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THE FIRST GREEK-LETTER FRATERNITY.

PHI BETA KAPPA.

(Concluded.)

THE state of finances of the chapter was beyond praise, the accounts of each successive treasurer showing a constantly increasing fund. There seems, at first, to have been no idea of extending the fraternity farther than to "collegians who have arrived at the age of sixteen years, and from the Grammar Master upwards," that is, to those who were yet connected with the college, and who had completed their Greek and Latin studies (which were taught in the grammar school). But December 10, 1778, it was "resolved that future admission to this Society be not confined to collegians," this apparently, in favor of officers of the patriot army stationed in the vicinity. And May 24, 1779, upon a suggestion

"that it may lead to promote the designs of this institution, and redound to the honor and advantage thereof at the same time, and that others, more remote or distant, will be attached thereto. Resolved, that leave be given to prepare the form or ordinance of a charter party to be entrusted with such two or more brothers of the $\Phi B K$ as (to) the general meeting shall on due application for the same be thought to merit such a trust, with delegated powers to constitute, establish, and initiate a fraternity correspondent with this."

In general accord with this plan, the mother chapter, or "general meeting," proceeded to grant its most trusted members charter-party to establish other "meetings" to be known by the Greek letters, respectively, evidently having in mind the establishment of "branches," as the new "meetings" were also called, in Virginia towns where prominent members resided, the charter running to the delegate and not to the neophytes, and not necessarily naming the precise place where the new "meeting" was to be established. The system thus planned was one of which the "general meeting"

at the capital city and State college was to be the Alpha or head, with branches in the principal county towns; an organization somewhat like the ecclesiastical one of which the President of the college, Bishop Madison, was the head. July 10, 1779, a charter was granted Samuel Hardy to institute a meeting to be known as the Beta, on the next day, another to William Stuart for a Gamma, and August 14, thereafter, a third to William Cabell for a Delta. Meanwhile, Elisha Parmele, a young graduate of Harvard, who had also attended Yale, had been initiated July 31, 1779. December 4, thereafter, he petitioned for and was granted a charter for an Epsilon at Harvard, followed on the 9th of the same month by another for a Zeta at Yale. March 11, 1780, John Beckley was delegated to establish an Eta at Richmond, and May 18, 1780, George Lee Tuberville was authorized to institute a Theta at Westmoreland. Of the fate of the *B*, *Γ*, *Δ*, *H*, and *Θ*, nothing is known; but it is probable that all of them were instituted, and almost certain that none survived the Revolution, which destroyed the fraternity system of which *Φ B K*, at William and Mary, was the head, and left heir to its name the two anomalous—one of them posthumous—New England scions, which were to develop into so radically different an organization.

The history of the Virginia fraternity is a pleasant one—of congenial spirits in intimate intercourse, with a good, healthy way of looking at things, and a hearty fashion of taking life as it came—and it was coming fast in those years. 1780 was the most prosperous year *Φ B K* ever had; but in the latter months the war closed in about Williamsburgh; the absence of members serving in the ranks caused the anniversary to be sparsely attended, and in January the college suspended. Of these last days the minutes best tell the story:

At a meeting at the Raleigh on the 5th of December to celebrate the anniversary of this noble institution, were present: Mr. Brent, Vice-President, Mr. Roane, Mr. L. Cabell, Mr. Richard Lee, and Mr. Cocke. Mr. Brent, V. Pt. pro tempore, took the Chair; the Clerk being absent, Mr. L. Cabell was appointed. The V. Pt. left the chair and called Mr. Roane to ye same. Mr. Rd. Lee according to appointment then proceeded to declaim on the progress of the Arts and Sciences. President Short, who was likewise to declaim on this night, being absent, and the business of the night being over, Mr. Brent returned to the Chair; the remainder of the evening was spent in sociability and mirth. Mr. John Stuart and Mr. Theod'k Fitzhugh were both absent; an adjournment took place.

1781, on Saturday the 6th of January, a meeting of the $\Phi B K$ was called for the purpose of securing the Papers of the Society during the Confusion of the Times and the present Dissolution which threatens the University. The members who attended were William Short, Daniel C. Brent, Spencer Roane, Peyton Short, and Landon Cabell. They thinking it most desirable that the Papers should not be removed determined to deliver them sealed into the Hands of the College Steward, to remain with him until the desirable event of the Society is Resurrection. And this Deposit they make in the sure and certain Hope that the Fraternity will one Day rise [in] Life everlasting and Glory immortal.

Thus suspending its formal activity, the fraternity entered upon that part of its career by which such an organization must stand or fall—the history made by its members. Carrying with him the seal of $\Phi B K$, Archibald Stuart was among the young Virginians who met Cornwallis at Guilford, in which battle his father, Major Alexander Stuart, commanding a Virginia regiment, was seriously wounded and taken prisoner. Returning home after the battle, young Stuart put the seal in a secret drawer in his house, near Staunton—where, after his death, it was found in 1832—afterward studied law under Thomas Jefferson, was a member of the General Assembly and of the Convention of 1787, which ratified the Constitution,—for which he voted,—became Judge and member of Congress, and was a member of seven electoral colleges, casting the vote of his State in every election from 1800 to 1824, inclusive. William Short, the President, was Jefferson's Secretary of Legation at Paris in 1784, and afterward Washington's chargé d' Affaires there, receiving the first commission signed by a President of the United States, and, after a long and useful diplomatic career, still in health and vigor, with undiminished interest in $\Phi B K$, assisted in 1850 in the revival of his chapter after its slumber of seventy years. Spencer Roane became Judge of the Virginia Court of Appeals; Bushrod Washington became an Associate Justice, and John Marshall Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, while nearly every name on the roll of members has a history well worth telling.

We can imagine the laughter that would have infected the genial company, had one of their number in a merry quip, speaking as of date a century in the future, credited—or debited—them with the high-flying ideas and ambitious plans which have been attributed to them. The cause of all this distortion of their good-

humored features and their perfectly practical aims is hinted at in a remark of Mr. Hale :

“ He (Elisha Parmele) is to be regarded as the founder of $\Phi B K$ as we know it.”

In December, 1779, charters had been granted to Parmele to found chapters at Yale and Harvard. These chapters were instituted November, 1780, and September, 1781, respectively. Neither, therefore, was fairly in operation—one of them had not come into being—when all intercourse was suspended with the parent chapter, which remained inactive for seventy years, or until long after her children were petrified. By Parmele, therefore, was guided the infancy of the New England chapters, and since through them $\Phi B K$, of post-revolutionary times, was propagated, the impulse which he gave became its characteristic. Born at Goshen, Connecticut, on the 23d anniversary of Washington's birthday, prepared for college by the Rev. Mr. Robbins, of Norfolk, in the same State, he entered Yale just before the Revolution, left it when college exercises were suspended on account of the war, and graduated at Harvard in 1778 (a transcript of St. Paul's speech at Athens, in the Syriac character, still extant, beautifully done, is supposed to have been his exhibition-piece), and afterward attended William and Mary College, where he seems to have continued his preparation for the ministry, and where he was initiated into $\Phi B K$, July 31, 1779. By the place of his birth and circumstances of his education, even more than by his plans and maturer years, he was a contrast to the young Virginians with whom he was thus brought into intimacy. Of delicate health, and with the mental and spiritual precocity of one nearly worn-out with consumption, of reflective disposition and given to meditate on things divine, he seems to have been peculiarly beloved by those about him. December 4, 1779, he petitioned for “a charter-party to establish a branch of the society at Cambridge, in Massachusetts.” This was the first suggestion of a chapter at any particular college, or outside of Virginia. This petition was “granted to be called *Επισίλον*.” Mr. Parmele (who had probably already gone North, and who, after so doing, never communicated with the parent chapter) had views as to the functions and methods of $\Phi B K$ not in accord with those of a majority of his brethren, but which the presiding officer seems to have favored, for we read :

“ At a meeting convened on ye Evening of ye 5th December, 1779, Mr. President leaving ye Chair, called Mr. Brown to the same, Mr. President suggesting ye necessity of making some innovation in ye form of Charter Party to introduce it properly and giving it an extensive footing in ye State of Massachusetts-Bay proposes some amendments to ye same, which being read in their proper places, were accorded to. Resolved, that so much of Mr. Parmele’s petition as relates to ye Establishment of a Phi Society to be conducted in a less mysterious manner than the $\Phi B K$, be not agreed to, as ye design appears to be incompatible with ye principles of this meeting. Ordered, however, that Mr. Parmele be thanked for ye proof which he has given of his zeal by openly communicating his sentiments to this society. Mr. President and Mr. Cocke appointed to do ye same. Adjournment took place.

W. SHORT, JR., Prest.

“ At a meeting called by the President December 9, 1779, Mr. President leaving the Chair, called Mr. Stuart to the same. The Clerk being absent, Mr. Brent is appointed, pro tempore. Whereas, this Society is desirous that the $\Phi B K$ should be extended to each of the United States. Resolved, that a second Charter be Granted to our Brother, Mr. Elisha Parmele, for establishing a meeting of the same, in the College of New Haven and Connecticut, to be of the same Rank, to have the same Power and to enjoy the same Privileges with that which he is empowered to fix in the University of Cambridge, to be called the Ζητα . An adjournment took place.

W. SHORT, JR., Prest.

Thus into the hands of the young student of divinity, whose ideas for the development of $\Phi B K$ were probably as far from those of his brothers as were their lives from his, were placed two charters, worded differently from those the fraternity were wont to grant, this in pursuance not of its own plans, but of those of Mr. Parmele, in which it but partially concurred. He went North, instituted chapters at Yale and Harvard, was ordained as minister of a church at Lee, Massachusetts, was stricken down by consumption, and in July, 1784, journeying southward with his wife, was overtaken by death at the residence of Col. William Byrd, in Shenandoah county, Va.

The $\Phi B K$ founded by John Heath and others had been out of existence for fifty years when the anti-secret society excitement arising from the Morgan mystery culminated. The $\Phi B K$ founded by Elisha Parmele was not so moribund but that its existence attracted attention, and, yielding to the public clamor, urged thereto by John Quincy Adams,—but by what right has never been suggested,—the Harvard Chapter, in 1831, gave up not only her individual secrets, but those she had possessed of the original organization.

In 1849 the records of the chapter at William and Mary came into the hands of the Historical Society of Virginia. It was found that William Short, President at the time of the suspension in 1781, was still living at Philadelphia, and through him the parent chapter was revived in name. But the $\Phi B K$ of New England had discarded what had given most vigor to the old fraternity; its life had become a trance, its privacy had been turned into history. Without an attempt—which would probably have failed—to resuscitate the old spirit, it accepted its fate, and first drowsed and then slumbered under the narcotic of philosophy, which had put its namesakes asleep.

The little Greek-letter fraternity of 1776 made a success of its modest effort, and struck a chord to which the hearts of generous youth have ever been attuned. The organization which bears its name may yet establish its claims to an equally practical aim and an equally well-filled mission. There is still room for a Tugenbund, such as latter-day $\Phi B K$ orators are wont to picture. At their disposal are numbers, wealth, prestige, opportunity.

JOHN DEWITT WARNER.

Alumni Associations.

NEW YORK ALUMNI.

THE New Alumni Association met for its seventh regular meeting and its third social reunion of the present season, on Saturday, December 11, 1886, at Martinelli's, 136 Fifth avenue, New York City. The following gentlemen were present: Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; A. H. Roudebush, *A*¹, '70; William Kent, *P*, '76; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; L. J. Bruck, *P*, '78; W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; H. S. Pope, *P*, '81; H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83; F. F. Martinez, Σ , '83; J. A. Bensel, *P*, '84, and W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84. There were further present, as guests of the evening, Lieutenant John P. Finley, *I*, '73, Signal Service, U. S. A., well known for his researches into the origin and characteristics of tornadoes, and William Clark Bu-

chanan, Θ, '73, who in 1877 founded the *Crescent*, and did so much toward its success in its early days.

The Association dined, as usual, at six o'clock, and at eight o'clock had its regular business meeting, with Andrew Bryson, K, '67, in the chair, in the absence of the President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, '73.

The Secretary read letters from the following members, regretting their inability to be present. Will Carleton, K, '69; L. A. Mathey, P, '80, and C. O. Johnson, Ψ, '83. The election to membership in the resident class of L. A. Mathey, P, '80, and C. O. Johnson, Ψ, '83, was announced, and letters were read from these gentlemen accepting the election.

The Secretary announced the reorganization of the Chicago and Nashville Alumni Associations, during the month of November, upon a plan somewhat similar to that of the New York Association. Progress was reported from other cities in the matter of organizing the alumni interests of the fraternity in the same.

On motion of W. W. Cook, Δ, '80, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Alumni Associations already organized in other cities, with a view of arranging, if possible, for the formation of a General Executive Committee, composed of two members of each Alumni Association, one being its Secretary, and which shall devise plans for extending and properly directing the alumni movements of the Fraternity; for creating concerted action in all matters in which the alumni are interested; for issuing, if practicable, a uniform membership card which would be accepted by all of the associations; for publishing, under one cover, a membership list of the several associations, and, generally, to take under advisement any plans tending to promote the joint interests of the several associations.

The Association then discussed in a vigorous manner the "Doctrines of Henry George on Private Property in Land," his plan of taxation, the views of Herbert Spencer and of John Stuart Mill, and similar related topics were thoroughly ventilated by Bros. Cook, Kent, Pope, Collingwood, Buchanan, Roudebush and others who participated in the discussion of this, one of the salient topics of the political present.

The Association resolved to have its next monthly reunion on Saturday, January 15, 1887, and decided upon the following sub-

ject for the after-dinner talk: "The Best Methods of Regulating the Liquor Traffic." It was further resolved to abandon the regular meeting of February, and to meet instead at the banquet upon the occasion of the Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of the Fraternity, on Monday, February 22, 1887. The meeting, one of the most successful which the Association has thus far held, adjourned at 10.30 o'clock, P. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the New York Alumni Association was held on Saturday, January 15, 1887, at six o'clock P. M., at Martinelli's, New York City. The following brothers were present: Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; William Kent, *P*, '76; Alfred P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Lewis H. Nash, *P*, '77; Alexander G. Brinckerhoff, *P*, '77; Dr. John A. Bolard, *A*, '78; Henry I. Bruck, *P*, '78; Louis J. Bruck, *P*, '78; William W. Cook, *A*, '80; F. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82; John A. Bensel, *P*, '81; William L. Lyall, *P*, '84; Charles A. Parker, *P*, '84, and Anthony Arndux, *Σ*, '86. Bro. Bryson presided over the meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from Walter L. McClurg, Secretary of the Chicago Alumni Association, containing a statement of the present condition of the Chapter, and outlining its plans for the future. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from Lieut. John P. Finley, *I*, '73; Almon H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; William Griffith, *A*, '76; William I. Cooper, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77, and a telegram from Hon. Albert J. Hopkins, M. C., *K*, '70.

The election to membership in the resident class of Herbert W. Collingwood, *I*, '82, and Frederick T. Martinez, *Σ*, '82, was announced. W. W. Cook and A. P. Trautwein were appointed a committee to report in writing, at the next regular meeting of the Association, a scheme for extending and regulating the alumni interests of the Fraternity, and of securing the co-operation of the other Alumni Associations in the matter. A. H. Roudebush and A. P. Trautwein were appointed delegates to the Fifth Conference of the Eastern Division of the Fraternity, on February 22, 1887.

The Association then discussed "The Best Methods of Regulating the Liquor Traffic," in which Brothers Bolard, Cook, Kent, Nash, Trautwein, L. J. Bruck and Bryson participated.

The next meeting will be upon the occasion of the Fifth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of the Fraternity, on

Tuesday, February 22, 1887, when the Association will be present at the Conference Banquet.

THE EASTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 1887, in the City of New York. The arrangements are now being made by a committee appointed by the Rho, under whose auspices the conference will be conducted. Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73, is President; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, First Vice President; Orrin Serfass, *N*, '82, Second Vice President, and B. E. Gregory, *T*, '88, Secretary of the Conference. William Kent, *P*, '76, will make an address, and H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '82, will read a poem. The sessions will be, as last year, in the hall of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, 18 East Sixteenth street, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Conference.

Two sessions will be held, one in the morning at ten o'clock, and the other in the afternoon. A banquet will be held at seven o'clock in the evening, when the New York Alumni Association will join with the undergraduates.

William D. Hoxie, 357 Garden street, Hoboken, N. J., is Secretary of the Committee of Arrangements. All chapters are invited to send him the names of any of their members who may have occasion to be in New York City at the time.

Editorial.

CHAPTER EXAMINATIONS.

ONE of our chapters some time ago adopted what we regard as a most excellent plan of compelling its members to learn the fundamental facts connected with the constitution and laws of the Fraternity. All of its initiates are compelled to undergo an examination upon a series of carefully prepared questions pertaining to the organic law of the Fraternity. To facilitate this they are supplied with these questions and the appropriate answers to them,

and are given two weeks, during which preparation for the examination may be made ; this examination is conducted in open chapter meeting by a committee appointed for that purpose, and upon whose decision is dependent the candidate's admission to full membership ; until so admitted the candidate is denied the privilege of voice in the chapter's affairs, except, of course, that he retains his vote upon questions of membership. As already said, we regard this as an excellent plan, which we can commend to the attention of all of our chapters as one calculated to lead to a more intimate and general knowledge of our laws. We think that it could well be extended so as to include an examination upon the chapter by-laws and the history of the Fraternity, as recorded in the Fifth General Catalogue. This may seem a somewhat severe strain upon the versatility of the novice ; and it would be well, at all events, to make a somewhat intimate acquaintance with the details of our laws, as ascertained by an examination, one of the prerequisites to the holding of at least the more important chapter offices, which are usually much sought after, and not always well filled.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE arrangements for the publication of THE RAINBOW were completed at so late a date that it seemed best to the Council to consolidate the three numbers of the fall term into two. The remaining six numbers of the year, commencing with the present (February) number, will be published on the first days of February, March, April, May, June and July. Manuscript should be placed in the hands of the editor not later than the 15th day of each month.

WEARING THE BADGE.

WHEN Brother Watson urges us to wear our badges on the outer wall, we do not believe he would have us imitate the wretched custom which obtains in some colleges, namely, that of wearing the badge on the coat lapel. A loud and public display of fraternity jewelry is contrary to the canons of good sense, good taste and good breeding, and is no more commendable in the undergraduate than it is becoming in a dignified and self-respecting alumnus.

We wear our pins, we take it, not to attract public attention or arouse general curiosity, but simply that Delta Taus may recognize each other as mutual participants in the common weal or woe of their fraternity. And this object can be accomplished by wearing the badge quietly, decorously, unobtrusively, without offensively advertising to a curious, perhaps an envious and jealous world, that you have been exalted above your fellow-men.

Delta Tau Delta in Literature.

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

MEMORIAL ADDRESS ON THE DEATH OF HON. REUBEN ELLWOOD, M. C. FROM ILLINOIS. By Hon. Albert J. Hopkins (Kappa, '70). *Congressional Record*, January 29, 1886.

THE EDUCATION OF THE CONSCIENCE. By Prof. William S. Eversole (Beta, '69), Superintendent of the Public Schools, Wooster, Ohio. A paper read before the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association. *The Ohio Educational Monthly and National Teacher*, May, 1886.

A PLAIN STATEMENT OF THE LAWS RELATING TO LABOR. By Henry A. Haigh (Iota, '74). 8vo. 80 pp. Detroit, Mich.: The Co-operative Publishing Company, 1886.

This pamphlet, published during the prevalence of the recent labor troubles, which made its appearance timely and opportune, contains in concise form all the statute laws of the State of Michigan which bear in any way upon the subject of labor. It contains in addition those chapters of the author's well-known "Handbook of the Law" which touch upon the labor question.

CHICAGO A THOUSAND YEARS HENCE. By Dr. James N. Matthews (Upsilon Prime, '72). A poem in the *Chicago Current*, June 12, 1886.

THAT DAY WE GRADUATED. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69.) A poem in *Harpers' Weekly*, June 19, 1886.

ENGINEERS' INSTRUMENTS: THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND USE. By Prof. Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72), Professor of Civil Engineering in the Illinois State University. A series of articles of acknowledged merit and usefulness in *Engineering News*, August 7, 1886, *et seq.*

THE CAPACITY OF DRAIN TILES AND OPEN DITCHES. By Prof. Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72). *Engineering News*, September 4, 1886.

MIDNIGHT ITEMS AND SPARE MOMENT SCRAPS. By Isaac T. Headland (Sigma Prime, '84). 12mo., 176 pp. Cincinnati, Ohio: Central Publishing House, 1886.

A volume of poems and essays, which constitute Bro. Headland's first efforts in this rather ambitious field of literature. Some of the poems give evidence of undoubted merit, while others, as might be expected, lack that literary finish, however good in sentiment and ideas, which experience alone can command.

TORNADO STUDY: ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant Signal Corps, U. S. A. *Journal of the Franklin Institute*, April, 1886.

This was the subject of a lecture delivered at the invitation of the Franklin Institute, of Philadelphia, about a year ago; from the fact that the lecturer has for some years been engaged principally in this branch of meteorological work, under the special direction of the Chief Signal Officer, and has contributed so much valuable information upon the subject, the lecture was reprinted quite extensively in the scientific journals and magazines with uniformly favorable comment. It has recently been reprinted in a pamphlet of some twenty-two pages from the *Journal of the Franklin Institute*.

THERE IS NO LUCK ABOUT THE HOUSE. By Dr. James N. Matthews (Upsilon Prime, '72). A poem in the *Chicago Current*, September 11, 1886.

MISCELLANEOUS STORIES. "Ike Barber's Hotel"; "Barney's Mother"; "Raymond's Temperance Talk"; "Deaf George." By Herbert W. Collingwood (Iota, '83).

A series of charming little stories, touching principally upon rural life in Northern Michigan, which have appeared from time to time in the several newspapers which are supplied by the method known as "McClure's Syndicate," with stories from the pens of many of our most promising young novelists. This ensures the publication, simultaneously in many of the leading newspapers of the country, of these stories, introducing the authors to a reading public of a magnitude and character which does not usually fall to the lot of brief stories, however meritorious and skillful in plot and language.

TORNADO STUDIES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1886. By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant Signal Service, U. S. A. *Monthly Weather Review*, September, 1886.

- PROPOSAL FOR AN AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING. By William Kent (Rho, '76). A paper read at the Buffalo meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, August, 1886. *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine*, October, 1886.
- COMPARISON OF TWO SYSTEMS OF ROCK DRILLING. By Prof. James E. Denton (Rho, '75). *Engineering and Mining Journal*, October 23, 1886.
- THE VESTAL. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). A poem commemorative of the unveiling of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty, in New York Harbor, October 28, 1886. *Harper's Bazar*, October 30, 1886.
- TORNADO CIRCULAR NUMBER ONE (New Series). By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant Signal Service, U. S. A. A series of instructions for the observation of tornadoes and other effects; prepared under the direction of the Chief Signal Officer, U. S. A. 24 pp. Washington, D. C., 1886.
- OUR GUEST. By Dr. James N. Matthews (Upsilon Prime, '72). A poem read at the public entertainment of the American Association of Writers, Indianapolis, October 6, 1886.
- INSANITY IN THE COLORED RACE. J. M. Buchanan, M. D. (II, '78). Meridian, Miss., 1886.

An essay originally published in the New York *Medical Journal* of July 17, 1886, and now reprinted in pamphlet form. Bro. Buchanan, lately assistant physician to the East Mississippi Insane Asylum, in this essay vividly portrays the mental evils which the sudden transformation from slavery to freedom has inflicted upon the colored race, and intelligently discusses the causes of the remarkable increase of insanity in the negro population of the South. The paper closes with an earnest appeal to the sympathy and benefaction of the country, in order that these our wards may receive that care and attention which our modern civilization demands.

Chapter Letters.

Omicron—University of Iowa.

TOWARD the last of previous term Omicron surprised the Greek world by initiating into Delta's circle Charles Eddington Mills and John Morchinson Grimm, two Juniors, who have had offered to them for three years the hospitality of the various fraternities located at our University. However, by refusing constantly the invitations extended them, they became known as a conservative element. That they are strong men and a welcome acquisition to Delta Tau, their position in school politics conclusively proves. The first named is on the editorial staff of our College paper, and the latter is President of the Oratorical Association. The home of the former is at Cedar Rapids; the latter registers from Williamsburg, Iowa. Thus Omicron in the past term has brought to Delta's banners six good and promising Freshmen and two strong and tried Juniors. But another surprise took place in frat circles. The Sigma Chis were once, but are no more. What the cause inducing them to give up their charter, we know not, but Omicron sincerely regrets the unfortunate occurrence, for the Sigs proved themselves to be good, true and reliable friends, and Delta Tau knows how to value such friends. The Beta Theta Pis took unto themselves one of the former members of the Sig's Chapter, and celebrated it as a great gain. Would Beta have done so a year ago? We doubt it; but circumstances alter cases, and so the Betas have also found it convenient to their present situation to form a co-partnership with the Delta Gammas, the latter sharing the former's rooms. The Betas number 14, Phi Deltas 12, the Phi Kappas 13, the Deltas 18, and of the Soroses the Kappa K. Gamma number 14, and the Delta Gamma 8. During the last term Omicron gave four receptions, at which dancing formed one of the most prominent features. Being fond of this pleasure, we have purchased an elegant canvas for our dancing hall, and that at the same time our reception rooms and library received due attention, several pieces of fine furniture for the parlor and a number of new books for the library bear witness.

The preliminary contests for the State Oratorical Contest took place at the Opera House January 12, 1887. Of the six contestants two were Deltas, Bro. E. A. Nichols, whose subject was "Materialism," while Bro. C. E. Pickett chose for his oration "The Jewish Faith." The latter's delivery was without a doubt the finest, though he ranked but three in the outcome. This average, however, entitles him to second place. The successful orator was B. F. Craven, with "The Soul's Hermitage" as subject.

Epsilon—Albion.

EIGHTEEN-EIGHTY-SEVEN having made its *debut*, Epsilon's mystical combination drew back the lock promptly at seven o'clock on Saturday evening, January 8, and admitted into her sacred halls the same thirteen men who bore her burdens during last term. During the vacation her sons have not faltered, but, with ever-increasing zeal, have been preparing to make this term a thoroughly successful one. However, we can never begin a year, not even a term, without stopping to remember our alumna brothers, and it is a frequent occurrence in our meetings to cast thoughtful and pleasant reflections upon the worthy deeds of our brothers who have graduated from our midst. We hear from many of them occasionally, and yet we desire through this journal, which is theirs as well as ours, to ask *all* of our alumni to remember Epsilon. You used to love her; she thinks of you now. And while you are receiving the buffetings of a partial world, can you not find some time to send us cheering words of fraternal guidance which shall lift higher, in purpose and affection, those noble precepts of our order. We need your advice and assistance. The relation between actives and alumni ought to be so compact as to always manifest an interest in each other's welfare. We extend a standing invitation, in fact, a brotherly importunity, that all our alumni will sustain their old-time interests in Epsilon and the Fraternity. We are in receipt of a very beautiful wall ornament as the gift of Miss Minnie Faxon, of Duplain, and Miss Emma Warren, of Albion, both loyal Delta sisters. The ornament is in our fraternity colors, and is evidence of the neat and tasty workmanship which only ladies can perform. Long live our Delta girls! Bro. J. S. McCarthy attended, as delegate, the Prohibition Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, the 4th inst. Epsilon wishes to acknowledge the

receipt of two numbers of the *Rho Chronicle*, and extends her thanks for the same. That prosperity and healthy growth may attend every chapter of our fraternity, is the New Year's wish of Epsilon.

Rho—Stevens.

ONE of the best loved and most candid members of Rho earnestly besought us, not long ago, "to write a *good* letter this time," a remark which caused a creepy sensation in our back and a feeling of "goneness" in our stomach (the kind of feeling that one has when swinging in a high swing very highly). If we were to reason with that member, we would probably adopt a line of argument somewhat similar to the following: Given *in* facts (gathered in two months at hard labor), what would you do to make the said facts interesting to several hundred persons, who are supposed to peruse them with care? Would you call in the aid of imagination? Would you sacrifice veracity and pander to the prevailing spirit of the time—the desire for excitement? Or, would you start on the basis that truth alone and unadorned is ever beautiful, and needs no embellishment of thought to render it supremely interesting? What! Did I hear some one cry "Dry up"? Yes. All right, sir. Very well, sir. I *will* dry up. I'll wash my hands of the whole thing. I care not now whether my facts come before you in their common conversational clothes, or in their elegant Rainbow dress. If my attempts to beautify them are received thus, they shall shift for themselves. Allow me to introduce Fact No. 1,—This Chapter has had a pair of foils presented to it on condition that it buys (and pays for) a pair of masks (to be used in conjunction with the aforesaid foils). Fact No. 2,—The masks were bought. Fact No. 3,—And paid for. Fact No. 4,—We received a visit from Bro. Cullum. Alas! the next fact is going to be so interesting that we are tempted to break our resolution to let every one take care of itself. We *shall* break it, and we shall stand sponsor to this fact, and usher it in with ceremony. It is a very interesting fact, and we are going to thank the persons who gave it to us. Fact No. 5,—We received the *Reserve* from our brothers of Zeta, and from this creditable publication we were profoundly gratified to learn that *B Θ II* has established representative chapters at Berea University, at Berea Grammar School, at the Berea Preparatory School, and

at Miss Wooglan's Grammar School. May the peace of Heaven descend upon the babes of *B Θ Π*'s new chapters. Fact No. 6,—The Corresponding Secretary is very sorry he didn't write a chapter letter for THE RAINBOW last month; the more so as he received no rebuke save from his own conscience and the large number of chapter letters printed. Fact No. 7,—(This is the last but one.) Rho has recently instituted a custom which is likely to prove of the utmost value to its members, the benefits arising from it being difficult to estimate completely. We speak of the visits of inspection that Rho has been making to various large iron works, manufactories, etc., to the owners or superintendents of which we obtain letters of introduction through the kindness of our numerous and loyal alumni. For a full account of these tours we must refer the reader to the *Rho Chronicle*, as we presume that there is a limit to the space which a chapter letter is allowed to occupy in our Fraternity journal. Fact No. 8,—Rho enjoyed a visit from Bro. Martinez recently, when we were greatly pleased and made slightly envious by the sight of the plans designed by Bro. Martinez for Chi's new Chapter house. We heartily congratulate both the designer and the fortunate sister chapter which is so soon to possess such an exceedingly pretty lodge. Fact No. 9,—(When we said above that Fact No. 7 was the "last but one" we prevaricated, and we proudly acknowledge that we prevaricated). The Conference Committee has been appointed, and is doing its work well.

Omega—Iowa State.

DURING the dreary months of winter Omega's members employ themselves in accumulating some of the "material effects" from the world's great store, but they are by no means obscure or unheard of. The success reported is indeed a gratification, and we are looking forth with pleasant anticipations to the re-opening of College on the 23d inst. Our rival fraternities will probably show their colors this spring. They are reported in prosperous condition, and there is plenty of opportunity for good work in all of the fraternities. Our Chapter is now established in permanent quarters, with a neatly furnished room, and the indications point to marked progress during the coming year. Bros. Farwell, Rich and Myers, class '86, completed their labors in November with well deserved

honors. Bro. Corbett, now Principal of the Hardy Schools, Nebraska, will return to graduate with his class. Commencement exercises and the formal inauguration of President Chamberlin partook of that practical and classical nature that characterizes Iowa's great College. The prospects for a successful year are very gratifying. Our Board of Trustees, with a view to the needs and interests of the institution, have made liberal appropriations for sustaining experimental and other departments.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

THE opening of the winter term finds all the boys in their respective places. The Greek world is very quiet at present, since there have been no new students. However, we have two men "on the string," but it will be hard work to get them to be Deltas. As for the remaining students, they do not concern us, as they are not up to our standard. Bro. Harnish, '88, is at present teaching at Madison, La. He intends to return to College next year. The Juniors have elected their men for the *Oriflamme* staff. There are only two fraternity men elected as editors, both of whom are Deltas, viz: Bros. Bowman and Glessner. We had a visit from Bro. Heisler, '83. We endeavored to show him all the pleasure that was in our power. We welcome all Deltas who may perchance come to Lancaster.

Zeta—Adelbert.

THE new year has brought no increase in the membership of Zeta, for it is a rare occurrence to have a student enter Adelbert during the school year. We can now undoubtedly boast of the finest fraternity rooms at this institution, having lately added largely to the furniture, fixtures and bric-a-brac; it presents an appearance of beauty, cheerfulness, comfort, home. Just before the Xmas vacation invitations were received by the Zeta boys to attend the marriage of the founder of our Chapter, J. W. McLane, '83, to Miss Millie Sikes, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on the 29th day of December. The Chapter and a number of the alumni responded in person to the invitations. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride. There were many beautiful and expensive tokens presented to the bridal pair by their large number of friends. W. S. Arter, '86, and an active filled the duties of "best men." We take great pleasure in announcing that Bro. McLane and wife will

be here in the city with us, as he holds the Professorship of Mathematics in the High School. As we thus send forth, as the third one, an alumnus into married life, we present him, our Chapter's founder, with an earnest wish for happiness and prosperity. February 5 is a date we are looking forward to, and one that is likely to make a deep mark upon our social history. We have invited the Eta boys and Cleveland alumni to join us in an initiation under the new ritual on that evening, and afterward help clear the Delta banquet board. Mr. A. H. Palmer, our Professor of German, started last month for Berlin, Germany, on a six weeks' mission of great importance to the College, that of packing and shipping to Adelbert the library of the late W. Sherrer, Professor of German Language and Literature at Berlin University. This collection of books comprises some twelve thousand volumes, and was expected to become the property of the Royal Academy of that city, but through the influence of Professor Palmer is to be placed within the alcoves of the Adelbert library.

Beta Epsilon—Emory.

SINCE writing our last letter to THE RAINBOW Bro. Benton has left us. We hate to lose him, but are glad to know that he will return next fall. The seven fraternities of Emory are prospering, with one or two exceptions. The elections for champion debaters' places were held a short while ago with the following result: From the Few Society, an $\Delta T \Omega$, a $\Delta T \Delta$, and a "barb"; from the Phi Gamma, an $\Delta T \Omega$, a $X \Phi$, and a $K A$.

Alumni News.

Gamma.

'71. James F. Ray, Professor of Physics in Washington and Jefferson College, has patented a calendar that is good forever. It is in use among many business men in Washington, Pittsburgh, etc.

'76. District Attorney Taylor ran over 1,000 votes ahead of his ticket in this county. He has been elected three times to this office.

'84. C. B. Reid has been called to a professorship in Steubenville Seminary.

'80. James S. Beacom, Republican candidate for the Legislature, was the only Republican elected to office in Westmoreland county, Pa.

'75. The Pittsburgh *Leader* says: "Prof. Will M. Stevenson is one of the most promising members of the Allegheny bar."

'67. W. J. Bollman is Professor of Mathematics in Lenox College, Hopkinton, Ia.

Beta Zeta.

'79. John H. Oliver, M.D., who has been practicing in Indianapolis for several years, was appointed Superintendent of City Hospitals last fall, and is now discharging the duties of that office, having taken possession January 1.

Clarence Boyle, '80; Maurice O'Connor, '82, and A. L. Bair, '84, showed their loyalty to "good old Delta Tau" by being among the charter members of the Chicago Alumni Association. Let's hear of more such!

'84. Elmer H. Clarke, son of the well known photographer of Indianapolis, has located in Lafayette, corner Sixth and Main streets.

'87. L. T. Van Cleave, who was obliged to leave school on account of his health a couple of years ago, is now preaching at Dorchester, Neb. Bro. Van held a meeting lately and reports good success.

Beta Theta.

'85. R. Hale is sojourning at his home in England.

'85. H. O. Riddell is in Philadelphia assisting the rector of one of the first Episcopal Churches of that city.

'85. N. B. Harris has in charge the parish at Madison, Fla.

'85. T. De G. Finney is making money in the real estate business, Birmingham, Ala.

'84. R. M. W. Black is teaching school in Sylvania, Ga., and devoting his leisure moments to the study of law.

'86. E. C. Tucker has a position in the public schools of Mobile, Ala. He also is fitting himself for the law profession.

'86. G. R. Scruggs owns and manages the float lines in Dallas, Texas.

'86. F. H. Miller is in the Post Graduate Department of Johns Hopkins University.

Xi.

'72. W. H. Berry is entering upon his seventh year as Superintendent of the Indianola M. E. Sunday School.

'73. Hon. W. F. Powell, Indianola, Iowa, was elected County Attorney in the recent election.

'76. F. B. Taylor paid the Chapter a pleasant visit at its session of January 15. He leaves soon for Fairfield, Iowa, where he will assume control of the *Fairfield Ledger*.

'77. R. P. Anderson was the County Attorney-elect of Seward county, Neb., in the late election.

'78. Prof. I. M. DeLong, formerly teacher in Iowa Central University, is now filling the Chair of Latin in Iowa Wesleyan University.

'79. J. T. McClure, of Beaver City, Neb., was recently married to Miss Clara Webster, Pi Beta Phi. Bro. McClure was the successful candidate for the position of County Attorney of his county.

'80. E. M. Holmes, A.M., B. D., continues to fill most acceptably the Chair of Greek and Hebrew in Simpson.

'84. F. L. Davis completed a post-graduate course at Kansas State University last year, and is now with a surveying party at Holton, Kan.

'86. E. E. Kelly is now a Senior in Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, Cal.

Ex-'85. O. A. Kennedy has charge of the Government schools at Darlington, Indian Territory.

Ex-'87. M. E. Dailey is now a Senior in Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ex-'87. A. V. Proudfoot is employed by the International Loan and Trust Co., of Indianola, Iowa, and is assistant editor of the *Warren County News*.

ENROLLMENTS SINCE CONVENTION, AUGUST, 1886.

ALPHA.

- 195 John Church Nash, '89, Canfield, Ohio.
 196 William Chapen Deming, '91, Mt. Olive, Ky.
 197 William George Heiser, '90, Maysville, Ky.
 198 Daniel Henry Dunn, '90, Connellsville, Pa.

DELTA.

- 92 John Reuben Kempf '90, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 93 William Stuart McArthur, '90, Cheboygan, Mich.

EPSILON.

- 98 James Howard Delbridge, '90, Albion, Mich.
 99 Palmer Montgomery Dearing, '90, Albion, Mich.

ZETA.

- 13 Robert Eugene Ruedy, '90, Cleveland, Ohio.
 14 Charles Louis Reason, '90, Cleveland, Ohio.
 15 George Wyman Tryon, '90, Willoughby, Ohio.

THETA.

- Melancthon Moore, '89, Beallsville, Ohio.
 George Miller Guy, '89, Dallas, W. Va.
 James Henry Strickling, '89, West Union, W. Va.

LAMBDA.

- 44 David Evans Jennings, '88, Nashville, Tenn.
 45 William Ruthven Smith, '88, Nashville, Tenn.
 46 Horace Erastus Bemis, '89, Jefferson, Texas.

MU.

- 115 Benjamin Ulysses Rannells, '89, Wilmington, Ohio.
 116 Frank Dean Tubbs, '88, Mexico, N. Y.

NU.

- 50 Edward Harvey Swindell, '90, Alleghany, Pa.
 51 John Thompson Gallaher, '90, Moundsville, W. Va.
 52 William Berlin Gray, '89, Easton, Pa.
 53 George Redford English, '90, Elizabeth, N. J.

XI.

- 93 William Dante Trimble, '88, Indianola Iowa.
 94 James Eddy Smith, '90, Ashewa, Iowa.

OMICRON.

- 50 Theodore David Boal, '90, Iowa City, Iowa.
 51 Charles Beaumont Hepburn, '90, Clarinda, Iowa.
 52 Henry Bernard Lusch, '90, Waterloo, Iowa.
 53 Herbert Barber Bois, '90, Waterloo, Iowa,
 54 Robert Clifton Musser, '90, Muscatine, Iowa.
 55 Henry Wesley Morgridge, '90, Muscatine, Iowa.

PI.

- 15 John Clayton Fant, '89, Macon, Miss.
 16 William Edward Savage, '90, Okalona, Miss.
 17 Horace Hall, Jr., '91, Houston, Texas.
 18 Charles Philip Long, '90, Tupelo, Miss.
 19 Joseph Moyse, '90, Summit, Miss.
 20 Henry Triver Terrell, '91, Oxford, Miss.

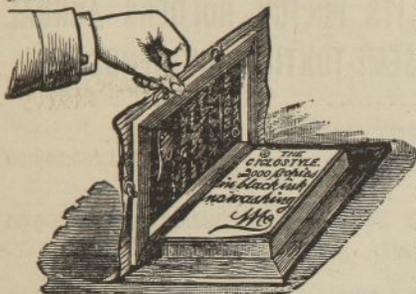
- RHO.
- 73 Nicolai Henry Hiller, '89, Hoboken, N. J.
 74 Alfred Rutgers Whiting, Jr., '90, New York City.
 75 Henry Torrance, Jr., '90, Tenafly, N. J.
- TAU.
- 54 Nathaniel Saxman, '87, Latrobe, Pa.
 55 James Cloyd Null, '87, Pleasant Gap, Pa.
 56 William McCleery Hall, '90, Lancaster, Pa.
 57 David Martin Wolfe, '89, Martinsburg, Pa.
 58 Albert Suder Gessner, '88, Myersdale, Pa.
- UPSILON.
- 37 Norman Wheeler Cramp, '90, Philadelphia, Pa.
 38 George Chauncey Dewey, '90, Wheeling, W. Va.
- CHI.
- 22 Leon Enoch Stricker, '90, Tiffin, Ohio.
- PSI.
- 46 William Weaver Hartman, '89, Wooster, Ohio.
- OMEGA.
- 106 Frederick Lee Dobbin, '88, State Centre, Iowa.
 107 Nathaniel Spencer, '88, Alden, Iowa.
- BETA BETA.
- 39 Roy Owen West, '90, Georgetown, Ill.
 40 John Buchtel Brooke, '90, Valparaiso, Ind.
 41 Cleveland Bert Coggsball, '92, Williamsburg, Ind.
 42 Stephen Seaman Strattan, Jr. '92, Richmond, Ind.
- BETA DELTA.
- 42 Augustus Cleveland Willcoxon, '89, Newman, Ga.
 43 Edwin Stewart, '89, Carrollton, Ga.
 44 Augustus Milledge Hartsfield, '89, Newman, Ga.
 45 Joseph Alvin Parks, '89, Kedron, Ga.
 46 John William Barnett '89, Winterville, Ga.
- BETA EPSILON.
- 36 Joseph Lounie Brown, '90, Social Circle, Ga.
 37 Edwin Victor Vanderipe, '89, Manatee, Fla.
- BETA ZETA.
- 52 Charles Millard Fillmore, '89, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 53 Archibald McClelland Hall, '88, Laughinstown, Pa.
 54 Henry Hallis Weaver, '90, Pittsboro, Ind.
 55 Henry Stewart Schell, '90, Somerset, Pa.
- BETA ETA.
- 13 Kendrick Charles Babcock, '99, South Brookfield, N. Y.
 14 Charles Curtis Rollit, '88, Minneapolis, Minn.
 15 Bruno William Bierbauer, '88, Mankato, Minn.
 16 Frank Sherman Abernathy, '89, Minneapolis, Minn.
- BETA THETA.
- 33 Harry Hardermann Graham, Pinewood, Tenn.
 34 Matthew Cartwright Roberts, San Augustine, Texas.
 35 William Smith Simpson Atmore, Cassia, Fla.
- BETA KAPPA.
- 13 Richard Henry Whitely, Jr., '87, Boulder, Col.

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