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WHY FRATERNITIES?

*Address to the Late Annual Conference of the First Grand Division D. T. D.,
by the President, WILL CARLETON.*

WE are to-day all guests; we are to-day all hosts; entertaining and entertained, as is the custom and object of fraternal societies.

We meet, as ever, in defiance of many reasons why we should not; reasons that have much weight within them, and, if not counterbalanced by heavier ones, they would sink our fraternity into the depths of destruction.

In that series of college revelations called Logic, we learned, among other things, that unanswerable arguments might exist upon both sides of every question.

They obtain, no doubt, against all college fraternities. They have been brought to the fore with considerable music of trumpets and gleaming of banners; and sometimes college faculties have substituted for the banners a goodly supply of wet blankets.

Among the unanswerable arguments against societies of this sort is, that they take time. We look at the thousands of years that have been and will be hung up like glittering canvas in the memory of mankind. Upon this canvas we see painted indelibly, grand results of the energy and intellect of other men. With all this we must compete, if we would leave anything to show the world that we answered to its roll-call. The time given us to do this is only from one to five decades—a fraction of a century in which to compete with ten thousand years!

When we reflect that we have offered us upon which to hang our trophies, one almost invisible link of the great chain

that stretches out of eternity into eternity, what wonder that we feel that the pendulum which checks off the student's days is formed of solid gold ! that the chimes of each hour constitute a costly strain of music ! that the clamor of every New Year morning is a salvo of artillery above the corpses of opportunities !

We must remember, too, that upon such time as is given us, Death has a mortgage. His rates of interest are thirty-three and a third per cent., and he sends his smooth-browed relative, Sleep, each day to collect it. Sleep takes eight hours from our twenty-four, and carries away cheerfully as much in addition as we will give him. Meanwhile, he will not tell us when that hard creditor with the black crape on his arm means to foreclose and take away our whole chronological estate.

But not only Time. Another argument against college fraternities is, that they have a tendency to take one's mind off his studies. Few men ever left college without feeling that their whole path had been thronged with highwaymen ready to rob them of their instruction and discipline.

The memory of a college course has woven within it some of the brightest and sweetest colors to be found on the earth ; but there is always running through it a thread of black, called Regret.

When a man steps out into the cold, and finds that Life is not a tournament with school-mates, but a thirty-years war with the world at large ; when he sees almost every day shine or gloom upon a field of battle ; when he draws upon the military stores laid by during his college training, and ascertains that here is a sword left dull, and there is an intellectual revolver with one or two chambers unloaded, and these mental cartridges will not do good execution because they were never properly charged, how he wishes he had "scorned delights, and lived laborious days !" How he regrets every throb of energy that was spared from his work !

I might bring here several other arguments against college fraternities ; there are plenty still waiting. Among them is the financial cost of chapters and conclaves ; the disapproval of outside friends, who hold that nothing can be right and pure into

which the whole world, impurity and all, is not admitted ; the risk of encountering an occasional black sheep in the paddock, who butts his way resolutely in, and objects to being scared, frozen, or pushed out ; the danger of our becoming blind to any good outside of our own fraternity ;—all these and many others have been put into one pan of the scale, and, if we may not counterpoise them with as heavy or heavier ones, that end of the beam will fall upon and crush us. Let us see if we can find any arguments that will justify our being here to-day, and our having been together in a similar capacity many times before.

One important fact in our favor is the natural tendency of men to go, and to grow, in different directions one from another. Never do two minds climb exactly toward the same point. All intellects that *are* intellects, and not mere exaltations of the senses, have in them more or less originality, and they move in different directions, and show a tendency to carry the heart with them. This would soon produce anarchy, if there were no cords of congeniality and affection to tie men together.

A field of ripening grain looks very beautiful and opulent in the pageantry of a summer sun ; but these nutritious wheat-heads would be of no use if left waving separately each for itself. Only when the hearts of those slender stalks are tied together with golden bands do they give promise of a purpose, and the fulfillment of a mission.

So, congenial men must be joined in heart before they can accomplish much with the intellect. The fraternity system is only a seconding of the motion which Nature made at the start ; only submission to the great law of which the closely-bound sheaf, with its diverging heads, is a symbol.

Another argument in our favor is the secret character of college fraternities. This is often used against us ; but it seems to me one of our strongest recommendations. The safe and intelligent keeping of secrets is a very useful accomplishment. In every department of life it is of great value to know how to keep one's own counsel. Commercial men have been ruined, statesmen have been thwarted, clergymen abused, physicians mistrusted,—people of all classes circumvented and conquered,

because they did not know how to keep a secret. Frankness and openness of character are greatly to be commended, and very noble and grand—in their place ; but there are times when good, discreet silence constitutes a whole gold-mine. A fraternity which trains its members to keep their own counsel concerning matters which are strictly their own business, must surely stand godfather to many future life-successes.

Another argument in favor of fraternities is our carefulness in admitting new members. Every candidate's record is searched, his characteristics studied, his actions analyzed, before he is requested to join us. If he does not show any signal to which our minds and hearts can respond, we have no use for him, or he for us. A good college fraternity does much to enable young men to form the right sort of acquaintanceship at the very beginning of life. These pleasant and profitable associations do not cease with the college course, but often continue through manhood and into old age.

But the greatest of all the arguments in favor of fraternities is, that man is made for brotherhood, for affection, for love ; and that life is barren and fruitless in their absence. They furnish that without which no life is a success, or even an endurable existence. To be wealthy without loved ones whom you can comfort and aid, is simply to be a miser. To be powerful without the affection of those around you, is simply to become a desolate tyrant. To be famous, is only to be a target and a menagerie, unless you have friends to go with you upon the heights, and rejoice in your successes, and shield you from harm. To be scholarly without the disposition to teach and help others with what you have learned, is simply to be a cold, dry, stupid pedant, of whom the very books that you read seem ashamed.

Fraternities, if rightly conducted, draw a man from self, and teach him to live and to toil for his fellow beings, and that, alone, is an argument which will outweigh all opposition in the scales of any well-balanced mind.

Concerning the choice of fraternity, that is a matter for every student's head and heart to make up between them. Of

course we think ours is the right one, or we should not be here to-day. We feel that the banner which was flung to the breeze a quarter of a century ago from the mountains of Virginia had upon it the symbols and beneath it the spirit which most surely met our needs. That while, amid the smoke and carnage of civil war, it drooped and was for a time nearly obscured, it only needed fair conditions to give it a sure and permanent existence, and a wide and enthusiastic following.

So let us of the First Grand Division feel that we are justified and repaid for any effort we may make in behalf of our Fraternity; and resolve that, joining hands and hearts with our many noble brother-chapters all over the land, we will labor to give Delta Tau Delta a glorious and commanding future.

THE EXEMPLARY S. A.

THE Constitution scarcely outlines the duties of the S. A. as, according to the growing demands of the fraternity, they have evolved. Only by watching the movements of a successful officer, and by seeking to find in what respects he may be improved upon are we enabled to form a just estimate of the ideal S. A.

What are some of the qualifications of this ideal officer? First and last, he should be a *man*,—never a boy; a prompt, honest, reasonable man. A man with a “long head,” who can not be duped, nor who will dupe others. A man whom you can “hitch to” at all times. He should be brimful of fraternity life and spirit, and not elected to this office that he may acquire these virtues. If possible he should be acquainted, by personal knowledge, with other chapters of the fraternity. He should be able to talk intelligently about all the colleges in which we are represented, their number of students, and relative influence in the educational world. He should have a tolerably accurate knowledge of the different fraternities of the Greek World—not simply of those represented in his own college. He should know their

relative standing and influence. To this end he should be a student of "Baird," until a more just and accurate work on College Fraternities is written.

It is our opinion that the S. A. should be elected at the end of the year previous to his term of office : (1) That he may have time to prepare himself before the duties of his office are cast upon him. (2) That he may be selected, with the retiring incumbent, a delegate to the National Convention. By the way, would it be a poor plan to establish a precedent in the chapter which should always influence to the selection of the new and retiring S. As. for chapter delegates? Surely no one can better represent the chapter than he who has had all the fraternity correspondence of the year in his hands ; and he who is to look after it the coming year will do well to attend the convention and dip his pen in the fountain of fraternity knowledge. But, you are saying, such a custom would put the same man in convention twice, and that would debar other worthy brothers from this great privilege. Exactly so. But the delegate does not attend convention for his personal benefit,—rather that he may represent his chapter well. To do this a man must have attended more than one convention. Only those delegates who have been present at previous conventions are influential.

The S. A.'s duties are three-fold,—to the chapter, to the fraternity, and to THE RAINBOW. He is the chapter's Secretary of State. His is the most important undergraduate office,—the Division Secretaryship excepted. He should be ready with his weekly report at each meeting, and give it when the proper time comes without being called on expressly. He should bring with him all of his official correspondence, and have it open to the inspection of any interested brother. Let him always bear in mind that his letters are his only as he is the chapter's officer. His plans should be spread before the chapter, and as far as possible debated and determined thereby. He should be an encyclopædia of fraternity knowledge, and hold himself ready to dispense it courteously to an enquiring brother. His duty it is to do all in his power to inspire others to become proficient in fraternity study. He is bound to make his chapter stand as

high in the fraternity as he can truthfully. Only most prompt and painstaking action in all matters wherever he represents the chapter will accomplish this end.

Nothing can be more provoking to the general fraternity officers than to be obliged to wait on the chapter secretaries for term reports, for remittances, for answers to communications, etc. It is the S. A.'s duty to the fraternity to be prompt, scrupulously prompt, in all his correspondence. Let him remember that there are thirty-two chapters to be heard from in all matters concerning which he must write, and that a little delay from each will cause a great loss of time in the aggregate. A man should never be suffered to hold this office unless he is willing to sacrifice other engagements, at times, that he may perform his duty to the fraternity. The S. A. should truthfully represent the condition of his chapter in all reports; he should never be reluctant to tell the whole truth, that the fraternity, through the general officers, may know the exact standing of each chapter, and that weak chapters may be helped when deserving fraternity aid. The chapter will be judged much from the conduct of its S. A. A prompt, earnest, judicious officer will reflect a prompt, earnest, judicious chapter.

The S. A.'s services are appreciated most in his relations to **THE RAINBOW**. Primarily the circulation of this excellent journal rests upon the individual chapter secretaries. The Editor, sitting in his office in a distant city, with hands full of business other than that pertaining to **THE RAINBOW**, can do little towards increasing its circulation, except as he improves the tone of the paper. Every S. A. should send in, each year, a list of not less than twenty-five subscribers. Small as this number is, it is a lamentable fact that this number is reached in only a *few* instances. The circulation that would thus be secured would put our **RAINBOW**—where it ought to be—at the head of fraternity publications.

The majority of S. As. don't know how to write chapter letters. Pray, what do we in Michigan care about some football game, society election, or "some brother's dropping in on us" down in Pennsylvania? If the Secretary has nothing better

to write than this, let him not write at all. Give us more Greek World news, more knowledge about the exact status of the chapters, more facts of general interest and importance about the college, more good solid sense,—in short, these chapter letters and the local columns of THE RAINBOW will be read with ever increasing interest. There is no particular merit in having a letter in each issue. Four substantial, thoughtful letters are enough for any S. A. to write during his term of office. But each chapter should appear by letter at least four times *per annum*! This fact should be brought home to many negligent Secretaries.

It seems that the Editor of THE RAINBOW should find valuable allies among the chapter correspondents in the important matter of procuring literary articles for the magazine. Each number ought to be supplied with three literary articles, largely pertaining to fraternity life and work. Might it not be a good plan to hold each Secretary responsible for an article or two? Knowing the alumni of his chapter, as the S. A. should, he can select members from among them who will write interesting and profitable articles on some phase of fraternity work. The journal in time past has not infrequently been deficient in its literary department. It is possible this plan would have the two-fold effect of building up the fraternity literature and keeping the alumni interested in the fraternity and its organ.

VIN SWARTHOUT (E, '85).

OUR EARLY CONVENTIONS.

THE history of our early conventions would no doubt be extremely interesting and instructive, from the fact that, if a complete record of their proceedings could be obtained, they would throw considerable light upon the fraternity's growth and development at the most critical period of its existence, and about which so little is known at this time. It is the purpose of the present writer to place on record an outline history of that

which is known concerning these conventions, with a view of giving the remaining actors in these early events an opportunity of judging in how far our records are incomplete, and, if possible, of enlisting their kind coöperation with a view of supplying at least some of the information which is still needed to trace our early convention development.

In speaking of the early conventions of the fraternity, reference is had especially to those which were held prior to the close of the administration of the Alpha Chapter at the Ohio Wesleyan University, in 1874, and the transfer of the government of the fraternity to the Delta Chapter at Allegheny College. This infused new life and vigor, and new methods into the fraternity. From this time may be dated,—with perhaps more justice than from any other,—the wonderfully rapid and yet comparatively judicious growth of our fraternity. In no respect does this general improvement appear more prominently than in the proceedings of the General Conventions from this time forward. The minutes of the General Convention of 1875, held at Meadville, Pa., on May 5, were printed immediately after the adjournment of the same, and are the first thus permanently preserved. The minutes of the conventions held between 1869 and 1875 had been preserved in manuscript only, a brief synopsis being prepared for the use of the chapters; the records are brief and unsatisfactory, and do not faithfully reflect the true condition of the fraternity at that period. These minutes were printed in 1885 by order of the General Convention of 1884, under the direction of the historian of the fraternity. It is with these, and the inferences to be drawn from a study of them, that the present paper will deal.

It is not known when the first General Convention of the fraternity was held,—probably not for five or six years after the founding of the fraternity on January 1, 1860. The death of the mother chapter at Bethany, in 1861, transferred the seat of authority to the Beta Chapter at Jefferson College, Cannonsburgh, Pa., which, upon the death of the Gamma and Delta Chapters during 1861, remained the sole surviving chapter of the young fraternity. Soon after its accession to its new position,

the Jefferson Chapter placed a Zeta Chapter at Washington College, the Zeta at the Ohio University in the following year, and, in the early spring, the Theta at Allegheny College. It is more than probable, then, that during the first few years of the administration of the Jefferson Alpha no General Conventions in the accepted sense of the term were held; with the exception of that at the Ohio University, all of the chapters were located in close proximity to one another, and intercourse must have been frequent; and all necessary business of so small and young a society could readily be accomplished by means of correspondence.

As the fraternity extended its territory, however, the question of holding conventions was undoubtedly discussed. In November, 1864, it had placed its Iota Chapter at the Western University of Pennsylvania; the Kappa was placed at Poughkeepsie Institute in December, and the Lambda at Monmouth College in November, 1865, while the Mu was established at Waynesburgh College in the same year.

The first General Convention of which we have any knowledge was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Merchant's Hotel, July 3, 1866. Five chapters were represented, namely, those at Jefferson, Allegheny and Monmouth Colleges and at Ohio University and Western University of Pennsylvania. David Nicoll, of Lambda, was President; Joseph F. Lukens, of Beta, Vice President; and William M. Boyle, of Alpha, Secretary. Nothing is known concerning the acts of this convention, the above being all that is found in the archives of the Ohio University Chapter concerning it.

It is not known that any conventions were held during 1867 and 1868, though it is quite likely that there were such meetings; it is, therefore, hoped that all members of the fraternity, and those especially who participated in them, who have any definite information upon the subject, will, in the interests of historic truth, place their recollections on record lest they be lost in the lapse of time.

We now come to the first convention, concerning which the record is comparatively complete. This was held on April 14,

1869, at the McHenry House, Meadville, Pa., under the auspices of the resident chapter. Delegates were present from Alpha, Jefferson College; Beta, Ohio University; Theta, Allegheny College; Iota, Western University of Pennsylvania; Omicron, Ohio Wesleyan University; and Sigma, Hillsdale College. David D. Cheney, of Omicron, was President; William H. Wilson, of Alpha, Vice President; and John L. McMaster, of Beta, Secretary. The Alpha reported that owing to the anti-fraternity tendencies of the authorities of Jefferson College and the difficulties connected with the approaching union of the college with Washington College, which had engendered much bitter feeling between the friends of the two institutions, the chapter had probably seen its best days. The Beta, which was about to graduate its well-known Class of '69, nevertheless had sufficient support to enable it to look with security toward the future, and was then in a most prosperous condition. The Allegheny Chapter, too, as well as the Iota, had reached their highest success. The Sigma reported much hostility on part of the faculty, which was pledged to anti-fraternity legislation, while the Monmouth Chapter reported the same opposition, but seemed nevertheless quite prosperous. The Omicron was, perhaps, the strongest of all the chapters in numbers, influence and general organization, and when later on the delegate from Alpha asked that, for the best interests of the fraternity, his chapter be relieved of the duties of its government, the Ohio Wesleyan Chapter was at once selected as its successor. The convention directed the new Alpha to make a thorough revision of the constitution to better adapt it to the more modern requirements of the times; to proceed with the publication of a general catalogue of the fraternity, authorizing the Alpha to levy the necessary assessment for the same; it further provided for a general change in the nomenclature of chapters, owing to the transfer of Omicron to the position of the Alpha, and the union of the Jefferson Chapter with the Washington Chapter, under the name of Zeta, rendered necessary by the consolidation of the colleges.

The next General Convention was held at the Wedell House, Cleveland, O., on Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31,

1870 ;—Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University ; Beta, Ohio University ; Delta, Allegheny College ; and Theta, Bethany College, alone were represented. William Eversole, of Beta, was President ; and Wilson M. Day, of Alpha, Secretary. The reports of all of the chapters represented showed evidences of great prosperity and promise, if numbers can be adjudged any criterion of success ; their membership was large compared with our modern idea, but a brief inspection of the records made since by the then active members indicates clearly that the membership standards at that time must have been exceptionally high. The special order of the convention seems to have been the consideration of the revised Constitution, prepared by the Alpha ; the Hillsdale Chapter, although not represented, proposed in addition a number of changes, and the whole subject was carefully discussed. An attempt to make the conventions biennial, instead of annual, was promptly voted down. The Alpha reported its inability to make substantial progress in the matter of the catalogue, authorized at the previous convention, owing to the negligence of many of the chapters in complying with its requests.

The General Convention of 1871 assembled at the Neil House, Columbus, O., on Wednesday, May 3 ; Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University ; Beta, Ohio University ; Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College ; Delta, Allegheny College ; Kappa, Hillsdale College ; and Omicron, Indiana Asbury University, were the chapters represented at this convention. William D. Lash, of Beta, was President ; and James E. Silliman, of Delta, was Secretary. The chapter reports all showed prosperous organizations, and the General Secretary reported most of the other chapters in good condition. The withdrawal of the charter from the Western University of Pennsylvania was, however, ordered. The Alpha reported the successful completion and publication of the first General Catalogue of the fraternity. This convention provided for the creation of an extension fund of the fraternity for use in founding new chapters ; it further decided to institute public literary exercises at the next convention, consisting essentially of an oration and a poem, and it selected

Athens, O., as the place for the convention, with the arrangements in the hands of the resident chapter.

For reasons which do not clearly appear the next General Convention did not, however, meet at Athens, O., but convened on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16, 1872, at Bloomington, Ind., under the auspices of the newly established Nu Chapter at the State University. The following chapters were regularly represented, viz.: Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University; Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College; Delta, Allegheny College; Omicron, Indiana Asbury University; Phi, Hanover College; Theta, Bethany College; and Nu, Indiana State University. John N. Hunt, of Delta, was the President, and M. M. Kugler, of Alpha, Secretary of this convention. The Alpha announced that the new Constitution had been duly ratified by vote of the individual chapters. It was decided to publish a new edition of the General Catalogue of the fraternity, embodying in it all features current in the fraternity literature of the day. No less than fourteen colleges and universities were designated as eligible directions for extension, the task of managing the interests of the fraternity at these several institutions being assigned to individual chapters. Of these only Lafayette and Buchtel Colleges and the University of Wooster have since been added to our chapter roll; of those remaining only two would to-day be regarded as desirable points for extension, and thus it is fortunate that these plans were not more generally carried out. That this was due to good fortune rather than to foresight, need hardly be said here, as the extension policy of the fraternity in those days was not always characterized by sound wisdom and good judgment. The Alpha was instructed to publish, on the first of January of every year, a report of the fraternity's condition as gathered from the term reports. The convention authorized a change in the badge, providing for a wider gold border, which greatly improved its appearance. From the chapter reports it appears that all of the chapters represented in convention were prosperous at this time.

In 1873, we find the fraternity in General Convention on Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 and 22, at Akron, Ohio,

under the auspices of the resident chapter, which had been established during February. Representatives were present from Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University; Beta, Ohio University; Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College; Delta, Allegheny College; Theta, Bethany College; Iota, Michigan State College; Phi, Hanover College; and Eta, Buchtel College. Levi G. Linn, of Gamma, acted as President, and Milton Clark, of Alpha, as Secretary of the convention, whose sessions were held in Temperance Hall, which the courtesy of the Good Templars had placed at its disposal. It was very largely attended, and was successfully managed in every detail, owing to a great extent to the interest of Wilson M. Day, of Beta, then Associate Editor of the Akron *Daily Beacon*, and now President of the fraternity. It adopted a new and very distinctive form of badge, known throughout the fraternity as the "Star Badge," designed by Benjamin F. Dimmick, who was General Secretary of the fraternity at the time. It further authorized the collection of an annual tax from all alumni of the fraternity, an instruction which was carried out, however, only to a small extent. It appointed the Kappa Chapter a committee to report to the next convention all needed legislation which would better adapt the Constitution and By-Laws to the wants of the now rapidly growing society. This was the first convention at which the contemplated literary exercises were successfully carried out. Rev. M. C. Briggs, of Alpha, delivered the oration, and Will Carleton, of Kappa, read a poem entitled "Rifts in the Clouds." The exercises were held in the M. E. Church of Akron before a large and appreciative audience.

The next General Convention met on Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7, 1874, at Pittsburgh, Pa., the sessions being held in G. A. R. Hall. George I. Wright, of Delta, presided. There is, strange to say, no record in the proceedings of the chapters which were represented at this convention. The Kappa rendered its report on the constitutional revision, which had been carefully considered; what was known as the "Kappa Constitution," and which served the purposes of the fraternity with very slight change for some years, was thus adopted. It provided,

among other changes of importance, for the division of the fraternity into four Grand Divisions, each presided over by a Grand Chapter; this suggestion was due to B. F. Dimmick, the General Secretary, who found the duties of his office too arduous and exacting, and proposed this arrangement for subdividing the work of managing the many interests of the fraternity with better results. The convention appointed the following Grand Chapters: First Division, Delta at Allegheny; Second, Theta at Bethany; Third, Kappa at Hillsdale; and Fourth, Lambda at Lombard; the geographical limits were made essentially those which until quite recently defined the territory of the several divisions. The Constitution was duly ordered printed. The convention discussed fully the subject of publishing a journal in the interests of the fraternity, and the matter was referred to Alpha and the several Grand Chapters for action. The convention poem was read by Rev. Jesse Van Law, of Beta; it does not appear that a copy has been preserved, even the title being unknown, and this is the more to be regretted because all of Rev. Van Law's contributions to the literature of the fraternity were of an exceptionally high order. The oration of Hon. Thomas F. Wildes, of Beta, has likewise not been preserved, so far as we are aware, and it is much to be desired that anything which may be known concerning the literary exercises of this convention shall be placed on record at once.

This brings us to the close of the convention series which was to form the subject of the present paper, as outlined above, and it is hoped that we have succeeded in clearly bringing out the salient points of this portion of our history.

A. P. TRAUTWEIN.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

IN accordance with the announcement made in the last RAINBOW, the Convention of 1886 will convene at Louisville on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25, 26 and 27. The resident alumni, under the intelligent and skillful direction of Brother W. W. Lowry (Chi) have made all the necessary arrangements, with a thoughtfulness and completeness that has left nothing undone for the comfort, pleasure and gratification of the visiting Delta Taus. In this unavoidably brief announcement we can only mention the salient features, and make merely a bare mention of the social pleasures awaiting the delegates in a city celebrated for its whole-souled hospitality and generosity. Suffice it to say that the freedom of the city will be given the boys, and that every effort will be exerted for their entertainment.

The headquarters of the Convention will be at the Galt House, one of the most celebrated hotels in the country, and one around which cluster many memories and associations of the late war. This, of itself, cannot fail to lend a charm and interest to the visitor. In the character of its service the hotel ranks with the best. The usual rates are \$4 per day, but provided fifty Deltas are in attendance a special rate of \$2.50 per day has been offered by the proprietors. The hotel parlors are large, accommodating an audience of over a hundred, and will be very convenient for the business sessions of the Convention. The necessity for meeting in an outside hall, which proved so annoying and inconvenient at Detroit, will be avoided.

The railroad facilities of Louisville are unexcelled, thus making the city accessible to the fraternity in every section of the country. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad taps all the important cities of the South, as Nashville, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Memphis and New Orleans. The Chesapeake & Ohio and the Cincinnati Short Line make direct connection with all the great Eastern trunk lines. The Louisville & Indianapolis branch of the Pennsylvania system, and the "Monon" route

from Chicago make the city easily accessible from Indiana, Michigan and all the Northwestern States. The other roads are the Ohio & Mississippi and the St. Louis Air Line. On all these routes reduced rates will be obtained that will equal not much more than one-half the usual fare. The reduced rate certificate can be obtained of Bro. W. W. Lowry, New Albany, Ind. The trains from the South arrive at Tenth and Broadway streets, a street-car line connecting the depot with the Galt House. The trains from the North and West arrive at the Bridge Depot, Fourteenth and Main streets, with street cars direct to the hotel. The Eastern trains arrive at First Street Depot, directly in the rear of the hotel. Committees of reception will be at hand who will look after the comfort of the visiting brethren, and see that all are landed safely within the hospitable doors of the Galt House.

The Great Southern Exposition will be open during the Convention. This exposition is worthy a visit, being the finest in the South, and excelling nearly all in the North in the size of the building and the number and beauty of the exhibits. The lovers of manly sports will be pleased to know that the famous Louisville Base Ball Club will hold forth on the home grounds during the Convention. Unfortunately the Convention will assemble too early for the fall races, but it is quite probable that several private races will be arranged for the edification of those who love the horse. If the depth of the water permits, a trip over the falls of the Ohio will be arranged. Among the many objects of interest in and about the city we may mention the Big Bridge connecting Louisville and Jeffersonville, Ind., having twenty-seven arches, and being over a mile long. The great cantilever bridge between Louisville and New Albany, Ind.; Cave Hill Cemetery, the Masonic Home, the *Courier-Journal* building, the Artesian Well and others "too numerous to mention."

But, as a matter of course, over and above all these local attractions, the main feature of this and of all conventions, is the pleasure afforded by meeting and mingling with the members of "our good old Delta Tau." We have every reason to suppose that an unusually large number will be present, among

these a delegation from the Rainbow Chapters, which, in numbers and enthusiasm, will be exceeded by none. Many of the chapters have already chosen delegates, and the Convention, in ability and character, will be strong and effective, as the purpose has evidently been to choose the ablest and most representative men. Every indication points to a glorious meeting of the allied hosts of Delta Tau.

INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT OUR PRIMARY POLICY.

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AS THE time for the Annual Convention draws near, when plans and policies for future guidance of the fraternity will be elaborated, the writer desires to call attention to what to him seems a singular omission in our fraternity policy, *i. e.*, the absence of any provision calculated to enable the general fraternity organization to assist in the upbuilding and strengthening of chapters once chartered and on the fraternity roll. It seems that at present the only points where the central authority of the fraternity comes into contact with the chapter organizations are the chartering of new chapters and the disciplining of the older ones. An eligible and promising location for a new chapter is pointed out; earnest efforts are at once made to place the charter. Sometimes these efforts go so far as the providing and furnishing of a chapter hall for the new comer. Again, an enrolled chapter becomes remiss in its duties to the fraternity; is charged with neglect and disregard of fraternity obligations; the college in which it is located becomes of inferior grade,—ready and sure is the authority of the fraternity to discipline, and even kill. But let a chapter become weak in numbers, so that its ability to cope with stronger rivals diminishes, its necessary expenses a burden, its want of a chapter hall much felt, but too expensive for its membership to provide,—where now is the hand of the central authority of the fraternity. Strong enough it is to create and kill, but powerless to nourish. That chapter is left alone to pull its own way through. If, after some years of constant effort on the part of individuals, it finally comes out from under the cloud

and discovers itself a bright star, it is applauded. If it, on the other hand, dies,—“well, it couldn't be helped!”—there's a little weeping, which soon gives place to the greeting of a new birth in a more promising field, brought about by the strong and efficient hand of the central authority.

The practical result of all this is that the fraternity is silently undergoing constant revolutions. The enrolled chapter list of one decade is not that of the next decade. The alumni of one period, in another look in vain for their whilome “grand old Delta Tau.” A new creature has grown upon its ruins. Let us look to the evidence of this. Delta Tau Delta dates her existence from 1859, yet, of the twenty-nine chapters now on the rolls, not counting the new Rainbow Chapters, but six existed prior to 1871; eight chapters had lived and died before that date. From 1874 to 1881 eighteen new chapters were chartered and eight died. From 1881 to and including 1886, ten new chapters have been added and five subtracted. In fact, one-third of our present chapters date from only 1881. This picture reminds one of the old story of the jackknife.

Now, it must be admitted that the subtraction of many of the chapters above counted as lost was in reality a gain, and that good judgment has been exercised in locating many of the additions, so that both processes, the falling off of old and setting up of new, instead of operating by way of set-off, have worked a double gain. Therefore, the radical changes above pointed out were not an appalling evil. But it is also true that in many of the cases included in the above computation the falling off of the chapter was a real loss, and with a proper system of aid and encouragement on the part of the fraternity organization might have been prevented.

It seems to the writer that at this time the fraternity can afford to turn its energies away from extension and direct them to the strengthening of the present fabric, the placing of the chapter upon a lasting and durable foundation,—as far as any are in need of it,—and this once fully attained to hold them, by the operation of such a system, in the fraternity polity, yet to be devised, which, while not diminishing in the least the respon-

sibility of every chapter for its own welfare, will enable the general fraternity to exert a strong influence in the chapters' protection and maintenance.

The fraternity can afford this change in its policy, for it is to-day represented in a most creditable list of institutions, and the standing of the fraternity does not require more. It is not pretended there be even a temporary abandonment of the chartering of new chapters; but that extension should be secondary; internal development primary.

Not only can the fraternity afford the change, but its welfare demands it. The fraternity to-day is represented in colleges which are worthy of the hard work once required to gain the foothold, and whose loss would deal a serious blow to the general standing of Delta Tau. Yet it is well known that there are chapters located in such colleges, which have but a precarious existence, and any day that "unhappy coincidence of unhappy circumstances" may arise which will cut them off. The chapters referred to can be named; it is not necessary that they should be. To observers they are well known.

The writer is aware that this subject has already engaged somewhat the attention of the leading workers in the fraternity, and that some efforts have been made to provide a corrective. Indeed, the raising of a fund for the purpose from the alumni has been tried, with what result is not yet known. But in the absence of a regular system, fixed into the Constitution and Laws of the fraternity,—including, possibly, the use of the current revenues of the fraternity instead of using them in extension,—other expedients will fall short. As matters are now, the alumni are more apt to feel that what they have to give in the way of a fund for the benefit of chapters, they would rather give directly to their own respective chapters. Let a systematic plan be once adopted, so that the prosperity of the chapters will not depend exclusively on individual efforts, and alumni who think in that way will feel that their chapters can afford the change from the present habits, which, though direct, are individual and uncertain, to indirect methods, which shall be certain, regular and systematic.

ORRIN SERFASS.

RAINBOW DIVISION CONFERENCE.

THE first conference of the Rainbow Division was held at Sewanee, June 12, under the auspices of Beta Theta Chapter. The business session was held in the chapter house of Beta Theta Chapter, which has been placed at the disposal of the conference. On account of the inopportune time at which the conference had been called (just in the midst of examinations) and the inadequate notice which had been given, only two chapters were represented, the Lambda of Vanderbilt, and the Beta Theta. An informal meeting was held in the morning before all of the delegates arrived and several questions which were to be brought up in the regular meeting were discussed. In the afternoon the conference adjourned to witness a base-ball game between the Vanderbilt and Sewanee teams. The meeting was called to order in the evening by Bro. J. M. Kyle, *A*, and Bro. F. H. Miller, *B Θ*, was appointed secretary. A letter was then read from Bro. Plummer, sending his greetings to the new division, and suggesting some lines of work, which might be adopted. The matter of extension was discussed at length by Bro. Kyle and Clinton, *A*, and Dashiell and Wright, *B Θ*. The date of the next conference was fixed at the second Friday in May, 1887, and the place selected was Chattanooga, Tenn.

The subject of chapter letters was brought up and the conference earnestly recommended that each *S. A.* should send in his chapter letter regularly every month, and also that every member of every chapter be expected to subscribe for THE RAINBOW. A note of thanks was also tendered to Bro. Plummer for the interest he had shown in the management of THE RAINBOW, and in the organization of the Conference. After the regular business had been transacted, addresses of welcome were made to the visiting brothers by Bros. Tucker and Dashiell, which were happily responded to by Bros. Kyle, Clinton and Galbreath. Every one seemed to be in a good humor, and it was decided that socially, at least, the conference had been a success.

In point of attendance it was not a brilliant success ; but we ask the Fraternity to remember that this is the organizing attempt of a new Division, and that next year a strenuous effort will be made to get to work in dead earnest, in order that the principles of $\Delta T \Delta$ may be thoroughly instilled into all the southern chapters, and that the Purple and Gray may yet float as triumphantly South as it does North.

Alumni Associations.

THE MICHIGAN ALUMNI.

THE regular meeting of Deltas who are resorting in Northern Michigan will be held this year on Thursday, July 29, that being the most favorable time, in the opinion of the officers. The place will be fixed upon later. There are many items of business to be discussed and acted upon, and a large attendance is desired ; any Delta present being privileged to vote upon all matters presented. The scheme for the Delta home near Petoskey will be discussed, and an organization formed for pushing the matter to a successful termination. A business meeting will be held in the afternoon, followed by the usual banquet in the evening. All who were present last year will be there, of course, and we feel sure the whole fraternity would come could they realize the jolly times we have. Let everyone be on hand who can, and still go to Louisville in August, but every Michigan Delta should meet with us at Petoskey. Any inquiries will receive prompt attention if addressed to E. J. Ware, Grand Rapids, Mich., before July 17, and after that to Bay View until August 2. E. J. W.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

THE New York Alumni Association met for its last social reunion of the present season on Saturday, June 12, at six o'clock p. m., at D'Orville's, Mills' Building, New York. Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, '73, President of the Association, presided, and the following members were present : Andrew Bryson, K, '67 ; Will Carleton, K, '69 ; A. H. Roudebush, A, '70 ; William Kent, P, '76 ; A. P. Trautwein, P, '76 ;

A. G. Brinckerhoff, *P*, '77; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; L. J. Brück, *P*, '78; also Dr. A. E. Osborne, *T*, '73, and John A. Bensel, *P*, '84.

Letters of regret at their inability to be present were read from Hon. A. J. Hopkins, M. C., *K*, '70; W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*, '67; M. J. Martinez, *P*, '82; H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83.

The by-laws of the Association were amended so as to permit of the election of non-resident members without formal letter ballot, when such candidates are members of non-existing or inactive chapters, or are resident beyond a distance of fifty miles from New York City.

In accordance with this rule, the following were elected: Dr. A. Edgar Osborne, *T*, '73, Media, Pa., and William Griffith, C. E., *II*, '76, Pittston, Pa. The Secretary announced the election to membership, as the result of the last letter ballot, of the following gentlemen: William I. Cooper, *P*, '77, and Manuel J. Martinez, *P*, '82.

By previous announcement, the subject of the after-dinner talk was "The Relations of the Railroads to the Government." The discussion, though entirely informal in its character, became extremely interesting and instructive from the fact that it elicited the expression of opinion from nearly all of the members present.

The meeting was, beyond doubt, the most enjoyable and successful which the Association has thus far held, from the fact that the members have already become well acquainted with one another, and have fully entered into the spirit which should govern such an association. It proved conclusively that the Association has adopted the proper methods which will ensure permanent success.

The Association will have its next regular meeting on Saturday, October 2, 1886. The following topics have been agreed upon as the basis for the "after-dinner talk." "Alumni Representation in the Governing Boards of Colleges," and "The Position of the Classics in the College Curriculum." The announcement of the place of meeting will be made in due time.

Editorial.

THE UNION.

THE union of $\Delta T \Delta$ and Rainbow ranks with the most splendid achievements of the fraternity, and marks a decisive epoch in her history. While the inspiration of success is felt in every chapter, its full force is apparent in the South, where our few and scattered battalions have been firmly welded into a strong, aggressive, confident, self-reliant phalanx. Not only have the fruits garnered in the past been secured, but the fraternity prepared for the conquest of other time-honored Southern institutions as rapidly as wisdom and prudence shall dictate. Among those who contributed their efforts to establish this auspicious condition of affairs none are more worthy of praise than chapter Beta Theta. To her is due the honor of originating the scheme, and through all the proceedings her intelligent enthusiasm and unselfish devotion were clearly and admirably demonstrated. To a very large extent the union is owing to the earnestness, skill and sagacity of Bro. W. W. Cook, who was chairman of the original committee, and into whose sole hands the Detroit Convention entrusted the matter. Certainly his ceaseless energy, untiring persistence and unwavering faith at a time when the obstacles seemed unconquerable were controlling influences in the tide that led to final success. Of the Rainbows, the cordial sympathy and zealous co-operation of Bros. Phillips, Kile and Cain were elements of inestimable value in securing the ratification of the terms. As time passes the history of the union will become of absorbing interest, and fortunate will be Delta Tau if she obtain an annalist who will write the story in detail, while the events are yet fresh and unfaded, and deposit the document among the official records of the fraternity.

THE CONVENTION.

AS WILL be noticed in the preceding pages, the Convention of 1886 will assemble at the Galt House, Louisville, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25, 26 and 27. The arrangements have been made

with a thoughtfulness and thoroughness that leaves nothing to be desired. The railway facilities are ample, and over nearly every road reduced fares will be obtainable. Of the city, we can say that it is handsome ; its men gallant and hospitable ; the women, beautiful and charming. This in itself should be sufficient to attract every Delt in the land ; but let us add that Louisville boasts of an Exposition that is unexcelled, horses that are superb, a base-ball club that is great, and a hotel that is famous as the tarrying place of men who have imperishably blazoned their names on the scroll of fame, and whose greatness and glory have become our common heritage. But all these attractions would be insignificant, worse than a barren ideality, did we not remember that hosts of Deltas will be there to grip your hand with a vigor and earnestness that will readily convince you he is glad to see you. The attendance will undoubtedly be very large, and from the names of delegates sent us the official members will be men of large experience, of practical knowledge of general and local fraternity matters, and ably equipped for the duties awaiting them. As foreshadowed in our last issue, the usual literary exercises will not be a feature of the meeting, but the banquet, which at the 1884 and 1885 Conventions was dispensed with, will be celebrated in good, old-fashioned Delta style. The salient feature of the Convention will be calm but vigorous efforts to settle the many important matters which have accrued during the past year. The advice and encouragement of the older members of the fraternity will be of great influence ; it is, therefore, sincerely to be hoped that a large number of "silver-greys" will be present at this Convention, which promises to be of marked influence upon the onward and upward movements of $\Delta T \Delta$. Let every Delta Tau unite their efforts to make the Louisville Convention the most memorable in all our annals.

Chapter Letters.

Theta—Bethany.

THE work of the past session has been most satisfactory; the students have been, as a rule, of the best type, and the faculty all that could be desired. The prospects for the coming year are very gratifying. The same Professors will remain, and some new ones will be added. The efforts to increase the endowment of the college have been quite successful, owing to the efficient work of Prof. W. H. Woolery in the field, and a general feeling of confidence is manifested among the students and friends of Bethany College. Bro. Muckley has accepted a call to preach for a church at Cincinnati. We received recently a very pleasant call from Bro. W. G. Garvey, of Hopedale, Ohio, also one from Bro. H. K. Pendleton, of Pittsburg. Both are looking well. We are glad to learn that Bro. Phil Pendleton, who was compelled to leave his editorial duties in Cincinnati by reason of ill health, and has been spending the winter in Florida, is much better, and will shortly visit us. We expect several of our boys back at Commencement, and shall be glad to have *any* fraters come and see us.

Alpha—Allegheny.

THE year has closed for Alpha and the college. We opened with one man and close with ten. We fought three strong fraternities, and came out victorious. Alpha's future is assured; we will open in the fall with eight or ten men—Freshmen and Sophomores—and look forward to a year of success and pleasure.

The events of Commencement week for us were our Wednesday afternoon reception at our rooms, where, assisted by our lady friends, all the city, college and visiting society were entertained; and our annual banquet. Enthusiasm was at its height at the banquet,—the best one held in years. Shilling, Earnest and Frank Koester, L. L. Davis, Coll White, Jim Stewart, Doc Stewart, Enix Baldwin, Ned Locke, Dr. Nodine, and all the city alumni were present.

At the meeting of the Board of Control the faculty of the college was changed considerably. Professors of Physics and Chemistry, Tingley; Greek Language and Literature, Reid; and Latin Language

and Literature, Haskin ; being superseded by Professors Montgomery, Luccock and Williams. Professor Thatcher, of Cornell, was elected to preside over the Department of Civil Engineers ; and Mrs. Emma Wheeler, of Chicago, was elected an instructor. Arrangements were made to add a musical conservatory, and also to associate the commercial college of the city with Preparatory Department.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

SINCE my last letter I have one more new frater to introduce to the Delta brotherhood—Bro. Charles C. Baldwin, of Florida. We judged him worthy to become a Delta, and believe that he will justify our trust. Bro. L. D. Weiss, we regret to say, was called home recently by the death of his father, but we hope to see him back again next term, as he is one of the best men we have.

Sewanee came out victorious in the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest for Tennessee, the fortunate winner of the medal being Mr. W. A. Guerry, $\Sigma A E$. We feel very proud of our success, since this makes three out of four times that Sewanee has walked off with the prize. We were not so successful, however, in the base-ball game which we played then with Vanderbilt, for we were most miserably "done up," but we had our revenge when Vanderbilt played us on our grounds, and we paid them back in their own coin. The University continues to prosper. Besides the gymnasium, which I spoke of in my last letter, the corner-stone of which was laid June 23, seven thousand dollars have been donated recently for the purpose of building a handsome stone bell-tower connected with the gymnasium. The edifice when finished will be perhaps the prettiest we have.

Bros. Hale and Riddel ('85) were ordained to the priesthood on the 19th of June, by the Bishop of Tennessee, the ordination service being one of the prettiest ever seen up here. Bros. Hale and Riddel have been at work during the past year at different places in Tennessee, and have won quite a good reputation.

We are beginning to reap our honors already. The medal for the last old member in the Sigma Epsilon (Literary) Society was awarded to a Delta on the occasion of their last anniversary, when the orator and essayist for the evening were also Deltas. We are having our hall frescoed now in beautiful designs. It will be a little gem when we get it finished. We shall interrupt the work in a night or two from the

time this letter is written for our annual banquet, on the anniversary of our birth as a chapter into the dear old Delta Tau.

We were very much gratified to have the opportunity of entertaining the First Division Conference of the Rainbow Division under our roof. Although it was poor in numbers, it was rich in enthusiasm, and went to work with an earnestness and a zest that is sure to accomplish wonders. It has already infused new life into us, and we predict that the Grand Chapter Lambda will make a tip-top division of us if she infuses all the chapters with the spirit which she herself has. Bros. Kyle, Clinton, Galbreath, and Vaughn were here from Lambda, and Bro. Galbreath stayed with us two or three days.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

IRVING HECKMAN, now a drug dispenser at Kirkland, Ill., spent a few days with us during anniversary week. Bro. Crain was called to Indiana three weeks before the close of school to attend the funeral of his brother. Bro. Coldren was on the sick list six weeks, but was able to take up his studies again near the close of the term. S. S. Avery delivered his popular lecture, entitled "Fiction; its Fascinating Power," to an appreciative audience in the college chapel the latter part of May. Success to him in his new field. Bro. L. E. Dow delivered the oration on Decoration Day at Teconsha, Mich. He will return next year to graduate with the Class of '87, after an absence of two years. He will also represent us at Louisville next August. H. A. Parker and C. E. Root took advantage of the recent cheap rates to California, and now are basking in the sunshine at Los Angeles. They report a splendid time, but say nothing about their return. Our annual picnic to Bawbeese Lake occurred the 14th of June. Fifteen Deltas and their ladies were present, and a general good time was enjoyed. A picnic by the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s was held at the same place one week previous. At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Francis L. Hayes, formerly professor in Greek here, was elected to permanently fill the presidential chair, temporarily occupied by Prof. Dunn for the last year. His acceptance of the nomination has not yet been received, but should he decide to accept, without doubt a new era in the college prosperity would begin, as he is young, talented, and energetic. At the same meeting leave of absence for one year was granted to both Prof. Haynes and Prof. Fisk to recuperate their health. Through the efforts

of the Class of '86 a very beautiful fountain has been erected on the front campus. We take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world our latest: U. G. B. Pierce, Providence, R. I.; Z. A. Crain, Angola, Ind.; and W. J. Leverett, Sioux Falls, Dakota.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

COMMENCEMENT exercises will be held at the Ohio Wesleyan University on June 17. Out of a class of forty-six, seven boys and five girls have been selected by the faculty to deliver orations. This is the smallest class the college has graduated for several years, but it will be remembered that this class suffered the loss of eight men this year on account of the "Fred Warde" affair. Prof. J. H. Grove, in his energetic efforts to raise the standard of the Preparatory Department of this school, has instituted an annual exhibition of this department, at which he expects to "graduate" deserving Preps to college rank. Fifteen speakers have been chosen for the first of these annuals, which is to be held on Saturday night of commencement week. Through the efforts of Prof. Grove, the standard of scholarship in this college has been greatly raised during the past few years.

Bro. R. H. Olmsted, of Phi, recently spent a very pleasant week in Delaware. The Mu boys found him a congenial frater, and were sorry to have him leave. Bros. Ebreth and Reid, of Chi, came over near the middle of the term to play with the Kenyon "nine" against the O. W. U. boys. The game resulted in favor of the O. W. U. boys.

The *Bijou*, which was to have been published by the Junior Class this year, will not now be published. When everything was ready for the printer and the engraver, some Sophomores, probably assisted by a few treacherous Juniors, stole nearly all the matter, so that its publication was made an impossibility. The fraternities here will probably publish one next year. We regret to say to other chapters, that we will now be unable to exchange with them for their college annuals.

On the evening of May 26 the members of Chapter Mu were given a reception by Mrs. Philip Phillips at her elegant home in Delaware. Besides our active men, there were also present, Bros. C. F. English, '84; R. H. Olmsted, Chi; H. C. Baker, formerly of '87; and Mr. Brooks Shell,—making in all twenty two gentlemen. Each one was provided with a lady, and it can be safely said, that twenty-two couples never spent an evening more pleasantly. After an elegant supper had

been eaten, the evening was made joyful with music, the singing of college and fraternity songs, and in social chat. Mr. Philip Phillips, the renowned singer, was unavoidably absent on his tour of lectures. Bros. Horace A. Stokes and C. W. Evans, our old and new G. S. A., are our delegates to the next Convention at Louisville. All communications to Bro. Stokes after June 17, should be sent to his address at Dayton, Ohio; and those to our S. A., to Cuba, Ohio.

The closing college year has been a very successful one to Chapter Mu. Beginning the year with ten men, we now number eighteen, and lead the fraternities of the O. W. U. in point of numbers. Without boasting, we can say that our boys have received their share of college honors. Besides having a representative on each of the Annual Literary Publics and the Oratorical Contest, Bro. Durbin has been editor-in-chief of the *Transcript*, and Bros. Arnold and Bauker, local and exchange editors, respectively; while Bro. Stokes and F. M. Austin have been elected on next year's *Transcript* corps. This year we lose six Seniors; but a dozen other valiant Deltas are left to float the purple and gray, and you will hear from them next year through our new and efficient S. A., F. H. Junkin.

Psi—Wooster.

THE Sixteenth Annual Commencement of the University of Wooster has passed. In these years 421 alumni have been enrolled. Of these, 150 have given themselves to the Gospel ministry; 72 to law; 66 are teachers, 21 of whom fill collegiate positions; 37 are in business; 19 in medicine; 10 in journalism; 7 in farming; and 3 are civil engineers. The total enrollment for the years of 1885 and 1886 was 623, a gain of 55 over the years 1884 and 1885. The school was never in a more prosperous condition. Those taking the Post-graduate course number 70, among whom we find: Rev. John M. Davis, B, '73; Rev. L. M. Gilleland, I, '68; Rev. Theodore Crowl, I, '68; A. C. Miller, C. E., I, '82. The graduating class numbers 38; 29 collegiate and 9 musical. Of the former, 19 are members of fraternities. None of the chapters initiate purely musical students. There were nine Honor men in the class. The first, eighth and ninth are members of ΣX ; the second, fourth, and sixth of $\Delta T \Delta$; the fifth of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; the other two non-fraternity. This record is a good and conclusive argument against the oft-repeated assertion of the barb: "The best men do not belong to fraternities."

The past year has been a prosperous one for Psi. We have had two initiations, and affiliated W. M. Grafton and W. T. Bushman, both of old Σ . They are good men and strong workers. Bro. W. S. Rockey stopped out the first term, and has been studying privately preparatory to entering the School of Pharmacy at Ann Arbor. In the Declamation Contest, Inter-Society Contests, both Collegiate and Preparatory, we have come out on top of the other fraternities. Of the five Δ *Ts* who graduated in '86, four will enter the ministry, and one, Bro. Shallenberger, law. The chapter will begin next year with twelve men.

Eta—Buchtel.

SATURDAY night, June 12, our number was increased by the addition of Arthur J. Rowley. After the initiatory service, which was finely carried out, we had a spread of strawberries and cake, ice cream and lemonade. We had a very enjoyable evening, and felt sorry that several of our alumni could not have been present. Before the end of the term we are to paper our hall in fine style, when, we think, we shall be able to ask anyone to visit our hall, and fear no constraint of conscience lest he speak of the elegance of our furniture and the bad condition of the walls. We shall then have truly an elegant place in which to meet. Our Commencement occurs the 24th inst., but during the whole week there are to be many attractions. We are in hopes of being able to entertain several alumni Deltas, for we know of several who are coming. Chapter Eta is always glad to be visited by any Delta who may wish to know her hospitality.

Beta Delta—University of Georgia.

SINCE our last letter everything has been very quiet with us. The Senior Class have finished their year's work. It is an unusually large class, and displays a considerable amount of talent. Beta Delta is represented in the class by six men. The Senior speakers have not been appointed yet, but we have good reason to believe that our representatives in the class will receive a good share of them. The University is in a very flourishing condition, and the attendance next year will be larger than usual. The Chair of Natural History, which has been vacant for two years, will be filled at the next meeting of the Trustees. Only four old men will return next term. Their energetic character, however, gives us sufficient assurance that they will not allow the chapter to fall below her former high standard by reason of

small numbers. The stand which our men have made in the college classes this year is highly creditable to themselves and to the chapter. The alumni of our chapter are all prospering. Of last year's class, Bros. Wilcoxon, Holden and Gross are practicing law; Bro. Cloud is a civil engineer; Bro. Kitchens is teaching, and Bro. Burdette is studying medicine.

Chi—Kenyon.

COMMENCEMENT, occurring on June 24, closed the last term of the collegiate year. Considerable of an attendance was present at the exercises. The graduating class consisted of six men. There are thirteen in the incoming Senior Class. On Monday evening, the 21st, Bro. Reid delivered before a large audience, at Rosse Hall, one of the Kenyon Day orations. His theme was "Our Nation." He did great honor to himself and to the fraternity of which he is a member. Three alumni Deltas paid a visit to their Alma Mater, one of whom, Bro. Child, of Hamilton, Canada, had conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. Our other two visitors were Bros. Harris and Franks, both of whom are attorneys-at-law, the former practicing at Sullivan, Ind., the latter at Cincinnati, Ohio. Bro. Franks is gaining quite a reputation in the criminal courts of the city. Bro. Herrlinger, having lately returned from Iowa, is now located at Cincinnati, where he is dealing out legal technicalities to his clients. Bro. Stotensburg, lately admitted to the bar, is now practicing law at his home in New Albany, Ind. Our chapter is at present upon a firm foundation, and we are looking forward to a prosperous future. We fondly hope that our efforts have not been in vain,—that our struggle has given us strength,—and that we may ever go on increasing in numbers for the advancement of Deltaism.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

BETA BETA began the college year with seven members, and during the first term we added four to our number, two of whom left college during the year. Bros. Ira B. Blackstock, B.S., James E. McDaniel, B.A., and Frank D. Wimmer, B.Ph., graduated with the Class of 1886, and we shall begin the next college year with seven members, including a fine young man, a recent graduate of the high school of a neighboring city, who recently passed his examinations for entrance into the Freshman class, and who has pledged himself to *Δ T Δ*. Bro. Wimmer received a diploma as Captain in the Military

School. Bro. Caylor won the W. T. C. U. Prize Essay in the Preparatory School. During the last term, Bro. Keeler was Secretary of the Platonean Society, and Bro. Sinsabaugh President; and Bro. Shaffer Secretary of the Adelpian Society. We were pleased to see Bro. Dwight Harrison, of Phi, the delegate from Indiana to the Inter-State Oratorical Association, on his way to the meeting at Lawrence, Kansas. We were recently favored with visits from Bros. Gans, Redman, Clifford and Lucas, of Beta Zeta; and Bros. Oliver H. Blacklidge, '73, and William L. Cavins, '78, of our own chapter. Our Commencement visitors were Prof. Justin N. Study, Mu, '71; the Rev. Dr. Fernandes C. Holliday, '76, the senior member of the Board of Trustees; Curtis P. Smith, '83, who received the degree of M. A.; and W. Boyd Johnson, '85. Bro. Charles W. Mann, of the Class of '88 at West Point, is spending the summer in Greencastle, much to our delight. Prof. Mills, Dean of the School of Fine Arts, is working upon a large and excellent picture of our beloved founder, Prof. Justin N. Study, which is to hang in our chapter hall. We highly appreciate this kindness and generosity on the part of Prof. Mills. The delegates-elect from Beta Beta to the Louisville Convention are Bros. Ira B. Blackstock, of Paxton, Ill., and Ernest R. Keith, of Brazil, Ind. Bro. Horace S. Norton, of Lemont, Ill., will be our S. A. next year.

The Class of '86 graduated thirty-six members, the fraternity representation being as follows: $B \Theta II$, 6; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 6; ΣX , 2; $\Phi K \Psi$, 4; $\Delta K E$, 2; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 0; $\Delta T \Delta$, 3; $KA \Theta$, 1; $KK \Gamma$, 2. One of the principal attractions of the Commencement season was the magnificent exhibition of the School of Fine Arts under the direction of Prof. Mills. The *Mirage*, the new annual published by the Junior Class, has appeared, and is a very creditable book. The following fraternities have their chapter lists published in it: $B \Theta II$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Delta T \Delta$, $KA \Theta$, $KK \Gamma$ and $AX \Omega$. The $\Delta K E$ Chapter recently expelled one of her members. Dr. Earp, having been elected President and Professor of Philosophy in the South Kansas College, has resigned his position here. The Board of Trustees at their recent session made the following elections: Joseph Carhart, Professor of Oratory and Rhetoric; James Riley Weaver, Professor of Political Philosophy and Modern Languages; Mrs. Belle A. Mansfield, Professor of History and Registrar; the Rev. John Poucher, Professor of Theology and Treasurer; Oliver P. Jenkins, Professor of Biology. A number of Instructors were also elected. Dr. Post was granted a leave

of absence for two years to study abroad, his position as Librarian and Professor of Latin being supplied *ad interim* by Prof. Longden.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

THE Institute closed the 11th, and but few of Upsilon's boys now remain in town. Bro. Zieley spent Commencement week with us. Bro. Ranney was also with us. Bro. Ranney has a position as assistant engineer on the New Jersey Central Railroad. The concert given by the "R. P. I. Glee Club" was a grand success. Bro. Smith is President and Manager of the club. All the singers were heartily applauded, and everyone agreed it was an evening well spent. The Juniors' hop to the Seniors was the event of the season, the best society of Troy being present in honor to the new graduates. Upsilon was not behind hand in graduating her man, as Bro. Zayas was presented with his diploma as a C. E. At the examination for admission there were a large number of Freshmen present, and the indications are that the Class of '90 will be a very large class. We expect to return with eight men next fall, and our prospects are very encouraging. We expect to be as strong, if not stronger, than we have ever been before. We expect to have several men of the chapter present at the Louisville Convention, which, we feel already assured, will be a success. We sent copies of our annual, the *Transit*, to the chapters publishing them, and as yet have received only a few exchanges. We hope the different chapters will remember us, as we have files of the different Annuals in our library, and would like to keep them complete if possible.

Epsilon—Albion.

OUR year closed with a grand banquet. It being the tenth year in our history, especial effort was made for a decennial reunion. Bro. J. C. Floyd, '76, of Delta, related to us incidents concerning the founding of our chapter, and kindly deposited with us correspondence regarding the same. Bro. Jocelyn gave to us some early reminiscences which greatly brought us to appreciate more fully the condition of our chapter at present. Our reunion and banquet was a grand success. Albion College never had a more successful year or a happier Commencement. One of the successes of the year in the fraternity world is the establishment of a new fraternity in our midst, the "Sigma Chi." The society, which has now assumed the dignity of a fraternity, has

been organized since 1883. We are happy to announce now that "Greek will meet Greek," and $\Delta T \Delta$ is not alone in Albion College. Bro. L. W. Tharrett is our S. A. for the coming year, and Bro. G. G. Scranton will represent us at the General Convention.

Zeta—Adelbert College.

WITH this year Zeta closes the fourth and most prosperous year of her existence. We secured two Freshmen, good loyal Deltas, making our number at the close of the year seven. Of these three graduate,—Waite, Pettibone and Arter,—leaving two Juniors and two Sophomores to manage affairs next year. In the large incoming class we have two men pledged. The Sixtieth Commencement passed off much to the gratification of all concerned, with a great manifestation of enthusiasm on the part of the faculty and alumni. The *Reserve* appeared during Commencement week. While the typographical appearance is good, the matter is no improvement over former issues, the main object being to abuse $B \Theta II$, which was very successfully accomplished. If rumors are true (and it seems so), our friends in $\Delta K E$ are in a very bad way, as three of their members have resigned, and others have been out on forced vacations until their number is reduced to six men.

Omicron—Iowa State University.

WITH the close of this term, Omicron bids farewell to four of her loyal sons,—Bros. Love, J. F. Clarke, Rawson and Teeters graduating. Love will either teach school or enter the law, Clarke will study medicine in Philadelphia, Rawson is undecided, and Teeters will become a salesman in a Des Moines wholesale jewelry house. Bros. Hedrick, Hoag, Powell, Read, Howard, C. G. Marquardt, C. D. Morgan, Gibson and Russell, of Omicron, visited us during Commencement. We were glad to see them back, and hope they will favor us again. Bro. Andrews, of Omega, came in during the closing days of Commencement. He is a royal good Delt, and we are sorry he did not come sooner. We gave a banquet and dance to our lady friends and visiting Delts on the evening of June 19. Bro. Beavis, Unitarian minister in this city, and Bro. McBride, Professor of Botany in the University, with their wives, were with us. After several hours of dancing and social enjoyment, Madame Noel served a sumptuous repast. The banquet was followed by the "flow of wit" usual on such occasions. Bro.

Beavis responded to "Our Fraternity;" Bro. Powell to "Alumni of Delta Tau;" Bro. Williams to "How I got in;" Bro. Read, "Deltas and the Law;" Bro. Lischer, "The Babes;" Bro. Gibson, "Deltas of the Plains;" and Bro. Teeters to "The Ladies." Bro. Howard, of Minneapolis, presided as toast-master. It was agreed by all who had the pleasure of attending, that this was *the* event of Commencement.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

SINCE writing our last letter, affairs have been progressing as usual, and the ordeal of examinations with all their hard study has been passed through. The wheel of time in its revolutions has brought Commencement once again, with all its pleasures and sorrows; pleasures in having a good time generally, and in the satisfaction of knowing that soon we shall be at home with those who are dearer to us than all things else on earth; and then, again, we are all sorry to leave each other, for our parting may be forever, for who knows which one of us may receive a summons from the dark angel to cross the gloomy river of death ere school begins again.

The University chapel was decorated handsomely, and the general opinion is, that the declamations were better than usual, and the Commencement sermon delivered by Bishop H. M. Thompson, of the Episcopal Church, was something grand, and the music by the choir (special for the occasion) was simply splendid. There were a great many strangers to attend Commencement, and they seemed to enjoy themselves. "The Commencement exercises were better this year than ever before," so say a great many that have attended them regularly for many years.

We have the same number of men as when the last letter was written, and no new initiates. We will only lose one by graduation, and most of the fraters will return; therefore, we expect to do some good work next year. We expected to send a delegate to the Division Convention that was to be held at Sewanee, Tenn., but it was in the midst of our examinations; it was utterly impossible for any of us to get off, although it would have given us great pleasure to have gone. We are glad to hear that the General Convention will be held at Louisville, as it will give all the Southern chapters an excellent opportunity to send delegates. We have received letters of welcome from many Deltas, and it always delights us to hear from a Delta.

Iota—Michigan State College.

WE are glad to introduce Bro. Paul Chamberlain, our latest initiate, to the Delta world. On May 15 we held our annual field-day. Olivet and Albion were each represented by large delegations, but yielded in the contests to the prowess of the "Agriculturalists." From Albion, we were happy to meet Bros. Gordon, Scranton, Graham, Masters and Connable. On June 5, over sixty M. S. C. boys participated in the athletic exercises of Albion College. Seven of Iota's men were royally entertained by Epsilon at her chapter house. Bro. Davison will represent our chapter for the next year on our college paper, the *Speculum*. Bro. Bartmen is business manager of the same. Bro. Estabrook, still in Germany, will be with us next term. Our actives are planning for a grand treat during our summer vacation in the shape of a yachting voyage around the lakes, from Port Huron to Chicago. We have already secured the boat, and Bro. Bartmen, of the Mechanical Department, is building the engine. Iota has again resumed the publication of the *Chronicle*. We expect to issue it regularly each term in the future.

Alumni Letters.

MR. W. D. WILLIAMS, Oxford, Miss.:

Dear Sir,—Your letter and THE CRESCENT inform me that W. W. W. and $\Delta T \Delta$ have consolidated. I have expected this for several years. I became convinced that it was a step that would be necessary ultimately when I was in Nashville in May, 1884. While there, as a representative from the S. A. Chapter, I saw, as did others, that we must be satisfied to remain numerically small, or else consolidate. I think your step a wise one. $\Delta T \Delta$ is a good fraternity, I think, though I have never met one of its members. Our narrow Southern policy almost killed us before we got rid of it, and although we took a high and prominent place both at Oxford and Nashville, still it was hard work to keep up our record, as we could not show such a list of chapters as could our competitors. Knowing the $\Delta T \Delta$'s from reputation, I think you have made a good selection to consolidate with. Please send me the history you tell me is to be published, as I have always liked eulogies. I think all of my old associates who once worked so faithfully and well for Rainbow will give $\Delta T \Delta$ their best support. If the Austin (Tex.) Chapter can be reorganized, it would be a good thing, as that is bound to be a good University. With my best wishes for $\Delta T \Delta$ and all my old clubmates, I am,

Very truly,

W. G. SEARS.

FRIAR'S POINT, MISS., May 11, 1886.

MR. W. D. WILLIAMS, Oxford, Miss.:

My Dear Sir and Brother,—I am this A. M. in receipt of your letter, as well as of THE CRESCENT, accompanying, advising me of the conjunction of the Rainbow with, and my consequent transformation into a Delta Tau Delta. Next to being a "Rainbow," I had rather be a Delta Tau Delta, and when one can be both, *eo instante*, who would not then be content, would seem hard, indeed, to please. As a devoted member of the oldest and foremost of Southern soil fraternities, with those from whom you have already heard, I join my expression of approbation of your action in the progression thereby effected towards extending our connections without limits as to territory. Both fraternities are to be congratulated upon the consummation of such an association, among fraternities of such standing, a rare thing;—verily, "a marriage in high life." Of it, the outcome can be only the growth of greater good, and an advanced standard of extended success, in which the share of each will be equal. I should be glad of a copy of the coming CRESCENT,—RAINBOW, rather,—that you refer to; but, if Brother Editor Plummer has not, as yet, "got me on his list," he may enter me at once, and, at his leisure, enclose the bill to my near Rainbow brother, my partner, and myself, at this place.

It is a source of pleasure that never fails me to learn of the prosperity of the fraternity, and especial gratification is derived from the fact that, at the University of Mississippi, its excellence has never abated.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. CUTRER.

A. & M. COLLEGE, STARKSVILLE, MISS., April 13, 1886.

W. D. WILLIAMS, ESQ.:

Dear Sir,—I have ever felt an interest in the enterprise of which the last CRESCENT informed me, and am happy to have an opportunity of expressing gratification on account of the consolidation of the distinguished college fraternities, Rainbow and Delta Tau Delta. I can readily perceive the many advantages which the beloved Rainbow Fraternity will secure to itself from a union with Delta Tau Delta, and wish, as an alumnus of W. W. W., to assure the fraternity at large of my highest commendation of their action in the matter.

I met Bro. N. Bond Harris, of $\Delta T \Delta$, last summer at Mont Eagle, Tennessee, and we frequently discussed the advantages of the combination, and both looked forward with pleasure to the time of that event.

I became a member of W. W. W. in 1878; then, as before and after, it was the leading club of the University of Mississippi. The club was sufficiently strong to control most of the legislation of Phi Sigma Literary Society, and has furnished more anniversary orators for that society than any other club. It has also lead in Honor men of Collegiate Department, and was regarded as the most potent of all clubs for good. Of the anniversary orators elected by Phi Sigma, I can recall but few: A. S. Mehary, of 1877; E. H. Gray, of 1878; and myself, in 1881. The A. and M. College has had five Rainbows in its faculty since its organization six years ago, viz., W. R. Harper, Rev. W. T. J. Sullivan, T. W. Stackard (this gentleman made a record which has never been excelled in the University of Mississippi), D. Lipscomb, and myself.

With best wishes for $\Delta T \Delta$, and hoping that she may have unbounded prosperity in the future, I remain, truly and fraternally yours,

ANDREW A. KINCANNON.

Alumni News.

Kappa Prime.

'66. Dr. A. M. Hamilton contributed medical essays to recent numbers of the *New York Medical Journal* and the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*. He is a member of the University Club, New York.

'66. Charles C. Emott is Secretary of the John J. Croke Co., 186 Grand street, New York, manufacturers of tin foil. He also is a member of the University Club of that city.

'67. Andrew Bryson, until recently Chief Engineer of the Harlem & Hartford Railroad, is now Principal Assistant Engineer of the Kings County Elevated Railway of Brooklyn, with office at 26 Court street. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

'67. John Salisbury is a wholesale dealer in sand and broken stone at Avenue B and 62d street, New York.

'67. John Sanford, of the firm of Stephen Sanford & Sons, carpet manufacturers, whose extensive mills are at Amsterdam, N. Y., is a member of the University Club of New York.

'67. W. W. Van Voorhis is largely interested in the Port Henry Steel and Iron Co. in the northern part of New York State.

Rho—Stevens.

'76. William Kent, at the recent meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers in Pittsburgh, read two papers: "Recent Failures of Steel Boiler Plates," and "Apparatus for Determining the Heating Power of Different Fuels."

'77. Lewis H. Nash, of the National Meter Co., Brooklyn, recently received a large number of patents on various forms of proportional, oscillating and rotary water meters and methods of operating them; also a number of patents for gas engines and their details. He has received upward of sixty patents in the United States, and a large number of foreign patents.

'80. Willard P. Parsons is Treasurer of the Hoosick Falls Gaslight Co., Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

'81. Charles A. Gifford contributes to "Architectural Studies," Part IV, published by W. T. Comstock, New York, two designs of "A Florida Cottage" and "A Sea-Side Cottage."

'84. John A. Bensel was recently promoted to the position of one of the Assistant Engineers on the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Maintenance of Way Department at Jersey City.

'85. A. G. Glasgow is now at Waterbury, Conn., at the gasworks controlled by the United Gas Improvement Co., of Philadelphia.

Iota—Michigan State.

'62. Prof. A. J. Cook read a paper on the "Pollen Theory" at the meeting of the National Bee-keepers' Association at Detroit, Mich., December 5.

'74. Henry A. Haight is President of the Michigan Club, at Detroit.

'75. William L. Carpenter is one of the Directors of the Michigan Club, of Detroit.

'77. Albert Dodge, of Fowlerville, Mich., is presiding officer of the State Grand Lodge of Good Templars.

'77. James Albert Porter died on Christmas Day of 1885, at his home at Blissfield, Mich., at the age of thirty-one years. He leaves a wife and child and a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss.

'78. Frank E. Robson was recently married in Detroit.

'78. Rev. Clement J. Strong, since January 1, has charge of the Congregational Church at Charlevoix, Mich.

'79. Roderick B. Norton was married to Miss Mary Beal, of Northville, Mich., on November 27. He resides at Arkansas City, Kansas.

'79. Marion A. Porter is in the furniture business with his father at Northville, Mich.

'85. Edward A. Bartmess is teaching near Lafayette, Ind.

'85. James A. Dart is in his father's law office at Petoskey, Mich.

'85. Thomas H. Rees graduates from West Point this June.

'83. H. W. Collingwood had a poem—"A Story of Fredericksburgh"—in the *New York Sun* of November 14, 1885. He is a frequent contributor of stories to S. S. McClure's "Newspaper Syndicate." He is regularly employed on the editorial staff of the *Rural New Yorker*.

'73. Prof. R. C. Carpenter was elected Secretary of the Engineers' Society of Michigan at its meeting in January.

Delta—University of Michigan.

'82. Horace C. Alexander, Assistant Engineer of Streets in the Department of City Works of Chicago, recently became a member of the Western Society of Engineers.

Phi—Hanover.

'78. George M. Peckinpaugh is with Loomis, Hart & Co., furniture manufacturers, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

'71. Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, who was recently transferred from the Ohio Conference to New Orleans, has been elected President of the Ministerial Association of the South.

'85. Rev. A. B. Austin, who has been attending Drew Theological Seminary for the past year, is now occupying the pulpit at Moscow, Ohio.

'84. D. A. Hayes has been compelled, on account of sickness, to give up his studies at Boston School of Theology, and to return to his home in Dayton, Ohio. He expects to pursue his studies again next year.

- '84. H. B. Swartz and D. A. Hayes are attending Boston School of Theology.
- '82. C. E. Jefferson, formerly a student of the Boston Law School, is now attending Boston School of Theology.
- '83. G. P. Austin, Ohio Conference, is stationed at Wellston, Ohio.
- '83. E. E. Cheney is practicing law in Kansas.
- '74. B. F. Dimmick, Cincinnati Conference, is more fortunate than most of ministers. He recently became father to triplets,—three girl babies.
- '82. D. T. Denman is attending Baptist School of Theology, Rochester, N. Y.

Beta Beta—DePauw.

- '73. The Hon. Elisha B. Reynolds is the Republican candidate in Wayne County for Representative in the General Assembly of Indiana.
- '86. Married—May 31, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents in Crawfordsville, Ind., by the Rev. John E. Steele, Miss Mary J. Bonnell to Mr. Robert P. A. Berryman, who graduated at Wabash College this year.
- '76. Joseph Crow, Jr., is now a successful lawyer in Bird City, Kansas. When he resigned his position as City Attorney of Greencastle, the Common Council passed resolutions showing their appreciation of his services.
- '82. Married—Wednesday evening, March 31, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents in Crawfordsville, Ind., by the Rev. Dr. Thomson, Miss Maria Elston, daughter of Col. Isaac C. Elston, President of the Elston Bank, to Mr. Dudley H. Jackson, of Brazil, Ind. The bride is a niece of the late Hon. Henry S. Lane, ex-United States Senator and ex-Governor of Indiana, and of Gen. Lew Wallace, ex-Minister to Turkey and the author of "Ben Hur." Mr. Ernest R. Keith (Beta Beta, '90,) was the best man.
- '86. Married—Thursday evening, April 8, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents in Mount Vernon, Ind., by the Rev. Dr. Woods, Miss Sadie P. Edson, daughter of Judge William P. Edson, to Mr. Frank D. Wimmer. Bro. Wimmer has been admitted to practice in the Circuit and Supreme Courts of Indiana, and is now the junior member of the law firm of Edson & Wimmer in Mount Vernon, his father-in-law being the senior member of the firm.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

- '69. Will Carleton has a poem entitled, "When My Ship Went Down," in the *Chicago Current* for April 23.
- '71. Hon. A. J. Hopkins' memorial address on the late Reuben Ellwood, M. C., from Illinois, is printed in the *Congressional Record* for January 29, 1886.
- '68. Judge O. A. James delivered the oration at Coldwater, Decoration Day.
- '74. J. W. Simmons, Superintendent of Schools at Dowagiac, is a member of the State Examining Committee for colleges.
- '74. Wesley Sears was, May 20, elected President of the Michigan Association of School Superintendents.
- '76. Chauncey Cook was re-elected Mayor of Hillsdale at the late election. He has discharged the duties of his office with popular acceptance, and the movement seems to be rapidly growing to have him represent his district in the next Legislature.

Xi—Simpson.

'80. H. B. Pierce, attorney-at-law, has an extensive practice at Rock Rapids, Iowa. He reports his responsibilities augmented by the recent arrival of a bouncing boy.

'75. Rev. C. H. Burleigh is at present stationed at Cheney, Kansas.

'83. Cards were recently issued for the marriage of Ralph P. Collins, Darlington, Indian Territory.

'80. G. R. C. Read is located at Omaha, Neb., in the practice of his profession—the law.

'77. C. C. Stiffler attends to a lucrative mercantile business in Ogden City, Utah.

'78. L. L. Smullin, charter member of Xi, is telegraph operator at Maple River Junction, Iowa.

'83. H. G. Smith and Miss Rettie Pierce, both of Asbewa, Iowa, were recently married.

Theta—Bethany.

'62. Prof. John L. N. Hunt is a member of the Republican County Committee, New York City.

'69. Prof. Charles L. Loos, Superintendent of the High School at Dayton, Ohio, will deliver the Inaugural Address as President of the Superintendents' Section of the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Ohio Teachers' Association at Chautauqua, N. Y., June 29.

'82. J. L. Atkins is practicing law at Lock Haven, Pa.

'82. H. King Pendleton has recently removed from New Albany, Ind., to accept a call from the Hazelwood Church at Pittsburgh, Pa. He is doing a splendid work in Pittsburgh, and is very highly spoken of by those who know him there.

'82. W. G. Garvey holds the Chair of Mathematics at Hopedale College, O.

'77. C. P. Kemper is President of a Young Men's Academy at Cuckoo, Va.

'85. F. P. Arthur has recently accepted a call to the Church of Christ at Angola, Ind.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

A. E. Deal, '82, is still at Scranton, Pa.

Spearman, '84, is situated at Steubenville, O.

Ranney, '85, is at his home in Mohawk, N. Y.

Reynold, '85, is in business in Hoosic Falls, N. Y.

Zeiley, '86, is engaged in business with his father at Canojaharie, N. Y.

Peyana, '87, will return to the Institute from his home, U. S. of Columbia, in August.

Crump, '87, is engaged in business at Dravosburg, Pa.

Carey, '84, is with the Grand Island Banking Co., at Grand Island, Neb.

Judd, '88, is at the San Jose Military School, California.

Finney, '88, is at his home in Memphis, Tenn.

Hebert, '89, is situated at Marietta, Ga.

Martin, '89, is now at New Orleans, La.

Beta—Ohio University.

'69. William S. Eversole, Superintendent of Public Schools at Wooster, O., read a paper on "The Education of the Conscience," before the recent meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association, which is reprinted in the *Ohio Educational Monthly* for May, 1886.

'66. Joseph F. Lukens took a prominent part in the meeting of the Clermont County Teachers' Association at Batavia, O., on April 10.

'64. Middleton S. Campbell, Principal of the Central High School, Cleveland, Ohio, read a paper on "The Unknown Factor in Education," at the meeting of the Huron and Erie County Teachers' Association at Monroeville, O., April 17.

Psi—Wooster.

'83. Manola A. Garnell read a paper on "Socrates as a Teacher," at the meeting of the Knox County Teachers' Association at Centerburg, O., April 10.

'83. C. O. Johnson is now in New York City preparing to study law. He lives at 213 Alexander avenue.

'84. J. M. Fulton is preaching at Normal, Ill.

'82. J. A. Gordon, Presbyterian minister, Decatur, Mich.

'82. J. C. Rice, Principal of Glenwood Institute, Matawan, N. J.

'83. D. C. Hanna, Presbyterian minister, Philadelphia, Pa.

'83. A. B. Nicholls, Presbyterian minister, Quincy, Mich.

'83. M. A. Yarnell, Superintendent of Schools, Mt. Vernon, O.

'84. H. M. Kingery, Professor of Ancient Languages, Emporia, Kan., was married to Miss Mary McMillan, June 24. Psi congratulates Hugh, and wishes him an abundance of that success which is sure to be his.

Alpha—Allegheny.

'84. Ed. E. Hughes was recently admitted to the bar of Venango Co., Pa.

'83. W. B. Best has been admitted to the Crawford Co., Pa., bar.

'86. W. J. Bryan is a bookkeeper at McKeesport, Pa.

'77. L. E. Fuller is now situated at Crete, Neb.

'84. W. A. Pitton is one of the physicians in charge at East Tennessee Insane Hospital, Knoxville.

'85. W. E. Rice is practicing law at Warren, Pa.

'82. Walter McJunkin is in the drug business at Clearfield, Pa.

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