion this same powerful bind-

ing force at other times in the year? Our idea is that the alumnus should hear from his chapter at least twice a year through official channels. Thus would the first step be taken to increase and make permanent the interest of the alumni.

The second step is of a reciprocal and eminently practical nature. It is that the receipt of the general chapter letter in the spring be the understood reminder that the alumnus is to make a small contribution to the treasury of his chapter. Indeed, if it were our privilege once more to occupy the floor during a legislative session, we would advocate the enactment of a rule which would each year bring into the chapter's coffers a one-dollar bill from each alumnus in whom there was a spark of fraternity love. What better way than this in which to show our interest in the men who have succeeded us at the helm? What easier way? Alumni of Phi Delta Theta do not, as a rule, become paupers, and we know of none who could not easily acknowledge the receipt of the budget letter in this substantial way.

We would, at the same time with advocating this plan, be cautious about it. We would not have the funds thus placed at the disposal of the men yet in college so used as to shift the necessary burdens from their shoulders. The putting of money into the chapter works the same increase of interest in the heart of the undergraduate as it does in the heart of the alumnus; therefore we would favor an enactment such as would compel the running expenses of the chapter to be paid by the active members. This would leave the contributions of the alumni for other purposes, such as the improvement of the rooms, the establishment or maintenance of a library, the formation of a chapter house fund; in short, for any legitimate purpose in general consonance with the wishes of the graduates. We think that a steady income such as this would be of far greater benefit than a spasmodic financial effort which gets ten dollars from one person and nothing from nineteen others who are ashamed of the dollar or two which they can spare.

We are well aware that the tenor of this sketch will likely call up in many minds a single word, Utopia. We are just as well aware, however, that this is altogether unwarranted, the result of thoughtlessness. In considering this theme before writing of it, we did not suppose that each chapter with a graduate roll of one hundred names would, as a result, immediately come into an annuity of one hundred dollars, though, to our mind, that is not too much to ask. To our aid came that same volume which we have heard so appropriately and effectively read in our chapter meetings, and it said that training is the force which is to rule the yet unfashioned future. In executing such a plan as this, the still living interest of the men who have gone before must be

relied upon ; those who are yet to come will be just what the training of their college-days makes them.

In conclusion, we do not claim with the doughty Captain Bobadil, that when our plans have been carried out the enemy will be exterminated thereby. We do believe that one step on solid footing will have been taken, which cannot fail to be followed by others, and that the final result will be gratifying.

CHARLES L. SMITH, B. A.,
Pennsylvania Delta.

EDITORIAL.

[No attention will be paid to matter written on both sides of the paper.]

THE constitution provides that Reporters and Historians of chapters are to be elected only once a year, and to hold office during both or all of the terms for which the other officers are elected. That is the limit of the provision, but it is advisable to carry it even farther ; and, when a good man is secured for either of those places, his services should be retained as long as they are available. For Historian the requirements are accuracy, method and promptness. These qualities, especially the last, are somewhat rare among college men, and one who embodies them all is, to a certain extent, a prize. The dates of receipt of the Historians' reports last year bears us witness. The same qualities, and others besides, are requisite for the Chapter Reporter. In addition, he should be a man who is able to discern existing facts, and then to state them concisely ; he should be well posted in fraternity matters, and interested beyond his own chapter or his own order ; above all, he must be able to criticise fairly and steer clear of all things bearing the least semblance to slander or malignity. All of these qualities are as often found—perhaps oftener—in the freshman as the senior. If he possesses all but general information, he will soon acquire that. If he begins young in his fraternity life he will "take hold" better, and generally do better work than if he begins towards the close of his college course. These are perhaps the most important chapter officers, since by them its history and records are made and kept. We do not mean to advise the election of young men in all cases, but what we do mean to say is—do not pass by a good man simply because he is a lower

classman. When you once do get a good man for Historian or Reporter, select him each year, and keep him in the service as long as he is an active member of the chapter.

Indiana Gamma does not deem it necessary to apologize for the inititation of preparatory students, though the worthy editors of THE SCROLL have made so much outcry over this matter in time past that an explanation seems in order. Firstly, such initiations are in no way forbidden by the constitution. Other fraternities here take in preps, etc.—*Letter from Indiana Gamma this issue.*

We are surprised that such an expression should come from Phi Delta Theta. It is more worthy of some organizations which shall be nameless here. The editors of THE SCROLL make no "outcry" on any question, but they do denounce an open violation of the constitution of our order, and they propose to continue to do so without any regard as to where or whom the shaft hits. Any one who says that "such initiations are in no way forbidden by the constitution" shows a most lamentable ignorance of that whereof he speaks. We do not propose to discuss this subject at length at this time, but the fact remains and has been plainly stated more than once in these pages. The excuse that "other fraternities here take in preps" is too weak and childish to need comment. Of course whatever any other chapter of any other fraternity does, good or bad, forms a sufficient justification for the actions of Indiana Gamma. Select the most vicious example you can find and follow it. That is the Golden Rule. It is unnecessary to quote further from the letter, which can be found in full in the subsequent pages. THE SCROLL represents no locality, but is the organ of Phi Delta Theta, North, South, East and West. Indiana men and chapters denounce this custom. Eastern men and chapters approve it. Above them all the constitution stands supreme and THE SCROLL will do all it can to see its dignity preserved. "Let the dead past bury its dead," but let the futute be unimpeachable in its legality and thoroughly honorable to the fair name we bear.

THERE are some anomalies always. We are daily convinced of the old truism that "there is nothing new under the sun." Maybe this is why some things are always old, and why we

always have some "old fogies" around. We were dumbfounded recently on receiving a request for exchange from our "conservative" friend, *The Shield*, of Theta Delta Chi. The appearance of this star follows closely on the exit of another, as the editor of Chi Psi's *Purple aud Gold* informs us that his publication has abandoned the custom of exchanging. We wish each of our friends success in their new fields. While we are on the subject of exchanges, we might inquire, by the way, what is the trouble with our numerous friends? The following is a note from our Exchange Editor's latest letter: "The Exchange Department will fall into 'Innocuous Desuetude' unless it gets a boost. This year only five magazines have been received—one *Beta Theta Pi* and four Phi Kappa Psi *Shields*—not a single other." Where, oh, where, are the Hebrew children?

In regard to the initiation of preparatory students, Indiana Gamma further says—evidently intended for the Editor's especial benefit: "Brethren in Eastern Colleges, where our situation and relations are unknown and not understood, would do well to reflect a little before becoming too dictatorial on this question." In reply, we will simply call Indiana Gamma's attention to the following remark from the chapter letter, also published in this issue, of her *next door neighbor*, Indiana Beta: "We voice the sentiment of our sister chapters—'no more preps.'" We would respectfully recommend that Indiana Gamma "*reflect a little*" before accusing the Editor of sectional views and dictatorial manner. It would be well also to "*reflect a little*" before violating the constitution that protects you, and then offering in palliation excuses worthy only of juveniles.

Before the time for our next issue has rolled around the day will have come for the publication of the annual circular letter, March first. The fraternity did pretty well last year considering that it was the first year under the new rule, but sixteen failed to report. We cannot see any reason why any should fail to report the coming first of March, and we hope that that is the story we will have to record. The under-graduates complain of alumni disloyalty. Here is a valuable key. There may be others, but do not neglect to use this one which is put into your

hands. The chapters that do their duty in this respect will find themselves amply rewarded. Let it not be said that a single chapter of Phi Delta Theta was weighed in the balance and found wanting.

We give a full account in this issue of the revival at Ann Arbor, which will be a source of gratification to Phis everywhere. If we are rightly informed—and we think we are—much if not all of the fruits are due to the labors of Bro. J. E. Brown, and he is deserving of much praise for the work he has accomplished. The young chapter will have a serious labor in upholding the standard of the order as it was upheld by the Michigan Alpha of the sixties. But we believe in the strength of our younger brethren, and have no fears for their future welfare and prosperity. We are simply voicing the sentiment of all when we say: God speed you on your journey.

One of the specified duties of the province presidents is to see that all chapters under their supervision are prompt in the payment of all taxes. We respectfully urge upon them the necessity of giving this matter their attention, and trust that, with their assistance, the Treasurer of the General Council will be relieved from present difficulties. To the chapters, however, we would say: anticipate your province president and put yourselves clear on the treasurer's books.

The first convention of Beta Province assembled at Roanoke, Va., December 5, 1887. All of the chapters in the Province except North Carolina Alpha, were represented. It was decided to hold convention annually, and the next one was fixed for October 29, 1888, at Chapel Hill, N. C. Expenses are to be defrayed by an annual *per capita* tax of 75 cents. The subject of chapter hall was thoroughly discussed.

We bow graciously to our friend the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* for the compliment paid us by gathering over two pages of its recent four and a half of "Items of Interest" from the same department of The Scroll. One long one and a "liner" are credited to us, and the remaining eight or ten to "Ex." We approve the good taste of the *Quarterly*.

We have not been able of late to appear as promptly as we have desired, but we console ourselves by thinking that we appear more promptly than any of our friends. We frequently receive exchanges two or three months after their date. The Scroll always gets around during the first few days of its month of date at latest.

Alumni support is one of the vital questions in the fraternity world, and we commend the article on that topic herein published to the active consideration of all our readers.

The historical letters series, compiled by Bro. Palmer, will continue in the next issue.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Treasurer of the General Council.

To Chapter Treasurers:

Your attention is called to the following and your early action requested.

Chapters in Arrears.

Maine Alpha,	$42 00	Texas Beta,	28 00
N. H. Alpha,	60 00	Texas Gamma,	$22 00
Vt. Alpha,	32 00	Ohio Gamma,	18 00
N. Y. Alpha,	32 00	Kentucky Delta,	22 00
N. Y. Beta,	28 00	Ind. Alpha,	42 00
N. Y. Gamma,	20 00	Ind. Gamma,	32 00
N. Y. Delta,	28 00	Ind. Epsilon,	22 00
Pa. Beta,	21 00	Ind. Zeta,	46 00
Pa. Epsilon,	8 00	Mich. Gamma,	38 00
Va. Gamma,	14 00	Ill. Delta,	20 00
Va. Delta,	12 00	Wis. Alpha,	30 00
Va. Epsilon,	12 00	Mo. Beta,	20 00
Va. Zeta,	10 00	Neb. Alpha,	20 00
N. C. Beta,	16 00	Iowa Alpha,	30 00
Ga. Alpha,	18 00	Iowa Beta,	24 00
Ala. Alpha,	66 00	Minn. Alpha,	36 00
Ala. Gamma,	22 00		

Very truly in the Bond,

S. P. Gilbert, T. G. C.

CHAPTER HISTORIES WANTED.

ALL chapters are hereby requested to have their separate histories prepared at once, and forwarded to me to incorporate with the history of Phi Delta Theta. Each chapter history should give:

(1.) A full account of the efforts made to secure a charter, and of the foundation of the chapter, including date of charter, names and classes of charter-members, and the body by which said charter was granted.

(2.) A sketch of the chapter's life, embracing a succinct record of its vicissitudes, and of its peculiar manners, policy and workings, and especially mentioning faculty opposition and how it was overcome.

(3.) All additional matter that would probably be of general interest or throw side lights upon the history of the fraternity at large.

The histories should be written on one side of legal cap paper, inside the line, and should range from six to twelve pages in length.

It is believed that the foregoing directions are explicit enough, but if not I will take pleasure in answering inquiries on the subject.

Each chapter will please at once instruct its historian to furnish me its history, or appoint some one else who is better qualified for the work.

All histories should be forwarded to me by April 1, 1888. If this is done I will be able to complete the history of the Fraternity in this the fortieth year of its existence. I trust there will be no delinquents.

If any chapters possess any old archives of historical value, I would be glad to receive an exact transcript thereof, or a description of them, that I may determine whether they would be serviceable to me.

Nashville, Tenn., January 10, 1888. WALTER B. PALMER.

FROM PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW YORK, January 10, 1888.

To the Chapters in Alpha Province :

The attention of Alpha Province is called to the fact that Thursday and Friday of the third week in April next is the time set for the next Alpha Province convention, and the place Easton, Pa., with Pennsylvania Alpha, Lafayette College. Chapters should at once elect their delegates (2), and make all necessary preparations.

Phi Delta Theta has always been successful in its conventions,

and there is no doubt but that this will equal, if not surpass, those of the past.

There will be certain necessary fraternity work, but, above all, we want to see every Phi present who can spare the time, so that the occasion may be made a glorious reunion "of hearts and hands."

Bro. H. L. Moore, 141 McKeen Hall, Easton, Pa., is named as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. Necessary information can be obtained from him or myself.

Yours in the bond, DUDLEY R. HORTON.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

MAINE Alpha sends a most hearty New Year's greeting to all her sister chapters. She rejoices in her continued prosperity, and feels a deep interest in the Phi cause, which now has become so broad in its influence.

We have elected as delegates to the Alpha Province Convention Bros. Gallert, '88, and Pepper, '89. We are now making preparations for the celebration of our fourth anniversary, which will take place April 1, and have chosen for the occasion, Bro. Roberts, Orator; Bro. Ceary, Historian; your reporter, poet; Bro. Pepper, Prophet. Brother Dawson's plan for subscription to THE SCROLL is a good one, and we think will meet the approval of all.

January 5, 1888. H. E. FARNHAM.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

WE stated in our last letter that we expected shortly to increase our number. This has been done, and two more freshmen have taken upon themselves the responsibilities of membership in Phi Delta Theta. Brother Dean has been elected President of the Electorial Association, a society recently organized at the University. A banjo and guitar club has been started; we are represented on it by brother Barnard. The University suffers a great loss in the retirement of Professor Lamberton after the Christmas vacation. He is noted as being one of the finest Greek scholars in the country.

Fraternity spirit is not very violent at Lehigh, most of the "rushing" being done very quietly. Among 130 new students can be found material enough to satisfy all the chapters here. We have been fortunate in not losing one man whom we approached, although "bids" from other fraternities were not wanting.

December 9, 1887. MILTON H. FEHNEL.

MOST of the boys have gone home for the Christmas vacation. The majority were successful in passing the examinations; and we are confident that the few who failed will return prepared to render futile all the efforts of the professors or instructors to "flunk" them again. We have one peculiar feature in the system of re-examinations at Lehigh—that of requiring a man to pay five dollars before he can have his second re-examination in any department. Another innovation on the old marking system was made last term. If a man has a term average of over 8.5 in any study and no unexcused absences, he is excused from examination; each excused absence, however, will lower his average one-tenth. This rule has served to make the attendance at college much more regular than in former years.

Brother Newby was compelled to leave us before the beginning of the vacation on account of failing eyesight; he expects to return next term.

Brothers Barnard and Throop were very much gratified at their kind reception by our brothers of New York Alpha, at the football match between Cornell and Lehigh.

January 6, 1888. MILTON H. FEHNEL.

NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMINI.

THE regular annual re-union and banquet of the Phis of this city took place Monday evening, December 12, 1887, at D'Orville's restaurant, in the Mill's Building. A goodly number of Phis were present, including a large delegation from each of the undergraduate city chapters. Many representatives were present from abroad, and a thoroughly enjoyable Phi time was had. After the banquet the following toasts were responded to: "Alpha Province," D. R. Horton; "The Fraternity," E. H. L. Randolph; "The First of Eastern Chapters," G. E. Savvage (Vermont Alpha); "Ye Legal Luminaries," J. M. Mayer; "New York State and the Phis," E. S. Harris (New York Beta); "The Fraternity in Politics," F. M. Devoe, Jr., "The Ladies," B. H. Minor.

January 1, 1888. PAUL JONES.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

WITH the New Year, taking a retrospective glance over our fraternity record during the one just past, we may justly be proud of it. We have initiated more and better men, and have taken more honors and held more places of prominence in the college than all the other fraternities combined. At present the other fraternities here number: $A\ T\ \Omega$, 8; $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$, 8; $\Sigma\ X$, 5. They all possess the true spirit of Pan Hellenism, so that there

exists only the most pleasant feeling among them. On the celebration ticket of our Literary Society we have three out of five speakers—Brothers Murphy, Bowers and Frey. On the *collegian* staff we have two editors. In all athletics our boys stand among the first.

On December 5th Beta Province held its first convention here. There were representatives present from five colleges. The delegates returned to their several chapters renewed in zeal and increased in fervor. All felt that the convention was of great benefit. In token of brotherly love, Virginia Alpha extends to all Phis her New Year's greeting, and wishes for them a year unprecedented in good work.

January 10, 1888. T. ARTHUR FREY.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

SINCE our last report Brothers Warner Peatross and Edward C. Armstrong have found out to their entire satisfaction that "Phi Delta has a William Goat," and that he does his work faithfully. In these gentlemen we have members who have already shown by their zeal in the cause that they are valuable additions. Our friends, the Beta Theta Pi and the Sigma Chi, "rushed" Brother Peatross in a very spirited manner, but the Phis, with their swords and shields, proved too much for dignified "Wooglin" and for the Knights of the Maltese Cross. brother Armstrong is a brother of one of our noted alumni, Professor J. L. Armstrong, of Trinity College, N. C.

Our chapter has grown a great deal, both in numbers and in influence. At times during the present session we have had slight passages-at-arms with the other fraternities, and some bitter feelings may have been engendered; but now we are at peace with the world.

We are, as usual, well represented in the various college enterprises, holding high offices in the literary societies, and taking a lively interest in athletics and in all other pastimes of a pleasant and profitable nature. At a recent open session of the Washington Society we were represented by Brothers Hill and Vaden, a declaimer and essayist respectively. For the public debate of the Franklin Society, Brother J. C. Martin is president, Brother Moss a debater, and Brother A. S. Martin a marshal. Thus far we have been honored with more offices in the elections than any other fraternity.

Brother H. L. Moss, our delegate to the first Province Convention of Beta Province, returned full of Phi enthusiasm, and bringing glowing reports of the welfare of the whole province.

Our new physical culture department is in successful operation. The gymnasium is the finest college gymnasium in the south; a

paid instructor has charge of the classes, the "Sargent system," as used at Harvard, being the one in use here.

Our college is in a very flourishing condition, 150 students being in attendance. The Greeks at R. M. C. rank numerically as follows: *Φ Δ Θ*, 12; *K A*, 10; *B Θ Π*, 8; *Σ X*, 6; *Φ K Σ*, 5. The A. F. O. (*i. e.*, Anti-Fraternity Organization) has 55 members. There are many good non-fraternity men in college.

It may be of interest to the Phis to know that we are very cosily established in a neatly-furnished room, and that at no very distant day we expect to have a handsome organ to accompany the manly voices of those who love to sing the good old songs of the Phis.

December 28, 1887. J. C. MARTIN, JR.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

COLLEGE politics will be hot for the next few days. The champion debate election will take place in one week. To give an idea of our debating material, in the recent annual impromptu debate election, from the Phi Gamma Society were chosen brothers J. H. Aardis, R. F. Eakes and E. S. Kelly, and from the Few, brothers C. N. Bennett and J. E. McRee, all of who! are recognized for their ability as debaters, and will do us credit one week hence. The remaining seven debaters were elected from *A T Ω*, *Δ T Δ* and *X Φ*.

In the recent election of editors for the *Emory Phœnix*, brothers J. E. McRee as editor-in-chief, and R. F. Eakes as business manager, were placed on the staff. Brother Eakes is in the Junior Class, and is a good writer, having received the medal for best essay in the Sophomore Class last commencement. Brother McRee's ability needs no comment.

The Spring Term of Emory opened this week, several new boys came in, from whom we initiated three of the choicest. They are, Stiles Bradley, Griffin, Ga., Robt. Johnson, Atlanta, Ga., and James Snow, Monroe, Ga.

January 6, 1888. JNO. E. MICKLER.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

THE failure of this chapter to have a letter in the December issue was on account of the change in the date of the reception of letters from the 16th to the 10th of the month.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of initiating into the fraternity Mr. S. S. Murphy, of Eutaw, Alabama. He is a noble young man, and we take great pleasure in presenting him to the fraternity.

Brother Hawkins paid us a visit a few weeks ago, which we enjoyed very much.

As no report of the honors won during last commencement has ever been made, I do not suppose that it would be out of place to make it now. The honors were as follows: Phi Delta Theta, three first prizes; Delta Kappa Epsilon, one first prize; Sigma Nu, two second prizes, and Barbarians, one prize. The prizes won by us were the prize for the best essay, the prize for the best oration, and the prize given to the captain of the best company.

On the Honor Roll we had eleven men; Delta Kappa Epsilon, seven; Sigma Nu, nine; Alpha Tau Omega, two; Kappa Alpha, two; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, one man, and Barbarians, one man.

On the Senior Speaking List, which is the greatest honor given by this institution, we had seven men, and Sigma Nu two.

The commissioned officers for this year are as follows: Phi Delta Theta, six; Sigma Nu, seven; Delta Kappa Epsilon, four; Kappa Alpha, two, and Barbarians, three. The non-commissioned officers are as follows: Phi Delta Theta, five sergeants and two corporals; Delta Kappa Epsilon, four sergeants and two corporals; Sigma Nu, three sergeants and two corporals; Alpha Tau Omega, two corporals; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, one sergeant and two corporals, and Barbarians, one sergeant and one corporal.

Every one here is now busy preparing for examinations.

December 7, 1887. M. J. McADORY.

MISSISSIPPI ALPA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

ALL of our new members have taken a good stand in the University Classes. One of them, W. H. Lee, of Greenville, Miss., has been called home and will not return this session. Our chapter will give a grand banquet at the "Anderson House," in this place (Oxford) on the evening of the 16th inst.

Representatives from other fraternities have been invited; also several young men from the town, so that, ladies included, we expect to entertain 60 or 65 guests.

I will give a full account of the banquet in the next number of THE SCROLL.

December 13th, 1887. CHAS. FIRMAN SMITH.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

WE of the Texas University had only one day for Christmas and none for New Year, although it is a legal holiday in Texas. A great number of the stndents signed a petition to the faculty asking for a week's holiday, but were disappointed.

Brother J. O. Lewright, who graduated last March, at Missouri Medical College, in St. Louis, at the head of a class of ninety-two, and who had been practicing in this city, left on the 6th ult., for Mexico.

He has located in Saltillo, the most pleasant city in Northern Mexico and next in size to Monterey.

On 22nd, ult., Prof. I. H. Bryan, principal of the Austin High School, was married to Miss Lela Richmond, also of this city. We congratulate brother Bryan, and wish him and his fair bride long life and much happiness.

News has lately reached us that brother Wilcox, B. L., of Class of '87, has also taken unto himself a wife; the lady's name we have not yet heard.

On Dec. 24th, we were glad to have with us brothers Bassett and Matthews, of Texas Gamma; after our regular meeting in the afternoon we had quite an enjoyable, informal, oyster party.

We were pleased Christmas to see brothers Andrews, Hawthorne, Pessels and Smith.

On Monday morning, last, we were delighted to again see among us brother H. W. Gilson, winner of the *Magazine* prize last year; he will take Junior Law and also complete his course for the degree of B. Lit. in June.

January 4th, 1888. J. B. LEWRIGHT.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

OF the fourteen Phis that dispersed to their homes from our University on the 20th of June last, but six returned on the 15th of September, to wake the echoes in the home of Ohio Zeta. It was our good fortune to welcome among us brother E. W. Mathews, '91, formerly of Indiana Gamma. In his affiliation our chapter has gained an enthusiastic Phi. On the eve of Oct. 1st we initiated Mr. George Bloom, of the class of '89. Brother Bloom is a gentleman of recognized ability among students and professors alike, and we take pleasure in introducing him to the fraternity at large. We are also proud to present brother J. E. Thompson, of '90, who is Captain of Cadets, Company B, and a member of the Board of Officers on Promotion. Adding to these our three pledged men, we have a band of twelve enthusiastic workers. Our main object this year has been, and will continue to be, the improvement of the internal working of our chapter, and our efforts in this direction have been quite successful.

Brother Ball represented our chapter at the re-establishment of Michigan Alpha. He returns overflowing with that enthusi-

asm, which such occasions cannot fail to awaken in the heart of every loyal Phi.

The membership of the fraternities at the O. S. U. is unusually large for so early in the year. Phi Gamma Delta, 9; Phi Kappa Psi, 12; Sigma Chi, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 9; Chi Phi, 11; Beta Theta Pi, 11.

December 10, 1887. F. W. BROWN.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

THE wisdom of the General Council and of the Nashville convention in refusing a charter to the applicants at Kentucky Military Institute has been amply verified in the recent demise of that institution.

Since our last report Dr. Kinnaird, Kentucky Alpha, '79, now residing in Lancaster, Ky., has taken unto himself a wife, the bride being Miss Cook, sister of one of our present members.

January 6, 1888. W. GREEN.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

WE have learned since our last letter to THE SCROLL that there has been a report circulating among some of our alumni and sister chapters to the effect that Indiana Beta was in a "very bad state of affairs internally." How this report started is not known, but we are here to say there is not a grain of truth in it.

We have just closed a term marked with signal successes. Never in the history of the chapter has better feeling prevailed in fraternity circles. Socially and morally we stand at the head. Nor have we been left in the field of work. In the elections of the Literary Societies for contest debaters in the celebration for February 22d, brother Hoffman was chosen by the Lyceum and brother Henderson by the Calliopean.

Brother Spencer was chosen by Oratorical Association to represent Wabash in the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition contest, held at Indianapolis, January 3d.

We meet regularly every Friday evening. Have splendid literary exercises, in which every one takes an interest, making them both interesting and instructive.

Brothers Ashby and Bowman will return this term. The resignation of H. H. Gortner has been received and accepted.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the Phi world brothers John T. Henderson, of Franklin, Ind., and Harry C. Thomas, of Dayton, O. These, with the return of brother Jenne, who has been absent for a term on account of sickness, still holds our little band at the old number, fourteen. But, if our numbers are not large, let no one dare say that Indiana Beta is not "marching on" to new victories.

We voice the sentiment of our sister chapters, "No more preps."

January 6, 1888. WILL H. EARL.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

ON last commencement day we had every reason to believe that the fall of '87 would see us begin work with a larger chapter than ever before. Three of our nineteen members were all that we expected to lose, and a temporary absentee was intending to return.

Instead, however, of losing three, we lost nine, and brother Matthews, ex-'90, who was intending to fall in line with '91, moved to Columbus, Ohio, and affiliated with Ohio *Z*.

Our only graduate, F. R. Kautz, has not left us entirely, but meets with us frequently as an associate member. He is instructor in Latin and college librarian for '87-88.

Brother T. M. Iden, '83, the new Professor of Chemistry, is another of our valuable "associates," and one of whom we are justly proud.

Brothers Ward, Davis and Noble expect to return in the fall of '88.

We commenced with ten of our old men and brother J. W. Fulwider, '91, who affiliated from Indiana Delta.

We have since initiated R. Frank Davidson of North Salem, Ind., one of the most promising of the new students, and fellowtownsman of brother B. M. Davis, '90.

By the time this appears, we will have initiated two more of the best new-comers of the year: Few F. Huddleston of Winamac, Ind., and Bowen C. Bowell of Rolling Prairie, Ind.

This will augment our number to fourteen, and with them we will enter upon the year 1888, determined to keep up in every respect Indiana Gamma's glorious record of nearly thirty years.

We send our heartiest greeting to the boys of Michigan Alpha, welcoming them to Epsilon Province and regretting that none of us could be present to witness the "revival."

Brother Jno. C. Robinson, Indiana Alpha, '61, of our Board of Directors, has just been elected Journal Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives.

December 8, 1887. HUGH TH. MILLER.

INDIANA GAMMA begins the new year with fourteen good men. Δ *T* Δ has lost two men recently, but hopes to gain another soon who will make her fourteen, also. Σ *X* has eight men, including a senior whose health does not allow him to attend recitations. *K K* Γ numbers six at present, with a prospect of increase soon. Our men are all fine fellows, as students, as athletes, and socially. The spirit of harmony and good fellowship that exists in the chapter is more than ordinarily strong. We had four men this fall on the Butler eleven, one of the strongest foot-ball teams in the West. Brother Buchanan was centre rusher, brother Gongwer was left guard, brother Hud-

dleston half back, and brother Morrison full back. $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ had two men on the team, and $\Sigma\ X$ two.

The Sigma Chis are, as usual, devoting themselves almost exclusively to social development, somewhat to the neglect of such minor matters as study and recitation. They are all, however, very pleasant and popular boys and quite good friends of ours.

The Delta Tau Deltas are not nearly so aggressive as they weer before the graduation of the two men who revived the dying chapter two years ago. They are supposed to be actively engaged in "internal improvement." They are, as a rule, very faithful students. Some of their men are coming out in a society way much more than formerly. The average Butler Delta Tau is noted for his disposition, when he goes with the girls, to confine his attentions exclusively to one favored fair one.

The Kappa Kappa Gammas have a chapter which is in many respects the strongest they have had at Butler for years. Their members are all girls of marked intellectual ability, in addition to being popular and entertaining young ladies in social circles.

$\Sigma\ X$ has captured a single victim. $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ got one last term, but he has left college. $K\ K\ \Gamma$ has initiated three, and so have we. Brothers Davidson and Bowell are members of the Class of '92 and stand at the top of that Class. Brother Huddleston is taking a special course, and is a young athlete of great promise. He is half back on the college foot-ball team and is a good curve pitcher.

Indiana Gamma does not deem it necessary to apologize for the initiation of preparatory students, though the worthy editors of THE SCROLL have made so much outcry over this matter in time past that an explanation seems in order. Firstly, such initiations are in no way forbidden by the Constitution. Other fraternities here take in preps. Our preparatory department is so closely joined to the college proper that the students in each are being constantly thrown together in Class room, the literary societies, and in college social life.

Many prep. students are in some studies with members of '91, '90, and even '89. Brothers Bowell and Davidson have each a Freshman study.

Since, then, the sub-freshman students are so closely associated with the others in every way, and since an early initiation is likely to make a student all the more earnest and skillful as a fraternity worker when he gets to be a Sophomore or a Junior, Indiana Gamma never hesitates to initiate a good sub-freshman, who intends completing his college course and whose only fault is his prephood. Brethren in Eastern colleges, where our situation and relations are unknown and not understood, would do well to reflect a little before becoming too dictatorial on this question.

We are now wearing crape for brother Cyrus N. Blount, '58, who died at Kakomo, Ind., last week.

We were pleased at our last initiation to have with us W. H. Boldridge, ex-'89; G. B. Davis, ex-'90; A. A. Williams, ex-'90; F. R. Kautz, '87; O. M. Pruitt, '85; Prof. T. M. Iden, '83, and H. U. Brown, '80.

January 5, 1888. HUGH TH. MILLER.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

OUR report since last month is one of progresss, and our meetings have been very profitable and interesting, in a literary way as well as otherwise. Nothing of especial consequence has happened since the date of our last letter, except, perhaps, the Norton declamation contest. We were represented by brothers Howell, '89, and Barnes, '90. Both our boys reflected great credit upon the chapter by their excellent declaiming, and it was generally conceded that brother Howell earned first prize, with brother Barnes and a Beta—Robertson—tied for the second place. Brother Albertson has been honored with the presidency of the Raymond Literary Circle. Brother Carr, '90. led his class in mathematics, and has done so from the beginning of his freshman year, as well as making very high marks in all the other branches.

Brother Clark, '90, although having left college for his home in Des Moines, toward the close of the term, on account of failing health, is again with us, and we hope he will not be interrupted again in his work by sickness.

On the Saturday evening previous to the close of school, brother John Rogers gave the boys and girls an informal reception at his house in Burna Park, about six miles from Evanstone. We are presumptuous enough to believe that we have a little more fun at our fraternity parties than any other fraternity here, and the fact that this was one of the pleasantest of them all is due primarily to the most delightful hospitality of the hostess, and, secondarily, to the gay crowd.

Brother Huntington, of Vermont Alpha, is with us occasionally. He is engaged with an insurance company in Chicago, and attends our meetings when he finds it convenient.

With the opening of the New Year we wish our sister chapters unbounded success, and extend a most cordial invitation to any alumni to pay us a visit when they may be in the neighborhood of Chicago.

January 5, 1888. FRED. C. WAUGH.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

THE winter term at Lombard commenced January 2d, so things are hardly in good running order yet. The prospects,

however, for a prosperous term are very flattering. With two exceptions, I find on consulting the register books all the students present last term are back again. Many new faces are also seen. Among these latter there certainly ought to be some material for our goat to work upon, although it is pretty early in the day to tell.

I am sorry to chronicle the fact that brothers Chas. J. Mortimer and H. J. Eckbohm have left us.

The annual contest in oratory for the Swan prizes comes off the 28th of the present month. Three Phis obtained positions on this contest on the preliminary held in December—brother Harsh obtaining second place, with brothers Dutton and McConnell each but ½ per cent. behind him. The gentleman receiving first place was a non-fraternity man. No doubt, one of our boys at least will take a prize, for there is but a difference on the preliminary of 4 per cent. between the highest and lowest of the seven contestants.

A pleasing fact that I neglected to notice in my previous letters this year is that our chapter has as members the presidents of the Freshman and Sophomore classes—brothers Hale and Trott respectively.

Illinois Zeta is now entirely out of debt. Everything is paid up, and we have our own chapter rooms nicely furnished and a little money in the treasury.

The five brothers who left us with the class of '87 are all prospering in their battle with the world. Brother Alva T. Wing is teaching school in Arizona at $75 a month. Brother Jay Crane is also teaching, but in a more civilized country (at Liberty, Ill.), and, of course, getting correspondingly less wages. Brother Fuller is with an engineering corps in Northern Illinois. Brothers Carpenter and Colegrove are following the ministry, and each have a pleasant pastorate; the former at Delphos, Kansas, and the latter at Decatur, Michigan.

Brother McConnell is business manager of the *Lombard Review*, with brother Dutton as his assistant, for this year. Brother Harsh is local editor of the same journal, and brother Trott is treasurer of the publishing company.

Offices among our boys are numerous this year. Brother Lapham is president of the Athletic Association. Many minor offices are also held by our members.

Our last meeting was very pleasant. Regular installation was held. A fine programme of music and literary miscellany was given.

January 5, 1888. GEO. E. DUTTON.

ETA PROVINCE.

Nebraska Alpha, University of Nebraska.

Nebraska Alpha still lives, however different may be the impression caused by the profound silence of the Reporter. Eight Phis returned to the U. of N. at the opening of school this fall. Suitable timber for good Phis is very scarce this year, but we will uphold our reputation by felling the best. Sigma Chi began work with seven active members, Kappa Kappa Gamma with six, and Kappa Alpha Theta with four.

Never has the U. of N. opened with as flattering prospects for a successful future as it did this year. Over 400 students were enrolled the first week, and many more have entered since.

The University has undergone a number of improvements during the last few months. A new foundation has been put under the main building. The halls and recitation rooms have been made more cheerful by a judicious use of paper and paint, while dilapidated benches have resigned in favor of chairs of the latest and most approved patterns. A General Science Hall and a Gymnasium are being erected, the former to cost $40,000, the latter $20,000. These, when completed, in connection with our $40,000 chemical laboratory, will furnish facilities for work excelled by no college west of the Mississippi.

Halloween was the occasion of a very enjoyable reception and party given by the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity, at the beautiful home of Miss Edith Leighton. Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi were both represented.

This fall two Phis were elected on the editorial staff of the *Hesperian*, but one was compelled to resign owing to pressure of school work. Brother Codding, '88, manages the local department of the paper.

Brother Frankforter, '85, holds the position of assistant chemist in the University.

Brother Hugh Clemans, Iowa Beta, was a most welcome caller at our hall last month.

Dec. 4, 1887. Logan Stephens.

California Alpha, University of California.

We take pleasure in introducing to our brother Phis, brothers Waste, '91, and Goodyear, '91, whom we have lately initiated.

The graduating exercises of the Dental College of the University were held on the evening of November 29, in San Francisco. Among the graduates was brother Rodolph, who has already begun the practice of his profession in Oakland.

Brother Hewitt has been elected president of the Sophomore Class, and brother Benton is captain of '90's baseball nine. Brother Melvin, '89, has been elected chief editor of the *Blue and Gold*, the college annual; brother Holmes is one of the

business managers of this publication. Brother F. A. Allardt, '88, was elected manager of the University Football Team at a recent meeting of the Associated Students; he has also been elected captain of '88's Football Team, and president of the California Football League.

Another local fraternity has been organized here, which will apply, or has already applied, to some Eastern fraternity for a charter.

The item from the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, concerning the fraternities represented in the University, which was published among the "Items of Interest" in the November SCROLL, occasioned considerable indignation and not a little amusement among the members of the chapter. The statement that "Phi Delta Theta would hardly receive notice if it were not for the superior qualities of two of her Sopomores," is untrue, as are also most of the statements concerning the other fraternities. It is only necessary to say, in order to explain one of the motives for the statement, that three of the '90 men spiked by us last year were rushed by Phi Gamma Delta.

December 4, 1887. C. F. ALLARDT.

PERSONALS.

NEW YORK EPSILON.

'85. Brother A. H. Meade, who graduated from the Cincinnati Law School last spring, is now in the law office of ex-Mayor Sheutz, of Chicago, Ill.

'86. Brother E. J. Read is Professor of Writing and Drawing in the Normal School at Millageville, Pa.

'86. Brother G. W. May is studying at Drew Theological Seminary.

'87. Brother W. A. Mehan is studying law at Balston, N. Y. He is in the office of Judge L'Amerau, late Republican candidate for State Comptroller.

'87. Brother A. C. Driscoll has been appointed on the staff of Engineers for the State of New York, and at present is at work on the canals in this city.

'90. Brother E. M. Hasbrouck is in the employ of the Government on the Geological Survey.

'91. Brother Charles H. Wheeler, of New York Alpha, has entered Syracuse University, and has identified himself with the chapter there.

OHIO ZETA.

'87. Brother William McPherson is Professor of Physics and Chemistry in the Toledo High School.

'87. Brother V. J. Emory is Principal of the Germantown, Ohio, High School.

'87. Brother Francis is attending the American Veterinary College, N. Y. City.

'89. Brother C. A. Winter holds a position as instructor in German, McAlister College, McAlister, Minn.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

'87. Brother Fulmer is employed as assayer by the Lost Louisiana Mining Company, at Bear City, Ark.

'89. Brother McCance is in attendance at the University of Pennsylvania.

In Memoriam.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

J. W. Gilbert.

EDWARD PORTER HUMPHREY, D. D., LL. D.,

WAS born in Fairfield, Conn., January 8, 1809. He was graduated at Amherst College, of which his father, Rev. Heman Humphrey, D.D., was president for twenty-two years, in 1828. He was principal of the school at Plainfield, Conn., 1831, was licensed to preach, 1832, and graduated at Andover Theological Seminary, 1833, and in 1834 became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Jeffersonville, Ind., and the next year he took charge of the Second Church of that denomination in Louisville, Ky., where he remained as its admired and beloved pastor until 1853, at which time he was elected as professor in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., and as Professor of Church History in the Seminary at Danville, Ky. The latter work he accepted, preferring to remain in the West. In 1857 he was chosen Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

He was joint editor of the Danville *Review* from 1861 to 1865. In the year 1866 he left the Seminary and took charge of the College Street Church, Louisville, Ky. In 1880 he retired from the active public work of the ministry, but spent this interval in theological and literary pursuits, of which we may hear by and by.

He died suddenly in Louisville, Ky., at the residence of his son, Hon. A. P. Humphrey (Kentucky Alpha, 1866), December 9, ult.

He delivered the first public address—a magnificent one—before the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, at Miami University, June 29, 1853.

He was a man of splendid personal presence, a thorough scholar, an attractive and successful preacher, an admired teacher, and a wise, trusted counselor.

ROBERT MORRISON.

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CHAPTER HISTORIES.

THE subject of Chapter Histories is one to which there has been given far too little attention. It is a subject of prime importance, not only to the individual chapter, but to the general fraternity. How many of our Chapters, if called upon to do so, have the material from which to compile a short but comprehensive history? We all have, or *ought* to have our minutes, it is true, but there are very many events in the life of a chapter which occur outside of the Chapter meeting, and of which the secretary takes no note; and these very often are events of much more historical interest than the regular routine of Chapter life. When the complete history of our fraternity is written, much of the material will of necessity be furnished by the chapters, and unless each one has preserved its individual history, this material will be collected only with the greatest difficulty.

I desire to impress all Chapters with the importance of this matter, and urge them, if they have no such history, to permit not even the present school term to close without one well under way. The longer the matter is delayed, the less easy will it be to do the work well.

A brief sketch of the plan adopted by our chapter may be of interest. Last year it was discovered by one of our members who had become interested in the early work of the chapter, that no history of the chapter had been preserved.

Upon investigation he further discovered that the minutes of a number of the early meetings had been lost, and we had no record even of our founding. He then wrote to as many of the charter members as he could find, asking each for a sketch of the founding of the chapter, and of its life while he was in it. Finally, after great effort, material was obtained, from which a fairly accurate history was compiled; but if it had been written each year, it would have been much more accurate, and would have required much less work.

This history has been placed in a substantial book, and room

left for the future historian. Then follows a brief biographical sketch of each of the members of the chapter, so far as it has been possible to obtain them, after each sketch room being left for future insertion. To this it is intended to add a complete list of honors taken by members of the Chapter.

If each chapter pursues some such plan as this, it will find itself repaid, not only in a self-satisfaction in looking over the records of the past, but in the publication at some future time of a general history of which the fraternity will well be proud; and such a history can be published only by the cooperation of each chapter. It might be well for alumni chapters, also, to give this matter some care, as they, of course, will receive attention in a general history.

Work of such importance should be intrusted only to the older men of the chapter, men who are filled with the true Phi enthusiasm, and who will give to the matter the care which it merits. Let each chapter give attention to its history *now*, and let an interest in the matter be created which will not grow less in the future.

T. C. BLAISDELL,
Pennsylvania Delta.

OLD FRATERNITY RECORDS.

COLLECTED AND ARRANGED FOR PUBLICATION BY W. B. PALMER.

1859.

UNFORTUNATELY all our records previous to the college commencement of 1855 have been lost or destroyed. . We now have eight members: four Seniors, Woods, Morgan, Post and Robb; four Sophomores, Hart, Higgins, Pratt and Spilman. Of the Seniors, as Dr. Jonson says, "My excessive modesty forbids me to speak." So far as real worth, talent and influence goes, we have the flower of the Sophomore class. In the Junior class there is no material worthy of being wrought into Phis. We will probably choose two from the Freshman class towards the end of this year. We were pleased to hear that you had been extending our order over the West. We should like to see the order established in every sound institution in the West and South; and if we can be of any service in this work, gladly will our assistance be given. We have no acquaintances at other colleges through whom an organization could be effected. Some have suggested that Asbury University would be a good place for the establishment of a college, but there is already a chapter of the $\Phi \Theta \Pi$ there, and another Society that seems to have its headquarters at Ann Arbor. I have thought that a general law requiring the Secretaries of each Society to correspond at least

once every term with each and every chapter in the different States would tend to give greater life to the organization, and bind the members together more firmly. It would at least be pleasant for us here in Indiana to hear of the success of our brethren in Illinois or Wisconsin, and I suppose they would be pleased to hear something of our manner of carrying out the object of the association. To-day we know that the Society has had a branch in Kentucky, that there are chapters in Wisconsin and Illinois, but further our knowledge does not extend. Some of our members desired to attend the convention last summer, but it came so near our commencement that we were unable to leave here in time to reach Bloomington for the convention. Will you please give us a little information as to where the different colleges may be located, and how the Secretaries may be addressed. Address your letters to me or some other member, as we would prefer to keep our organization a secret, and the name of the Society on a letter endangers this secrecy.—J. W. Robb, Secretary Indiana Beta, to J. W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha, January 10, 1859.

We are about to establish an Alpha in the State of Illinois, at Evanston, near Chicago. Also we have the establishment of the Wisconsin Beta nearly completed.—Jas. W. Gorman, Indiana University, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., January 10, 1859.

Some time last term our chapter took action upon your communication relative to the publication of a catalogue. At a regular meeting then our Secretary was instructed to write to all the different chapters, and ascertain their opinions in regard to the propriety of such a step. . If any further action is taken upon the subject at our next meeting, I will communicate it to you immediately. Our brethren of the Wisconsin Alpha are pushing forward in the "good cause" with zeal and ardor. They have established a Beta at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., and have taken the initiatory steps toward establishing an Alpha in the State of Illinois at Evanston, near Chicago. We have several opportunities under contemplation, and we will probably establish one or two ourselves before long. If you or any of you see any chance to start a chapter at any good College, do not neglect the opportunity, but push the matter forward, even if you have to send a delegate to the institution for that purpose alone.—Jas. W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha, to Secretary Kentucky Alpha, January 12, 1859.

Indiana University,
Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 17, 1859.

Mr. Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky.:

Dear Sir: At our last meeting, held on Saturday, January 14,

1859, the following preamble and resolutions were presented and adopted:—Whereas, we consider it not only PROPER, but EXPEDIENT, in the present state of our organization, that a catalogue of the order should be published by our members, before we allow time and circumstances to separate us so widely from the founders and early members of our organization as to allow the names of Brothers in the Bond to be forgotten for want of a fit place to preserve a remembrance of what they once were; therefore *Resolved*, that our Secretary be instructed to request the different chapters to consider at the earliest opportunity the expediency of publishing a catalogue of the order, and to transmit the result of their deliberations to "Headquarters" immediately. *Resolved*, that the various chapters shall accompany their *assent* with a *complete* report of all their attendant and correspondent members, together with such suggestions as they may deem proper to make concerning the style, arrangement and cost of the catalogue. *Resolved*, that we consider Mr. Robert Morrison, of the Ohio Alpha, a proper person to superintend the publication of said catalogue. We have fully considered the matter, and it is our opinion that this would be the most expeditious manner to forward the desired measure. We approve of your suggestions in regard to the arrangement of the names in *one* large roll. Now about the collection of a sufficient amount of money from the attendant and correspondent members to defray all expenses—*how had it best be done?* Please give us your opinion on *this point* as soon as you can make it convenient. We propose after *all* the "reports" are *in*, to forward them all to you and let you proceed immediately with the work. We would be pleased to hear from you upon the financial part of the affair, and upon any other point which you may deem it proper to make any suggestions. Your brother in the Bond of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.—Jas. W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha.

AT our last meeting, held on Saturday, January 14, 1859, the following was presented and adopted. (Same resolutions as those contained in letter to Robert Morrison, of same date as this.—W. B. P.) Now if your chapter will give us an immediate answer respecting your acceptance or disapproval of our proposition, it will do much to facilitate the matter. Of course we can do nothing further until we hear from your body. We have chosen Mr. Morrison, because he is the best person we know of to manage the affair. He is well versed in such matters. I have corresponded with him upon the subject, and I admire the taste and manner with which he proposes to get up a catalogue. Now we propose, when all the reports in full are in, to forward them all to Mr. Morrison, and let him prepare the manuscript for the press. We hope that you will express yourself freely concerning the style, arrangement and cost of the designed catalogue.

It has been proposed by Mr. Morrison that in the proposed catalogue the names of *all* the members be arranged in *one* large class, to prevent outsiders from suspecting our weakness at any one point.—Jas. W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha, to Secretary Kentucky Alpha, January 17, 1859.

STATE UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON, IND., Jan. 22, 1859.

MR. C. H. DOBBS, Danville, Ky.:

Dear Sir: Your communication of the 19th inst. was received on yesterday. This morning we held a meeting, and I have been instructed to inform your body of our approval of their course in electing Mr. Campbell an honorary, as the best means whereby we may establish a chapter of our order at Georgetown. It has never been our custom here to elect honorary members, but in this case it seems to be both proper and necessary. If you have any other opportunities to establish chapters, we hope that you will prosecute the matter as speedily as possible. Hoping to hear from you very soon, I remain, Yours in the Bond, J. W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha.

ON motion of —— Hatfield, a charter was granted to Hart L. Stewart and —— Lord, of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., constituting them the Illinois Alpha of the $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, February 12, 1859.

ON motion of Mr. Conwell, Mr. J. C. Robinson, of the Indiana Alpha, was empowered to initiate Ross Griffin, of Antioch University, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and clothe him with power to initiate enough to apply for a charter.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha Minutes, February 26, 1859.

THE charter Bond, etc., left by you at the depot in your journey, came safely to hand, although its singular appearance among us gave rise to not a few speculations. All the Φriends would have been much more pleased to have seen your face and corpus than the mere demonstrations of your hand, as their regrets at your not calling expressed. We have not as yet gotten fully worked into the traces, as we are minus a full code of By-laws; we have instituted some few, but as it is a new thing with us we hardly know what we want. So if you will oblige us by sending a copy of yours, we will acknowledge the same as a great favor. Our prosperity, as shown by our list of names, is quite encouraging, and we flatter ourselves that included in that list are some of the best and most hopeful young men now attending the University.—W. H. H. Rawleigh, Secretary Illinois Alpha, to J. W. Gorman, Secretary Indiana Alpha, March 17, 1859.

THE chapter here is greatly in favor of the catalogue, and is

willing to do all in its power to advance its publication. The last triennial catalogue of the college has but few of the names of the members in it—probably not one-third—some of them having left college before graduating, and others having joined since the last triennial was issued. Such as it is, however, I cheerfully send you, only regretting that it is out of my power to give you a more complete statement.—Wilkins G. Anderson, Centre College, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., March 30, 1859.

I HAVE now heard from almost all, and each chapter is using its best endeavors to further the catalogue project. It is quite likely that I shall be in Louisville next Monday, or Tuesday, the 11th, and if you could drop me a note through the Louisville post-office, informing me where I could meet you Tuesday or Wednesday, I would be pleased to converse with you concerning the catalogue.—J. W. Gorman, Indiana University, to Robert Morrison, Cedar Creek, Ky., April 5, 1859.

THE Wisconsin Alpha College of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ owes its existence to Wm. G. Jenckes, of Terre Haute, Ind., who joined the class of '57 of the Wisconsin University in 1856, coming from the University of Indiana, where he was a member of the Alpha College of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ of that State. Some time in May or June of the year 1857, Mr. Jenckes obtained from the Ohio Alpha authority to initiate members at this institution. Mr. W. F. Vilas was shortly after initiated by him, and they together initiated Mr. G. S. P. Stillman. Applications having been duly made by these three to the Ohio Alpha, a charter was granted on the 27th of June, 1857, establishing the Wisconsin Alpha of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The Beta chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at the Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., was instituted in August, 1858. Mr. L. S. Clarke, meeting a student of that university (Mr. John Aug. Owens, of Milwaukee, Wis.) at Oak Creek, Wis., in August, and initiating him into the order. Mr. Owens, having returned to Appleton, initiated Mr. Jared Thompson, of Milwaukee, Wis., and they augmented their number by initiating Messrs. Albert Rollo, Dyer, Somerset, Me., Samuel Boyd, Calumet, Wis.; Nathan Paine, Jr., Oskosh, Wis.; Judson Jenne, Appleton, Wis.; Norman Buck, Ulao, Wis. These persons having applied for a charter January 25th, 1859, the charter was granted them February 28th, and a flourishing chapter is now existing there. We will endeavor to extend our organization this summer to Beloit College, Carrol and Racine Colleges, if we find proper material there.—L. S. Clark, University of Wisconsin, to J. W. Gorman, Indiana University, May 13, 1859.

A LETTER was read by the Secretary from J. B. Atkinson of this chapter, requesting to be clothed with the proper authority

for taking the initiatory steps towards instituting a chapter of our organization at the North-Western Christian University, of Indianapolis, stating that in his opinion a very favorable opportunity for extending the Society in that locality was presented. On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Secretary was empowered to inform him that his request was granted, and to forward to him the proper papers.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, October 6, 1859.

On motion of Broodwell, it was resolved that the application of W. A. Dixon, D. S. R. Keen and W. H. Brevoort, of the North-Western Christian University, to be granted the proper powers for establishing a chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, together with the privilege annexed thereto, be favorably received, and the gentlemen and their successors be granted a charter of organization to be styled the Indiana Gamma of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.—Mem. from Indiana Alpha minutes, October 22, 1859.

EDITORIAL.

So far as we are able to speak with certainty, THE SHIELD and *The Scroll* are the only representatives left of monthly fraternity publications, the rest having been discontinued or merged into quarterlies, so-called. We have always been a staunch advocate of the monthly publication, because we believe the chief value of such a journal as THE SHIELD and its class to be as a medium of inter-chapter communication, and if this be not a sufficient cause for being, it should cease to exist.

We have watched the course of other journals during the past six years with great interest, and have noted how those which came into existence with a great flourish of trumpets and grand promises of future glory, have, one by one, subsided into quiet corners, apparently content to keep alive at all. Then nearly all of the journals were monthlies; now there are but two.

The reasons assigned for the change in frequency have varied somewhat, but their general tone has been that a monthly publication is too frequent to permit of the highest development of literary finish and a dignified expression of the prevalent sentiment of the fraternity represented.

If literary art is the end to be attained in fraternity journals, it occurs to us that once a year would be quite frequent enough to send forth the matured brain products which it is considered by our contemporaries ought to grace the pages of their journals.

We believe that, possibly with one exception, these journals which have become of less frequent issue are larger and more ornate than formerly, indicating that the development of the printers' art may have been quite as much a cause for the change as the literary finish. We are amused to note that several of our exchanges which publish quarterlies, so-called, manage to issue the October or November number some time in January, and several have not

yet made their appearance, though the college year has almost half passed by.

Several, with a *naivete* as charming as it is refreshing, inform us that, though quarterly, they will appear three times a year, and another, presumably a bi-monthly, has come once to our table this year.

We do not accuse our fellow-laborers in the field of Greek journalism with any dishonesty of purpose in these published causes of change, but would like to inquire ever so mildly if it be not true that their fraternities have failed to support the more frequent issue in the high style of art, both literary and typographical, which the editors have desired, and the reform has been due quite as much to economic necessity as any other reason? * * *

A wide-spread demand for better and more frequent communication between chapters of the same fraternity, and incidentally a desire to know more of our rivals and their plans and purposes, brought into existence fraternity journals. In the time of their general use—say since 1883—many changes have taken place, not alone in the management of the journals, but in their form, size, typography, etc. Many have improved, some have deteriorated, a few have died.

We are led to inquire: Have they justified their existence by satisfying the demands which brought them into being? We believe this question can be answered both affirmatively and negatively. To us the ideal fraternity journal will be newsy, dignified in tone, judicial in its editorial department, and permeated throughout with a lofty enthusiasm for all that goes to cultivate more beautiful American manhood in the youth of our colleges. It should concern itself with all things which the fraternity is doing, or the individual members have done; it ought to keep the undergraduate membership informed as to the doings of those who have passed beyond college walls, and are making for themselves name and fame in the world of art or science or literature; it ought to keep abreast of the best current thought on all matters that concern the Greek-letter idea, and should publish such information regarding institutions and rival organizations as shall tend to make the membership of the Order which it represents more intelligent, more enthusiastic and more loyal in the cause which they have espoused. We believe that any approximation toward this ideal necessitates some such plan as $\Phi K \Psi$ has adopted, and in a salaried editorship and monthly issue, together with continuous management, rest the future of the fraternity journals.

We were amused some time since to read in a private letter to the editor the sentiments expressed to the writer by a $\Psi \Upsilon$ regarding the fact that $\Phi K \Psi$ could support a monthly journal, while $\Psi \Upsilon$ had struggled in vain for years to keep *The Diamond* alive, only to have it die at last. A volume might be written on the differences which prevail among college men as to what the fraternity idea means to them, suggested by the above remark. If $\Phi K \Psi$ means more to a man than mere membership in a chapter during the whole or a part of his college course, then THE SHIELD will be a necessity; if his idea of fraternities rises no higher than the pleasant companionship in a social club during a few brief years of connection with college life, then the fate of *The Diamond* and many another journal which we might name will be ours.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

We do not, as a rule, clip so extensively as we have done above, but we think Mr. Van Cleve has spoken well on the subject of the fraternity journal, and we wish to bring his remarks before the Phis as well as the "Phi Psis." Whether or not it is the "survival of the fittest," we cannot, with modesty, say, since THE SCROLL is one of the hale and hearty survivors; but it is certain that there has of late been a good deal of weeding done in the field of fraternity journalism. We could not understand the meaning of the demoralization among our exchanges, as noted in our latest issue, but our friend, *The Shield,* complains in the same tone, and we are led to conclude that the beggarly number of exchanges received by us this year is all that have been issued. We think that the literary talent of the fraternity should be reflected as creditably as possible in the pages of its journal; but such a publication is, pure and simple, a fraternity and not a literary book, and matter in no way relating to fraternities or fraternity men has no place in its pages.

The importance of accuracy in the Historians' reports ought to be impressed on the chapters. On incidentally looking over a report from my chapter, several years old, I have discovered two or three errors: one in particular, which accredited eight or ten men with being scientific, when they should have been included in the classical course—myself among the number. I can appreciate how errors of that sort would create a deal of difficulty. *Letter from Frank D. Swope.*

IN a few days the blanks for Historians' reports, annually sent to chapters, will be forwarded, and it is of the utmost importance that they be properly filled. Blanks will reach every chapter in ample time to be filled and returned on the first day of April, as provided, and there will be no excuse whatever for imperfection or delay. It is no reason at all that the Historian is on the sick list, or absent with the base-ball nine. His duty is small but important, and he thoroughly understands what it is, else he should not accept the post assigned him. If for any reason he cannot attend to his duty himself, he should see that some one does it for him; and if he is so remiss as to neglect it entirely, surely the chapter can find some one man of sufficient energy and ability to attend to this small matter. The number of petty excuses forwarded and letters written, which take more time than it would to fill the blank and return it, is positively amusing.

But even this is preferable to those cases where appeal after appeal can bring no response. The delay in returning these reports becomes very aggravating, and for two years past has delayed their compilation and publication *over six months.* The first of April is specified, and the first of April is meant. Otherwise the constitution might provide that the Historian should fulfill his duty whenever, of his own personal pleasure and convenience, he might condescend to do so. Correctness is of no less importance than promptness. The blanks are very clear and specific, and are easily understood. Follow instructions and all will be well. When FULL names are requested, DON'T give initials and DON'T abbreviate. Give all the information desired, and give it accurately. In the first place, please be *prompt*; in the second place, please be *correct.*

THE meeting of the General Council, held at New York City the last week in January, transacted considerable business of great importance to the fraternity, and endeavored to arrange matters so that nothing will be lost by the longer period than usual which must elapse before the next National Convention. A secret circular of information, and presenting the minutes of the meeting in detail, has been distributed among the chapters, so that nothing of that need be said here. But we are in a position to emphasize their determinations, especially those relating to finances and the initiation of preparatory students. On those points our administration has of late years been rather lax, but every chapter can rest assured that the constitutional provisions and regulations will hereafter be *rigidly enforced.* The decisions arrived at and the interpretations made by the General Council will govern their future actions *in every case.*

You have hit the nail so fairly on the head, and voiced my sentiments so well in regard to our need of a new catalogue, that I want to second the motion. Ohio Zeta just missed getting in the last one, and a dozen chapters have since missed it. We want it so badly that we will vote to have the General Council select a committee of publication, and authorize it to push the matter to the earliest possible completion. There certainly can never be a better time for it, and the need of it, which is already an incalculable inconvenience, is rapidly growing greater. I hope the matter will be pushed forward at once, and our chapter will do her share financially

and otherwise. As chapter historian, I will vouch for complete data of Ohio Zeta within three months.—*Letter from F. S. Ball, Ohio Zeta.*

This is a sample of numerous letters which we have lately received. We have tried to state the case plainly and forcibly. The want of a catalogue is exceedingly great, and no time should be lost.

Permit me to say, that to one who takes as lively an interest in antiquities and archæology as myself, whether general or fraternity, the treasures which this volume of the THE SCROLL has unearthed and set before its readers, are unsurpassed in value. I have perused them line for line, and wish that every Phi were compelled to have a good working knowledge of the origin and rise of Phi Delta Theta.—*Letter from C. L. Smith.*

We have received numerous letters congratulating us on the wealth of fraternity information disclosed for the first time in the current volume of THE SCROLL. It is of inestimable value to the fraternity historian, and every good Phi should be that. For these papers we are indebted to brothers Morrison and Palmer, both of whom have done an abundance of valuable work for us. Brother Morrison has never ceased to be active and energetic in Phi matters since he first conceived the organization when a student at Miami.

ONE of the most important matters that came before the General Council at its meeting was the question of a new catalogue. Brothers Randolph and Swope were appointed a committee to take charge of the work, and to continue in the line of what they have already done. The funds necessary for the collection of information will be placed at the disposal of the committee, and the work can proceed as well as though ordered by the convention. By the time the next convention meets, the work can be well under way, and the committee will be ready to begin printing. Then some provision can be made regarding the publication, and the book can be issued with little delay. A great deal will depend on the assistance given by the chapters, and we trust that they will do all in their power to facilitate the work.

EARLY in May the convention of Delta Province will meet at Oxford, Ohio, and we sincerely hope that a large gathering will be there, as it is the first time in fifteen years that the opportu-

nity has been presented of paying homage to our fraternity at the place where it was born nearly two score years ago. One hundred Phis are wanted at the banquet table. The province is to be congratulated on the appointment of such an efficient and enthusiastic executive as brother W. E. O'Kane, of Delaware. Under his administration the province must be prosperous, and the coming convention cannot fail to be a great success.

AFTER nearly four years' trial, and under three different Editors, it has been impossible to impress on our Reporters the importance of completeness and accuracy in the Initiates' department. The Editor cannot make it a success by himself, and after peremptory instructions and humble pleadings we have been unable to secure the assistance of Reporters in what seems one of the simplest matters. In consequence, the department of Initiates is suspended until further notice.

WE clip the following complimentary notice from a recent issue of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette :*

THE SCROLL, the official organ of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, in its January issue contains a number of old fraternity records from '51 to '57, and letters from thirty-seven chapters. THE SCROLL is edited by Eugene H. L. Randolph, of New York, and ranks among the first of the fraternity publications in strength, neatness, completeness and chapter representation.

IF you fail to receive any number of THE SCROLL, be sure to send for it, specifying its date. The fault in nearly every case is with the mails. We want you to get the full worth of your money, and will cheerfully supply missing numbers. Address the Business Manager.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA is very anxious to obtain the first five volumes of THE SCROLL. Any brother having any or all of them of which he is willing to dispose, or knowing some one from whom they can be obtained, is requested to address T. C. Blaisdell, 623 North Main Street, Meadville, Pa.

EACH chapter is requested to send a copy of its circular letter to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tennessee.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To Chapter Treasurers:

Your attention is called to the following and your early action requested.

CHAPTERS IN ARREARS.

Maine Alpha,	$42 00	Ga. Alpha,	$18 00
N. H. Alpha,	60 00	Ala. Gamma,	22 00
Vt. Alpha,	32 00	Texas Beta,	28 00
N. Y. Alpha,	32 00	Texas Gamma,	22 00
N. Y. Beta,	28 00	Kentucky Delta,	22 00
N. Y. Gamma,	20 00	Ind. Alpha,	42 00
N. Y. Delta,	28 00	Ind. Epsilon,	22 00
Pa. Beta,	21 00	Ind. Zeta,	46 00
Pa. Epsilon,	8 00	Wis. Alpha,	30 00
Va. Gamma,	14 00	Mo. Beta,	20 00
Va. Delta,	12 00	Neb. Alpha,	20 00
Va. Epsilon,	12 00	Iowa Alpha,	30 00
Va. Zeta,	10 00	Iowa Beta,	24 00
N. C. Beta,	16 00	Minn. Alpha,	36 00

Very truly in the Bond,

S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE term is near its close, and we have already begun our examinations. The past session, we can but report as one of the most profitable to us, as members of the college and fraternity, that we have ever spent. The work has not been oppressive, and its monotony has been broken many times by social gatherings, lectures and entertainments. The fellows have done much in the line of general reading, which has been both pleasant and instructive. Indeed, we have come to regard it as one of the most essential parts of a liberal education. We have a reading circle that meets once a week, and aided by a professor, takes up the works of some author in a critical manner. Our literary work in society has been of this nature. We decide on some author and then assign a certain part to each member. He informs himself upon it, and comes prepared to

give us an intelligent account of his investigation at the next meeting. Thus, when we meet, all the topics are presented and together make up a harmonious whole.

The Junior Exhibitions occurred at the college chapel the first inst. Phi Delta Theta was well represented, having three men who took part, which was more than any other society.

Brothers Burbank, Burleigh and Pepper had admirable theses, and they were delivered in a creditable manner.

We look foward with interest to the meeting of the Province convention, and expect to have two delegates present.

Maine Alpha sends a hearty greeting to Michigan Alpha, and wishes her a glorious future. It is very gratifying to us to learn of her renewed zeal in the Phi cause.

We are pleased to hear from Bro. Watson, '87, often, and of his prosperity as a professor in Furman University, S. C.

We shall be separated now for seven weeks, at the end of which time we hope to meet again, and give some cheering reports.

February. 4., 1888. H. EVERETT FARNHAM.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

NEW YORK Alpha celebrated the second anniversary of the re-establishment of the chapter on the evening of Feb. 4. A special meeting was called that evening, for the purpose of initiating another junior,—brother Tarbell—and affiliating Brother Bowen, formerly of Michigan Gamma, now a sophomore in the university. Brothers Wheeler and Sanford, of New York Epsilon, and brother Esterly, of Ohio Delta, were present and took part in the duties of the evening.

The banquet was held at our chapel house, and was in charge of Caterer Starr, of Ithaca. Promptly after the meeting closed, twenty Phis sat down to the feast. As soon as all were seated, president Bennett, in a few appropriate remarks introduced our Historian, T. D. Sawyer. Before reading the history, brother Sawyer, read a letter from D. R. Horton, Province president, stating his regrets. The Prophecy was called for next. Brother Hurd proceded to foretell our future in a very pleasing manner.

When the banquet was finished, the president resigned his chair to the toastmaster, B. R. Wakeman. The following toasts were responded to :

Our Alumni, E. H. Bennett; The Ladies, F. R. Ormsby; Elmira, H. G. Folts; The Faculty, R. P. Clark: The Co-eds, F. G. Gardner; Signs, F. L. Dodgson; Alpha Chapter, H. Snyder; Poem Stacking as an Art, D. L. Holdbrock; Cheese, J. F. Meredith; Our Orchestra, W. A. Schmidt; and Virtue Club, J. W. Upp. In addition to the above, the following impromptu

toasts were responded to: Phi Delta Theta, E. M. Sanford; "Inconceivabilities," E. Tarbell; Flowers that Bloom, H. H. Williams; Michigan Gamma, E. S. Bowen; Ohio Delta, R. E. Esterly; and New York Epsilon, C. H. Wheeler.

It was nearly three o'clock in the morning before we sung our parting song and dispersed, wishing many happy returns of the evening.

The past week has been very lively here for the underclassmen in the university. On Tuesday evening last the freshmen held their class banquet in Library Hall. Our fraternity was well represented on the programme. Brother Hurd was the toastmaster, and brother Gardner and Clark both responded to toasts. Friday afternoon last, the sophomores boarded a special train, which took them to Auburn, where they were to eat their class banquet. Brother Schmidt's name appeared on the programme of toasts.

On Friday evening next, the Junior Promenade takes place. This is one of the finest social events of the season, and our fraternity will be well represented.

February 7, 1888. B. R. WAKEMAN.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

All is life and gaiety at Union. First the Cadet Ball, then the Sophomore Soiree, these, together with the Junior Hop and Town socials, have made college life at least very gay.

Brother Allen, '86, was with us a few moments, but his stay was very brief; yet before he left we obtained a promise of a more prolonged visit at no distant date. Brother Swanker, '87, is in town.

On receiving our last SCROLL, we were very much pleased to hear of the rebirth of Michigan Alpha, and our chapter as one cried "hurrah for Michigan Alpha!" long may the white and blue banner wave at Ann Arbor.

We deeply regret that we were unable to attend New York Alpha's anniversary, but we can assure our brothers that our hearts were with them.

The Larnet, the college annual, will soon be out. Brother Nolan, the editor in chief, will gladly exchange for other college annuals.

February 6, 1888. J. M. DE LONG.

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

We regret most sincerely the mishaps which have prevented our last two letters from reaching THE SCROLL in time for publication. We can only offer an apology for the past, and a promise for better conduct in the future.

For the past few weeks, the Review Examinations, with their accompanying duties, have been making severe demands upon our energies, but they are now completed. The Phis have emerged from the fray with flying colors, and are ready for another year of prosperous work.

One of the most exciting events of the college year is at hand, —the election of president in the senior class. As this office entails considerable power, it is eagerly sought. Last year it fell to the lot of Phi Delta Theta.

In the last election of officers for the Phrenocosmian Literary Society, brother Knox was chosen vice-president, and brother Palmer editor of the magazine.

The five fraternities and three literary societies whose duty it is to publish *The Microcosm*, have already chosen their committees. We have every reason to believe that this year there will be produced an annual worthy of the college.

Our meetings are marked by that cordial feeling of good-fellowship, which is characteristic of the fraternity. The introduction of some valuable literary features has given them additional interest. The frequent visits of alumni members enliven and encourage us with the assurance, that devotion to the chapter and to the fraternity does not cease with graduation.

Phi Delta Theta's representation in the Senior class this year is unusually large. The graduation next June of its seven men will make a severe inroad upon the chapter, yet we have no serious grounds for apprehension, since the zeal of the lower classmen proves beyond all doubt their ability to uphold the standard of Phi Delta Theta.

February 6, 1888. S. W. DUNSCOMB, JR.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

THE annual of Syracuse University for 1887-88, shows the total number of students taking studies in the different departments to be 495, an increase over last year of 58. Of this number 285 are studying in the Liberal Art College.

About $400,000 has been added to the property of the university within the past year.

A spirit of harmony seems to exist among the Greeks here.

There are three papers published by the students: *The Syracusan*, by Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta; *The Herald*, by Delta Upsilon, and *The News*, by Psi Upsilon. *The News* is a new publication, and we congratulate Psi Upsilon upon the success of the enterprise.

This is a coeducational institution, and we must not neglect to speak of the ladies' societies, as they are a very important factor in the college society here. Alpha Phi Gamma, Phi Beta

and Kappa Kappa Gamma are represented here, and the chapters are all in a flourishing condition.

On the evening of February 3d, brothers Kilpatrick and L. P. Hitchcock, Psi Upsilon, gave an entertainment at Marathon, N. Y. The programme consisted of dramatic readings and recitations.

Brothers H. P. Howard, '88, and C. A. Edgerton, '91, of Massachusetts Alpha, called upon the Phis here January 11th.

Brothers E. M. Sanford and C. H. Wheeler, visited Cornell University February 4th, and attended the anniversary of New York Alpha.

At a regular meeting of the chapter, January 13th, John Edward Hoick, '91, of Oswego, N. Y., and George Thomas Lewis, '90, of Buffalo, N. Y., were initiated into Phi Delta Theta.

February 8th, 1888. J. H. MURRAY.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

So far this year the chapter has had the pleasure of placing new names before the Phi world in every report, and that agreeable duty rests upon the writer on this occasion. At the close of last term, we initiated two men of sterling worth, brothers Parsons, '88, and Ross, '92. Brother Parsons came from Victoria University, of Canada, to our institution to graduate this year, and is a powerful man for our chapter. He is debater on the inter-society contest, which takes place next June. Brother Ross is president of his class, and a splendid student. He was worked by another fraternity, but to no purpose.

Brother J. A. Vance, '83, who is practising law at New Lisbon, O., made quite a long visit in this city about the first of December. If the Alumni of Chapters could only appreciate the amount of good their visits do, doubtless their faces would be seen in their respective chapter halls oftener.

Brother Norman M. Johnson, who has been in Philadelphia for some time, has retnrned to this city, and visits the chapter occasionally.

We rejoice with the fraternity at large, that Michigan Alpha has been revived, and sincerely trust that, with the splendid material it now has, the chapter may successfully battle with any and all opposition that may arise. We had two or three men at Ann Arbor during '84 and '85.

Dr. M. C. Blystone, who is located at Verona, Pa., called upon his brothers this week.

Brother J. A. Guignon, '83, who is practising law in Pittsburgh, Pa., was among our visitors this week.

Brothers Pond, Espy and Christy, members of the College Glee Club, report a very pleasant trip. This was the first tour the club ever made, and it was quite successful.

Brother Bell has been supplying the First Presbyterian Church of this city very acceptably, for the past six weeks.

Brother E. A. Nelson, of Sandy Lake, Pa., occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, this city, on January 29th. He is one of the charter members of our chapter, and we gladly welcome him to our hall.

The chapter enjoyed a very pleasant occasion on the afternoon of February 1st. Brother R. R. Ross, of Albany, N. Y., visited us for the first time since he left college. The chapter held a meeting in honor of her worthy brother, and was very agreeably surprised when he announced that a banquet was awaiting the chapter in Peutz's Banqueting Hall.

We were very much pleased to see that brother Smith contributed such a splendid article on "Alumni Support" to THE SCROLL.

February 6, 1888. F. M. KERR.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SINCE my last letter we have initiated five men, while two of our alumni, brotners Meyer and Otto, have returned to the city, and become associated with us.

The names of the new men are, Dr. Chas. A. Oliver, Mr. Shaw, of the first year medical class; W. R. Stroud, '88 college; P. E. Howard, '90 college; and J. G. Klemm, '90 college. Several more are in view, and we will probably get our share.

Our only item of alumni notes for this month, is that brother Harry C. Deaver, M.D., who has recently finished his term as resident physician in the Episcopal Hospital, has been appointed surgeon to the out-patient department of the same hospital.

I should like to repeat my request, asking chapter reporters to send me the names of all members, alumni or undergraduate, who are living in Philadelphia. I have so far heard from but one chapter, and I feel quite sure there are many Phis in Philadelphia, that we know nothing about. I hope this will meet with the attention of all the chapters.

February 8, 1888. A. H. CLEVELAND.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

ON the evening of January 31st, the members of our chapter were the guests of Pennsylvania Alpha boys, at Nazareth, a small town about ten miles from here. Both parties were conveyed to the place by sleighs. Our men all enjoyed themselves highly, and say that the Phis of Lafayette know how to entertain in good style.

We have been visited by brothers Darling and Clark, of Cornell, and were very glad to have them with us.

At the Junior oratorical contest, we will be represented by brother Throop. And we are confident that his oration will be a good one.

February 4, 1888. MILTON H. FEHNEL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

WHILE the fraternity spirit is not very violent at Roanoke, and while open attacks are very unfrequent, yet there is a great deal of work among us that is subtle and effective. Of our rivals, Phi Gamma Delta generally adopt the Fabian plan of attack; the Alpha Tau Omegas the "spooning" method; whereas, in contrast, the Sigma Chis, with frozen dignity, rather hold aloof from the contest for men until the prize is obtained. For several years this has been the characteristic plan of procedure adopted by the respective fraternities. For this reason we elicited so much attention a few months ago, when at one time we took in eight men—five of whom we had a two years' acquaintance with. Yet in the face of this long acquaintance with our initiates, our jealously provoked rivals, the Phi Gamma Deltas, advertised in their *Quarterly* in bold italicised letters that we had taken in "*eight men of doubtful character*." Their reporter, to state it suavely, is certainly an expert at masquerading the truth. And see how he tries to excuse himself by leading us to believe that it was done under intense excitement. While this is true, and while it is admitted by all that "sometimes even the good Homer nods," yet such a gross blunder is unpardonable. To heap inconsistency upon inconsistency, these same Phi Gamma Deltas, with the eagerness of suppliants, implored one of these *doubtful* characters so long and so earnestly to join them, that for fear lest they might be stigmatized we took him in, choosing rather to suffer defilement ourselves than to have these *rarae aves* defile their own NESTS.

As our last capital prize, we initiated brother M. L. Peter, of Ohio, who promises to make for us a warm and an enthusiastic Phi.

Slowly but surely we are working up our alumni; and when that is done we will have accomplished a great work. To lend interest to our meetings, we have been especially attentive of late to our literary performances; and to further this same end we have ordered some Phi music, and ere long we expect to make our halls resound with songs of mirth and good cheer.

February 5, 1888. T. ARTHUR FREY.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

AFTER returning from our holiday vacation, our chapter gave a banquet, to which was invited representatives from the three of our best friends among the fraternities at this place, viz., Kappa Alpha, Delta Psi and Sigma Nu. It was the most pleasant event of the holiday season, and was a fair type of the friendly spirit existing between the fraternities. Brother Lyman Chalkley presided. The fraternities represented were toasted, and the toasts were responded to in eloquent speeches by the gentlemen representing them. It was altogether quite a *recherché* affair, and we congratulate ourselves, not only upon the success with which it passed off, but also the result it will have of strengthening the friendly relations between the fraternities, and driving out the mean spirit of rivalry heretofore existing. We have the name of of an initiate to report since our last letter, viz., William Andrew Bratton, of Virginia. Our chapter numbers five men now, and occupies a very much respected position amongst the fraternities at this place.

We also took in an old Kappa Sigma Kappa last week, by name J. W. Campbell. He is an alumnus of this college, and is now practicing law in Sioux City, Iowa.

January 8, 1888. R. E. R. NELSON.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OUR chapter house at present presents a picture of coziness and beauty within. A new carpet and rug add greatly to the comfort of our happy circle. We are glad to say that, as we continue to prosper in other ways, there is constantly increasing that warmth of brotherly feeling so necessary to our success.

Brothers Batchelor and Headen of '88 will perhaps grace old N. C. Beta no longer than this term. It is sincerely hoped that both will aspire to A. M., and remain with us through another season. Surely we will feel the loss of two of our most faithful and popular "Charter Members."

The Phis are trusting in the powers of brother Batchelor to win the gold at the competitive Senior speaking in June. The beautiful medal already glittering on his watch-chain indicates his ability. We wish the greatest success for THE SCROLL and all the Phis the world over.

North Carolina Beta remains as ever loyal, true and progressive.

February 4, 1888. W. W. DAVIES, JR.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

THE University opens after the Christmas holidays with two hundred and five students; of these one hundred and fifteen are fraternity men.

All the Phis have returned except brother Atkisson, who withdraws to go into business.

We lately received into membership Mr. J. A. Hixon, of Americus, Ga., who already shows himself an enthusiastic Phi.

Brother T. E. Atkins, of Maysville, Ga., and brother T. C. Hardman, of Harmony Grove, Ga., affiliate with us from Georgia Gamma. Brother John Ashton, who attended the University in '85, was present at our last meeting. He is a promising young lawyer of the State.

Our chapter is well represented on the *Reporter* and in the class officers.

January 10, 1888. T. R. HARDWICK.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

LIKE the gradual advancement from good to better, Fall Term of '87 merged into Spring Term of '88—the time of actual change being when the students assembled to hear the reading of reports for the last term. In Senior Class we were represented on first mark by brother J. E. McRee; on third by brother C. N. Bennett. Brothers Ardis, Merry, Hollingsworth were all on fourth. In Junior Class, brother Mickler is recognized among the honor men. Brother Daves led the Sophomores, with brother Abbott second. Brother Jenkins was at the head of the Freshmen, with Rowland third, Fleming and Kimbrough on fourth. So much for text-book ability. On the Champion Debate, brother J. E. McRee represents us in Fero Society; brother J. H. Ardis in Phi Gamma. Brother R. F. Eakes is Phi Gamma's junior Respondent, and brother Mickler one of their Spring Term Debaters.

Since the holidays the town has had many social festivals, but the event of the season, which the ladies unanimously acknowledge to eclipse all others, was our reception, given at the residence of Col. R. U. Hardeman, on the evening of January 20, in honor of Miss Rosa Leigh Camp, an enthusiastic admirer of the White and Blue, from Birmingham, Ala. Chinese lanterns illumined the verandas, and the spacious parlors were wreathed in the radiance of feminine loveliness.

Mrs. Hardeman, whose hospitality is proverbial, admirably succeeded in making the occasion most enjoyable.

Combining skill in management with taste in arrangement,

anxiety to please with ability to entertain, liberality in outlay with courtesy in attention—she fully sustained the reputation, previously established, as a model hostess, and won the gratitude, never to be forgotten, of every member of Georgia Beta.

The assistance of Mrs. E. E. Salter—a true and most valued friend, on whose kindness we always rely—was much appreciated.

Would that a description of the dining-hall and festal-board could approximate its real magnificence. On entering an arched door-way the eye first rested on a beautiful motto, "Welcome to ΦΔΘ."

In the centre of the table a large mirror represented a lake, whose borders were fringed with entwined evergreens, and on whose bosom floated a boat in full sail, bearing the ensigns of ΦΔΘ. This, with flags and water-lilies dotted here and there, and a rustic camp on the bank, presented a scene as natural as it was lovely.

The hanging lamps were decorated with laurel. In a cozy little alcove was a tree laden with oranges, and surrounded with hot-house flowers.

The following toasts were called for by brother J. N. Snow: "Our Hostess," J. E. Mickler; "Phi Delta Theta," J. E. McRee; "The Ladies," C. N. Bennett; "Other Fraternities," J. P. McRee; "Phi Delta Theta Girls," J. H. Ardis; "The Royal Bumper," R. F. Eakes.

A cake containing ring, thimble and button was cut, and many other pleasant things, too numerous to mention, were done, until at a late hour the party reluctantly dispersed, filled with love for each other and for the Phi Delta Theta.

February 7, 1888. JNO. E. MICKLER.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

SINCE my last report, Georgia Gamma has sustained a serious loss, in the persons of brothers Atkins and Hardman, who did not return after Christmas.

Brother Long ('87), who left us in 1886, has returned, however, and with the help of our new man, whom we consider the choice of the entire college, our number remains the same—sixteen.

We have at present strong hopes of increasing this number, and expect to have the pleasure in our next report of introducing one or two others.

We recently held two of our celebrated Social Clubs, one of which was a celebration of the chapter's anniversary. All of our speakers distinguished themselves, and the affair was pronounced by all the best affair of the season.

In the election of editors and business managers of the College Annual, Phi Delta Theta put in three men—two editors and one business manager.

The boys are just finishing their examinations. We are busy just now in making some improvements in our already beautiful chapter hall. We hope to be able to get out our Annual Letter in time, and to escape the sharp sarcasm of the editor, to which we were treated last year.

February 7, 1888. GEO. S. JONES, JR.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

IT gives me great pleasure to announce to the fraternity the recent initiation of brother A. Lloyd, who will make a most loyal member.

Brother L. V. Massey, who was initiated September last, submitted his resignation to the fraternity; and for reasons sufficient to himself and his brethren, it was accepted. He has since resigned college. Our chapter is now in a flourishing condition, and our prospects for the future are bright, having on our roll twenty loyal names. There are no animosities among the four fraternities here this year, yet you cannot but feel the effects of the strong and silent under-current of rivalry which exists among them.

We have received a copy of the *Phi Delta Theta Index*, published at Tuscaloosa. This Journal is devoted to matters of practical interest to the fraternity in Alabama. We earnestly hope this effort on the part of our brethren will stimulate graduates to interest in the fraternity, as well as awaken under-graduates, who are not taking the active part which it becomes them to take in fraternity affairs.

Brother H. C. Armstrong, Jr., who graduated last year, and who spent the summer in Brazil, is now pursuing a course at Johns Hopkins University.

February 3rd, 1888. J. T. GREGORY.

ALABAMA GAMMA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

THROUGH some misunderstanding, a letter has not appeared in THE SCROLL from our chapter for several months. But because we have not been represented we are none the less enthusiastic, and the same true, loyal Phis as before. We are, indeed, young, but we are wide awake to the interest of Phi Delta Theta, and we strive at all times and under all circumstances to deport ourselves as worthy Phis.

Nothing of much importance has transpired here since our last letter. A few society honors have been conferred, in which Phi Delta Theta received her full share.

On calling the roll after the Christmas holidays we found that three of our men had been unable to return. It has also been our most painful duty to expel J. B. Mangum. This reduces

our number to 14, but with this faithful little band we can depict nothing but a prosperous and happy future for the chapter.

We have met with many hardships since our establishment here, which only stimulate us the more.

We were very much gratified on reading the contents of the last SCROLL to find our dear fraternity in such a prosperous condition. As our initiates have never appeared in THE SCROLL, I give them below in order of initiation:

A. L. Guy, Cherokee, Ala.; T. T. Gallion, Demopolis, Ala.; T. V. Copeland, Birmingham, Ala.; W. I. McReynolds, Millport, Ala.; J. T. Sheppard, Uniontown, Ala.; J. N. Powers, Butler, Ala.; T. A. Felton, Leighton, Ala.; R. J. Harris, Rosser, Ala.; E. M. Harkins, Fayette C. H., Ala.; J. T. Huffstutler, Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Phares, Belmont, Ala.

February 3, 1888. E. H. HAWKINS.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

TEXAS GAMMA's flame has never dimmed since first lighted at the shrine of Phi Delta Theta. Our ardor for our beloved fraternity knows no bounds; her welfare is our constant study; and to show up our present college standing, we call attention to the following, which gives the number of distinctions gained by the several fraternities in the recent Intermediate Examinations, as also the attendant membership of each:

Phi Delta Theta, membership 12, distinctions 34; Kappa Alpha, membership 9, distinctions 24; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, membership 6, distinctions 15; Kappa Sigma, membership 8, distinctions 9.

Besides, the Phis are reaping their usual number of honors in the literary societies. Brothers Kidd and Mathis are respectively Leader and Second on the forthcoming San Jacinto public debate, with brother Yarborough as Orator. On the *Monthly* staff we have, from the S. J. Society, Chief Bus. Manager Camp, and Assistant I. P. Sessions; from the Alamo as Editors, brothers Thomas and Fain. In addition, we think we can safely state that we are held in the best of estimation by the town, which good opinion and favor we hope to increase on the occasion of our First Anniversary Exercises, to be held on the 30th of March. This will be somewhat of an innovation to S. W. U., for we are the first to attempt a public Symposium. Of course, we will put forth our best endeavors to make the exercises both pleasant and entertaining, in order to prove to the residents of Georgetown that the Phi Delta Theta, at least, is *not* a midnight caucus, formed to concoct schemes, but, on the contrary, a pure organization, whose purposes, aims and accomplishments are the highest.

February 1, 1888. J. R. MOOD.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

THIS term of college has been the most interesting and exciting, especially in Greek circles, since the re-establishment of the University. The authorities of this little city (Oxford) gave up right and title of South Main Street to those who desired to spend an afternoon or evening in coasting. The spell of coasting had hardly commenced ere Phi Delta Theta secured an immense bobsled, which was handsomely painted and decorated with white and blue. The passengers of this sled were mostly enthusiastic Phis and Phi girls from the Oxford Female College, of which brother Dr. Walker is President.

This prompt action of Phi Delta Theta induced the Betas to order a sled, but ere the sled was finished the coasting was fast wearing out. The following is an extract from a poem which appeared in the *Miami Journal*, from the pen of brother Emerson:

"No girl in pink and blue was decked—
Some letters then had no effect—
The girls forgot them, I suspect,
A coasting down the hill."

Brother Dr. Sterrett, Professor of Greek, enjoyed the coasting very much, as his portly form was seen to occupy the allotted space on Phi Delta Theta's coaster, quickly gliding down the hill.

We still maintain our share and a little more of the honors in literary and college work. The three prominent chairs of Erodelphian Literary Society are adorned with the "shield and dagger;" two of the three in Miami Union Society are similarly decorated.

On Saturday evening, January 14, we initiated Walter Conger Harris, of Eaton, O., class '91, and on January 28 William Matson Chidlaw, of Cleves, O., class '91.

It is with pleasure that we introduce our two new brothers to our brethren at large, feeling confident that they will ever prove to be true.

February 6, 1888. W. J. RUSK.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

OHIO GAMMA will celebrate her twentieth anniversary March 28, with appropriate literary exercises and a banquet. An interesting time is anticipated.

February 8, 1888. E. H. EVES.

OHIO EPSILON, BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

ALL the boys being back, Phi Delta Theta at Buchtel numbers eight this term, making it the largest chapter here. The

standing of the fraternities here as respects numbers are as follows:

Delta Tau Delta, '88, 0; '89, 1; '90, 3; '91, 0; '92, 1; special, 1.

Phi Delta Theta, '88, 0; '89, 2; '90, 2; '91, 3; special, 1.

Lone Star (local), '88, 1; '89, 0; '90, 1; '91, 4.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, '88, 2; '89, 2; '90, 1; '91, 2; special, 2; preparatory, 5.

Delta Gamma, '88, 1; '89, 2; '90, 2; '91, 4; preparatory, 3.

Brother H. D. Smith, '90, has been promoted in the Batallion from 2nd Sergeant of Company B. to 1st Sergeant of Company A.

Brother E. C. Page, '86, and J. D. Pardee, '86, have returned to Akron to study law. Ohio Beta Alumni is thereby strengthened by their presence.

Ohio Epsilon is soon to organize a small Orchestra under the leadership of brother O. C. Pixley, '91. The following are the members:

O. C. Pixley, piccolo; W. H. Van Orman, violin; Robert Tucker, cornet; H. D. Smith, bass-violin; E. F. Cone, pianist.

Towards the close of last term, brother J. A. Palmer, '89, right royally entertained his brothers of the active chapter and their lady friends, at his home on Bowery Street.

Dancing and card playing formed a prominent feature of the evening's sociability.

The contest of the Buchtel College Oratorical Association was held in the college chapel Wednesday evening, Feb. 1. There were six contestants in the arena. Brother E. F. Cone, '89, was deservedly awarded first place. He has a fine voice and his oration and delivery won for him the merited position. Ohio Epsilon may well feel proud of the victory and Buchtel college will be well represented at the State contest.

February 4, 1888. ROBERT TUCKER.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE second college term of the year opened January 4th, after a vacation of two weeks, and nine Phis have re-assembled to renew their associations and friendships, but we have to regret the absence of two brothers, Hubert H. Ward and Albert C. Buss, the former having gone to southern California to engage in the fruit culture, and the latter being proprietor and editor of a county paper in New Bremen, O.

We are pleased to introduce to the fraternity at large brother F. C. High, of Bucyrus, O., and Samuel Morrison of this city.

Though but two of the old members who were with us a year

ago now remain, Ohio Zeta holds as strong and promising a position at the University as ever.

January 7, 1888. F. W. BROWN.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

DURING the last month Kentucky Alpha has been "up and doing," and as the result of her harvesting the élite of the new men of this term have been gathered in.

They are A. M. Kinnaird of Lancaster, Ky., and N. S. Bowmer of Cloverport, Ky., and were only secured after a long and exciting struggle with our only rivals, Peta Theta Pi.

After the initiation we adjourned to a neighboring café and sat down to an initiatory supper, which has become a very pleasant part of our initiation ceremony.

Brother Kinnaird has entered the junior class.

Brother Bowmer has entered the preparatory in order to bring up Greek.

The fraternities now stand as follows: Phi Delta Theta, 13; Beta Theta Pi, 12; Kappa Alpha, 12; Sigma Chi, 8, and they will about rank in the order stated.

In the recent burial of John C. Breckenridge, the two most important personages of the day were Phis. The dead ex-vice-president and the orator of the day J. C. S. Blackburn; the one honorary, the other active; and both sons of old Centre.

February 6, 1888. WILLIS GREEN.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

SINCE the last report "Nimble William" has been given a couple of turns in the home of Indiana Beta, and we take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity at large, brothers F. P. McNutt and T. F. Ball.

We are justly proud of our new brethren; brother L. McNutt stands at the head of our freshman class of sixty, while brother Ball is acknowledged by all as the coming orator of Wabash.

Brother Smith, of Pennsylvania Delta, in the article in last SCROLL on "Alumni Support," has struck the "key note" for the future of Phi Delta Theta. If we are not mistaken, and we hope not, the time has come when the interests of our fraternity and our connection with it should not end with the receipt of a diploma. Too often already has this been the case. Alumni chapters have kept up the spirit where there has been enough alumni in one place to have a chapter. But that is not enough; we want and must have a means by which to kindle a-new the

flame of fraternal love in the heart of every one of our Alumni, whether he be near or far from his home. Let us hear more on the subject.

We notice that our last report was referred to by the editor of THE SCROLL in regard to the initiation of "Preps," and think a word in respect to what we are doing, with regard to the argument "other fraternities take in preps," not out of place. Knowing that to initiate "Preps" we must "violate the constitution." The question then arose, what can we do? A committee was appointed to confer with other fraternities, and the result has been most gratifying. We have the Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi with us, and the rest will be forced to stand with us, for a pledge from either of the above is proof against all other badges here. The days of the "Prep" fraternity made at Wabash are over. Let every loyal chapter put their shoulder to the wheel and quit hunting for excuse, but work, and it will be the same in all colleges.

Oratorical will be here before our next report. We expect to send the representative and first delegate.

January 6, 1888. WILL. H. EARL.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

OUR literary exercises, this term, are comprised in a senate. Each member of the chapter represents a State, and we discuss at each meeting a bill on some national question, a confirmation, or the President's message. The experiment is proving a very satisfactory one, and the debate is always general, animated and profitable.

The primary oratorical contest is only a month away. We will have two representatives in it. Oratorical matters are very quiet this year, as far as contests go. We retired permanently last year from the business in combinations in oratorical elections, and had hoped that the compromise effected then would be repeated at this last election, but such was not the case.

Although by the system of regular rotation, which all had acknowledged before to be the best one, we were entitled to the presidency of the local branch—the Barbs, Delta Taus and Sigs having each had a president since we had had one—Sigma Chi and Delta Tau combined to elect a Sig president. This was done in spite of the fact that Sigma Chi had a president a year or after our last one, that the Sigs comprise only one-seventh of the whole association, and that they have no interest in oratorical matters save for officers, having had no man in the college contest since '86, and not being likely to have another for two years more. These fraternities tried to claim there was no combination between them, saying there was "only a little *under-*

standing"—their distinction. We propose to continue in our opposition to the combination system.

The Delta Taus have just taken a Freshman, brother of one of their seniors, and again equal us—in numbers. We have fourteen each. The Kappa Kappa Gammas have increased their number to seven. They are quite prosperous.

Brother John C. Miller, Indiana Alpha, '55, delivered the Founder's Day address last night.

The students have formed a college glee club of sixteen voices and six instruments—banjos, guitars and bones. We have the president and six members of the club. Our first appearance will be at Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, on the 23d inst., where we sing for the G. A. R.

February 8, 1888. HUGH TH. MILLER.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

HANOVER COLLEGE still continues to advance. She has recently been made the recipient of large donations to endow a chair of Christian ethics.

On account of sickness, John F. Baird, Professor of Astronomy and Physics, has been given leave of absence for a year. Prof. Hunter, from Pittsburg, has been chosen to fill his place. He is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College. While there he allied himself to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and his interest in the fraternity has not been abated.

In the recent elections for the exhibitions of the Literary Societies, brother Hugh L. Moore was elected one of the speakers for the Philal. Society, while brother James McCormick and your reporter have places on the Union Literary Society exhibition.

We read with much pleasure an account of re-organization of the Chapter of Michigan Alpha. We will all expect good reports from our brothers in Michigan.

January 29, 1888. HAL C. JOHNSON.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

WE are in the midst of the second term's work. The beginning of the term added three recruits to our number. We initiated brothers Taylor and Bastian of '91; and brother Mitchell, one of our graduates in the class of '85, has entered the law school.

Brother Jno. M. Goodwin, '85, has been with us at several of our meetings this term. He has entered the ministry. Brother W. J. Snyder, '87, made us a short visit, Jan. 21st.

This is the time for hard, earnest work, at our chapter meetings. With none of the excitement which always accompanies

the beginning of the year and commencement time, we are enabled to devote much more time to solid literary work.

The Pan-hellenic banquet, the great fraternity event of the year, comes off Friday night, the 10th inst.

The junior class will publish *The Mirage* this year. Indiana Zeta will be pleased to exchange with all our chapters located at colleges where publications of this kind are issued.

February 6, 1888. J. H. WILKERSON.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN.

IN the Junior Oratorical Contests, which occur at the close of the fall term, brother Palmer took first honors and brother Duguid second, in the Amphictyon Society, thus keeping up the record begun by brothers Prince and Sanford, in '85, and maintained by brother Robinson in '86. So also brother Barringer in the Alpha Kappa Phi Society followed in the footsteps of brother Heckman in '85, and brother Allen in '83. This is a record in oratorical contests which has never been equalled by any fraternity in the institution. In five years of existence six out of ten first prizes and three second prizes have come to us.

Our charter bears date December 22, 1882, and on January 27, '88, we celebrated our Fifth Anniversary at the residence of Mr. G. A. Mark, in the city. Initiations were issued to over sixty, including the President of the college, Hon. G. F. Marber, and the Professor of Latin, Prof. C. O. Williams, who thought best not to accept on account of the anti-fraternity spirit of the Faculty; but both are strong fraternity men and thanked us heartily for the invitations, assuring us of their cordial good wishes. At eight o'clock on the evening of January 27, there were assembled at Mr. Mark's house over fifty of the students to do honor to the occasion, including all the members of the Pi Beta Phi, and nearly all of the Kappa Kappa Gamma, with many not members of any fraternity. Supper was served from nine until eleven, when the scene changed and a programme was presented as follows:

Toasts.

Toast Master, brother Garlough; Oration, College Fraternities, brother Duguid; History, brother Barringer; Prophecy, brother Greene; Poem, "The White and Blue," brother Palmer; "Dec. 23, '83," brother Gould; The Grecian Janus, Miss Mignon Kern ($K K \Gamma$); The Ladies, brother Chaffee; Fraternities at the University of Michigan, brother Shier (Mich. A); The True Greek, Miss Minta Morgan, ($\Pi B \Phi$); Our Absent Brothers and Alumni, brother Robinson.

It was, indeed, nearly time for daylight ere we mounted the Hill, after bidding a fair good-night to each. All had a good

time. Many were the compliments we received on account of the reception.

There were with us H. F. Shier, P. G. Sjöblom, Willis Moore and F. I. Muir, all of Michigan Alpha, and L. T. Gould, from Albion College, one of our charter members, who responded to "December 23, 1883," the date of the first anniversary banquet, on account of which all but one of our boys were either suspended or expelled from school.

We rejoice that Phi Delta Theta is at the University of Michigan, and have already experienced some of the pleasures of our relation with our brothers at that place, as Michigan Gamma was well represented at Ann Arbor on the occasion of the re-establishment of the chapter there. We think that with the men she has, Michigan Alpha is bound to win.

As a new matter in fraternity news, we announce that Alpha Tau Omega has entered here with a good lot of fellows. We wish them success. At present there are five Greek-letter fraternities in Hillsdale: Delta Tau Delta, 8; Alpha Tau Omega, 12; Phi Delta Theta, 17; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14; and Pi Beta Phi, 10.

Fraternity jealousy is dormant, but will probably awake and go forth to battle at the Society elections in the beginning of the term.

February 6, 1888. J. O. DUGUID.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

ALL is quiet along the fraternity line at Northwestern, and we believe general good-feeling prevails. A Grand Pan-hellenic banquet will be held soon, in which all the fraternities are greatly interested, and as this is the first one ever held here which was strictly inter-fraternity, no expense or pains will be spared to make the affair a success. Each fraternity is expected to provide a toast, and some music. Brother Green has been asked to toast the "Western Fraternities," and our chapter orchestra, consisting of two violins, two banjos, one guitar, cello, and piano, will make its debut on this auspicious occasion.

We celebrated the first anniversary of Illinois Alpha's re-establishment here on Friday evening, January 20th. The exercises were principally those which are prescribed by the constitution, and proved to be very impressive and interesting. After the ceremony, the boys indulged in festivities around the supper-table, and remained in that condition until the large Waterbury clock in the corner, struck twelve.

Brother Hitt, '88, on his own responsibility, hired James

Whitcomb Riley to lecture here on February 2d, and by this little scheme realized quite a sum, as well as giving Evanston people a chance to hear this excellent humorist and poet.

We are rejoiced to learn of the re-establishment of Michigan Alpha at Ann Arbor, and hope its successes may be as many and as great as those of Illinois Alpha, during its first year.

February 3, 1888. FRED. C. WAUGH.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

We are happy to state that the bitter prejudice against fraternities in this institution is being gradually overcome. For years Phi Delta Theta fought the battle single-handed. Two years ago Phi Gamma Delta established a chapter here, and it still prospers. Last term a new organization, styling itself Omicron Eta Pi Fraternity, started up. We extend to them congratulations and best wishes.

We are the only chapter in college that can boast of a chapter hall. Our parlor has been newly papered and furnished. The liberality of members in donating pictures deserves mention.

Brother Smith, who, by the way, took first declamation prize, over seven competitors in the last annual contest, will give a patriotic declamation, in the exercises celebrating Washington's birthday. Brothers Williams and Stark have been elected Sophomore contestants for the Colton debate. They are without doubt the two strongest men on the contest. The play of "Enoch Arden," was given by a company composed of students, in L. M. I. Hall, on the evenings of January 28th and 31st.

Brother Phelps as "Peter Lane," was universally acknowledged to be the "star" of the company.

Our chapter attended the annual Stag banquet of our Lombard brethren. We were entertained in that hospitable manner so peculiar to our brethren of Illinois Zeta.

Illinois Delta gave a reception and dance at the close of last term. It was the social event of the season. About forty couples were present. Brothers Phelps and Smith favored the company with declamations. Brother Green spoke the dagger scene from Macbeth, with excellent dramatic effect.

Brother Hopkins is attending Union Law School, at Chicago. His abilities were speedily recognized, as shown by the fact that he was elected president of one of the literary societies of that institution. Brother Honnold is attending Medical College at Ann Arbor. Brother Avery, who graduated with the honors of his class, at Poughkeepsie Business College, last summer, is deputy clerk of the Circuit court, at Galena, Ill.

Brother Becker will graduate at Chicago Medical College

this year. Brother Byrnes, of '86, is on the editorial staff of *The Omaha Bee.*

We regret to announce that brother E. E. Colkins has withdrawn from our chapter.

February 3d, 1888. LYSANDER CASSIDY.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

THE second semester has opened with very fair prospects for Miami Alpha and for the University at large. By a recent act of the National Congress an Experimental Station was established here in connection with the Agricultural College. This renders available fifteen thousand dollars for experimental purposes annually. Hence very important results may reasonably be anticipated. This opens up several very important positions, of which brother D. D. Moss holds that of first assistant in Chemistry, salary $1,200 per year. He has had a place in Chemistry in the University, which he has filled with satisfaction and credit, and hence his promotion.

Since our last report, brother Haines has been chosen Declaimer for the inter-society contest by the Athenaen Literary Society, and we feel confident that he will represent us with credit. He has also been chosen to act a part of "Damon and Pithias," which is soon to be rendered in this place, and which is anxiously awaited.

In contemplating the remainder of the year's work, we feel inspired to greater effort by the prospects of a liberal share of the honors and prizes, as in previous years.

Wishing all our sister chapters abundant success and prosperity, we await some important events of the near future.

February 7, 1888. T. J. J. SEE.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

MISSOURI BETA still prospers, and introduces to the "Phi world" this month brother Robert Keller, from whom we have every reason to expect much.

Missouri Beta not many months ago conceived the idea of making a New Year's present, as stated in letters recently sent to every active chapter. We have extended the time a little, and report the following contributions for the period ending February 1st: Kansas Alpha, $4.60; New York Gamma, $5.00; Pennsylvania Alpha, $15.00; Delta, $5.00; Eta, $5.00; Kentucky Delta, $3.00; Alabama Gamma, $8.25; Georgia Beta, $5.50; Alabama Alpha, $19.00; Texas Beta, $10.00; Ohio Alpha,

$10.00; South Carolina Beta, $7.00; Ohio Zeta, $10.00; Kentucky Alpha, $11.50; Michigan Beta, $13.00; Illinois Delta, $2.50; Ohio Beta, $12.00; Missouri Beta, $16.50; Indiana Alpha, $15.50; Missouri Alpha Alumni, $6.25; New York Alpha Alumni, $5.00; B. K. Canfield, Cleveland, O., $1.00; E. M. Pace, Marlin, Tex., $1.00. Total, $191.55.

February 4, 1888. L. O. RODES.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THOUGH silence has enshrouded Iowa Alpha since the beginning of the year, she has not been in any sense of the word inactive. Prosperity has taken up a permanent abode with us, and success sits by our fireside.

The fall campaign was one of the hottest that has been experienced here for years, and it is with some degree of complacency that we announce that when the smoke of the battle cleared away, we found that we had gathered in six of the finest fellows in school. Our new recruits now shout and work for Phi Delta, with all the vigor of veterans. These, together with one man, initiated during commencement, and ten old members, make a round seventeen of as enthusiastic "boys" as ever gathered around the hearthstone of Iowa Alpha's home, or sang the praises of Phi Delta's mystic Bond. Allow me to present to the good wishes of our brethren everywhere: Brothers Willits, Todd, Richmond, Clark, Longnecker, Smith and Brenholts.

On the evening of the 19th of December, we held at the residence of brother Gray, our regular term's literary exercises, with a select company of our fair friends as spectators. These exercises consisted in the presentation, with correct costumes and stage accessions, of two scenes from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," including the trial scene. In this we were assisted by Miss Jessie Brenholts, of $\Pi B \Phi$, and Miss Laura O'Neal, of the P. E. O's, who took with great credit to themselves the parts of Portia and Nerissa respectively. After the performance, fruits were served, and the company gave themselves up to the allurements of social pleasures, until a late hour. All united in pronouncing it one of the pleasantest of our many social gatherings.

Never in the history of our university were the prospects for the future so bright as now. For many years the lack of needed buildings has been keenly felt, and now what was so long desired is to become a realization. As soon as the weather will permit, work will be commenced on a new chapel and science hall, to be built in modern Gothic style, and to cost $35,000 or $40,000. For the past three years a growing interest in the needs of the school has been manifested throughout the

conference, and the money for the purpose of erecting these buildings is substantial result of that interest. The attendance is constantly increasing, and all indications point to a more prosperous career for the university than ever before. A military department has also been added, and a United States officer detailed as professor of military tactics. In this department, Phi Delta holds three of the best offices.

In the oratorical contest recently held for the purpose of choosing an orator to send to the State contest, your reporter won first place. This makes three times in the past four years that Phi Delta has furnished the orator.

On the *Wesleyan* staff, we have the editor-in-chief, business manager, advertising agent, and one associate editor.

We are obliged to announce the resignation from the fraternity of W. H. Heppe, owing to difficulties arising between him and the chapter which could not be reconciled.

Brother W. H. Spurgeon, who was out during the fall term, is with us again.

The standing, numerically, of the societies here is as follows: *B Θ Π*, 15; *Φ Δ Θ*, 17; *Π B Φ*, 17; *P E O* (ladies, local), 14.

WILL R. GRAY.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

AFTER several valiant but fruitless attempts to get a letter in "on time," the Reporter of Nebraska Alpha will make one last desperate effort. Notwithstanding our protracted silence in the columns of THE SCROLL, Nebraska Alpha still exists and flourishes. Our chapter is small this year, consisting of but seven active members. Yet we are satisfied that on this account the benefit derived from fraternity life is not diminished in the least, and that the cords of sympathy which bind brother to brother are none the less strong.

One profitable feature of our meetings is the discussion each evening of some topic which is claiming the attention of the literary or scientific world. "Volapük" will be the subject for discussion at the next meeting.

Brother Ed. Churchill, of '85, of Cheyenne, was married to Miss Liska Stillman of Lincoln, on the 18th ult.

His bride, well known in university circles, is an estimable lady, and in every way deserving of our "Ed," which fact, by the way, is almost the acme of praise in her behalf. Only the near relatives of the contracting parties were present at the marriage. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Cheyenne, Wyo., where they will make their home in the future. Nebraska Alpha's most sincere hopes for peace and happiness go with them.

Brother Thrift, '90, who was compelled to abandon school work at the beginning of the year, made us a flying visit on the 3d inst.

Brother Frankforter, '86, holds the position of Assistant Chemist in the U. of N. He has succeeded admirably in winning the esteem and confidence alike of faculty and students for the faithful and conscientious discharge of his duties.

The active membership of the fraternities here is: Phi Delta Theta, 7; Sigma Chi, 8; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 9; Kappa Alpha Theta, 7; total 31.

February 4, 1888. W. L. STEPHENS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THERE was a genuine "house warming" at the new rooms of the New York Graduate Association of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, at No. 427 Fourth ave., and the occasion brought together a large representation from the various chapters. The affair was purely social in its character and was under the charge of Russell Sturgis, president, S. V. V. Huntington and Nelson S. Spencer, secretary, who, together with W. M. Murray, vice-president; C. M. Baker, treasurer; J. V. V. Olcott, Dr. George R. Lockwood, Charles L. Poor and George M. Messiter, constitute the governing committee.—*New York Tribune.*

PHI Kappi Psi and Kappa Alpha Theta are the only chapters in college which have no members among the preps. This is right. Would that all the chapters had done likewise! Why does not the faculty prohibit the initiation of preparatory students? It is surely in its power to do so, and such an action would be endorsed by a majority, if not all of the chapters. Let it be considered.—*Alleghany Campus.*

THE Delta Phi Greek Letter Society, of Rutgers College, has nearly completed a handsome new building at a cost of $15,000.

The holiday vacation at the University of Michigan begins December 22d, and closes January 10th. Phi Delta Theta fraternity reëstablished their Michigan Alpha Chapter here lately. The Chapter flourished here during the period of '65 to '69. Delegates from the various neighboring chapters were present at the banquet given in honor of the occasion. The menu cards were tied with fraternity colors, and contained a short autobiography of each visiting member.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

PHI Gamma Delta entered University of North Carolina in November.

COLLEGE MEN MAKING MERRY.—A lively crowd of college men recently gathered at the rooms of the Delta Kappa

Epsilon Club, No. 435 Fifth ave., to celebrate the second social meeting of the present season. In addition to the usual social pleasantries the club enjoyed a musicale by the well-known musicians, L. M. Menier, pianist; J. Lambert, violin; F. Aubert, 'cello, and H. J. Rall, cornet, after which a bountiful collation was served. The Entertainment Committee was represented by Isaac O. Woodruff, chairman, and Clarence D. Ashley, secretary. Among those present were Judge Hewes, Theron G. Strong, Hugh J. Gardner, Frank S. Williams, Clarence W. Bowen, of *The Independent*, and Julian Hawthorne.

"Ladies' Day" came later in the calendar of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club, and the parlors of the club were thrown open for the reception of the numerous friends of its members. The feature of especial interest was the loan exhibition of oil paintings and water-colors, placed for the occasion by some of the club members and the artists. The collection numbers forty-seven works, and includes notable specimens by Diaz, Knaus, Vibert, Eaton, Hamilton, Shirlaw, de Haas, Beard, Curran, Seavey, Beckwith, Van Oost, Chapman and Whittemore. The Art Committee is composed of John De Witt Warner, chairman; A. W. Gleason, L. S. Burchard, R. W. Van Boskerck and A. H. Stoiber.—*New York Tribune.*

CENTRE College, at its last commencement, honored its officers by bestowing the degree of LL.D. upon the Hon. J. F. Philips (Ky. Alpha, '55), Kansas City, Mo., and D.D. upon the Rev. J. P. McMillan (Ky. Alpha, '56), president of Alexander College, Burkesville, Ky.

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Miami University recognized the scholarship and merit of the Rev. E. P. Shields (Ohio Alpha, '54), Cape May, N. J., by bestowing on him the honorary degree of D.D.—ROBERT MORRISON.

De Pauw University closed one of the most prosperous terms she has ever had December 21, resuming with increased vigor January 4. The attendance and interest in work during the past term has never been excelled in the history of the institution. The School of Law has made rapid advances, and it is fair to say that within a year this school has advanced fifty per cent. The Schools of Music and Art, though always well attended and very successful, have advanced with marked rapidity, and now stand equal with the other departments. A revival of religion has resulted in the conversion of about one hundred students. The University is fast advancing her standard, and her education facilities insure a successful future.

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The winter term at Wooster University has just opened under the

most auspicious circumstances. The opening address, "The Habit of Mastery," delivered by Prof. J. O. Nolestein, was one of the most able and scholarly productions ever delivered before a college audience. A number of new students have entered and all the old ones have returned prepared to do good, solid work. The second lecture of the university lecture course will be delivered by John De Witt Miller at Quinby opera house. The oratorical contest will take place in Kauke chapel within a few weeks.

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The *Akron Daily Beacon* says of Buchtel College, that through the untiring efforts of Congressman G. W. Crouse and Prof. T. L. Jeffords the college has been entered in the Interior Department as one of the depositories of public documents. This will result in obtaining for Buchtel's library several hundred volumes of valuable books, statutes, mounted maps and consular reports. As there are no other depositories made by provision in the Congressional districts, Akron and Buchtel should feel very proud in having these advantages in ready reference to public documents. This will, no doubt, be the means of obtaining for Buchtel a new library building.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

ONE of the Greek letter fraternities at the University of Pennsylvania has adopted the innovation of offering a prize to that member of the sophomore class who does the best work in English composition throughout the year.—*Daily Crimson.*

LEYDEN University, in Holland, is said to be the richest in the world. It possesses real estate which is worth $4,000,000.—Ex.

Whoever first "said" it knew precious little about colleges and their wealth. There are more than a half dozen institutions in the United States alone as rich or richer.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

THE "barb" element is drawing closer lines in all "frat" and "anti-frat" questions. Perhaps the most effectual way of displaying the power of the Greeks was resorted to by Delta Tau Delta. They threw open their capacious halls for a grand reception to all fraternity men in college, and the whole faculty with their ladies. Their hospitality was appreciated by all, and amidst the assembled professors there were only two who themselves are not Greeks. So our organizations are safe as far as the faculty is concerned.—University of Iowa correspondent in *Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

THE university has lately been the scene of an unusually active war against the fraternities. Late in November a woman, who lives in the city and who has a son in the school here (not a member of a society), published several articles against fraternities. Though the articles were shallow and untruthful in the

extreme, the barbs saw their opportunity, and immediately proceeded to take advantage of it. They at once had themselves thoroughly tattooed, put on their war paint, trained their guns on us, and saluted us with a fusillade of bombs and newspaper articles. They sent their literary effusions abroad, and had them copied by papers in different parts of the State, and for a short time produced quite a sensation. But their articles soon subsided into "windy dreariness," and now everything is calm and quiet as a summer evening. This was not the first uprising of the barbs in the history of K. S. U., but it ended as all previous movements of the kind have ended—in quiet submission to the inevitable.

The fraternities are all inclined to be conservative in their "rushing" this year, and as the new men seem to lean decidedly toward the same policy in the choice of fraternities, and are very deliberate in their decisions, there have been very few initiations so far.—Kansas State University correspondent in *Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

THE next convention (Grand Arch Council) of Phi Kappa Psi will be held at Washington, D. C., April next.

THE Alpha Delta Phi Chapter at Yale was suspended in 1873. Friday, January 27, it was revived by the initiation of seventeen men in the Masonic Temple at New Haven, the ceremonies being conducted by Joseph H. Choate. It is intended that the chapter is to be composed of members from all classes, and that it shall not partake at all of the nature of a "class" organization, as is the custom of that institution.

PERSONALS.

MAINE ALPHA.

'87. E. E. Burleigh is engaged in surveying at Houlton, Me.

'88. C. F. Goodale is speculating in land at Coltonwood, Cal.

'90. F. T. Johnson is assistant in the North Berwick Academy.

In Memoriam.

HALL OF VIRGINIA ALPHA,
SALEM, VA., February 3, 1888.

WHEREAS, We have been informed of the sudden death of Dr. Francis H. Terrill, our brother in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta; and

WHEREAS, This brother was one of the founders of our chapter, and was always a warm and true-hearted Phi; be it

Resolved, That in the death of our beloved brother our fraternity has lost one of its noblest and most active workers, and that our heartfelt sympathies be extended to the bereaved family. And 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, and also that the badge of mourning be worn for the usual time.

EDGAR BOWERS,
C. F. KUDER,
R. L. LEATHERMAN,
Committee.

OAKLAND, CAL., February 3, 1888.

Dear Brother: The following will be of interest to the readers of THE SCROLL:

Dr. Francis H. Terrill, a charter member of Virginia Alpha, and also of Virginia Beta, died in San Francisco on January 20, 1888. Dr. Terrill was Professor of Therapeutics in the College of Medicine of the University of California from 1883–86, and was one of the most prominent physicians of San Francisco.

Yours in the Bond,

C. F. ALLARDT,
Rep. Cal. Alpha.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to suddenly remove from our midst our greatly esteemed friend and brother, Dr. Francis H. Terrill; and

WHEREAS, In the untimely death of our brother California Alumni Chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity has lost one of its most zealous friends, and the fraternity at large (especially Virginia Beta class of '74, of which he was a member) a man of noble character, integrity and refinement; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother the medical profession has lost a brilliant and ardent worker, whose career has been one of honor to himself, his family and fraternity.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved home and friends 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 sent to the family, and also published in THE SCROLL.

LEONARD S. CLARK, Wisconsin Alpha, 1857.
EDGAR M. WILSON, Ohio Delta, 1874.
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OUR "UNKNOWN" MEMBERS.

I was once unknown myself. Perhaps I am now, but I have recently been engaged in a resurrection correspondence with a man named Van Cleve, who has his "shingle" on the fly-leaf of the *Shield*, and since then have reveled in the thought that I am somebody known—a real flesh and blood man, with my name printed in full, fair-sized letters on the subscription list of the said *Shield*.

Since my escape from a premature grave, I have been led to consider some of the whys and wherefores of my unknownness.

I left college swearing fidelity to my fraternity. The chapter members left upon the active list were not all angels pure and simple, nor "angels in disguise." They were a company of ordinary, good-hearted, energetic, loyal Phi Psi fraternity men, and I resolved to stand by them. My life became one that almost constantly shifted its base of operations; but I kept up a correspondence with my chapter while the men were in whom I knew. Then, not getting back often enough to become acquainted with our new men, and with possibly an interest slackened by the fact that the men I knew were out of college, I became something of a stranger to my own chapter. They had my name, of course, but as my address was a shifting one, they in a measure lost track of me.

Now and then a *Shield* would travel around from place to place after me, sent on by the friendly hands into which it fell in different places, till at last it lay open before me, and I was permitted to read how the best fraternity in the world was grappling with the grave issues of the day. But how often the gravity, the fun, and the interesting features generally that make up its pages, failed to give me the satisfaction I expected to receive by a perusal of them! I always looked first for my chapter letter, and rarely found one. This failure of my own chapter to represent its condition and work in the general fraternity journal was a

keen and constant disappointment. While I always believed myself loyal to the fraternity at large, I confess my loyalty began in and continues freshest in, my own chapter. Glad at any time to meet any Phi Kappa Psi, or to hear from one, I am gladdest to see or hear from my own chapter men. I think this is natural, for it is natural, it is human, it is right to love home best.

So, while I confess to have contributed to my own fall, so far as to die and get buried in an "unknown" grave, the physician who was the immediate cause of death was my own chapter, and its neglect to follow me up in some way.

Now, may not the causes that contributed to my own death and burial contribute largely toward the increase of that ever-growing list of the dead "unknown?"

I repudiate the thought that I became "unknown" from any lack of love for my fraternity. Immersed in the work of my profession, and confronted by that measure of unfitness which a man feels when he leaves college to engage in the new and special duties of his chosen calling, I needed, and other men need, to be reminded over and over again of the obligations once assumed, and of the work of the fraternity at large, and of our respective chapters in particular.

I do not believe our active members know how difficult it is for the ordinary graduate member to keep up a constant hold upon the fraternity after he has passed out to where that fraternity is seldom brought to his attention, and where he is rarely informed of its condition and work, and where he feels that his co-operation, except in tribute, has been very easily dispensed with. When I was "active" I also bewailed the apparent indifference of graduate members, and wondered how it could be so. Since being out of college myself the tables have turned. The point of view has changed. The men whom I once regarded as indifferent, and to some extent disloyal, have simply been *allowed* to become lost—"unknown." Some are doubtless indifferent even to disloyalty, but the vast majority of those upon the "unknown" list, I am persuaded, would spring into a beautiful, strong, fraternal life again if only the proper methods were used to find and awaken a response in them.

What methods shall be adopted? I believe we have had the wrong view of the subject. We have expected men whose active membership has been blessed by those associations and incentives which bound them heart and soul to their fraternity, to hold on with the same vigor after they graduated, when those incentives were all gone. Some have done so, and grandly, too. But many have not. Would it not be better for the whole active fraternity, after this, to hold on to its graduate members? The chapters have expected support from their widely distributed graduate members. Would it not be better, henceforth, for the

chapters to be not only the *active* force, but in fact, as well as theory, the centralizing force of the fraternity? Every name on the "unknown" list ought to be found on some chapter record, and it ought to be in the power of every chapter to search out the history of its graduates, and have the history in black and white. The fraternity has all its interests committed practically to the chapters. Its hold upon its members is the hold which the chapters have upon their individual graduates. If anything is done then to reduce this list called "unknown," it must be done then by the solid work of the chapters.

We have several grand catalogues. They are valuable as a list of names, in spite of their imperfections and the necessary limitations in the usefulness of their several lives. But they are imperfect, because the chapters furnishing their lists have not, in all cases, revised and corrected those lists. They are but little better than a list of names. What we need is better work on the chapter catalogues. Each six months should witness the revision of those catalogues. They might not then be absolutely correct, but they would approximate closely to that desirable condition. And until that work is done better than it has been, we shall find the list of "unknown" steadily growing, and our grand catalogues, in a great measure, farces.

I suggest the creation by the next G. A. C. of an officer in every chapter on chapter records, whose duty will be to correspond with, and get an answer if possible from, every living graduate member, and enter the name, address, occupation, etc., in a record kept for that purpose. It should be his duty to correspond at least once during his term of office. A man should then be elected to that office with reference to his especial fitness and interest in that work, and be eligible to re-election. We should then have very soon a list of "unknowns" so small as to be practically eliminated. The chapters would have on hand at all times the material for a correct grand catalogue, while the careful preservation of all correspondence received would furnish material for a history of the chapters and of the whole fraternity whenever desired. Then, according to the present system, the archon could make this chapter catalogue work one of the tests of the efficiency of the chapters in his district, and the whole district might get to work to eliminate the "unknown" list within it. At all events it matters little how many men we initiate year after year, if a large percentage of the graduates slip out of sight and are lost from the working and feeling force of the fraternity.

Again, active members should be careful not to destroy the interest on the part of many excellent graduates, by unwisely conducted symposiums and banquets. The day has come when these gatherings must not mean a debauch, nor a scene of flow-

ing bowls and clinking glasses. We can have the "flow of soul" without the flow of bowl. Men with strong temperance convictions may tolerate and love a brother addicted to drink, in daily intercourse, but they should not be asked to stand sponsors at a liquor "christening," nor to surrender scruples for the sake of Auld Lang Syne. Let men, as individuals, do as they please, but as an order, as chapters, pledged to the highest aims, and appealing to the best in man, no travesty of our holy principles should be tolerated in the name of conviviality; and no Phi Psi should find the symposium of his chapter a place, for attending which, he will feel bound to apologize to his own manhood. A man will not love or tolerate that long against which his whole being protests.

Again, unfortunately, the horoscope of the "coming man" is never in the hands of the "rushers." If it only were the "unknown" list might not have grown quite so long. We might have recorded fewer initiates, but those on the record would be Phi Kappa Psi's through and through, who, if ever so unfortunate as to become "unknown," would need only the note of the fraternal pibroch to call them where they could be seen, heard and felt. But whom have we not in our ignorance "rushed"? We have "rushed" men who have, from the first, let us pay their bills. We have "rushed" men who have had no idea of a fraternal spirit. We have "rushed" men whom we have had to carry like babies till an ended curriculum dumped them out to become "unknown," because there was no one to longer carry and nurse them. We have "rushed" men at times to keep a chapter alive, that have done us more harm than the death and burial of several chapters. These evils are inseparable from the work of all fraternities, but they go far to explain a part of that indifference which seems to characterize some on the "unknown" list, as well as some not yet on it.

One fountain of evil has been stopped—the initiation of "preps." We may not be able to stop all, but by the exercise of better judgment and greater discretion in the initiation of men, by a more careful conduct of the "feeds," by the fuller exemplification in all our lives of those principles of brotherhood to which all are so willingly pledged, we shall, each in the measure of our faithfulness, achieve for our fraternity that destiny of which we dream, and reduce to a minimum the list of the dead "unknown."—STEPHEN H. EVANS, in Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*.

EXCHANGES.

WHATEVER the cause may be, the faet is patent that our Exchanges this year have not been so numerous as formerly.

Their visits, compared with the frequent calls of last year, have been few and far between.

Whether it is caused by a less frequent or wholly discontinued publication, or is due to a reaction from extreme freedom of exchange in favor of an exclusiveness and conservatism, it would be hard to state. There are facts which might be construed to support both reasons.

The *Purple and Gold*, at the close of its last volume, withdrew from the list and will hereafter be issued for the benefit entirely of $X\ \Psi$'s. However good the reasons may have been to $X\ \Psi$, and they must have been sufficient for her or the action would not have been taken, we cannot but disapprove of any policy which tends to lessen the freedom of intercourse between the different fraternities, and the mutual prosecution of enterprises, which, with individual characteristics, are common to all.

The revival of Alpha Delta Phi at Yale has drawn to that college the attention of the fraternity world, and interest will not wane until it is shown whether $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$ is to win, or the historic customs of Yale prevail. One of the two will in some measure have to succumb. Yale society customs have always been inimical to that idea of the fraternity which pertains elsewhere, and which constitutes the salient feature of the student's life in our many American colleges.

Her societies have been class organizations, the term of active membership being embraced within the limits of a collegiate year; the election to a society being the more prized, as the class is the higher; the ambition of the student centering in an election to the senior societies, either the Scroll and Key, or the Skull and Bones. All other class societies have served as mere stepping stones to this end, and in such capacity have the Chapters of $\Psi\ \Upsilon$ and $\Delta\ K\ E$ so long served there. In 1873 $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$, which had existed there as a four years society, had to withdraw because the influence of the class societies was so strong she could not secure men in the face of it. She has again entered the lists and will work as before against the class system, though what her stand in regard to the senior societies will be is not known. As members of a fraternity we can but wish her success, and will observe with delight, if it comes, any weakening in the old Yale customs which can claim few of the advantages that pertain to secret societies elsewhere.

Almost as strangely anomalous has been the system heretofore at Harvard, but the modern, the *fraternity* idea is insinuating itself into student life there, and it is but a matter of time until she will be the home of chapters just as separate and aggressive as are found elsewhere.

Here social life was a medley of class, fraternity, dramatic, and eating clubs, a man measuring his success by the number of

elections he received; all of which were accepted as being honors, and membership in one fraternity was no hindrance or obstacle to receiving or accepting election from another.

Hence was presented the interesting sight of finding the arms and blazons of several fraternities on the walls of apartments with a single occupant, to whom they were the tokens and almost sole reminders of his membership. No wonder then that chapters degenerated into incongruous clubs, or, choosing the alternative, ceased to exist.

Of late years a more liberal recognition of fraternities has led to their better organization, and some have led a passable existence in accordance with customs elsewere, though others continue to exist only on chapter lists.

We believe the old Harvard and the Yale systems are inferior to that accepted elsewhere, and will take interest in their decay just as we would rejoice in the success of the better over the worse in any sphere of action.

Now that we have spoken of the features which characterize fraternities at these two leading schools, we are reminded of the attitude which Princeton, under the presidency of Dr. McCosh, has maintained toward these organizations. For years Princeton has held to the strictest opposition to the Greek-lettered fraternities, and none have existed there save $Z\ \Psi$, who continued her chapter in spite of the restrictions, with what measure of success we are not aware, by initiating men at her Rutger's chapter.

The college is almost the only one in the East with such laws, and is the only *prominent* institution of learning in the United States which refuses fraternities admittance. This being the fact, her ground has been the subject of much discussion, and of little less criticism among college men in general, and particularly Princeton alumni, who having at heart the best interests of their *alma mater*, seriously question the wisdom of such a policy. Dr. McCosh's ability and conscientious devotion to duty while President has been one of the chief factors in bringing the college up to its present high standard, but we believe that those who have been officially connected with the school will hardly support him in his views on the fraternity question, and Presidents Adams and White of Cornell, and Seelye of Amherst, as American educated men, with a life-long and personal knowledge of fraternities, are certainly better qualified to pass judgment upon the wherefores and why nots of the system.

Dr. Patton, who succeeds Dr. McCosh, comes to the position with every promise of success, and no doubt there are many, including alumni and friends of the college, whose interest centers in a hope to see him add to the wisdom of his administration by an approval of our American college fraternities. Whether or not this is done, chapters will continue to flourish elsewhere,

growing in importance and good character, and adding to the stability of the college, regretting but not bewailing that Princeton does not care to tolerate what others encourage.

How has the tide been running as to the establishment of new chapters during the year that has passed? It is interesting to note in what quarters movements have been made. Not a few deceased chapters have been revived by the various fraternities which enrolled them. $\Delta\ K\ E$, still pursuing her policy of reviving such of her Southern chapters as will give promise of healthy life, has re-entered the University of North Carolina. A member of $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$, one of the founders of the original $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$ chapter at Brown University, helped initiate his son as one of the members of the chapter reorganized at that institution last fall. When $\Sigma\ \Phi$ took to herself the former $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ chapter at Lehigh, the Franklin and Marshall Chapter of the latter, which had been estranged at the same convention, was returned to the bosom of its first love. Later in the year $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ appeared at Indiana University to continue an existence broken off years ago. Among the many new chapters established, the majority have been at schools whose growth has warranted the movement. $A\ T\ \Omega$ has entered Cornell, her third established and second living chapter in New York, and, by the way, here too has $X\ \Phi$ revived her chapter, so that Cornell now possesses the skeleton of no fraternity.

Madison became the home of $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ last spring, and this fall the per cent. of non fraternity men in the college has been decimated by the appearance of $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$. $\Sigma\ X$ has added to her extreme Eastern and Western wings by Lehigh and California, the latter not so recent, however. $\Theta\ \Delta\ X$ has entered the Sheffield School of Yale. $A\ T\ \Omega$, besides her Cornell chapter, has added Ohio Wesleyan and Hillsdale to her roll.

Other fraternities have entered other schools, but we have mentioned enough instances to show that each fraternity is endeavoring to repair neglected fences, and, where available, to preempt new territory.

The *Phi Delta Theta Index* is the product of Phi enthusiasm in Alabama, and is designed as a "Semi-annual paper devoted to matters of general interest to the Fraternity in Alabama." According to itself it will be devoted to matters of personal mention, and fraternity topics of a practical nature, rather than to metaphysical gibble.

The Phis of Alabama have always maintained a vigorous State organization, holding annual well attended conventions. They have never been slow in attempting anything which gave promise of advancement to the fraternity.

The field to be occupied by their paper is necessarily a limited one, as it neither expects to or ought in any way to replace any sphere of the regular organ of the fraternity, and then, being con-

fined in circulation to members in that State, its circulation will not permit of any great magnitude. But it certainly enters a good field and has before it a good work in adding to the strength and perfection of their State association. Our Alabama chapters are rivalled by few at their colleges, and we trust they will continue to give to us the enthusiastic workers which they have in the past few years.

Sigma Chi has changed the plan of her publications somewhat, and although her movement does not directly infringe upon the statement that there is nothing new under the sun, yet the application of the idea, to a regularly issued *Bulletin*, is something new, not to say novel, in fraternity literature. In addition to their regular organ, *The Sigma Chi*, which by the way has been changed from a bi-monthly to a three times a year quarterly, there is issued monthly a *Bulletin*, sent by letter postage, its circulation confined exclusively to members of the fraternity. No copy of the *Bulletin* has been sent by mistake or otherwise to us, so we cannot rehearse its contents, but can quote from its prospectus as given in *The Sigma Chi:*

"By the votes of the active chapters endorsing the action of the Grand Council, the change of journalistic policy so fully discussed in our May issue is now in practical operation. If the enthusiastic reception given the three numbers of *The Bulletin*, already published, is as safe a criterion as we think, the new system is a grand success. Both its attractiveness and its utility are demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt; and Sigma Chi has at last solved the vexed question of fraternity journalism to her own complete satisfaction, if she has not also determined the future policy of the fraternity world.

"Briefly, the plan consists in the publication of two journals, a private monthly and a public quarterly, instead of one, a public bi-monthly. *The Sigma Chi* remains the public official organ of the fraternity. Most of its general features are retained, as will be seen in this issue. It is exchanged with the publications of our rivals, and is open to general subscription. It is issued quarterly during the academic year, once in each of the three college terms, and each issue will contain an appropriate frontispiece illustration. The size, as is seen, has been somewhat increased, and it is expected that the articles it contains will be somewhat more elaborate. *The Sigma Chi Bulletin* is the real innovation, and is *a strictly private monthly newspaper*, for it is not quite large or pretentious enough to be called a magazine. It is printed on linen paper, in very convenient and attractive style, and contains about 30,000 ems of long primer type. Edited by the Grand Tribune, it is the especial organ of the Grand Council. *Strictly private* in character, it is devoted primarily to the internal affairs of Sigma Chi, and to such items of interest to our

members relating either to ourselves or our rivals, as are best communicated in private. It contains full information of the actions of the Grand Council, the plans of the Grand Tribune, informal reports from officers and committees, 'points' on fraternity work and policy, and news about the various chapters, other fraternities and the college world at large. There is nothing formal or stilted about it, but everything is made as bright and fresh and newsy as possible, the constant aim being to keep every one posted and every thing alive, to arouse interest and to enforce the laws."

At the banquet which closed the annual convention of $\Psi\ \Upsilon$ in New York City last spring, there was present Joseph H. Choate, of Yale, $A\ \Delta\ \Phi$, who responded to the toast "Alpha Delta Phi, Our Rival." Among other things, he said:

"I do not know how I came here to-night, much less can I imagine how I shall ever get away. I have heretofore been taught to look upon you as outlaws and the general enemies of mankind, ever since the day of my entry into the ranks of the Alpha Delta Phis, nearly forty years since. Let me tell you an interesting event in the history of that society. As soon as we had got comfortably established at Harvard we had our pick of everybody who came to the college. We were unquestionably the best men. Let me tell you who some of those choice spirits were before my time. When I recall the names of James Russell Lowell, Edward Everett Hale, Charles W. Elliott, those were the men and kind of men we got when we had our choice. Now you probably know the rank and file of the Alpha Delta Phis in this later day. Now what has happened? About the year 1854 there came along some very demure looking youths from one of the western colleges. They came as strangers, utterly unknown. They were sober youths at any rate, and in that respect it seemed to me they differed from the great bulk of the present society. Their appearance was a little foreign, not to say uncouth, but by-and-by it leaked out that they had come to establish, if possible, a chapter of the Phi Upsilon Society in Harvard. Imagine, sir, our horror and dismay when we heard that they had appealed to the faculty for leave to establish a chapter in that remote, isolated, and self-satisfied place. Well, we at once appealed to the faculty. We showed them what a glorious time we had up to that time; we showed them how we reflected back the honor that the college had reflected upon us by having the exclusive choice of men; we showed them also what had happened in other colleges. How, since its existence since 1832, Alpha Delta Phi had been pursued by Psi U., who had insisted upon planting themselves side by side and succeeded in getting our best men.

"Mr. Chairman, I remember, as if it were but yesterday, my

interview with Jared Sparks, the well-beloved President of Harvard of that day—a model of Presidents. He was no modern president. Let me say he was totally unlike any of these presidents who sit at this platform. He was afraid that the students of Harvard would learn too much. He was afraid that they would be overworked. He did not exactly establish the mode with which I tried to start a school, play first, work after. Pleasure until you have had enough and to duty afterward. His maxim seemed to be:

'To their faults a little blind,
To their virtues a little kind,
But clap a padlock on their mind.'

"This is the way Harvard produced such men under his rule. Still I am digressing. Let me recall that interview. He said in his blunt, gruff way, 'Why, yes, they do seem to be following you up, but it is very like the sword-fish following the whale.'

"Now, Mr. President, why am I here? Am I to be initiated? Will you give me the grip? It seems to me that your hospitality goes half-way if I only stand on the threshhold. Will you not disclose to me your secret? I think I know what your main secret is—the only secret worth having. I am sure I understand it. The only one you have worth speaking of is the secret of success. (Great applause.) I would like to say a sober word, if I was not afraid it would be out of place. I should not have known, Mr. President, when I came here but this was a meeting of the Alpha Delta Phis. It seems to me that it is the same type of men; if not outwardly, I expect everything secretly is just the same. Now, we boast in the Alpha Delta Phis, and I think you can boast for yourselves, that the organization and the continuance of that fraternity of these societies has done some good in the world. In the first place, if they had done nothing but inculcate the theory that good feeling is a duty of mankind, an interest in this broad marked brotherly love which every man should feel for the other."

The June number of the *Beta Theta Pi* contained an editorial which we give below, touching on the policy of that fraternity in regard to extension. Its Chatauqua convention did little in the way of chapters save to officially decapitate the corpse of the Rutgers chapter and to continue a special dispensation to a Beta organization at the University of Denver.

"In all our ambitions, and possibly excitement, regarding extension, we must not lose sight of or forget the fact that Beta Theta Pi is a western fraternity. The West is where we were born, bred, and have thriven, and from this native domain do we derive our strength. We have long and well occupied it

and have taken the commanding position in it, and, by virtue of that attitude attained, we should never have cause to fear or to diminish in strength. The six most eminent collegiate institutions in the land are in the East, except Michigan University, but outside of these five, there are a score or more of western seats of learning that surpass most of the rest in the East. And the disposition of numbers, strength and influence will continually increase as the great interior States and the far West wax in wealth and culture, establishing and endowing their scholastic institutes. For us, therefore, the word of warning should go forth to keep good hold on what we have in the West and South, where we now have high sway. For into this section must soon come the conservative eastern orders, which must otherwise in time shrivel away and die of dry rot.

"The West is our stronghold, but we shall try to occupy the whole land of the best colleges, not in any rash spirit of invasion, but earnestly and steadfastly, because we want our fraternity to be representative of all that is the best. Sectionalism is the worst possible spirit of influence in any fraternity, and we are already too strongly bound by fraternal ties to every section ever to wish to entertain it. Wherever we advance, therefore, let us go with a kindly spirit, simply to establish our own principles and purposes. If rivals can suffer us and live with us in peace and toleration, let them do so; but if they can not, or will not, they will simply find themselves at fault somehow or other before we have let go. By the slow but gradual process of careful accretion, we are bound to gain all that we desire, if we shall but guard well and enlarge the citadel of our strength in the West, whence we are."

The February number of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, in commenting upon a petition for charter, which it later informs us was granted, says:

"Apropos of the neglect of the fraternity to fairly consider the recent application for a charter from one of the best supported schools in the country, we are led to discuss at this time a question which has been propounded to us several times in the past.

"Ought we to attempt an entrance into the older and richer institutions of the East with large attendance and often situated in great cities? We can not deliver an *ex cathedra* opinion upon so weighty a matter, but may set in motion a discussion which will lead to a proper answer for us. Let us look at the question specifically: If the conditions seemed favorable, would it be wise for Φ K Ψ to enter Harvard or Yale?

"The conditions of student life are so different in colleges found in cities to those of institutions situated in small towns, that an affirmative answer to the question would almost inevitably take the form: Is it meant that Φ K Ψ as it developes

itself in small denominational schools, is the organization to be inaugurated and maintained in these more powerful colleges?

"We have acquired, through many years of contact with Greek-letter society men and reading and observations, a more or less extensive idea of fraternity life as it exists in the larger eastern colleges, and this idea can not comport itself with that which we have learned to admire and reverence in the associations of young men, as we have witnessed them in the Central, Middle, Western and Southern States.

"Unless the signs mislead one in judging, the fraternity life in large eastern institutions appears under two aspects, either that of a large, aristocratic club of convivial proclivities, or a heterogeneous gathering of studious fellows for literary practice. From either point of view, the fraternity idea seems to us to be an *ignis-fatuus*, and just as sure to lead the spiritual and mental man astray as the physical phenomenon is to draw him on to a plunge in mud and ooze."

We have received but recently a copy of *The Shield*, a quarterly publication of Θ Δ Χ, which has resumed publication. It contains an extended notice of the convention held in New York last fall and accounts of revival at Brown, and establishment at Sheffield Scientific School. We quote from convention notes, and add also a clipping from the chapter letter of the last-named new chapter, which is so airy in its imagination as to make even Θ Δ Xs dizzy:

"To the pleasure of welcoming the Zeta to its old place was soon to be added that of fitting up a new throne for the Epsilon Deuteron, the newly established charge at Yale. The excellent opportunity of entering a college that is now assuming with its various departments the proportions of a true University, and thus being represented at one of the oldest and most honored seats of learning in the country, without departing from our policy of never, under any circumstances, permitting the pernicious system of class societies, was gladly welcomed by the fraternity. The existence of a charge of a fraternity whose genius makes it incomprehensible to its brothers how fraternity bonds can be limited to the brief space of twelve months, cannot but have a healthful influence on Fraternity spirit at Yale. The personnel of the eight brothers who were initiated at the convention assures the fraternity, in turn, that seldom has she been more strengthened by extending her tri-color mantle over another charge. These signs of solid growth considered in connection with the initiation of 115 new members during the year, as reported by the various charges, and the gratifying statistics that might be drawn from their reports of increased punctuality in duties, are reassuring to the older brothers of the fraternity, who, scattered throughout the land, watch with a paternal

as well as fraternal interest, the spirit and life in the active charges that form the part of the fraternity, which constitutes her heart, where the springs of life and healthy action must ever originate."

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"We hope to begin work on our buildings as soon as the ground is suitable in the spring. We intend to erect two houses. One of these will be constructed of Ohio granite, with terra cotta trimmings. This we will live in, and so it will contain bedrooms, studies, parlors, etc., and a room large enough to hold a convention in if we ever have that pleasure. This building will cost $20,000. The chapter house, which is to cost $8,000, will be quite original. It will be built of gray stone in the form of a monument surmounted by a tower, from which a light will signal the mystic meetings of our charge. The only ornament, and in fact the only mark, on this building will be a stone shield bearing the three mystic letters. There will be no doors or windows, no visible means of entrance."

The *Δ K E Quarterly* for October contains an interesting article, "Genesis of Greek Student Annals," in which is reviewed the inception, development, and present importance of these publications, and from which we clip:

"The first printed indications of the want afterward filled by these Greek Annuals were the under-graduates' rolls of Greek chapters which, added to the printed forms of the regular printed catalogue and bound with them under a cover slightly varied from that of the regular edition of the catalogue, were circulated as far back as the thirties by students at Union, Williams, Hamilton, and other colleges. They may not yet have entirely gone from vogue, though the writer knows no case where such issues are regularly kept up. The survivals have of late been mainly in cases where an ostracised wing of Greeks or an ambitious body of 'Independents' have thus attempted, in an economical fashion, rivalry with the orthodox Hellenes. One peculiar result followed. College authorities, seeing that the enterprise of students was helping the college to distribute catalogues, began to depend upon the student annuals and to shirk their own office in this regard until, from the saving of postage and binding on the catalogue sheets, furnished the students to be added to, bound and distributed by them, they grew in some cases to depend upon the zeal of under-graduates for the printing of the catalogue itself, the Registrar furnishing, as a favor to the student editors, the data from which they made up the only annual catalogue that went out from the institution, the Latin triennial, exhausting the energy of the corporation. Of this, though one among many, Columbia College was long the most shining example.

"It was, however, at Yale, then unquestioned leader of American colleges, at the period of her greatest prosperity as compared with her rivals, that the next and important step was taken. The 'Firemen's riot' of 1841 had stirred the college and borough of New Haven to most violent outbursts of feeling. William E. (since known as 'Richelieu') Robinson, then a student of Yale, the founder of the *B* and sundry other chapters of *Ψ Υ*, was peculiarly pressed for means of expression in defense of the student cause. It was plain that the 'Lit' would not and could not do the subject justice, and on November 5th, 1841, was issued Vol. 1 No. 1, of the *Yale Banner*, a reduced *fac-simile* of the first page of which graces this number of the *Quarterly*. How effective was the publication may be inferred from the perusal of the page given, and the fact that the townspeople found it necessary in self-defense to issue *The City Guardian and Moral Scavenger*, the vigor of whose cries showed how exasperated was the bull in whose face the *Banner* was flaunted. Mr. Robinson's services were unfortunately least appreciated by those who should have been most deeply interested. Overlooking his most distinguished services as advocate, the Yale faculty are said to have 'suspended' their doughty ensign for some peccadillo, whereupon he most appropriately 'hung up' his banner after its fourth appearance. It reappeared, however, November 3d, 1842, as *The Yale Banner*, Vol. 1, No. 5, containing the lists and posters of the then secret societies at Yale—Skull and Bones, Scroll and Key, *Α Δ Φ* and *Ψ Υ*, followed by a catalogue of the college."

J. E. Brown.

EDITORIAL.

If we could impress on all of our membership, and, particularly, the undergraduate part of it, the old Greek proverb, "Know Thyself," we would have accomplished much. To one who takes such a deep interest and pride in the organization of which they form a part, as we do in our fraternity, how important must it be to know thoroughly what that organization is, and not to blindly cherish an idol of which we know little but the name! To individual members, and to graduates we cannot speak with the force that we wish to use when addressing the chapters as chapters. Each chapter has the dignity and the well-being of the whole order resting on its shoulders, and the sooner and more fully they realize it the better. The harvests gathered in the chapter halls will add to the wealth of the entire brotherhood, and a rich harvest is demanded and expected. One of

the first and most vital duties expected of the chapters is their thorough acquaintance with themselves, each other and the general fraternity. We have frequently spoken of the extreme importance of keeping the chapter records full and complete. That is a study which the present generation owes to those who will come after, and which each chapter owes to itself and every other. As was suggested in a leading article in the last SCROLL, the minute book record leaves wholly unrecorded one side of the chapter life. As the minutes of each meeting are recorded as it passes, so the record of each year, adding the complement to the story and rounding it out to completeness, should be set down for permanent record ere a second year has begun.

Its own chronicles carefully preserved, the chapter should next turn to those of its sisters, and, combining all into one, give to the story of Phi Delta Theta, past and present, the place which it deserves and demands in their deliberations and investigations. As we said, we cannot speak to those who have left the chapter halls. On them the chapter has done its work, well or ill, and they are out of our reach and power. Alumni loyalty and alumni disloyalty are much talked and complained of, and yet it is the fruit of its own labors that the chapter is beholding, and often holding up almost to ridicule and scorn. How fond and tender are the memories with which men look back and are bound to *Alma Mater!* and yet in nearly every case the memory which calls them back and binds them to *Alma Fraternitas* is far stronger still. If the chapter has treated the man right while it was in its power so to do, and was to him the faithful guardian and helpmeet which it pledged itself to be, when the positions are reversed the chapter will never be the sufferer. What we wish and mean to say is that THE SCROLL'S counsel and advice reach only the undergraduates to-day, and will reach only the undergraduates to-morrow. On the men out of college the chapter must take its hold while they are in college, and, if the hold be properly taken, there will never be any danger of its being lost. So it is that to the active boys alone that we do speak or can speak. On them we urge most strenuously the vital importance of "knowing thyself," and of not dwelling in ignorance of the great fraternity whose badge they bear. Preserve your own records carefully and completely. Study them

carefully and conscientiously. Study likewise the records of every other chapter and the whole will develop itself into one complete and harmonious tale. We have been able to present in this volume of THE SCROLL some of the most valuable records which it has ever been the good fortune of any fraternity to possess. Their simple preservation is a manifestation of what we say—that fraternal love does not of necessity die when the fraternity man receives his "sheepskin." The records which we are now publishing illumine some of the darkest of the unexplored corners of our early history, and their value will become more and more apparent as that period recedes farther and farther back into the past. They touch nearly every phase of our earliest history and reveal the very beginnings of many of the threads of our narrative. When that narrative is put down in one continuous tale—as it will be very soon; in fact, has been already—these old records will be of the utmost value, and, in the future, reference to them must needs continually be made.

It is to he hoped that all of our chapters are sensitive to this most important matter of compilation and preservation of records. Each individual subscriber and, by all means, each chapter, should carefully preserve every issue of THE SCROLL and have each complete volume bound in durable form. This is always important, but, for the present year, more important than usual. To the chapters, especially, we urge that this be done regularly. We know that many chapters do bind THE SCROLL regularly, but, on the other hand, we also know that many do not and in fact never have. There should be no exceptions. Here is what we recommend and urge: first, be accurate, thorough and prompt with your minute-book; second, preserve an additional record revealing all the other side of the chapter's life; third, bind and preserve each volume of THE SCROLL; fourth, study and become thoroughly conversant with the history of your own and every other chapter. The history of every chapter means the history of the entire fraternity. And the information of the chapter means the information of each and every member of it. Consider these things carefully and you will do them; do them, and the general fraternity as well as your own chapter and yourself will soon realize the benefit.

So THE SCROLL has a satelite. Well, well! A short time since we were favored with a copy of *The Phi Delta Theta Index*, "a semi-annual paper, devoted to matters of general interest to the fraternity in Alabama," and issued at Tuscaloosa, with O. D. Street as Editor. We believe the Editor is correct in stating that this is "the only paper of the kind ever undertaken by a Greek-letter organization in the United States." Phi Delta Theta has been the pioneer in many things and we are certain she is in this. We doubt if any other college fraternity has ever published *two* journals at the same time. The field is such an entirely new one that it is difficult to make any prediction regarding its first explorer. Our first thought was that the energy here devoted might better be placed elsewhere, and that in general it would be of no benefit to us. But, on the other hand, it will certainly add strength to our order in its own locality, and it is but another "Index" of the activity and enthusiasm of Phi Delta Theta in general and of our Alabama brethren in particular. *The Index* is trying an experiment which will speak for itself, and we wish it a successful and prosperous career. THE SCROLL gives its younger sister its blessing and will aid it all it can. As we are now working on a new catalogue we will appreciate its fifteen pages of personals. *The Index* can be secured for thirty-five cents per annum. Give it a trial, and forward your subscription to O. D. Street, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

WE publish an article from the February *Shield* on the subject of "unknown" members. As the writer says, too often—we had almost said always—is it the fault of the chapter itself that its departed members become unknown or disloyal. We might name right here two members of our own fraternity who had been forgotten by their old college association, and who had in turn—can we say unjustly?—almost forgotten it. One had been out of college over ten years, the other over thirty. The younger boys hunted them up, and as soon as the "unknown" found that they were remembered, by some at least, the old enthusiasm revived, and it was an easy and a pleasant task to fan into a bright flame the lingering spark of fraternal love. To-day no truer Phis can anywhere be found, and one of these men is high

up in our system of government. This is but a single instance, but it proves what the younger and active (would that they were always *active*) members can do if they only will.

THE chapters are again respectfully (and *forcibly*) reminded that the General Council expects all fraternity obligations to be met when due, and not a year afterwards. Attention is called to "Exhibits A and B" in secret circular of Minutes recently issued. By enforcing promptness there is no fear of oppression. The unkindness comes in permitting chapters to heap debts on their shoulders and make undergraduates liable for debts due from men whom they cannot reach. A full year has gone by and yet twenty-five chapters are delinquent, to an extent of over $600. There can be no excuse for such a state of affairs. It is much harder to pay two assessments in 1888 than one in 1887 and one in 1888.

BY order of the convention of 1884, the General Council had made some very superior lithographic portraits of the six founders of the fraternity. Many chapters have already secured the set, and those who have not can find nothing more appropriate with which to adorn their chapter halls. They also form a valuable addition to the fraternity collection of individual members. We still have a very few sets left which can be had at the regular price of sixty cents per set. This simply covers cost price and expense of forwarding. Those wishing to order should enclose the amount (preferably in two-cent stamps) to E. H. L. Randolph, P. O. Box 1398, New York, N. Y.

A FEW nights ago the residence of the Editor was visited by a very serious conflagration, and much valuable property was destroyed. Among other losers THE SCROLL came in for its share, and some "copy" for the current number was annihilated by the flames. If certain chapter letters or anything else fail to appear in this issue, we trust that you will accept this fact as excuse sufficient and record anew your deeds of glory in a subsequent letter. We would advise the chapters direct if we could, but that is impossible by the very fact of destruction.

THE following is clipped from the *Kappa Sigma Quarterly:*

THE SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta is another monthly organ, of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, an order which we meet in six different institutions. We have always had an ardent admiration for THE SCROLL, and to our mind it is one of the best journals. Its "Old Fraternity Records" are of especial interest to loyal Phis, if not the Greek world. The Phi Delta Theta boasts of sixty-three chapters, and THE SCROLL boasts of over half a hundred chapter letters. No other fraternity ever claimed or attempted it, and it is a thing to be proud of. We trust we shall always have THE SCROLL on our desk. We like a journal that is run for its own fraternity.

MR. RIP VAN WINKLE, late of "the village of Falling Water," and now Editor of the *Rainbow*, of Delta Tau Delta, is not cognizant of the movements which have taken place in the fraternity world during his somniferous sojourn in the Catskill clove. In his "Exchange List" he gives the following after THE SCROLL: "P. O. Box 143, New York City. (Editor) W. B. Palmer, Seville, Fla." Mr. Palmer does not reside even in the State of Florida; he is not Editor of THE SCROLL and has not been for near four years; and our address is not P. O. Box 143.

YOU.—Suppose that, at the next convention, the names of the chapters in the order of their earnestness, zeal and quality, should be "posted in a conspicuous place," where would *your* chapter stand on the list? And suppose that the names of the members of these chapters were arranged conspicuously, in the order of their enthusiasm and working capacity—where would *your* name be written?

What have *you* done for *The Rainbow* this year? Have *you* sent in any literary matter or news items? Have *you* secured any advertisements for it? Have *you* secured subscribers, or written to your alumni in its interest? This means *you!*—*The Rainbow.*

Read the above, brother Phis, and reflect. Remember that it is armies that win battles and not generals. Remember that it is the work of each individual man that counts. If *you* do *your* share Phi Delta Theta will never take the first backward step.

WILL the chapter historians please return their record blanks promptly to the H. G. C.? We would like to be able to compile the reports for the current volume of THE SCROLL.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Treasurer of the General Council.

To Chapter Treasurers:

Your attention is called to the following and your early action requested.

Chapters in Arrears.

Maine Alpha,	$42 00	Ga. Alpha,	$18 00
N. H. Alpha,	60 00	Ala. Gamma,	22 00
Vt. Alpha,	32 00	Texas Beta,	28 00
N. Y. Alpha,	32 00	Texas Gamma,	4 00
N. Y. Beta,	28 00	Ind. Alpha,	42 00
N. Y. Gamma,	20 00	Ind. Epsilon,	22 00
N. Y. Delta,	28 00	Ind. Zeta,	46 00
Pa. Gamma,	5 00	Wis. Alpha,	30 00
Va. Gamma,	14 00	Neb. Alpha,	20 00
Va. Delta,	12 00	Iowa Alpha,	30 00
Va. Epsilon,	12 00	Iowa Beta,	24 00
Va. Zeta,	10 00	Minn. Alpha,	6 00
N. C. Beta,	16 00		

Very truly in the Bond,

S. P. Gilbert, T. G. C.

From the President of Delta Province.

The chapters of Delta Province will meet in convention at Oxford, O., Thursday and Friday, May 10th and 11th, next.

Each and every chapter should arrange to send as large a delegation as possible. Let every Phi who can be present, and assist in making this—our first re-union at the alma mater of Phi Delta Theta—an event long remembered—one of the mile-stones in the history of both province and fraternity.

To the Almuni of all the chapters, and particularly of Ohio Alpha, I would urge a special invitation to be present.

Come—and from the wealth of your experience, encourage and assist your younger brothers who are bearing to-day the banners you so nobly bore in the days gone by.

Arrangements will be announced later—but let each one begin *now* to make *his* arrangements to be there.

Delaware, O., March 1, 1888. W. E. O Kane.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

[It is to be regretted that a greater number of chapter letters had not been saved from the flames by being in the hands of the printer along with the other "copy." The paltry few that are available are inserted below. For the non-appearance of the remainder we think we have sufficient excuse. We can only request that others be sent covering the same ground as those that have been destroyed.—EDITOR.]

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

ALTHOUGH we have not reported for some time, we have been by no means idle. The winter term is rather a quiet one.

We have had our share of honors this term. In the college minstrel troupe we are represented by six brothers, two of them end men; and our Fraternity Octarena Quartette never fails to take the audience by storm.

Brother Haymaker, '89, has been elected to represent W. and J. College in the inter-collegiate contest to take place at Chatauqua, N. Y., in July, 1888. He is the first man to be sent from our college, and our chapter feels highly honored.

Brother Dill, '89, has been out of college most of this year on account of sickness. His family has been sorely tried, and he has been deprived of a father and brother. We unite in extending our heartfelt sympathy to our brother and his bereaved home. He is fast gaining strength and we are glad to report that he expects to be with us again next term.

Several circular letters have been received. They are most interesting and instructive. The different chapters are to be congratulated on the neat appearance of their reports, and the plain business-like way in which they relate their triumphs.

Brothers Wright, '88, and Williams, '90, will go to the convention at Easton, Pa.

March 6, 1888. G. R. EDMUNDSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

THE chapter is steadily growing in prosperity, and Phi Delta Theta does not stand far behind any of its rivals at Lehigh. We have secured another man from '91, who was being rushed by another fraternity, Walter F. Burden. Two other members from the same class whose names have not yet appeared in THE SCROLL, are J. Z. Miller and W. T. Patterson.

Our delegates to the province convention are brothers Dean and Throop; but most of our men expect to be present at this first convention of Phis which they are privileged to attend.

At the Lafayette College winter sports some of the events were open to strangers; brother Miller, of '88, took the half-mile run, and brothers Throop & Lincoln were on the winning tug team from Lehigh.

We received recently, from a gentleman who was a member of the chapter formerly existing here, some fraternity publications dating back as far as 1876.

Our circular letter was issued on March 1st, but if any of the chapter fail to get one we wish they would let us know.

March 5, 1888. MILTON H. FEHNEL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

THE first initiate that we have to report for several months is Thomas A. Caldwell of Virginia. We have been lately joined by G. W. Nott of Louisiana, who was formerly a member of the chapter at the Kentucky Military Institute.

Our chapter is larger now than ever before, containing twenty men, but its size does not prevent it from being harmonious in all its operations.

Nine of its members are applicants for degrees, and of the others two do expect to return next year.

But these losses will doubtless be counterbalanced by affiliates, as several come every year from other colleges.

Brother R. G. Cockrell will represent us on the Board of Editors of the College Annual, which will soon be published.

March 8, 1888. WM. H. LYONS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

MY last letter failed to reach THE SCROLL in time for publication. I will not let this happen again.

On the evening of February 7th the members of our chapter were most delightfully entertained at the handsome west end residence of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Farrell—the occasion being the birthday of their son, brother Elliston Farrell. It was preeminently a Phi affair; the decorations were in "white and blue," and our familiar Greek letters were costumed in a profusion of beautiful flowers. Charming hostesses, entertaining hosts, music and song, all went to make it an evening of rare enjoyment.

The March number of the *Southern Methodist Review* contains a translation of Schiller's "Lay of the Bell," by brother E. I.

Crockett ('88). The poem has also been published in pamphlet form, and is meeting with most favorable criticism from well-known German scholars and critics generally.

Brother W. R. Sims ('88), author of "Two Harvests," occasionally writes a poem for the New Orleans *Times-Democrat.*

Spring athletics are coming to the front again. The Phis are well represented in the various organizations.

Within the past few days the *live* fraternities here have decided to issue another "Comet" this year. This will be our second Annual, and, though we are late in starting, with energetic men at the head, we can yet make it a success. Brothers Kellar and Waller are the representatives of the Phis in the Editorial Board.

Tennessee Alpha has received quite a number of circular letters, and is glad to note that the chapters generally seem to be in a flourishing condition.

March 5th, 1888. W. H. HARRIS.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

THE primary oratorical contest has been postponed until April 10th. When the constitutional time for entry expired—on February 22d—it was discovered that one Delta Tau Delta and two Phi Delta Thetas were all who had handed in their names. Inasmuch as the delegateships to the State Oratorical Association are awarded to the second, third and fourth orators, and, in case there are not orators enough, to the senior whose junior grades are highest, the Sigma Chis and Delta Taus saw that we were sure of two, and perhaps three, delegates. (The *two* highest junior grades of last year were made by Phis.) This was not to be thought of; so, after a great struggle, the contest was postponed to the date named, and the time for entry extended. There are now fourteen entries—ten seniors, three juniors, and one freshman. Four are Delta Taus, four are Phi Delts, four are Barbs, and two are ladies. Our representatives are brothers Gongwer, Mavity, Morrison, and the reporter. We will do our best, but there is not much doubt but that the first place will be taken by a Delta Tau Delta, an experienced speaker (ministerial), who took second prize last year.

The circular letters have commenced to arrive, and most of them show a woeful disregard of that part of the constitution which requires that they be mailed in sealed envelopes. *Two* sealed ones have reached us. It looks rather strange, in Ohio Gamma's letter, for example, to see "*Strictly Sub Rosa*" printed on a document that comes in an unsealed envelope.

After reading the remarks of our Wabash chapter on the "prep." question, we were somewhat surprised to come across the following item in the current number of the *Wabash*:

Ball, '92, is now a Phi Delta Theta, having donned the shield and dagger about three weeks ago.

There must be some explanation. What is it?

Indiana Gamma would like very much to see a new edition of our catalogue. Let it eclipse all other fraternity catalogues, both internally and externally.

Can we not have one issue of THE SCROLL before the end of the college year, in which there shall be a letter from every one of our sixty-five chapters. We'll have ours there on time. Try it, brother editor.

We regret very much the fact that three of our members will not be with us next term. Brother de Haas is going into partnership with his brother as an M. D., at Hillsboro, O. Brother Davis, on account of his health, has concluded to rest (from study) from April to September. Brother Tulwider will not return until April, '89.

Our circular letter is ready. We hope to receive sixty-four this year: Penn. Alpha came first, Feb. 28th.

March 5, 1888. HUGH TH. MILLER.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

LAST month we were so occupied with examinations that we neglected our letter to THE SCROLL.

The second semester has started out with the university enjoying the greatest prosperity of its career. Our calendar for this year, which is now ready for the press, will show an enrollment of 1665, as against 1572 for last year.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the Phi world brother John Pease Keyes, '91. Brother Keyes is a solid man and will prove a source of strength and credit to us.

We are glad to report that Michigan Alpha has been doing well since her organization. Of course we have to encounter difficulties, but they are no greater than beset all new chapters, and, on the whole, their effect has been to unite and stimulate us. Our internal workings are indeed gratifying. All the brethren are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Phi Delta Theta, and are laboring with a full realization of the work they have undertaken.

We had thought to move into a chapter house immediate after our organization, but, owing to previous arrangements of several of the brethren, this is impracticable at present, and we shall not take a house until next fall. At that time we hope to be pleasantly located, and will be ready to welcome all the brethren who come this way.

March 5, 1888. W. L. HONNOLD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA recently entered Allegheny College.

THETA DELTA CHI has entered Yale with eight men.—*Ex.*

THE Rutgers chapter of Beta Theta Pi has died a natural death.—*Ex.*

THETA DELTA CHI has entered Brown University with eight charter members.—*Ex.*

THIRTY thousand dollars have been given Syracuse University for a chair of social ethics.

THE Massachusetts Legislature has appropriated $100,000 for the Institute of Technology.

AT DePauw University over one hundred young ladies drill voluntarily in the military school.

DELTA TAU DELTA established a chapter at Indiana University some time since with eight men.—*Ex.*

DON M. DICKINSON, of Michigan, the coming Postmaster-General to succeed Mr. Vilas, is a Chi Psi.—*Rainbow.*

SIGMA CHI and Chi Psi have in preparation general fraternity catalogues, which promise to be among the best yet issued.—*Ex.*

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON has commenced the rebuilding of their house at Hamilton, which was destroyed by fire a year ago.—*Rainbow.*

BETA THETA PI wants it distinctly understood that it is a "Western Fraternity." It seems to thrive best in the Ohio colleges.—*Ex.*

GAMMA PHI BETA held her fifth annual convention with the Gamma chapter at Wisconsin State University, Madison, Wis., November 11, 1887.

PHI KAPPA PSI at Wabash College has four active men—one freshman and three "preps." It is said the charter will be surrendered.—*Rainbow.*

A CHAPTER of Phi Beta Kappa will be established at Lafayette in the near future, to consist of members of the Senior Sigma Gamma Society.—*Madisonesis.*

PHI ALPHA CHI has recently established a chapter at Hampden-Sydney College, making the total number of fraternities seven. The chapters average about six men.—*Ex.*

MAINE seems to be thoroughly imbued with the fraternity spirit. Ninety-two per cent. of the men in Colby and ninety-six per cent. of the men in Bowdoin are fraternity men.—*Ex.*

DURING the last five years the following fraternities have established chapters at Lehigh: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Phi, and Sigma Chi—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

Although nearly a year has passed since its establishment, Delta Upsilon has not heard of our healthy and vigorous Pennsylvania Eta at Lehigh.

NEVER before have there been called forth so many and such strong articles in support of the Greek-letter fraternities, both in the fraternity and popular magazines, as have appeared during the last few months. Foremost among these champions of the fraternity system are two prominent college presidents, ex-President White and President Seelye. Every fraternity man should read these articles.—*Ex.*

THE *Cornell Sun* publishes President Adams' address to the students. In speaking of fraternities, he says: "I have no antipathy to secret societies. A good society will help any student; but I believe a bad society, appealing to the lower qualities, is a drag and an injury. Don't be in haste. There is no need of haste. The upper classmen may not agree with me, and may urge you to join. Avoid them and put them off. I advise as one who has had more than twenty years experience in these things."

EACH fraternity has its characteristic style of a chapter letter. Chapter correspondents seem invariably to fall into line. The only difference in the letters published is that of time, place and a few names; the rest is all the same—either high-sounding hallelujahs, loud-mouthed boasts or gentle dew-drops of fraternal love—depending upon the fraternity. Why can't correspondents say what they have to say in a straightforward, business-like way, without so much grandiloquent foolishness?—*De Pauw Monthly.*

THE two following clippings are from the same issue of the *Rainbow*, in the order given:

AT the University of Michigan Chi Psi will not build this year. The $40,000 reported collected for chapter-house proves to be $4,500.

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THE Chi Psis at Ann Arbor expect to build next year the finest chapter-house yet erected there. The building fund has been accumulating many years.

THERE are now in existence in the United States seven Greek-letter ladies' societies, aggregating about fifty chapters, and between two and three thousand members. The oldest of these societies, Kappa Alpha Theta, started at Asbury University, now

De Pauw University, January 27, 1870. The largest is Kappa Kappa Gamma, having nineteen chapters and over a thousand members. Alpha Phi is the only one which has a chapter-house, and is said to be the richest. These societies, though so young, yet number many women of prominence in their ranks, among them being Miss Alice Freeman, Mary E. Livermore, and Frances E. Willard.—*Ex.*

De Pauw is the originator of an inter-fraternity system which we believe to be something novel and unique. Its only precedent is the case of the ladies' fraternities at Cornell, and their compact aims only to overthrow the present method of "spiking." Our aim, at present, is no such definite object; but we wish to secure and promote a high order of friendly and social relations between the rival chapters at this place. To do this, the seven male fraternities have formed a confederation, and drafted a constitution and by-laws. The officers are distributed in rotation, and every possible means taken to prevent jealousy and ill will. We may be only building on the sand, or we may be founding an organization which will affect Greek-letter societies elsewhere. One of the prominent features of this "Pan Hellenic Club" is an annual banquet.—*Sigma Chi.*

Beta Theta Pi is a most peculiar fraternity. If it is, as the patriotic editor of its journal says, a fraternity typical of American life, it is not strange to find in its make-up a little of the well-known Yankee virtue—boasting; for surely, when a Beta proclaims by pen that his fraternity is the greatest in the West; that his fraternity alumni are the most loyal; that his fraternity is the most progressive, and that his fraternity is the only one truly typical of American life, and all without any attempt at satisfactory proof, we cannot dignify his language by any more appropriate epithet * * * About this progressive, typical idea, we confess we are a little in need of light. Sincere loyalty often exaggerates the virtues of the object that hold its allegiance, and pet hobbies frequently assume world-wide dimensions in the eyes of narrow-minded men.—*Phi Gamma Delta.*

Considerable change has taken place in the standing of the various chapters here, and in the order of real merit are, as nearly as can be determined, as follows: Beta Theta Pi, with 18 members; Phi Delta Theta, with 22; Phi Gamma Delta, 20; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Sigma Chi, 25; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Kappa Sigma, 3. This change has all been due to the mysterious forces which mould the destinies of chapters, except in the case of Phi Kappa Psi, whose decline and fall is directly traceable to factional quarrels, resulting in the expulsion of two members, one of these their best man, the resignation of another, and the

threatened resignation of three or four more.—*Beta Theta Pi correspondent from Indiana University.*

The fact that Beta Theta Pi puts herself *first* and Phi Delta Theta *second*, is proof conclusive that our position at Indiana University is, to say the least, creditable.

THE social event of the year at De Pauw University was the annual reception given by the young ladies of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity at the residence of Dr. J. B. De Motte, February 21. The house was elaborately decorated, each room bearing a distinctive character. Refreshments were served by St. Louis caterers, and music furnished by Indianapolis musicians. Marechal Neil buds were used for favors. About one hundred and fifty guests were present, and all united in lauding Theta to the skies. Kappa Kappa Gamma held a valentine party, February 14, at Mr. Frank Nelson's.

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A CHAPTER of a ladies' Fraternity will shortly be established at the Ohio State University. A representative of Eta chapter, of Delta Gamma, at Buchtel, visited the college Thursday in the interest of that fraternity. Alpha Gamma Chapter, of Sigma Chi, went to Delaware Thursday night in a body to revive the defunct chapter at the Ohio Wesleyan.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

THE *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, though it often pats its own back and endeavors to persuade itself and others that it is the best Fraternity magazine, is far from occupying that enviable and distinguished position. A pompous demeanor, voluminous articles, heavy editorials, and a large number of pages do not go entirely to make up a magazine that is at once attractive, interesting and valuable. Such a publication, through its glossiness, may catch the eye or please the fancy for an instant, but if it does not possess that charm and true ring which gives the desire for possession and perusal, it makes no lasting impression, and fails in attaining its highest aim. A number of the editors of the Greek-letter press seem at times to be somewhat discouraged by the knowledge that they have not the support and capital to make as successful a showing as the publications of the older and more powerful fraternities. They forget, however, that it is not the name, size, or appearance—but the contents—that give character and value to a paper. Ten pages of carefully prepared matter, containing good thoughts and clear ideas well expressed, are far more preferable than a hundred or more pages of stuff that smacks largely of sawdust.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

IN our March issue we recorded the revival of Alpha Delta Phi at Yale. From a late issue of the Harvard *Daily Crimson* we clip the following:

The society system of Yale has been the subject of considerable discussion during the past few years, and during Yale's decadence in athletics was attached as the reason of it. The same fault is being found at Harvard now, and, although the society system there is widely different from Yale, it undoubtedly lies at the bottom of much of the existing dissatisfaction there. That the society question is a live one at Yale still is shown by the fact that both of the senior statisticians have asked for candid opinions on the subject. The alumni, too, have taken an interest in the matter and have been working to remedy the evils. One of the greatest troubles has been that there were so few desirable societies that some of the best men in the class have to "get left" on account of the limited number of men taken in. This is especially true of the junior societies, Psi U. and D. K. E., which have usually taken in about forty men, but who have decided to limit the number to twenty in the future. This condition of things has led to the re-establishment of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, which was founded at Yale in 1837, but on account of internal dissensions was broken up in 1873. Among the prominent men who have been members of the society are President Dwight, Professor Chauvenet and ex-Governor Harrison. The society will be established on the four year's plan and numbers of each class. A number of underclass men have already been pledged.

In the University of North Carolina students have many advantages afforded them in the way of social clubs, scientific and literary societies. Twelve Greek-letter fraternities have chapters there and others are trying to get a footing. Glee clubs, anti-glee clubs, college quartets, big fours and other organizations of every description to please the most fastidious are in abundance. The Mitchel Scientific Society, organized in 1884, is doing a splendid work. Its meetings are monthly, and at each one papers are read on subjects by the prominent scientists of the State. Its Annual, published by the Society, is in exchange with all the leading scientific journals. The Shakspearean Club meets bi-monthly. It was organized in 1886. At its meetings the plays of Shakspeare are discussed. Beside this, prominent men are invited by the Club to lecture monthly on some phase of the dramatist's learning. The journal of the Society is published annually, and gives the results of the discussions and the addresses made before the Club. The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies are two leading literary societies at the University. These are among the oldest societies in the country, having been organized in 1795, two years before the laying of the cornerstone of the oldest building of the University. These societies meet twice a week, and are endowed with the power of legisla-

tion of the College, in conjunction with the Faculty. The Trustees have endowed them with the general control of the government of the students in College. The *University Magazine* is published monthly under the auspices of these societies.

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The address of President Eliot on "Public Opinion," to the students at Harvard, produced a profound effect. The President clearly brought out the evils that exist at Harvard and the means of doing away with them. It can only be accomplished, he claimed, by creating a sound public opinion among the students. The Faculty can only deal with the outer life of the students, the inner life being entirely in the hands of the students themselves. The Faculty and President are strongly in favor of doing away with proctors at the examinations and leave the students to themselves. If a high sense of honor should prevail among the students, a cheating student would be at once ostracized from the society of all his fellows and would be compelled to leave college. The President is strongly in favor of doing away with the barbarous and childish initiation of D. K. E. He expressed himself so emphatically that some radical change is expected in the organization of that society. He is very much inclined to encourage inter-collegiate athletics, but thinks the rivalry between Yale and Harvard too intense and often leading to ungentlemanly actions. The public opinion must change this also. A manly spirit of independence on all subjects is what the students should especially aim to acquire. If every student would freely express his opinions on the various subjects of college life, instead of following the traditions of centuries, a new and healthy spirit would soon pervade Harvard.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

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MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

SIXTY years is a large part of the life time of a people whose history is measured by only a little more than a century. Less than fifty years ago Central and Northwestern Ohio was in large part a wilderness. So, too, was it with most of Indiana and Illinois; and yet then, through the wisdom and liberality of the sons of the men who had won the independence of the country, an institution was founded, and begun its work in 1824, that at once entered on a grand career of usefulness and honor that fully warranted the Hon. Charles Anderson, himself a graduate of 1833, in declaring in a public address, in 1840, that "Miami University was a power for good in the West. Her influence was felt in the Church, the School and the State. No college, in proportion to the number of students in attendance, has sent out more men that have taken a prominent part in State and National affairs," and he could have added "in church work" as well. The first sixteen years of the work of the University showed 279 graduates, of whom fifty had become lawyers and seventy ministers of the gospel; while a considerable number of undergraduates who, for financial reasons, were compelled to take a shorter route in their life work, yet became useful and honorable members of the State or Church. or both. Such uniform and phenomenal success was not obtained without a sufficient cause, and the first part of that was that the new institution had a wise Board of Trustees, who made probably the best possible choice of the chief executive officer in the faculty, and then gave him their hearty support in all his acts.

Fortunate was it for the cause of education in the West and South that the Rev Robert Hamilton Bishop was chosen as the first president of the new school. What Mark Hopkins was to Williams, Eliphalet Nott to Union, or John C. Young to Centre College, Robert H. Bishop was to Miami. In his forty-seventh year, in the flush and prime of his strength, he entered upon his great life work, in which he continued through seventeen event-

ful years, when he resigned the Presidency, and for four years afterwards retained the chair of History and Political Science.

In person he was tall, over six feet high, spare in flesh and raw-boned, well proportioned, broad-shouldered, with high forehead and aquiline nose, of genial countenance, yet not lacking in marks of decision of character, and withal possessed of a sound, vigorous, physical constitution.

Dr. Bishop was born in Scotland and was graduated in Edinburgh. He began his ministry in the land of his birth, but was soon after induced to come to America by the Rev. John M. Mason, D.D., of New York, and for whom he named one of his sons. He commenced to preach in Kentucky, but his merit being soon appreciated, he was chosen, it is understood, as Professor in Transylvania University, at Lexington, in that State, and while there he was elected to the Presidency of Miami University, and entered upon his work in 1824.

Dr. Bishop was not only a scholar himself, but a good judge also of character and scholarship in others. This was amply illustrated in his choice of co-workers, such as Wm. H. McGuffy, John W. Scott, A. T. Bledsoe, C. N. Olds, Wm. Sparrow, and others hardly less celebrated.

He was, in fact, a predestined teacher and, of course, loved his students and his work, and the kindness of his tone and manner at once won every heart. A student writing of him more than half a century after his graduation (I refer to Hon. C. Anderson) declares that he was "one of the purest and best of teachers, in mind, morals and religion, of all our land," and that the "feeling of admiration and revering esteem for Dr. Bishop was universal and most intense by all persons and parties, whether good or bad, old or young, beyond any instance of my experience."

Henry C. Noble, Esq., an alumnus of '45, more than forty years after, says of Dr. Bishop: "He had the rare and most valuable power as a teacher to arouse the latent faculties of his pupils." Such testimonies are given as samples that might be repeated indefinitely.

In those days the Preparatory Department was connected with and under the general control of the Faculty, and in the backwoods condition of the country was, of course, extensively patronized.

The leading principles concerning this department, as published and practised, were as follows:

"1. That all things considered, it is of much more importance to give a young man intending to take a liberal and thorough course of education, a good beginning, than to give him a good finish. Hence, it requires fully as much talent and attainment, and a great deal more labor, to conduct a Prepara-

tory school than to govern and teach those who are further advanced.

"2. That the classes shall be attended to in small divisions, so that all the members of every division may be pretty much on an equality with respect to mind and attainments, and that every one shall be examined more or less at each recitation.

"3. That every thing that is proposed to be studied, shall be studied, at the very first, thoroughly.

"4. That those only who are promising, whether boys or young men, shall be allowed to continue in the department, or be in any way connected with the institution."

And that these views were honestly carried out, the ninth annual catalogue has such references as these: "Not faithful to himself," "dragging," "has done no good." That catalogue —of 1834—shows the number of students for that year to be 238, and from fifteen different States.

Inasmuch as Miami University is, and always has been, a State institution, it is of interest to learn its status in those days, and at the time of the birth of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in religious matters. The view that controlled its faculty in this matter, perhaps, could not be better stated than was done in the catalogue of 1842. After the course of study had been given, the next item began with the heading,

"*Religious Instruction.*

"The Miami University is established, according to the first sentence in its charter, 'for the instruction of youth in all the various branches of the liberal arts and sciences, for the promotion of good education, virtue, religion and morality.' The preceeding course of studies exhibits the means we employ to discipline the mind in the various parts of its intellectual character. Our object—that is, our *leading* object—in carrying students over and through the above course is not to communicate a large amount of knowledge. This, we suppose, every sensible educator understands to be a contingency and a minor matter: the grand design being to DISCIPLINE the intellectual powers to regular systematic action, and thus to form habits of *thinking*, which will continue to bear the youth along—a *student* through all his future life. *Thinking* is one thing, and *having thoughts* is quite a different matter. If thoughts, like water, are pumped into a young man's head like water, they will run out or evaporate and leave the head empty. But if he has learned to think, he is no longer a tub pumped full of water, but a spring whose supply, though not large at one time, forever flows.

"But now to the formation of these habits, it is of great importance that the irregular and debasing influences of vice be ex-

cluded. If the person is the subject of depraved passions, he is a ship without ballast, compass or helm; the sport of every wind, and a high degree of mental discipline is out of the question. Hence, the exceeding great importance of giving due heed to the charter provision relative to the virtue, religion and morality.

"We are not sure whether the due measure of attention has been given to this subject. We know the tendency always in colleges to err in neglecting it. In our country religious sects are so numerous and sectarian feeling so strong often, that faculties of colleges always are tempted to omit that minuteness of religious teaching and closeness of application of religious truth which is indispensable to insure success. To omit every thing that constitutes a doctrine of any sect, is to give up religion altogether. This, however, we feel no disposition to do. Should it be done, a fearful declension of morals must ensue, and such a state of anarchy as would nullify all law and put an end to all order and regular study. *It is not possible to conduct a college on infidel or even on skeptical principles.* No doubt this very belief induced the Legislature of Ohio to lay religion down in the very foundation of this University. We are bound by our oath of office to *promote* it; and in discharging our oath to the public we are bound to promote, not Mohammedanism or Paganism, but Christianity—the religion which the charter meant. We feel infinite confidence in the belief, that if we succeed in bringing our pupils to understand the pure doctrines of the Bible and to act them out in their conduct, we will experience little difficulty in either government or instruction. Our experience for the last year is a happy proof of our theory."

(The above was written by Dr. George Junkin, who had taken Dr. Bishop's work and continued it as he found it for the previous year—the first of his presidency at Miami). Dr. Junkin proceeds then to say: "We rejoice to be able to assure our patrons that our prayer hall is now as orderly and decorous a place of worship as there is in the State of Ohio. In all our religious instructions the BIBLE is our only text book, and with the higher classes, we are up to the pure source of the Original Greek of the New Testament, the critical reading of which is a part of the Bible Class exercises.

"It is our aim always to enable the class to understand and apply its doctrines; and in explaining it to them, we do it according to the measure of our ability; and it is highly probable our views of some facts might differ from the views of different persons. But it is a free country, and every man is bound to think for himself. We are not to be cramped up by any frame work of man's erection. We take the Bible as it is and as we think it is. Sectarianism will no doubt be sometimes dissatisfied, but the cavillings of this bigotry we must submit to. We

have no doubt but that honesty is the best policy, and an enlightened public will always at least respect a man, who uses *his own understanding* in matters of religion, and fearlessly teaches what he honestly believes. Whereas extreme anxiety to please everybody is very likely, in the end, to heave the ass over the bridge and leave the man-pleaser standing, the object of pity and derision.

"Our system of religious worship and instruction is: 1. Worship every morning at a quarter before eight o'clock. This consists of singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer. 2. Bible class exercises, on Sabbath morning. For this the classes are distributed among the professors in their rooms, where a portion of Scripture is read and explained in a familiar conversational lecture. 3. A public lecture in regular succession upon some portion of the Bible. 4. The students are requested to attend upon one other public discourse, in such church in the town as they and their parents choose. Many of them attend two others, which they always have an opportunity to do; for the president's lecture is at such an hour as not to interfere with the public exercises of any of the churches. This series of means, combined with a system of close inspection and vigilance, is our dependence 'for the promotion of virtue, religion and morality.'"

Dr. Bishop's presidency was for the first seventeen years of Miami; then Dr. Geo. Junkin, who came from Lafayette and went back after three years; to him succeeded Rev. Dr. E. D. MacMaster, during whose administration our fraternity began its existence. In the catalogue of 1841 Dr. Bishop put three pages and a half under the head of "Religion," in which there is a good deal of good preaching. Dr. MacMaster's does not argue the case; that had already been done by both his predecessors. He proceeds in his first circular to announce, after an explanatory sentence, that—"The reading of the New Testament in Greek, which is pursued throughout the college course, is by the classes to the president and professors on Sabbath mornings, and is chiefly exegetical and practical, having respect more to the matter than to the mere language. This reading will, as opportunity may allow, be extended to portions of the Old Testament. Instruction is given, according to the preceding course, in Natural theology, an outline view of the Bible, the Analogy of Religion Natural and Revealed to the Constitution and Course of Nature, the Evidence of Christianity and Ethics. The students are required to attend daily on religious worship (consisting of the reading of the Scriptures, Psalmody and Prayer), and on the Sabbath to attend a public religious service by the President, and one other service in some one of the churches in the town."

In the history of Miami University these papers have no small

value, as they show how religious training was regarded and what was done in that line half a century ago. They further show that Miami, while a State school, was practically and really as religious as the average of denominational colleges of the present day.

Was not such an institution pervaded, as it was, by such an atmosphere, environed by such traditions and filled with such an earnest, intellectual and religious life, a fitting birth-place for an order, whose bond cannot be accepted in good faith by an Atheist, Pantheist, Agnostic, Deist or unbeliever.

ROBERT MORRISON,
Ohio Alpha, 1849.

EDITORIAL.

BUT does not the quarterly—larger in size and appearing but three or four times a year, thus giving its editors time to gather, classify and insert the matter above mentioned—offer greater possibilities for the fulfilment of such an idea than the monthly, frequently, and thus necessarily hastily, published? We think so.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

Let us see how this sentiment is borne out in the issue from which this is taken—February. We have before us a journal of seventy-six pages in all, seventy of reading matter. Along side of it we place any three issues of THE SCROLL, containing generally upwards of *twice as many* pages, and challenge comparison. But in these seventy pages what do we find? What first strikes us is a nineteen page article (contributed) on "Heroes and Hero Worship," and a criticism of Thomas Carlyle. What is the business of such an article in a fraternity journal, we should like to know. The man who buys such a magazine does not buy it for such essays (and we really wonder how many actually read it), and the man who is looking for such reading is not going to turn to the fraternity journal for it. But we have fifty-one pages left. After three months (at least) of "gathering and classifying," here we find actually less matter than THE SCROLL many a time serves up to its readers in one of its monthly issues. Twelve pages are devoted to four contributed articles (one a poem) on fraternity subjects. In the correspondence department we find but eighteen letters from thirty-two Chapters after a quarter of a year of harvesting. No dates are given, for probably that would stamp some of them as rather aged.

Of contributed fraternity matter there remain less than four pages of personals, and a little over two of initiates. Now, where is the matter that the numerous *corps* has itself contributed? It amounts to fifteen pages—eleven of exchanges, less than three of editorials, and a news article of a little over two on new Chapters. Here are fifteen pages of editorial matter in three months with an editorial board of five men. That is five pages per month, or *one page per month per man.* No attention at all is given to the transpirings in the college and fraternity world. This is your fraternity *Quarterly*, and, we ask, how does it compare with even one monthly issue of THE SCROLL or *The Shield*? Still further, how does it compare with *three*, in which position it stands? Does THE SCROLL suffer by the comparison? Does *The Shield*? Which fulfills its mission as a *fraternity* journal better, the monthly or the quarterly?

IT seems rather like an indelicate thing for an official to make suggestions regarding his own office, and yet it is not at all so when we consider that his suggestions are regarding the office itself and not the incumbent. Hence we feel at perfect liberty to express our views on the subject of a salaried editor, since no such change could be wrought in our internal polity until the editorial pen passed on to our worthy successors. We believe that it is asking too much to expect any man, on the score simply of fraternal love, to assume the management of a monthly (or even a quarterly) journal for one or more years at either no remuneration at all or a very paltry one. Few of those to whom these periodicals go have any conception, we are confident, of the number of laborious hours that are expended on them in the course of a year, with a return of small thanks for good work—that is expected, if not *demanded*—and plenty of complaints when the least thing goes wrong. We see no reason why the entire management of a fraternity journal, *i. e.*, business and editorial, may not be placed in the hands of one man, especially if that man receive some adequate compensation for the labor which is expected of him. As long as THE SCROLL lives at the hands of charity its existence must be precarious. But it need feel no backwardness in seeking a home and a guardian if it is prepared

to pay its way fairly. And then, if the editor did not fulfill his agreement the fraternity would have some *right* to inquire the why and the wherefor. We are far from being the first in the field, and we are only following in the footsteps of those other orders, much weaker and much less influential than ours, which have found the best and the only just course to be the one they have chosen and the one that it would be wise in us to follow. Perhaps it is not generally realized that the editor of the journal is the official who does the most work for the fraternity. We think we are in a position to judge; at any rate, he would if he assumed the business management also. There are a number of feasible plans, but it is not our place to suggest any: that is the duty of the convention. But after some experience in different branches of fraternity work we believe firmly in the advantages of a salaried editorship and in the ability of the fraternity to support it.

THE chapter letter is the characteristic feature of the fraternity journal, and we believe it should be true, and not false. We believe it should be a letter from the chapter and not a letter from the editor. The so-called chapter letters in a number of our sister journals are so masqueraded and rehabilitated in the editorial sanctum that the process amounts to nothing less than a metamorphosis. We might mention two or three cases where this is the general rule, and where it is questionable if the writer could select his own communication from the galaxy of polished stars, were it not for the college heading. We believe in printing what the chapters say rather than disguising their thoughts in words of our own, which would, in nine cases out of ten, entirely alter the meaning. The letters which we publish, therefore, bear no material alteration from the shape in which we receive them, and only bear such simple clerical changes as are necessitated for the purposes of print. Hence we think our correspondence department is as true to the fraternity as it is possible for that department to be.

As a specimen of fraternity journalistic enterprise, we mention the receipt, on March 6, of the *Beta Theta Pi* for January, and on March 17, 1888, of the *Chi Phi Quarterly* for November, 1887,

containing notices of our issues for April and June a year ago. On the other hand, we are pleased to note the reception, *during* March, of the March issue of *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, containing extracts from THE SCROLL for the *same month.* This shows prompt work on the part of *The Shield* and an exceedingly prompt issue on the part or THE SCROLL. It is a pleasure to know that all of the fraternity magazines have not degenerated into "three times a year quarterlies," which are dated and numbered with extreme precision and regularity, but whose issue is regular only in its irregularity and tardiness. We note also the receipt of the March *Rainbow* (quarterly) on March 26, the date of issue of the April SCROLL.

THE Catalogue Committee is vigorously at work and will soon expect much help from the chapters, which, if they will, can materially assist in this important and arduous labor. Let each and every chapter begin, if it has not already begun, the collection of material, so that time may be saved when it is called for. It is patent to all what is wanted. Especially get together the names of all men who do not appear in the last catalogue. Let all names be completed, and complete all those which are not so. Collect biographical notes in full and all honors in college, fraternity or elsewhere. Give date of initiation, residence, and date of death, if deceased. The new chapters will prepare a complete list from their birth, giving charter members and date of their establishment. Please give these remarks your active attention. They are directed especially to chapter reporters and historians.

To have a table headed, in bold type, "To BE FILLED BY THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL," come back all carefully filled out by the *chapter historian* is discouraging and provoking, and yet such utter disregard of the simplest and plainest instructions by college students who pretend to be *college men*, cannot but be amusing. How anyone can be so heedless as not to see and read the bold heading and so stupid as not to comprehend it is beyond our ken. And yet you expect your general officers to do their work well and with a spirit, with *such assistance* as you, in your bungling heedlessness, give them. One *very obliging* young man even signed the H. G. C's name for him.

Up to the date of going to press, well on in April, we have received 47 annual circular letters, which were due the first of March. Some came very late, but it is better late than never—so they say. So far 18 chapters have not been heard from at all. We had hoped to have a full representation this year, but our hopes were disappointed. The delinquent chapters are Me. *A.*, N. H. *A.*, Mass. *A.*, Pa. *Z.*, Va. *B.*, Va. *Δ.*, Va. *E.*, Tenn. *B.*, O. *E.*, Ky. *A.*, Ky. *Δ.*, Mich. *B.*, Ill. *Δ.*, Ill. *E.*, Wis. *A.*, Mo. *B.*, Ia. *A.*, and Ia. *B.*

We present in this issue a valuable and interesting paper on Miami University, by our worthy and revered brother and founder, Robert Morrison. It should give the younger men great encouragement and spirit for their work to see such unswerving fraternal love in him who has watched our growth from the very beginning to the proud and influential place we hold to-day.

After the April number was printed we received a communication regarding the Epsilon Province Convention, to meet early in April. That convention has already been held, and this will explain why no preliminary notice appeared in these pages.

There will be but one more issue for the current volume, and we hope that matter intended for it will reach us in season for use.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To Chapter Treasurers:

Your attention is called to the following and your early action requested.

CHAPTERS IN ARREARS.

Maine Alpha,	$42 00	N. C. Beta,	16 00
N. H. Alpha,	60 00	Ga. Alpha,	$18 00
Vt. Alpha, -	32 00	Ala. Gamma,	22 00
N. Y. Alpha,	15 00	Texas Beta,	28 00
N. Y. Gamma,	20 00	Ind. Epsilon,	22 00
N. Y. Delta,	28 00	Ind. Zeta, -	46 00
Pa. Gamma,	5 00	Wis. Alpha,	30 00
Va. Gamma,	- 4 00	Neb. Alpha,	20 00
Va. Delta,	12 00	Iowa Beta,	24 00
Va. Epsilon,	12 00	Minn. Alpha,	6 00
Va. Zeta, -	- 10 00		

Very truly in the Bond,

S. P. GILBERT, T. G. C.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF DELTA PROVINCE.

EACH chapter of Delta Province, which includes Ohio and Kentucky, with eight college and three alumni chapters, is urged and requested to avail itself of the privilege and duty of sending two accredited delegates and an alternate to the Delta Province Convention, which will convene on Thursday, May 10, under the auspices of Ohio Alpha chapter, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Besides delegates and alternates, every Phi within the radius of the globe is invited to be present to do honor to the natal home of the fraternity we love. If possible, rates will be made on the railroads and for accommodations at Oxford. This must be the grandest convention in the history of the province, and the key-note to the next national convention.

Suggestions will be gratefully received and questions cheerfully answered by the Secretary, Fred S. Ball, N. Dorm., O. S. U., Columbus, O.

April 8, 1888. W. E. O'KANE.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

THE spring term began March 28. The Phis are all back, with two exceptions. Brother Smith, much to the regret of all, is detained at home by reason of sickness; and brother Johnson will remain out of college a year, during which period he will be principal of the grammar school in his own town. Our number, though diminished, is yet strong because imbued with Phi spirit. The chapter letters have been very interesting, and we think of profit to all. Our fraternity has one great advantage—*organization.* It is based upon a system superior to that of any other Greek letter society, and is, for this and many other reasons, destined to remain *the* fraternity of the nation. At our meeting this week, editors were elected for the *Echo.* Your reporter and brother Roberts, '90, were chosen. Brother Pepper has been selected by his class as assistant instructor in the gymnasium. I wish to repeat what I said in a back issue of the SCROLL, viz:—if any wish to exchange annuals, I shall be very happy to do so. So all who have and will send copies will receive ours, which will be issued the last of June.

April 6, 1888. H. EVERETT FARNHAM.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

THE Cornell register, which made its appearance during last term, shows an increase of one hundred and ninety-three students over the number registered last year. At present the course in mechanical engineering is the largest as well as one of the best equipped departments in the university. The new school of law, which was opened last fall, now has fifty-five students. Some of the lectures in the President White school of history and polical science have been very popular among the students and town's people, the latter attending them as regular as if they were registered in the course.

Since the last report was published we have increased our chapter roll by the initiation of three popular sophomores, F. A. Abbott, of Abbott's Corners, N. Y.; H. E. Golden, of Little Falls, N. Y., and G. A. Blauvelt, of Monsey, N. Y. We are glad to welcome back brothers Lawrence and Devendorf, who have returned to the university to finish their courses. This makes a total of twenty-one members in the chapter.

April 9, 1888. B. R. WAKEMAN.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

THE past month brought with it "exams," then the close of the college term, and most of the boys hasten home to enjoy the Easter vacation and to await, in painful uncertainty, for the result of the term's labor.

> "When the letter that we longed for came;
> Some of us were joyous, some sad-hearted."

College opens again April 10, and we shall return reinvigorated, with our hearts consecrated anew to Phi Delta Theta, and with fond memories of the true Phi Girls left at home locked in our bosom, to devote ourselves to the maidens of Dorp. We are looking forward to Alpha's province convention. Our delegates are Nolan, '89, and DeLong, '88; but New York Beta will also be represented by Professor Brown, E. S. Hanis, '86, and Blessing, '88. College life at Union flows smoothly along.

The Varsity nine are training and hope to do some efficient work. By reason of the printer's mistake and an oversight in reading the proof of our chapter letter, the Psi Upsilon fraternity, with sixteen members, and the Alpha Delta Phi, with seven members, were omitted.

April 9, 1888. J. M. DELONG.

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

THE Senior class elections have been held, and the excitement attendant upon them has now subsided. The fortunate candidate for the office of president was Mr. Frank L. Eckerson. This is only one of many offices he has received from his fellow-students, and as may be inferred, he is one of the most popular men in his class. Furthermore, he was the winner of the Shepard Prize Debate held on April 6th. This is the third debate to which he has been elected and the second time he has gained the victor's laurels. We deem these remarks worthy of a place in our letter, since the subject of them will soon be initiated into Phi Delta Theta. Although his active connection with the chapter will be necessarily brief, it will undoubtedly be highly beneficial to the fraternity.

Much interest is being shown in the Easton convention, and we trust a large proportion of our chapter will be present. The younger men regard it as an opportunity to become better acquainted with the greatness of our beloved fraternity.

The Sophomore class has elected brother Rainey to its presidency. This will attest the truth of a previous remark, that all New York Gamma's able men will not graduate with '88.

For the benefit of the gynasium fund, the College Dramatic Club gave an entertainment one evening last month. The lead-

ing part was performed by brother Carnes, and other important and exceedingly difficult roles were filled by brothers Palmer and N. B. Potter. Another presentation of the play will shortly be given, owing to the remarkable success—far exceeding the most sanguine expectations—of the first performance. Our actors displayed such talent that several of them have been invited to join a leading amateur club of this city.

April 9, 1888. S. W. DUNSCOMB, JR.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

COLLEGE is closed at present—to open again April 10th. Most of the students are out of the city, and quiet reigns on University Hill.

The non-fraternity men seem to be dissatisfied with their treatment here, and it is rumored that they will ask for cards of dismissal and enter other colleges if they are not recognized more in college society and also by the faculty in making honorary appointments. The number of neutrals in the college proper is very small when compared with the number of fraternity men. The chapter of Φ K Ψ has withdrawn from the *Syracusan* Association and united with the *University News* Association. We understand that Δ K E is negotiating for a chapter house.

The *Onondagan* will be out the first of next term. Any of our sister chapters wishing to exchange for it can do so by sending their publication.

The chapter letters come in rather slow, and as yet we have received but a little over half of the required number. These letters are very interesting as a bit of fraternity history.

Brothers V. E. Kilpatrick, '91, and J. H. Murray, '88, are delegates to the province convention. Brother Gray, '91, was called home near the close of last term by the death of his mother, and will probably not return to college next term. He has the sympathy of the chapter. We were very much pleased, a few weeks ago, to receive a visit from brother Bailey, '83, of Vermont Alpha, who is in business in this city, and we assure him, or any other Phi who may come this way, a hearty welcome at our chapter meetings.

Brother Cook, '88, who has been out of college the past two terms, expects to return and take work in college during the spring term, but he will not graduate with '88.

In the class day exercises the chapter will be represented by brothers W. S. Murray and M. R. Sanford, the former as farewell orator and the latter as pipe orator.

April 5, 1888. J. H. MURRAY.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

SINCE our last communication quite a number of changes have occurred with Pennsylvania Epsilon, as well as in our college. Improvements are steadily going on at old Dickinson. The new gymnasium, recently equipped with most complete apparatus by a Philadelphia millionaire, has added largely to the other excellent facilities of this institution. Everything is moving quietly in and around our *alma mater* at present. A more friendly fraternity spirit seems to pervade the college community. The bitter jealousies and animosities so lamentably prevalent last year are happily fast being allayed.

We do not at present rank among the highest numerically, but we can boast, with a pardonable pride we trust, that we take more than our share of the honors.

Something exceedingly remarkable, and what, perhaps, has never happened before in the history of the college, is the fact that we have three editors—Brothers Straw, Whiting and Mordorf--and one business manager, brother Urner, on the *Dickinsonian*, our college journal. This is, in fact, all that can constitutionally be chosen from the Union Philosophical Society, to which all our members belong. At the anniversay of the society, held April 13th, out of six orators chosen three were Phis.

Brother A. L. Millet has opened a college book-store, in which are kept students' supplies of all kind in that line. We have been unfortunate in losing several brothers who have departed temporarily, hoping to return either next year or the year following. Among these are Brother H. E. V. Porter, who has the vice-principalship in Jamestown business college; brother E. L. Langley, who was compelled to discontinue his studies for a season on account of weak eyes, and brother G. W. Babcock, who recently joined the Philadelphia conference of ministers.

During the past month we have been greeted with the smiling faces and fraternal grasp of at least four of our distinguished alumni, brother W. M. Stine, '86; S. M. Morgan, '86; J. B. Stine, '87, and W. M. Smith, '87, all of whom had additional attractions in fair ones residing in the beautiful Cumberland valley. Brother Morgan has already promised a special invitation to the "boys of the white and blue" when the wedding bells shall sound in the near future.

The "chapter letters" have been received from almost all the colleges where $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is located. They have been read with a vast deal of interest and have awakened new zeal in our beloved fraternity. We have a deeper consciousness of our strength and worth, and feel stimulated to renewed effort in behalf of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. If any chapter or individual has not received our circular letter

heretofore, and now wishes it, we will most gladly send upon receiving any such notification.

With heartiest greetings and well-wishes to all our sister chapters, we remain as ever, fraternally yours, in the bond,

March 4, 1888. OLIVER MORDORF.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

THE winter sports of the L. U. A. A. were held on the 7th and the members of our chapter carried away a large share of the prizes. We took six firsts and three seconds, besides having three men on the winning tug team from '89. Brother Burkhart broke the college record in the running high jump, and brother Bezell the record in the fence vault. Of the two prizes taken by '91 (both seconds) one was captured by brother Eavenson. Up to date we have received forty-six circular letters, and we hope that the remaining chapters will be heard from in time to have the letters bound before commencement.

April 8, 1888. M. H. FEHNEL.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, ROANOKE COLLEGE.

IN the Greek world there have been no marked happenings since our last letter. The little unpleasantness caused by the report in the quarterly of Phi Gamma Delta, was agreeably righted by a written explanation. We are sorry that this ever occurred, and regret that their explanation was not rendered before our last report was made. In another Fraternity journal, we are pleased to notice that more than a page is devoted to the workings of the Phi Delta Theta. It is a complete and impartial review of our achievements during the past two years. We can heartily recommend it to our members as containing a store of information concerning Virginia Alpha that is not to be gleaned from any other source. We would notice the report more at length, but unfortunately we are placed in the peculiar position of the "fox" in Æsop's fable of the "Fox and the Mask."

On the coming Junior Debate ticket we "have two men"—to quote from this journal—"who were placed on it by the efforts of the Alpha Taus." We are actually stimulated by the thought of it; and now having such an impetus given us, we can go on and accomplish even more than we ever have before. The men are brothers McClanahan and Sims.

In the campus we have a very tasty flower bed, arranged in the shape of our badge. With the advance of spring we began work on it, and ere long we hope to have it looking very attractive.

On the coming oratorical contest we will be represented by two men ; and of the class honors brother Bowers, our Greek medalist, will take one.

We have not received more than fifty of the sixty-five chapter letters due us. We cannot account for this delinquency. To show the interest of some of our alumni, and that our fraternity is national, brother Frantz, in acknowledging our circular letter, said that after he had been at Los Angeles, Cal., for some time he issued a notice calling on all Phis, if there were any in the city, to meet him at some designated place, and to his utter surprise, *fourteen* responded to the call. This is only one instance among many showing the interest of the alumni in their fraternity. Would that there were more of such a mould !

April 7, 1888. T. ARTHUR FREY.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

OUR report, which met with such a fiery fate last month, contained, *in extenso*, what we shall now sum up in a few words: Since the second term of our college, which began in February, we have initiated four valuable men, who have already "won their spurs" as excellent fraternity workers. Beta Province president, brother Tippett, was present at the initiation, and afterwards presided at an elegant supper given by the chapter in honor of the "neophytes." A week later, the chapter was tendered an elegant reception at the home of one of our new men, brother Child. Many pleasant features, not the least of which was the sumptuous "spread" of seasonable dainties, combined to make the evening one of rare enjoyment. We are convinced of the fact that, as one of our professors expressed it, "the Phi *pabulum* is very good."

Our chapter never was in better condition than at present, and we had all settled down in the belief that the session now passing would be one of unalloyed pleasure to the chapter, when death robbed us of one of our oldest and most valuable members, brother A. Allen Darden, of Suffolk, Va. After a very short illness from typhoid fever, brother Darden was taken from us on March 22. He had gone home from college hoping to be with us shortly and soon to finish his course in college, which he had been pursuing with marked success. His death was a great shock to us all, for his loving disposition had drawn us all to him, as to a brother, indeed. Nine members of the chapter went down to his home to attend the funeral; a part of the regular, and all of the honorary, pall-bearers were Phis.

Now we are thirteen in number, yet such is our attachment and friendly feeling towards one another that we do not see that we could be more closely associated as a body if we had only five or six in the chapter.

A short time ago several of us had the pleasure of meeting brother Rice, formerly of Indiana Zeta, who now holds one of the highest positions on the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Brother Rice, though he has been out of college some time, showed by the interest he took in our welfare that "once a Phi, always a Phi" is not an idle saying.

We sent several of our circular letters to old members of Virginia Gamma who have been out of college twelve or fifteen years. In reply we have received some very kind letters, and not a little of our early history has been found out by this means.

Brother J. D. Fletcher, Virginia Beta, University of Virginia, '87, spent the Easter holidays with us. We appreciated his visit very much, as, indeed, we do those of any of "the faithful" who come to this college town, 'way back in the Hanover "slashes."

April 3, 1888. J. C. MARTIN, JR.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

THE annual chapter letters have been coming in rapidly and promptly in the past few days. We have been receiving them by threes and fours in every mail. We are now busy with our first effort in that line and shall have it out next week.

There is nothing of great importance going on now except that the subscription paper fiend is abroad and is making deadly havoc in the pockets of his victims for the entertainments at Final.

It is rumored that there is a movement on foot among our Board of Trustees to give us a new and complete gymnasium. We sincerely hope it is so. It seems to me that, having an endowment of over a million, it is a blot upon the name of our university to have such a small and badly equipped "gym" as it now possesses. Our boat crews have commenced training for the annual regatta, which takes place at Final. This is the most exciting feature of commencement, and the rivalry of the champions of each crew waxes exceedingly hot. The boats we use are four-oared paper shells, with coxswain.

I shall close with a few words about Virginia Epsilon at the Virginia Military Institute. Fraternities having been abolished there, this year will witness the death of this young and flourishing chapter, which is composed of the best men in the institution. Two of them are assistant professors, one a captain and one first-lieutenant. The men have taken high standing both in classes and ranks, and the chapter closes a brief but honorable career.

March 12, 1888. R. E. R. NELSON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA ALMUNI, ATLANTA.

ON the evening of the 14th inst., the Georgia Beta Alumni Chapter was re-organized in rooms 7 and 8 of the Fitten Building. The following were present:—Professor E. C. Mobley, Ga. *B;* E. P. Burns, Ga. *B;* Dr. W. S. Elkin, Ky. *A;* W. T. Moyers, of old Ga. *A*, (Oglethorpe); Cassidey, Miss. *A;* Dr. D. B. Smith, Tenn. *B;* Duncan, Ga. *B;* Morris Brandon, Tenn. *A;* F. P. Quillian, Ga. *B;* C. W. Metcalfe, Ky. *A*, '52.; Geo. Metcalfe, Ky. *A;* Olhe. C. Fuller, Ga. *A;* Gene. Hardeman, Ga. *B;* R. R. Arnold, Ga. *A*, Dr. J. C. Johnson, Ga. *B;* Joseph E. Brown, Jr., Ga. *T;* Boane, Ga. *B;* J. W. Cox, Ga. *A;* C. B. Gaskell, old Ga. *A*, (Oglethorpe); and W. A. Speer, Ga. *B.*

Professor E. C. Mobley was elected President, D. B. Smith, Warden, and W. A. Speer, Secretary. Committees looking to the general welfare of the chapter were appointed, and, after several hours of conversation, the chapter adjourned, to meet at the same place on Monday, the 23rd inst.

April 15, 1888. W. A. SPEER.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THE annual contest before the faculty for speakers' places took place to-day, the contest being open to all students who wished to enter, only eight places being given, however—four to contest for Founder's and four for the R. A. Young medal. Of the three Phis who entered the lists, two received places, brother J. C. Lester getting a place on Founder's, and brother H. L. Manson one on the Young medal. Both are excellent men, and we sincerely hope they will succeed in winning the respective medals for which they are to speak.

April 7, 1888. W. H. HARRIS.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

ALABAMA ALPHA sends greetings and desires to let the fraternity know that she is in a prosperous condition. As our last letter did not appear in THE SCROLL on account of the fire, we will state that on the Sophomore exhibition, which came off over a month ago, Phi Deta Theta led the list, having brothers Banks, Cornell, Miles, Murphy, S., and Smith, W. L. All of them acquitted themselves creditably. Brother Smith made the best speech of the occasion. Brother White was appointed to speak, but resigned school before the exhibition.

On the Junior exhibition $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ led the list again, having four men: $\Sigma\ N$, 2; $A\ T\ \Omega$, 2, and $\Delta\ K\ E$, 1. The Phis were

brothers Crook, Forne, Martin and Seavey, W. R. Brother Crook did not speak on account of the death of his sister. The others did splendidly.

On the annual celebration of the Peithonian Society, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was represented by brothers Compton, as orator; Holloway, as president, and brothers Clay and Palmer as debaters. All of them did well, and reflected honor on the fraternity.

We are very sorry to have to inform the fraternity of the loss of brother White, who resigned the university on account of his father's death. Brother White was making a fine stand here, and was one of the best men in the Sophomore class.

At the election of a chairman to appoint a committee to appoint committees for the commencement hop, brother Hooper was called to the chair by a large majority, although some of the fraternities made a strong effort to defeat him.

April 6, 1888. M. J. McADORY.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

THROUGH an oversight on the part of your correspondent, the initiation of brother Collaway was not reported in the last letter to THE SCROLL. He is from Montgomery, Alabama, and an earnest and energetic worker of the sophomore class.

On the evening of the 21st of February, we held our annual banquet in our chapter hall. There were about 75 present, including the ladies. Each of the other fraternities here was represented. All was life, gayety and enjoyment, from the time we gathered in our hall until two o'clock, when we dispersed.

On the 26th of this month our term examinations begin, so we are preparing for them with what zeal we can, hoping to pass them with honor to ourselves as well as to the fraternity. We send along with this letter some resolutions adopted by the chapter, in regard to the death of brother Fitzpatrick, which we desire to appear in THE SCROLL.

March 12, 1888. J. T. GREGORY.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

VERY little of interest, in either University or fraternity circles, has occurred during the past month.

Quite a number of annual circular letters have been received, and they all serve to increase our already strong enthusiasm in the cause of Phi Delta Theta, causing us to realize, as they do, the truly national character and influence of our beloved Order.

The public debate of the Athenaeum comes off May 2d, and we look for brother Frenkel, the only Phi contesting, to "bear the bell away."

A few weeks since we were favored with a visit by brother Hope, Indiana Alpha, who was compelled to stop school because of ill health. He will probably come to this University next fall, and we shall be glad to have him affiliate with us.

Brother Frank Raymond has lately gone into business here. We wish him all possible success.

A few days since Dr. A. V. Lane resigned his position as Associate Professor of Mathematics, and will go into the banking business in June. His resignation is very much regretted, as he is deservedly one of the most popular teachers in the University. His place will be hard to fill.

Six of us Phi's have organized ourselves into a Tennis Club, and anticipate an enjoyable season.

We have lately changed our place of meeting. Our new hall, that of the K. of P., is smaller than our old one, but suits us better, all things considered.

April 3, 1888. J. B. LEWRIGHT.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

DURING the present session the Phis of S. W. U. have made few, yet, we trust, important initiations. The names, which have never appeared in THE SCROLL as brethren of Phi Delta Theta, are:—Messrs. Clarence C. Kidd, John M. Mathis, William Boyce and Smith Ragsdale. The latter two live in Georgetown; hence Texas Gamma Chapter shall always expect their hearty support. Brother Kilgore, '89, is with us again.

At the recent public exercises of the Class of '88, we noticed that brother Camp was President, brother Sessions, Poet, while brother Thomas's Prophecy will never be forgotten.

Our efficient G. C. is to be praised for the decided stand they have taken on certain vital matters of fraternity work. They may be certain of Texas Gamma's approval and aid in the catalogue and history movements.

Our University, the central institution of the five Southern Methodist Conferences of Texas, is still broadening her influence, and is to-day fixing herself more deeply than ever in the hearts of the Methodists of the Lone Star State. The new Annex building will be ready for occupancy by next September. When this is accomplished, the young ladies of Texas need no longer go abroad for collegiate instruction, for ample facilities will be here provided.

The recognition of fraternities was an unprecedented change in the government of the college. This, brought about last September, worked disastrously at first; but at present, we are glad to report, that the students, convinced that a spirit of bickering and rivalry was unprofitable in the extreme, have thoroughly

aroused a Pan Hellenic spirit, in which good work Phi Delta Theta claims that she has taken no little part. Believing that the fraternities have already increased the scholarship of S. W. U., we trust that they will carry out every other good object they have in view.

April 4, 1888. J. R. MOOD.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

As our last chapter-letter was devoured by the flames, we herewith submit a copy with some additions.

Since our last report we have two more names to our roll. On Saturday evening, Feb. 11, we initiated Dr. Alfred Emerson, professor of Latin in the university, and William Henry Cruikshank, class '90. After the ceremony we engaged ourselves in causing the constituents of the banquet to hastily disappear. Brothers Bonham, of Cincinnati; S. G. Ramsey, of College Corner, O., and P. W. Smith, of this city, assisted us in the ceremony and also in other respects. It was a most enjoyable affair, and will long be remembered by those taking part.

We are now busily engaged in making all necessary preparations for Delta Province convention, which meets here on the 10th and 11th of May. We desire that as many Phis as are able to come will do so; the invitation is cordially extended to all brother Phis. "Come ye all!"

April 9, 1888. W. J. RUSK.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

OHIO BETA has not been heard from for quite a while, yet she has been neither dead nor sleeping, although she has perhaps been dozing just the least bit during the disagreeable weather just passed. But now, as winter is giving way to joyous spring, Ohio Beta begins to prosper for the spring campaign. When will she make the first move? She looks backward, she looks forward. Retrospection is for her a pleasant task; anticipation a joyous, hopeful one. Right proud she is of the fact that every man approached so far this year has been secured. Her chapter roll at present numbers thirteen, but the four who are out of school this term will be with us again next term, which makes us in reality seventeen, and it is probable that one or two more may be secured in the near future.

John Andrew Thompson, of Middlefield, Ohio, class of '89, is our latest initiate, and him Ohio Beta presents to the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$

world, with the assurance that he has already proven himself a valuable addition to this chapter.

The members of Ohio Beta are still securing their share of college honors. Brothers Gray, '90, and Van Sickle, '89, were tendered positions on the public programme of the Athenial Annual, just held in the City Opera House, and won much praise for the admirable manner in which they performed the duties assigned them. Brother Van Sickle has also been elected by his class to a position on the editorial corps of the *Transcript* for next year.

Brother W. E. O'Kane, one of Ohio *B*'s most enthusiastic alumni, has accepted the presidency of this Delta Province, and we feel thankful to the General Council for the honor conferred upon Ohio Beta. Brother O'Kane as a fraternity man is second to none, and the office could not have fallen in better hands. Judging from the past, Ohio Beta can safely predict that brother O'Kane will manage the affairs of Delta Province in a way that will reflect credit upon himself and advance the standing of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$. Of him as president of this Province and our own inimitable J. Ed. Brown as secretary of the G. C, we may justly feel proud, for they are both alumni of Ohio Beta.

We have received several annual circular letters from the different chapters, and are much pleased with the prosperous condition of $\Phi\ \Delta\ \Theta$ at large, as indicated by them.

Our rivals are in a prosperous condition, and harmony prevails among the Greeks of the Ohio Wesleyan University. Our circular letter, just issued, gives the numerical strength of the different chapters here.

The Pan Hellenic banquet, held at the Hotel Donavin on the eve of March 2nd, was a very enjoyable affair, and a general good time was indulged in by ninety-six Greeks. Sigma Chi was with us that evening, and was very warmly welcomed by the seven old fraternities. March 1, 1888, is the date of the re-establishment of Sigma Chi in the Ohio Wesleyan. As yet she numbers but four—one Senior, two Sophs, one Fresh. All the Greeks are glad to see her back again, and Ohio Beta extends greetings, with the hope that Sigma Chi has come to stay.

March 13, 1888. A. V. Evans.

Ohio Gamma, Ohio University.

Ohio Gamma heartily indorses the recent ruling regarding the initiation of preparatory students. The rule is a good one; now let every chapter be required to enforce it rigidly.

We take pleasure in stating that Ohio University is rapidly regaining her ancient prestige. During the past two years the number of students has steadily increased, and there are now

more in attendance than at any former time within the past twenty-one years.

We will have three representatives this year on the annual commencement contest between the two literary societies. Our rivals, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta, had formed a coalition whereby they expected to seize all the spoils and, owing to the great numerical strength of the combination, they would have secured the lion's share, but on the eve of the elections they quarreled over the division of the plunder, and the result is that of the six contestants, one is a Beta, two are Barbs, and three are Phis.

The celebration, Wednesday evening, March 28, of our twentieth anniversary, is acknowledged on all hands to have been the leading social event of the current college year. Our literary exercises were given before a select audience in the university chapel, the programme being as follows: Oration, Hon. Emmett Tompkins; Poem, Thomas W. Dick; History, Edward H. Eves; Prophecy, Elmer A. Dent. At the close of the literary exercises, accompanied by our fair friends and visiting alumni, we adjourned to the hospitable home of brother C. E. M. Jennings, where a sumptuous banquet was served, covers being laid for about sixty persons. Toast-master, George E. de Steigner, proposed toasts, which were responded to as follows: "The Cradle," C. E. M. Jennings; "The Sword and Shield," E. G. Welch; "The Vine and Fig Tree," Prof. W. M. Stine, '86 Pennsylvania Epsilon; "The Goat," J. C. Thomas; "That Rib," J. M. Higgins; "The Coffin," S. P. Armstrong. The remainder of the evening was devoted to music and conversation, and the merry assemblage did not break up until the "wee sma' hours."

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Phi world the following members of the freshman class, who have been pledged from time to time and are now loyal knights of the Shield and Sword: Albert Algernon Atkinson, Clyde Ferdinand Beery, Charles French Blake, Orville Frank Dwyer, James Clayton McMaster, Marion Warrington Von Scio.

April 7, 1888. E. H. EVES.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

OHIO ZETA again comes forward, at the beginning of the spring term, with ten men. At its end we hope to number several more. Our last initiate was Samuel Ellsworth Bennett, of East Liverpool, O., and the class of '90.

We have recently leased a suite of rooms, which are the best adapted to fraternity purposes of any in the city, and which certainly discount those of any other fraternity in size, arrangement

and location. We are now busy fitting them up in a manner commensurate with their other advantages, and will be glad to welcome there any and all Phis.

Our boys are looking forward with much anticipation to the convention at Miami, and hope to find the other chapters of Delta Province well represented there, and enthusiastic in our cause. Let every one be watchful for suggestions of matters to be considered there.

April 4, 1888. F. W. BROWN.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

NOTHING of importance has occurred since our last communication. With great pleasure and profit we have read the annual circular letters which serve so much to strengthen the silken cords of our brotherhood.

During the past month Kentucky Alpha has been favored by visits from brothers D. N. Marble, '82, of Louisville, and Phister, of Maysville, Ky.

The Kentucky Oratorical Association meets in Richmond, Ky. the 20th of April. Centre's represenative is a Kappa Alpha, but brother W. O. Shewmaker, of Central University, will represent Phi Delta Theta.

Brother Mills was compelled to leave college about two weeks ago on account of sickness, and we greatly fear lest we may be deprived of him for the rest of this scholastic year.

Brother Nelson, who left us last year to take a position in La Crosse, Wis., will return in a short time to take his degree with this year's class.

April 6, 1888. WILLIS GREEN.

KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

THIS has been, all in all, a prosperous year for our chapter. While not so strong as last term, still, with our seven fine Phi's, we have kept up the reputation of Kentucky Delta and the fraternity. Brother B. J. Clay, of Paris, Ky., is our only initiate this year. "Greek" material seems to have been rather scarce at Central University, since none of the fraternities represented here have initiated as many as usual. We have taken our share of the literary honors, so far.

Brother Harrison was one of our February orators, and brother Joffrion, after a preliminary contest, was chosen with four others to represent one of our literary societies in the Sophmore and Freshman Declaimer's Contest. Two of our boys speak for the June medal. The first meeting of the Kentucky Oratorical

Association will meet here on the 20th inst. A good deal of interest is manifested and we are sure of its being a success,

The chapter sends her greetings to all our band of chapters, and wishes them success during the events of the next few weeks.

April 2, 1888. J. R. SANDERS.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last letter to the THE SCROLL there has been more activity than usual in the fraternity world here.

A new fraternity has lately appeared in Indiana University, being a local Senior organization. Its membership is limited to seven men, to be chosen at commencement time each year. The badge, worn as a scarf pin, represents a human jaw-bone in gold, with seven silver teeth, and the letters Tau Epsilon Pi stamped in black enamel. All the members belong to other fraternaties; their colors are the seven shades of the rainbow, each member having a separate color. Brother Frank Foster is a wearer of the bone.

Under the management of the Senior Greeks, the first Pan Hellenic banquet was held at I. U. on March 9th, and was a grand success in every way.

The spacious chapel of the Preparatory building was the scene of the festivities and was tastefully ornamented for the occasion. Flowers and flags were artistically arranged, and the pillars of the hall were twined with evergreen. On the walls were the mottos of the eight fraternities, and under each its colors. The tables were arranged in the form of a U.

Shortly after ten o'clock the Greeks marched into the hall to the music of an Indianapolis orchestra. Then followed a vigorous attack upon the bountiful supply of good things, after which came the intellectual feast. Mr. Buskirk, president of the senior class, acted as toast-master. The toast to Pan Hellenism was responded to by Prof. Jas. A. Woodburn, after which the different fraternities were toasted. Brother W. W. French brought credit upon himself and the fraternity by his ably prepared and finely delivered response to the toast to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The programme of toasts was interspersed with music, duets, quartettes and choruses of college songs suited to the occasion, and the whole was closed by the singing of "America" by the assembly. It is needless to say that the banquet was the great event of the college year.

Towards the close of last term brother Hope left us and is now at the University of Texas. At the last meeting in the term we were called upon to use severe measures, and Charles E. Heiney was expelled, and Henry A. Nichols indefinitely suspended.

At the Washington's birthday exercises we were duly represented, brothers French and Ireland representing two of the four literary societies. In the selection of speakers for class day brother Frank Foster was chosen to be class orator.

To-night the goat was brought forth, and with considerable agility butted a new man into the Phi world, brother Robert Lyons, class '89.

Our prosperity is continuous, and we hope to have fresh honors to report before the end of the year.

March 7, 1888, J. L. MITCHELL, JR.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

THE departure of brothers Davis, de Haas and Fulwider leaves us with but eleven men at the opening of this term. Sigma Chi loses one, reducing her number to six. Delta Tau has just initiated a '90 man.

Fraternity matters are very quiet just now, all interest centering in the approaching oratorical contests. Our primary occurs next Tuesday evening, and the state contest will be held on the following Friday night. The entries for the Primary have dwindled from fourteen down to six. Four of these are Phi Delta Thetas and two are Delta Tau Deltas. The result cannot be predicted with certainty. There will be but five colleges in the state contest, the State University being again unrepresented.

Brother Jesse H. Mavity, '91, was married during the spring vacation to Miss Connor of Noblesville, Ind. He has moved to Irvington, and will stay here till he completes his course. We heartily congratulate brother Mavity and his charming wife, and hope that their married life may be long and happy.

We hope to meet many of the Epsilon Province boys at the coming convention. It was the reporter's good fortune to meet and enjoy the hospitality of Indiana Alpha's boys recently, on the occasion of the Pan Hellenic banquet at Bloomington, March 9th. The visit was so thoroughly enjoyed that the guest seriously contemplates repeating it this spring. He found the Bloomington chapter in elegant and spacious quarters that made him wish more than ever for an immediate realization of Indiana Gamma's much dreamed of chapter hall.

The College has recently sold quite an amount of valuable property, which will aid considerably in enlarging the school's usefulness and attendance.

April 6, 1888. HUGH TH. MILLER.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

ALTHOUGH we have not reported for some time we have not been inactive. Thus far it has been a good year for Franklin

and our chapter has been a sharer in the general prosperity which prevails. We regret, however, to report that since our last communication we have lost two members, viz.: E. R. Clevenger by resignation and W. W. Israel by expulsion.

Notwithstanding the above loss we have the pleasure of reporting the recent gain of three stalwart Phis, brothers Dixon, Curry and Covert. Altogether our chapter is now in a very flourishing condition.

We wish to say, too, that of the seven men who have joined us this year, not one was a prep. We are unqualifiedly opposed to the initiation of such.

Pi Beta Phi, or, as it perhaps is more familiarly known, the I. C. Sorosis fraternity, did a good thing for itself when it established a chapter here Jan. 16. The chapter now numbers within its fold sixteen of Franklin's choicest daughters. We wish them success.

Brother Harry M. Bell, who was out of college the winter term, is again with us.

Many of the annual chapter letters reached us promptly, but quite a number have failed to put in an appearance. We rejoice in the general prosperity which these letters indicate.

April 6, 1888. L. O. STIENING.

MICHIGAN BETA, AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

THE spring term opened here on the 20th of February, after a vacation of three months. All of our members returned, except brothers Plimpton and Leiprandt.

We have initiated two men so far this term, Yeiji Ekede, of Tokio, Japan, and Joseph B. Cotton, ('86), of Albion, Ind.

We are well represented on the faculty by Instructors brother E. R. Leke ('85), Ass't in Botany, brother P. B. Woodworth, ('86), Chemistry, brother J. B. Cotton, Mathematics. Lieutenant Simpson has charge of the Military Department. He has instituted a gymnasium here, and seems to be generally well liked as a Lieutenant.

College athletes are becoming quite interesting, and several Inter-Collegiate Associations have been formed to promote the interest of base ball and general athletics. The Phis are well represented in these associations.

There was held an oratorical contest here on the night of April 6th, between different societies and fraternities. Our chapter was represented by brother N. S. Mayo. The decision of the judges in regard thereto has not yet been given.

Michigan Beta Chapter is in very good working order at present, and intends giving an open meeting on the 29th inst., to members of the faculty.

We have been repairing our chapter hall this term, and it presents a much better appearance than previously.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity here seems to be doing good work this term, and the feeling between the different fraternities is harmonious.

Brother R. S. Baker has been very sick for about three weeks, but we are happy to say that the danger seems to be over, and we expect to see him in our ranks again soon.

April 8, 1888. CLARK HUBBELL.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

WE are glad to announce to the Phi world the initiation of George E. Newcomb of Atchison, Kansas, which was successfully performed on the evening of February 6th. Brother Newcomb promises to make for us a warm and enthusiastic chapter member.

We spoke in our last report of the proposed inter-fraternity banquet. This was held at the Avenue House on Friday evening, February 10th. Covers were laid for over sixty persons, and the banquet was certainly the grandest thing ever held at Northwestern. As the subsequent issue of the Northwestern has it, "The representatives of the Greek-letter fraternities assembled in the parlors of the Avenue House, where a most cordial reception was given to Sig, Phi Kap, Phi Delt, Beta and Phi Psi, without regard to race, size, or pre-conceived notions of dignity. Menu, music and merry-making were the programme of the evening, and it was well along into the small hours of the morning before the assembly adjourned, loud in its praises of the success of the evening, and with pleasantest recollections of the first Panhellenic banquet held at Northwestern.

Brother Evarts B. Greene, '89, chose "The Western Fraternities" for the subject of his toast, and it was pronounced by everybody the finest thing of the evening. We quote a sentence or two: "If you walk through the streets of this, the prettiest of Chicago's suburbs, you will see that high walls are giving place to low park railings, and we often find that imaginary lines serve quite as well to mark our boundaries. Why maintain the forbidden obstacles to mutual appreciation? Rivals we must always be, but let us be rivals for the crown of duty best performed and responsibility noblest met." Our orchestra, consisting of brother Barnes, violin; brother Parker (ex-'89), guitar; brother Sherman first banjo, and brother Rogers, second banjo, gave several selections and were heartily encored. Illinois Alpha will do all in her power to make this Pan-helenic banquet

a permanent and profitable institution. On Washington's birthday was celebrated the regular University day, when the College of Liberal Arts entertained all the ten other departments of the university by allowing them to inspect the numerous college buildings, the GIRLS at the "Fem. Sem." and the gymnasium, at which last place a tug-of-war was indulged in between the regular University team and the Medic's—won by the former, which is now gaining quite a reputation by its successsion of victories in Chicago and vicinity.

In the evening a reception was given at the Methodist church, where toasts were responded to by members of the various departments and by the faculty. Brother Hitt, '88, was most worshipful master and "high-mucka muck" of the proceedings of the day, and it was pronounced by far the best University day we have yet had.

Brother D. F. Greene, now in Knox College, was with us on this occasion, and we celebrated the event in our hall on the following evening by giving him and some of the fairest of the Fem. Sem. an informal reception.

The secret circular from the General Council was an excellent thing, and will do much good. Illinois Alpha has determined to rigidly enforce the regulations therein set forth.

March 12, 1888. FRED C. WAUGH.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

WE were all much disappointed in not being able to read, through THE SCROLL, the last communications from the various chapters. We also regret that it has not before been in our power to inform our brothers of our numerous victories during the past two months. Although it is a little late in the day, yet I deem it no less important that all should know of the first laurels which were gathered this year by the Phis at Lombard. About two months ago, one of the main events of the college year took place—the Swan prize contest. The boys entered into the contest with a zeal and determination which was a sure indication of success. On the evening of the contest, every seat in the university hall was filled long before the hour of commencement. Many friends of the contestants were here from abroad, and they were amply repaid for their exertion. The contest throughout was a pronounced success; especially was it so to the Phis, who had the success to carry off the two prizes—brother Harsh capturing the first prize of $15, and brother McConnell the second of $10.

In looking over the editorial corps of the *Lombard Review*, the names of the Phis appear in bold relief. First is brother Trott, who was elected assistant editor last term. He is known as

"Lombard's funny man," and many a good editorial comes from his pen. Brother Harsh is local editor, E. P. McConnell is business manager, and brother Dutton assistant business manager. The *Review* has been enlarged four pages during the past year, and the addition was made mostly through the exertion of our Phi brothers on the editorial corps. I do not believe I have before mentioned that brother Hale, our musical man, has been elected president of the Freshman class. The Erosophian society also has a president from our chapter, in the person of E. P. McConnell.

For many months the Universalist church of this city has been in great need of a choir. A successful effort was made a few weeks ago and a chorus choir formed. This choir is just what has been needed all through the long months. It is composed wholly of Lombard students, and it is a fact to be noted that six out of the nine gentlemen singers are Phis.

We are in hopes that we may have a Province convention here before the close of the term, and we are working to that end. Nothing has yet been settled, but I think next month we shall have the arrangements made and the time set. This certainly is the place to have a Province convention, for it is not every city that can boast of two Phi Delta Theta chapters. If the convention is held here, Illinois Delta and Illinois Zeta can, I think, between them, entertain well all who may come.

April 4, 1888. GEO. E. DUTTON.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

As my last report was lost in the flames, I suppose it will be in order to again record the victories therein mentioned, although several months late. Our first victory this semester was that of the writer, on the Junior Oratorical contest. This contest is usually one of the most spirited events of the year, as the medal awarded is considered one of the best honors in the institution. The general public, so far as I have been able to learn, regards the last as the most excellent contest that was ever given here, and all present can certainly testify to the spirited rivalry manifested on this occasion. Two of our rival fraternities were represented on this contest, but graded in the order of merit their representatives stood respectively 4th and 6th on the contest of six.

Our second victory was that of brother R. T. Haines, who was awarded the honor for declamation on inter-society contest. This also was a contest of great merit, and the able manner in which brother Haines, who is given up to be the best declaimer

in this university, represented us on that occasion, reflected no little credit upon Missouri Alpha.

Our third and perhaps greatest victory was in the capture of our two late initiates, now brothers George Richard Tyler, '91, of Nevada, Mo., and Charles Page Williams, '90, of Kansas City, Mo., two of the most promising men in the school; the latter of whom in particular we have reason to expect will reap high honors in the class of '90.

At this writing we are favored by the presence of brothers Miller, of Missouri Beta, and Yantis, of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly of Missouri Beta. We are pleased to hear from brother Miller that our sister chapter is prospering.

Since my last brothers H. F. Mastin and W. R. Macklind have left us for home and will not be with us again this year. Brother Knox, who was with us the greater part of last year, paid us a pleasant visit recently, and yet glows with ardent enthusiasm for Phi Delta Theta. Brother A. W. Turner recently received an appointment through Senator Vest in the internal revenue service, and hence he also has left us for his post in St. Louis, Mo.

Hoping this may be more fortunate than our last report, with best wishes for the success of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ throughout the length and breadth of the land, and even in the remotest parts of the earth, Missouri Alpha looks anxiously forward to other contests of interest in the near future.

April 9, 1888. T. J. J. See.

Nebraska Alpha, University of Nebraska.

The spring term of school opened on the 29th ult., with an enrollment of 300, a larger attendance than that of any corresponding term since the founding of the university. The time which is not spent by the students in promoting athletics, is passed in contemplating, with much pleasure, the rapid erection of our twenty thousand dollar gymnasium and armory, and in studying.

We take unbounded pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brother J. A. Barris, '91, our last initiate. In securing him we have scored a marked success. He was "worked" most assiduously by the "barbs," and was even introduced as a member of the Union Society, a barbarian organization. But we met him and he is ours, for all of which we rejoice exceedingly. After "Billy Goatee's" desire for blood had been satiated we repaired to Brown's restaurant where, strange as it may seem, we passed some moments quite pleasantly.

At the spring election of the Philodicean Literary Society brother Codding, '88, was elected president. Brother Anderson, '88, is one of the orators on the June class of the same society.

The chapter letters have been literally pouring in upon us for the past month. The information for the most part contained in them is interesting, and the general appearance of the letters is neat and tasty. It must be the general impression that these letters are filling the long felt want of forming a closer connection between the chapters and giving more definite information concerning their actions.

April 5, 1888. W. L. STEPHENS.

In Memoriam.

HALL OF ALABAMA BETA, PHI DELTA THETA, March 3rd, 1888.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His all-wise Providence has removed from our midst, by death, Benjamin H. Fitzpatrick, our beloved brother in the bond of Phi Delta Theta, by us, the members of Alabama Beta chapter, it is hereby unanimously

Resolved, That in the death of our brother the fraternity has sustained the loss of an amiable and trusty man, an earnest, useful and enthusiastic Phi, and a worthy alumnus; be it further

Resolved, That exercising for the bereaved family the sincerest sympathy, we recommend that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them by the mediums of THE SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta and the *Montgomery Despatch*.

F. PHILIPS,
J. T. GREGORY, } Committee.
W. CALLAWAY,

HALL OF VIRGINIA BETA, PHI DELTA THETA, March 13, 1888.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to take unto himself our beloved brother, Edwin Vose Sumner Long; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our friend our fraternity has lost an honored and useful member, and his family a dutiful and affectionate son and brother.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathies be extended to the bereaved home and friends; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and also published in the *Virginia University Magazine*, THE SCROLL and the *Charlottesville Chronicle*.

H. S. HEDGES,
J. H. P. HODGSON, } Committee.
R. S. COCKRELL,

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

DELTA TAU DELTA's semi-annual report gives 309 active members January 10, 1887. Sigma Chi's active membership last year amounted to 431.—*Ex.* Phi Delta Theta's for the same year footed up 889.

DELTA TAU DELTA has so legislated as to prohibit forever the contemptible practice of lifting members from other Greek fraternities. All other fraternities should follow in this. So says the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*

The Campus, of Allegheny College, in its issue for February, contains a two-column article on Phi Delta Theta, giving an account of its origin and development, its system of government and a list of its more prominent publications.

SEVERAL fraternity journals have begun a seemingly healthy and vigorous existence, and suddenly, without apparent cause, come to an end. Among these the most conspicuous examples are *Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi, and the *Zeta Psi Quarterly.*—*Ex.*

BETA THETA PI has in preparation a new and largely improved song-book, to contain (1) strictly fraternity songs and favorites endeared by long usage; (2) general college songs of the most popular nature; (3) a collection of high-class music and part songs.—*Ex.*

AGAIN we hear rumors that the Sigma Chi Fraternity is about to re-establish her chapter in the O. W. U. Why is Sigma Chi so tardy? There is plenty of room, and she would be welcomed by all Greeks. Come on, Sigma Chi, and take a seat at the Pan Hellenic.—*Transcript.*

THE ladies' fraternities at Cornell have agreed not to do any rushing before the 1st of December. Somewhat akin to this, the various fraternities at De Pauw University have formed a joint organization to promote general fraternity interests. A pleasant feature of this arrangement is an annual joint fraternity banquet. —*Ex.*

Now that Dr. McCosh, by whom the fraternities have been held so long at bay at Princeton, has resigned, there will probably be a rush on the part of the "Greeks" to capture this stronghold of the "Barbarians," with its inherited prejudice against the secret societies, and Delta Upsilon, with its banner of "non-secrecy," ought to be the first to gain an entrance.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*