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ME AND BILLY.

YESTERDAY, in Washington, just in front of a pretty glass door opening directly upon Pennsylvania Avenue, I met Billy Archer. He was an '81 man in my college, and as good a fraternity worker as ever rode a pony or a goat,—but married now, and settled in “the city of magnificent distances.” You will please reserve your judgment of his present value to our order until you hear what he said to me, right there on the street. I hold that the whole fraternity system is in danger when a member of any society can, with impunity, make such statements.

First, I beg leave to remark that I'm a Delt, proud of the fact, and in no way inclined to let people forget it. Contrary to rule, I suppose, I wear a badge made expressly to my order; and if it is rather large—not one of these meaningless pins that some of the fellows wear—why, that's my affair. Badges, moreover, aren't intended to be hid under a bushel, so I wear mine on my scarf; and if the latter has several bright and pretty colors, that, again, is my affair. I claim that such a jewel should have an appropriate setting.

Well, sir, Billy—who, I fancy, never liked me very well anyhow—Billy no sooner set eyes on that badge, than he said in his exasperatingly blunt way, “Where under the canopy did you get *that* dish-cover?” By Gad, sir, those are his very words: “Where under the canopy did you get *that* dish-cover?” he says. “To be candid, I never especially admired our badge anyhow, but yours I consider quite, quite vile.”

In the seven weeks I spent at college, I learned how to bear and to forbear in frat. matters, else my wrath must have bubbled

over. But I managed to say, after a time, "Billy, I'm positively ashamed of you. That badge, sir," and I touched it fondly, "that badge calls up more pleasant recollections than any other thing I possess. I love my fraternity; everything connected with it is very dear to me, and it grates, I tell you, to have any man call this, the proof of my membership, a dish-cover!"—all this in a tone he ought never to forget; and Delt to the core as I am, I fairly tingled with rage. But after such a rebuke, sir, I'm hanged if the man didn't laugh!—*laugh*, sir! and then says to me, all at once, "Say, do you take THE CRESCENT?"

Now, just what THE CRESCENT has said lately on the subject of badges, I really don't know. An unfortunate rush of business has prevented me from subscribing, though I intended to do so long ago. So, taking no notice of his irrelevant question I said, "We'll have the badge changed at the next convention. But seriously, old fellow, men like you and me, who have been out of college for some time, and who can view things dispassionately, must admit that many changes, some radical, are really essential to the frat's prosperity. I've heard twenty fellows say so within a year—brand new initiates, too, who have none of the accumulated prejudice by which some of our older men are blinded. This is an age of investigation and reform, and if we don't join the procession pretty soon, what's to become of this quarter-century of labor? Now, I've lost not one molecule of my old-time interest, and I've often thought of suggesting to somebody on the Executive Council, that that honorable body really ought to brace up a little and do something modern, or else step down and out. There's honorary membership, now; lots of the boys would like that. I know a lot of fellows who would make things lively if they could get in—fellows with fathers, you know, and social position, and style, and all that. They'd give us tone. Men of influence and of reputation, you know—Congressmen, and"—

"Oh, yes!" he interrupted, "I favor that. Take 'em all in," pointing to the Capitol with his umbrella. "They're such a rare lot; and how glorious it would be to hear them say at

banquets, as they invariably do, how surprised they were to wake up one morning and find themselves members of 'this magnificent order,' and to know how densely and hopelessly ignorant they are of the whole thing. Oh, yes! Let's have 'em in,—maybe they could steal something for us, and, besides, the manufacture of great men seems a slow and difficult process." And he became lost in thought.

After a somewhat awkward pause, I continued: "Reforms must have authoritative origin. A chapter can mend its own ways, but what general good can it effect? I tell you that Executive Council needs a tonic. I know a good many fellows who can just give points to those men right along. The chapters need judicious management from outside, and the Council ought to look after them better."

"Well," he answered, gravely, "you are unquestionably right. The princely salary that each of these men draws from the fraternal treasury ought to secure a little more effort. They all plead other things to do; but what are their school systems, and newspapers, and iron works, and railroads for, if not to contribute to the support of this organization? By the way"—very confidentially all at once—"do you know, I've always believed *you'd* be a capital man to put on that Council? We want men of money, and leisure, and brains—college-bred men, like yourself. And, sir, if we can bring that about, why shouldn't I be made General Inspector of Chapters, with a roving commission, power of life and death, and two thousand a year with expenses? Why, there's blood in that scheme, old man!" And the man really seemed quite excited over it. I suppose he wanted to be sarcastic, or something. But as for leisure, if I didn't put in as hard a week down at the races as he did in his old law office, I'm a goat. But listen:

"There are slight objections to membership in that dignified gang," said he, "in that you are everybody's lawful prey. It's a labor of love, I tell you, and to me it is a constant wonder that anybody can be found who is willing to undertake it."

I believe that man would growl, even if he was going to be hung.

“That word reform,” he went on, “about which we hear so great a hue and cry, may have a definite meaning, and again it may be very vague. It is so easy to say, and so hard to do. We have long wanted a new and strong government. Well, we’re getting it. System is beginning to characterize our working. Every fraternity in America has a better government than it had ten or even five years ago. Graduate control has already proved to be the very thing we have needed in all these years. Notwithstanding all this petty fault-finding, we are broadening, and becoming more and more liberal year by year. Reforms, to be lasting, must be slow, else you have revolution. Give the new plan and the new men a chance. If I were on that Council I’d introduce a law inflicting sudden and frightful death on every Fresh who begins to call for ‘reform’ before he’s fairly weaned. If I remember rightly, you wanted reform in certain things before you were fairly initiated.” And as certain visions came to our minds, we stood and grinned at each other a long time, there in the November sunlight.

Billy broke the spell by remarking, “Heaven knows we need some changes. I think it’s disgraceful that so little attention is paid to new chapters, just at a time when they most need encouragement. I think it’s a shame that our men don’t give to *THE CRESCENT* better literary support. I think it’s criminal that chapters, and members of chapters, are so dilatory in correspondence and in reports, and that they are so neglectful of trying to pledge men for other chapters. I think we ought certainly to carry the lopping-off process considerably further. I think all the wisdom of all the ages should be exercised upon our extension. I think that as we are a secret society we should be more secret in what we say and do, for in genuine secrecy is a genuine source of strength. I think,—though you won’t agree with me,—that we need a change in our manner of holding and conducting conventions, so that reports of them may be something besides ‘We went, we ate, we came away.’ I’m not certain but we might well abolish, among other things, the rarely successful convention banquet, which nobody really enjoys, and which not one delegate in a dozen can afford. But after all, I’m

not sure but we and our sister fraternities should very wisely begin our reform by calling in the gentlemanly Fool-killer and the polished Crank-shooter, each loaded for bear. They'd find plenty to do for a year; and when they come near certain chapters, some reformers would show great perspicacity in climbing a tree. Reform doesn't mean a new letter head, nor a banner for every chapter, nor any other addition to our spread-eagle. It must begin deeper down, in principles and in methods. It must manifest itself in enthusiasm, earnestness, solidity, unity, steady growth; in the men who are initiated, and who are graduated; in the stand taken for discipline, and scholarship, and strong character, by the men who make up our chapters. We are too apt to forget what we go to college for. The purpose of college-going ought to settle, in most cases, a man's fitness or unfitness for membership, and the justice or injustice of a chapter's claims for respect and confidence. The 'Boys-will-be-boys' principle is made to cover up a good many contemptible things, inside and outside of fraternities. 'Men must be men' would be a decided improvement, when you try to apply it to college-fellows. Our society will do much to promote the best interests of college-students if she sets her face more resolutely than she has yet done toward a standard of high scholarship. Here is an open field, and a broad outlook. It matters not what is the standard of similar societies; we should be pioneers in the venture. I don't forget that sociability is a most important requisite; but I remember that in high scholarship, and in the high character that generally accompanies it, there is a foundation for a broader future, and a means of perpetuating all that is worthy in this organization."

I brought this young enthusiast to earth again by interposing, "Yes, the fellows don't patronize THE CRESCENT as they should. I've always noticed that. In fact, I've been thinking of sending in some verses of my own, not much in themselves, but they might relieve the editor a little in his famine-time."

"You'd better send in some advertisements," this youth did make reply. "Frat. poetry, as a rule, is rather slushy. The boys mean well, but they aren't big enough. You might trans-

late a few German drinking songs. I'm sure you're entirely capable of rendering their spirit and fervor into appropriate English,"—and he looked at me very narrowly. "But I believe that space can be put to even better use. Societies should be practical, the reformers say. Why couldn't we devote a page or two to a Bureau of Information? Wants, Lost, Found, For Sale, and so forth,—ads. from lawyers wanting office-boys, doctors wanting stable-boys,—see what a future that would open up to some of our graduates, our honor-men! Teachers supplied with positions; Sophs. with skins and modesty; Theologs with revolvers, billies and characters! Why, man, its glorious—lots better than ranting about an imaginary Delta grandmother! But I must away. My wife's aunt told me to-day of a fellow in Georgetown who's going out West to college somewhere, and I'm going to see if I can spike him before he starts." And giving the complex but graceful and mysterious parting sign of the Order, Billy began to pursue a street car.

Well, sir, I was so dazed that I went in at the pretty glass door, and asked the bar-tender for a shampoo; and from the way my head feels this morning, I think I must have got it.

J. W. McLEAN.

Delta Tau Delta in Literature.

[*Devoted to Reviews and Notices of the Works of Members of the Fraternity.*]

CITY BALLADS. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). Square 8vo, 180 pp. Illustrated. New York: Harper & Bros. 1886.

Previous to the production of this, his latest work, Bro. Carleton had already endeared himself to a large and growing circle of readers by his "Farm Ballads," "Farm Legends" and "Farm Festivals;" his "City Ballads," so long and anxiously looked for by his numerous friends, promise not only to maintain, but even to intensify his popularity. In his "City Ballads" he leaves the fields and farms, hills and dales, forests and streams which have given him his inspirations for the previous works, and turns to the crowded streets of the large city for his material.

The author very ingeniously presents the effect of city life upon two widely different characters, yet both alike impressionable; the one a young man just out of college, who finds himself for the first time amid the varied scenes of a busy city; the other, an old farmer—a man with a clear head, sound judgment and shrewd philosophy of his own—who, having made a fortune through the discovery of oil on his farm, is transplanted by his rather ambitious wife into a new world. Their experiences and impressions are described in a very entertaining and instructive manner. The two views of metropolitan life are given in extracts from the note-book of Arthur Selwyn and the diary of Farmer Harrington, and are alternated throughout the book, giving a new and varied interest to almost every page. This plan of construction afforded the author many opportunities for introducing numerous episodes—humorous and pathetic—and removes from the book what might otherwise give it a rather "sketchy" character. The various phases of life in a large city are portrayed under the heads of Wealth, Want, Fire, Water, Vice, Virtue, Travel and Home. Not all of the verses are new; some of the ballads are familiar to the public through the medium of the several publications of the Harpers. We thus note among others, "Flash: The Fireman's Story;" "A Sewing-Girl's Diary," and "At the Summit of the Washington Monument."

Carleton's works, and particularly the present volume, have been

somewhat severely criticised in several newspaper reviews. No task, however, it seems to us, can be more thankless than this at the present time; for, in whatever light he may be judged in the future, it is certain that Carleton has in an eminent degree the rare faculty of touching a responsive chord in the hearts of the great masses of the people, and this in a way which few others of our American poets possess. Without the aid of criticism, if friendly; without hindrance from it, if unfriendly, his poems will always find their way to that audience to which they are particularly addressed,—the great middle class; and they will always be granted a most cordial welcome. Carleton again maintains his reputation as a true poet; his new ballads possess that same quaint humor and pathos and simplicity, they betray that same intimate knowledge of human affairs as they occur in our every-day lives, so incident to this author; a good, honest common-sense pervades them all. The rhyme, it is true, is not always perfect; there are a few instances where defects mar the style, yet none are so serious that they are not covered by the license which is readily granted to a poet, who has created a field of poetry peculiarly his own. It is doubtful whether any poet of the day can find so many appreciative readers as he.

TORNADO STUDIES FOR 1884. By John¹ P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, U. S. A. Large 4to. Washington, D. C.: *Signal Office*. 1885.

This is known as No. 16 of the *Professional Papers of the Signal Service*, and, like Lieut. Finley's previous memoirs upon the subject, forms an important contribution to meteorological science. It consists of two maps showing the geographical distribution of the tornadoes of 1884, and the total number of tornadoes by States, with the region of the greatest storm frequency; there are 73 other charts embracing a study of the most notable tornadoes of the year. Brief descriptive notes and tables of meteorological observations accompany each chart. All of the violent wind storms and tornadoes of the year are tabulated chronologically, the table showing at a glance the principal and important features of each tornado. From these and his previous researches, Lieut. Finley is able to draw a series of valuable conclusions as to the relation of tornado centers to areas of barometric minimum and their characteristics. The work of arranging and tabulating the results of the observations by a large number of volunteer reporters, whose work is directed by Lieut. Finley, must be an enor-

mous task. His duties take him to every part of the country, following in the wake of these tornadoes for the purpose of studying their causes and effects.

Bro. Finley enjoys the distinction of being the first meteorologist who has made this subject one of special study, being detailed for this duty by the chief signal officer. He is rapidly arriving at the laws which determine the occurrence of tornadoes and their accompanying phenomena. It is but a question of time when these will be predicted with the same certainty of verification which has made the work of the Weather Bureau of such inestimable value to the country.

ENGINEERING AS A PROFESSION. By William Kent (Rho, '76). An address before the Alumni Association of the Stevens Institute of Technology, June 18, 1885. Reprinted from *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine* for August, 1885.

ACCURATE TRAINING. By Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72), Professor of Engineering in the Illinois State University. *Engineering News*, Sept. 15, 1885.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF RICHMOND, IND. 1885. 114 pp. 8vo.

We have received a copy of the above report, the greater portion of which is naturally devoted to the report of the Superintendent of Schools, Prof. J. N. Study (Mu, '72). It is thoroughly complete in all of its details and may well serve as a pattern for reports of this nature. We should judge, from a close perusal of this report and from Bro. Study's well-known energy, ability and faithfulness, that the public educational system of Richmond, one of the most thriving and prosperous towns in Indiana, is in excellent condition, and that it has attained a high state of efficiency. The success of a school system is determined in large measure by the executive ability of the Superintendent of Schools; Richmond's public schools are evidently in excellent hands.

ELEMENTARY MECHANISM: A TEXT-BOOK FOR STUDENTS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. By Arthur T. Woods and Albert W. Stahl (Rho, '76). 12mo, 308 pp. 192 illustrations. New York: D. Van Nostrand. 1885.

The subject matter of this book was originally prepared for lecture-room instruction by the authors, Messrs. Woods and Stahl, both of whom are Assistant Engineers in the U. S. navy, and have been detailed for duty as Professors of Mechanical Engineering at the Illinois State University and at Purdue University respectively. The

book, as indicated in its secondary title, is primarily designed for beginners, and as such will serve a most useful purpose. It is not intended to either supplement or supplant the larger work of Prof. Willis, whose "Elements of Mechanism" is, moreover, practically out of print, nor the more recent treatises of Prof. MacCord ("Kinematics") and Prof. Reuleaux ("Kinematik"), which have a field peculiarly their own, in the more advanced courses in mechanical engineering.

The present work is plain in its language and comparatively free from the higher mathematics; it will, therefore, prove of especial value to the practicing engineer who has neither time nor inclination to follow out a complete mathematical analysis. The book possesses a feature not found, so far as we are aware, in any other treatise on this subject, in the forty practical problems, which serve to amply illustrate the application of the principles developed in the book; these are of special value both to students and engineers.

TABLES OF SIZES OF CHIMNEYS. TABLES FOR FACILITATING CALCULATIONS OF BOILER TESTS. THE TORSION BALANCE. Three papers read before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, by William Kent (Rho, '76). Published in Volume VI of the Transactions of the Society, 1885.

LOCAL ATTRACTION IN LAND SURVEYING. By Prof. Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72). *Engineering News*, October 31, 1885.

HANDBOOK OF THE LAW, AND MANUAL OF FORMS. By Henry A. Haigh (Iota, '74). 8vo, 492 pp. Detroit, Mich.: Richmond, Backus & Co. 1885.

The work which we have the pleasure of noticing is the result of a series of articles in which the law of the farm was set forth, originally contributed by the author to *The Michigan Farmer* and to *The American Agriculturist*. The present work is a connected and well arranged compendium of these articles, together with other information bearing upon the legal rights and liabilities in the ordinary experiences and business relations of the industrial and agricultural classes. Those branches of the law which are applicable to the rural community are therefore given special prominence; indeed, the work clearly treats and explains almost every conceivable legal question that would be of importance to farmers and artisans in the management of their property: land titles, mortgages, deeds, farm fixtures, surveys, easements, water rights and drainage, fences, highways,

nuisances, employes, leases, etc., are some of the subjects which are passed in review, and in every case amply set forth.

In addition to these the author dwells at some length upon the duties and liabilities of notaries public, on the rules of order to govern deliberative bodies, and adds a very complete glossary of the legal terms more commonly met with. One of the most valuable features of the book is a manual of forms for drawing the various legal instruments necessary in the transaction of business.

The book is not intended to dispense in all cases with the services of a lawyer. In the words of the author, "Such a claim for it would be neither reasonable nor candid; but it is hoped that its suggestions may be found useful in preventing mistakes of ignorance or carelessness, and thus help to keep its readers out of some of the entanglements of the law," and it will give its readers, in concise form, much practical information which will enable them to transact their ordinary business affairs in accordance with the accepted methods of law.

Not only to the farmer and artisan, however, but also to the law student and the young practitioner at the bar, will the book prove of interest and value. Many cases are cited to sustain and emphasize the principles of the law; these touch the subjects which will first engross the attention of the young lawyer in a rural community, and make this handbook one of especial value for his professional library. Court officers in such communities will also find it a valuable reference book.

The book is well printed, and clearly and conveniently arranged. It is in every way creditable to the author, and will doubtless continue to meet with the success which has, as we learn, thus far attended its sale.

MISCELLANEOUS POEMS.—"My Guest"; "In Soudan"; "The Old Village Depot"; "In Tempe Vale"; "The Spirit of Poetry"; "Shakspeare." By James Newton Matthews (Upsilon Prime, University of Illinois), '72. Published in *Chicago Current*, *Indianapolis Herald*, and *Boston Transcript*.

In Brother Matthews, Delta Tau Delta can claim a true poet, a kind and genial gentleman, loved and honored by a wide circle of friends and admirers. Though but 33 years of age, during the last ten years he has written many poems for the magazines and newspapers, that have been generously and heartily received and commended by the reading public. His latest works have attracted universal attention and

admiration throughout the country. The Boston *Transcript*, one of the foremost literary journals in the East, has published several of his poems, and lent them the strong endorsement of its approval. Brother Matthews has frequently been solicited by Eastern firms for permission to include certain of his productions in books of poetical compilation, and in one of the choicest of these compilations, shortly to be issued by Mr. Oscar Fay Adams, of Cambridge, Mass., two of his poems will appear. The sweetness, tenderness and purity of Brother Mathews' lines, as well as their literary finish and artistic polish, will assure him a cultured and intelligent audience. We confidently predict that he will take a high rank among America's younger poets. In our January number we hope to publish a Delta Tau Delta song, which Brother Mathews has kindly consented to write for THE CRESCENT.

Editorial.

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ELSEWHERE in this issue we notice at more or less length the recent efforts of the alumni of the fraternity in the varied field of literature; and, with the aid of those of our readers whose opportunities for observing the literary labors of Delta Tau's alumni are better than our own, we hope to make reviews and notices of this character more than a mere occasional feature of this journal. We fully realize that but a small proportion of the work of our graduates comes under our notice, for a large amount of good work is being done by Delta Tau Delta, young though the majority of its members are. The fraternity magazine is the proper place to record the literary successes of the alumni. Glancing over the files of other similar magazines, we cannot fail to be impressed with the small extent to which this department of the fraternity journal has heretofore been developed. Aside from THE CRESCENT, *The Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi, and, more recently, the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, are the only magazines

which have given this subject some attention, by making it the distinctive feature of an occasional issue ; and yet there is scarcely a fraternity of established reputation which could not make a very creditable showing. We hope, therefore, that our readers will co-operate with the editors in making these reviews and notices of the works of the alumni of Delta Tau Delta a more pronounced feature of this journal.

WE desire to draw the attention of our readers to the communication, elsewhere in these columns, from our correspondent at Sigma, announcing the date and place of the Annual Conference of the First Division, the fourth of the series ; and we hope that the efforts of our chapter at Columbia College, under whose auspices the conference will be held, will be attended with all desired success. It is hardly necessary, at this time, to invite attention to the beneficent results which accrue to the fraternity from these Division Conferences. Their value is, perhaps, too well understood to require any comment here. At the risk, however, of repeating what may have been said upon previous occasions, we desire to emphasize the statements of our correspondent, by briefly reviewing what seem to us the advantages of these Division Conferences. It is true that they cannot be primarily convened for business ; they constitute as yet no recognized feature in the organization of the fraternity, so far at least as the Constitution and laws are concerned ; yet they are none the less valuable adjuncts to the established methods of administration. They enable the chapters to compare notes, plans and projects ; to learn in a few hours the many little details which go to make up the methods of an active chapter ; they promote a better knowledge of the status of our sister fraternities at the several colleges, give rise to more liberal views, and serve to correct erroneous ideas which frequently obtain a footing where our chapters judge of a rival fraternity's standing elsewhere by its observations at its own college only. By bringing into contact large delegations from various colleges, the Division Conferences silently yet quite effectually tend to create a uniform standard of membership throughout the Division,—a result greatly to be desired. They serve to bring about a unity in plans for advancing the general interests of the fraternity ; to prepare drafts for projected legislation, and thus to some extent assist the work of the General Convention. They bring together large numbers of alumni and undergraduates,

most of whom, from considerations of convenience, cannot meet with the fraternity at the General Convention; to the alumni they often become the occasion for renewing old fraternity associations and of forming valuable professional acquaintances; to the undergraduates they give an opportunity of meeting personally many alumni of their own and other chapters, men eminent in their professions and in the various walks of life. The active members of the fraternity are brought into personal contact with each other, all engaged with plans for their common interests, and are enabled to gather more suggestions, more information and more instruction in matters of fraternity policy, chapter enterprises and general college undertakings, than can be imparted by the most extensive system of correspondence. While we thoroughly endorse the plan of holding these Division Conferences, we cannot forebear warning those upon whom their management devolves against indulging in undue extravagance in the way of public display. The Conference should not attempt to attain the same place in the mind of that part of the community which is more particularly interested in college and fraternity affairs, which belongs to a general fraternity convention. The latter must be conducted on a scale commensurate with the dignity and magnitude of a large fraternity, so as to favorably impress the community in the midst of which it assembles. The official taxes of the fraternity, both upon chapters and individuals, are abundantly heavy at present, and should not be increased by new expenses beyond what is necessary to conduct these Conferences in a decent yet not extravagant manner.

DURING the last week of 1859, Delta Tau Delta was ushered into existence at Bethany College, under circumstances which did not then promise to favor its remarkable development into the vigorous and influential organization that it is to-day. Our founders, it may truly be said, "bulted better than they knew" when they laid the foundations of the Fraternity; they never, even in their most sanguine hopes, expected to see the substantial superstructure which has been raised upon the foundations which they provided, and with the materials which they had on hand. In the words of one of them, Bro. Hunt, borrowed from Horace, "*exegi monumentum aere perennis*," they may, indeed, feel pardonably proud of their work. The dates of the several meetings which led to the formation of the Fraternity are not known definitely at this time, and all but the main incidents of those days have been

forgotten by the actors in those scenes. The records of that time were lost or destroyed during the stirring days of the Civil War, which led to the disbandment of the young society and the crippling of the college which had harbored it. By common consent, therefore, the first of January, 1860, is recognized as the time from which the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity dates its existence. The first day of every new year, then, aside from its usual significance in men's affairs, is ever to be memorable as one of the red letter days in the history of our Fraternity. We hope that henceforth, now that Delta Tau Delta has entered well upon its second quarter-century, due cognizance will be taken by all of our chapters of the import of this day, and that some celebration or ceremony will be devised which would be appropriate to this occasion and make it what it should be, one of peculiar significance among the customs and traditions of the Fraternity. Of the seven men whom Delta Tau Delta now honors and recognizes as her founders, five are still living. John L. N. Hunt is engaged in the practice of the law and takes a prominent part in the councils of the republican party in New York City. William R. Cunningham and Alexander C. Earle are active in the ministry of the Disciple Church, the former at Odessa, Mo., the latter at Arkadelphia, Ark. J. S. Low is professor in the State Normal School, Geneva, Ohio, and Eugene Tarr is practicing law at Wellsburgh, W. Va. To all of them Delta Tau Delta, in addition to the usual compliments of the season, sends greeting as the honored fathers of the Fraternity. In their health and prosperity we shall always feel a deep and lasting interest, and we trust that a good Providence will grant this to them for a time much beyond the average life of man.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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THE Fourth Annual Conference of the First Grand Division, will be held in New York City, on the 22nd day of February, 1886, under the auspices of Chapter Sigma.

The Greek World.

THE late Vice-President, Thomas A. Hendricks, was a member of the class of 1841, at Hanover College. There was no fraternity at Hanover until many years after his college days were over. The officiating clergymen at his funeral, held in Indianapolis, December 1, 1885, were Bishop Knickerbocker, ΨT , and the Rev. Dr. Jenckes, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The Supreme Court was represented by Mr. Justice Blatchford, $A \Delta \Phi$, and Mr. Justice Matthews, $B \Theta II$. The fraternity men among the members of the Cabinet present were Mr. Secretary Whitney, ΨT ; Mr. Secretary Lamar, $\Sigma A E$, and Postmaster General Vilas, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Among the Senators were Mr. Allison, $A \Delta \Phi$; General Harrison, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Mr. Palmer, $X \Psi$; ex-Governor Vance, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and Mr. Voorhees, $B \Theta II$. Among the members of Congress were General Browne, $\Delta T \Delta$; Mr. Bynum, $B \Theta II$; Major Cobb, ΣX ; Colonel Herbert, $\Delta K E$; Judge Holman, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Colonel Matson, $B \Theta II$; ex-Minister Phelps, ΨT ; Mr. Springer, $B \Theta II$, and Judge Ward, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Among the pallbearers were Governor Gray, ΣX ; Mayor McMaster, $\Delta T \Delta$, and Judge Woods, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Captain Curtis, $\Delta T \Delta$, commanded the Indianapolis Light Artillery, which fired the salute at Crown Hill Cemetery.

THE $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Chapter, at the University of the South, still continues the initiation of purely honorary members. In the October *Scroll* the correspondent of that fraternity announces the initiation of Professor G. White, a graduate of Harvard, and Professor of the English Language and Literature; and in the November number follows this up with the announcement that Dr. J. W. S. Arnold, Professor of Geology and Chemistry, had been admitted to membership. The belief had been growing upon us that in these days no reputable fraternity persists in going beyond the ranks of the undergraduates for additions to its membership, preferring to build up its own

prominent men from the material now to be found in our colleges ; at all events, Delta Tau Delta has long ago conclusively legislated upon this subject. We confess to a feeling of surprise that Phi Delta Theta still runs in the old rut, now so generally discarded.

THE Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of $\Delta \Phi$ was held in New York, November 25, 26 and 27, under the auspices of the Columbia Chapter, which numbers among its members, past and present, Delafields, Livingstons, Rhinelanders, Suydams, Van Cortlandts, Astors, Leroy's, Van Rensselaers, Cuttings, Beekmans, Kernochans, Edgars, and many others well known in New York. Delegates were present from each of the ten chapters. A dinner was held at the Brunswick, between eighty and ninety being present. Provision was made by the Convention for the establishment of alumni chapters in several cities.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of $\Theta \Delta X$ was held in New York November 18, 19 and 20. The Convention was very successful,—over fifty delegates, representing sixteen colleges, being in attendance. *The Shield*, the organ of the society, will be published hereafter in New York. At the banquet, covers were laid for seventy-five, and many of the most prominent alumni were present. The next Convention will be held in Boston, in November, 1886, under the auspices of the Bowdoin Chapter. The Convention of '85 was directed by the Hamilton Chapter.

AT the University of Georgia the fraternities have lately bound themselves not to enter into any combinations for political purposes during the present college year. A similar arrangement was agreed upon last year ; and its renewal would seem to establish the feasibility of doing away with one of the strongly-urged objections to the fraternity system.

WILLIAM T. REID, late President of the University of California, is a Beta Theta Pi ; his name is also found in the catalogue of Zeta Psi, as of Harvard, '68 ; Rev. Day O. Kellogg, orator of the Baltimore Convention of $B \Theta II$, 1881, is also a $\Theta \Delta X$, Hobart, '57.

THE Annual Convention of Chi Phi was held in New York, November 18 and 19. Fifty-four delegates from twenty-two chapters were present. On the evening of the 19th, the delegates and resident alumni, to the number of about one hundred, enjoyed the annual banquet, at the Hotel Brunswick.

$B \Theta II$ has at last established a chapter at the Ohio State University, by absorbing the local Phi Alpha. The chapter was established December 11, 1885.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has established a chapter at the University of Michigan, with twelve charter members, five of whom were already members of the fraternity.

THE members of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, resident in New York, had their Annual Banquet, at the Hotel Brunswick, on November 20.

$\Delta K E$ has re-organized her chapter at the University of Alabama, twenty men being enrolled as charter members.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE delivered the address at the Chicago Reunion of Delta Kappa Epsilon, on November 30.

PROF. WM. LATHAM, lately called to a chair in the University of Mississippi, is a $\Phi K \Psi$.

THE badge of $A X \Omega$ is a golden lyre, and her colors are scarlet and bronze green.

THE fraternities at Vanderbilt University will this year publish an annual.

$K \Sigma$ has established a chapter at Purdue.

Alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

Phi—Hanover.

'81, Clarence E. Brandt was ordained to the diaconate in the Protestant Episcopal Church, by Bishop Knickerbocker, in St. Mark's Church, Lima, Ind., May 21, 1885.

'85, J. Story H. Goodykontz, is Deputy Recorder of Madison County, Ind.

'85, James H. Hamilton is in the Third National Bank at Greensburg, Ind.

'85, Lum R. Melcher, is Principal of the High School at Vevay, Ind.

'85, Robert H. Olmsted is attending the Law School of the University of Cincinnati.

Alpha—Allegheny.

'77, L. E. Fuller, the popular secretary of the Bradford (Pa.) Oil Exchange, and Miss Kate M. Groves, were married recently in Bradford.

'78, James Doughty is practicing law in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

'79, Rev. C. B. Mitchell, delivered a lecture, entitled, "What will Mrs. Grundy say?" before the M. E. Assembly of Kansas, at Bismarck Grove, on June 18. The daily organ of the assembly pronounced the lecture a decided success, and Bro. Mitchell "a fine speaker, eloquent and witty, and a perfect master of irony."

'80, Sol. Chryst is practicing law at Warren, Ohio.

'80, C. A. Ensign and Miss Jennie Jacobs were united in marriage at Youngstown, Ohio, on October 1.

'80, Rev. C. E. Locke, at the East Ohio Conference, was returned to Garrettsville.

'81, J. R. Andrews is practicing law at Meadville, Pa.

'81, J. A. Wann is one of the most promising lawyers at the Canton, O., bar.

'87, W. G. Power is deputy sheriff for Crawford Co., with headquarters at Meadville, Pa.

'87, E. Merrick is teaching school at Tunnel, Jackson Co., N. C.

'86, C. B. Kistler has gone into the carriage, wagon and harness business at Warren, O.

'84, R. S. Tate is assistant bookkeeper with the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., Allegheny City, Pa.

'83, W. C. Fish is employed by the Meadville Glass Co.

'79, C. H. Bruce is giving good satisfaction as a Reverend at Union City, Pa.

'78, O. F. Nodine is traveling abroad for study and enjoyment.

'76, C. T. Newlon is in the oil business at Washington, Pa.

'72, J. D. McCoy is in the oil business at Oil City, Pa.

'84, Ed. Hughes is deputy prothonotary of Venango Co., with headquarters at Franklin, Pa.

Beta Beta—DePauw.

'76,—At the meeting of the South-east Indiana Conference, at Brookville, in September, the Rev. Fernandes C. Holliday, D.D., was stationed at Rushville, and the Rev. Virgil W. Tevis, '78, was stationed at Columbus. The Rev. Dr. Holliday was also re-elected a Trustee of DePauw University—a position which he has held for almost forty years, he now being the senior member of the board.

'85, Samuel E. Crose is studying medicine with Dr. Gonsalvo C. Smythe, in Greencastle.

'85, W. Boyd Johnson is Instructor in Physics in the Indianapolis High School. He was married in Greencastle, August 6, 1885, to Miss Ida R. V. Paxton, A.B. (DePauw, '80).

'85, Oliver M. Matson has been elected Assistant Librarian of DePauw University, and entered upon his duties at the opening of the college year.

'73, The Rev. John Clark Mahin, a clergyman in the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died of consumption at his home in Battle Ground, Ind., February 6,

1885. He was born a few miles from the place of his death, August 26, 1833.

'85, Charles F. Neuffer is studying law with the Hon. John H. Barker, at Goshen, Ind.

'86, Robert P. A. Berryman is a member of the senior class at Wabash College, and will graduate there in June.

'87, Edgar W. Chittenden is clerking in the Bowen-Merrill Company's book store, Indianapolis.

'80, Married, Wednesday evening, December 2, 1885, at the Presbyterian Church, Somerset, Ky., Miss Flonnie C. Hall to Mr. William A. Morrow.

'86, Henry McEnery, a son of ex-Gov. McEnery, of Louisiana, is practicing medicine in New Orleans. ✓

'83, John J. Collins is studying law at the University of Virginia.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

'70, Ed. D. Curtis has removed to No. 71 North Eighth St., Portland Oregon.

'70, Rev. Washington Gardner, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, delivered an admirable address at the Grant Memorial Services in the M. E. Church at Ionia, August 2, which he repeated at Jackson, on the day of the funeral obsequies, August 8. The address was published in full in the daily papers, and has since been issued in pamphlet form. ✓

'71, Prof. Justin N. Study represented Indiana in the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, at Buffalo, in June. He has been re-elected Superintendent of the Public Schools at Richmond, Ind., with an increased salary.

'72, President William H. Sweet, of Baker University, received the degree of D.D., from Chaddock College, last commencement. ✓

'72, D. Y. Murdoch for some time has been secretary of the East Ohio Conference.

'71, L. M. Davis, of the Cincinnati Conference, is moved to Lynchburg.

'72, G. W. Dubois, Cincinnati Conference, is stationed at Hamilton, Ohio.

'74, B. F. Dimmick has received an appointment to one of the finest charges in the Cincinnati Conference,—Grace Church, Dayton, Ohio.

'82, at Washington C. H., Ohio, on the evening of October 28, T. W. Marchant and Miss Anna V. Dahl were united in marriage.

'82, At McArthur, Ohio, October 26, occurred the marriage of B. F. McElfresh and Miss Alice L. Fenton.

'85, A. B. Austin is attending Drew Theological Seminary.

'85, E. H. Anderson is studying law, Emporia, Kansas.

'85, M. M. Elliott is studying law, Bellevue, Ohio.

'85, D. H. Holmes is Principal of High School, Sheffield, Mass.

'85, E. B. Lease is professor in Little Rock University, Little Rock, Ark.

'72, Governor-elect Foraker, of Ohio, has selected General Henry A. Axline, of Zanesville, O., for Adjutant-General of the state of Ohio. General Axline was Assistant Adjutant-General during Governor Foster's administration.

Kappa — Hillsdale.

'85, John F. Thompson is an instructor in the High School at Richmond, Indiana. Prof. Justin N. Study (Mu '71) is superintendent of schools in that city. Albert B. Porter (Rho '83) is also an instructor in the High School there.

'70, The Rev. Benjamin F. Newton is the rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Louis, Mo.

'85, Jos. Cummins, with headquarters at Chicago, is in the employ of Harper Bros., New York, introducing school text books.

'86, Married—At Kalamazoo, November 1, Bro. F. W. Corbett, principal of the Reading, Mich., schools, and Miss Allie Cushman, of Petoskey.

'87, E. L. Mills is the assistant of L. E. Dow, '87, in the Homer, Mich., schools.

'85, Frank Smith, to whom at graduation the mathematical

prize was awarded, has been retained in Hillsdale College, as assistant in the department of mathematics.

'84, O. W. Waldron is for the second year the popular pastor at Marion, O.

'84, C. E. Root is studying law in Hillsdale.

'69, Carleton's "City Ballads" were issued from the press of the Harpers in August, and have received a warm and favorable greeting by almost the entire newspaper press.

'73, Rev. L. A. Crandall, of New York, acted as Assistant Clerk of the New York Southern Baptist Association, at its meeting in that city on October 6-8, 1885.

'83, Ed. F. Parmelee is editor of *The Charlevoix Sentinel*, Charlevoix, Mich. He is joint proprietor of the paper under the firm of Smith & Parmelee.

Sigma—Columbia.

'82, John B. Lynch is a senior in the New York University Medical School.

'83, Edward W. Clarke, A.B., A.M., is a senior in the Medical Department of Columbia College.

'83, Edward H. Apgar, A.B., A.M., Ph.D., LL.B., was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court last April.

'83, E. H. P. Squire, A.B., LL.B., is an attorney and counsellor in White Plains.

'83, F. F. Martinez, Jr., will soon open an office as an architect in New York.

'84, C. C. Davis is an attorney in Rochester.

'84, L. S. Berheimer is an attorney and counsellor in New York city.

'84, Fred. E. Buckingham, C.E., is an engineer in the Brooklyn Water Works.

'84, Christopher B. Carter, A.B., is in a real estate office at 111 Broadway, New York.

'84, Charles B. Rowland, C.E., and Sam G. Tibbals, C.E., are with the Continental Iron Works, Brooklyn, L. I.

'85, James Walden Cleland is an attorney and counsellor in New York.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

'85, Rev. N. B. Harris is preaching at Madison, Fla. He has lately been in charge of one of the largest churches in Memphis.

'84, R. M. W. Black is in the class of '89 at West Point.

'85, Rev. H. O. Riddel is in charge of the mission at Cumberland Furnace, Tenn. He has a flourishing mission there, and is, we understand, a great favorite with his congregation.

'85, Rev. Rowland Hale is assisting Rev. W. G. G. Thompson at Fayetteville, Tenn., and other adjacent points, in an extensive mission work.

'83, C. P. Matthews is in the cotton business at Atlanta, Ga.

Nu Prime—Indiana University.

'84, William A. Johnson is the junior member of the firm of Oylar & Johnson, attorneys at law, Franklin, Ind.

'74, George W. Wiggs may be found either at 309 Royal Insurance Building, or at 1432 Michigan avenue, Chicago. He recently purchased *The Chicago Current*, the leading literary paper of the West.

'72, *The Indianapolis Journal*, speaking of the Congressional delegation from Indiana to the Forty-ninth Congress, says: "Gen. Thomas M. Browne, by his long experience in Congress, his age and preëminent ability as a lawyer and statesman, of course stands out most conspicuously in the delegation."

'72, The Hon. James A. Wildman, who from 1881 to 1885 was the Postmaster of Indianapolis, is now the Business Manager of *The Indianapolis Journal*.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

'62, Dr. R. S. Sutton, of Pittsburg, was elected President of the American Academy of Medicine at the annual meeting held in New York recently.

'79, Married, October 15, 1885, at the home of the bride's parents in Louisville, Ky., by the Rev. Dr. Perkins, Rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Miss Carrie Baxter,

daughter of ex-Mayor Baxter, of Louisville, to Mr. Charles W. Sisson.

'83, C. B. Reid is attending Columbia Law School, New York.

'84, A. W. Kennon is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

Rho — Stevens.

'75, James E. Denton is a member of the firm of Jones, Denton & Co., contractors under O'Brien & Clark's contract on the new Croton Aqueduct, North Yonkers, N. Y. He has been requested to deliver one of a series of lectures before the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, this winter, and has chosen for his subject "Some Practical Examples of the Conservation of Energy." He will deliver the lecture some time during February.

'75, T. F. Koeszly is with Jones, Denton & Co., North Yonkers, N. Y.

'76, William Kent was Chairman of the Local Committee which managed the very successful meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at Atlantic City, N. J. He delivered the President's Address before the Alumni Association of the Stevens Institute of Technology, in June, choosing for his subject, "Engineering as a Profession." It was printed in *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine* for August. At the Ann Arbor meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in August, he was elected Secretary of Section D, that of Mechanical Science. He is Secretary and General Manager of the United States Torsion Balance and Scale Company, 92 Reade street, New York.

'76, A. W. Stahl, conjointly with Mr. Arthur T. Woods, Assistant Engineer U. S. N., has recently published his book, entitled "Elementary Mechanism: A Textbook for Students in Mechanical Engineering."

'77, F. B. Idell is temporarily acting as Instructor in Mathematics at the Stevens Institute of Technology.

'77, John Rapelje is General Roadmaster of the Denver, South Park & Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Denver, Col.

'80, George M. Bond was elected Fellow of the American

Association for the Advancement of Science, at its Ann Arbor meeting, and is the youngest Fellow, but one, of that Association. He will read a paper on "Standards for Pipe Threads" at the Boston meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'81, Charles A. Gifford is an architect in Newark, N. J., and is building up a good practice.

'82, Will L. Breath is draughting for Mr. A. Cary Smith, of New York, the designer of the well-known yacht, "Priscilla."

'83, Malcom McNaughton has a position with William Kent, '76, in the U. S. Torsion Balance and Scale Co., New York.

'83, During the past six months Joseph E. Steward has been inspecting bridge material for the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Company. His duties took him to the Mills at Pittsburgh, Pottstown and Pottsville, Pa. He is now at the Union Bridge Company's Works, at Buffalo, N. Y.

'84, J. A. Bensel became a junior member of the American Society of Civil Engineers during June.

'84, E. H. Foster, Kenneth Torrance and C. W. Whiting became junior members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the Atlantic City meeting.

'84, William L. Lyall is with the firm of J. & W. Lyall, New York, manufacturers of the Lyall Positive Motion Loom.

'85, A. G. Glasgow, just before his graduation, entered the employ of the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, of which A. C. Humphreys, '81, is Gen'l Superintendent.

'85, R. H. Rice is in the shops of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, at Denison, Ohio.

'88, George Phipps is clerk in a broker's office, at 53 Exchange Place, New York.

Iota — Michigan State College.

'73, During 1885 Prof. R. C. Carpenter contributed a series of articles on "Practical Farm Drainage" to *The Rural New Yorker*.

'73, John P. Finley's "Tornado Studies for 1884" was recently published by the Signal Bureau at Washington.

'73, Benjamin T. Halstead is Prosecuting Attorney for Manitow County, Mich., and Supervisor of Emmet County.

'74, Henry A. Haigh has recently published his "Handbook of the Law and Manual of Forms." He is a practicing lawyer in Detroit, Mich.; was Assistant Secretary of the Republican State Convention of 1885, and is President of the Michigan Club of Detroit.

'75, O. E. Angstman was poet at the Triennial Meeting of the Alumni Association of the State College, his subject being "An Epic of '61."

'75, W. L. Carpenter is a member of the law firm of Case & Carpenter, Buhl Block, Detroit, Mich.

'75, Rev. Robert Gardner Baird, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and for many years intimately identified with the interests of the State Agricultural College, died on August 4, 1885, at Lansing, Mich.

'76, H. S. Hampton is a lawyer at Alban, Idaho, and Prosecuting Attorney of Casca County.

'77, Arthur B. Peebles is a Congregational minister at Salt Lake City, Utah.

'77, James A. Porter is a lawyer in Greeley, Colorado.

'78, Eugene Davenport read the "History" at the Triennial Meeting of the Alumni of the Michigan State College in August.

'78, C. E. Herrington is now Prosecuting Attorney for Oakland County, Mich.

'79, Roderick B. Norton is farming near Arkansas City, Kan.

'80, Cyrus T. Crandall is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Marquette County, at Marquette, Mich.

'81, Byron S. Palmer is a dentist in Chicago, Ill.

'81, Ambrose E. Smith is a practicing physician at New Buffalo, Mich.

'83, Herbert W. Collingwood is now on the editorial staff of *The Rural New Yorker*. He was the author of the prize story in *The Evening News*, Detroit, 1881, his subject being "An Easter Offering." Also of "Christmas at Cooney Camp," published in *The Detroit Evening News*, 1882, and republished in the following year in Edward Everett Hale's "Christmas in a

Palace." In 1884 he was Poet of the Mississippi Press Association; his poem, "The Editor's Girl," has been extensively printed throughout the South."

Sigma Second — Mount Union.

'78, Married, in Terre Haute, Ind., Miss Virginia Thompson, daughter of Col. Richard W. Thompson, ex-Secretary of the Navy, to Mr. David W. Henry.

'78, H. J. Hays is a prominent lawyer of the firm of Hays & Hays, at Sullivan, Ind.

Beta — Ohio University.

'66, Benjamin F. Drury, it now appears, died some ten years ago at Kansas City, Mo., where he was connected with *The Times*,—on its editorial staff.

'69, William S. Eversole was reelected Superintendent of Public Schools, Wooster, Ohio, for a term of three years from September 1, 1885.

'73, Dr. Richard Gundy was present at the annual meeting of the Association of Charities and Correction, held at Washington, D. C., some time ago.

Theta—Bethany.

'82, Rev. H. K. Pendleton resigned as pastor of the Central Christian Chapel, New Albany, Ind., and left Nov. 3, to accept that of the Hazelwood Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'81, T. H. Stucky, M.D., delivered the opening address at the Female School of Pharmacy, Louisville, Ky.

'73, W. C. Buchanan, who shares with Bro. Weems the honor of founding THE CRESCENT, has removed from Fargo, Dak., to Minneapolis, Kan.

'85, F. M. Dowling is teaching at Mt. Healthy, O.

'85, A. D. Dowling is at Alliance, O.

'85, Gov. Smith is in business at Platte City, Mo.

'85, D. S. Gay is now at his home in Winchester, Ky.

Chapter Letters.

Xi—Simpson.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world our latest addition, Bro. T. N. Franklin, '89, of Manteno, Iowa. This makes us seven strong, enthusiastic actives. In addition to this we have nine alumni, also Bro. A. V. Proudfoot, ex-'87, residing in the city, who take a lively interest in the chapter, and not unfrequently favor us with their presence. Bro. W. T. Morris, '89, was compelled to leave college a few weeks since, by reason of poor health. Our Chapter Hall, in the Buxton Block, sports an elegant new sign on its front, a large badge of the fraternity painted in gilt and black. We acknowledge the pleasure of a short visit from Bro. H. B. Lowrie, '85, of Beta Iota, recently. He was returning to his home in Elgin, Ill., and stopped off for a few hours with us. Bros. Ashby, Kennedy, Conrad and Wright have been other recent visitors.

Of our rivals, the tendency of the Phi Kappa Psi has always been toward a large chapter. At present they have an active membership of twenty. The growth of the Alpha Tau Omega is characterized by conservatism; they number four. Our own policy has been to maintain a moderately small chapter of select men; believing that in this way we can accomplish better results.

Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

WE have the pleasure of introducing to the Delta world Bro. C. H. Pierce, '87, of Boulder. We expect to initiate another man at our next meeting. This will make the number of our active members eight. We have put new curtains, table and other furniture in our chapter hall, and are improving its appearance as fast as we are able. Bro. Stanton came up from Denver to attend our last meeting to see that Bro. Pierce was properly treated. Bro. Noxon has been detained by illness at his home in Idaho Springs, but expects to return soon. Bro.

W. J. Thomas returned from Germany in October, and spent a few days with his friends in Boulder.

Sigma — Columbia.

SINCE my last letter Sigma has taken from the Class of '87 another brother in the person of Mr. A. L. Burns, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Bro. Burns is Vice President of the Class of '87 in the School of Mines. The necessary work for the publication of *The Columbiad* and *The Miner* of this year is now being pushed vigorously forward. These annuals are being published by the junior classes in the Schools of Arts and Mines, *The Columbiad* belonging to the Arts, and *The Miner* to the Mines. They will appear about the 1st of February. In each will be published a complete list of the fraternities represented at Columbia, with the names of the men in each fraternity chapter.

The next Conference of the First Division will be held in New York City on February 22, 1886, under the auspices of Chapter Sigma. Bro. Will Carleton will preside. The arrangements are not yet completed, but as soon as they are they will be published. If members of the fraternity who are attending professional schools in New York or vicinity, or any others who may be in the city at that time, will send their addresses to the Chapter Secretary of Sigma, they will receive full notice of the arrangements when complete. Last year's Conference was well attended, and was a success. It is hoped that each member in the First Division, who possibly can, will this year avail himself of this opportunity of becoming acquainted with his brother Deltas, and of aiding in the transaction of important business likely to come before the Conference.

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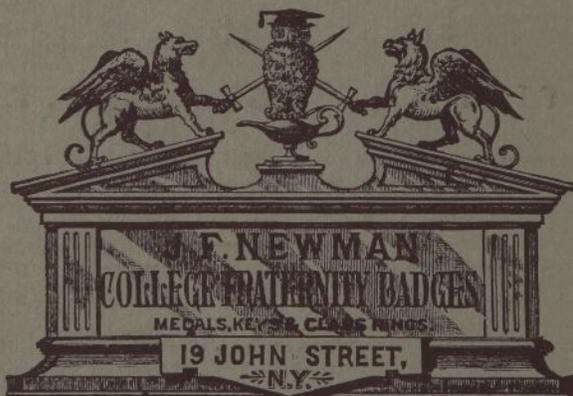
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