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## THE FIRST DIVISION CONFERENCE.

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THE annual conference of the chapters constituting the First Grand Division of the Fraternity, being the fourth of the series, met, in accordance with previous announcement, in the City of New York, on Monday, February 22, under the general auspices of the Sigma Chapter. The business sessions occupied both morning and afternoon, and were held in the hall of the Apprentices' Library, 18 East Sixteenth street, which, by special courtesy of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Conference. It proved to be capitally adapted for the purpose, with its several committee rooms. As early as ten o'clock the delegates, visitors and resident members assembled in goodly numbers, exchanged the greetings of old friendships and new acquaintanceships, born of a mutual interest in the work of Delta Tau Delta.

The Conference was opened at eleven o'clock by the Rev. Lathan A. Crandall, K, '73, pastor of the East Twenty-Third Street Baptist Church, New York, who invoked Divine blessing upon the Fraternity and the object which called the Conference together. It was an impressive prayer, peculiarly appropriate to such an occasion.

The President of the Conference, Will Carleton, Kappa, '69, of Brooklyn, N. Y., delivered the inaugural address, in which he took occasion to review the arguments which have been arrayed against the fraternity system, offsetting these by means of the acknowledged meritorious features of the better class of

these Greek letter societies,—a comparison which it is needless, perhaps, to say, could not and did not fail to result to the entire satisfaction of the assemblage. That Delta Tau Delta received due praise, as one of the fraternities which had lived up to the high standard which had been chosen for it, need surprise no one who knows Bro. Carleton, as an earnest advocate of our Fraternity. Prof. John L. N. Hunt,  $\Theta$ , '62, of New York, well known as one of the founders of the Fraternity, then, in behalf of the resident members, delivered the address of welcome to the delegates and visitors in a particularly happy strain. To this responses were made by A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; C. C. B. Reid, *I*, '83; Orrin Serfass, *N*, '82; E. P. Mowton, *P*, '86, and P. H. Hébert, *T*, '89, representing their several chapters.

After a brief recess the Conference, shortly after the noon hour, promptly organized for business. The report of the Secretary showed that all of the chapters had sent duly accredited representatives; the President then announced the list of the standing committees; the reports of several of the chapters were heard, after which, at 12.30 o'clock p. m., the Conference adjourned until the afternoon session.

At two o'clock the Conference reassembled, heard the remaining chapter reports, all of which showed them to be in a prosperous condition, with, perhaps, one exception. The reports of several of the committees were then heard and action taken thereon. As a consequence the date of the next Conference was fixed on Tuesday, February 22, 1887. It will be held, as usual, in the City of New York, this time under the auspices of the Rho Chapter. Upon that occasion the following officers will be asked to act: Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73, President; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, and Orrin Serfass, *N*, '82, Vice-Presidents; B. E. Gregory, *T*, '88, Secretary. William Kent, *P*, '76, was subsequently elected Orator, and Herbert W. Collingwood, *I*, '83, Poet of the occasion.

The Conference then listened to a paper read by the Secretary in the absence of the author, on "THE CRESCENT as a Factor in the Development of the Fraternity," by E. P. Cullum, *A*, '82, Secretary of the First Grand Division. It was well

received and deserves a wider publication. A paper by A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, on "Delta Tau Delta Among the Fraternities," defined the relative positions of our Fraternity and its rivals from various points of view. W. W. Cook, *A*, '80, then made a statement regarding the proposed Chapter Fund, and the general financial policy of the Fraternity, defined its legal privileges and responsibilities, and thus gave in outline the ideas embodied in a paper upon the subject which he had been invited to prepare. A statement was received from J. B. Ware, *I*, '82, General Treasurer of the Fraternity, urging the chapters to take such action as may be within their power, and make the Chapter Fund a permanent feature in our financial system. The Conference then took a brief recess, during which L. W. Serrell, *P*, '87, succeeded in taking an excellent group photograph of the Conference. Upon reassembling, a number of resolutions were discussed regarding matters of general fraternity policy, proposed convention legislation, schemes for extension, all of such a nature that they connect with due regard to the best interests of the Fraternity, be made public in these columns. Provision was made for publishing the proceedings of this and last year's Conference, under the direction of the Secretary.

It was six o'clock before the Conference was able to close its business session and adjournment was decided upon. Bro. Carleton, with utmost unselfishness, gave the Conference his undivided time and attention, and it was mainly due to his promptness and interest that so much good and substantial work was accomplished. Bro. Wilbur F. Smith, *T*, '87, was all that could be desired in the position of Secretary. The discussions were freely entered into by the older alumni present, and their counsel and experience was of evident value.

At eight o'clock in the evening the delegates, with visitors to the number of about forty, assembled at the Casino to listen to Strauss' comic opera, "The Gypsy Baron." Thanks to the foresight of the Committee of Arrangements, seats in the parquet had been secured, in sufficient number, several weeks in advance, a necessary and wise precaution. At eleven o'clock the party repaired to Morelli's, 8 West Twenty-eighth street, to partake of

the annual conference banquet. An elaborate menu was presented, to which full justice was done. Speeches were made after dinner in response to toasts given out by A. Arnoux,  $\Sigma$ , '86, who acted as toastmaster, as follows: "Our Fraternity," A. P. Trautwein,  $P$ , '76; "The Alumni of Delta Tau," W. W. Cook,  $\Delta$ , '80; "The Press," H. W. Collingwood,  $I$ , '83, who responded by reciting his poem, "The Editor's Girl," in a happy and pleasing strain; "Undergraduate Days," Orrin Serfass,  $N$ , '82; "The First Division Conference," Wilbur F. Smith,  $T$ , '87; "The Ladies" were toasted by H. R. Asserson,  $T$ , '87, and Paul H. Hébert,  $T$ , '89, closed the speech-making in a charmingly happy vein. The toasts were interspersed with college and fraternity songs.

In the judgment of all who participated in the several exercises of this conference, it fully equalled any of its predecessors, both in the business which was transacted and in its social features, which always receive much attention in the annual conferences of the First Division. The Register contains the names of fifty-five members who participated, but there were others present at various times whose names have not been recorded. Upsilon sent a delegation of eleven, which included almost its entire undergraduate membership. There was a noticeable uniformity in the appearances and make up of the several undergraduate delegations, a pleasing fact commented upon by many of the alumni present. The Conference was fully noticed in the city papers, both before and after the meeting.

## THE EDITOR'S GIRL.\*

*Herbert W. Collingwood, Iota, '83.*

You know the old fellow who long ago said,  
 After painfully thinking and rubbing his head,  
 That with one simple lever he'd make the world jump  
 From its place—into space—with a terrible thump.  
 If he had but a log and a good place to stand,  
 He could move the great world by one touch of his hand.  
 The old fellow's lever was easily found,  
 But the log and the place to stand never came round ;  
 And the people laughed loud at the dreaming old man.  
 They called him a lunatic—sneered at his plan.  
 Yet we—foolish quill-drivers—know he was right ;  
 The world *can* be swayed from the dark to the light.  
 The Press is *our* lever, far down in the heart  
 Of the people it reaches and holds for its part.  
 The Press is the lever, yet where does it rest ?  
 The noble old Roman or Greek at his best  
 Was forced to give up on his log long ago ;  
 Yet we have discovered it—listen ! I'll show  
 The lever swings on as the busy years whirl,  
 And it rests in the hands—of the Editor's Girl !

The Editor's Girl ! What, that small party there  
 With a square inch of forehead down under her hair ?  
 With a fist like a snowball—a mouth like a rose,  
 With a smile that would thaw out your heart though it froze ?  
 Admit it—be honest, my brothers, to-day—  
 We *are* brothers—I'll not give your secret away.  
 Own it up, has the little girl not made your life  
 Far better and purer and held you from strife ?  
 Don't you know how you stood—may be years ago,  
 How you wanted to stay and yet wanted to go ?  
 While the little girl looked up at you with a smile  
 And a queer sort of look in her eyes all the while ;  
 Till you found that you *couldn't* stay longer aloof,  
 And you reached for her mouth—and, in fact, you "took proof ?"  
 Now honestly—didn't you after that night,  
 Think of her every time when you sat down to write  
 Your wild editorials ?—how they did shine  
 Touched up by friend Cupid, that fellow divine.

\*Spoken in reply to the toast, "The Press," at the Conference Banquet of the First Grand Division of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, New York City, February 22, 1886.

She would smile up at you from the bottle of ink,  
 While you sat there patiently trying to think.  
 You knew that your paper would always be read  
 By at least one subscriber whose dear little head  
 Would treasure the good and forget all the ill,  
 And think you a wonderful personage still.  
 And under your coat there, you carried a charm.  
 That would make Trouble shake in its boots in alarm.  
 I know what it was—it was only a curl  
 From the head of the Editor's dear little Girl.

You smile at me now, and you say that these joys  
 Are all very well for a great crowd of boys ;  
 But that when a man's beard and his head have turned gray,  
 The romance and poetry all fly away.  
 Now, if it be true, that the heart will grow cold,  
 Let us solemnly swear that we'll never grow old.  
 Say, tell me, you bald-headed men over there—  
 You studious fellows with more brain than hair—  
 You men who stand looking down through the dim years,  
 All filled up with pleasures and trials and tears—  
 Does the little girl really grow *old* with each year ?  
 Is she ever less fair, is she ever less dear  
 Than she was when she looked in your face long ago  
 With the look in her eyes that sent fire through you so ?  
 When she spoke the three words that have made up your life,  
 That have kept you from sorrow and held you through strife ?  
 Would you not give as much—come, be honest to-night—  
 For one curl from her head though it be streaked with white ?  
 Do her cheeks really fade as the busy years whirl ?  
 Is she *ever* aught else but the Editor's Girl ?

Think over your life ; all the joys you have had ;  
 All the beautiful memories tender and sad,  
 That come as the starlight breaks through the dark pine,  
 That twine round your heart as the soft tendrils twine.  
 Ah—the lip may well tremble—the eye may well fill  
 With tears—not unmanly is that tender thrill.  
 As you think of the anguish that wrung through her life  
 When the little child dropped from the world's busy strife.  
 Ah, the brave little woman—her lips wore a smile  
 Though you knew that her poor heart was breaking the while.  
 Ah, how small will *our* portion of fame be, my friends,  
 When the mighty bookkeeper shall foot up both ends  
 Of the ledger ; our portion will be indeed small ;  
 Yet she—little woman—would give us her all.

Do your troubles not bring you still closer together,  
 No matter how gloomy, how stormy life's weather?  
 Does she not still to you her best influence give?  
 Do you not know her better each day that you live?  
 Does she lead you in truth such a wonderful dance?  
 And *is* it all poetry, bosh and romance?  
 You've been over the road—you know what you're about;  
 We simple, young fellows would gladly find out.  
 For we have a notion—no doubt it's all wrong;  
 No doubt down in practice it's not worth a song—  
 That a man may mount high to the temple of Fame—  
 The honor, the love of the world he may claim.  
 Yet back of it all, unobserved and unknown,  
 A woman is silently building his throne.  
 She is patiently, lovingly working the while  
 With a woman's unreasoning love and a smile,  
 And as long as the years dance their magical whirl,  
 We will praise her for ever—The Editor's Girl.

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### THE MIAMI TRIAD IN EXTENSION.

*J. E. Brown, in Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

THE revival of Miami University, after its inactivity of over half a score of years, has turned to this historic ground the attention of the several fraternities who were connected with its history—memorable no less in fraternity than in college annals. The journals of the different fraternities who have thus been connected with her career have contained articles valuable from a historical as well as a literary point of view. They have told of the rise and fall of one of the most renowned institutions of learning west of the Alleghenies; how her fame spread, bringing students from many States; of the work they did; of the statesmen, scholars, and professional men she has sent out; how she became the pioneer of the fraternity system in the West; how three of these societies were founded there, and the story of their fortunes, until the closing of her doors in 1873.

In speaking of Miami, the fraternity man almost invariably refers to it as the birthplace of the three powerful fraternities,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$ , giving them in the order of their birth.

When we reflect that among the fraternities of Western origin there are but three others, namely,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,\* which have developed a strength by any means proportional to these; a comparison of statistics between them, and their standing, as a group, in the fraternity world, is strongly suggested. What makes the idea still more striking is the fact that the three not of Miami origin are themselves closely related in their beginnings.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  was founded at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, in 1848.  $\Phi K \Psi$  at the same place, in 1852.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , the youngest of the Western fraternities, originated at Bethany College, West Virginia, in 1850. The civil war was disastrous to Bethany; the college closed its doors, and the reins of authority which had been with the parent chapter of the new fraternity were turned over to the chapter at Jefferson, where they remained until 1869. Thus this chapter in reality exercised the influence of the parent during the formative period of that fraternity. So this group of six, making up what are called the "Western Fraternities," is divided into threes, one trio of which were nursed in the western borders of the Keystone State, while the other, which we shall here designate as the Miami Triad, came to light at the honored university of that name, in the southwestern borders of the Buckeye State.

Fraternities have been classed as Eastern, Western and Southern, not only because they originated in a particular section, but because their main development has been in that section in which they originated. Those of eastern origin are strongest in the East, the western in the West, and the southern in the South.  $\Delta K E$  at one time came nearer being an exception than has any other fraternity. Originating at Yale, in 1844, ten years later she had eighteen chapters, of which only eight were Eastern, the rest having been established in the more promising schools of the South and West. All these Southern banches were killed by the war, of which only two were revived at its close—those at the Universities of Virginia and Mississippi; but the lately expressed

\* Whatever of merit may attach to the individual chapters of  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , she has not exhibited that enterprise as a general fraternity which characterized the others. Hence her omission from this list.

plan of again entering the South has been vouched for by the appearance of chapters at Central and Alabama. As the fraternities stand to-day, the preponderance of strength in each is in and about the section of their origin. The ultra-conservative policy of a few has limited them entirely to a single section, but with these exceptions, the rest have a few chapters in colleges which are at quite a distance from their main body.  $\Delta K E$ , the most democratic of Eastern fraternities, alone has a number of chapters equal to that of any of the Western, her roll excelling that of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  by two, and of  $\Delta T \Delta$  by three. With this exception, the Western have for a long time surpassed all others in that respect. \* \* \* \* \*

As regards extension among fraternities, there none which can lay claim to as wide or as symmetrical a development as that of those of the Miami Triad. Founded as they were in the West, when it was enjoying a vigorous growth, they developed with it, occupied its territory, and together with the Jefferson Triad, went beyond it in the direction most natural—South, where were unoccupied the flourishing State universities and a few other schools which had attained prominence. At that time the now typical Southern fraternities had not made their appearance, but the ground became none the less well occupied, for both Eastern and Western began to push themselves into these schools of the South, making, as Mr. Baird has said in his “American College Fraternities,” often the first meeting place of the Eastern and the Western fraternities in some college of the South. On the rolls of the Western fraternities at the beginning of the war, we find a goodly number of chapters had been established in the South, and, as has been mentioned in the case of  $\Delta K E$ , a preponderance of chapters was in that section. That conflict made a change, and at its close fraternities had again to go forth from their original starting points. We are inclined to believe that it was the war that brought much of that element, conservatism, into the fraternity world. During its progress extension was necessarily stopped, and at its close they were loath to push it. No college has been added to the roll of  $\Sigma \Phi$  since '58, and but one to that of  $K A$ . Up to '59  $A \Delta \Phi$  had steadily extended her

borders, without indiscretion, too, and since then she has entered but two colleges. A cursory glance at the roll of  $\Psi T$  may give the impression that her course was not altered; but it is interesting to know that of the six chapters admitted to worship at her shrine since '60, all were organized before becoming chapters of  $\Psi T$ . Three had been established as local societies, while the three others, in which taste was displayed at the expense of courtesy, were lifted from other fraternities, namely, the Michigan chapter from  $B \Theta \Pi$ ; Chicago from  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and the Cornell from  $\Phi K \Psi$ .  $\Delta K E$ , which at one time bid most fair to become the national fraternity, for some restraining cause has for many years refused to avail herself of the vantage ground she once held in the South. Now, realizing that the colleges on that side of Mason and Dixon's line are as worthy as any, and influenced, no doubt, by the able article of Senator Butler in a preceding volume of the *Quarterly*, she is endeavoring to regain the prestige she once so honorably held there.

We find the Western fraternities leading in extension, as to number of chapters, as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 58;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 47;  $\Sigma X$ , 35.  $\Phi K \Psi$  follows with 35,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 29, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 28. As to number of States entered,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  leads with 24, the others following:  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 21;  $\Sigma X$ , 16;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 16;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 12, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 12. Thus we see that not only does the Miami Triad lead all others in number of chapters, but in number of States entered, showing that their roll is not the result of unscrupulous crowding into any and all colleges of a particular section, but by outreaching into different States.

It is well to notice also that the only Western fraternities represented in New England are those of the Miami Triad. Not only are they represented there, but these chapters are among the most active and prosperous of these fraternities.  $B \Theta \Pi$  entered Boston University in '76, which was followed by the revival of her long dead chapters at Harvard and Brown, and establishment at Maine State and Amherst. In '79  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  entered the University of Vermont, the success of which chapter demonstrated that the East was available territory. Since then she has established herself at Colby, Dartmouth and Williams.  $\Sigma X$  has been repre-

sented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1882. Neither  $\Phi K \Psi$  nor  $\Delta T \Delta$  were ever established east of New York.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has twice entered New England, but has not succeeded in retaining her ground. The chapter at Sheffield Scientific School (Yale) did not prosper, and died. A chapter established at Williams, in '80, had scarcely been chartered when, owing to some dissatisfaction, it deserted to  $Z \Psi$ . The success of these New England chapters of the Miami fraternities has proven that they are able to cope favorably with longer established rivals, brought the Eastern and Western fraternities into closer contact, and created a more friendly relation between them than existed before. We hardly think the present able editors of the *Diamond* of  $\Psi \Gamma$  would call upon her friends "to create a healthy public sentiment" against societies which are "necessarily destined to a short-lived, or at least precarious, existence," but would be more likely to "welcome the new chapters in direct proportion to the strength they manifest."

Another respect in which we find the Miami fraternities excelling, is in the number of chapters located at State universities. Mr. W. R. Baird, who until recently has been largely identified with the progressive moves of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , urges upon that fraternity the advisability of establishing herself in the State universities west of the Mississippi, in which she is not now represented. These institutions, from the very system of education throughout the West and South, are placed at the head of the college system. With scarcely an exception, in every Western and Southern State you will find the State university to be in the forefront, and in many cases, owing to liberal recognition, far in advance of competitors. They are bound to remain at the front as long as the demand for education exists. The wisdom and advantage of placing chapters in these institutions cannot be questioned, and it is pleasing to see how thoroughly this has been appreciated in certain quarters. In State universities  $B \Theta \Pi$  has 12 chapters,  $\Sigma X$ , 10;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 10;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 8, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 6.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  leads with eighteen on her list, and the circle made by her chapters in universities of Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas,

Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, is one of which every Phi Delta Theta can well be proud, and one that gives a broad and firm support on which can be built the NATIONAL fraternity.

There are forty-six colleges in which one or more of the Miami Triad meets  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , or  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and in twenty-six they precede them. Of these twenty-six  $B \Theta \Pi$  comes first at fifteen;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  precedes at eight;  $\Sigma X$  at three. In the remaining twenty  $\Phi K \Psi$  precedes at eleven;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  at six; and  $\Delta T \Delta$  at three. While speaking of the colleges in which the Western fraternities meet each other, it is natural to wonder in how many they come in contact with the Eastern. Such a comparison would be too lengthy here, but we can say that most all meet at some college on their list. Northern Kappa Alpha is the only exception.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and  $\Sigma X$  are not brought into contact with her at any college whatever. We would think that two fraternities, both claiming to be Eastern, would meet at one school, at least, but at the present time  $X \Phi$  is not known in the college where  $\Sigma \Phi$  is represented.

Some have tried to use the fact of the wide extension of the Western fraternities as an argument against them, asserting the long roll to rise from a "multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions." We have clearly shown this not to be the case, the acquaintance of new chapters being the result of the acquisition of new territory. Were it the case we would find that the average number of rival chapters would be proportionately less. But this is not so; the number in all the Western fraternities is nearly the same, being about four and a half to each chapter. The question is not one as to how large a list can be built up, but how can the idea of a fraternity that shall bind together the sympathies of students, East, West, South and North, be realized. In so far as a fraternity approaches a national type, so all the more shall its strength be manifest, and its field of usefulness enlarged beyond that to which any provincial brotherhood can lay claim. It is with this aim in view that the leading colleges of different sections have been entered; not those whose future alone augured well, but whose present standing and work com-

mended itself. The present justifies this policy, and the future will make its wisdom more manifest. A half or even a quarter of a century ago the liveliest imagination would not have foretold such a growth in fraternity intelligence and recognition as exists to-day. Is the future to be less than the past? We do not believe that the system will retrograde; we believe that the code of fraternity ethics will mould itself perfectly to its environs; that fraternities will be as lasting as the colleges that shelter them. Then we have to build not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us. The future has its demands, as well as the present. The Western fraternities have more nearly met these demands than have their ultra-conservative rivals.

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## The Greek World.

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$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has entered Knox and Lehigh.

THE next convention of  $\Phi K \Psi$  meets in Indianapolis April 7 to 10, 1886.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has entered Williams, and revived at Cornell and the University of California.

THE Forty-fifth Annual Convention of  $X \Psi$  meets in New York city, April 7 and 8, 1886.

$\Sigma N$  has entered the University of Missouri. Members of  $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Sigma A E$  call themselves "Sigs."

$K A \Theta$  will soon publish her first catalogue, under the supervision of the Alpha Chapter of DePauw University.

THE report that  $\Delta T \Delta$  intends granting a charter to petitioners at Franklin College is without foundation, for  $\Delta T \Delta$  has no such intention.

THE following fraternities, named in the order of their establishment, are represented at the University of Kansas:  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , and  $\Sigma N$ .

THE only man that  $\Phi K \Sigma$  had in the college department at the Northwestern was married during the holidays, and left college, leaving three Preps to uphold  $\Phi K \Sigma$ 's banner in Evanston.

THE Grand Chapter of  $K A \Theta$  met in Wooster, Ohio, February 25 and 26, 1886. The charters were withdrawn from the chapters at the University of Michigan, the Ohio University, and Butler University.

THETA XI, with chapters at Sheffield Scientific School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stevens and Massachusetts Institutes of Technology, held its annual convention with the Yale Chapter on February 20.

THE members of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity resident in and about New York had a social reunion and dinner at Clark's. The gathering was under the auspices of the Stevens, Columbia and Rutgers Chapters. It was entirely an undergraduate affair.

CHIEF JUSTICE BARTLETT TRIPP, of the Supreme Court of Dakotah, is a  $\Delta T$ ; Robert Garrett, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is a  $Z \Psi$ ; Professor Orra P. John, of De Pauw University, is an  $A X \Omega$ ; Colonel Henry Lowndes Muldrow, who was a member of Congress from Mississippi in the 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Congress, and who is now the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, is a  $\Delta T \bar{\Delta}$ ; James Russell Lowell, Edward Everett Hale, Charles Francis Adams, Jr., and Donald Grant Mitchell ("Ik. Marvel") are members of  $A \Delta \Phi$ .

NEARLY two hundred members of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity were present at the annual reunion and banquet of the New York Alumni Association, at the Hotel Brunswick, on February 13. A committee was appointed to report on the feasibility of securing a club-house in New York city, as now maintained by  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$  and  $\Delta K E$ . Ex-President Arthur was elected President; and among the Vice-Presidents we find the names of Judge Van Vorst, Ex-President Chamberlain, of Bowdoin; Drs. R. S. MacArthur and C. H. Parkhurst. Among the speakers at the banquet were the following, with the toasts to which they replied: " $\Psi T$  Historical," Hon. W. E. Robinson; " $\Psi T$  Poetical," Edmund Clarence Stedman; " $\Psi T$  Clerical," Dr. MacArthur; " $\Psi T$  Universal," Waldo Hutchins; " $\Psi T$  Professional," Hon. Galusha A. Grow. Rev. James K. Lombard contributed an original poem, "Noctes Ambrosianæ."

FRATERNITIES AT STEVENS.

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IN our last letter we promised to submit some historical and statistical information concerning the fraternity system at the Stevens Institute of Technology, believing that such a statement might be of some interest to the readers of *THE CRESCENT*. Most of our information has been obtained from the Chapter Archives, which we have every reason to believe are reliable.

The origin of the fraternity system here dates from the year 1874, for we find, at that time, no Greek letter fraternity, either formed or in the process of formation. We might except the Delta Sigma, which had a local existence, and in a very limited field merely served the purpose of a social club. It died, however, in the advent of the Theta Xi, February, 1874, which placed its Gamma Chapter at this institution. This fraternity, with chapters at Rensselaer and Yale, was announced to be an engineering society, confining its chapter roll strictly to scientific schools. It devoted itself, however, to the social element of its existence, and took an active part in the college politics. The opposition which this engendered, and the presence of James B. Pierce, Eta, '73, who enjoyed much personal popularity and influence, induced a number of members of '76 to combine for purposes of mutual protection, and to petition Delta Tau Delta for a chapter. Accordingly the Rho was placed at Stevens on May 9, 1874, and thus the political equilibrium was speedily restored. The entering class of 1874 being a very large and active one, taxed the fraternity facilities of the institute to their greatest extent. The want was soon supplied by the entrance, in February, '75, of the Alpha Sigma Chi with chapters at Rutgers and Cornell, which placed its Gamma Chapter at Stevens. The advent of the new-comer but slightly affected the relative standard of the two fraternities, each of which had its own peculiar standard of membership, so that there was little or no competition on that score. In the fall of 1879 the Alpha Sigma Chi united with the Beta Theta Pi, and its chapter here became the Sigma of the latter.

Owing to increased reputation the attendance at the Institute grew rapidly during the next few years, making it evident that there was abundant room for one and even two more fraternities. Hence, when

it was known that, on November 7, 1881, the New Jersey Alpha Kappa, of the Alpha Tau Omega, had been chartered, everyone was prepared to predict for it a prosperous existence. The chapter was, however, peculiarly unfortunate in the choice of its members, and never succeeded in gaining a foothold, having enrolled only eight men, two of whom were affiliated from elsewhere. In the spring of 1882 steps were taken to organize a chapter of the Chi Psi Fraternity, but the petitioners did not succeed in accomplishing their object until February 14, 1883, when the Alpha Chi, of the Chi Psi, was chartered. This chapter started out with good prospects, and gave promise of success. For some time efforts had been made in behalf of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and, on February 26, 1883, these resulted in the establishment of the Alpha Delta Chapter of that fraternity.

Up to this time, although the fraternities virtually controlled and directed public opinion in the college community, yet party lines were not drawn offensively in college politics. This was due largely to the fact that the college politics were entirely confined to the Athletic Association, there being no literary societies or similar organizations. The publication of the college annual, *The Eccentric*, first issued in 1874, was, it is true, virtually in the hands of the fraternities since 1879, the board of editors containing one member for each of the three fraternities, and one representing the neutrals. The advent of Chi Psi and Sigma Chi immediately raised the question of their right to representation on *The Eccentric* Board. This having long been organized, with its work well under way, Theta Xi and Delta Tau Delta promptly resolved to lay over their petition until the following year, when their claim as permanent institutions would be demonstrated. Beta Theta Pi wishing to appear as the champion of the oppressed, and guided by a desire to wield an influence beyond that which they had heretofore possessed, encouraged the new-comers to establish *The Bolt* as a rival to *The Eccentric*, meantime, however, continuing their membership in the latter annual; but public opinion, however, soon compelled them to display their true colors, and to withdraw from *The Eccentric*. In November, 1883, the fraternity system was enlarged by the addition of the Mu Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity, which was chartered under auspices of the most promising character on November 24, 1883. These promises have since been fully realized. Declining a place on *The Bolt* for 1884, they accepted a place on *The Eccentric* for 1885, and since have been identified with it. *The Bolt-Eccentric*

controversy served to draw strict party lines within the fraternity system, in this as well as other matters, but as there are very few matters pertaining to college politics, the tension is not as great as might be supposed; with the exception of, perhaps, one fraternity, the feeling does not extend into personal affairs.

The following table shows the membership of the different fraternities, with their distribution according to classes :

	Total Membership.	Initiates.	Affiliates.	Active Membership.	ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.				Graduates.	Non-Grad'ates.
					The distribution by classes.					
					'86	'87	'88	'89		
Theta Xi.....	69	66	3	12	3	2	3	4	28	29
Delta Tau Delta.....	67	66	1	12	4	3	1	4	37	18
Beta Theta Pi.....	72	67	5	16	5	2	7	2	30	26
Alpha Tau Omega.....	6	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
Chi Psi.....	22	22	0	9	2	4	1	2	10	3
Sigma Chi.....	20	17	3	10	4	2	2	2	3	7
Chi Phi.....	16	16	0	11	0	5	2	4	2	3
Total.....	272	258	14	71	19	18	16	18	111	90

We do not include in the above analysis the Mu Chapter of the Theta Nu Epsilon or Sophomore Society. This has been in existence since 1884, but has neither weight nor influence in college affairs. It draws its membership almost entirely from Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi: Delta Tau Delta, Chi Psi and Chi Phi having, it is known, prohibited their members, by special legislation, from joining. As nearly as can be ascertained it is merely a social club of very doubtful utility, and its present *personnel* is such as to prevent it from ever wielding any influence. As a political factor its influence is nil.

On the whole, the fraternity system at Stevens is in a very healthy condition. There are no known cases on record of men being lifted from one fraternity into another, as at many other colleges, and this in spite of the fact that men have found themselves in associations entirely contrary to their tastes. The sentiment of the college will not tolerate such an act. There are only two instances of expulsion. One fraternity expelled two of its members, and another has lost two by resignation. There have been but few transgressions in the matter of honorary membership, Beta Theta Pi having taken in four, Delta Tau Delta and Chi Phi each one.

Theta Xi meets in the First National Bank building, where they have comfortable rooms; Delta Tau Delta and Chi Phi have rooms in the Martha Institute building, while the Beta Theta Pi shares its hall in the same building with a local literary club. All of these, together with the Sigma Chi, have their meetings on Friday nights. The latter has no visible meeting place. The Chi Psi has its rooms over the Hoboken Riding Academy, and meets on Monday evenings.

The Faculty, though not giving the fraternities any official recognition, has always been favorably disposed towards them. Four of the members of the Faculty are fraternity men: Professor MacCord is a Phi Kappa Epsilon; Professor Geyer, a Phi Gamma Delta; Professor Denton, a Delta Tau Delta, and Professor Wood, a Beta Theta Pi, elected in an honorary capacity while professor at the University of Michigan.

Of the 628 students that have been enrolled at the Institute since 1871, twenty-three were members of fraternities not chaptered at the Institute, and 272 are members of the existing fraternities. Of the 209 graduates of the Institute, 111 are fraternity men. Of the 177 undergraduates here, 71 are members of the chaptered fraternities, and six are members of those fraternities not otherwise represented.

There are no college honors in the accepted meaning of the term, and we have not the figures at hand to show the distribution of the offices within the gift of the undergraduates.

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## SECOND DIVISION CONFERENCE.

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THE Fifth Annual Conference of the Second Division was held at Cleveland, March 25th and 26th, under the auspices of Chapter Zeta, of Adelbert College. Owing to the fact that most of the colleges in the division closed last week, the invitation to the conference found them in the midst of examinations, hence the representation was not as large as could be desired. The members of Chapter Chi participated in an oratorical contest the 26th, hence were precluded from attending or being represented. The following fraters were present in the capacity of delegates: From Chapter Mu, Bros. C. W. Evans and J. A. Arnold; Chapter Psi, Bros. Allen Krichbaum and J. M. Shellenberger; Chapter Eta, Bros. C. N. Thomas, Will Ford and James Ford;

Chapter Theta, Bro. H. L. Willett; Chapter Zeta, Bros. S. S. Wilson and C. S. Clark. Also from Chapter Delta, as visitors, Bros. J. C. Shaw and F. D. McDonnell.

The conference was called to order by K. B. Waite, of Zeta, in the parlors of the Hollenden, at 10 A. M., Thursday. On account of no delegate being present from Chapter Beta Delta, Chapter Mu, through her delegate, Bro. J. A. Arnold, assumed the chair. Bro. Will Ford, of Eta, was elected Vice-President, and Bro. Allen Krichbaum of  $\Psi$  assumed the position of Secretary. After perfecting the organization and appointing the necessary committees the conference adjourned until two o'clock.

The afternoon session was opened by an address of welcome to the visiting brethren by Prof. M. J. Hole, an alumnus of the Zeta. The response was given in a neat speech by Bro. C. W. Evans of Mu. Reports of the various chapters of the division were then read. Without exception the reports indicated not only a good healthy condition and bright prospects for the coming year, but also an unbounded enthusiasm and energy. Following a short secret session was an able exposition of the nature of the secrecy of the fraternity by Bro. Allen Krichbaum of Psi. The conference then entered into a discussion of the new ritual, opened by Bro. J. A. Arnold of Mu, with a concisely written paper entitled Ritualistic Knowledge and Observances. The discussion was of some length, the subject being handled in a business like manner. The conference then adjourned until morning. It was decided that the evening session should be given up largely to sociability in order that the delegates might become better acquainted with the resident Deltas who were unable to attend the session during the day. After the routine business had been finished Bro. A. E. Hyre, Eta, read a paper upon THE CRESCENT. After an earnest discussion of the paper formality was dropped and the evening was delightfully spent in social festivities.

The second day's session was opened with the routine business, which was followed by a discussion of the re-districting of the fraternity made necessary by the union with the W. W. W. Fraternity. An able address was then delivered by Bro. H. S. Willett of Theta upon chapter libraries. Bro. C. P. Ruple of Upsilon being present gave some very interesting suggestions, also giving the experience of Upsilon in early days. The afternoon session was opened with a feast of song. Inter-chapter relations were discussed in a paper by Bro. C. N. Thomas

of Eta. The conference entered into an informal discussion of Treasurer Ware's proposed financial policy, and instructed Chapter Zeta to write Bro. Ware a letter of commendation and encouragement. The remainder of the session, which was to be the last, was taken up with miscellaneous matters pertaining to the welfare of the fraternity and especially the division. The place and time of holding the next meeting was left to be decided by the division in the future. Thus ended the business portion of one of the Second's most successful conferences, notwithstanding that it was arranged in a week and occurred at a very unfortunate time for many of the chapters.

The fourth annual banquet of Zeta was held Friday evening, at which the conference were guests. The guests assembled in the conference hall about nine o'clock and the evening was given up to jollity of the richest kind. About ten o'clock the guests, about twenty-five in number, filed into the most elegant of the Hollenden's private dining rooms. After the delicacies of the season had been put away, Bro. M. J. Hole in neat little speeches announced the following toasts, the responses to which were the cause of much laughter and applause: "Our Fraternity," Allen Krichbaum,  $\Psi$ ; "Delta Tau Delta in the South," H. L. Willett, Theta; "Second Division Conference," J. A. Arnold, Mu; "Our Alumni Chapters," James Ford, Eta; "THE CRESCENT," J. C. Shaw, Delta; "Bethany, Our Castle," J. C. Norris, Theta; "Zeta," A. A. Bemis, Zeta; "Deltaism in Cleveland," W. M. Day, Mu. After the regular toasts were given many of the fraters responded extempore. Soon after the hour of midnight an adjournment was taken to the parlors, where the social festivities were continued, including the Choctaw walk around, until an early hour.

## Editorial.

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### THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DELTA TAU DELTA AND RAINBOW.

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WE take great pleasure in announcing that the consolidation of the Rainbow Fraternity, or the W. W. W. Society, as it is often called, with the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, negotiations for which have been pending for some time, has recently been effected on just and equitable terms. Our time and space will at present permit only a brief review of this movement, so momentous in the history of the fraternity and so prophetic of its future prosperity and development.

Previous to the convention of 1884, there had been informal expressions of a desire on the part of individual members of the two fraternities to bring about a union under some arrangement which would be equally favorable and satisfactory to both societies. Our own Fraternity had already decided upon a policy for extension in the South, whose educational institutions are rapidly recovering their former prosperity, and now offer a peculiarly favorable field for fraternity work. The subject was discussed at the Watkins' Glen Convention, and a committee of three was appointed to carry on negotiations looking toward a union of the two fraternities. This committee met a similar committee of the W. W. W. Fraternity at Nashville, Tennessee, on December 16, 1884. The result of the conference was the formulation of articles of agreement for the consolidation and union of the two fraternities. These were ratified by our executive council, and were subsequently approved by the chapters of the Rainbow Fraternity. Still later, upon the submission of the terms to the individual chapters of our fraternity, the opposition to that article which involved a change in the name of the fraternity was such as to result in the rejection of the articles of agreement. From the fact, however, that the only serious

objection to the articles of association was the proposed change in the fraternity's name, and that in all other respects the union was generally considered very desirable by both fraternities, the negotiations were continued by correspondence. The project accordingly came before the Detroit Convention, and Brother W. W. Cook,  $\Delta$ , '80, was appointed a committee to represent our fraternity in these further negotiations, with full power and authority to effect the consolidation. Under these powers the committee proceeded to act. Upon notice from the W. W. W. Fraternity that a new committee had been appointed to conduct further negotiations, a representative of our fraternity, H. W. Plummer,  $A$ , '84, met that committee in Nashville, in September. The new articles were there drawn up, agreed to and signed. These articles are substantially as follows: The Rainbows agreed to accept the name, pin, constitution, laws and ritual of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , who in return agreed to designate the Southern Division the Rainbow Division of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , this division to include all our Southern chapters and the Rainbow chapters and to be presided over by a grand chapter, located at Vanderbilt University.  $\Delta T \Delta$  further agreed to grant the Rainbows an alumni representation of one in the Executive Council, and, upon the union of the fraternities, to change the name of the journal from the CRESCENT to the RAINBOW.

The following facts and information concerning the Rainbow Fraternity will be of interest at the present time: It was organized at the University of Mississippi in 1848, twelve years before our own. The leading idea of the fraternity was to establish itself only in the educational institutions of the South, and throughout a long and varied career of thirty-five years, it has adhered to the policy of remaining a strictly Southern order. Within the last few years, however, its policy has undergone a change; it has recognized the tendency of all progressive fraternities to become more national in their organization, and a desire for northern, eastern and western connections has made itself felt, and has induced it to enter into the negotiations looking toward a union with our fraternity. When the terms of agreement were signed, the Rainbow Fraternity had five active under-graduate chapters, located at the Universities of Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas, at Vanderbilt University and at Emory and Henry Colleges and had at a total initiated membership of about one thousand. Of these chapters the charter at the University of Tennessee was withdrawn with the consent of the  $\Delta T \Delta$  committee on account of the apparent non-pro-

gressive condition of the college. The members of the chapter at the University of Texas, manifesting dissatisfaction with the terms, the charter was allowed to lapse. However, steps are now being taken which will undoubtedly result in the reorganization of the chapter, if the best interests of the fraternity demand such action.

The University of Mississippi, at Oxford, was founded in 1848, as the State University, under the presidency of Prof. F. A. P. Barnard, now President of Columbia College. It enjoyed for many years a remarkable prosperity, ranking with the best universities of the North, until the civil war interrupted its work. After the war, it soon recovered its former prestige and prosperity, and again ranks among the first of the state universities. It has property valued at \$450,000 and a productive endowment fund of \$550,000; it receives annually, in addition, liberal appropriations from the State. During 1884-5, the under-graduates in the Academy, or Department of Literature, Science and Art, numbered two hundred and twenty-three; it has a faculty of eighteen professors and instructors. Oxford, the college town, has always been recognized as an intellectual center at the South, and the college community is one of the most desirable to be found. The Rainbow Chapter at this institution has an existence coeval with that of the university itself. It has always maintained its position as the most influential and prosperous chapter of the university, and the published statements of its rivals all testify to the high standing of this chapter, both in college and town. It is the parent chapter of the fraternity, and has an alumni roll which would be a credit and honor to any fraternity. It meets as competitors the fraternities of Delta Kappa Epsilon (1851); Delta Psi (1855); Sigma Chi (1857); Phi Kappa Psi (1857); Chi Psi (1858); Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1865); Phi Delta Theta (1877); Beta Theta Pi (1879) and Kappa Alpha (1883.)

Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee, was opened in 1875, under the princely endowment of Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York, who donated the sum of \$500,000 for its support, and subsequently increased it to \$1,000,000. The university has been made the recipient of other liberal endowments from members of the Vanderbilt family, —Wm. H. Vanderbilt contributing \$150,000 for the theological and \$100,000 for the engineering department. It is under the control of the M. E. Church, South, an influential denomination. The university has had a remarkably rapid and yet judicious growth; in many of its departments it is equal to the oldest institutions in the North. In

addition to the Academic Department, it has departments of Law, Theology, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. It is located in a campus of seventy-five acres, beautifully situated on an eminence overlooking the city. Its buildings, University Hall, Science Hall, Wesley Hall, the Observatory, the Gymnasium and the buildings of the Medical and Dental Colleges, as well as nine professors' residences, are elegant and substantial structures. In 1884-85 it employed in all departments a faculty of fifty-seven professors and instructors, and had enrolled over five hundred students. The Rainbow Chapter occupies a very high position in the city and university. It is noted for its social standing and scholarly attainments. Its competitors are Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta Pi, and Chi Phi.

Emory and Henry College, at Emory, Virginia, was founded in 1838, under the auspices of the M. E. Church, South. It is an institution which has done good service in the cause of education. Though somewhat crippled by the war, it has again recovered its former standing. In 1884-85 it had eleven professors and an enrollment of one hundred and fifty students. The Rainbow Chapter meets Kappa Sigma (1879) and *K A*.

In addition to the active chapters, the Rainbow Fraternity has a vigorous alumni organization in the city of Nashville. It is intimately connected with the chapter at the university, and gives the fraternity in that city a standing and prestige which comes only from the influence and co-operation of a loyal alumni. The policy and executive administration of the fraternity are largely guided by this association.

To its new brothers from the South Delta Tau Delta extends a cordial, hearty welcome. We hope that the fraternities, thus united, will soon be one homogenous whole—one in reality as in name; that the members and chapters of the one will speedily and heartily identify themselves with the interest of the other for mutual gain and advantage to the many interests now made common to us all. We trust that this action will prove another strong link which will serve to bind together the educated and college bred men of the South and North.

In the next number of this journal we will publish a concise history of the Rainbow Fraternity, histories of the chapters that are now incorporated into Delta Tau Delta, and also of the institutions in which these chapters are located. Several contributions on the history of *Δ T Δ* will be published, which, with the regular departments, will make the number one of special note and interest.

## Chapter Letters.

### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

On the evening of March 6 the Greeks of the Ohio Wesleyan University assembled for the Third Annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet. After a most enjoyable feast, W. C. Davis,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , as toastmaster of the occasion, presented the following toasts, all of which were ably responded to in the order given: "The College," A. L. Shellenbarger,  $X \Phi$ ; "The Greek World," B. M. Allison,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ; "Sorores Fratrum," C. S. Manley,  $B \Theta II$ ; "Six Goats: May they all Butt in Concert," J. A. Arnold,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; "In Memoriam," A. E. Breece,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; and "Fraternal Ties," H. V. Stevens,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Splendid music was furnished for the occasion by an octette chosen from the several fraternities. About eighty Greeks were present, and all readily acknowledge it to have been the most enjoyable banquet we have had. The strife and selfish antagonism which usually exists between fraternities at the beginning of the school year, had already given way to more friendly feelings; and so all gathered around the "festive board" as members of one fraternity. Bro. Cherryholmes, of Theta, now a student at the Ohio State University, was with us at the banquet, as were also a committee consisting of the alumni from the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, who have been in session here in Delaware forming a new constitution for  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

On the morning of March 8 the fraternities here were duly notified by the  $B \Theta II$ 's, that B. S. Weeks, '87, had been expelled from the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. No reasons for this unexpected action were stated in the notice given. Internal dissensions of a personal nature, however, are believed to have been the cause. On the following evening Mr. Weeks was initiated into the  $X \Phi$  Fraternity. We are not prepared to say at present whether the expulsion was a just action or not, but we can say for Mr. Weeks that he is a man of rare ability as a

student, and we think the Chi Phis may be congratulated on their new man. Maj. H. A. Axline, '72, made Chapter Mu a pleasant call while in Delaware, February 12. The close of this winter term finds our chapter in a most prosperous condition. We initiated Bro. Philip Phillips, Jr., '89, at the beginning of the term, and now have sixteen active men. We were made unusually joyful at our last meeting by the reception of a large "box of good things," given us by our lady friends of Monnett Hall, and signed,—“from the loyal eight.” Such kindnesses are not soon forgotten.

#### Delta—Michigan University.

Things have been moving along rather quietly of late, yet there may be many who will be interested in some of the pleasant occasions which Delta has enjoyed since last writing. During February we had the pleasure of entertaining Bros. Ripley, '76, Carpenter, '75, Reed, '78, Pitts, '85, Callard, '84, and McDonald, '87, who is out of college for this year. They were here at different times, and most of them spent several days with us. It is indeed encouraging to have our alumni take the active interest they do in our welfare, and Delta is always glad to have her alumni make her a visit. On February 19 we entertained our lady friends during the afternoon, and it was a jolly dinner party that sat down about five o'clock. In the evening came off the Fraternity Junior Hop, given by the nine fraternities of the Literary Department. There were about one hundred couples present, among whom could be seen many visitors and members of the faculty; aside from these there were very few non-fraternity men present. Each frat. had its portion of the hall to decorate, and the result was a rich and handsome dance-hall. It was pronounced the greatest success of all the junior hops yet given.

On the evening of February 20 Bro. Will Carleton lectured at University Hall, and we had the pleasure of entertaining him at the chapter house, and also of hearing the best lecture of the season. His poem lecture was most novel and entertaining, and never lost its power to interest during the entire evening. Bro.

Guy L. Kiefer has been succeeded as Division Secretary by Bro. W. A. McDonald. This change is made at this time because Bro. Kiefer intends to graduate next year, instead of the year after with his class, and he felt that his work was too hard to permit of filling the office and of doing justice to its duties. *The Palladium* will be out in a short time, and we would be pleased to exchange for similar publications from other colleges. *The Oracle*, published by the Sophomore Class, has just made its appearance.

#### Iota—Michigan State.

Our college opens this spring with most flattering prospects. Students have so increased in number as to crowd both dormitories and oblige a few to seek accommodations elsewhere. Our Mechanical Hall is now completed, and a four-years mechanical course provided for. This department is attracting much attention and many students. The opening of the term (Feb. 24) found us with nine actives on hand, distributed among the four classes as follows: Seniors, one; Sophomores, three; Freshmen, five. Our only junior, who was also our S. A.,—J. N. Estabrook,—not returning. At the close of last term, in November, he left for Germany, intending to spend the winter in study at Leipsic, but to return and continue the course at the opening of the present term. He now thinks of remaining in Europe through the summer. Another brother who does not return is H. W. B. Taylor, '88. He spent a large portion of the winter in travel in the South.

#### Beta Theta—University of the South.

Beta Theta's long vacation has at length drawn to a close, and we are returning to our work again; and so we send greeting to our sister chapters, with best wishes for success during the year. So far as we know we will lose only two men this spring, and then we hope to increase our list by some valuable additions. We have some good material to work upon, and are keeping our eyes open for all chances. The other fraternities here are in good condition, with the exception of Kappa Sigma, which is weak numerically, though she has good men. \*Alpha Tau Omega

and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are our strongest rivals. Of the men we lose, Bro. S. G. Smith is in Heckatoo, Ark., and Bro. G. R. Scruggs is at work in Dallas, Texas. They are both live and energetic men, and we are very sorry to lose them. Our men are all very anxious to get settled down again, and we hope to put in some good fraternity work this year, and to give evidence of life in every way we can. We feel equally with Beta Epsilon the need of Southern extension, and would be glad to see Delta Tau Delta in every first-class institution in the whole country.

#### Epsilon—Albion.

Since our last letter Epsilon's boys have enjoyed the long hoped for privilege of meeting with Delta's truly popular poet, Bro. Will Carleton. Under the auspices of the Ladies' Library Association of the college the "Golden Horse" was given to the largest and most enthusiastic audience of the course. A delightful hour of social conversation was passed with Bro. Carleton at the hotel, which will long be held in the memory of each frater. Epsilon is enthusiastic for the scheme presented for a fraternity cottage for Delta resorters at Bay View. If a stock company is formed nearly all of its active members will take shares, as will also a large number of its alumni. Surely the plan is a good one. Nothing will do more to increase the general acquaintance and awaken individual interest for sister chapters, as the uniting together, for a few months in the summer, in a fraternity house at this beautiful and popular resort. I take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our new babe, Bro. H. C. Scripps, '88, of Detroit, a two hundred pounder. He brings to Epsilon the qualities of a sterling frater.

#### Theta—Bethany.

Since our last report we have welcomed a good man from the barbarians, Bro. C. L. Scott, '88. Our chapter is in first-class shape, and our men are holding the front rank, as they always have. Three of our boys are tutors this year,—Bro. Schmiedel in mathematics, Bro. Muckley in Latin, and Bro. Willett in Greek. Bros. Schmiedel and Willett were the representatives

of their respective societies at the celebration of Washington's birthday. On the evening of January 30 we had a Pan-Hellenic banquet, in which all the Frats in the college participated, including, besides our own chapter, the  $\Psi$  of  $B \Theta \Pi$  and a representation of  $\Sigma X$ . A most enjoyable occasion it was. Singing and various other attractions kept the company in high spirits till a late hour. Several members of the faculty also met with us. Bro. W. J. McClure has been quite ill for several days with ophthalmic neuralgia, but is much better at present, and will be well as usual soon, it is hoped. Bro. G. W. Muckley took a flying visit home a few days since, as did also Bro. J. A. Rice, of Sparta, O. Bro. Rice brought back with him his sister, whom we welcome to Bethany society. Bro. S. M. Cooper has accepted the pulpit of the Church of Christ in Syracuse, N. Y., and will take charge of the congregation as soon as the session closes. Bros. Muckley and Willett will also enter the ministry. Bro. J. R. Wilson will continue his medical studies at one of the Eastern schools. Bro. McClure and Bro. Schmiedel will teach. Bro. Rosser will enter business with his father at Atlanta, Ga. Theta will have an unusually strong force left to take charge next year, not only in numbers, but in other very essential qualities. Bro. F. M. Dowling has, we learn, been assisting his father, Rev. Wm. Dowling, in a very profitable meeting at Marion, O. Frank has now returned to his own charge at Mt. Healthy, O., where he is greatly admired and loved by his congregation. Bro. W. S. Payne has removed from Missouri to Georgia, where he is filling the pulpit of the Savannah church. Bro. E. M. Smith is preaching in Missouri. Bro. Stewart Taylor, of Kansas City, Mo., a former Bethany boy, was back among us for a few days recently. A note from Bro. H. C. Wells, of Platte City, Mo., tells us that the Delta boys out there, in what seems to us the "Far West," have not forgotten their friends in the Pan Handle, and especially Delta Tau. Bros. G. K. and G. W. Smith are also in Platte City. We hope any Delta in our vicinity will stop and call on us. We shall always welcome all who wear the Purple and Gray.

#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

A month ago we changed the location of our Chapter Hall to the *Times* Building, where several of our men room, and now have a suite of rooms which is much more pleasant and convenient for us, as we have the whole floor to ourselves. Bro. Martin has supplied us with a piano, which adds greatly to the enjoyment of our hall. Fraternity matters have been quiet here, as there have

been no men taken in for some time. The present graduating class is the largest Senior class the Institute has ever had, and most of the fraternities will lose quite a number of men. The First Division Conference has come and gone, but will be remembered by most of the members of our chapter as a most pleasant event. The chapter was represented by eight active members, and Bro. Zieley, '86, came down and went with us. He was looking very well. The reports were all encouraging, and the First Division is progressing finely. We received the first number of *The Choctaw Pow Wow*, and were very much pleased with its appearance. We sincerely hope that Alpha will be successful with her publication, as it is a most worthy enterprise. The Institute Annual, *The Transit*, will be out in about a month, and we will be very happy to exchange with any of the chapters that publish an annual. It promises to be a very good issue this year. We had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Quintana, '84, for a few days during the past month. He is at present at Little Falls, N. Y. Bro. Ranney, '85, who has been in town for some time past, will return to his home in Mohawk, N. Y., in a few days.

#### Beta Delta—Georgia.

Since our last letter the rude hand of death has plucked from our ranks Bro. J. W. Norris, '89, Florence, S. C. Bro. Norris received a fall a short time ago, injuring his spine. After lingering a few days, surrounded by loving parents and kind friends, death came and delivered him from his sufferings. In his death Beta Delta loses one of her most promising members, and Delta Tau Delta one of her strongest supporters. We take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Bro. William M. Glass, '88, Senoia, Ga. We have now eleven active, energetic members. Bro. Gross, '85, Warrenton, Ga., paid us a short visit a few days ago. We enjoyed his visit very much, and are always glad to have any of our alumni with us. Bro. E. T. Whately acquitted himself admirably in his anniversary speech of the Demosthenian Society, and was very highly complimented by all those present. Bro. E. P. Upshaw has been elected one of the Champion Debaters for the Phi Kappa Literary Society. The several fraternities at this university have decided to publish an annual, the name of which will be *Pandora*. It promises to be a success. There are two editors from each fraternity on the staff. Bros. Band and Upshaw, W. S., represent Delta Tau Delta.

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