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## A VENERABLE DOCUMENT.

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By common consent Delta Tau Delta dates her origin from January 1st, 1860. During the troublous times immediately preceding the civil war the mother chapter at Bethany languished and died and the seat of authority was transferred to the Jefferson chapter. That chapter, though itself in a far from vigorous condition, cheerfully and manfully accepted the trust with all its burden of care and responsibility. In the fall of 1862 Robert Robinson, a recent graduate of Jefferson, and then, as always, an enthusiastic Delta, initiated Robert G. Heiner into the fraternity and duly commissioned him to establish a chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$  at Allegheny college. A few weeks later Bro. Heiner placed his name on the college rolls and entered upon his project in the face of peculiarly adverse circumstances. The attendance of the college had been sharply reduced by the war, while but recently a college corps, composed entirely of Allegheny students, had sadly marched away from her portals. Two strong, vigorous and aggressive fraternities already occupied the field and were combined against any new-comer. A semi-hostile faculty either openly discountenanced fraternities, or looked upon their encroachments with a jealous eye. In spite of such heavy odds, Bro. Heiner calmly pursued his course with an energy and perseverance characteristic of the man. He was, in the spring of 1863, able to report a chapter composed of seven men, being called the Theta. The chapter, though young, was healthy, enthusiastic, prosperous, and, apparently, advancing years would surely bring increase of numbers, reputation and influence. But in the early summer the North was thrilled and startled by the news of Lee's terrible invasion. Again, in response to the country's call, the college sacrificed her interests upon the na-

tion's altar, and again, in response to the voice of duty and patriotism, sent her noblest and best to the front. Among these marched the entire membership of chapter Theta. Five of the seven never returned. To this day their fate is shrouded in mystery and their names, even, lie buried in the vaults of memory.\*

In the fall of 1863 Bro. Williams, one of the original seven, re-entered Allegheny, determined to re-establish the chapter. The charter, the minutes, in fact all the records and papers of the defunct chapter had disappeared. He therefore applied to the Alpha for a new charter and early in January, 1864, received the document which forms the subject of this article. It consists of a small record book which contains the signature of every man initiated into the chapter since its reorganization on the 5th day of January, 1864. This precious volume has been sacredly and religiously guarded and preserved in all the nomadic wanderings, through all the vicissitudes of fortune (and they have been not a few) which have marked the history of the Choctaws, as they soon came to be known. The peculiar and distinct value of the book lies in the fact that it contains the *original drafts* of the charter and constitution in the handwriting of the secretary of the Jefferson Alpha. It is the oldest constitution and charter in existence in the fraternity, unless the Beta has fortunately been able to preserve hers. Both documents were transcribed in the book, duly signed and sealed by the proper officers, and the volume forwarded to Bro. Williams, who had, nevertheless, constitutionally initiated several men before it was received by him. The charter bears the date of January 5th, 1864, the constitution the 8th of January, 1864. Both are

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\*In 1878, after an absence of 15 years, Capt. Heiner paid a flying visit to the chapter and college. After a careful examination of the college records, registers and catalogues he was forced to acknowledge that the names of his associates had escaped his memory. Bro. Williams, who refounded the chapter in 1864, died in the year 1874, long before any determined attempt was made to rescue its early history from oblivion. With him perished every hope of piercing the shadows which veil the fate of those five gallant men. "Thus our chapter sunk into oblivion, but that oblivion was touched by the finger of fame."



sealed with a red, circular seal, about an inch in diameter, indented, bearing the impression of the square pin of the fraternity in black ink. The official names attached are those of Thomas Galt, Magister, and H. Frank Carson, Scriptor.\* The name of Bro. Carson has never appeared in any of the catalogues of the fraternity.

The book contains, in the handwriting of Bro. Carson, a list of the chapters of the fraternity in existence at the time the charter was granted to the Allegheny chapter. This handwriting being that of the secretary of the fraternity is unimpeachable evidence of their recognition as composite parts of Delta Tau. They were

Alpha—Jefferson College.

Beta—Ohio University.

Gamma—West Liberty College.

Delta—Monongalia College (now the University of West Virginia).

Epsilon—Franklin College at New Athens, Ohio.

Zeta—Washington College.

Eta—Bethany College.

Theta—Allegheny College.

Of these the Alpha and the Zeta became the Gamma upon the consolidation of their colleges. The Eta was short-lived, but was reorganized several years later as the Pi. It is now the Theta. The Beta still retains her title. The Theta is now the Alpha. The Delta, Gamma and Epsilon, like their colleges, are more beautiful in death than in life.

By means of this ancient constitution we are able to apprehend the laws and regulations which our forefathers found necessary for the government of the infant society. It is peculiar that throughout the constitution and charter the word "association" is almost exclusively used. The word "fraternity" was apparently unknown to the Deltas of that day, or, if so, not in popular use.

The preamble is noteworthy as outlining the intent and purpose of the fraternity. It says:

"For the promotion of feelings of friendship—the advancement, culture and

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\*It is needless to say that these titles are now obsolete.



development of a literary taste in and among our brethren—for mutual benefit, and protection from all other secret associations—we declare ourselves loyal subjects of our constitution.”

The duties of the officers have remained practically unchanged during twenty years, though new names have generally been substituted for the old. Few of the younger generation would recognize the names in vogue in 1864. But the highest and most important comes to us, venerable with the honors of a quarter century—that of the S. A., as witness :

“Art. III., Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the S. A. to carry on a correspondence with other chapters or members wishing to transact business in any way.”

This was long before the advent of fraternity journalism, and correspondence was the only means of binding the chapters in one common interest. The importance of regular and frequent communication was known and felt, therefore the above law. The history of Delta Tau might have been different if its spirit had been fully carried out. But the S. As. of '64-74 were probably as badly troubled with as serious “lack of time” as vexes the S. As. of a later epoch.

On membership we find the following regulation :

“Art. VI., Sec. 1. No member of any secret society in any college shall be eligible to membership in the  $\Delta T \Delta$  society.

As the years sped along  $\Delta T \Delta$  lost sight of the above righteous rule, and, falling among thieves and robbers, adopted their pernicious practice of “lifting.” We have repented and reformed, however.

Again, under membership we find

“Art. VI., Sec. 2. Any person may become a member of this association if he possess the requisite qualifications.”

The use of the words “any person” in the above is noteworthy. Were the first chapters accustomed to initiate other than college students? No article or section is to be found limiting their choice to those pursuing a college course, or legitimately enrolled on the college register. Later constitutions definitely and emphatically confine the initiates to undergraduates.

That the importance of full and accurate records was appre-

ciated is amply demonstrated by the following, which, in the original, is heavily underscored, indicating its especial importance :

"Art. XI., Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each chapter to forward, monthly, the age, name and residence of every candidate admitted, to chapter Alpha.

Concerning the founding of chapters the following is worthy of notice :

"Art. XI., Sec. 3. By application to and with the consent of chapter Alpha, any brother shall have power to initiate candidates and establish a chapter."

From such germs has our present elaborate constitution developed. Crude, imperfect, unpolished, it was sufficient for the wants of a young and feeble society, then desperately struggling for mere existence. It reveals that our progenitors recognized some of the most urgent necessities of the hour and were in a measure prepared to meet them. It is not discreditable to their judgment or discernment if they failed to foresee and prepare for the many great questions which confront the modern fraternity system. They *did* appreciate the dangers and difficulties which beset the progress of their own society. Nevertheless, not cast down nor discouraged, they took up the gauntlet, "enlisted for the war," and waged a gallant and sturdy fight for the perpetuation of Delta Tau and the ideas and principles which she embodied. They laid broad and deep the foundations of the fraternity and made possible the present era of vigor and prosperity.

H. W. PLUMMER, A '84.



## SOME REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO DELTA TAU DELTA.

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In selecting new members, chapters can not be too careful. The neophyte is to stand in the relation of a brother to each of the three thousand members of  $\Delta T \Delta$ . It is unjust to place an unworthy man in this close relationship with these three thousand "Deltas." In looking over certain chapter-lists in the new catalogue we notice a large proportion of clergymen. Shall these pious men be asked to exchange a brother's grip with vicious swaggers, even though they be clad in broadcloth? Is any real bond possible between them? Or shall a cultivated gentleman be bound to recognize a brother in an ill-bred and surly boor? Or shall the man of keen, well-trained mind find the mysteries in the possession of a heavy-pated dolt?

One general requirement should be insisted upon, viz.: *The candidate should fully intend to complete a college course of study.* Only by such training can he become an example of what  $\Delta T \Delta$  expects her men to be. Unforeseen circumstances may compel some to relinquish study before the day of graduation. They are true "Deltas," but it is unfortunate for both them and  $\Delta T \Delta$  that their requirements must be meagre. It is better to initiate a senior of mediocre ability than the brightest man in the freshman class who will end his education with that year. We are inclined to think that the chapter that graduates the largest per cent. of initiates is the best chapter. Men should be selected, not simply for what they can do for the chapter during the few years of a college course, but also for the dignity that they will give  $\Delta T \Delta$  in the world. The stand-



ing of a fraternity is measured very largely by the worth of the members who are in active life. A full course of study strengthens and develops the whole man. The brilliant freshman and bright sophomore can not take the position in life that their mediocre classmates will gain who wait to arm themselves with diplomas. "There is nothing lost by taking time to grind the ax." The time spent in whetting the wits is uncounted gain in the sharp competitions of life.

The preference should be given to men in advanced classes, other things being equal. A course of study develops some men more than others. The brightest man in the freshman class is not always the strongest man when freshmen have become seniors. Selecting men from the lower classes is attended with uncertainty as to their outcome. It is unfortunate that the struggle for precedence among fraternities drives them into initiating men at the very threshold of a course of study before they have thoroughly tested their characters or calmly weighed their abilities. There are students that develop suddenly, unexpectedly manifesting a power that had hitherto been latent. This is not unusual, as any college professor can attest. Fraternities are so intent on watching the freshman with his cane and the sophomore in his "white plug" that they overlook these exceptional men that do not show their real power till they are juniors or seniors. Expect a flower to open anywhere along the path of knowledge.

*Morals.* Only students of pure and unspotted moral character should be considered eligible to membership. Plato insisted that true friendship can not exist between the vicious. It is vain to expect to find a nice regard for fraternal bonds or for fraternity honor in a young man who does not respect himself enough to keep off the ground forbidden by the decalogue.

One immoral man tarnishes the good name of all in the chapter. Fraternity association is very intimate and it is constant. No pure young man should be constrained daily to rub against a smutted character. If by some mischance a vicious man has been admitted, and good counsel fails to reform him,

the health of the whole body may demand that the offending member be cut off.

It has been truly said that "the excesses of youth are drafts upon old age, to be paid after many years with interest." He who debases his character and weakens his native powers by idleness and dissipation can not successfully compete for position and honor in the world. Vice lays hold with a grip so firm that it is seldom loosed. He who is dissipated at twenty is likely to be a vagabond at forty.

The honor and integrity of *Δ T Δ* demand that her mysteries be revealed to no man of tainted morals.

*Scholarship.* Every chapter should aim to enroll as members the students who excel in the class-room and on the floor of the literary society. These men give standing to the fraternity in college and will reflect honor upon it in the world. Study is the student's work. He who neglects business in college will "slubber business" in life. We sometimes hear callow youths assert that there is no connection between class standing and success in the world. "Be not deceived." This doctrine is avowed only to excuse conscious deficiencies. A high grade in studies indicates a strong and clear mind, persistent application, patient and accurate investigation, ambition to excel and pride in attainments. All these qualities are essential to success in life.

Fifteen years ago I tenderly laid a diploma in my trunk and turned my back on college, I am familiar with the career of about forty men who graduated between '66 and '71. Their relative positions in the world are the same as their relative positions in college. Those who stood highest in recitations have taken the highest rank as lawyers, physicians, clergymen and business men. Those who "flunked" when the professor called upon them to stand up and tell what they knew, have "flunked" when the world has commanded them to step to the front and show what they could do.

Select only such as show their worth in the work of the college. Do not be tempted to overstep the rule by initiating a



booby or a dude simply because his father holds a position of honor or has accumulated riches. "It is better to be somebody than to be somebody's son."

A very small proportion of immoral students and poor scholars complete a course of study. If a very small per cent. of a chapter's initiates graduate there is ground for suspecting that it has not required a high standing of morals and scholarship.

The initiate should be companionable in his disposition and cultivated in his manners. True culture is indicated by a heartfelt desire to please, not by cold conventional forms that may be assumed just as a garment is donned. Manners may be improved but morals are seldom mended, and an empty pate will never cease to give forth a hollow sound.

When it is said that a man is a "Delta," let it be understood that he has a thorough education, that he has mental endowments of a high order, that his moral character can not be impeached, and that he has the culture of the true gentleman.

GUILLIAMUS S. SEMPERSOLUS.



## EXTENSION (?)

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Although, literally speaking, a novice in fraternity workings and fraternity ways, we wish to present to the readers of the *Crescent* a few thoughts on the above subject, which will necessitate the notice of some other matters connected with it. On this subject we are, as a fraternity, conservative, mainly because we cannot help being so. The east fears the predominance of the west; the west fears the exclusiveness of the east; and it is only as we can extend in both directions at once that we extend at all. This is well. All will acknowledge that we are stronger with a few good chapters than with many poor ones. It has been our rule to make haste slowly, and we have followed the maxim, lately formulated, I believe, that "the standing of a college is known by the fraternities represented," in choosing those we would enter, which last method, as a result of our observation, we have concluded to be a poor one. There is a number of institutions of learning of high repute which have made their reputations by the work they have done and through the men they have graduated, and have, by their success, drawn representative fraternities to them; yet these colleges, for many and divers reasons, have few students, two of which in Ohio we are especially acquainted with—one with a hundred, the other with seventy students, and both worthy the patronage of any fraternity. But where six or eight fraternities, in the scramble for men, "run in all that will come in, and that as soon as they will come in," they find, when the battle is over, that they have taken in to the fire a number of snakes, which, like *Æsop's*, when they become warm, will return the kindness with a bite. All men are not fit for a fraternity, and when all

are taken in such can not but be the result. Moreover, in such cases a chapter can not wait to judge and find out who are the best men, for, if it does, it will find that neither the good, bad nor indifferent are left. But, one may say, let the chapter wait and acquire the reputation of acting upon such a policy and men will wait for it. I believe such a plan would not be practicable. Even if the chapter would not die before the reputation would be acquired, it would find its health so impaired that it would require many years of care and nursing to build it up again. But more than this, when a young man enters college and learns of the different fraternities, he finds most of them with fair reputations. He meets a number of men in each "set" whom he feels would make good companions, and few freshmen, I believe, are so egotistical as to think they are the best men in the class, or, at least, to believe that others will think so. Hence they argue in this way: If I should refuse these with whom I am well enough satisfied and wait for this *high-toned* set of boys and am not bid, I will be left entirely out, for those whom I have refused will not take me as second choice—and concludes he had better accept while he can. But in such a college a newly organized chapter encounters a special difficulty. The chapters already established have their representatives scattered among the patrons of the school, which patrons continue in sort of hereditary way, and thus men are biased before entering. A college overstocked with fraternities is as disastrous to fraternities as an overstocked market is to business. Is not a *good* chapter in a *good* college better than a *poor* chapter in the *best* college? Let us, then, beware of entering a college that is already full.

But there is another phase to this question. A fraternity becomes anxious to enter a college and every effort is made to accomplish that end and it is done.

The chapter starts off with a number of anxious, earnest young men with whom the founders are satisfied and whom they praise through the fraternity medium, and there it ends. They seem to forget that the chapter is often composed of men entirely



new to the work, who have no knowledge at all of fraternity life. They neither know how to conduct the work at home nor how to conduct themselves towards chapters abroad, and are left to learn all these things by bitter experience, by frequent defeat, which ends in discouragement and perhaps disgrace. A chapter in our own fraternity, of which we know something, was established, by a member from another chapter, in a college which he previously attended, and I have no doubt he labored long and hard to do this. He remained with the chapter six months and since then has not been heard from by the chapter. Within ten miles of the same chapter there reside three Delta Taus from as many different chapters, who, with one exception, have never honored it with their presence. Nor has it been encouraged by visits from other chapters, with very few exceptions, unless other business induced them, although within two, three and four hours' ride of several chapters, and this while all knew of the needs and discouragements of this chapter. Will extension either east or west prove successful while such exclusiveness (?) or negligence is shown? We are too much of a chapter fraternity. We look only to the success of our own chapter and seem to think the fate of the fraternity rests upon it.

We must learn that we are a whole composed of many parts, and that, as in the human body, when one member suffers the whole body suffers. We must learn that the same bonds that unite the members of Rho or Beta Beta to one another unite the members of Sigma to those of Beta Kappa. We must cultivate a stronger inter-chapter friendship, toward which I think our division conferences tend. We must know that

"Although our homes be far dissevered  
And our lots diversely cast,"

we are still Delta Taus.

If an alumnus has received any good from his fraternity while in college, which I believe most will affirm, he should remember that he owes a debt to the fraternity and not to his chapter alone.

Let us, then, study to increase an inter-chapter spirit and



friendship of which we now have too little, and to so instil a general fraternal interest in our members that they will, as alumni, take it out with them into the world and manifest it when opportunity offers, which will be frequent, as we have shown; and we may be assured if we establish a chapter it will live and flourish.

This is necessary for we do not want, we can not afford to have, many dead chapters.

“NIM.”

## IN MEMORIAM.

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Rolla H. Crabbe, Psi '89, was born in Nevada, Wyandot county, Ohio, on the 31st of June, 1866, was taken sick with typhoid pneumonia January 14th and died of the same January 20th, 1885. He entered the preparatory department of Wooster University in the fall of 1883 and was initiated into the *Δ T Δ* fraternity through chapter Psi in June of 1884.

This frater, though young, had elicited from all who knew him the highest esteem, and from his fellow fraters the warmest love. His heroic spirit, his manly demeanor and his mental ability assured him victory in every contest and had already won for him undisputed supremacy in his class. This same spirit he manifested in carrying out the interests of his chapter and in everything he undertook he displayed a capacity far beyond his years.

At a memorial meeting of Chapter Psi, held January 24th, the following resolutions were adopted :

*Whereas*, God, in His mysterious but wise providence, has been pleased to call home our youthful and much-loved brother, Rolla Crabbe, therefore

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and say, "Thy will, O God, be done."

*Resolved*, That in the death of this brother the fraternity has lost a faithful member, a zealous worker and a true friend.

*Resolved*, That we point with pride to the beauty of his character, his scholarly attainments and his pure and Christian life, and that we all strive to emulate his example.



*Resolved*, That we drape our hall in mourning and wear our badges inverted for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this sudden and painful affliction, and

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his mother, printed in the *University Voice*, the *Crescent*, and spread on the minutes of this chapter.

COMMITTEE { EDWARD C. DOWNING,  
J. M. SHALLENBERGER,  
J. S. NICHOLS.

## EDITORIAL.

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VERY little is known in general in the Fraternity concerning our conventions previous to 1874. We cordially urge Bro. Trautwein to contribute an article on their history. No brother is more amply qualified to perform the duty and his compliance with our request will be gratifying to the Fraternity and add much to our general knowledge of our history.

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As OUR readers well know, the CRESCENT depends for its financial support almost entirely upon the subscribers. We must have these subscriptions to pay our bills. Why entail endless labor upon the business manager and annoyance to yourself by delaying the payment of this small amount. We regret to be obliged to use editorial space to remind delinquent subscribers, and hope that it shall not be again made necessary.

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IN READING over the minutes of the Watkins Glen convention we note the following motion:

*"Resolved, That the chapters be directed to have banners of uniform size and design prepared for use at conventions and similar occasions."*

How many chapters have acted upon the resolution? If you have not already done so, give it immediate attention. They will be valuable additions to the decoration of your chapter halls, and will be looked for next fall at Detroit.

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THE CONFERENCE of the first division meets at New York the 23d of this month, too late for a report in this issue, but a detailed account will be given in our next. The second division conference meets at Wooster in April. The third division con-



ference will be held at Greencastle. The columns of the *CRES-  
CENT* are open for discussion of the advantage or disadvantage  
of these meetings as some difference of opinion has been made  
manifest in regard to the good accomplished.

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BROTHER DELTAS, can you name all the chapters of your  
fraternity, college and town or city in which they are located?  
Can you explain the government of the order? Can you give  
an explanation of the pin, the pass words, knocks, grips and  
secret signs of recognition? Every member, particularly the  
undergraduates, should be familiar with all this written and un-  
written law. If you are deficient, make it your duty to prepare  
yourself thoroughly upon all these points. It will arouse a  
deeper interest for you in the fraternity, it will give you more  
pleasure in your work and will make you a better Delta.

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WHAT proportion of the membership of Delta Tau Delta  
can answer in a manner satisfactory to themselves these ques-  
tions: What are to be the limits of our extension? How  
many chapters do you consider desirable and judicious for the  
future welfare of the order? If this number is in the neigh-  
borhood of forty, which of the thirty odd Universities, equal,  
and many above the average of those in which we now are  
represented, shall we take measures to enter? If it is suggested  
that we lop off several of our present chapters, what answer can  
you give when the fact becomes known that there are not more  
than half a dozen chapters which could be cut off with any  
shadow of reason, and the experience of the last convention  
was, that only one charter was withdrawn, after a sturdy battle  
and by a very evenly divided ballot? Can the majority of the  
members of Delta Tau Delta answer these questions intelli-  
gently? If not, why not? Their solution will form the subject  
matter for an intensely interesting article. We withhold our  
own opinion for the present.

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MANY thoughtful minds are inclined to look upon our divis-

ion conferences as a good infused with a considerable element of evil. They are commencing to inquire if these annual meetings have not already interfered with the success of our national conventions. The circumstances and environments most favorable to the success of the conference are found in the first division, where, with two exceptions, the chapters are in close proximity to New York or Philadelphia. Yet in the national convention immediately following the remarkable conference of the first, last February, but three of the eight chapters in that division were represented by delegates. This, too, in a convention held on eastern soil for the convenience of eastern chapters. Is there any logical connection between the two events? In the western divisions, where the chapters are widely scattered, and separated by great distances, the financial burden of sending delegates to both conference and convention becomes oppressive, and, where the chapters are small in numbers, almost insupportable. But there are many strong arguments for the continuation of these meetings which are familiar to the advocates of the system. However, the expediency of their permanent incorporation into the public policy of the Fraternity has become a matter of grave and serious import. We earnestly advise a thorough and systematic discussion and investigation of the question in convention and conference, in the chapter meeting and in the pages of the CRESCENT.

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MINUTES | of the | Twenty-sixth | Annual Convention | of  
the | Delta Tau Delta Fraternity | held at | Watkins Glen, N.  
Y., | August 20, 21 and 22, 1884. | Such is the title of the  
handsome pamphlet of 78 pages published under the supervision  
of Bros. McClurg and Plummer, of Chicago, and containing  
the minutes and various reports submitted to the last conven-  
tion. The chapters failing to report to the Convention were  
Gamma, Beta Gamma (now Sigma), Beta and Beta Epsilon.  
Most of the chapter reports are well written and some of them  
give evidence of careful preparation. Among these we may  
mention Alpha, Rho, Zeta, Beta Theta, Psi, Delta, Beta Beta,



Iota and Omicron. The reports of the various committees and officers of the council are interesting and valuable. We notice that the reports of chapters Mu and Lambda are confounded with the reports of the secretaries of the second and fourth divisions respectively. The offices of division secretary and chapter secretary are distinct in their duties and responsibilities and should be filled by different persons when possible. At any rate the report of the chapter should always be separate and apart from that of the division secretary. We repeat our former recommendation that these minutes be frequently resorted to by all chapters as they are a valuable means of instilling into the minds of new initiates, especially, a knowledge of the present history, work and aim of the society, to whose interests and progress they are expected to devote a portion of their time and talents.

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FOLLOWING the contribution of Bro. Trautwein on "Our Catalogue Development," Bro. Plummer, in his article of this month, throws some light on the aims and purposes of our brethren of "ye olden time," which the constitution of that day embodied. Valuable as are the few documents which escaped the confusion and distraction of the troublous first decade of the Fraternity, the most precious sources of knowledge are the recollections which live in the memories of those surviving Deltas who were intimately connected with her origin and the struggles and conflicts of the years immediately following. Though but a quarter of a century spans the period of our existence, many of those noble and honored brothers have already passed away to join the great majority. With each of them broke a link of the chain which binds us to the past. With each perished a mind which could have cast brilliant rays of light on the heroic epoch of Delta Tau. It is a source of joy and congratulation that many yet live who could and would, if requested, contribute their treasured reminiscences to our fund of knowledge. It is the duty of each of the older chapters to gather these garlands of memory and place them beyond des-

truction and oblivion. The early history of the Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Theta and Mu is the early history of the Fraternity. Those chapters form the nucleus around which has consolidated and crystallized our present strong and permanent organization. These chapters particularly, should, if they have not already done so, select some capable member to perform the duty we have endeavored to outline.

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WE ARE greatly pleased to learn that steps are now being taken to organize an alumni chapter of the fraternity in New York City. The movement emanates from several resident alumni actively and intimately connected with the management of the fraternity, who have succeeded in enlisting the interest of a sufficient number of the older alumni to ensure at once the success of the undertaking. Before this will have appeared in print their application for a charter will have been placed before the council and the chapters and it is hoped that it will be promptly granted. There are, we believe, upwards of fifty graduate members of the fraternity resident in the city of New York and its immediate vicinity, a majority of whom are permanently located in business and hence it would seem more than probable that an alumni organization properly managed, with certain necessary restrictions and qualifications for admission, will have that permanent membership without which, as experience in the past both in our own and other fraternities has fully demonstrated, no such chapter can be made either profitable or successful in other respects. We always welcome with pleasure such evidences of the interest and activity of our alumni and are particularly glad to see a chapter in New York City because all of the leading fraternities have permanent alumni organizations in that city. Upon the undergraduate chapters at Columbia and Stevens the presence of an alumni chapter can not but have a most beneficial effect and we trust that the alumni will consider a general supervision of the college chapters as well within the province of their work. We have not yet learned the names of all of the alumni who are interesting



themselves in this movement, nor have we learned any details of the plans of the promoters of the scheme, but hope to be able to supply full particulars next month.

THE *Phi Gamma Delta* resurrects a scheme which appeared in one of the early volumes of the *Crescent*, namely, the establishment of a *Pan-Hellenic Magazine* which shall supplant the present disgraceful horde of miserable and disreputable quarterlies and monthlies that purport to occupy the alleged field of fraternity journalism. We are intent on raising no unseemly clamor for recognition as the author or originator of so brilliant a scheme, but are more than willing that our esteemed brothers of the *Phi Gamma Delta* should immediately serve out a writ of attachment and take possession of all the glittering glory there is in it. We heartily, enthusiastically favor such a magazine. The splendid results attained by the Pan-Hellenic conference, of blessed memory, coupled with the marvelous benefits accruing from the Pan-Hellenic Editorial association organized at Philadelphia several years since, lead us to believe that any measure with the words "Pan-Hellenic" attached is sure to meet with prayerful consideration, enthusiastic acceptance and magnificent success. To even dream of the magazine failing to achieve brilliant triumphs and dazzling conquests in the field of journalism is rank treason, impudent and audacious infidelity to a glorious cause. There is no reason to doubt that scores and multitudes of fraternity men whose brains are swarming with ideas on fraternity policy and whose purses are bursting with shekels, will hail with loud acclaim and devout thanksgiving the appearance of the magazine. Its pages will afford them a rare opportunity to ventilate the aforesaid ideas, while there will be ample scope to employ their vulgar gold. In short, they are eager and anxious to devote their time, talents and property in placing the said Pan-Hellenic magazine upon a sound and permanent literary and financial basis, they doubtless scorning to bestow such valuable gifts upon the wretched journals of their respective fraternities. For chief editor of

the magazine (for we look upon its appearance as a certainty) we humbly suggest Mr. Jacobs, of Psi Upsilon, author of an "Address to Wm. Raimund Baird" and other unique contributions to literature, whose heart throbs with an irresistible torrent of Pan-Hellenism and love and regard for the great brotherhood of fraternities. As his assistant we name Wm. Raimund Baird, Esquire, well and favorably known for his authentic and accurate historical researches and for a remarkable breadth and liberality of fraternity spirit. Of his Pan-Hellenism the keenest sceptic can find no trace of doubt, for in a miraculous spasm of truth and veracity he felt irresistibly impelled to say of certain "brightest and best" members of his own fraternity, that, when connected with a rival society, they "confiscated all of its money they could secure, destroyed the records, and, like dishonest thieves, deserted the cause they had already betrayed." As an evidence of ardent Pan-Hellenism the above cannot be discounted. During the intervals of elegant leisure which their editorial labors will doubtless afford them, Mr. Jacobs can bless a grateful world by continuing his series of "Addresses," Mr. Baird can amuse himself by firing at the devoted head of his worthy chief certain reminiscences of the distant past when giddy young Beta Theta Pi rudely repulsed the amorous advances of hoary old Psi Upsilon seeking a matrimonial alliance. With these two harmonious and congenial spirits at the helm, who shall question the success of the *Pan-Hellenic Magazine*.



## THE GREEK PRESS.

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We beg leave to acknowledge, at this late date, the receipt of the initial number of the Zeta Psi *Quarterly*, which is well filled with good literary and editorial contributions, and a number of well written chapter letters.

In the January issue of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*, the editor denounces fraternity combinations in college politics; urges the assistance of its members in the work of compiling a catalogue; and calls upon its alumni for contributions. Portions of "Outside Subscriptions" and "Post Collegium" from our journal are re-printed.

The *Sigma Chi* for December is a splendid number—in fact touches a very high water mark of journalistic excellence. It contains several interesting contributions on the history of her early conventions. Too much commendation cannot be accorded all efforts to throw light on the history of a fraternity, and the fraternity journal is undoubtedly the most available means to preserve these recollections from destruction, or, what is the same—oblivion. The chapter letters of this number of the *Sigma Chi* are excellent. It must certainly be gratifying and inspiring to the editor to see his best efforts so ably seconded by his corps of assistants.

The January number of the *Δ K E Quarterly* is another addition to its monument of choice and valuable fraternity literature. A steel engraving of the Sigma chapter house at Amherst opens the number. "Greek Homesteads," by John Addison Porter; "Convention Address," by Julian Hawthorne; the Sigma chapter and a bird's eye view of the convention are all



interesting and well written articles, worthy of perusal by all Greeks. Under editorials the editor claims that D. K. E. is the great fraternity of the past, the greater fraternity of the present and *the* fraternity of the future. The necessity of the chapter houses and the help of fraternities to college is also well discussed.

The *Kappa Alpha Magazine*, in the first number of Volume II., continues its good work for that fraternity of the sunny south, and, judging from the tone and appearance of her journal, the fraternity is worthy the reputation it bears. The project to unite the southern and northern orders of *K A* is practically dead. A prominent southern *K A* calls it "a proposal of consummate folly," while a northern *K A* writes to the *Magazine* that a large majority of that "order" are opposed to it. The chapter letters are numerous and of good quality, while the personal columns are full of items interesting to Kappa Alphas. We congratulate the editor very cordially upon the success which his efforts have obtained, and of which they were thoroughly deserving.

The Chi Phi *Quarterly* for January, which is No. 1 of Vol. X., appears in a new dress, much in the old style, however, and, in our humble opinion, not much improved. Their convention poem and oration are printed in full. The editorials discuss the actions of their recent convention and close with a most admirable one upon suggestions to their associate editors. A page and a half of the exchange department is devoted to the quotation and reply of our review of their October issue, consisting of a lot of selections from our October chapter letters, which the editor seems to consider sufficient answer and calculated to completely overcome us by this adroit and unexpected use of our own guns. The matter has already received too much notice. But really, Brother Sparks, you are not in earnest when you present such remarks and brand them as boyish trumpeting. Truly we fail to see the force of the comparison.

In the Chi Psi *Purple and Gold* for February is commenced a series of articles in which will be narrated the early history of

her chapters. J. L. Witherspoon, one of the founders, briefly relates the circumstances attending the birth of the society. He attributes the success of the society in Union college and its spread to other colleges in the United States to the principle on which its founders acted in receiving new members. This was, "That we should receive no man as a member unless we were fully satisfied that he was a gentleman." The most noteworthy features of this number are the strong and admirable editorials defining the duties of alumni and actives and defining the close relations existing between them. Another fraternity having appropriated letters addressed to a chapter of Chi Psi affords the editor an opportunity of giving to Chi Psi this word of sound advice: "Treat other members of the fraternity world with the dignity and honor which we feel sure we would exercise toward our rivals in the world itself; in short, be not only fraternity men, but *men*."

The *Scroll* for January is, as usual, almost entirely devoted to  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ , and very properly, too. It is inclined to believe that an exchange department is of very little value, or, as the *Shield* puts it, "of very little interest except to the editor." We are inclined to believe that about all the fun the average fraternity editor gets is the genial, whole-souled efforts of his brethren to show him of the error of his ways and to convince him that a few alterations here and there in this department and that would materially advance the interests of his journal. It is always deliciously gratifying to have the whole corps of the Greek Press unlimber their batteries of criticism and pour their volleys of shrapnel and grapeshot into the weak spots of "their friends the enemy." We know that neither the *Scroll* nor the *Shield* will ever refuse that satisfaction and enjoyment to their fellow editors. The *Scroll* sweetly says "that it is always glad to learn" and wants to know "what  $\Phi \Delta \Gamma$  is?" Well, we are always rejoiced at any opportunity to teach the young idea how to shoot, and will inform the *Scroll* that it is a very modern rendition of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ . Now will our inquisitive friend translate the  $\Delta \Gamma \Delta$  which it uses in the January *Scroll*. We must kindly



but firmly insist that our friend of the *Scroll* pluck the mote out of his own eye before he casts the baleful glare of his optic organ on our Greek World.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* for January contains a vigorous protest against honorary membership. Mr. Van Cleve, the editor, in retiring from his position, which he has filled so excellently, makes some most valuable and common sense remarks. We note the following :

"Two years of experience has convinced the editor that it is well nigh useless for him to broach topics for discussion, since the only visible effect of his most careful and well-constructed efforts has been occasional quotations from them in the columns of the journals of rival fraternities and a passing comment or two in chapter letters."

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"We are convinced that the sooner we all wake up to the fact that plain business sense calls for the contribution of double or treble what we now pay each year to the support and aggrandisement of the fraternity the better."

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"We must not be understood as making any asperations against the fraternity in whose membership we are proud to be enrolled, but we can say with no fear of being successfully contradicted, that  $\Phi K \Psi$  is to-day in the rear as far as the questions which have agitated other fraternities are concerned. Shall we ignore the progress they have made, and by clinging to old forms and customs, say that we are right, and all the rest wrong in the changes which they have undergone?"

The  $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield* for December, aside from the usual brilliant editorial department and a number of well-written chapter reports, is devoted to excerpts from other journals. In an able article the editor laments the aimless and inefficient form of government that seems to be the bane of  $\Phi K \Psi$  and which same misgovernment is rapidly driving that fraternity into a lethargy which argues no good for its future. From his eloquent appeal to the fraternity we cannot forbear quoting the following :

"It has been the misfortune of the editor of this magazine to meet many former Phi Psis from almost every section of the country who fain must apologize for their ignorance of the fraternity and its progress, and not a few has he met who were at a loss to recall the grip or anything but the mere name of the fraternity. Some there are who have referred to their associations in  $\Phi K \Psi$  as a foolish freak of boyhood days to be laughed at and condoned with other youthful indiscretions.



"Out upon such, say we! The best, the purest associations of a man's life are those to be found in the ranks of his brothers in the chapter of his fraternity and he who feels called upon to apologize for his connection with them is unworthily ever to have been encouraged, supported and sustained by ardent and loving hearts. We believe, earnestly believe, that any man fit to be called "brother" would greet with warm cordiality any worthy member of his college fraternity in after days and regret with sadness the severance of those ties which bound him as with hooks of steel to them all in the years long since gone by. The time has passed when such a state of things need be, for fraternity men are no longer a rarity and everywhere are to be met if one but keeps his heart alive to his past associations."

The *Phi Gamma Delta* for December comes with an interesting assortment of general and fraternity literature. Everything is praiseworthy except the highly ingenious manner in which the Greek alphabet is mixed up in their "Greek World" pages. There must have been a family quarrel among the Greeks of that office, judging from the titles given some of our old friends. We call the attention of our chapter secretaries to the following editorial in the *Phi Gamma Delta* "On the Model Chapter Letter":

"It is intended for publication in the official journal, which indicates to all the general condition of the fraternity. Therefore, first of all, it should give a strictly true account of the condition, not only of the chapter itself, but also of its rival chapters. Slurs upon rivals are entirely out of place, but this rule should not exclude true but fair statements concerning weak chapters. Long flowery sentences should not constitute the body of letters, nor should chapter enthusiasm lead one to claim all excellent qualities, leaving none to the other frats. If you have taken honors do not be too modest to make it known, but do not exult over such things. Give fraternity news, especially noting and commenting when any new departure or aggressive movement inaugurated by the fraternities of your college. If a rival chapter has adopted some plan whereby it is improved, do not hesitate to adopt the same plan and to give your sister chapter an opportunity to benefit by it. Give some space, and that not a very small space, to the suggestion of plans for general fraternity work. Frequently the most aggressive measures have their origin in the minds of undergraduates who most actively feel the needs of our organization. If these thoughts are brought out in the chapter letters, they may be enlarged upon and applied by the older men. Let us then see in our chapter letters some suggestions on, or short discussions of, song book, catalogue, extension, alumni chapters, bureau of information, state associations or any other fraternity subjects. Make the letters a means of arousing a more active interest in fraternity work. But, above all, make the letters interesting to the alumni. Let them read the letters and find therein something beyond a mere statement that "we number so many men" and that "Bro. So-and-so has left college."

Give information of your college. If the endowment has been increased, if a new professorship established, if a new building erected, if anything has been done at your college in which the alumni are interested let it be known. The model chapter letter is that one which is so written that the fraternity may be greatly benefitted by its contents."

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The Grand Arch Council of the  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity was convened at Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, February 18th, and was busily engaged with affairs of the fraternity for three days. There was a large and enthusiastic representation of the sub-chapters, delegates being present from all but two chapters—one of those was California Alpha. The headquarters of the fraternity were at the Neil House and the sessions of the council were held at the Odd Fellows Temple. The previous convention of the fraternity was held at Pittsburg two years ago. Since that time many matters of great moment to the fraternity have arisen, which occupied the attention of the Columbus convention.

Phi Kappa Psi is still governed by the antiquated grand chapter system, one chapter being selected to attend to the general affairs of the fraternity when the G. A. C. is not in session. This system was not in any way changed, but a committee was appointed to prepare a new governmental system and present it to the next G. A. C. In a few years Phi Psi will catch up to the times and have a modern plan of government.

Among other things it was decided to prohibit the initiation of honorary members.

The *Shield* will hereafter be published at Lawrence, Kan., by the Kansas Alpha chapter.

A petition for a chapter at Fulton, Mo., Westminster college, was refused.

The next G. A. C. will be held at Indianapolis on the first Tuesday of May, 1886. The location of the grand chapter was not changed, but remains at Gettysburgh, Pa., with the Pennsylvania Epsilon.



## GREEK WORLD.

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Chi Psi is publishing the history of the order in its magazine.

Minister John W. Foster, of Spanish treaty fame, is a Phi Delta Theta.

The present undergraduate membership of Phi Delta Theta is about 725.

A grand reunion of the Chi Psi is being arranged for April 2d, at New Orleans.

Jefferson Davis, ex-President of the Confederate States, is a member of Kappa Sigma.

Phi Delta Theta is represented in Washington by two Senators and five members of the House.

J. E. Bruce, editor of the college news of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, is a member of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

Hon. James Lafayette Witherspoon, Ex-Attorney General of Arkansas, is one of the founders of Chi Psi.

Phi Kappa Psi says that  $\Sigma X$ ,  $B \theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  seem to take the lead at Wooster University at present.

Phi Kappa Psi reports the chapter of  $B \theta \Pi$  at University of Mississippi as having voluntarily given up their charter.

Rumors of a new fraternity at Wooster University are current, but can not be traced to any reliable source as yet.

The conference of the fraternities of Allegheny college called by our Alpha chapter to prohibit the initiation of preps resulted in one or two of the other chapters refusing to enter into such an agreement.

The sixth annual re-union of the members of the Zeta Psi fraternity, residing in New York, was held at Sieghartner's, New York City, on February 6th; about sixty members were



present, and the banquet was presided over by Judge Augustus Van Wyck, of Brooklyn.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is preparing a catalogue, which will contain a history of the fraternity, chapter lists with notes upon each member, table of consanguinity, residence, directory, and alphabetical list.

On February 13th Epsilon chapter of Delta Phi, which was established at Rutgers in 1845, celebrated its fortieth anniversary by public exercises in the college chapel and a banquet at the opera house in the evening.

The annual convention of the Theta Xi fraternity with chapters at Stevens, Rensselaer and the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, was held on February 21st at Troy, N. Y., under the auspices of its Alpha chapter at Rensselaer.

The first number of a student annual of the University of Cincinnati will appear shortly. It will be published under the auspices of the Sigma Chi fraternity and will contain complete lists of all student organizations, class histories, &c.

On the evening of the 28th of this month chapter Alpha of Delta Tau Delta, Allegheny college, will hold its annual "Pow-wow" at the Commercial parlors. This banquet is a distinctive feature of the chapter and has given it the name of "Choctaw."

Rumor says that the Sigma Chi fraternity will be re-admitted into the Delaware next term. The indications are that an excellent set of men will be chosen. The fraternity has a strong alumni in the city, a fine hall, and everything necessary for a first-class fraternity, so we hope the report will prove true.

The annual dinner of the Chi Psi alumni association of New York City was held at the Hotel Brunswick on Tuesday evening, February 17th. Among the more prominent alumni present were William Astor, Hugh L. Cole, Elbridge T. Gerry, Hon. Robert Earl, of the Court of Appeals, and Hon. Samuel Hand, of Albany. It was a very successful affair.

We clip the following queries from the Kappa Kappa Gamma *Golden Key*: "Is the Beta Theta Pi becoming an Eastern fraternity?" "Is not the *Phi Gamma Delta* more generally

praised than ever before?" Would it not be supreme bliss to be great, and have a Delta Kappa Epsilon biographer?" "Are not Delta Tau Deltas better informed than other Greeks?"

James Russell Lowell, Minister from the United States to the court of St. James, was one of the founders of the Harvard chapter of Alpha Delta Phi.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield* is published at Cambridge, Mass., with Mr. Edwin A. Start as editor. This journal has no exchange list, it being in accordance with the traditions of that fraternity to follow the *laissez faire* principle.

The members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, resident in New York City, to the number of fifty, had their alumni dinner at Clark's, in New York City, on February 7th. The following toasts were responded to: "The Fraternity in the Counsels of the State;" "Feast or Famine;" "The Law;" "The World, the Flesh and the Devil;" "The Fraternity in New York;" "The Fraternity in the Western States."

More than two hundred members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, residing in New York City, assembled at Delmonico's for their first general reunion in seven years. Julian Hawthorne presided, and among the toasts responded to, were the following: "Our Brothers in the Blue," Gen. Stewart L. Woodford; "Our Brothers of the Grey," Capt. Hugh R. Garden, for Hon. Randall L. Gibson, who was absent; "The Bar;" "The Medical Profession;" "The Pulpit;" "The Council," and "The Future of the Fraternity." Among the prominent alumni present were: Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Hubert O. Thompson, Hon. George Z. Erwin, speaker of the New York Assembly; Prof. Melvil Dewey; Carleton T. Lewis, and numerous others. The formation of a Delta Kappa Epsilon Club in New York City will probably be one of the fruits of the meeting.

The fifteenth anniversary of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta was celebrated by the Alpha chapter of DePauw University at the residence of Thomas Bayne, Esq., Greencastle, Ind., January 27th, 1885. Despite the heavy snowstorm about forty couples were present, and after spending two or three hours most



enjoyably in a social way, including the singing of many of the beautiful songs of Kappa Alpha Theta, the company repaired in carriages to the "Model" restaurant, where an elegant banquet had been prepared. The following toasts were then proposed and responded to: "Address of Welcome," proposed by Miss Rudisill (*Magistra Epularum*) with response by Miss Ridpath; "The Toast of the Guests," proposed by Mr. Clippinger (D. K. E.) with response by Mr. Kirkpatrick (Sigma Chi); "The Black and Gold," proposed by Mr. Durham (Beta Theta Pi), with response by Mr. Beckett (Phi Gamma Delta); "Our Sympathizers," proposed by Miss Hall with response by Miss Hammond; "The Kappa Alpha Theta Supporters," proposed by Mr. Matson (Delta Tau Delta) with response by Mr. Thayer (Phi Kappa Psi); "Theta's Future," proposed by Mr. Sheridan (D. K. E.) with response by Mr. Campbell (Beta Theta Pi). Kappa Alpha Theta was founded at DePauw University January 27th, 1870, by four young ladies, then students in the University. From this small beginning she now points to a new chapter for each of the fifteen years of her existence.



## CHAPTER LETTERS.

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### RHO—STEVENS.

But little has happened at Stevens to be of interest to the fraternity, but as the CRESCENT must not go to press without some communication from Rho, I take this occasion to add to our invitations already sent out the sincere wish that all those who are able to come will surely be present at our conference of the first division on the 23d. All those whose good fortune it was to be present at the one of last year can not forget the pleasant time they then had.

Rho had quite a pleasant surprise last Friday evening by the appearance of Bro. Lyall, '84. He had, since graduation last June, been abroad, where he proposed to finish his studies by taking a course in a German University. He was, however, prevented by sickness from carrying out his proposed plan, being obliged to return home to recuperate. His coming was a perfect surprise to us and a cause for much pleasure, but we were also sad in sympathy for him.

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### UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

After a week's vacation between the winter and spring terms we have again commenced our labors for five months.

We are looking forward to the conference and expect to have a good representation there.

I think it would be a good plan for the conference to bring forward the matter of the establishment of an alumni chapter in New York City, where we have so many of our men.

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### NU—LAFAYETTE.

Since our last letter to you we have initiated H. J. Palmer,

of Allegheny City, Pa. Our initiates for this college year are M. T. Hines, '85, R. C. Montelius, Finley Stewart and H. J. Palmer, making a total membership in the chapter of ten.

We had the pleasure of entertaining for a day or two our congenial brother, Duff Merrick, whom, with any other Alpha members, we shall be delighted to see soon again. We also had a short call from Bro. Anderson, '84, of Mu. We were sorry on account of the brevity of this visit as Bro. Anderson was the first Mu member who had ever visited us. We should have been pleased to have learned more about that successful and robust chapter which he represents.

It gave us much pleasure to read in the December number the quotation from the Chi Phi *Quarterly* and your appropriate remarks on it relative to chapter letters. We believe it is proper that a correct knowledge of a chapter should be had by the Fraternity and this may be had through the fraternity journal, but we must say that if anything is detracting and disgusting it is a letter from a chapter effervescing with egotism. If a chapter is composed of the best material in her college, she will soon be felt in the general workings of the fraternity without making a blatant noise about it through the publication.

We anticipate a good time at the conference of this division and of its success under the care of Rho and Sigma we have no doubt.

We are about beginning our reviews previous to the term examination, after which some of us will take our last vacation as college students.

In the class day election of the senior class the historian fell to a *A T.*

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#### SIGMA—COLUMBIA.

Semi annuals are over and once more we breathe in peace.

The University catalogue is out and fixes the exact number of students at 1568, a small increase, about forty, over last year.

The *Columbiad* is out and will be forwarded to the chapters



in a few days. It is very fair on the whole, though not as good as last year's.

The chapter is in better condition than it has been for a long time. We now number twelve active and seven associate members.

The alumni chapter held its first meeting and organized Thursday, the 19th. Success to it.

We hear from Bro. Moorcroft that the Omicron boys have again taken first honors in the Iowa State contest. We heartily congratulate them.

We took in two men Tuesday and will take in two more next Friday.

Bro. Keyes has been elected presentation orator of '85.

The Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, will make the opening prayer at the first division conference this year. We acknowledge receipt of the Epsilon *Star*.

If any of the Delts happen to be in New York this spring, don't forget to drop in at 15 W. 42d street, where they will always find some loyal Delts ready to greet them.

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#### MU—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

At the beginning of the term fifteen Deltas assembled in the hall ready for aggressive work.

As Bro. Austin, of the sophomore class, has the work for the term out, he will not return until spring.

A few days ago Bro. Anderson, '84, made us a pleasant call. He was returning to Drew from an extended visit through southern Ohio.

I am sorry to say that we have lost one of our most promising men. George Arnold has been compelled to leave school on account of failing health. The best wishes of his brothers and many friends follow him.

C. E. Miesse, of Beta chapter, entered our University this term. We are glad to welcome so enthusiastic a Delta, but, owing to the fact that he has not received freshman rank, he cannot at present meet with us.

Last evening, February 13th, Nicholas Armenag Morjickian, of Erzroom, Armenia, of the freshman class, was initiated into Delta Tau Delta. The fraternity will soon hear of the remarkable fortune that has followed him from the time he left home, without money, until to-day. By lecturing in our large cities he has made himself independent of the charity of the American people. If possible, he will be present at the second division conference. I can assure all who contemplate a visit to Wooster at that time that to hear him will alone be worth the time and money spent.

The marriages of Prof. Austin, '79, and of Rev. Gilbert Austin, one of our charter members, have been noticed in the personal columns. In all probability A. B. Austin, of the senior class, will be the next one who will demand a similar notice.

As correspondent for chapter Mu, I desire to be fair in all statements and misrepresent nothing. Far be it from me to say that we are exempt from faults, but from the articles in a few of our contemporary papers it would seem as though we really were not fit candidates for the lower regions. But I candidly believe that to-day Mu is in the strongest condition she has ever been in. Something of the interest and enthusiasm of a chapter can be told from the regularity of meetings and attendance of members. At all the meetings the chair of every member is generally filled and the best of unanimity prevails. We consider our selection of men this year the most fortunate and anxiously await an opportunity to make our report at Wooster.

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#### PHI—HANOVER.

We do not often find a Delta in our midst without any previous knowledge of his coming, but we were taken unawares on the first week of this month on learning that the Rev. Leland M. Gilleland, of the Walnut Street Presbyterian church at New Albany, who was conducting a series of meetings here, was a brother Delta. We found Bro. Gilleland a very congenial gentleman and a loyal Delta Tau. He is of Gamma '68 and was



once the general secretary of the Fraternity. [Is our correspondent correct on this point?—Ed.]

Bro. Melcher has been very sick since the close of last term. Bro. Olmsted and I visited him at his home in Vevay on the 7th and 8th and I am happy to report him convalescent. He will go south as soon as his strength will permit and remain there until next term when he will return to us. He and his hospitable family made our visit to the sick a very pleasant one indeed.

Bro. Hamson, also, had a siege of sickness, but under the skillful management of his room-mate, Bro. Johnston, he has regained his former vigor.

Phi enters a solemn protest against the suggestion of Delta to abandon the third division conference this year. We have the least reason this year for not holding one of any time, it seems to us. We especially should not object on financial grounds when we consider the location of the next Convention and conference, they being distributed between our two states. Michigan chapters will be home at the Convention and we of Indiana will be at home at the conference, so that attendance at both will cost less than one Convention at any ways near the distance of Watkins Glen. There is much good which a conference can accomplish which can not be reached by the Convention. If we make the third division conferences biennial instead of annual let it be next year and not this.

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#### EPSILON—ALBION.

We are glad to report that Bro. Weed successfully stormed the money castle and is with us again, making our complement of twelve men.

Albion college is rejoicing just now over the \$50,000 wind-fall that has recently increased her endowment. Mr. Ezra Bostwick, of Union City, was the benefactor. The gentleman's name will be perpetuated in what will be known as the "Bostwick Professorship of Astronomy," the fund endowing that chair. In all probability this is but the beginning of a plenteous financial shower that will place the college beyond the possibility of em-

barrassment and ensure for her the higher title of Asbury University. Epsilon will keep pace with the advance movement.

Bro. H. C. Morris, '85, and Miss Mamie Russell, '86, came to the inevitable on the 1st inst. and were married at the home of the bride's parents, near Howell, Mich. In honor of the event Epsilon rendered the couple a reception at the chapter hall, inviting friends and the ladies of  $\Delta \Gamma$ , of which fraternity Mrs. Morris was a member, to the number of about forty. It was an occasion to be forgotten only when the memory of those present fades out. To mention the delicacies which weighted the banqueting table would require too much space. The universal verdict was: "The Deltas, as usual, excel." In the midst of the feast the president of the  $Z$  chapter,  $\Delta \Gamma$ , in a well worded speech presented the bride and groom with an elegantly chased silver card receiver as a memento of esteem. Their legion of friends wish the happy pair a long life of usefulness and unmixed joy.

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#### BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

The growth of Beta Beta is strong and healthy as ever. Since my last letter we have succeeded in adding one more to our brotherhood. It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity Worth. E. Caylor, of Greencastle, Ind.

Considerable additions in the way of furniture will be made in our hall soon. Already we have an elegant place of meeting.

Bro. Beaty will enter the North Indiana conference about the 1st of April.

Bro. Johnson is instructor in physics in the University.

Bro. Matson has been elected the first delegate from De Pauw University to the Indiana State Oratorical association.

We acknowledge with many thanks the *Rho Chronicle*. It plainly indicates the condition and enthusiasm of the chapter.

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#### XI—SIMPSON.

The Iowa Collegiate association held their annual meeting and contest in oratory at Grinnell, February 5th. Omega and



Omicron were represented by orators: C. B. Lockwood of the Agricultural college, and Carl Pomeroy of the State University. E. E. Kelly and N. B. Ashly, of Xi, were present, Ashly as vice-president of the association, and Kelly as chairman of the delegation from Simpson Centenary. In the contest Pomeroy of Omicron took first honors. Kelly of Xi was elected delegate to the inter-state convention. Simpson Centenary was represented in the contest by G. G. Martin of the  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity.

The fraternities here are quiet and feelings of amity prevail between them. Few initiations have taken place. The Phi Kappas began the year with a full membership and the Delta Taus have been contented with a small chapter. The Rho Alphas have initiated several men but they have their members principally among the lower class men. The Deltas have eight men in college, yet they have never before been so strong as a chapter. This year has been to them a year of continual prosperity. They have rented a suite of rooms and have furnished them elegantly. They are square financially with the general Fraternity. They have sent in twenty-two subscriptions to the CRESCENT. On the staff of editors of our college journal they have four of the five associate editors, one of the local editors, the reporter and the financial manager.

M. E. Daily, '86, is traveling in the interest of Mrs. Matilda Fletcher.

T. D. Murphy, '87, will join us again with the opening of the spring term.

The chapter is expecting visits from O. A. Kennedy, '86, and Rob Thompson, '87. Ralph Collins, ex-'81, came up from the I. T. and was with us for a few days.

The chapter is under obligations to many of the brothers for aid in the chapter hall enterprise, and to none so much as to W. H. Berry, '72, whose handsome donation deserves special mention. Prof. Cart informs us that we will have to add his name to our list of benefactors. Bro. J. F. Samson presented the chapter with a beautiful banner of royal purple and silver grey.

The fraternities are beginning to plan for the publishing of

the *Tangent*, our annual. W. S. Kelly, '88, is canvassing somewhere in Illinois. C. H. Miller, '84, and Burke Osborne, '89, were at Galesburg, Ill., when last heard from.

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BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Beta Kappa takes much pleasure in presenting her first initiate of the year, Fred L. Chase, '86, of Boulder. This makes our number of active members seven.

Bro. Noxon was elected president of the Philomathean society on February 6th and Bro. Mason member of the executive committee.

Bro. Pease is now editor in chief of the University *Portfolio*.

Bro. Hanns and wife entertained the members of *B K*, with their ladies, at their home Saturday, January 21st. The evening was passed very pleasantly in dancing and music and all voted it one of the most enjoyable evenings of the winter.



## ALUMNI OF DELTA TAU.

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### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

'70 Delano R. Hamlin, son of the Hon. Byron D. Hamlin, of Smethport, Pa., departed this life on the 30th day of May, 1884, in the 37th year of his age. Deceased was a graduate of Allegheny college—class of '70. In 1871 he was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. McCoy, of Smethport, and was the father of two children. His decease has left a void in the hearts of many which time can never fill. Had health and strength been his portion he undoubtedly would have filled a prominent position in life, for which his many abilities abundantly fitted him.

'85 Frank Koester is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

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### TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

'83 Edward W. McCaskey is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

'86 Norman J. Blackwood is a cadet at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

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### RHO—STEVENS.

'76 William Kent read a paper entitled "Irregularity in Railroad Building a Chief Cause of Recent Business Depressions" before the section of economic science and statistics of the American association for the advancement of science at its Philadelphia meeting. He further contributed papers on "Tables of Areas for Chimneys" and "Tables to Facilitate Calculations in Tests of Steam Boilers" at the New York meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'76. Married: On December 18th, 1884, at Lafayette, Ind.,

Albert W. Stahl, assistant engineer, U. S. N., and professor of mechanical engineering in Purdue University, to Blanch, daughter of Judge David C. Vintau, of Lafayette, Ind.

'77 John Rapelji has completed his railroad work in Pennsylvania and will spend three months in travel south and west, going as far as New Orleans and San Francisco.

'80 Geo. M. Bond represents the Pratt & Whitney Co., Hartford, Conn., at the New Orleans exposition.

'81 A. C. Humphreys, until recently engineer of the Pintsch Lighting Co., New York, is now superintendent of construction for the United Gas Improvement Co. of Philadelphia. He recently became a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'83 E. D. Estrada has a position in the steam supply department of the New York Steam Co.

'84 John A. BenseL has a position in the department of maintenance of way of the Pennsylvania R. R. at Jersey City.

'84 E. H. Foster and Kenneth Torrance are in the shops of the Hydraulic Works, Brooklyn, acquiring the practical details of their profession.

'84 Wm. L. Lyall returned from England on January 29th.

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PI—LEHIGH.

'76 W. L. Raeder was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Worrall, of Elmira. They will settle in Wilkesbarre.

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NU—LAFAYETTE.

'82 Robley D. Walters, M. D., is now practising medicine at Beelztown, Pa.

'82 W. A. Seibert is about to graduate in the Boston Medical school and will then locate in Easton.

'82 Marcus B. Lambert is now taking a post graduate course in the natural sciences at John-Hopkins.

'82 Milton J. Bleim is now assistant demonstrator in the Hahnemann Medical school of Chicago, Ill.



'84 A. R. Niles is now a law partner of his father, J. B. Niles, Auditor-General of the State, at Wellsboro, Pa.

'84 A. B. Camp is reading law in Chicago, Ill. His address is 432 West Adams Street.

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NU PRIME—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

'72. When the Republicans of the Indiana Legislature met in caucus to decide who should receive the complimentary vote of the Republican party for United States Senator against the Hon. Daniel Voorhees, quite a number of votes were cast for General Thomas M. Browne. The caucus decided to give the complimentary vote to the out-going Governor of the state, but had the honor been other than an empty one General Browne's strength would have shown itself. When Mr. Voorhees was elected to the Senate in 1879 the complimentary vote was given by the Republican party to Bro. Godlove S. Orth.

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MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

'70 E. D. Curtis, a very enthusiastic Delta, is engaged quite extensively in the furniture business at Astoria, Oregon.

'71 Prof. J. N. Study delivered a lecture at Earlham college on "The Scholar in Politics." The lecture is spoken of by the press as being a most able effort.

'72 G. S. Innis is a professor in Hamlin University, Hamlin, Minn.

'82 C. E. Jefferson is studying theology at Boston University.

'83 E. E. Cheney is a student at the Cincinnati Law school.

'83. Married. At the residence of Mrs. G. W. Emerson, Delaware, Ohio, November 25th, 1884, Rev. Gilbert Austin to Miss Georgia Covill.

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PHI—HANOVER.

'60 Prof. J. M. Bloss, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is now superintendent of the public schools at Muncie, Ind.

'70 E. G. Henry, founder of Phi, is practising law at New Albany.

'72 D. H. Stapp, assistant founder of Phi, is practising law at Aurora, Ind.

'75 Peter La Grange is a merchant at Franklin, Ind.

'78 C. A. Allen is a merchant at Wyoming, Ohio.

'78 Robt. C. Lambe is practising law at Carlyle, Ill.

'81 T. Wiley Parvin is in the railroad business at Philadelphia.

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EPSILON—ALBION.

'85 Albert D. Niskern is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

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IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

'85 Thomas H. Rees is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

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KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

'69 Will Carleton is writing a new book, which will be published by Harpers in June.

'73 Rev. Lathan A. Crandall is a member of the Board of City Missions, New York City, and was a delegate to the Baptist state convention, held in Rome, New York, in November.

'73 Chas. F. Crowell is a prosperous merchant in Portland, Oregon.

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BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

'76 The Rev. Fernandes C. Holliday, D. D., senior member of the board of trustees of DePauw University, delivered the semi-centennial sermon before the south-east Indiana conference by appointment of that body at its session in Seymour, Indiana, September 17th, 1884. It has been published by request of the conference and contains a steel engraving of the author as a frontispiece. He also delivered an able address entitled the "Memorial Retrospect" at the first annual observance of "Founders and Benefactors' Day" of DePauw University in Greencastle February 4th, 1885.



'78 Preston B. Triplett is deputy county clerk of Clay county, Indiana.

'82 Dudley H. Jackson is book-keeper in the mills of Wm. C. Hall at Brazil, Ind.

'88 John E. Stevens is the junior partner of the firm of Eaton & Stevens, wholesale and retail dealers in coal, wood and coke, at 321 N. 13th street, Terre Haute, Ind.

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BETA ZETA—BUTLER.

'76 Morris W. S. Phillips is president of the Western Polo league.

'80 James B. Curtis is captain of the Indianapolis Light Artillery.

## TO THE CHAPTERS.

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A Mr. E. A. Wright, an engraver and printer, doing business in Philadelphia, has recently taken it upon himself to engrave a steel plate of our Fraternity Vignette for use in college annuals, and in a circular letter announces that he is now able to supply our chapters with impressions at \$12.00 per thousand. The Vignette Agent, in reply to inquiries from numerous correspondents, desires to state that Mr. Wright has acted without official sanction from either the Fraternity or the Executive Council and that his action is entirely uncalled for, ample means for obtaining impressions of our standard Vignette having already been made through the regular channels of the Fraternity. At the Convention of 1881 a Seal Committee was appointed and instructed to prepare a steel engraving of the Fraternity's emblems, the necessary funds being advanced from the general fund of the Fraternity. The engraving was done by the Franklin Bank Note Co., of New York, and was executed in the very best style. It has always given entire satisfaction. As will be seen from the reports made by the Vignette Agent to the conventions of 1882, 1883 and 1884, the impressions were sold at a slight advance over the actual cost with a view of ultimately defraying the cost of the plate and returning the money loaned the agent from the general fund. Mr. Wright's engraving is, at best, but a very poor imitation of the standard Vignette. It is needless to call the attention of our chapters to the extreme impudence of Mr. Wright in interfering, without any authority, in the affairs of the Fraternity. Mr. Wright's price is considerably lower than the cost of impressions from our plate, being, indeed, less than



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