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HISTORY OF THE RAINBOW FRATERNITY.

ABOUT the year 1848 a rebellious class from the University of Lagrange, Lagrange, Tenn., entered the University of Mississippi. Among its members was Col. John B. Herring, and to him and six others are due the honor of being the founders of the Rainbow Fraternity. They adopted as the ensign of the Fraternity a badge modeled after the Roman sceptres. Their next step was the organization of a chapter at the college from which they had just departed. It was organized in 1858, and flourished as the best in the institution until its disbandment in 1861 (beginning of war). It is from this chapter that we have our oldest surviving record, bearing the date of March 11, 1858. The number of members at this chapter was fifteen.

Returning to the S. A. Chapter of Oxford, Mississippi. From 1849 to 1861 we have the record of only twenty-four members of that chapter, but there must have been more. When the civil war broke out the fraternity was completely broken up, and nearly all of the records destroyed. For four years after the war the fraternity did not have a meeting, for few of the little band of Rainbows came back from the fields of battle, and those who did were so scattered that it was difficult to reorganize. But brighter days were in store for it. In the year 1867 the fraternity was reorganized by David S. Switzer at Oxford. During this year there were nine men who struggled hard to put the Rainbow Frat on a fine footing, for, says W. H. Calhoun, "No club or fraternity suffered more by the war than the Rainbow, and these men being the right sort were successful. The next year six more members were initiated, and the prosperity of the

fraternity is supposed to date from that time. In 1871 a chapter was established at Furman College, Greenville, S. C. It continued for three years, and for some cause, at the end of that time, the parent chapter saw fit to withdraw its charter.

On May 15, 1872, a chapter was established at Erskine College, Due West, S. C. This chapter had a long and successful career, although, from its establishment, it was opposed by the Faculty of the institution. They had, altogether, fifty members. Their charter was withdrawn in 1880, but was reëstablished again soon afterward. On November 21, 1873, a chapter was established at Stewart's College, Clarksville, Tenn. Its charter withdrawn the next year. In 1874 chapters were organized at Wofford College, South Carolina, and Neaphogen College, Grass Plains, Tenn., but the charters of both were withdrawn. In 1874 the badge of the frat was changed, and a general overhauling took place. The chapter at Oxford, from its beginning, has been the peer of any club in the University, and it boasts the membership of many of Mississippi's favorite sons. In 1877-78 this chapter had twenty-two men, who took nearly every honor in the school. In 1882 the I. P. Chapter at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., was organized, and has had a most successful career. In 1883-84 chapters were organized at University of Texas, Emory and Henry College, and the University of Tennessee. In 1883 the Vanderbilt Chapter became the executive chapter, and through it the union with Delta Tau Delta was effected.

“THE CRESCENT” AS A FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRATERNITY.

For seventeen years communication between the chapters of our Fraternity and the Greek world in general was carried on by correspondence. Each year demonstrated with increasing perspicuity the absolute need of other means of intercommunication and exchange of thought and idea. And it was this great want of some exponent, by which the chapters and their mem-

bers could be brought into closer relationship and feeling, which gave birth to *THE CRESCENT*. The convention of 1877, which met at Bethlehem, Pa., realizing this growing necessity, decided to have published a paper in the interests of the fraternity and its adherents, and chose Bro. W. C. Buchanan (Theta, '73) as its editor, and formulated a plan of publication. Pursuant to this action, the first number appeared September 15, 1877, under editor-in-chiefship of Bro. Buchanan, assisted by Bro. J. P. L. Weems. A studied examination and perusal of that initial issue cannot fail to convince one that it had been well founded, and that from the first its success was assured. From that day *THE CRESCENT* grew and prospered as a bay tree, and few if any fraternity publications can look back over a more evenly successful career, either from a literary or financial point of view.

The chapters of our fraternity, scattered throughout the States, were, prior to 1877, scarcely acquainted. Communication was unsystematic, irregular, infrequent, unsatisfactory. A consequent indifference pervaded the entire order. There was but little progression in the chapters; fraternity life was one of stagnation; there was no exchange of ideas, no expositions of new ones. Delegates, on their return from conventions, gave glowing accounts of the meetings, and for a time there was some stir in the chapter, but the old feeling of apathy soon returned. The birth of *THE CRESCENT* was like the breaking of a new light in the east. The grand principles and teachings of Delta Tau Delta were brought forth to the eyes of all; the chapters were at once drawn closer together, and a new spirit entered their meetings. Alumni read with renewed pleasure the news of almost forgotten classmates and their successes; the events transpiring in their old fraternity houses; the triumph of Delta Tau in the East, West and South.

The high position which Delta Tau has taken among her rivals, and the respect with which she is held by them, has been almost entirely promoted by the character of the journal, which is the real exponent of our order. Our policy has from time to time been stated in its columns, in such clear, unmistakable terms as to win the applause of every fair-minded observer; and a close

reader will testify to the fair, generous manner in which all matters of interest have been treated.

Since the publication of our organ, the progress and development of the order has been marvelous. In 1877 there were twenty-five chapters on our roll, and many of these in institutions of the lowest grade. During the succeeding eight years sixteen chapters, all in first-grade colleges, have been added, and nine charters taken from chapters in inferior colleges, leaving us at present thirty-two. The history of our fraternity will show that during no similar period was such a remarkable development made; and, too, it must be remembered that by this time the best colleges of the country had already been entered by many fraternities, and that each succeeding year made it a more difficult matter to secure a desirable set of men in desirable colleges. Such is our record during the existence of *THE CRESCENT*, which directly and indirectly was the agent in this work.

Only since our *CRESCENT* conception have our conventions been attended with any degree of success. Prior to the Put-in-Bay convention of 1877, the business transacted at these meetings was comparatively unimportant and devoid of any new or progressive features. The wonderful success of the ever-to-be-remembered Pittsburg and Cleveland conventions was, we do not hesitate to say, due to the stirring articles in *THE CRESCENT* under their able leadership, combined, of course, with the assistance of the committee in charge.

Our most recent mark of energy and advancement—the establishment of an executive council for the government of the order came indirectly from the discussions and needs of the order set forth in our journal from time to time, and the accounts of the government of other rival successful brotherhoods. The inauguration of division conferences, State meetings, the establishment of alumni chapters at New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Grand Rapids have all occurred with the era of *THE CRESCENT*, and in which she has figured as a valued and needed assistant.

In fact, she has gone hand in hand with every development in our order, and in some instances has been a ruling factor in

carrying on our schemes and plans for progress. Unconsciously she moulds and shapes our thought and leads us to a contemplation of all that is good and just in Delta Tau Delta. It is only when we stop to look back that we realize what an influence she has had upon our thoughts, the forming and guiding of what is greatest and best for the future of our one common cause—
 Deltaism. E. P. CULLUM.

OUR DELTA QUEEN.*

(Respectfully dedicated to the Alpha, by J. Harry Geissinger.)

TUNE, AMERICA.

Raise we in chorus now
 Praise to thee, Delta Tau,
 Reigning supreme !
 Long last thy sovereign might,
 Thy crescent e'er be bright,
 Still pour thy stars by night,
 Love's radiant stream.

Tower thy noble form,
 Power be thine in storm,
 Queen we adore !
 Thy banner's purple-gray,
 Lead us from day to day,
 Safe on our peaceful way,
 Safe in each war.

Loudly our voices ring,
 Proudly thy subjects sing,
 Our Delta Queen !
 God keep when foemen frown,
 Jealous of thy renown,
 Spare to the end thy crown,
 God save thee, Queen !

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THE CRESCENT AND STAR.

(*Δ T Δ Gathering Song.*)

To Learning and Labor, to Love and to Law,
We bravely devote every breath that we draw—
And we cling to our colors, in peace or in war,
And march in the light of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

We are comrades, forever,
Whom naught can dissever,
In councils of peace, or confusion of war ;
As brother to brother.
We stand by each other,
And shout, all as one, for the Crescent and Star.

We are knights of the plow, and the pen, and the plume,
We sow—and the wilderness breaks into bloom ;
We sing—and our songs flutter forth and afar—
As we fight for the right, 'neath the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

Ah, Delta Tau Delta ! Ah, comrades of mine !
From the plains of the palm to the hills of the pine,
Be loyal ! be firm ! and may naught ever jar
The Brotherhood born of the Crescent and Star. ♡

CHORUS.

But see ! on the field of our banner appears
A Rainbow of Promise that spans all the years—
That blazes and bends like a broad scimeter,
In the bright streaming light of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

Then health to the country that each of us loves,
Its strength be the eagle's, its peace be the dove's—
And sad be the hour that shall sever or mar
This union of hearts 'neath the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

JAMES NEWTON MATTHEWS.

COLLEGE TRADITIONS AND THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

George William Curtis, in Harper's.

ONE hundred and thirty-two years ago Columbia College, in New York, then called King's College, opened its doors for students. It was the year in which Dr. Franklin proposed his plan of colonial union in the Albany Congress, and in the same year the French built Fort Duquesne, and before the Freshmen at King's had ripened into Seniors, Braddock was defeated and Washington had made his famous march to the fort. The modest little town of New York in which the new college was planted contained about ten thousand inhabitants, and King's College was the sixth in order of foundation, following Harvard, William and Mary, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania. The young college was not a very prolific *alma mater* in the earlier years. During the twenty years from its organization until the Revolution it graduated but about one hundred students. But it was an illustrious progeny. Among those pupils were Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, and Robert Livingston and Gouverneur Morris, and Egbert Benson and Philip Van Cortlandt, and Henry Rutgers, and sons of all the conspicuous New York families.

Now *noblesse oblige*. Is it surprising that the descendant of a noble house is proud of his ancestry, that the youth of to-day who can trace his lineage straight back to historic heroes and patriots and poets and philosophers and statesmen feels himself to be not only the heir of their renown, but born to the duty of maintaining its lustre untarnished, if nothing more? So feels the worthy alumnus of a college. There is a blue blood of academic association as of family descent, and as the son of a long line of famous or noble sires feels the admonishing consciousness of a great responsibility for others as well as for himself, so the college graduate owns the duty of his great association, and would live worthily of the select society to which he belongs.

If the little New York of 1754 and the little King's College could look in upon the vast and stately and prosperous city that we know, would they be surprised to see, evening after evening in the winter, the successive triumphal feasts of the various colleges, Jura answering to the joyous Alps that call to her aloud? Not at all. Those reverend half-dozen first graduates of King's, recalling their college feeling, would gaze benignantly upon the scene, glowing with the eloquent speech, joining in the pealing chorus of the song, serenely conscious that nothing could be more natural and inevitable than the demonstrative and festive pride of college boys in their college.

Those elders, indeed, with all their sympathy, could not understand it completely. They would see through a glass somewhat darkly, but they would see. For those brave Freshmen of 1754 and graduates of 1758 had no college tradition. They founded the house, indeed, but the pictures that hang in fancy upon its later walls, the voices that fill with the airy music of imagination its later and statelier halls, the glorious romance of association,—all this was wanting to those young academic ancestors. For them there was no backward vista of tender radiance, no constellated memories beyond their own experience.

When the Society of the Cincinnati was formed, a club designed to cherish Revolutionary associations and traditions, the sensitive scent of patriotism was sure that it detected the fatal aroma of aristocracy, and raised an alarm. Hereditary honors, class privileges, endangered popular rights,—these were the chimeras dire that hovered over the Verplanck cottage upon the Hudson where the meeting for organization was held. But what a modest and harmless conspiracy it has proved to be! The society was always small. Its worst fulminations were appeals to patriotism. Its most flagrant offence has been an annual dinner. What a tempest in a teapot was this hostile excitement against that simple good-fellowship of Revolutionary officers! Meanwhile the vast and powerful organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, which followed the later war, and which is an immense political force whose countenance both great parties sedulously solicit, and to propitiate whose favor

national laws are passed and State laws modified, is to the Cincinnati as the King of Brobdingnag to the Prince of Lilliput, but it arouses no suspicion of peril to the commonwealth.

The college fraternity is a Cincinnati of educated men, and it is often regarded with the same kind of feeling which assailed the old association of Revolutionary comrades. Like that, it has a great tradition. Like that, it is full of proud and tender memories. Like that, it feels the tie of union to be an inspiration, a wise restraint, a consolation. Like that, it meets to refresh its recollections, and by that meeting to enrich and ennoble life. The singing roisterers in the smoky hall, whose bright banter and gay chaff are the charm of the college dinners, carry from the table the blessing that they do not always ask. They renew their consciousness of the higher ideals that brood over the mercenary strife, the contest of money-making, and mean motives and low ambitions. Yes, the tradition of college is good-fellowship, but good-fellowship in an intellectual air and amid scholarly associations. To cherish it is to remember not only that you are a member of that fraternity, that you wear its blue or red ribbon, its collar or cross, its star or garter, but that it lays an obligation upon you, an obligation of honor not to be shaken off.

The college clubs which have sprung up so suddenly and naturally in this city—which is metropolitan at least in the sense of collecting citizens from the whole country—and the pleasant dinners with which they celebrate themselves, continue the good work of the college, not by extending a knowledge of Greek and mathematics, in which every college man is *ex officio* already proficient, but by strengthening loyalty to manly aims and stimulating generous sympathies.

Even the sensitive patriots who call Heaven to witness that college education is no better than it should be, that college alumni are to be suspected like the Cincinnati, and that reform in the civil service is only a deep and dark conspiracy to fill all the offices with college men, and, more appalling still, to keep them there!—even these patriots, whom other patriots in the press encourage, and, as it were, “’St boy!” to the onset upon

that awful plot, may be comforted. Thank Heaven, our liberties are still safe despite those artful Cincinnati, and the civil service is still free from all but a very small proportion of college men. The official statistics assure the patriots who dread education that they may sleep on in complete confidence that the college will not be permitted totally to overthrow our happy Constitution. No, tyrants and colleges, avaunt! Americans never, never will be slaves!

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY AND THE LAMBDA CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, among the foremost institutions of learning in the country, crowns one of the many hills that girdle the fair and stately city of Nashville. Looking down from its turreted halls one gazes upon a scene where every prospect pleases: the far stretching hills where was fought one of the deadliest, bloodiest and most decisive battles of the war; the Cumberland, winding away like a thread of gleaming silver; Capitol Hill, bearing on its lofty crest the noble State House; the chaste and decorous National building and numerous pretty and striking private residences already pushing their way up to the gates of the University. These, with many other scenes of beauty, readily convince the spectator that the projectors of the University exercised most excellent judgment and the rarest discretion in the selection of a site for their college.

The University owes its origin to the munificence of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who, on the 27th day of March, 1873, made a donation of \$500,000, which amount was totally consumed in the purchase of grounds, the erecting of buildings, the procurement of cabinets, furniture and general equipments. Soon after Mr. Vanderbilt made a further donation of \$600,000, as a permanent endowment fund. To this amount different contributions, by Wm. H. Vanderbilt and others, have been made, until at present the University has an assured annual income of over \$50,000. The campus comprises seventy-four acres, well inclosed and handsomely improved. It has always been the policy of the authori-

ties to decorate and ornament the grounds in a manner befitting the natural beauty of the surroundings. To this end, over one hundred varieties of shade trees have been planted, which have already made the campus a resort of rare charm and beauty. The University buildings, situated on the campus, are the University Hall, a large and substantial four-story brick structure, devoted to general university purposes; Science Hall, Wesley Hall, the Theological Department, the Observatory, the Gymnasium, and residences, ten in number, of the Bishop, the Chancellor and several of the Faculty. The buildings of the Medical and Dental Departments are located in the city. Wesley and Science Halls, and the Gymnasium, all fine and attractive brick edifices, were added to the University by a special donation of \$150,000 made in 1879 by Wm. H. Vanderbilt, whose late bequest of \$200,000 will probably be used in the construction of a library building and the founding of a permanent library fund.

The departments of the University are six in number, as follows: the Academic, the Biblical, the Law, the Medical, the Dental, and the Department of Pharmacy. Each of these has its faculty of instruction, charged with its special management. From the beginning Vanderbilt has met with wonderful success. The attendance has steadily increased from year to year, until at present it reaches nearly six hundred. Much of the prosperity of the institution is undoubtedly due to the faculty, which comprises in all the departments over fifty professors, instructors and assistants. Many of them are men of the greatest ability and widest culture, and thoroughly alive to the interests of the University. A large number of the faculty have made independent researches in the fields of science and literature, which have brought name and fame to themselves and honor to their college. The prospects of the University are of the brightest. With a permanent endowment of a million, well equipped buildings, a large and enthusiastic faculty, a growing body of loyal and devoted alumni, and a constantly increasing undergraduate corps, Vanderbilt can with safety be placed in the front rank of the colleges, not alone of the South but of the entire Nation.

Lambda Chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$, lately the S. A. Chapter of Rainbow, was founded in 1882 by Walter Cain, a graduate of the Oxford, Miss., Chapter. The charter members were seven in number. Owing to the feeling of hostility to fraternities at that time existing in the faculty, the early existence of the chapter was necessarily *sub-rosa*. At length, in the fullness of time, it seemed well to them to openly wear their colors and precipitate the fight with the faculty. In the contest which ensued they were quickly joined by $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, who had previously entered the University. The fraternity question was carried before the authorities, ably, candidly and honestly discussed, and the result was a triumphant victory for the fraternities. The obnoxious laws were repealed, the fraternities recognized, and generously welcomed to the best the institution afforded. The progress of the chapter has been uniformly successful and prosperous. It has flourished from its foundation, and has always been regarded as one of the very best in Vanderbilt. Of the University honors, many have been obtained by the chapter, and not a year of its existence has passed unmarked by victories of its members. The Lambda has been exceedingly conservative in the choice of members, soliciting only those of the highest social standing, moral worth and intellectual capacity. In consequence the chapter *personnel* has been strong and powerful, and has always commanded the respect of its rivals. In Lambda, $\Delta T \Delta$ may heartily congratulate herself that she has acquired, as Grand Chapter of the Grand Division of the South, a body of men who will loyally and devotedly foster her interests and ably direct her growth in the "Sunny South-land."

RYMERTON.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

A QUARTERLY meeting and social reunion of the New York Alumni Association of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity was held on Saturday, March 27, at 6 o'clock P.M. at Morella's, Nos. 4 and 6 West Twenty-ninth street, New York. In the estimation of all who participated, it proved to be a most enjoyable occasion. Among those present were Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73, Pastor of the East Twenty-third Street Baptist Church, President of the Association; Will Carleton, *K*, '69, well known throughout the fraternity; Andrew Bryson, *K*, '67, Principal Assistant Engineer of the Kings County Elevated Railroad, Brooklyn; A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; A. G. Brinckerhoff, *P*, '77; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; L. J. Brück, *P*, '78; W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; and John A. Bensell, *P*, '84, and W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84, by invitation.

At a brief business session preceding the dinner, the by-laws of the Association were amended so as to provide for non-resident members, to a number not exceeding twelve at any time; these to have all the rights and privileges of resident members, except to vote on candidates for membership, and shall be confined to those residing beyond a radius of ten miles from New York City; the purpose is to identify with the Association especially those members of the fraternity who belong to chapters now no longer in active existence, as well as those who are unable, owing to distance, to participate in the active affairs of their own chapter. This step was determined upon, after a number of such members of the fraternity had signified their desire to unite with the Association, and it is believed that the full complement in this class of membership will be secured before the close of the year.

The following officers were elected for the current year: President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73; Vice-President, Prof. John L. N. Hunt, *Θ*, '62; Secretary and Treasurer, A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Executive Committee, W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*, '67; A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; and L. J. Brück, *P*, '78.

Committee on Membership: W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; Prof. J. E. Denton, *P*, '75; and Dr. R. S. Gage, *M*, '70.

At the dinner informal toasts were responded to as follows: "Delta Tau Delta in Literature," Will Carleton; "Delta Tau Delta in the Ministry," Rev. L. A. Crandall; "Our Alumni," W. W. Cook; "Our Fraternity," A. P. Trautwein; "Our Reunions," A. H. Roudebush; and "The Ladies," L. J. Brück. W. W. Cook, upon general request, gave a statement of the union with the Rainbow Fraternity, which was listened to by all present with great interest.

The Association met again, for a social reunion, on Saturday, April 17, at 6 o'clock, at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York City. In addition to a number of those who were in attendance at the meeting immediately preceding this, there were present upon this occasion the following: W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67; William Kent, *P*, '76; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; H. S. Pope, *P*, '81; and M. J. Martinez, *P*, '82.

The Association decided to extend its courtesies to any duly accredited member of the other Alumni Associations of the fraternity, who may have occasion to visit New York City at the time of any of its reunions. It is requested that inasmuch as these will occur frequently in the future, all such members of the fraternity will promptly communicate the fact of his presence in the city to the Secretary of the Association. This invitation is extended in general to all members of the former Rainbow Fraternity who may reside in or visit New York City.

It was further resolved to endeavor to maintain close association with the other alumni chapters of the fraternity, and to assist if possible in the organization of new chapters of this class. It was decided to have in future informal discussions upon matters of current interest in economic and political science, educational topics, and similar subjects which it is thought will prove attractive to all who may be present at the meetings.

The next meeting, the last of the present season, will be on Saturday, June 12, at a place to be announced in due time. This, it is believed, will exceed in point of attendance any that have been previously held. A number of applications for mem-

bership will then be acted upon, and there is every reason to believe that the active membership at the beginning of next season, in September, will be nearly thirty. It will thus be seen that the Association has started out under rather favorable auspices and bids fair to become a permanent feature in the organization of the fraternity.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE PI OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

THE University of Mississippi, situated at Oxford, in Lafayette County, was chartered in 1844 by the Legislature, under an able Board of Trustees. Shortly after the incorporation the Board proceeded to organize themselves into a regular body, and entered upon a discharge of their important duties. The corner stone of the Lyceum, the principal building of the University, was laid with Masonic ceremonies, and an address was delivered by Hon. John J. McCaughan. In July, 1848, the first faculty was elected. At the election there was a lively discussion as to whether clergymen ought to be allowed to submit themselves as candidates for the chairs of the different departments, and whether the "Evidences of Christianity" should be taught or excluded from the college curriculum. The excuse for the omission of said subject was that the tenets of some particular church would be inculcated into the minds of the young men.

George Frederick Holmes, LL.D., was elected first President of the institution; the duties as instructor in metaphysics, ethics and political economy also devolving upon him. He was an Englishman by birth, and late of William and Mary College, Va.

The University of Mississippi opened formally on the 6th of November, 1848. Hon. Jacob Thompson, then a Member of Congress for Mississippi, made a stirring and brilliant address, which was followed by an elaborate and chaste oration by President Holmes, to a highly intelligent and elegant assembly. At first both the faculty and students were subject to difficulties; the former on account of the latter's disorderly and turbulent con-

duct, for, though many of the young men were of the "first families" in the State, the student body was idle, uncultivated and ungovernable, their vivid and incorrect imagination having allured them with the traditional belief that college life was but a series of gay and frolicsome scenes, from which they could emerge as great "steerers of the State" after a few sessions.

In 1859 the title of "Chancellor" was substituted for that of President. Great, distinguished scholars have, during its existence, adorned the "cathedral" of the University, in their different departments; among others may be noted Drs. Millington, Bledsoe, Barnard, Waddle, Garland, Hillyard, Longstreet, Burney; Hons. Lamar, Campbell, and others. The property of the University is very considerable. Situated upon its grounds (campus) are fourteen large brick edifices and one frame building. Eight of these are used for professors' residences, and three dormitories for students; Lyceum, containing lecture-rooms, library, cabinet, laboratory and offices; Observatory, for astronomical and mechanical purposes, and containing costly apparatus for these. Of the University buildings we further have: the Chapel, spacious and fine, with two literary societies' halls,—Phi Sigma and Hermaen,—in the third story; the Magnetic Observatory; the University work-shop, etc. During the session of 1884-5, the University registered two hundred and thirty-seven students. The University magazine is published by the two literary societies. The faculty consists of eighteen professors, instructors and teachers.

The history of the Pi Chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$, until recently the S. A. Chapter of the Rainbow Fraternity, is essentially the history of that society. Previous to the war the chapter boasted of an unexampled prosperity, and, being for several years the only society in the college, selected only the best men. It is not wonderful, then, that the records of the University bear testimony to the fact that an unusually large share of the University honors were bestowed on the Rainbows. The civil war, which fell heavily upon the University, disrupted the fraternity, destroyed its records, and scattered its sons,—many of whom

joined the Confederate armies, some of them now sleeping quietly in unknown graves, where

"Glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead."

For eight long years the chapter had no active existence, until the reorganization was effected in 1867 by David S. Switzer. During this year the chapter numbered nine men, who struggled faithfully and well to place it upon a permanent basis and secure for it prosperity and success. In the following year six strong men were initiated, and the organizers commenced to see the realization of their hopes and to reap the rewards of their labors. For several years nothing of peculiar interest occurred, the chapter continuing to move onward step by step with the rival societies, until, in 1877-8, a large number of the ablest men in University were initiated. As a result, nearly all the honors in that year were captured,—a victory unequaled in the history of the University. The yellow fever, in the summer of '78, carried off several of the active members, and left the chapter in a somewhat weakened condition. The lost ground was, however, recovered by the stern efforts of the remaining members, and the old reputation was retained, and new garlands added to those already won. The later years have peacefully passed away, marked by no startling events. The chapter has prospered. She has retained her prominent position in the affairs of the University; the undergraduate membership has averaged from fourteen to eighteen, and has from year to year crowned the fraternity with new evidences of strength and ability; the alumni have retained much of their interest, and many of them have already attained eminence in the public affairs of the State. As the Rainbows of Mississippi have ever jealously guarded the rich traditions of their glorious past, so with strong and willing hands will they grasp the imperial standard of "our good old Delta Tau," and carry it forward, with love and fidelity, to fresh fields of honor, renown and distinction.

The Greek World.

A CHI PHI, writing to *The Quarterly*, from Cornell, says that "Alpha Delta Phi, Zeta Psi and Psi Upsilon have chapter-houses of their own, and, with the Kappa Alpha, have the choice of men. They have a membership of about twenty each, excepting Zeta Psi, which averages fifteen. This fraternity is the most select and richest in the college, having a handsome house and no debt. The Kappa Alpha, however, are perhaps even in a better financial condition, having several members of the faculty. It will probably build a house this spring. The Theta Delta Chi have a very nice and energetic set of men. The Delta Kappa Epsilon for years stood far in advance, but, owing chiefly to the want of a chapter-house, have fallen and dwindled away to nine men. It is undoubtedly a fact that possessing a chapter-house enables a fraternity to have the choice of men. Phi Kappa Psi has but eight or nine men, and exists more in a name than anything of influence. Still worse is Beta Theta Pi,—few men and not very select. One of them has distinguished himself as an ardent and noisy member of the Salvation Army. The members of Delta Upsilon are mixed in appearance and disposition, but are in common among the 'digs.' As a result of their hard work they do much in the way of college honors. Chi Psi just started again last spring, and is not making much headway. The field seems to be too well occupied already for the new-comer. Unless it could start with a chapter-house and a good fund at its back, its chances for life are small."

THE new lodge of the Lambda Chapter of the Delta Psi Fraternity at Williams was opened on March 15, 1886, with appropriate ceremonies. The corner-stone was laid last May, and the building is now complete. It is of blue freestone, unique in its design, the architecture being a happy combination of the early English and Norman styles. The site is, perhaps, the finest in Williamstown. Representatives were present from all of the chapters of the fraternity at Yale, Trinity, Columbia, the Uni-

versities of Rochester, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington and Lee. Among many others there were present Bishop Doane, of Albany; Gen. Steward L. Woodford, of New York; Revs. J. D. Fulton and D. A. Schauffler, of New York; President Simmons, of the New York Stock Exchange; Cyrus W. Field, Jr. A special train brought 150 members from New York and vicinity. A banquet was served at midnight in the new banquet hall.

$\Sigma \Phi$ has withdrawn its charter from Union College on account of the decline of the college.—*A T \Omega Palm*. This is the parent chapter of $\Sigma \Phi$, and is the second oldest chapter in the Greek world, being founded in 1827, the oldest being the Union chapter of Northern *K A*, which was founded in 1825.

THE other fraternities represented by chapters at the institute are ΣX and $\Theta \Xi$. ΣX has been here four years and has fifteen men, five of who have come here from chapters at other colleges. $\Theta \Xi$ was established a month before our chapter, and has eleven men. The best of feeling prevails among the fraternities here, as is shown by the fraternity hops,—a series of afternoon Gymnasium dances given by the three fraternities.—[Massachusetts Institute of Technology correspondent to the *A T \Omega Palm*.

THE anti-fraternity laws at the University of West Virginia have been repealed, and *K A* has reëstablished her chapter there. $\Delta T \Delta$ had a chapter there in the early days of the war, which numbered among its membership John H. Miller, Vice-President and Manager of the Merchant's Telegraph Construction Company of New York City; the Hon. Joseph Moreland, a prominent lawyer in Morgantown and a Regent of the University; and the Hon. George C. Sturgiss, also a prominent lawyer in Morgantown, and and recently the Republican nominee for Governor of the State. $\Delta T \Delta$ recently received a petition to reëstablish the chapter, but did not think it wise to do so.

THE Senate of the United Chapters of the Phi Beta Kappa met in Boston on March 6, at the rooms of the Fellows of Harvard College. Several applications for charters were received and appropriately referred. Arrangements were made for the trien-

nial meeting of the National Council at Saratoga on September 1, 1886. Among those present were Edward Everett Hale, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, O. B. Frothingham, President Francis A. Walker, Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, Justin Winsor, Professors F. R. Nash, of Hobart, and Adolph Werner, of New York College.

A. A. KINCANNON and Dabney Lipscomb, professors in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, are both $\Delta T \Delta$'s; Prof. J. L. Johnson, and A. J. Quinche, of the University of Mississippi, are ΣX 's; M. H. Mabry, Lieutenant Governor of Florida, is a $\Delta T \Delta$; Prof. Edward Mayes, of the University of Mississippi, is a $\Delta K E$; A. S. Mehary, J. C. Longstreet and J. W. Cutter, members of the last Legislature of Mississippi, are $\Delta T \Delta$'s.

A NEW fraternity has come to us this year, $\Phi A X$. Its chapter is rather a strong one numerically, but it is as yet but little known in our Greek world. The "Mystic Seven" has changed its name to $\Phi \Theta A$, and its badge from a monogram of the letters $M E$ to a star, with the three letters given above, in the centre. There is a rumor that ΣN is to start a chapter here, but nothing material has come of it.—*U. of V. cor. $\Phi K \Phi$ Shield.*

THE Sigma Phi Fraternity celebrated its fifty-ninth anniversary with the Alpha at Union on March 4, 1886. The active chapters at Hobart, Williams, Union, Hamilton, and the Universities of Vermont and Michigan were represented. Among those present were Hon. Charles E. Fitch, editor of the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, Gen. Rufus King, of Albany, and about forty others.

THE new song book of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will appear during the month of May. There will be about ninety songs in all, about forty of which are new. There will be ten or twelve pages of original music, and the other pieces will have references to "Carmina Collegensia," "American College Song Book," "Student's Songs," and other like collections where music is found.

AT her St. Louis Convention, in 1885, $B \Theta II$ granted a charter to petitioners at the University of Texas. This chapter

does not appear among the others in the *B Θ Π* "Hand-Book for 1886." It is said that the chapter started with only four men and has never obtained any more, but has lost some of the original four.

THE movement for a Zeta Psi Club in New York City was advanced on March 16, at a meeting of the resident members, when a committee appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the project reported in its favor. To ensure the success of a club-house one hundred members will be required.

The Shield says "that the fraternities at the University of Nebraska ($\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and ΣX) are desirous that $K A \Theta$ should establish a chapter in that institution." A $\Phi K \Psi$ recently entered the University with the desire to found a chapter, but, finding the field occupied, joined $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

INDIANAPOLIS seems to be a popular city for constitutional conventions. *B Θ Π* adopted her present constitution there in 1878; the present constitution and laws of $\Delta T \Delta$ were adopted there in 1883; and in 1886 $\Phi K \Psi$ adopted her new form of government in the same city.

THE resident members of Theta Delta Chi held their fourth annual reunion and dinner at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York, on March 12. President Capen, of Tufts, presided. About eighty members were present.

THE chapters of $A T \Omega$ at Washington and Lee and Stevens await the action of the High Council of that fraternity at its next meeting. The former has no members, and the latter has but one, and he is a senior.

THE Lambda Chapter of Delta Phi at Rensselaer gave a brilliant ball on February 24, 1886, in part payment of society obligations due the people of Troy by that fraternity.

THE New York and Pennsylvania Chapters of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ will hold a conference June 3 and 4, at Gettysburg, Pa.

THE Indiana State Convention of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ met with the Lambda Chapter of De Pauw University, April 9, 1886.

The colors of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Delta \Phi$ are white and blue. The colors of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Sigma A E$ and $\Sigma \Phi$ are royal purple.

THE Epsilon Province Convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ met in Indianapolis, April 8, 1886.

$K A$, at Cornell, will soon commence the building of a chapter-house.

THE next Convention of $X \Phi$ meets at Louisville, in November, 1886.

THE $A \Delta \Phi$ *Star and Crescent* has suspended publication.

ΣN has entered the Missouri State University.

$\Sigma A E$ has established a chapter at Wolford.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has entered Adelbert with six men.

WHEN MY SHIP WENT DOWN.

I.

Sank a palace in the sea,
 When my ship went down ;
 Friends whose hearts were gold to me—
 Gifts that ne'er again can be—
 'Neath the waters brown.
 There you lie, O Ship, to-day,
 In the sand-bar stiff and gray !
 You who proudly sailed away
 From the splendid town.

II.

Now the ocean's bitter cup
 Meets your trembling lip ;
 Now your gilded halls look up
 From Disaster's grip.
 Ruin's nets around you weave ;
 But I have no time to grieve ;
 I will promptly, I believe,
 Build another ship.

WILL CARLETON.

Editorial.

*The XXVIIth Annual Convention will be held at
Louisville, Aug. 25, 26 and 27, 1886.*

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

WE have received a copy of the by-laws of the New York Alumni Association of our Fraternity, which affords us a good insight into the workings of that organization,—an account of whose two recent meetings will be found elsewhere in this issue of *THE RAINBOW*. The entire scheme for its organization seems to have been carefully worked out, with a keen appreciation of the conditions under which alumni chapters have been known to thrive, and of the dangers which threaten their existence. We therefore take pleasure in briefly stating the methods of this Association, as shown by its rules. We do so the more cheerfully because the subject of alumni organization, which is at present receiving considerable attention from the more progressive of the fraternities, finds Delta Tau Delta thoroughly alive to the issue. We trust that the time will not be far distant when the alumni chapters now on our roll will be supplemented by others in those of the larger cities which afford the necessary material.

The officers of the New York Alumni Association are few in number, consisting of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary and Treasurer,—the offices of Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer being combined in one person; they are elected for one year, and perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers. There is an Executive Committee of three, which arranges for meetings, banquets and social reunions; arranges the toast list, assigns the papers to be read, and arranges for the topical discussions. A Committee on Membership take action upon all applications for membership, and examines the candidate's fraternity and professional or mercantile record. Provision is made for two classes of members,—resident members, who reside and do business within a radius of ten miles

of the post office of the City of New York ; the latter class is limited to the number of twelve, presumably to secure compliance with the laws of the fraternity framed for the government of alumni chapters, which place the responsibility for the charter with resident members. Non-resident members, however, seem to have all privileges and rights of resident members, except that they have no voice in the election of members. The method of election is by letter ballot, and all candidates are required to be present in person at the meeting immediately preceding their election. Active membership in both classes is for the present confined to graduates of two years' standing and to non-graduates who have been four years out of college. This seemingly arbitrary ruling is, we understand, made for the purpose of allowing the policy of the Association, its membership, and the manner of conducting its elections, to be determined by the older graduates, and to prevent the Association from degenerating, as so many others have done, into essentially undergraduate reunions, of temporary existence and without fixed objects in view. We learn, however, that it is by no means intended to debar the younger graduates and non-graduates from participating in the social reunions of the Association, or from being present at the business meetings. The whole plan seems to have been wisely planned, and experience will doubtless confirm the theory on which the New York Alumni Association seems to be working.

We shall watch its workings with a great deal of interest. In New York City the alumni chapter scheme will be subjected to the crucial test of its efficiency. In no city in the country, except perhaps here in Chicago, are the conditions for successful growth less favorable than in New York City, whose numerous professional societies, social organizations, and thousands of distractions peculiar to metropolitan life, render it much more difficult to maintain an organization whose existence shall be more than merely nominal, and which will successfully attract the older as well as the younger alumni ; which will maintain active co-operation and advisory relations with the Executive Council and the smaller chapters ; promote a better acquaintance, socially and professionally, among the graduate members of the fraternity, and advance the interests of Delta Tau Delta in its vicinity. And if the New York alumni succeed in their undertaking, as now seems more than probable, we shall not listen with any degree of patience to the protests of our alumni in such cities as Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Indianapolis that, in spite of their large number of

resident members, they cannot venture to conduct an alumni chapter with at least as fair a prospect of success as our alumni in the busy Metropolis.

THE CATALOGUE DISTRIBUTION.

THE last General Convention passed a resolution providing for the definite and final distribution of the remaining copies of the Fifth General and First Biographical Catalogue of the fraternity on such a basis that every chapter, as such, shall be responsible for its quota of the entire edition in proportion to the whole number of names on its chapter roll, as found in the Catalogue. This action was taken on the fair assumption that, inasmuch as the Catalogue is a general fraternity enterprise, every chapter should be called upon to bear its proportionate share of the expense by means of subscriptions. In this way all chapters whose alumni and undergraduates have done their duty are relieved of further responsibility, while those who have failed to interest themselves in behalf of the Catalogue, will now be called upon to attend to the distribution of their quota. No fault can be found in justice with this arrangement, which is impartial and fair; and we are glad to learn that several of the chapters who have failed in the past to show that interest which they should have, are now realizing their share of the responsibility by promptly taking up their part of the edition. The Catalogue certainly deserves the most general circulation, and, if properly used, will do more toward bringing together the alumni and undergraduates than any other means that can be devised. It has met with universal approval from all who have seen it, and is considered by those whose opportunities for judging are good, the equal of any work of its class, with perhaps one or two exceptions. To the lawyers of the fraternity the book must be of special value, giving them the addresses of nearly 750 members of their own profession, whose reliability, responsibility and honesty as correspondents is largely guaranteed by the fact that they are members of the fraternity. The time of the year is now coming when our younger members will spend much of their time in travel; they cannot have a more useful traveling companion or *vade mecum* than a copy of the Catalogue. We do not think, however, that the book requires further

praise from us, as its merits are well known throughout the fraternity, and we can only hope that the entire edition will be exhausted in short order. It was not printed from stereotype plates, and as the next Catalogue will not be issued until 1890, it will be well if those who desire a copy of the Catalogue will provide themselves with it at once. We draw attention to the notice, elsewhere in this issue, of the Catalogue Agent on this subject.

THE CONVENTION OF 1886.

THE Executive Council, in pursuance of the authority conferred by the Detroit Convention, has selected Louisville as the place, and August 25, 26 and 27 as the time, for the Convention of 1886. We have every reason to commend the wisdom and judgment exhibited by the Council in their choice of a place so well adapted for a successful Convention as is the city of Louisville. The hotel accommodations are excellent, the generosity and hospitality of its citizens unbounded. The hundreds of Delta Taus in the adjacent Northern States will welcome the opportunity of visiting a typical Southern city, and, at the same time, participating in the affairs of the Convention and joining in the mirth of a jolly Delta banquet. It will for the first time give our Southern chapters the chance to send full delegations, and get thoroughly acquainted with their Northern brethren. Without doubt the selection of Louisville will attract a large number of our new brothers of the Rainbow, and thus lead to that much desired end—the complete and harmonious mingling of the members of the fraternities so happily united. The arrangements for the meeting will be made by the Louisville alumni, who in our next number will publish a full and satisfactory announcement to the fraternity.

No appointments for Orator and Poet of the Convention have as yet been made by the Council, and we earnestly hope that these features will be omitted, and the meeting celebrated without public literary exercises. We base our statement on what we believe to be solid and convincing facts. Two of our recent Conventions,—those of Indianapolis and Detroit,—cost the fraternity an outlay of nearly half-a-thousand dollars. The greater part of this expenditure was for public literary exercises, which, though certainly pleasant and agreeable

features, are yet of momentary value, and not lasting or permanent in their effects. Any Delta who is even slightly acquainted with the actual, pressing needs of the fraternity, will readily admit that these do not lie in the direction of public display at our Conventions. Convention literary exercises in the past have proved themselves costly amusements, and certainly have brought but meagre returns upon the investment. It is not necessary for us to enumerate the different ways in which this money could be more wisely and judiciously expended and invested. They are well known to every Delta Tau who wears the harness of a worker and toiler in our vineyard. Our disbursements, every dollar of them, should be for internal improvements, and not for outward show. To place one chapter in a comfortable hall ought to be of infinitely more satisfaction to us than a two-column newspaper article on literary exercises at our Conventions. The latter is read and appreciated by few, and forgotten in a day by the masses who notice it. Most of us, indeed, who listened to these exercises enjoyed them, and carried away pleasant recollections. Yet the more practical members, when we came to count up the profit and loss and square the ledgers, could not avoid the belief that, by a different use of the money, the fraternity, as a living, working, fighting organization, could have been better prepared for its life, made more efficient in its work, and armored with stronger, sterner weapons for its field of conflict. Money to a college fraternity, as to all organizations, is indeed the sinews of war and the keenest and most effective instrument of offense or defense; and that society which regulates and controls its financial expenditures in the simplest, wisest, most practical methods, will inevitably reap the most permanent and lasting results. As a fraternity dating its real life back scarcely ten years, Delta Tau has accomplished wonders. As much, if not more, can be done in the next decade if we use our surplus money,—if, fortunately, we should possess any,—in strengthening our weak places, in developing where we need to develop, in making permanent and abiding those forces which are essential to the activity and vigor and power of the fraternity.

As an additional argument in support of our position, let us mention the fact that the Louisville Convention will be overcrowded with work. Without the slightest exaggeration, more questions of importance will be thrust upon this Convention than upon any of its predecessors. As is well known, much of the work of the Detroit Convention was left unfinished. We need only mention the Ritual as an example.

At Louisville the policy of the fraternity, in several matters of extreme moment, will be firmly fixed ; the separation of the chapters into permanent Divisions ; the creation of several new funds, and the founding of a permanent financial policy ; the final regulations of dues, taxes and assessments ; the discussion of methods to place the journal on a successful financial basis ; plans for the organization of the alumni ; various changes in the emblems of the fraternity, and other questions of equal importance will invite and engage the attention of the delegates. These subjects must be discussed deliberately and exhaustively, and decided in full view of the force and effect they will exert on the future history and growth of Delta Tau. We have no reason to doubt that every available hour of the three days will be demanded for the transaction of legitimate business, and that no time can be spared to public exercises.

Open Letters.

THE INDIANA ORATORICAL CONTEST AND ITS LESSON.

THE literary exercises upon the occasion of the Indiana State Oratorical Association in Indianapolis, on April 8, are remarkable chiefly for the disgraceful scenes which followed the call for the representative from the the State University at Bloomington. The appearance of two rival claimants gave rise to an acrimonious discussion and to disgraceful disturbances, which ceased only when the manager of English's Opera House announced his determination to clear the house if these scenes did not at once come to an end.

These occurrences one might naturally look for at a political ward caucus, but not at a symposium of college men ; to us they seem especially offensive, and we are therefore prompted to examine the facts of the case and point out the lesson which they should teach. The whole trouble can be traced directly to the system of interfraternity combinations, so common in all of the Indiana Colleges. In no others, in fact, has it become more universal and far-reaching, as written bargains are entered into every year, and by these the several fraternities are inflexibly bound for that period, irrespective of right or wrong. That there is no other principle involved than that of making the best of the bar-

gain, is best shown by the fact, that it is of constant occurrence to see the allied fraternities of one year arrayed in bitter hostility against one another the following year; the desire of each being to control by thus combining as many as possible of the political and literary offices. It affects every phase of college life, every college enterprise, and finally enters into the affairs of the State Oratorical Contest. It is a source of deep regret to the intelligent members of all of the fraternities beyond the limits of the State, and a constant source of anxiety to the governing bodies of the same; it seems to have defied all general and special legislation that has been passed with a view removing it. It is doing much toward making the Chapters of that State political cliques whose sole aim is to advance selfish interests to the detriment not only of their colleges but also of their fraternities; it is largely responsible for perpetuating the initiation of preparatory students, because some of the Chapters in order to maintain their numerical influence, will resort to the initiation of senior and even of middle and junior preparatory students, which necessarily compels others to follow suit. It leads to hasty initiations in the scramble for members, and has done more, we feel sure, than all other influences combined, to cause the numerous instances of expulsions, resignations, and desertions, which are more common in Indiana Colleges than in those of any other State. In fact a casual observer would feel quite justified in assuming, that at some of these colleges the fraternity system is rotten to the core, and, indeed, there must be something radically wrong in a system which tolerates abuses, only a few of which we have pointed out above.

As the first step necessary to purge the fraternity system of its irregularities, it will be necessary to abandon at once the present practice of making written and formal bargains; they savor too much of the methods of the very lowest political work; we believe, that in every relation a chapter's word, like that of an individual, should be as good as its bond; but every chapter should feel free to act according to its best instincts, which it cannot, when a written compact is signed in combination with others, long before the time for action has come.

We will not argue here against interfraternity combinations except in the abstract, for we realize fully that these will continue to exist in spite of the most logical argument and the most stringent legislation, until such a time when the fraternities will find in their legitimate purposes a sufficiently large sphere of usefulness to exercise all of their

energies and engage their entire thought ; but we desire to see their undoubtedly vicious influence minimized by cutting off all features that will yield to argument and legislation. We therefore call upon our Indiana Chapters to hold aloof from all combinations which tie them hand and foot as does the present method ; the resolution of the Watkins Glen Convention to this effect has never been duly heeded. It is useless to remonstrate that they cannot afford to do so, without losing all political influence ; we would rather see them deprived for a whole college generation of all college honors, falsely so-called, than to have them assist in perpetuating a system of whose viciousness, both in methods and results, they must be fully aware. Moreover, at least one chapter in the State, that of *A K E*, at De Pauw University, has resolutely and for a number of years taken precisely the position which we here advocate, and we believe has suffered but little in the distribution of college offices.

A. P. TRAUTWEIN.

Reviews.

THE RECORD | OF THE | OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER, | PHI KAPPA PSI, | compiled and edited | by | W. H. GAMBLE, '88, O. W. U., | Registrar of the Chapter, | E. M. VAN CLEVE, '86, O. W. U., | Delaware, Ohio, | Ohio Wesleyan University, | 1885.

THE publication of this neat little book of 216 pages celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ohio Alpha of $\Phi K \Psi$. It is the product of the faithful labor and patient toil of two undergraduates who devoted their time and talents to the work, so that the chapter might possess a fitting record of its achievements. The book opens with the usual *Introduction*, which precedes *A Song of Phi Kappa Psi*, a rather lengthy but excellent poem. Then follows a graphic sketch of the *History of Ohio Alpha*, by C. L. Van Cleve, well known as a recent editor of *The Shield*. *Ohio Alpha's Infancy* is a sympathetic article on that period of chapter life, which to every devoted fraternity man possesses a peculiar interest. The main body of the book is devoted to *The Special Register*, which consists of biographical sketches of the chapter initiates. Many of these are complete in every respect, giving the date of birth, name of parents, course of education, — public school and collegiate; political, professional or business career in full, and many other details necessary to a satisfactory sketch. An unusually large number of honorary members are noticed, who were avowedly initiated to strengthen the chapter at a time when college authorities looked upon fraternities as unworthy of trust. Aside from these members, the chapter has legitimately enrolled many men of prominence and wide reputation. The work concludes with *Ohio Alpha Reminiscences* and an *Index*. The compilers are to be highly commended for the excellence and success of their *Record*. The book will be to them a rich reward for their time, labor and thought, and a fitting tribute of love and loyalty to their chapter, which is certainly to be heartily congratulated upon possessing men who have been willing, under discouraging circumstances, to cheerfully devote themselves to her interests and advancement.

A | MANUAL | OF | PHI DELTA THETA, | by WALTER B. PALMER. | Nashville,
| Southern Methodist Publishing House. | Printed for the author | 1886.

SUCH is the title page of a handsomely printed little volume of fifty-four pages, recently published by Mr. W. B. Palmer, who is well known in general fraternity circles as a very prominent $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and one of her ablest and most skillful organizers. A very mine of valuable fraternity and collegiate information is packed between the covers of the volume, and a clumsy Phi Delt. will he be who cannot convert it into a most effective and dangerous campaign document. More than half the pages are devoted to a clear and well-written *Sketch of the Fraternity*, wherein is charmingly portrayed the birth, the early struggles and the wonderful growth of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Many of the author's statements are strengthened and verified by foot-notes, in the line of quotations from accepted fraternity authorities and historical articles published in the journals. Four pages contain a list of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s *Prominent Members*, of whom she possesses a goodly number. *Statistics of Fraternities* mentions all the chartered fraternities, giving date of foundation; number of chapters in number of States; name of journal, with date of foundation; and the fraternity colors. The final sixteen pages contain a most valuable array of *Statistics of Colleges*, in which $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is represented. The items include name of college and college town; date of charter; income; endowment; number in faculty; number of students in various departments; tuition fee; size of library; names of college papers; names of fraternities represented, with date of entry. By an admirable and judicious use of his materials, Mr. Palmer has succeeded in producing a manual of sterling worth for practical use and ready reference. It is interesting and valuable not only to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s, but also to all other fraternity men, who will find the statistical portions especially adapted to their needs. We would like to see a copy placed in the hands of every one of our chapters. The book will be sold to any person, and can be obtained of the author, W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., for thirty cents in paper covers, and fifty cents in cloth.

Chapter Letters.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

THE Twelfth Annual Contest of the Indiana State Oratorical Association was held in English's Opera House, Thursday evening, April 8, 1886. After the orators from Franklin and De Pauw had spoken, the presiding officer then arose and said: "I wish to give a word of explanation. The orator from the State University has been contested. Part of the committee is for Mr. Fesler and part for Mr. Sims. Mr. Fesler's name is on the programme, and his subject is "The Independent Voter." As the presiding officer took his seat, Mr. Fesler stepped forward to speak, and at the same time Mr. Sims appeared at the footlights. Cries for Fesler were succeeded by cries for Sims, and then cries of the factions ran together and so continued for the some minutes. Manager English then appeared upon the stage and said: "I am not the manager of this oratorical contest, but I am manager of English's Opera House. If this thing continues, neither of these men shall speak in this house." The cries for Sims and Fesler continued, and then the shout of "Wabash, Wabash," was taken up, that college being next on the programme. Mr. English again came upon the stage and said: "These gentlemen will both have to take their seats. The house officer here will see that they do so." At this both took their seats, and the noise subsided. As Mr. Sims was the orator of the regular association and Mr. Fesler of the irregular one, it seems that the former should have been allowed to speak.

The other colleges represented were Wabash, Butler and Hanover. The first position was awarded to Mr. Joseph M. Adams, '86, $\Delta K E$, of De Pauw University. Among the Judges were Professor Justin N. Study, $\Delta T \Delta$ (Mu, '71), the Superintendent of the Richmond Public Schools, and the Rev. Leland M. Gilleland, $\Delta T \Delta$ (Gamma, '68), the pastor of the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, Evansville. The winning combination in the election of officers for the ensuing year was composed of $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Delta K E$, $\Phi K \Psi$, ΣX and $\Delta T \Delta$, each of which received one or more officers, the minority being composed of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and the barbarians. Nearly all of our chapter

attended the contest, and had the pleasure of meeting the Phi and Beta Zeta Deltas, and the two Deltas who served as judges on the contest.

Dr. Earp has been offered the presidency of Baker University, at Baldwin, Kan. Prof. William W. Martin, of the School of Theology, has accepted a professorship in the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University. Lieut. James B. Goe will be succeeded by Lieut. Will T. May as Professor of Military Science and Tactics on the first of July. The Forty-seventh Year-Book of the University is now in the hands of the printers, and will show an enrollment of nearly seven hundred students in all departments. Representatives of a part the fraternities of the Junior Class will soon issue an annual which will be called the *Mirage*, and we will be pleased to exchange with the chapters for the annuals published at their colleges. The chapter regrets the absence of Bro. Wimmer, '86, who will not be in college this term, but will graduate with his class in June. We were all very much pleased to know that the Rainbow Fraternity is now a member of $\Delta T \Delta$, and hope that much good will result from the union. When Bro. Plummer stopped off on his way from Nashville last fall, Beta Beta called a special meeting and agreed to the articles of agreement between $\Delta T \Delta$ and Rainbow, thus being the first chapter to vote upon them. Since last writing it has been our good pleasure to have with us for a short time Bros. Borryman, '86, and Jackson, '82; Professor Study (Mu, '71), Beta Beta's guardian in her early days, and also Bro. Johnson, '85, now Instructor in Physics in the Indianapolis High School, who assisted Professor De Mott in his illustrated lecture on the "Philosophy of Music," the best entertainment of the University lecture course. We acknowledge the receipt of *The Choctaw Pow Wow*, published by Alpha, and *The Iota Chronicle*, both of which are quite readable papers, and deserve much encouragement.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

OUR second term is nearly finished, and six or seven weeks will see the members of the chapter enjoying the freedom of the summer vacation, which is about the only one worth mentioning with the exception of a week's holiday at Christmas. As we look back over the past year we can truthfully say that the chapter has made more advancement than in any previous one. We have held our largest membership and have secured more college honors than at any time.

The rooms we now occupy are particularly desirable, and as we have a whole floor are very agreeable. We have had the misfortune to lose three of our members, namely, Bro. Finney, '88, and Bros. Hebert and Martin, '89. Bro. Martin was obliged to return home on account of poor health. Bros. Finney and Hebert will return in the fall. The Institute Ball Nine defeated Union College by a score of 12 to 4. Work has been renewed upon the Gymnasium, and it is expected to be finished by next September. It will be a very handsome building, 44×80 feet, two and one-half stories, built of dark red brick, with brown-stone trimmings. The annual, the *Transit*, will be out in about three weeks, and it is reported will be an exceptionally good issue. We hope to exchange with all our sister chapters publishing annuals. On account of the large graduating class, and the small Freshman class, several of the fraternities here will be reduced to a very limited number, especially if the incoming class should be small. During the past month we have had the pleasure of receiving visits from Bros. Asserson, '87 ; Quintana, '84, and Ranney, '85.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

AS THIS is our first letter to appear in *THE RAINBOW*, and as all know we are new-comers in the Greek world, we would ask indulgence if we do not write as good a letter or appear as well acquainted with journalistic affairs. The University has not as many students this session as in former years. Some attribute as a cause, co-education, which made its *debut* here in 1882 by resolution of the Trustees ; but the male part of the student body seems to be dissatisfied with co-education as it now exists, and some few are doing all in their power to banish it from the University. But the session thus far has been very profitable one to the students and a very pleasant and peaceful one for the professors. Spring has come at last, with her balmy breezes and bright new dress of green, and has made the campus lovely beyond description. Nearly all the students have the "spring fever" and "Knucks," which, by the way, is a favorite spring game here.

The 17th of April was the day for the Hermæan Literary Societies Senior Trial Debate, but on account of the inclemency of the weather it was postponed until night, which was lovely, and all the beauty and chivalry of Oxford were out to hear the seniors "spread themselves." It was a very interesting debate, and all the speakers did themselves justice. The following Saturday (24th) was the day for the Phi Sigma

Literary Societies' Senior Debate. The seniors acquitted themselves admirably, and one rarely hears debates like that. On April 30 we will have the pleasure of hearing Phi Sigma's chosen Anniversary Orator, who will give us an original oration, and every one is expecting something grand, as he is a gentleman of some renown in oratory, having taken two medals before. Commencement is slowly but surely approaching, and even now one can hear the boys practicing their speeches for that memorable occasion of "jollity" and "ice cream."

Our chapter is in good condition, and we meet regularly every other Saturday night. We have thirteen good men, which is more than the average for each fraternity here. Three of our men are juniors, three sophomores, three freshmen, and one senior law student. This seems to be a good session for fraternities here, as every one has a good number, and there seems to be less of the clannish spirit and more sociability among the clubs than has been for many years. We are anticipating quite a nice time with some of our alumni at Commencement, of whom quite a number have written us that they would be here on that occasion. We received letters not long since from Bros. Plummer and Ware, welcoming us as Deltas, and also received a letter from Bro. Eugene Benton, of Beta Epsilon. We are always glad to hear from any Delta, and thank Bros. Plummer and Ware for the nice welcome they gave us, and hope that we may always conduct ourselves so as not to lessen that welcome or detract from the fair name of Delta Tau Delta.

Lambda—Vanderbilt.

SINCE the initiation of the Rainbow Chapter into the mysteries of $\Delta T \Delta$, things have been on the *qui vive*. Our members have gone to work with an earnestness never displayed before, and are determined to make and keep the "A" Chapter one of the best in the fraternity world. Bro. Finney, of "T" Chapter, was with us on the 15th, and the boys vied with each other in showing him courtesies, and succeeded so well that he remained a day longer than he expected to. We are now trying to hold a Conference of the chapters of the Rainbow Division, in order that the newly made Deltas may be made better acquainted with the inner workings of the fraternity, and that a more healthy spirit of fraternal feeling might be infused into some of them. If we succeed in holding a Conference, it will more likely be at Chattanooga, May 21 and 22, and all Deltas are cordially invited to attend

and lend a helping hand. Bro. J. M. Kile Law, '86, has been honored by being appointed as one of the Moot Court speakers for Commencement. The $\Delta T \Delta$ Chapter has, as confreres in the mystic world, the $B \Theta \Pi$, $K \Sigma$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $K A$, $\Sigma A E$, with all of whom it is on the most friendly terms. The $B \Theta \Pi$, $X \Phi$ and $\Delta T \Delta$ are especially on friendly terms, and never fail to come to the assistance of one another when necessity demands it. Our fraternities generally average about fifteen members. We have initiated about twenty of the old Rainbow alumni into the fraternity. On May 8 there will be a sort of reunion of the alumni, pursuant to a request from our chapter, on which day we expect about twenty more to "ride the goat."

I would so much like to be able to write at length the praises of the University in which " Δ " Chapter is located, for it is undoubtedly the best equipped University in the South. Therefore, for want of space, I will only speak of a new enterprise that has been inaugurated at Vanderbilt, namely, an Athletic and a Base Ball Association, which promises to bring great pleasure to the boys and profit to our University. At present there are about one hundred members in each association. Our object is to get our Southern Colleges interested in this move in order that we might meet once a year in the Caledonian games, as they do in the Eastern Colleges. Our "field" day will be on the 7th of May, and I may safely predict, from what the boys are doing in practice, that several records will be equalled, if not beaten. Bro. J. B. Fogg (B.A., Harvard), Law, '86, is the captain of the athletic games. Bro. J. A. Clinton, Law, '86, is manager of the Varsity B. B. C. Our colors are white, black and yellow.

Omicron—University of Iowa.

THE State University has been severely handled this year by the legislature and friends (?) Everyone having some little grievance has taken this opportunity to ventilate it before the legislature. Notwithstanding this combined opposition, the appropriation bill passed, and the University is better known and better appreciated for having undergone the test. This has been a prosperous year for the S. U. I. Fraternities. Omicron introduces to you three initiates since our last letter—James H. Lloyd, '89, Charles City; Valmah T. Price, '89, Elkader, and Henry C. Williams, '87, Charles City. The number of initiates into the different fraternities this year are as follows; $\Delta T \Delta$,

ten ; $B \Theta \Pi$, eight ; $\Phi K \Psi$, four ; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, four ; ΣX , three. R. B. Clark, '88, is with us again this term.

The Iowa City *Vidette Reporter* of March 6 contained the following item :

"Last Saturday evening the members of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity met in their large and elegant halls for the purpose of entertaining their friends. The evening was spent in social intercourse, cards and dancing. Among the visitors present were Miss Lulu Clarke, Cedar Rapids ; Misses Lamsons, Fairfield ; also, Messrs. Chas. E. Thayer, Minneapolis ; J. W. Witmer, Grant Marquardt, DesMoines ; H. M. Hedrick, Ottumwa ; E. L. Hughes, Ohio Wesleyan University."

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

THERE is a marked falling off in the usual attendance of students at the O. W. U. this term, probably due to exaggerated reports about the "measles epidemic" we had last term. A little over four hundred students have thus far enrolled. There seem to be but few men available for fraternities among the new students. This is the term when the fraternities try their strength with each other in games of ball and other out-door sports. Already the "nines" are being formed, and at no distant date $\Delta T \Delta$ will doubtless "cross bats" with some worthy opponent. What we lose for want of a gymnasium we can regain by field sports. A gymnasium and drill room has recently been fitted up in one of the college buildings, but members of the battalion only are allowed to enter. At the close of last term we were officially notified by the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity that H. J. Clark, '88, and C. E. Dreese, '89, had, *by request*, resigned from that fraternity. Mr. Clark was formerly a member of $\Phi K \Psi$ at Meadville, Pa., while Mr. Dreese recently entered as a new student from Xenia. It seemed to be the old story of "fish in the wrong pool."

Bro. H. B. Swartz, '84, who has been attending the Boston School of Theology, will take a post graduate course of study here this term for the degree of A. B., in order that he may be able to receive the degree of Ph. D. when he returns to Boston. Bro. A. L. Banker, '86, has been called away for a month to fill a vacancy in the public schools at Cardington, O., but will return in time to graduate with his class. Not long since Bro. E. E. Ewing, B, '64, made our chapter a pleasant call. The reports of our delegates to the Second Division Conference were very entertaining, and we are sorry that more of us could not attend. The Junior Class of this college expect to publish a *Bijou*,

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which will probably be out in about a month. We would be glad to exchange with other chapters for like publications. The Pan Hellenic Glee Club, which furnished music for the last Pan Hellenic Banquet, took a trip, during the spring vacation, through Southern Ohio, giving, in all, four concerts. Various reports from the different places and from the boys themselves have been received, and we are led to believe that while they did not get "rich," they had more "fun" than is derived from most vocations. Since this term began they have organized themselves into a Pan Hellenic Fraternity called the $A K \Phi$. They have thirteen members—nine singers and four musicians. They recently gave a very entertaining concert before the people of Delaware, which consisted of college songs and other ditties which made the programme spicy throughout. Our latest initiate to the fraternity is George H. Geyer, '89.

Beta—Ohio University.

SINCE our last letter the attendance at the Ohio University has been considerably increased, and the new buildings and additional apparatus promises to greatly increase the prosperity of the University. A few days ago the Legislature appropriated several thousand dollars for our use in employing new professors for next year, and the outlook for our time-honored institution is better than ever before. Arbor Day in Ohio we celebrated in fine style. Some new trees were planted in the Delta row, and it still remains the finest row of fraternity trees in the campus.

Beta now has eight members, all of whom are up to the standard of Deltaism in intellect and character. The $B \Theta \Pi$'s and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s have some very good men here, but we are proud that the Deltas still take the lead in scholarship. We are sorry to announce, however, that one of our brightest men, Bro. F. E. Strickland, a member of the Senior Class, died at his home in Adams County some weeks ago. Bro. Strickland was, without question, the best student in the University, and we expected great pleasure and profit from our association with him for another term, but he passed away in that unwavering faith which we believe Deltaism fosters, and has gone to his reward above. Our chapter was highly entertained at the home of Prof. Evans a few evenings ago. Prof. Evans is the only member of the Faculty who is an enthusiastic frat. man, and he wants us to know that

he belongs to us, and he helps us in many ways. Two of our boys out of the six selected are on the programme for literary contest at the coming Commencement, and for the fourth time in succession one of our Alumni will deliver the Master's Oration in June. Only two of our boys—T. B. White and J. A. Kirkendall—graduate this year. We are all in good spirits and expect to make the remainder of this term the most pleasant for Beta that she has seen for years.

Omega—Iowa Sate College.

WITH May 1st comes a change in the presidency of the I. S. C., President Leigh Hunt having handed in his resignation on account of ill health. The name of his successor is as yet unknown, though various indications point to Hon. J. W. Akers, present State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as the coming man. As may be readily imagined, students, being specially interested, are looking forward to the meeting of the Trustees and the announcement of the new executive with no small degree of interest. The Legislature only appreciated our institution this year to the extent of an appropriation of \$7,500, a matter much regretted by all, as there was ample room for a judicious expenditure of many times that amount.

Omega has not been idle this term. The opening found us with eleven active members on hand, and a general disposition prevailing to push society work. This has been carried out, and our regular literary sessions thus far have been marked for their success and interest manifested. On the evening of May 6 we hold our first joint session of the term with the "sisterhood" of I. C's. Temporal, as well as spiritual things will no doubt be very ably discussed, and an enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

Epsilon—Albion.

SINCE our last letter we have entered upon the last term of our year. Our outlook is particularly pleasant to us, since, for the first time in our history, we are living together in a chapter house. This is the accomplishment of a long series of persistent efforts upon the part of Epsilon to possess a chapter house, and it is with great pride and satisfaction that we are able to extend an invitation to our alumni and any and all Deltas, while in the city, to call upon us and make us a visit. Our doors are always open,—come. We will assure you that you are

heartily welcome. The prospects within our chapter are equally as promising as those without. Since the beginning of the year, by close economy and constant effort, we have been able to decrease our chapter debt to the extent of seventy dollars, while at the same time paying our local running expenses and keeping a clean balance sheet with our general fraternity. To us this is greatly encouraging. We feel that our strength in a financial way has been put to a practical test, and that we have won, and that indicates to us a bright and happy future. Also, it gives to us much pleasure to be able to introduce to the fraternity our new fraters, Bro. Luther Lovejoy and Bro. Edmund Edmunds, who have united their interests with ours in Delta Tau Delta.

Eta—Buchtel.

THURSDAY evening, April 15, our active members and several of our alumni of Akron, with three Delts from Cleveland, assembled with their ladies at Hotel Buchtel to see $\Delta T \Delta$ and $K K \Gamma$ united in A. E. Hyre and S. Emma Cadwallader. The party was composed almost entirely of Delts and Kappas. Rev. C. E. Nash, of the Universalist Church, rendered a very impressive ceremony. Everything passed off in perfect order. No more enjoyable time could have been wished by the most critical, as everybody was happily entertained throughout the entire evening of ceremony, music and banquet, and all felt that they must long remember the marriage of Lon. and Cad. Delta Tau Delta furnished ushers. Bro. Garber and Miss Krenzke, $K K \Gamma$, were attendants at the ceremony. Among the presents were an elegant clock ($K K \Gamma$), a fine decorated tea-set ($\Delta T \Delta$), many silver pieces (Akron alumni), and a fine lamp (Zeta and Cleveland alumni).

The Record, given birth to by Bro. Hyre, and by him sold to Bro. Felt, has slumbered for more than a year, it having been purchased by the Faculty. This last-named body offered it to the students to edit and manage, but the students could not agree with the faculty. A few days since, those to whom *The Record* was indebted received notices that were they to bestow the same upon the college, the gift would be duly appreciated. Bro. Felt can now walk out without fear of his creditors, as many looked to him as responsible for the completion of their ads. and subscriptions. In the death of *The Record* is another case of a deluded faculty. There is not much communion of good feeling in the Senior Class,—about half of the members pulling one

way and the remainder another. Some are dissatisfied with the manner of electing representatives on commencement day. This is the cause of the split, but there is a mixture of obstinacy.

Iota—Michigan State.

EFFORTS for the organization of a third fraternity in the college are at present being exerted, with favorable chances for success. The institution, with a constantly growing attendance of over three hundred, can well support an additional society. Iota, on the night of April 3, was happy to add to her circle of actives Bro. J. B. Wheeler. Bro. C. B. Collingwood, '85, graced the ceremony with his presence. The occasional visits of Bro. Thomas, '85, are heartily appreciated by the chapter, always happy in extending her courtesies to her alumni. We have lately placed in our hall a new Knabe piano, an addition long contemplated, and our final success gives us a great deal of pleasure. Our hall presents an exceedingly fine appearance, since it was completely refurnished only two years ago at an expense of several hundred dollars. The expense of the piano was largely met by our alumni, to whom the thanks of the actives are cordially extended.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

THERE has been a most gratifying change here in the feeling of fraternities for each other. So far, this term has been accompanied by the usual prosperity in college circles. Everything has been gliding smoothly along, with the exception of the double delegation from here to the State Oratorical Association, and even this disturbance did not manifest itself in any rancorous feelings among the students. Our chapter has always discouraged combinations and the wire pulling,—if not the hair pulling,—to which they necessarily lead. In this respect we have a clear record, and we hope that a higher standard of peace and harmony is awaiting our college. There is the best of feeling existing among the sister fraternities, as well as between the fraternities and "barbs." There is not so much anti-fratism shown as a year ago, and, indeed, there has been no cause for such feeling. It has been about as quiet in fraternity circles. No initiations have taken place, except that of a prep. taken by the Phi Delt.

Every one was much surprised, at the beginning of the term, by the news that the *KA* Θ 's had lost their charter, it having been

taken away at their last convention, at Wooster, Ohio. Several reasons have been given, but none seem to have sufficient evidence of being the right one. Much sympathy has been expressed, and we understand there was talk of trying to have the charter renewed. We as well as other fraternities, have been tolerably quiet this term, but we hope by our next letter to announce another loyal Delt. Bro. Wise will be in our midst next year. He has hitherto been preaching in the city, but has resigned his position there, and intends moving to Irvington. He will be a powerful instrument for our good, as no one comes in contact with him without feeling his genial influence. We also hope to have Bro. Higbee with us next year. He has been teaching this year, and he has been so much in love with it that he hardly knows whether to return or not. Brother Davison is clerking in a coal and coke company's office in Minonk, Ill. We were much rejoiced the first of the term by a visit from Bro. Van Cleave, who has been in Kansas for a couple of years. He is very enthusiastic; says he met several Delts, all of whom treated him as if he were a long-lost brother. Bro. Armstrong cannot be with us this term, much to our sorrow, on account of his eyes. Bro. Durler is, we understand, though not to a certainty, clerking in a bank in Chicago. Our alumni seem to forget us. It may be that they start to come to see us, but that the city stops them. We would like to see an alumnus once in a while, and take this method of letting them know it.

Chi—Kenyon.

OLD Kenyon is in as prosperous condition now as she has been for years. Our very able faculty, combined with the untiring zeal of President Bodine, leave nothing undone to keep the standard up to what it always has been. Hubbard Hall, a very fine stone structure whose use is to be devoted to a library, is now completed. Quite a number of students from the Grammar School will enter college next fall. This preparatory school has never been in a better condition than now; the students are subjected to strict military discipline, the attendance is large, and the teachers employed are competent. Kenyon Day occurs this year during Commencement week. Everything is quiet in the fraternity circles. We have not, however, been altogether inactive. We are happy to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Henry J. Eberth, from Toledo, Ohio. He was initiated just at the close of last term; is a member of the Class of '89, which, by the way, he leads.

An honor he is to Delta Tau. Bro. Harris, '85, is practicing law at Sullivan, Ind., and is meeting with success. Bro. Reid, '87, is Kenyon Day orator, also base-ball captain. Bro. Eberth is a member of the nine; he is also a member of the choir and glee club. Our *College Reveille* will be out about the middle of June. We would be glad to exchange with our sister chapters.

Zeta—Adelbert.

THE conference business has all been finished up, and Zeta takes pride in the result. It is rumored that another fraternity among us is a possibility of the near future. Let them bring their men with them, at least let them bring the seed for a chapter, and it must be of good quality. Our president, Dr. Carrol Cutler, has resigned the presidency, the resignation to take effect at Commencement. He will continue to fill the chair of philosophy. We had a pleasant call from Bro. Degan, of Delta, last week. Adelbert will have a field day this year under the management of the Sophomore Class. An excellent programme has been made out, and some good records are looked for. Our annual, *The Reserve*, will be out this month, without doubt, and it is the wish of the chapter to exchange with all chapters issuing annuals. We make this statement, knowing that several of the chapters have already issued their annual. Upon receiving the news of The Rainbow consolidation we held a jollification and ratification appropriate to such an important event. A party composed of resident alumni and actives went to Akron the 15th instant to attend Bro. A. E. Hyre's wedding, which was a royal Delta affair.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

We open the present term two short. Bro. C. G. Whistler left for good last term to go into business. He was a genial, good fellow, a royal Delta, and will be missed by all the boys. We wish him success. Bro. McAdams is threatened with typhoid fever, and will not be back for some time yet. Bro. H. G. Alexander assumes the office of editor-in-chief of *Jeffersonian*, and promises to give us a good paper. Bro. Geo. S. McElroy, our only Senior, will go to Virginia at the close of the term instead of Apollo, Pa. His father recently purchased a large plantation in Orange County, Va. George is one of the "old timers" in the frat, and we hate to see him go. May the shadow of his mous-

tache never grow less. Bro. Robert R. Reed dined the Frat Whist Club recently. The boys were impolite enough to beat him in his own house. We all enjoyed it very much. The college annual will be out next month. We would like to exchange with some of the other chapters. Bro. Ross spent the spring vacation with his brother at Annapolis, Md. Charles Newlon is back again looking after the oil wells. We were very much pleased to be again represented so ably at the First Grand Division Conference by Bro. C. B. Reid. The chapter will go out soon, and select some good shady hillside and be photographed by Bro. Sherrard Elliott. Cannot promise to pay for camera. Gamma is very much pleased with the consolidation with Rainbow, and extend the hand of greeting with best wishes to all our new brothers.

Xi—Simpson.

OUR regular corps is augmented this term by the return of Bro. C. B. Kern, '89, who has remained out for a year, and the initiation of Robert C. Harbison, '88, of Indianola, Ia., the evening of the 10th instant. This gives us an active force of ten. In the case of Bro. Harbison a new regulation takes its first effect; before initiates are admitted to the full rights of membership, it requires a thorough knowledge of the laws and workings of the fraternity, which we have always insisted upon, and (thanks to the Rho for formulating) have incorporated in our new code of chapter laws. Since the opening of the term we have treated the walls of our hall to a new dress of paper, which makes its appearance so rich and pleasant it is with justice acknowledged the finest suite of rooms in the city. Xi has labored hard to revive *The Tangent* this year, but as the hearty co-operation of all parties could not be secured it was deemed best to drop the enterprise till another year. We have constantly favored its publication, and its death last year was due to the disinterested spirit of our rivals. Bro. T. D. Murphy, '87, was the winner of the Miller Poetical Prize Medal the evening of March 18, and now bears the title, Poet Laureate of Simpson. The subject of his poem was "The Way of Life." Bro. T. N. Franklin, '89, presides over the Philomathian Society this term. Bro. N. B. Ashby, '85, favored us with a pleasant visit the close of last term. By reason of poor health he has been compelled to resign his position as teacher of the Latin High School at Winterset, Ia. Maurice Bradford, ex-'87, has gone west in search

of better health. Bro. W. B. Whitney, ex-'80, made a recent visit to Indianola. Xi rejoices over the recent addition to our ranks. To the members of the Rainbow, one and all, she extends a cordial greeting, and hopes that the union may be one of mutual profit and good will.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

LET me introduce our new brothers,—A. H. Noll, from Western Texas; F. M. Garland, of Boston, Mass.; and Charley S. Heard, of Augusta, Ga. We are quite proud of our choice, and *we* think we have the pick of the flock. We started in this term with an active list of sixteen men, the three new brothers making nineteen. We are in better condition than we have ever been, and are enthusiastic for the cause.

The foundations are just being laid for a new gymnasium, which when completed will be one of the handsomest structures we have. The number of students in attendance is larger than it has ever been at this season, and the indications are that the University has entered upon a "boom" of prosperity. The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest will be held on the 6th of May. Our orators are Mr. Guerrey, $\Sigma A E$, and Mr. Thompson, *KE*. We also think of contesting with Vanderbilt in athletic sports. Fraternity circles here are very peaceable and quiet at present. An annual is being agitated, but nothing else of importance is talked about.

Bro. G. G. Smith, who initiated our chapter at Vanderbilt, is charmed with the men there, and is very proud of having been the first man to initiate a Grand Chapter. Bro. Weiss, who initiated the Oxford Chapter, reports an excellent body of men. Delta Tau Delta has every reason to be proud of having two such chapters as these are.

Delta—University of Michigan.

THE most notable stir about the University this spring seems to be the great impetus that has been given athletics by the opening of the gymnasium. Every afternoon now finds a crowd on the campus practicing running, jumping and walking. The base-ball and Rugby teams are also in daily practice, and much is expected of them. Bro. F. A. Rasch will manage the nine this year, and Bro. Sanders is secretary and treasurer. Bro. McDonald will play first base and catcher. Lawn tennis is also very popular, and not less so with the ladies than with the

gentlemen. There promises to be a most lively Commencement this spring, and socially, at least, it will probably surpass any previous one. Bro. McAndrews, who is president of the Senior Class, is doing all in his power to make it a great success. *The Palladium* is now out, and is one of the best ever issued here, from a literary view, and far surpasses any previous editions in appearance and material.

Affairs are moving along harmoniously in the chapter, and while we shall lose six men this year, we will start next fall with a fair number, and our outlook is very promising for a speedy increase. Bro. Callard, '84, spent the latter part of April with us, and Bros. Scranton and Bennett, of Epsilon, paid us a visit recently. Bro. Reed, '76, was here for a few days lately. He is about to start for England. We are always glad to have a visit from any members of the fraternity.

Psi—Wooster.

WE are glad to introduce to the fraternity our last initiate, Bro. Thos. P. McKee, '89. He is of such stuff as Deltas are made, and wears his badge with the grace of an old timer. Bro. T. A. Wise is back this term, and will enter '89. Bro. J. C. Sharpe, '83, who is Professor in an academy at East Pittsburgh, Pa., spent part of the last vacation at Princeton, N. J. There are three Deltas in the college and two in the seminary. He gathered them together and had an old fashioned reunion. The boys all have the true spirit, and we are proud of them. We extend to our Rainbow Chapters a most hearty welcome. For they are welcome. There is no other fraternity which, at the age of ours, had ever accomplished so much, or had before it so bright a future. And with the power that W. W. W. brings us, we will be enabled to push our policy more vigorously, and to gain larger ends. "Long live our fraternity." The University has of late received ten thousand dollars, and a microscope valued at one thousand. A change has also been made in the curriculum, which necessitates a high standard for admittance. The attendance has been about five hundred this year, and promises to be much larger the next.

Nu—Lafayette.

SINCE the beginning of this scholastic year Nu has had her hands full. Starting with but three members, we have steadily gained ground until now we number nine, all of whom will return next year, except

Bro. Stenger, who will graduate. Lately we have been renovating our rooms. The improved appearance well rewards us for our trouble. It is fitted up with a billiard table and neat furniture. We receive the benefit of the experience of our alumni of town who move in perfect harmony with the active members. Every Saturday evening we convene to transact business, and are sincerely glad to see the activity in the fraternity in general, and in our new acquaintance particularly. The *Melange* has just been issued, containing a full account of $\Delta T \Delta$ Chapters, and showing its creditable standing as compared with other fraternal orders. Spring has bedecked again the grounds of Lafayette, bringing forth all its beauties. We have a campus that, for beauty, practical use and convenience, has few equals. The college is situated on a hill raising abruptly from the town, commanding excellent views of the surrounding country. The buildings, too, are well worthy of notice, and are objects of interest to visitors. The students enter with vigor into athletic sports, and not without good showing. Activity in the fraternities is at present rather low. In closing we extend the hand of good fellowship to our new fraters of the Rainbow.

Alpha—Allegheny.

THE Annual Pow-wow, celebrated last term, was very successful, many of our alumni being present at the peculiar and fantastic ceremony. After smoking the calumet, the warriors in solemn and stately dignity marched to the banquet hall and fell upon the "jerked meats" in a very enthusiastic and unanimous way. As usual the traditional howls and the inevitable "walk-around" completed the yearly palaver. James A. Wakefield is our latest pappoose, and is rapidly assuming the visage of a full fledged warrior. Bros. Warren and Bumgartner do not meet with us this term, but will return in the fall. We are preparing for a grand reunion of our alumni at the coming Commencement. A large number have already signified their intention of being present, and everything indicates a glorious success. Our local alumni have been strengthened by the addition of Dr. W. D. Hamaker (*I*, '80), who has settled in the city. In the Young Men's Republican Club of Crawford County, the Alpha is represented by the President, Maj. Chip. Richmond, '82; Vice-President, W. B. Best, '83; and Treasurer, Harry Flood, '85. Fraternity matters are quiet, but few initiations being reported. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has secured a suit of rooms in the Phoenix

Block, which they have finely furnished. *K A Θ* recently gave a reception to the fraternities, which was largely attended and very successful. The graduating class this year numbers thirty-two, and its loss will seriously effect several of our rivals, whose best men graduate with '86. We received a pleasant call lately from Bro. Nat. Degan, of Delta.

Necrology.

James Albert Porter, Iota, '77,

Was born in Preston county, W. Va., February 5, 1854. He came with his parents to Blissfield, Mich., in 1864, and entered the State Agricultural College in the fall of '73, being initiated at the Iota the same term. After graduation, in 1877, he engaged in teaching, at which work he was eminently successful. He was married in the fall of 1884 to Miss Alice Hodges, of Ogden, near his old home in Blissfield, where he died December 25, 1885. For fifteen years he had been a member of the United Brethren of the Zion Church, Ogden. He was always ready to identify himself with every Christian work, and was particularly efficient and enthusiastic in performing the duties of the Superintendent of Sabbath School, which position he had long held.

RESOLUTIONS OF CHAPTER IOTA.

WHEREAS, The Omnipotent hand has again brought sorrow to our fraternity in the death of a loyal son, James Albert Porter; and,

WHEREAS, We realize that in him the fraternity loses a zealous worker and faithful brother, and his family a kind father and devoted husband. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby express the high esteem and reverence we ever entertained toward the deceased, and point with pride to his pure and Christian life.

Resolved, That we extend the sorrowing family our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his family, printed in *THE CRESCENT*, and entered on the minutes of the Chapter.

Stewart McKee, Beta Eta Prime, (U. of W. Pa.) '65.

Stewart McKee, of the firm of McKee Brothers, glass manufacturers, died at his residence, 111 Sheffield street, Allegheny, Pa., on the morning of Nov. 13, 1885, from rheumatism of the stomach. Bro. McKee was 40 years of age, having been born on Bingham street, South Side, Pittsburg. He

was a son of the late Thomas McKee, junior partner of the firm of McKee & Co., glass manufacturers. He was an alumnus of the old Western University and afterwards went into business with his brother, H. Sellers McKee. He was a vigorous, intelligent business man and a prominent citizen. He was married in 1883 to a daughter of James Dalzell, who, with an infant son, survive him. The deceased was also Vice President of the M. & M. Bank, a director of the South Side Gas Company, the Birmingham Bridge Company, and was one of the originators of the Fuel Gas Company, as well as identified with several other business enterprises.

William Johnstone Davidson, Theta, '74,

Was born September 2, 1852, at Cornellsville, Pa., and moved to Beaver, Pa., with his father's family in the spring of 1868. In 1869 and '70 he was a student at the Beaver College, and in '71, '72 and '73 attended Bethany College, West Virginia, where he was a great favorite. After he left college he was appointed Deputy Prothonotary under O. A. Small, Esq., which place he filled for five years. In '77 he received the appointment of Assistant Postmaster in the Pittsburgh postoffice, where he remained until July 15, 1883. In 1882 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination in the Beaver district for State Senator, but was defeated in a close contest by Senator Agnew. When the Love Sewing Machine Works of Rochester was organized he became the General Superintendent, but after two years resigned on account of his failing health. He died at Beaver Falls, Sunday, December 11, 1884, after a lingering illness of more than two years. The deceased was a man of great promise, universally loved and respected, and had he lived, would have won his way to distinction and eminence.

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