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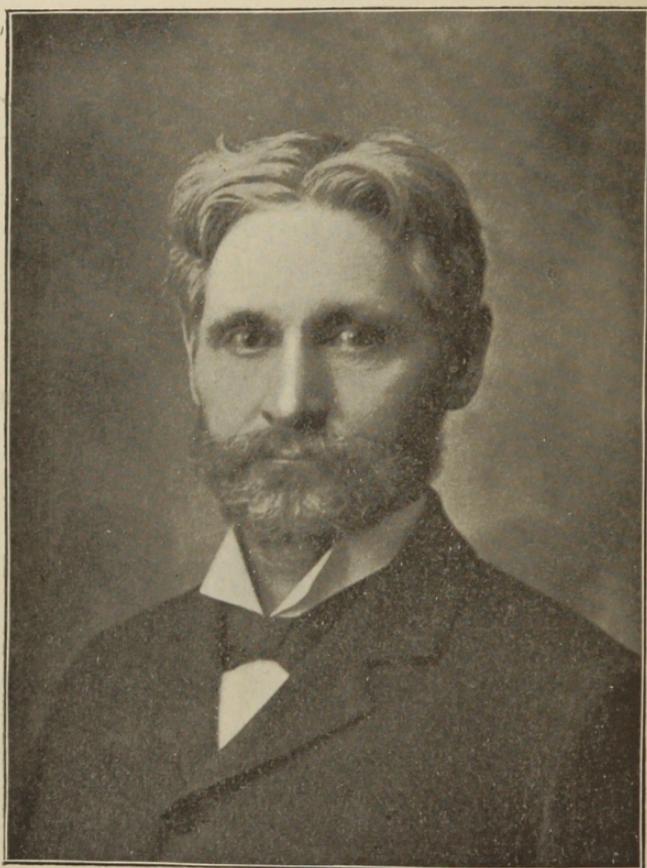
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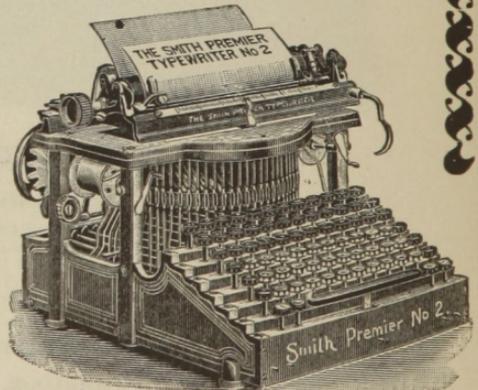
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ALUMNI INTEREST AND ACTIVITY: HOW FOSTERED?

I.

The editorial in the last issue of THE RAINBOW on the part the alumni should play in the affairs of the Fraternity is so near my way of thinking that I endorse every word of it. My experience of twenty-five years confirms me more and more in the belief that any material advance for the Fraternity must be along the line of alumni support.

The history of all our *old* chapters shows that they have had their years of adversity as well as of prosperity. There is not one of them living to-day that has not at some time in its history been compelled to look outside of itself for assistance. I would not encourage our chapters in incurring expenses without a reasonable expectation of liquidating in and of themselves. In other words I would insist upon every undergraduate chapter that it be self-supporting in all that goes to make up the ordinary expenses of college life.

In these latter days when chapter houses seem so essential, I can see how it is harder to manage the finances than it was twenty-five years ago. It is not often that we find an undergraduate chapter that has within itself the power to procure

and maintain a suitable house without making the burden excessive. Personally I have some doubts about chapter houses. They have often caused discord and helped to wreck chapter interests. However, the tendency of the times seems to be in their direction. Older fraternities in the East have set the pace and we, like other new-line fraternities, fall into line. In those colleges where chapter houses are requisite we must endeavor to do our part. The Alumni must come to the rescue.

The average fraternal life of the undergraduate is less than three years,—all too short to gain a proper idea of the aims and purposes of a fraternity. Just at a time when he might be of use to his fraters he is graduated and, in most cases, lost, so far as his influence is concerned. Now comes the vital question, How shall we work to retain his help and influence?

To my mind there are four sources of influence which can reach out after the alumni. I name them in what I regard as the order of their importance :

- (1) The Undergraduate Chapter.
- (2) The Fraternity Journal.
- (3) The Arch Chapter.
- (4) The Alumni Chapter or Association.

The undergraduate chapter should so cultivate the spirit of brotherly love and friendship as to make a bond that will last as long as life itself, cultivate each other's society in preference to that of all others. The older members should interest themselves in the thousand little perplexities that harass the lower classman. They should give their sympathy, counsel and assistance and see to it that the younger members are correct in their daily work and deportment. They should insist that the chapter's kindly control is over every member and that the individual standing is a reflection upon the whole chapter.

The chapter should keep in close touch with the resident alumni, consult with them, invite them to its meetings and make the annual meeting *the* meeting of the year. By correspondence it should try to get the non-resident alumni to the annual banquet. Alumni like to feel that they are not forgotten. A chapter thus conducted will be a power for good upon the individual member which will follow him out into the world and thrill his heart with a love that will find expression all through life.

The Chapter Secretary should have a newsy letter in every issue of THE RAINBOW, telling something about the college as well as the chapter. Here comes in the influence of the journal. Each alumnus upon its receipt turns at once to the letter from his chapter and, if it is missing or void of interest, the whole journal has at once fallen in his estimation. He soon lapses his subscription. The journal should be conducted upon a high plane and should contain besides chapter letters news of other fraternities and above all be a digest of general college news that will interest and instruct the general reader. More attention should be paid to the whereabouts and doings of the alumni. We are all interested in these matters as they relate to the men in college during our stay there and this is a short second-hand letter from men, some of whom we have not seen since we left college. I have always taken our journal and cannot understand how any alumnus can afford to be without it. I think if greater effort was made at the annual meetings to obtain subscriptions, better results would follow.

The Arch Chapter should govern the undergraduate chapters in a fraternal spirit. Justice and equity should be meted out to all. A weak chapter in a small college should receive the same kind consideration as a like chapter in a large university. Many alumni know the Arch Chapter only through the subordinate chapter; and when the Arch Chapter alienates the good will of the subordinate chapter by trying legislation,

or, by its influence in the General Convention, makes the financial burden heavy, it has lost adherence of the alumni of that chapter. The Arch Chapter should take the alumni more into their confidence. Thus the official acts will be made to represent the feeling of the whole membership rather than that of a limited circle.

Alumni Chapters should be formed in those cities where we have no undergraduate chapters and in which there is a considerable number of alumni. The meetings need not be of frequent occurrence; in fact, one each year, at which every alumnus could be present and at which the aims and progress of the Fraternity could be discussed, would be sufficient to cement the bond that unites us and put us in a spirit to help the dear old Fraternity in any laudable undertaking.

J. A. BOLARD, Alpha '78.

II.

This subject merits the consideration of every loyal Delta and on its successful solution much depends. Four elements are to be considered in this discussion, viz: the active members; the alumni members; the chapters; and the general Fraternity.

The success of a fraternity chapter depends in a measure on the active members and also on the alumni members. Many a chapter has been tided over a time of depression by the efforts of the alumni members. The loyal alumnus can, and generally does, keep an outlook for desirable men about to enter college and he can help both his friend and his chapter by doing a little judicious "rushing," which is generally many times more effective than a much greater amount of work

done by those less favorably situated. By close relations between chapter and alumni, the experience and judgment of the alumni are at the disposal of the chapter with resulting advantages to each. The chapter should be, and under the best conditions is, a medium of communication between members; it is to the chapter that the member writes for information concerning some chapter brother of whom he has lost track.

Each chapter should at least once a year and better oftener send to each alumnus "A Chapter Letter" giving in brief such information as will inform the distant members of the situation of the Chapter and Fraternity and what the graduate members are doing; and to make this result in the greatest good the members should communicate to their chapters any events of interest to the general membership, either concerning themselves or others. This, by the use of the "Chapter Scrap Book," will increase the chapter records and make the Fraternity more powerful and beneficial. Close and cordial relations and communications between the chapter represented by the undergraduates and the alumni are the surest methods of keeping up interest in the chapter.

The general Fraternity is what the chapters make it and upon the alumni and the chapters is the responsibility for the general Fraternity. The member owes it to the Fraternity to support, take and pay for the Fraternity publication. After discharging his duty he then has the right to criticise and he should be as free to suggest and advise as to criticise. I will add in conclusion, may increased wisdom come to the men who write chapter letters.

MONROE M. SWEETLAND, Beta Omicron '90.

III.

I once knew a young man who was a member of a prolific family (all boys). This young man came to think that he had extracted all possible good from the home, and bidding a tearful farewell to his regretful brothers, went away into a far country. During his first years, although engrossed in the task of reorganizing the government, establishing a new cult, and electrifying mankind in general (while employed as an office boy), he kept up a one-sided correspondence with the boys at home, and to the new brothers, who "kept a borning," he undertook to send such words of encouragement, wet and dry, as would be most acceptable in connection with the family nursing bottle.

This tender arrangement continued for a long, long time with nothing to relieve the weariness and loneliness of the hero. When, lo! after many years a letter came at last. With a trembling hand the missive is opened. It goes thus:

Dear Brother: — We have not forgotten that you are a member of our family, — a brother. Please send us \$5.00 or as much more as you can spare. We want to patch the roof of the house. I write on behalf of our beloved family.

Your Brother,

D. T. DEE.

The absent brother felt sympathy for the boys at the old home and sent the money. He heard no more from them for three years. Then one of them wrote asking for \$5.00 to aid in the purchase of a stove. By that time he himself had gotten cold and not even the mention of a family stove or hearthstone served to warm him up.

This is a parable. The active who runs may read and interpret.

E. L. SCOTT, Mu '91.

IV.

I think that a personal confession will better serve the purpose of this symposium than a general discussion.

First, then, my own interest in the Fraternity is not measured by outward demonstration so much as by an inner sense of pleasure that is altogether unaffected by time or space. A thousand times from the walls of memory the beloved and familiar faces of McClurg and Rannells and Babcock and Willett, and a score of others preserved with equal affection and solicitude, smile upon me as of yore and I commune with them in my heart and am better for the delightful fellowship that I experience. The world is wide; time is fleeting; and duties are arduous; but my brothers are enthroned in my heart; and just as I do not forget them, I trust them not to forget me. It is a spiritual tie that unites us and no material barrier can separate us.

Second, necessarily as well as from choice, many of our finest men are exemplifying Wordsworth's sentiment concerning "plain living and high thinking" and they find it out of the question to participate in the expensive monthly dinners and sumptuous banquets that make up the social life of our alumni chapters and that seem to many to be the chief register of fraternal loyalty. Nor should it be forgotten that a great many are pursuing with passionate devotion very high ideals of personal purity and private conduct; and as it is too frequently the case that dissipation and disregard of chaste speech and conversation are characteristic accompaniments of our more pretentious banquets such men quietly absent themselves and seek more congenial enjoyments. I am too much a man of the world to desire to dictate to my associates in personal matters of this nature; and I am too fond of elegance and good cheer to reprehend an occasional indulgence in the delicacies and luxuries of life: but, on the other hand, I claim equal right to

personal preference and private judgment. I am altogether certain, too, that there are others who feel as I do in this respect.

Third, in large cities — as in Chicago for instance — why might not the *fraters* come together in groups of twenty, once a month for a simple, substantial six o'clock dinner at some fraternity house or modest hotel? There could be such a centre in Hyde Park, another one in Evanston, a third down town, a fourth on the West Side and possibly a fifth in Englewood. It might be well for an essayist to be appointed for each meeting; these papers might discuss some phase of fraternity, college, social, municipal or political life, and might be followed by a discussion or an informal chat as inclination might suggest. No man need prepare a paper oftener than once a year, probably not so often; and if men would take up subjects in the departments of life in which they are specialists no great effort would be required yet the essays might prove extremely valuable to others. In smaller cities a single group such as I suggest would suffice for the entire resident *alumni*.

Of course every Fraternity man should take THE RAINBOW; but here again comes in the eternal problem of time and money. Many of the best and most loyal men in the Fraternity, who want it sorely, deny themselves this luxury because of the innumerable secular, religious and professional publications that they must take and read. It would seem, however, that the alumnus of average success in life and of moderate enthusiasm for his fraternity could spare the one dollar per annum, regarding it as a precious tax upon his fraternal interest. So would he aid the Fraternity financially; so would he foster the fraternal bonds.

I love the Fraternity more ardently than ever before in my life, and I love every man in it; nor do I ever lose an opportunity to push the Delta standard closer to the stars.

FRANK C. LOCKWOOD, Beta Pi '95.

V.

One cannot well suggest a remedy or "methods" until he ascertains where the difficulty lies, and to me the reason for the lapsed interest on the part of that considerable majority of our members is assignable mostly to the men themselves and dates back to undergraduate days. Present interest in the Fraternity is the sum of past enthusiasm and instruction, and whoever learned fraternity ways, did fraternity work and was touched by the real fraternity spirit in the old days may never be accused of lapsing or becoming disinterested. The argument that it takes money to keep up interest is ridiculous. It is the men who never worked for their chapter and never laid awake o' nights and were never duly instructed in the things and ways every Delta is supposed to know, who leave their love and interest in the Fraternity when they leave their college. The hasty methods of rushing new members into the chapter in all their unpreparedness and afterwards leaving them to shift for themselves is not the best way to make loyal men nor strong chapters. To me the whole matter is one where due *instruction* in the ways and ideals of the Fraternity is going to do wonders, for as I think back I have yet to remember one of the old boys who might be said to be "up" on Fraternity matters whose interest has flagged.

I well remember how dearly we prized the occasional visits of representatives of the Arch Chapter and listened with all our ears to the recital of things of early days and to the explanation of certain "mysteries" and "signs" that to us were else quite unintelligible, and this same eagerness I have noticed in Conferences and in the two Karneas I have attended. That means that men may be really interested in traditions and the more significant practices of the Fraternity when such are presented by those in authority, either the authority of office or that which comes with age.

As my own experience has been, the "method" would be to make the Deltas more intelligent Deltas at the proper place and time, and in this not only the men themselves but the Arch Chapter might well have a part. I think there ought to be a closer intimacy between the undergraduates and the men of the Arch Chapter, and give them to know that this Arch Chapter exists for something else save to impose an annual tax and occasionally pluck a charter. So the instruction that undergraduates so greatly need would come more really and strongly through some one in authority, and to become well posted in college days would mean to be perpetually interested in the weal and woe of the Fraternity. And in that case the ideal could be realized, which is, that mere *membership* means whole-souled and unflagging interest, and the duly and truly instructed frater would really become an "active" in the best sense only as he leaves his college and his chapter.

CHAS. HENRY WELLS, Beta Mu '95.

VI.

From an emotional standpoint it seems not a little strange that there should be any need of discussing the subject in hand. The writer considers his Fraternity not a mere social or literary club whose initiates remain members for a few years and then, when the novelty has worn off, drop out never to think of it again; he rather considers it his college home wherein he spent many of the happiest and most profitable moments of his undergraduate life, — a home wherein his brothers met him with open hands and hearts and wherein he found the word of sympathy when it was most needed, the word of encouragement that fired him to attempt greater things, the word of kindly admonition, which coming from friendly

lips had no sting in it and helped to make a man of him. How ungrateful would he be to need a stimulus to stir up his interest and activity toward his Fraternity to which he is indebted for so much! Thus speaks feeling.

Now, laying aside emotion and letting cold wisdom speak, we can see easily why our Editor invites a discussion on this all-important subject. We must all remember that pre-eminently fraternities are for men *in* college rather than for those who are *out*; and, naturally enough, those who share the immediate benefits will and should take the greater active interest. An ideal chapter will, among other good things, train its members to be wide awake, practical, hustling men. But this training will tend to create the very condition these articles seek to correct. After graduation most of us have to hustle in earnest to make a livelihood, and we become so absorbed in our business or professions that old ties gradually loosen and we will willingly allow the mantle of fraternity enthusiasm to fall on younger men who have fewer responsibilities. If perchance we do have now and then the intermittent fever of alumni interest, and we visit our old chapter, we find all so changed and so strange that we can hardly imagine ourselves members. The preventative for this unfortunate experience is to keep in touch with your chapter from the very day you take your degree. The writer believes no college is an ideal one unless it has several first class fraternities. When he knows of a good fellow who needs the influences of fraternity life and who might make a good Delta, he improves the chance thus offered of doing a two-fold good, and writes the chapter boys at once. Thus, by putting forth, as opportunity offers, a little gratuitous service, his interest both in young men and in the Fraternity has become to him as natural a thing as the parting of his hair always on the left side.

Perhaps the volitional side of our human nature ought to be considered, since we have listened to the dictates of emo-

tion and intellect. The volitional side offers opportunity for throwing out a few hints. The solution of the whole problem, so far as the future is concerned, lies wholly in the training which each chapter should give its actives. From the very first let all initiates be impressed with the fact that they have joined a Fraternity not merely a chapter. The accent should be placed on *joined* and *Fraternity*. Teach them that "Once a Delta always a Delta." Train every active and in five years we shall have to discuss "How shall alumni enthusiasm be used?" When commencement comes, have a royal good spread in honor of the graduates, whose names should be engraved on the invitations. Give these tried men and true a farewell reception that *they* can never forget; then see to it that *you* never forget them. How often do our chapters communicate with their alumni? Once a year some of us receive a class-day invitation and notice of the chapter spread. This is good, but cannot the chapters do better? Why not send once a term a letter to all the old boys? Do not make it a re-hash of the letters which are so highly prized by all of us who read THE RAINBOW, but make it a more specific one in which the joys and sorrows, victories and defeats are told as heart to heart. Few of us old fellows are so completely given over to the sterner affairs of life as to be wholly unresponsive after reading a rousing good letter from our chapter.

Finally, when you discover some old Delta in your vicinity, invite him down to the rooms, enthuse a little over Delta Tau Delta's progress, her Karneas, alumni associations, magazine and brilliant prospects. The Delta spirit is contagious and will affect the alumnus as the smell of powder does the war horse. It renews one's youth, and makes life more worth the living. I suggest also that every alumnus have the beautiful new vignette painted and framed and hung over his office desk.

H. L. THOMPSON, Beta Chi '96.

FIRST THINGS IN DELTAISM.

* Every member of Delta Tau Delta should be familiar with the early history of the Fraternity, and to that end an attempt has been made to embody in one or more articles, a record of some of the "first things" in Delta Tau Delta history. Some mistakes will undoubtedly be made and those better informed are earnestly requested to notify the historian and correct any errors that they may discover.

Most Deltas probably know that the most authentic date for the founding of the Fraternity is Jan. 1, 1860, at Bethany College, West Virginia, but very few could name the men who most clearly deserve the credit of being called the founders. The most reliable accounts give the credit to seven men: Henry K. Bell, W. R. Cunningham, Alexander C. Earle, John L. N. Hunt, J. C. Johnson, Jacob S. Lowe, Eugene Tarr.

This first chapter granted its first charter to found a chapter at Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa., and initiated Rhodes S. Sutton and Samuel S. Brown as the first charter members.

The earliest existing constitution is probably the one given to Brother Williams by the Jefferson Alpha Chapter in January, 1864, with which he re-established the present Alpha Chapter at Allegheny College.

The first member of Delta Tau Delta to receive a degree was James S. McKee from Jefferson College in 1861.

The first general Convention of which there is any record was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., July 3, 1866. Five chapters were represented: Jefferson, Allegheny and Monmouth col-

leges, Ohio University and the Western University of Pennsylvania.

The first general catalogue of the Fraternity was issued in the fall of 1870 by the Alpha, now the Mu, Chapter at Delaware, Ohio, and shows an enrollment of 530 names.

The first colors of the Fraternity were Royal Purple and Silver Grey.

The first song book of Delta Tau Delta was published by the order of the General Convention of 1886 under the supervision of Iota Chapter. Brother Lucius W. Hoyt, Iota '82, was the editor.

The first alumni chapter was founded by the Alpha Chapter at Pittsburgh, Pa., during the fall of 1874.

The Crescent, now *THE RAINBOW*, was first ordered by the Convention held at Bethlehem, Pa., May 2, 1877. Vol. I, No. 1, appeared on September 15, of that same year. It was published at Cincinnati, Ohio, and W. C. Buchanan was editor and business manager.

Under the Constitution which was adopted by the Convention of 1883 and which took effect Jan. 1, 1884, the first officers were: Henry T. Bruck, Rho '78, President; Wilber Colvin, Beta '80, General Secretary; W. L. McClurg, Alpha '79, Treasurer. The other members of the Council were: Wm. S. Eversole, Beta '69; Wilson M. Day, Mu '71; Howard W. Plummer, Alpha '84; James W. Magruder, Mu '85; Alvah G. Potts, Delta '85; Chas. L. Edwards, Lambda '84.

Doubtless many other items of a similar nature could be added by older members of the Fraternity and the Historian would be very grateful for any such information.

E. H. PIERCE,

WASHINGTON GARDNER, KAPPA — MU '70.

One of the honored members of Delta Tau Delta has been elected to represent the Third District of Michigan in Congress. The nomination for the office was closely contested and Mr. Gardner was accorded the honor only after more than three hundred ballots had been taken. But the closeness and heat of the contest for the nomination did not make any division at the polls, and Mr. Gardner was elected a Representative in November last by a handsome majority. As members of Delta Tau Delta have been greatly interested in his success we are pleased to present in this issue his portrait and to offer a short biographical sketch.

Washington Gardner was born on a farm in Morrow County, Ohio, in 1845. His mother died when he was but three years of age and he was reared in the home of his paternal uncle. He worked on the farm in the summer and went to school in the winter.

When the Civil War began he enlisted and became a member of Co. D, 65th Ohio volunteer infantry. He served continuously in the ranks and was discharged at the expiration of his term of service as duty sergeant. He was the youngest of five brothers who served in the war for the union, three of whom rose from ranks to be captain. One of these was senior in command of his regiment and the fourth became a lieutenant. These five brothers served an aggregate term of 15 years, 10 months and 29 days. Four were hit in battle and two disabled for life on account of wounds received in action. The five boys were absent from command, on account of sickness, less than four months out of nearly sixteen years of service.

As a soldier, Mr. Gardner was with his regiment in all its marches, campaigns, sieges and battles from 1861 until May, 1864, when he was severely wounded in battle at Resacca, Ga. Among the more conspicuous engagements in which he took part were Shiloh, Stone's River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge and Resacca. He was also in the siege of Corinth under Halleck, the march after Bragg in 1862 which resulted in the battle of Perryville, and the expulsion of Bragg from Kentucky under Buell; the Tullahoma campaign under Rosecrans, the siege of Chattanooga under Thomas, and the Atlanta campaign until wounded at Resacca under Sherman. When mustered out in December, 1864, at the age of 19, after more than three years of service, he was still compelled on account of wounds to use crutch and cane to get about.

Previous to the war Mr. Gardner had very limited school advantages. As he has often been heard to say, he observed in the army that the educated young men had the advantage over the uneducated, and he determined that, if he lived to get home, he would go to school. He arrived home at dark on a Friday night and the following Monday morning entered a neighboring academy. With what he saved as a private soldier at \$13 a month, and what he made in vacations and one term as teacher, he paid his own way through college. He prepared for college at Berea, O., and in the fall of 1866 entered as Freshman at Hillsdale College where he studied three years, and then entered the Ohio Wesleyan University as Senior, from which institution he graduated in 1870. He studied theology in Boston and law in New York, being admitted to practice in the courts of that state in 1876, and later in the United States courts. Coming to Michigan in 1876, he entered into co-partnership for the practice of law with the Hon. Samuel A. Kennedy, of Grand Rapids. Subsequently he entered the ministry and served for 11 years in the Michigan conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was at one time pastor of St. Paul's

Church, Cincinnati, then a leading and influential charge in his denomination.

In 1889 Mr. Gardner was elected to a professorship in Albion College, and for several years was public lecturer for that institution. In 1888 he was chosen commander of the department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, serving the department when it was at the maximum of its numerical strength. He was for two successive terms president of the Michigan Interdenominational State Sunday School Association. In March, 1894, he was appointed by Gov. John T. Rich to the Secretaryship of State to fill vacancy, and twice since has been unanimously nominated and elected to that important office. His present term expired on January 1.

As an orator Mr. Gardner enjoys more than a state reputation. As a campaign speaker it is the testimony of State central committees that no member of his party is in greater demand within the limits of Michigan. As Secretary of State it is declared by those in position to know that the duties of that important office have never been more faithfully nor ably performed. Such in brief has been the life history of a man whose character has been perfected and rounded in the ennobling work of his Church and his country, and who possesses the ability, virtue and sterling integrity that make up the true patriot and honest citizen.

Washington Gardner's connection with the Fraternity covers the most of its history. He was initiated into the Kappa chapter in 1867, when the Fraternity was but seven years old and had but seven chapters. Naturally of an ardent and loyal temperament he was an enthusiastic fraternity man and a good worker for his chapter. At the end of his Junior year at Hillsdale he went to the Ohio Wesleyan University and was graduated with the Class of 1870. The class that graduated from Mu Chapter in that year was a notable one. It included D. D. Cheney, for two years General Secretary of Delta Tau Delta

and President of the Meadville Convention in 1869; N. J. Plumb, a noted and successful missionary to China; C. E. Manchester, President McKinley's Pastor at Canton, O.; J. H. Grove, now Professor in the Ohio Wesleyan and a most loyal Delta who has often served the Fraternity most helpfully; and E. D. Curtis, the author of our Ritual and an unusual benefactor of Delta Tau Delta. Washington Gardner was at home in the company of these stalwarts.

He has ever kept a decided interest in the Fraternity. At the Louisville Convention, in 1886, he was elected the President of the Fraternity. THE RAINBOW for November, 1886, says of him: "The new President, Washington Gardner, Mu '70, is well known in the Fraternity and brings to the office a skill, enthusiasm and a knowledge of affairs that will make his administration one of vigor and success." Upon the occasions of his visits to the Ohio Wesleyan it has always been his delight to meet the men of our Mu Chapter in a body and to rejoice in the progress of the general Fraternity.

It is a joy to our members to know of the signal honors that have come to Washington Gardner. May they be yet more and higher.

“RUSHING” AS AN ART.

In the first place: not every man is sufficiently energetic to do good rushing; and, in the second place, many a man who is willing and energetic lacks certain indispensable qualifications. Above all else, the successful “rusher” must have tact and must possess the rarest judgment about what to say, when to say it, and how to say it. He must be able to make himself quickly *en rapport* with his subject, as it were, and must use every endeavor to foresee his wishes and preferences, as well as his dislikes. The great trouble, as a rule, is that one pays too little attention to the comparatively insignificant points, — the passing remark, the condition of the chapter house, his own personal appearance, etc. The ideal rusher must note carefully all these minor points; for, whether he believes it or not, they count.

He must be a sympathetic man — sympathetic in the highest sense. He must study his subject. His own predominant idea must be “I must make this man my friend — not a mere acquaintance, not only an ordinary friend, but a *true* friend.” Men who are on Rushing Committees often put serious conversation at a discount, preferring that half-way intimacy which comes from what is, perhaps, a one-sided companionship. This is a great mistake. No matter how jolly and good-humored your man is, no matter how full of fun and gayety, if you use the good gift of tact, you will find a time and place when you can get an actual hold on a man’s heart; and when this is once really accomplished, your battle is more than half won.

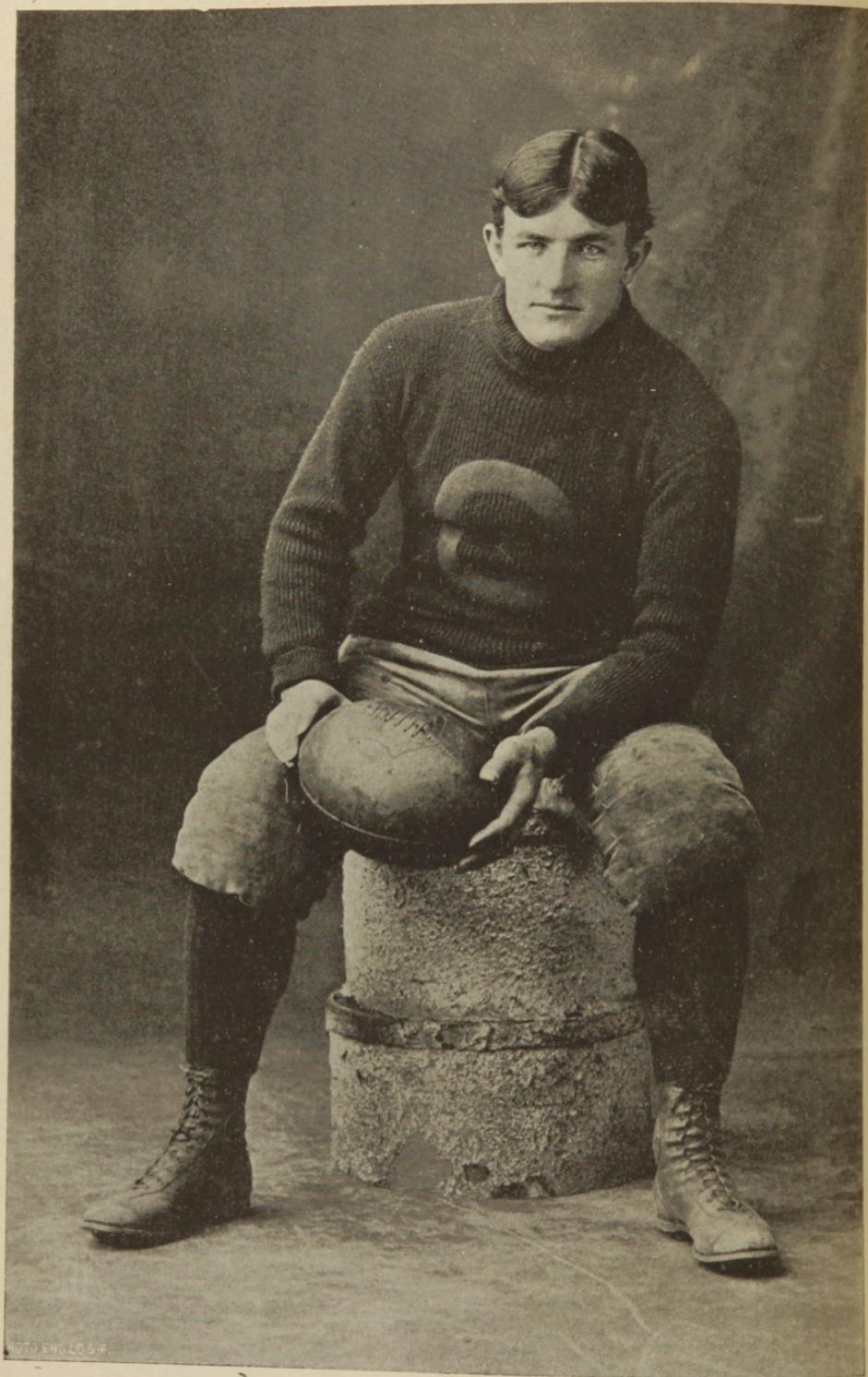
A man should never lose sight of the fact that he is rush-

ing — though, on the other hand, he must use his best judgment as to when and under what circumstances he allows this fact to become evident. He must be careful not to fall into the error of “over-heating.” “Setting-up” is very well in its way, but, taken altogether, it amounts to very little. Of course, never allow yourself to say unkind or bitter things about a rival. State whatever facts there are in your favor, calmly and dispassionately, but remarks of the opposite nature against other fraternities generally do more harm than good. As a rule, even when you are with a crowd, make your subject feel that things are entirely spontaneous — and *never let him think you are rushing him simply because he has been elected.* Make it a personal affair.

Then, to rely on the influence of one man, thereby overlooking the chapter as an individual whole, is a mistake. An instance in the history of one of our chapters illustrates this fact. One of our initiates was invited by another fraternity which depended entirely upon the friendship existing between him and a member of that fraternity. And while this was of great weight, nevertheless the man united with Delta Tau Delta, because he had found among her members not one true friend, but many. So beware of depending on a single friendship.

Finally, never seek to persuade a man against his will. Surely our fraternal bonds are too sacred to be endangered by the introduction of any half-satisfied element. If he seems inclined to refuse, do your best to reason away his objections, but do not go further. If you lose a brother, you will gain a friend, at least, and it is better for a chapter to have four men than to have five, when one is not in perfect harmony.

STUART S. MACLEAN, Beta Theta '97.



NOTHING

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Percy Hall is to-day the most popular man in the University of California, not so much because he is captain of the first team to vanquish Stanford, as because of the qualities which he has shown through one year of disappointment and two of crushing defeat. When he entered college he had already won a considerable foot-ball reputation, but he was debarred from playing on the 'Varsity eleven because of a technicality as to his matriculation. He consoled himself, however, by taking part in the Freshman game of that year in which Stanford was beaten, 44-0. For three years he has been a fixture at his position left half-back, and during the last two years he has captained the team. His brilliant end-running, tackle-bucking and defensive work have been a feature of every game in that time. This year his pluck and perseverance have been rewarded by a complete reversal of the previous score. Instead of being defeated by 28-0, his followers won the Stanford game by a score of 22-0. He has also been a substitute on the base-ball team and will be much missed in that department this spring. He is a charter member of Beta Omega and also a member of the Junior-Senior Society, Skull and Keys.

D. R. CURTISS.

EDITORIALS.

Chapter Misfortunes.

There is a theory often given out that misfortune is not only an opportunity to test character, but also an opportunity to strengthen character. This idea is not merely a comforting one presented by the theologian and preacher; it is one which is being constantly called to the encouragement of men in all lines of working. The self-made man always glories in the difficulties he has overcome, — sometimes indeed making somewhat just the criticism that a self-made man is very likely to worship his maker — *i. e.* himself. This is simply the perversion of the rule of which our chapters and our members do well to take note.

A time of misfortune and difficulty may be used to test and strengthen a chapter. It is very often the crisis that brings out the real spirit of brotherhood and unites the men more closely to each other. It is also the occasion frequently of stirring the latent energies of a chapter into life and use. If it may be employed to serve these two valuable ends, it is very evident that it is not needful to consider the trying time as one that is only to be mourned. We have a good illustration of strength growing in the midst of difficulties in our new Gamma Alpha chapter at the University of Chicago. That chapter was installed on Friday, the 13th of a month. One of our exchanges made the statement at that time that, if superstition had any basis, the chapter was sure to have a career of misfortune. It is needless to say that no one really believes that there is anything ominous

in the day or date. Whatever difficulties Gamma Alpha has had to undergo have not grown out of an unlucky time of installation. This last fall four of her men have been sick; one has had to spend considerable time at the hospital; one has been called home by the illness of his father. Yet the chapter has gone steadily forward, in spite of these discouragements, and has added to itself strength. If the Fraternity had had any doubt as to the sterling character of the new chapter, that doubt would be cured by the knowledge of her brave and successful struggle against the odds of her last term's life. Repeatedly in the course of our experience with the Fraternity we have seen chapters come up out of serious difficulties to a firmer condition in all respects. If any of our chapters have been passing through misfortunes, it will be well for them to note the point that is here made. Difficulties may be used to stimulate rather than to depress.

The matter may be related to the individual members of a chapter also. The first time that the Editor of THE RAINBOW met Dr. Babcock, the President of the Fraternity, he was impressed with what he said about one of his reasons for joining the Beta Eta chapter. Beta Eta had initiated strong men and had made a good record for herself at the point of scholarship; but up to the later eighties had not taken the prominent position in the University that she later took. Dr. Babcock was led to join Beta Eta because he saw that there was first class material to begin with, and that there was an opportunity to get good by working with the small chapter and pushing it to the front. That this was done by himself and his colleagues is well known. And, aside from the personal strength that one may get out of effort to put a chapter on a firm basis, it is also certain that good fraternity men are thus developed. One needs only to look into the history of our Chi and Zeta chapters to prove the truth of this assertion. Out of our struggles at Adelbert and Kenyon we have not only succeeded in getting good chapters at the length,

we have also succeeded in getting splendid workers whose interest has lasted far beyond the undergraduate days. We do not offer this preachment because we think that any chapter should choose hardship, but only because it will be well for the actives to see that the time of difficulty is not without its relieving features.

The Alumni Question.

We present in this issue the brief articles of several of our loyal alumni giving their views as to the ways in which alumni interest and activity may be gained and fostered. We commend these articles to all our members, both active and graduate; for we are sure that they will be suggestive and will do a part in the solution of the serious problem with which they deal. We do not wish to offer any surfeit of opinion on the matter; yet we are moved to touch upon several features of importance.

To begin with, we must reckon with the alumnus. While we may always speak at the times of fraternity jubilation as if the members of our own particular Fraternity were of the most loyal and loving sort, our experience, like that of all other fraternities, proves that it is amazingly easy for the graduate to drift wholly away from his fraternal interest. The truth is that there are some men who, while in the active list, have small part in the work of the chapter. They do not prove themselves to have any measure of enthusiasm; they are good fellows; they count one on the chapter roll; they may bring honor by their records in scholarship or oratory; but they do not put any of their life into the chapter work. To our thought, it is well-nigh needless to expect that these men will keep any interest in the Fraternity in after years. They will be glad to hear of its advancement; but they will not really have the interest to contribute anything to that advance-

ment. On the other hand, there are many men who did take an enthusiastic interest in the chapter in their active days but who have lost their touch with the Fraternity after they have gone out into the alumni life. It is this class of men whom our chapters should try to get into connection with the Fraternity again. It is needless to say that these men are not able financially to follow the fortunes of the Fraternity. This may be true in some cases as it applies to attending expensive dinners ; but we do not think that in one case out of one hundred it applies to the taking of THE RAINBOW. Our graduates are for the most part succeeding in life. Generally they are the type of men that the world would call prosperous. At any rate, the Editor has had the chance to find out absolutely that when an alumnus has an abiding and deep interest in the Fraternity, he finds the money to pay for and the time to read the magazine. So, with all respect to the thought of Professor Lockwood, whom, by the way, we pledged to Delta Tau Delta at Delaware, Ohio, back in the fall of 1887, we do not think that the matter of money, at least, has much to do with the failure. When interest is great the dollar seems small.

The Chapter Influence.

Our correspondents all touch upon an important item when they mention the influence of the chapter in the way of training. Some of our chapters do not bring their men up aright. It is no accident that Rho, having a little more than half as many men as Beta, should still furnish *twelve times* as many subscribers for the journal ; it is no accident that Delta, having fewer alumni than Epsilon, should still furnish *nine times* as many subscribers ; it is no accident that our Phi chapter at Washington and Lee, having one fifth the number of alumni, should still furnish *twice as many* subscribers as

Beta Theta. We mention these concrete instances to show the strength of this point. Some of the chapters do not enlist their men in interest toward the general Fraternity; other chapters do. The article by Brother Wells makes this quite clear; the time to get alumni interested is when they are not alumni, if we may be allowed to say something Hibernian.

We know also that the point made by Brother Scott in his very shrewd and well-put parable is strong. Our chapters will not be likely to retain the interest of their graduates if they use them only as pocket books. The chapter that writes to a man only when it needs money will soon find that even the money will not be forthcoming. Beta Mu by her annual letter is doing much to hold her men; by the way, she has never, so far as we have noted, asked her alumni for money when she has sent them the plain account of her chapter life through the year. We believe that this is good policy, even from the financial point of view. The alumnus who is left to himself when money is not wanted will be likely to leave the chapter to itself when money is needed. Most men will not enjoy being used as a bank from which the constant effort is to withdraw something and into which no treasure is at any time deposited. Interest begets the response of interest. No chapter can rightly expect its alumni to hold it in the time of need unless it has been doing something to hold the alumni in the time when there was no special need.

We suggest to our actives also that appreciation for what is done or offered will do much to keep the alumni in warm feeling toward the chapter and Fraternity. Our alumni are for the most part men who pay heed to the laws of business courtesy; college men are very prone to disregard these laws. Two years ago an alumnus unsolicited sent his chapter five dollars, it having been borne to him that the chapter needed some money. He waited four weeks for any acknowledgement of his favor. On the 26th of last November one of our alumni,

who has responded to every call from his chapter, wrote to its secretary and asked to be informed by return mail whether the chapter had as yet secured a copy of Baird's "American College Fraternities" and stating that, if the chapter had it not, it would be a pleasure to him to make the chapter a present of a copy. This editorial is written in the midst of January; the alumnus is still waiting for a reply to the note, — the reply that he asked might come to him "by return mail." That chapter may some day send out an appeal for help; it need not be struck through with wonder if that special alumnus does not respond, though he happens to be one who will probably help anyhow. But this is a strong point. Pay [strict heed to the laws of business courtesy in dealing with the alumni. This course will be found to pay rich dividends.

The Arch Chapter's Side.

Two of our correspondents speak of the relation of the members of the Arch Chapter to the question of alumni interest. It is very evident that it must be difficult for the official force to keep in touch with the 6000 of our members. It is surely a good thing for the chapters to be brought into contact with the officials of the Fraternity. Official visitation costs money; but we are having more of it (both money and visiting) every year. Dr. Bolard himself can testify that the word of the alumni has had great and deciding weight with the members of the Arch Chapter. He will easily recall one instance several years ago, when a few graduates of one of our chapters saved the chapter's life because the officials gave respect to the wishes of the men who had been loyal to the Fraternity through many years. Our three and one half years of connection with the Arch Chapter have all shown that no one thing weighs as much in the estimation of the Arch Chap-

ter as the wishes of the graduates whose close connection with the Fraternity makes their opinion worthy of special consideration. But for the Arch Chapter to keep in touch with the men who have graduated is simply out of the question. The chapter secretary is the medium of connection between the Fraternity and the alumni; we do not think it possible to have it otherwise. To send a note once a year to the alumni would cost the Fraternity the sum of \$120 for postage alone, to say nothing of the expense of printing, paper, etc. We are sure that the Arch Chapter is open to any suggestions from our graduates. It happens that the members of the Arch Chapter are themselves graduates, without exception. They would, therefore, be inclined naturally to give to the alumni side of any question the most serious consideration.

The Encouraging Feature.

We would not have any one suppose from the prominent place given in this issue to the question that Delta Tau Delta was having any exceptional trouble with the problem of holding her graduates in close interest. One who studies the history of the Fraternity will easily see that our alumni have moved more and more to the place of influence and government. Nor do we know of any other fraternity that has succeeded in keeping so many alumni, proportionately, in warm relations with the work. Our offices have finally by the willing votes of our undergraduates been turned over to the alumni; our Catalogue is the result of the work of an alumnus; our Ritual, in its first form and in its revised form, is the result of unpaid graduate labor. If our space allowed, we could now mention the names of many alumni who have figured most beneficially in our life. Because of graduate subscriptions, our magazine has become a paying publication; we

know of no other fraternity that can make this claim ; indeed many of the editors admit openly that their magazines are not self supporting. We present all these articles and thus speak editorially because we are disturbed and drawn on by the ideal. We have done much ; but we can do so much more. It is our wish that the treatment of the subject in this issue will do somewhat in bringing our chapters to see the importance of the matter and will stimulate us all to further and constant efforts to enlist our indifferent brethren in interest and work for Delta Tau Delta.

The Ritual.

The committee on the revision of the Ritual has completed its work and has submitted the results to the Arch Chapter. The manuscript has been before the official members for their suggestions for several weeks. After some further corrections, according to the criticisms of the members of the Arch Chapter, the Ritual will doubtless be adopted. Very soon therefore it will be placed in the hands of the chapters for their use. The magnificent work of Brother E. D. Curtis will still make the heart of the Ritual ; the changes, while many, even to the number of several hundred, are of a minor character. The work that has been necessary in the mere revision of the document has given to the committee at least some conception of the self-sacrifice that must have come to Brother Curtis in the entire creation of the splendid monument of his devotion. We often wonder whether his work has been in any just degree appreciated by the undergraduates. From the time that has been spent on a few matters of revision, the Editor is able to conclude that the formation of our Ritual must have been the outcome of years of thought and of many months of hard mental labor. We suggest then that it is now a good

time to have a revival of gratitude toward Brother E. D. Curtis. No tributes that this editorial may pay to him are strong enough to express the due appreciation. It is now so many years since the Ritual came to the chapters from his hand, that we fear many of the members do not know to whom they owe the praise for the service which marks their entrance into our Fraternity.

A close observation of the life of fraternity chapters for fifteen years has convinced the Editor that it is not possible to maintain a strong chapter, even numerically, unless due regard is paid to the moral and intellectual qualifications of the men initiated. Recklessness of conduct and steadiness in the work of the college do not go together; the consequence is that the men who do not pay heed to their conduct on moral lines seldom remain in school; and the result is that the chapter that initiates such men leads a very uncertain life, beginning each year with heavily depleted numbers. We have noted this in the cases of the chapters of other fraternities, and once or twice, in the years past, in chapters of Delta Tau Delta. Will not our actives try to remember that there is a certain amount of real moral and intellectual solidity that is essential to the strength and perpetuity of the chapter life? We are glad to believe that this word does not have any wide application to our own Fraternity. If there are any chapters to which it may apply in even a small degree we hope that the earnest ones among the actives and the alumni will use all proper influence to get the brethren to build on the foundations that will last.

Brethren, do not write any criticisms or suggestions to the Editor until you are sure of your ground. We make the changes in our list of chapter secretaries just as soon as we are informed that there has been a change. As it often happens

that the secretaries have other members write a chapter letter for them, we have no way of knowing that there should be a new name in the list unless we are told. Let it be known also that the names of the new Presidents of Divisions should not appear in the list of the Arch Chapter until the November issue of THE RAINBOW. A little investigation of the Fraternity law will show why this is so. We have received some rather peppery criticisms on these two points, based in every case on a lack of knowledge on the part of the writer. We have taken them in good spirit, even though in one or two cases they were trying. Be sure you are right; then come ahead; we will follow your suggestion, if we can.

It is not too early for our members to begin to think about the Karnea to be held in August, at Chicago. Dr. R. Robinson, one of the perennial enthusiasts for the Fraternity, writes that the way to get alumni interested is to get them to attend the Karnea. It is surely true that, if we could get hundreds of our graduates to Chicago next August, it would mean a great revival of their enthusiasm and so a great aid to the Fraternity. It will be well, therefore, for these who wish to say aught that will arouse interest in our next biennial gathering to send in communications for the next issue of THE RAINBOW. It will require much work if our 1899 Karnea shall equal in real value to the Fraternity and in real effect upon those who attend the one that was held two years ago. Let us hope that the gathering will prove even larger and more inspiring than any that we have yet held.

As we go to press contests are waging in several of our states over United States Senatorships. It would seem as if it were a year of unusually close elections. Members of Delta

Tau Delta are interested in some of the elections because in at least three states our alumni are numbered among the leading candidates. In West Virginia Governor Atkinson will have a large vote; in Washington Senator Wilson is a candidate to succeed himself; in Nebraska ex-Congressman Hainer has a good following. Whether any or all of these candidates shall be elected remains to be seen. In any case the Fraternity may well be proud that we are more and more sending our graduates forward to these high offices. Considering the comparative youth of the Fraternity we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the number of men whom we are giving to the public life.

As we are sending the most of the material to the press we find that a considerable number of the chapters are not represented in this issue by chapter letters. The directions in the journal ask that all matter intended for publication should be sent to the Editor by the fifth day of the month of publication. While it is our custom, as a winking at the forgetfulness of our chapter secretaries, to send out a call for the letters, we do not hold ourselves responsible for any failure of the letters to appear because our correspondents wait for this call. This time, however, the call went in ample time to give every secretary an opportunity to get his communication to us in good season. Why not do it always, brethren?

The exhortations in the November issue of THE RAINBOW seem to have had effect, and the chapter letters, so far received for this number, are by far the best letters, in the average, that we have ever had. We are sure that more care on the part of our secretaries will be of great service to the chapter and to the Fraternity; for we want our graduates and our sister chapters to get correct ideas as to the actual condition.

The Editor can tell just as soon as he gets the chapter letter and looks through it, whether it has been the product of some thought or care, or whether it has been dashed off at a rapid rate and in the hit-or-miss fashion. We are grateful that the writers from our various chapters have really seemed to take some pride and pains in the letters for this issue.

Through the efficient work of D. Raymond Curtiss, the Secretary of our University of California chapter, we are able to put on our mailing list the name of *every alumnus of Beta Omega*. The list is not large, — only four names, — but it is complete. The Secretary writes, “Beta Omega intends that every alumnus shall take THE RAINBOW.” We are confident that, if our Secretaries generally should make a determined effort, our mailing list could be brought to a large and splendidly paying basis. Beta Omega’s future is secure while she works in her present spirit.

This issue of THE RAINBOW discusses a problem, gives the biography of a prominent alumnus, offers some points of Fraternity history, instructs in the way of soliciting new members, and presents a word as to one of our prominent athletes, — all this in the contributed columns. This variety ought to supply something for all the many tastes. There are also given the pictures of an alumnus, an undergraduate, and a chapter group. It would seem that we have run the gamut of the Fraternity’s life quite thoroughly in this number.

We call the attention of the readers to the department, “The Greek Press” in this issue. It will be found to be of

interest and will bear directly upon the work of our own Fraternity.

Is there one of our chapters that is initiating women? One of the chapter secretaries persists in sending in some notes headed "Alumnæ." Dictionary, brother!

THE DELTA CHAPTERS.

BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The enthusiasm of Beta is on the increase. The boys feel much encouraged over the healthy condition of the chapter along all lines. The boys have gained what they have been striving after for some time, a congenial, and at the same time a strong and an up to date chapter.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity at large, our new man, Brother C. H. Haddock, '02, of Athens, Ohio.

The foot-ball season of '98 ended rather unexpectedly at Ohio University by the death of quarter-back O'Blenniss. He was injured in a practice game November 15th and died two weeks later. Owing to O'Blenniss' injury, Brother Williams, who managed the team, deemed it advisable to cancel the remaining dates. Brother McClaren was captain of the team. O'Blenniss was a Phi Delta Theta.

Beta has added greatly to the beauty of its rooms by refitting and furnishing them. In honor of this event we gave a "house warming" to our lady friends of the University and the town, which was declared by all to be a great success.

Brother Stearns has been elected a member of the Ohio Academy of Science, before which he delivered a paper December 28th, upon "the Geological Formation of Athens County."

Brother Graham surprised his friends during the holidays by taking to himself a wife, Miss Mabel Towsley, an active member of the Pi Beta Phi chapter at this place.

We have received pleasant visits since our last letter from Brother Arter of Cleveland, Brother McGinley, '92, of Columbus, and Brother Fred James, who is at present with Hospital Corps at

Ft. Myers. Brother James expects to resume his studies with us next year. Brother George Brown, who was with the 4th O. V. I. in Porto Rico, as its chaplain, was also among us for a few days.

J. H. WILLIAMS.

EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

The largest enrollment for years was made at Albion College this term. Many new ones have entered. Among them was one of our pledged boys, Lloyd Knickerbocker. He has just been discharged from the 33rd Michigan Regiment. Knickerbocker served in Cuba during the whole campaign. Brother Woodworth was elected manager of the Base-ball Team last week. Prospects are bright for a good team. Epsilon will have four and probably five men on the team.

Athletics have taken a boom. Each student is now compelled to pay \$1.00 fee exclusively for athletics. A director will be secured as soon as a suitable one is decided upon.

There are now six Greek Letter Fraternities in school besides Delta Tau Delta, — Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu and Alpha Tau Omega. The other three are lady fraternities.

Of course none of these are ahead of Epsilon and we are determined that they will never be in the lead. We have five actives and seven pledged. It gives me pleasure to present to Delta Tau Delta our new boys: Fred Johnson, Detroit; Carl Dunster, '02, Bad Axe; Will Moore, Guy Van Ostrand, Frank Church and Knickerbocker, all of Albion. Church enters school next year. He is a good foot-ball player and played full-back on the High School Team. Van Ostrand is the champion bicycle rider of the High School and a good foot-ball player.

To be sure Epsilon has a bright future, and we will put forth our greatest efforts to bring it about.

CHAS. S. LOUD.

ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

We began fraternity work this year with only seven men left from our large chapter of last year. Four men were unable, for various reasons, to return to college: Brothers Hurlebaus and Meyer were graduated, Brothers Southwick and Jackson entered medical school, and Brother Jerry A. Tracy died in the Artillery Brigade Hospital at Chickamauga, Aug. 12, 1898.

The loss of so many strong men and hard workers severely handicapped our progress, and for a time affairs fraternal were rather confused, but we rallied soon and on Oct. 9, 1898, had the pleasure of initiating five very fine men whom we take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity at large. They are Brothers Walter M. Scott and Ezra J. Morgan, '01, and Brothers Frank Shanklind, Ralph Tobein and Owen M. Wilcox, '02. At present we have several others pledged whom we hope to initiate in the near future.

The question which has given us the most trouble, this term, has been the problem of keeping our House. We have had but three men rooming in it, the expense has been heavy and our numbers small, but Fraternity life at Adelbert is largely house life and we did not feel that we could surrender our Home. We have held it in spite of the odds against us, and the addition of three more men to its force of occupants has now assured the future and lightened the burdens of the chapter. Among those coming in is Brother Sherman Arter who has been to us, this year, a tower of strength through all our difficulties. Under his genial supervision, we anticipate a House life which shall rival the Arabian Nights' entertainments. We wish to repeat our invitation of last year to all Delts who may stray through the Western Reserve to make the House their home and headquarters. The door will always open wide to whoever can remember the open sesame of Deltaism.

We have held our own in college affairs since we last reported to the Brotherhood. *The Adelbert*, our monthly magazine, numbers four Deltas, one of whom is editor-in-chief, on its board of nine men. The *University Annual* has a Delt for its editor-in-chief and

numbers another among its board. Two men are on the Mandolin Club and one man is on the track-team. Brother Thomas captured the two-year honor in Greek last term.

To summarize we have had neither an extremely prosperous year or a particularly bad one, but under it all we are striving earnestly by a cautious, conservative policy to keep the chapter in a sound condition socially, scholastically and financially. We close with a message of fraternal greeting to our sister chapters.

WILLIAM G. ROSE.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa's custom of giving an Annual Thanksgiving Banquet is growing in favor with the chapter members, and is being recognized in the College as the leading social event of the year. In one way it may be regarded as a chapter reunion, when old and young can meet and mingle together on the plane of our brotherhood, and renew and make firmer the ties which bind all true Deltas together.

The fourth annual banquet was held at Smith's Hotel, Hillsdale, Mich., and was fully up to the high standard gained by its predecessors. Twenty-three Deltas and a like number of Hillsdale's fairest ladies joined in this festive occasion. A reception was held in the hotel parlors from 6.30 to 9.00 P.M. This part of the evening was delightfully whiled away; formality was laid aside and wit and repartee reigned supreme, enlivening music adding not a little to the enjoyment of the occasion. After the reception the company marched from the parlors to the dining hall. The tables tastefully arranged with center decorations of smilax and palms, and large chrysanthemums for the guests, presented a very inviting appearance. The dinner was elaborate, and the courses were enlivened by concerted calls at times verging on roasts given by the different tables.

The dinner being ended the intellectual treat of the evening



E. ANDRZEJCZAK

KAPPA CHAPTER — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

began. Attorney F. H. Stone, Kappa '76, acted as toastmaster.

The following toasts were responded to: "Delta Thanksgiving," J. R. Inman, Kappa '01; "Our Charter Members," Dr. J. T. Ward, Kappa '70; "Our Fraternity," P. W. Chase, Kappa '96; "The Ladies" (The bitter half of men), Prof. D. M. Martin, Kappa '81; "Our Alma Mater," Prof. C. H. Gurney, Kappa '73; "Our Profs.," J. H. Lash, Kappa '00; "The Tie That Binds Us," Prof. S. B. Harvey, Kappa '87.

The regular responses were followed by a number of short impromptus. Mr. Stone proved an admirable toastmaster. His apt and witty remarks kept the guests in a decidedly good humor. The evening ended with the Choctaw walk around, and all departed light-hearted under the bonds of good fellowship.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, Fayette N. Rogers, '02, our last initiate. We are glad to welcome back to our midst this term, D. T. McNabb, '99, who has but recently recovered from a fever contracted in the South while with the boys in blue.

College life is proceeding smoothly. Deltas occupy prominent positions in all its branches. In athletics, G. J. Shaughness and J. H. Lash were unanimously re-elected to the respective positions, M. I. A. A. director and base-ball manager. C. M. Chase, '99, is instructor of piano in the Music Department. D. W. Lash is manager of the College Glee Club; he is also a member of the College Male Quartette. G. J. Shaughness, C. B. Hart and F. N. Rogers are also members of the Glee Club. J. R. Inman is president of the College Republican Club.

In class and society organizations we are equally as well represented.

Kappa sends greetings and extends best wishes for a prosperous year to all her sister chapters, and to any Delts who may have occasion to visit Hillsdale, we would say that the latchstring of Kappa is always out.

J. H. LASH.

MU — OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Mu sends New Year's greetings and best wishes for the year to her sister chapters.

We enter on the new year with renewed vigor, encouraged by the result of past efforts, in closer touch with our alumni and our members of the Faculty and more closely united by more constant association with each other. This last has been effected through a sitting-room which we have just furnished. It is connected with the Hall, and here every evening after chapel service, we meet for counsel or a pleasant time, and so are all brought together at least once a day. We find this room of great advantage also in rushing new men.

After one of the fiercest and longest contested rushes that has occurred in Ohio Wesleyan for several years, Delta Tau pledged and initiated A. L. Cole of Wilmington, O., whom we now formally introduce to the Fraternity at large. No bitter feelings were engendered during the rush, and in many respects it was a model. At the initiatory banquet, there were present the resident alumni, three of whom are members of the Faculty. We have also pledged Mr. Downs, of Waterville, O., whom we hope to introduce as a Delta before the college year closes.

We are endeavoring to follow out the adopted policy of the chapter, and although in point of numbers we are not up to some of our rivals, yet we feel that "territorial expansion" merely for the sake of aggrandizement and appearance is not the true spirit and we will not adopt it. With reference to our standing, an Ohio Wesleyan graduate of '9-, a member of Mu's bitterest rival, said but recently that Delta Tau had held the highest niche in Ohio Wesleyan longer than any other fraternity, and moreover continues to hold it.

V. S. Persons returns to us this term, after an absence of two terms, to finish his course. We feel strengthened and encouraged by his return and count him a great addition to our "rush line."

C. A. ROSSER.

OMICRON — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter gains strength steadily. In a short time we hope to introduce several new men. We are also strong in local alumni. A short time ago we gave a party in honor of Brothers Wilson and Carson and their wives.

The Beta Theta Pi Fraternity has been installed in a chapter house for some time and doubtless this example will be followed soon by other Fraternities which have been watching the experiment with interest. We are as close together as possible without going into a chapter house and probably the next step will be in that direction.

There is still much divergence of opinion as to who will fill the place left vacant by the late President Schaeffer, but nevertheless we are certain that, whoever he is, he will be a man to reflect credit on the University.

We are much interested in an attempt of the Medical Department. The Medical students, not thinking well of the work done by our foot-ball team and having stronger interest in their own department than in the University as a whole, have decided to have a team of their own next fall. We are glad to say that this move has not met with encouragement outside of their own circle.

The Glee and Mandolin Club's tour was a success in many respects, but it seems that the alumni of the state are very few or else forget themselves when they are called on to help organizations of their own University.

W. S. SPEERS.

PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Since the last issue of THE RAINBOW the University of Mississippi has opened its doors to students for the session of '98-99. Although somewhat hampered by our late opening we have a fairly good attendance. The only change in the Faculty is the loss of Professor Mabey, Geology Professor, who has accepted a place on the State Geological Survey. His place will not be filled this year

on account of the shortness of the session. Our exercises celebrating the fiftieth year of the founding of the University have been postponed from November 6, 7, 8 to some time in June.

We began the year with eight old men although we expected several more to return this year. Owing to the late opening several of our boys went to other colleges. We have initiated three new men and take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity the following men: H. R. Brown, Law '99; H. P. Farish, Law '99, and S. W. Scales, '02. We are proud of these initiates and feel sure they will prove valuable additions to the Chapter.

We rank among the first with the six other fraternities represented here in all branches of college life. Brother Myers was elected captain of the foot-ball team this year but did not return. We had three men on this year's foot-ball team: Brothers McDowell, Hutchinson and McFarland. Brother N. F. Scales is the representative of the Class of '01. Brother McFarland has been elected President of the Tennis Club.

The Southern Division Conference was entertained here on June 13, 14 and 15. We enjoyed meeting the delegates from the other chapters and hearing them tell of their college life. On the 16th of December the chapter was delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Hon. J. C. Kyle, whose son, J. C. Kyle, Jr., is in the chapter this year.

We have enjoyed visits from Brothers E. D. Scales, H. H. Brooks, C. H. McLeod and W. D. Myers.

Pi sends her greetings to the other chapters.

BEN MCFARLAND.

RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The principal event of this college term will be the Conference of the Eastern Division which will be held under our auspices on February 22nd in New York. The committee are working very earnestly to make it a success and we hope for a large attendance from all of the chapters in our division.

We have initiated Frank James Youngblood of Morristown, N. J., of the class of 1902, and take pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity. This makes the fourth freshman we have taken in, our total membership of actives being sixteen.

Our faculty and undergraduates regret the resignation of Prof. Robert M. Anderson from the position of Assistant Professor of Experimental Mechanics and Engineering Physics. Brother Anderson has always taken a deep interest in the Fraternity and has been of especial aid in directing our finances. He leaves the Institute to commence a practice as Consulting Engineer.

The annual tea of our chapter will take place on February 3rd. We would be pleased to receive any members of the Fraternity who are in our neighborhood on that date.

The condition of the chapter is prosperous and we hope it will remain so.

PERCY C. IDELL.

UPSILON — RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Chapter Upsilon begins the New Year with somewhat brighter prospects than it has enjoyed for some time past.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity two new Brothers, W. H. Jones and G. H. Showers both of the class of 1900, whom we have initiated since our last writing.

We are now very pleasantly situated in our new rooms in the Young Building.

We are sorry to say that our oldest member, Brother W. H. H. Miller, will leave us at the expiration of this term. This will leave us with only five members but as we have several available men in view we expect to have increased our number considerably by the time of our next writing.

G. H. SHOWERS.

PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter Phi's chapter roll has remained unchanged. Watson who was sick at home has returned to us, but Chermside is at present forced to be absent by reason of sickness. We hope he will soon be able to resume his duties at college.

In the recent examinations our men made a good showing, thus sustaining the enviable reputation which the men of Phi have established. While taking part in all the representative student interests, our men are faithful as students.

As soon as spring opens up work on the Tucker Memorial Hall, the future home of the Law School, will progress rapidly so as to finish it before September.

Davis was recently elected President of the class of '99 and Chermside was elected one of the editors of the *Calyx*, our college annual.

The graduating class at V. M. I., numbering thirty-five, was recently dismissed for gross insubordination. While the offense was serious from a military point of view, it was only a little fun. Our relations with them have been so pleasant that we miss them very much. They *may*, however, be re-instated by the Board of Visitors.

Phi wishes a prosperous New Year to the square badge and its followers.

THOMAS J. FARRAR.

CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

Since writing our last letter to THE RAINBOW we have increased our number of actives, and I take pleasure in introducing Brother J. A. Higbee, Jr.

Christmas has ended a very pleasant and satisfactory term for Chi. Brother Williams has won very favorable comment by his successful captaincy of the foot-ball team and our three other

players have done excellent and praiseworthy work. Notwithstanding our weakness in numbers, Kenyon was accorded third rank among Ohio colleges for the season of '98.

But we have not permitted our success in athletics to injure our standing in scholarship. One Senior and two of our Juniors are preparing themselves for the Competitive Examinations, conducted by the Society for the Promotion of Church Schools and Colleges. Brother C. Southworth, '98, captured the Senior Prize last year in Mathematics and Physics.

The social side has not been neglected and we have enjoyed informal dances and parties throughout the term, thanks to the kindness of Delta wives and sisters.

We have been pleased to receive visits from Brother John Reifsnider, 1900; Brother Hines, Nu, and Brother Debes, Beta Phi, and are always ready to welcome any Deltas who can make it convenient to call on us.

HENRY G. GRIER.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

From Thanksgiving to the mid-year examinations, which take place the last week of January, Pennsylvania has a very quiet existence. It is then that the real work of the college, that work which those outside hear little of, takes place.

There is little activity about the University at present, though considerable preparatory work is going on.

The crew has started practice on the machines and the gymnastic team is practicing for a joint exhibition with Harvard. The remodeling of the athletic field will prevent the track and base ball teams from getting under way until the middle of January.

The "Mask and Wig Club" is rehearsing for its Easter performance and there is a report around that the musical clubs intend to take a trip west, as far as Chicago.

This year we have two debates, one with Cornell at Philadelphia and the other with Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich.

By the death of E. Otis Kendall the University loses one of its oldest teachers. He had been connected with the University since 1855 and was professor of mathematics and honorary vice provost.

Fraternity interest at Pennsylvania must be growing; for several of the chapters have moved into better houses and since the last RAINBOW Phi Delta Theta has started to build.

Omega is also advancing, for we have realized one of the ideals we received the night of our installation. We are comfortably located in a house, enjoying to a greater extent Fraternity life and ready and anxious to receive visiting Delts.

As a result of our initiations we have the pleasure of presenting to the Fraternity Cassius H. Watson, '01, Danbury, Conn., and James P. W. Crawford, '02, and George Morris Piersol, '02, both of Philadelphia.

JAMES GILLINDER, JR.

BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Beta Alpha has, we think, made substantial progress during the past term. We now have the best arranged and best fitted hall in the city. During the past term we have completed a thorough refurnishing. Our place is centrally located and especially adapted to our needs.

We have initiated three men since the opening of the college year. What we lack in quantity we have more than made up in quality. I take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, Geo. D. Heilman, Evansville, Ind., '00; Charles Mutchler, Goshen, Ind., '02; and Frank M. Givan, Lawrenceburg, Ind., '02.

In athletics, Indiana has been especially fortunate. While we did not win a state championship in foot-ball, we gave our only rival, Purdue, the worst scare of her existence. Brother W. D. Youtsler captained the team and to him is due the credit of the best team Indiana University ever had.

Socially, Beta Alpha has been very active this year. During the last term we gave several very enjoyable dances. Our Febru-

ary 22d dance, which is a feature as old as the chapter itself, we expect to make one of the society events of the year.

Foundation day, January 20, will be appropriately observed here and in the evening will be given our annual student play. One of the three male characters in the cast is a Delta.

In college politics, Beta Alpha as usual has her share. Brother Grimsley is editor-in-chief of the college annual. Brother Pond is vice-president of the Lecture Board. Brother Harmon is associate-editor of the *Indiana Student* and also on the *Annual* board.

Taken all in all, Beta Alpha is fully up to the high standard of former years and would not suffer at all in comparison with any other chapter in the college.

T. L. WILLIAMS.

BETA BETA — DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta started in the new year with only four men. Owing to the small attendance in college this year, there was not a large number of men to choose from. Although we have but few men, we are well represented in college honors. C. S. Handley is advertising agent for the college paper. H. H. Ellis is president of the Glee Club. F. D. Zeigler is business manager of the *College Annual* and was recently elected manager of the base-ball team of '99. Our prospects for base-ball were never better, and we hope to again be able to claim the championship of the State of Indiana.

The chapter is working hard to recuperate in point of membership, and if Dame Fortune only gives us the opportunity, we expect to start in next Fall upon a more prosperous year.

H. H. ELLIS.

BETA EPSILON — EMORY COLLEGE.

Our chapter begins the spring term under as favorable auspices as we could desire. But few new men have entered college this term, consequently there is a dearth of "spiking timber" and we have no initiates to introduce to the Fraternity at large.

We are sorry that circumstances forced one of our actives, J. Q. Dorris, to quit school, but we expect him back in the course of a few months. He goes to take charge of a school at Elsie, Ga. This leaves us only eleven actives. We never pride ourselves on numbers merely, but upon the quality of our members.

In the recent honors at Emory, we claim to have received our full share. W. C. Armstrong recently won one of the prizes offered annually by the *Emory Phoenix* for the best original stories. Deltas have always been lucky winners in these contests. Only a few days ago Phi Gamma Literary Society held the election for champion debaters and W. C. Armstrong easily led the ticket for a debater's place at Commencement. Such a result is not to be wondered at when one listens to the charming eloquence and precise logic of this Nestor of our present actives. I. P. Morton has been elected on the spring term debate and will creditably perform the duties incumbent.

We are proud of our club-room since recent expenditures have made it a thing of beauty. Several popular games have been purchased and it is a pleasure to visit our club-room during the week and find recreation from the arduous duties incident to a college course by indulging in a few well-chosen games.

We are expecting to have Albert L. Tidwell, President of the Southern Division, with us as a visitor in the near future.

Firm in that fraternal spirit which binds us closely to each other, we expect to march on, continually reaping college honors and profiting by that helpful association which college fraternity life affords.

J. B. DELL.

BETA ZETA — BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

The beginning of the second term brings the Beta Zeta boys back to school in high spirits, and with new resolutions for more solid and substantial work.

Yet mingled with our joys and our bright prospects for more new men, we feel keenly the loss of our Brothers, Marion Loop, Clarence Stuckland and Will R. Moore.

On the evening of December 2, Beta Zeta entertained her friends with a very nice and enjoyable party.

She is now looking forward to the Annual February Party, the most elegant of the year.

The Primary Oratorical Contest was held on the evening of Nov. 30, 1898. Mr. C. H. Bass won first place and will represent Butler in the State Contest. Brother Orval Mehring was a close second and did just honor to Delta Tau Delta.

Beta Zeta has two representatives on the committee to arrange for the University Celebration on Washington's Birthday, Brothers Mehring and Long.

President Scot Butler has gone to Honduras for a few months' vacation and Professor Brown is Acting President in his absence.

SHELLEY D. WATTS.

BETA ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since the last issue of THE RAINBOW we have initiated six men into the Fraternity. The Initiation Banquet was held at the West Hotel, of this city, Wednesday evening, October 26. Dr. Geo. D. Head, '95, acted as Toastmaster and introduced the speakers who responded to the toasts as follows:

“Welcome”—Walter L. Mayo, Beta Eta '00.

“The Initiates”—Hugh Arey, '02.

“In Memory of the Delta Tau Deltas of Other Days”—Prof. A. E. Haynes, Kappa '75.

“Beta Eta of Old” — H. J. Richardson, Beta Eta '01.

“Fraternity Fellowships” — John F. Hayden, Beta Eta '90.

“The Political Delt” — F. N. Stacy, Beta Eta '88.

The initiates, whom we take great pride in introducing to the Fraternity, are Albert Hollenberg, '00; Thomas Frank McCarthy, '01; John H. McClure, '01; Hugh C. Arey, '02; Marcus Howard Dann, '02, and Robert Corgill, '02.

The social side of the Fraternity has received its due attention this year, besides several very fine rushing parties. Just before the holidays we gave a dancing party at the home of Robert Corgill, 2406 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, for our lady friends of the Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi and Delta Gamma Sororities. It was a perfect success and one of the best parties Beta Eta has given. Next Friday evening, January 20, we will be entertained at the home of John H. McClure, 676 Dayton ave., St. Paul.

We are represented on the Junior Ball Association by Brothers Wickersham, Lenhart, Hollenberg; Brother Lenhart having been elected Treasurer of the Association.

We are in the midst of rushing at present and have several good men in view.

Our rooms are nicely located only two blocks from the Campus. Several of the boys take dinner at the House thus affording a pleasant noon hour.

Wirt Wilson, who went to Manila with Company A of 13th Minnesota, is with us again and taking law.

Orlo Bartholomew has left for this term and is in Chariton, Iowa.

The chapter is in good condition in all ways; financially we are just about out of debt and look forward to a prosperous year.

Our rooms are always open to visiting Deltas and we will be delighted to see any who may be in the twin cities at 620 13th ave., S. E.

SAM LENHART.

BETA IOTA — UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The Christmas term of this session has passed very pleasantly both for Beta Iota as a chapter and for the individual members, and now strengthened in numbers as well as experience we look forward to even better success for the Easter and Final terms.

In foot-ball, in spite of the fact that we had one Delta on the regular eleven and two substitutes, our team was not as fortunate as usual; for North Carolina, our greatest rival, succeeded at last in beating us in the annual Thanksgiving Day game. It is the first time we have ever failed to down the Tar Heels in foot-ball, which makes the defeat all the harder to put up with. The University relies on the base-ball nine to wipe out the disgrace of an unsuccessful season on the gridiron. We expect Pinkerton to cover himself and the chapter with glory as pitcher, just as he did last year, and we also look to Arthur Harris to do us credit at first base. The schedule of base-ball games has not yet been published.

Since our last letter Beta Iota has had the pleasure of an informal visit from Brothers Farrar, Blain, Armistead, Davis, McNeill and Hyatt, of Phi, who spent part of a night with us. We are always delighted to see Farrar, and were especially glad this time to meet the other Deltas, and to know them, as it is one of our greatest regrets that we are so far separated from most of our sister chapters.

Beta Iota is not entirely without college honors. We have one of the six members of the Executive Committee of the Poe Memorial Association. The object of this Association is to erect in the Rotunda a bronze bust of Edgar Allan Poe, our most famous alumnus, and in connection with this purpose to make a collection of the many different editions of his works and of books upon the subject of his life and writings. The bust, which is by the rising young sculptor, George J. Zolnay, and has been extravagantly praised, is to be unveiled in October, 1899, on the semi-centennial of the poet's death.

On the editorial board of the University's Magazine we are represented by Chamberlayne, who is also Licentiate in Greek.

Our members in the academic class have been granted a special

dispensation by President Babcock, pending action on the part of the Arch Chapter, giving them permission to join the Lambda Pi Fraternity which is the local academic class society, and we now have a representative in it.

Since the last issue of *THE RAINBOW* we have initiated two good men and true, whom it gives us great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity: Benjamin Vaughan Jones, of Petersburg, Va., and Allen Carrington Hutcheson, of Houston, Texas. We now number eleven loyal Deltas.

LEWIS PARKE CHAMBERLAYNE.

BETA KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

In looking over the last *RAINBOW*, one can not but be impressed with the brilliant success of some of our sister chapters even were they not especially mentioned by our worthy editor. From all precedence, the chapter letter seems to be only a statement of plain facts, and when the facts are few it requires no little amount of artistic and literary genius to weave them into a pleasant and graceful composition.

Beta Kappa feels greatly the need of a closer union and more intimate association of its members, for, having not as yet attained the immediate goal of our hopes and aspirations, a chapter home, the brothers are more or less scattered and the chapter life necessarily suffers. Nevertheless we enjoy immensely our weekly meetings in our new rooms and look forward to the future with hope and confidence.

Previous to the Christmas vacation we enjoyed a visit from W. J. Leverett, Hillsdale '91. Harry Chase, '99, of the foot-ball eleven, has the honor of leading his team to victory in the first of a series of games with the Denver Athletic Club for the Rollins cup. Fred T. Rubidge, '99, has been appointed instructor in the engineering department. Willard P. Hatch represents us as College editor on our paper, *The Silver and Gold*, and is a promising candidate for a

place in the local oratorical contest, while Matthew S. Rothwell presides over the freshman class.

We are also proud to note the success of our Alumnus, Frederick L. Chase, in his astronomical work at Yale, for we now have a heavenly body, Chase's comet, bearing the name of a true and loyal Delta.

H. E. WAGNER.

BETA LAMBDA — LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Beta Lambda takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Mr. W. H. Peepels of Lancaster, Pa., and Mr. W. R. Hall of Middletown, Del., both of whom have already proved the wisdom of our choice.

We lost only two men last spring by graduation, and considering the scarcity of material in the entering class we consider ourselves very fortunate to have gotten two such good men to replace their loss.

We have had our usual share of college honors to wit: Brother Savidge was elected president of the Sophomore Cotillion Club and Brother Heitsher is treasurer of the same. Brothers Peepels and Hall were both substitute tackles on our winning foot-ball team this year. Brothers Lukens, Heitsher and Bours all took prominent parts in the annual minstrel show, especially Brother Heitsher who has quite an enviable reputation as a soloist.

Brothers Lukens, '98, Hershey, '99, and Yorks, '98, have all paid us visits this year.

R. W. BOURS.

BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

The new year finds the winter term at Tufts in full swing and Beta Mu in healthy and prosperous condition. We wish to introduce our initiates to the Fraternity at large. They are: Joseph G. Ray,

Franklin, Mass.; Walter F. Safford, Deering, Maine; E. Percy Totman, Fairfield, Maine; Wallace M. Bickford, Auburn, Maine; Granville Ingalls, Swampscott, Mass. These men are all of the Freshman class and have already become represented in the college activities at Tufts.

The fall season was an active time for Beta Mu. The chapter was represented on the Varsity foot-ball team by four regular men — H. Bartlett, '99, H. S. Collins, '01, A. I. Erickson, '01, and J. C. Ray, '02.

The annual Sophomore-Freshman foot-ball game was won by the Sophomores, the flag rush going to the Freshmen. On their respective class teams were Collins and Erickson, '01, and Ray and Safford, '02.

The Musical Clubs at Tufts are having a prosperous season and are in every way up to the high standard usually maintained by these organizations at Tufts. Beta Mu has seven men on the clubs: H. S. Hart, '00, leader of the Glee Club; C. A. Cushman, '00, leader of the Mandolin Club; N. Ingalls, '00, H. S. Collins, '01, W. M. Bickford, '02, W. F. Safford, '02, and H. R. Brown, '00. The clubs are giving concerts in cities and towns in Eastern Massachusetts and later in the season will make their annual trip through Maine.

The fall elections brought a fair share of offices to members of Beta Mu. C. A. Bran was elected president of the Senior class and H. W. Clough, tree orator. A. I. Erickson was chosen president of the Sophomore class.

The renovation of the Chapter House has done much to increase the pleasure of our life at Tufts this year. Improvements are constantly being made in the club rooms and the men are appreciating more than ever the advantage of Fraternity life. Our entertainments this year have been as a rule informal. We have again adopted our system of periodic lectures by members of the college faculty. The first affair of this kind was given December 19, when Dr. Ludwig Demeter talked of "Student Life at the German Universities." These talks will be held once in three weeks throughout the winter season.

Monday evening, December 26, the chapter held a reunion of

Alumni at the Chapter House. The affair was redolent with the old time Delta spirit and ended with the "Choctaw walk around," and class, college and chapter yells. Among those present were: Brothers Chase, '93, Wade, '94, Stroud, '94, Leighton, '94, Johnson, '96, Parks, '97, Green, '97, Hill, '97, May, '98, Daniels, '98, and Dr. F. D. Lambert, '94.

The members of Beta Mu have not forgotten the serious side in the fun and enjoyment of college life. Lessons have their place and the chapter stands well in the class rooms. Brothers Bean, Whitney and Clough, of the Senior class, have been assigned commencement parts. Brother Tarbox, '00, has an important part in the German play to be given under the auspices of the Literature department. Brother Murphy, '01, has been appointed student assistant at the Chemical Laboratory; and in all lines of study the men are doing excellent work.

The annual Minstrel show for the benefit of the base-ball team will be given in March. This is an important college event and work has already been begun. N. Ingalls, '00, represents the chapter on the managing board and W. C. Hazelton, '01, and J. G. Ray, '02, are end men. It is early to talk of base-ball but indoor work will begin in February and it is probable that Tufts will put a first class team into the field in the spring. W. C. Hazelton, '01, is captain of the team.

HARRY WESCOTT CLOUGH.

BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the second term of this collegiate year finds Beta Omicron with twenty-three actives. Since last writing we have affiliated Brother Walter G. Harper, Alpha '98, and initiated Brothers Harold B. Plumb, '01, Utica, N. Y.; Joseph P. Kitredge, '02, Rochester, N. Y.; Howard L. Quick, '02, Brooklyn, N. Y.; whom we present to the Fraternity. Brother Rudolph Weber, '95, has favored us with a visit this past fall.

There were only about thirty students dropped from the Uni-

versity, owing to deficient examinations at the end of the fall term, a diminution of twenty-five under last year's record.

The western tour of the musical clubs, during the Christmas holidays, was most successful, socially and financially. The two Deltas on the travelling clubs speak of an extremely enjoyable time, having been entertained by brother Delts at the several stops made. Concerts in Buffalo, Franklin, Pa., Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago, were well attended, the "student musicians" being enthusiastically received and well entertained by the old graduates and friends of Cornell.

At present every one is looking forward with much anticipation to the fun and excitement of Junior Week. The various committees and managements are hard at work to make their several affairs successes in every way.

The winter call for crew, track and base-ball candidates has been made, the material turning out in response pointing towards more or less success in the different athletic branches.

It is with sympathy for the Kappa Alpha fraternity that we speak of the conflagration of their lodge. The fire was most destructive and removes, we hope only temporarily, one of the finest fraternity houses on the campus.

Beta Omicron has as usual acquired her share of the college and class honors, being well represented on athletic teams, ball and banquet committees, masque, musical clubs, periodicals and other organizations and societies.

In closing we wish our sister chapters an extremely successful year during 1899.

ALFRED D. WARNER, JR.

BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Quarantines this year forced Tulane to postpone her opening day one month. The attendance was fair however, and Beta Xi captured her full share of men. It gives me pleasure to introduce to the world of Deltas, Brothers William Cutter Hunt, Douglas

Mitchell Kilpatrick, Jr., Ellis Johnson Stearns, Leonidas Speaker Wilkinson, and James Wells Person, all of the class of 1902. They are splendid fellows and were rushed by other fraternities. With this addition the chapter is nine strong — as large as any in the college.

In college politics and college honors the chapter has no cause for complaint. Brother T. L. Airey holds vice-presidency of Tulane Athletic Association and vice-presidency of the Glee Club and is also leader of the Banjo Club and class foot-ball captain. Brother Kilpatrick is president of the freshman class and Brother Wilkinson is secretary.

Beta Omicron is indebted to us for Brother Eads Johnson who is taking a course at Cornell. Brother Johnson is now spending the holidays with us and is enjoying a fine time. Brother John D. Miller left college last spring to enter business for a year and then he expects to attend the law school at the University of Virginia. We enjoyed visits from eight Deltas on the Sewanee foot-ball team and from three of the foot-ball team of the University of Mississippi.

For the first time has death taken from the ranks of Beta Xi, and it is with a deep sense of grief that I am obliged to report the loss of Brother Arthur Merwin McGhee of the Medical Department, who died in the latter part of the month of September. Of congenial spirit, of noble character, an ambitious student, a constant friend and a loyal frater, he had endeared himself unto us all, and the chapter keenly feels her loss.

CASWELL PREWITT ELLIS, JR.

BETA RHO — STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Beta Rho and Stanford University have been moving along very quietly for the past few months. The effect of our first defeat in foot-ball on Thanksgiving Day, at the hands of the University of California, soon passed away, and with many resolutions for the next season, we settled down to work again.

The Fall semester closed on the 21st of December. The few of us who remained here at the House during the vacation were favored with a visit from Brother Trumbo, '94, now practising law in Chicago, Brother Donald, '94, and Brother Brown, '96.

College opened on the 9th of January. We are pleased to have with us this next semester, Brother Brisco and Brother Smith. Brother Brisco has been studying art in San Francisco for the past six months. Brother Smith has been attending the N. Y. Law School since his absence from Stanford.

The amount of available fraternity material entering the University this semester is very small.

JOHN EDWARD HEALEY.

BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Beta Tau is again enjoying a quiet though busy life. The rushing season is over and that always makes one "hustle" and feel anxious although it has been our fixed policy to avoid that style of barbarous rushing which pulls the sought-for candidates hither and thither and almost causes a complete failure in their studies before they are fairly started.

Since our last letter we have initiated V. A. Sheldon, '01, of Creighton, Neb., whom we take great pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters.

Through some mistake the names of only five of the six new men reported in our last letter were published, therefore we should like to add W. W. Burt, '01, of Superior, Neb.

On the evening of December 21, the last day before our holiday recess, we celebrated our third annual Christmas tree. This is becoming one of our most enjoyable customs and has been adopted by one of the sororities also. Walter Christensen as Santa Claus was very brilliant and witty. A committee arranges the tree and provides presents for every member. It is the privilege also of every one to give any present he wishes. These presents are in the nature of jokes about one's hobbies or weaknesses, all to be

taken good-naturedly and furnish much amusement. The chapter received also many useful and oramental gifts both from the members and from girl friends.

The one thing which furnished the most pleasure and surprise was a large box sent from Buffalo, N. Y., by Will L. MacKay, '98, who has received the appointment of weather observer to that place. It was not opened until all the other presents had been distributed. Then Mr. Santa Claus commenced to read some blank verse that accompanied the box. It told of a certain event in University life that can be explained only by the Delts and was the story of a certain portion of the contents of the box — a grinning skull in all its bony glory, lying in a nest of small skeletons, one of which was intended for each member. After the distribution of the skeletons, a letter of greeting and good wishes from the donor was read. Mr. MacKay has always been very active and diligent in his fraternity life, and has always been held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

After we had amused ourselves for a while with our presents, Santa Claus reminded us that there was one very dear to us many thousand miles away serving his country as first sergeant in a Nebraska company in Manilla, whom we ought to give a share of our Christmas festivities. We had sent him a box of good things about a month before so that he might receive them at Christmas. Paper was passed to each one present and every one wrote about that which he thought would interest our soldier, Burton Robbins, most.

It is the custom of the Nebraska Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to elect to membership just before Christmas, the five Seniors of highest rank. Of these five, two were chosen from our chapter, Jesse P. Cleland and your humble correspondent, John L. Kind.

Beta Tau has a very good record in Phi Beta Kappa, having been represented every year since the society has been established here. It will be remembered that Geo. Thomas received this honor in the class of '97 and Alfred Gilman in the class of '98, while this year we received two of the first five elected. We are very proud of our record. One can evidently be a Greek and still find some time for his studies.

We entertained our Greek friends at a formal dancing party early in December. These Pan-Hellenic affairs are always productive of much good, and this one seemed to be so especially. It was a very pretty party and unanimously pronounced "swell" by our guests, as our parties always are.

A "Vaudeville" was given in the Chapel, recently, by the students, for the benefit of the base-ball team. It was one of the most successful attempts of student talent and reflects great credit upon its author and manager, Brother Manley, '98. Bob always was an indispensable person in getting up "shows."

The Pershing Rifles gave their annual ball, December 13. It was a great success. J. P. Cleland was Beta Tau's representative on the committee.

The Cadet Battalion under Chas. Weeks, '98, is flourishing nicely, it is, in fact, in a better condition than it has been for some years past. In spite of the fact that only two years of drill are required now, instead of three, the battalion is as large as ever. Weeks is a thoroughly military man and we are very proud of him. He is now, also, captain of the Pershing Rifles and first lieutenant of the Lincoln Light Infantry.

Albert Parmelee, '00, who served in the Second Nebraska, has returned to Lincoln to accept a position offered him in the *Nebraska State Journal*. He will be in school next year.

We are very glad to have among us again Albert Watkins, Jr., who has entirely recovered from a long siege of the typhoid fever which he contracted while in the Third Nebraska. If his health permits, he will be in school next semester, and will take his degree in June.

It is only two weeks to the end of the first semester, then comes a week of examination, after that we shall be ready to start for the close of the year.

JOHN L. KIND.

BETA PHI — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The rolls of Beta Phi have been increased by the addition of the names of Franklin T. Gardner of Worthington, Ohio; John Baker Smith of Tiffin, Ohio; and Howard C. Higgs of Newark, Ohio.

For a short time the athletic world has been at a stand still owing to the close of the foot-ball season and the chronic interruptions of the cruel exams, fortunately the latter difficulty has been obviated and the indoor sport of basket ball reigns the hero of the hour.

The literary societies are enjoying the wave of prosperity and some of the Ohio State University Delts are proud combatants in the intellectual arena. The chapter has been pleasantly surprised by the short calls of Delts of other years who gratuitously dole out wisdom but on departing embellish the hall with a picture or leave some other pleasing reminder of their visit.

There has been considerable talk about a new building being erected for the law students but nothing beyond agitation seems to have been done.

GEO. E. SENEY, JR.

 BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

We have already shown how Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta has forged its way to the front rank of the Greek Letter Societies at Brown; how its men are taking an active part in athletics; how they are leading in scholarship; how they are winning coveted literary honors; and how they are holding positions of responsibility and trust. We now wish to speak of that feature of our work, of which the public little hears, but of which we are justly proud — our inner life.

We have among our members leaders from all the departments of the University, men with great musical ability and men of unusual literary talent. We are making good use of our talent; we

are developing it; and we are making the meetings so interesting and attractive that a member is rarely absent. To understand our literary growth, it is necessary to remember that debating at Brown, as in nearly all our large American universities to-day, is in a state of renaissance. Draw an arc over the twenty five years preceding the Civil War and you will have spanned a quarter of a century during which debating in colleges was at its zenith. After the Civil War with the sudden upstarting and growth of the many college papers and magazines, the debating interests declined. But within the past year a remarkable change has come about. Debating has once more become prominent. Arrangements have been made for an annual inter-collegiate debate with Dartmouth. To take part in this debate is one of the great honors of the college course. Four of our men have already entered the preliminary trials, Arthur S. Gaylord, Moncrieffe Cameron, C. B. Coppin, and Louis Thomas, winner of the Hicks Prize Debate last year. The Fraternity is backing these men up and giving them excellent practice which they cannot obtain in the debating union or in the old debating societies. Debates are held about every three weeks.

At the other meetings of the society excellent literary and musical programmes are provided by a committee of two appointed at the beginning of each month. The question of cane rushes and foot-ball was debated October 28 by A. H. Blanchard, J. P. Gray, C. B. Coppin and J. L. Chapman. There was a parliamentary fight November 4. J. A. Clough, B. C. Ewer and J. L. Chapman with a majority of the members attempted to pass a certain resolution, while C. H. Dow, F. T. Hallet and M. Cameron with a minority attempted to prevent its passage by all the tactics allowed in Robert's Rules of Order. They carefully planned their tactics so that during the evening every motion and nearly every important question of order was brought before the society. Frank L. Watson explained at the meeting November 18, that while it is now impossible for the students to take all the courses in college or even courses in all the departments of work, it was the policy of the chapter to keep the men in such touch with each other that when they graduated they should not be entirely ignorant of the important progress that is being made in studies outside of their own

sphere. A. H. Blanchard explained the original thesis work which he together with C. H. Dow is doing in photo-topography; and showed how this method of surveying by photographs is bound to supersede the old method of surveying railroads. F. T. Hallett then spoke of the results of recent discoveries in Greece in the study of ancient architecture. At the meeting of December 9, the present method of rushing men by the fraternities was discussed by G. L. Hunt, J. Clough, B. C. Ewer and Hunter White.

For music the chapter relies upon F. L. Watson, J. L. Clough, and C. B. Coppin, pianists; A. H. Blanchard, guitar; J. P. Gray, banjo; Charles Dow, Mandolin, and F. P. Drowne, flute.

Many of the Brown students are selected each year to teach in the evening schools of the city. The competition is severe and only the best men are chosen. Of our members, Walter S. Seamans, Jr., '02, Max M. Miller, '01, teach in the common schools; A. L. Giles, '99, M. Cameron, '00, teach in the advanced schools, and Charles H. Dow, '99, and John L. Chapman, '00, are principals.

H. L. Thompson, '96, Principal of the Connecticut Literary Institution, at Suffield, Conn., and a most loyal and helpful alumnus, has presented the chapter with a copy of Baird's "American College Fraternities." During the absence of Dr. Alpheus S. Packard, Professor of Zoology and Geology, who has sailed for a nine months' stay in the Old World, F. L. Watson, '97, will have charge of the Biological department.

Safford Beal, '97, has been appointed head chapel monitor of the college for the year. He was one of the guests present at the Christmas Eve reception given by Miss Sadie Manatt, daughter of Professor Manatt.

F. T. Hallett, '00, took the part of Strength in the presentation of the play "Prometheus Bound," by the Harkness Classical Society, November 14.

Charles B. Coppin, '01, played on the Freshman football team during the season.

MONCRIEFFE CAMERON.

BETA OMEGA.—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

All the men of Beta Omega regret the closing of the first term of our chapter-house life, especially those of us for whom the next term will be the last. Not that we are fully satisfied with our achievements; owing to a combination of adverse circumstances we have been able to do comparatively little entertaining, and this, of course, is neither as we would have it nor as we intend to have it; but an atmosphere of such complete and hearty good-fellowship has enveloped the House that we shall find it hard indeed to settle down to any other kind of life.

At present our active members number thirteen. We shall lose one during next term by Percy Hall's absence, but the unexpected return of Merritt Rector, '01, will prevent any decrease of old members. In addition we expect by the first of February to enlarge our family circle by the initiation of William C. Hunter, '01, and John M. Henderson, '02.

Always ardent foot-ball enthusiasts, we had this year to double our lung capacity to fitly celebrate the unbroken series of successes of our first victorious California team and its captain, Percy Hall. The support given by the student-body has not always been as it should be. This year it promised to be the same old story over again, with the usual end — a defeat. Earl Swan proved the man for the occasion. At his suggestion and under his leadership a "Rooter's Club" of 300 men was formed, each man pledged to be present and cheer at every foot-ball practice. Only a California man can appreciate the difficulties to be encountered where the student body is so widely scattered; but the club was a success; its leader's enthusiasm was shared by every member, and on Thanksgiving Day their yelling and the solid mass of color presented by their blue and gold hats were, next to our team's playing, the feature of the game. Every man of Beta Omega was on hand. Before Garry Cochran, our coach, left for the East he paid to Earl Swan the tribute which every California man felt was due his perseverance and enthusiasm.

This year's victory is our first over Stanford, and overwhelming

enough for the most sanguine. We confess to a little honest pride that it was a Delt who led our first victorious team.

One of the events of the fall term is the Junior farce. Max McCullough was a member of the committee of arrangements, and Ernest Oliver took the hero's part. Beta Theta Pi and Delta Upsilon were also represented in the cast.

Early in November the chapter determined to present Percy Hall with a handsome Delt pin and to make something of an occasion of the presentation. Owing to the jeweler's annoying slowness the pin did not arrive until after the close of the term, so that we were obliged to give up all our plans and make a very informal affair of it.

Herbert Bonifield is at present on the road with the Banjo Club; the rest of us are at home recruiting our energies for hard work next term.

President Kellogg's resignation takes effect on the twenty-third of March, but the next head of our University is still unannounced. The presence of several noted architects, some from Europe, makes the Hearst scheme for rebuilding the University seem more real.

D. RAYMOND CURTISS.

GAMMA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

On Dec. 2, 1898, we held our first initiation for the year and it is with pleasure that Gamma Alpha introduces to our Brotherhood, V. S. Phillips, '00; W. S. Harman, '00; E. A. Silby, '00; R. S. McClure, '00. We are proud to number them among us; may they ever prove loyal Deltas. We have also several pledged men among the Freshmen, all of whom we believe are fully up to our standard.

During the past three months we have given several informal parties at which a number of the Chicago Alumni were present.

Owing to the illness of four of our men we have been somewhat hindered of late in our social arrangements, but we look forward to "better times ahead." We all join in extending hearty greetings of the New Year to our brothers in Delta Tau.

ERNEST E. IRONS.

THE DELTA ALUMNI.

EPSILON.

'85 — It is my painful duty to announce to the Fraternity, the death of Brother Gilbert H. Hicks, Epsilon, First Assistant Botanist of the United States Department of Agriculture, and editor of the *Asa Gray Bulletin*, which occurred on Monday, December 5, after a short illness. He leaves a widow and two small children, both boys.

Brother Hicks was born at Owosso, Mich., January 10, 1861. After graduation from the high school at Corunna, he entered Albion College in 1879, and there became a member of Epsilon Chapter. After spending two years at college he was obliged to make his own way in the world, and for nine years he worked as a station agent and telegraph operator, but during all that time he kept up the botanical studies and collecting which he had begun as a boy. Resolving to finish his college course, in 1890 he entered the Michigan Agricultural College, where he was graduated two years later, and where he gave instruction in botany and acted as assistant in the experiment station both before and after his graduation. For two winters he also continued his scientific studies as a graduate student at the University of Michigan. In January, 1894, he received an appointment in the botanical division of the United States Department of Agriculture, as the result of a competitive civil-service examination, and in 1896 he became assistant-chief of his division. His specialty was the study of seeds, and he was in charge of the seed-testing laboratory of the Department. His scientific writings include several papers published in the Year-book of the Department of Agriculture, and other short studies published by the Department, besides contributions to the *Botanical*

Gazette and to the *Asa Gray Bulletin*, of which he was the founder and editor, and an address delivered at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, not to mention his articles and addresses of a more popular character. He was writing a book which was to be published by the Macmillan Company in the Rural Science Series, and left also an unfinished monograph on clover-seed which will probably be published as a bulletin of the Department of Agriculture. He was an active member of several scientific societies, and in his death science loses an enthusiastic devotee whose best work was only begun. His funeral on Thursday afternoon was attended by a large number of his friends and former associates, including the Secretary of Agriculture and many chiefs of divisions in the Department. At a meeting called at the Department on the day after his death the following memorial was adopted :

“ We, employes of the Department of Agriculture, have learned with profound sorrow of the death of our friend and colleague, Gilbert H. Hicks, assistant chief of the Division of Botany. From the date of his appointment to this Department (nearly five years ago) Mr. Hicks had filled an office involving the performance of important duties, and had acquitted himself in such a way as to receive universal approbation for his scientific work and for his most valuable services to the Department. During these five years of our association with him, Mr. Hicks deservedly won the personal esteem and regard of all with whom he was brought in contact, and especially of those who knew him best.

“ We deplore his loss to ourselves as a friend and co-worker, and to the public service as a most capable, efficient and indefatigable officer, and tender to his bereaved family in this time of their affliction our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.”

Among the many other expressions of sympathy received by Mrs. Hicks, was an appreciative telegram from the faculty of the Michigan Agricultural College, of which Mr. Hicks had been a member.

'89—Luther E. Lovejoy is pastor of the First Methodist

Episcopal Church at Ludington, Mich., and is meeting with remarkable success.

'98 — Bert Whitney is studying at the Boston Theological School.

'98 — Claude Cannon is taking the law course at Ann Arbor.

'00 — Fred Bender is studying medicine at Ann Arbor.

ZETA.

Jerry A. Tracy entered Zeta Chapter in 1896. He was a member of the class of 1900 of Adelbert College and had prepared at Central High School, in Cleveland, where he won an extremely high record for scholarship and enjoyed a larger measure of popularity than falls to the lot of many men. He was entirely dependent on himself for support, having no parents living, and had earned his way through High School. He entered college with a high prestige and proved himself worthy of it in every way. His standard of scholarship was high, his success in the various branches of collegiate endeavor marked, and the popularity he enjoyed was equaled by that of no other student.

As a Fraternity man he left nothing to be desired. Always cheery, never down-hearted, with ever a kind word of encouragement for the unfortunate, he created a sunny atmosphere around him, within which it was pleasant, indeed, to be. He was an enthusiastic Delta, accepting and following our teachings. He was a source of great strength to us collectively and individually, within the chapter and as an example of Deltaism to the world.

Intensely patriotic, he enlisted at the first call to arms, in Battery A, 1st Ohio Volunteer Artillery. It was my privilege to serve in the same command and to be his mess-mate and comrade in the ranks as I had been his brother in the chapter. His happy qualities and ability earned him the same popularity and commendation in the army as in college. He maintained his high Christian standard of life as firmly amid the license of the camp as he had amid the constraints of home.

On Aug. 12, 1898, after a short sickness, he passed peacefully

away in the Artillery Hospital at Chickamauga. His body was shipped to Cleveland and buried with military honors in the beautiful cemetery of Lake View.

So died Jerry Tracy, soldier and Christian gentleman, for the flag he honored and the humanity he loved. Delta Tau Deltas have lost a noble brother; the world, the earnest service of a self-sacrificing, single-hearted man.

KAPPA.

'70 — A. J. Hopkins was re-elected to Congress from the 8th Illinois District by a handsome majority.

'73 — Kennedy, the retiring Assistant Secretary of State, has gained an enviable reputation while in office.

'76 — F. H. Stone enjoys a lucrative legal practice at Hillsdale, Mich. He was recently appointed receiver of the Hillsdale Gas Company.

'83 — F. E. Davis is superintendent of the Public Schools at Negaunee, Mich.

'84 — Bion J. Arnold had an interesting electrical exhibit at the Omaha Exposition.

'91 — C. M. Macomber is superintendent of the Public Schools at Plattville, Wis.

'92 — B. S. Hudson is pastor of the 18th St. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

'94 — E. P. S. Miller is studying for the ministry at Fairbault, Minn.

'95 — E. A. Martindale is a Senior in medicine at Ann Arbor, Mich.

'96 — W. Wier Wood is a Senior at the Physicians and Surgeons College, Chicago, Ill.

MU.

'70 — George W. Atkinson, Governor of West Virginia, is a leading candidate for U. S. Senator from his State.

'91 — E. E. Persons has recently passed the examination for surgeons, and will be assigned to some regiment at once.

'92 — Rev. G. H. Geyer gave the King Avenue, Columbus, O., people a very practical New-Year's discourse on "Renewing the Covenant," and introduced Mr. B. A. Mathews, who made a very appropriate appeal in behalf of the City Church Extension Society, and the annual collection was taken. Mr. Geyer is quite extemporaneous, speaks naturally and easily, and has perfect control of his voice, with power to rise and fall at will. Among the happy fits in the pastorates of our Churches in the city, it is safe to say there is none more so than this. King Avenue is a pleasant Church to serve. — *Western Christian Advocate*.

'93 — W. A. Draper has been promoted and is now business-editor of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

'97 — J. M. Burkett is in the Engineering Corps, and is at present in Manilla with the Army of Occupation.

OMICRON.

'83 — Stephen Bennett Howard has removed from Minneapolis to San Francisco, Cal., where he is practicing law, with offices at 439 Parrott Building.

PI.

'78 — Chancellor J. C. Longstreet was married to Mrs. Mary J. Pass on December 7th, 1898, at Grenada, Miss.

'84 — On December 15, 1898, at Tupelo, Miss., J. S. Givham was married to Miss Daisy Freeman of Tupelo, Miss.

'98 — J. F. Pope has purchased an interest in a drug store at Columbus, Miss., and is now located there.

PHI.

'93 — W. C. Bissell is in a law office in Charleston, S. C. We missed his usual visit to us at the beginning of this session.

'94 — H. J. Taylor is a rising young lawyer in Stanton, Va.

'96 — P. S. Felder, Jr., is farming near Orangeburg, S. C.

CHI.

'89 — Married, December 27, 1898, at Toledo, O., Halcyon Bradbury, Henry J. Eberth.

BETA BETA.

'94 — Larz Whitcomb was recently elected to the Indiana State Legislature.

'95 — Paul Burlingame is reporting for the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*.

'96 — Harry T. Mitchell is teaching in the High School of Hamburg, Ia.

'97 — Garrett D. Cooper is attending Harvard Law School.

'97 — Wallace B. Wolf was married to Miss Eda Cooper of Chicago last summer.

'97 — John E. Haskell is in the office of the Pullman Car Works.

BETA ETA.

'89 — J. Paul Goode, who last summer resigned his position in the Normal School at Moorehead, Minn., after nine years of service, is studying at the University of Chicago. He is working for his doctor's degree along the lines of geology and geography. During the past ten summer quarters of the University of Chicago he has taught regular classes in Physical Geography, with marked success.

'91 — G. A. Chilgren has removed from St. Peter, Minn., and is now Assistant Superintendent of the South Dakota Hospital for the Insane, and is located at Yankton, S. D. Dr. Chilgren is one of the most loyal alumni, and is ever willing and prompt to render aid.

'95 — Fred M. Rounds, who took his degree in electrical engineering, is located with the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co., North Texas Division, at Dallas, Texas. He is at work on

local lines, acting as circuit manager, with over four thousand miles of circuit under his charge.

'98 — John W. Marshall is principal of the High School at Granite Falls, Minn.

'98 — Charles Hyden is with us again. He expects to locate in city in near future.

'98 — Will Richardson, law, has accepted a position as clerk of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate in St. Paul. He expects to return in the spring time and take some work in law.

'00 — Stuart I. Fuller, president of the Western Division, is at Rice Lake, Wis., acting as secretary of a railroad.

BETA LAMBDA.

'95 — Brother Haines has been regimental sergeant major of the 1st Maryland all during the war.

'96 — Brother Trafton is in the cotton business in Fall River, Mass.

'98 — Brothers Hershey and Yorks are located in New York City with the New York Telephone Co.

'99 — Brother Moffit was with the Governor's Troop of Pennsylvania, in Porto Rico.

'99 — Brother Youtsey is with the Adams Express Co., at Cincinnati.

BETA MU.

'94 — Rev. Curtis Hoyt Dickins, formerly pastor of the Universalist Church at Portsmouth, N. H., has been appointed a chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

'96 — George A. Brothers is engineer of the Electric Lighting Station at Hooksett, N. H.

'97 — Rolla E. Healey, Inspector for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., has been transferred from Franklin Falls, N. H., to Lowell, Mass.

'98 — Benjamin D. May, who has been doing post-graduate

work at Harvard, has accepted the position of principal of the High School at Stowe, Mass.

BETA OMICRON.

'92 — A. H. Meyers is proprietor of the Columbia Steam Laundry of Columbia, Pa. He is also Superintendent of the Columbia Water Works of the same place.

'92 — Guy Webster is with the Baltimore Agency of the Provident Life and Trust Co., of Philadelphia, Pa. He writes he is married and has one daughter five years old.

'94 — W. G. Kranz and Q. A. Scott will visit Ithaca for the Ninty-Four reunion, next June.

'95 — H. R. Weber, who owns several ranches in Mexico, and has been living there for several years, has recently paid an extensive visit to his Alma Mater.

'95 — F. B. Dilts is doing well as manager of the Dilts Machine Works of Fulton, N. Y.

'96 — C. W. Bradley is superintendent over fifty men in one of the stations of the People's Coal, Gas, and Coke Company of Chicago, Ill.

'97 — C. F. Hamilton has recently received a raise in salary in his already lucrative position, connected with the Galena Oil Company of Franklin, Pa. He is to be married in February.

'97 — M. H. Ingersoll was sometime ago elected Justice of Peace in Ithaca, N. Y.

'98 — R. S. McGowin and R. L. Rathbone are connected with the Western Electric Company of New York City.

'98 — E. J. Savage is connected with the American Exchange Bank of New York City.

BETA PHI.

'00 — James Rice Sharp, who so gallantly acquitted himself at Santiago and ElCany, has gone with the first batallion 17th regular infantry to our Eastern possessions, where a commission awaits him.

'98 — Walter E. Chappell has received an ensign's commission in the navy.

'98 — Guy C. Fergus is successfully conducting an electrical supply establishment at Zanesville, O.

BETA XI.

'89 — C. Robert Churchill is following the Sugar Engineering business on his own account. His office is in the Hennen Building.

'91 — John A. K. Birchett distinguished himself in and around Vicksburg during the recent "Yellowoid" outbreaks.

'92 — J. Hughes Rapp is teaching at Franklin, La. He is also reading law and expects to be admitted to the bar next year.

'92 — Wm. C. Richardson is rated among the rising dentists of New Orleans.

'94 — Wm. Dymond is following his chosen profession, that of an Electrical Engineer, and during the war had charge of the electrical equipment of Fort St. Phillip on the Mississippi.

'94 — Arthur W. Jaboc was among the Louisiana boys who went to war at the first call. He is a captain in the 2nd Louisiana Regiment now stationed at Havana.

'94 — Dr. Jilson Harrison is practicing medicine in Iberia Parish. He is reported to be doing a flourishing business.

'95 — Charles D. Augustin is travelling for Sargent & Co., hardware manufacturers, of New York. He has been with them for seven years now.

'96 — Jno. P. Chilton is with the General Electric Co., at Schenectady, N. Y.

'96 — Frank G. Churchill is with Waterman Company of the Second Louisiana Regiment.

'96 — Chas. E. Fenner is practicing law in New Orleans, La.

'97 — W. Prague Coleman has shown by his conduct as Captain in the Ninth U. S. Volunteers (Crane's Regiment) that he has inherited no small portion of his father's military bearing. He is now doing duty with his company near Santiago.

'97 — Chas. S. Romeyn is now in the first class at West Point

and will be shortly graduated. He has been one of the leaders of his class both as a student and an athlete.

'98—Jno. G. O'Kelley is in the mercantile business at Ashwood, La.

GAMMA ALPHA.

'98—E. A. Scrogin, Professor of History, Mt. Vernon, Ill., spent part of Thanksgiving week at the chapter house in Chicago.

THE DELTA AUTHORS.

Perhaps no man among the youngerly clergymen of the Fraternity has come to such prominence as has Charles E. Jefferson, Mu, '82. He was one of the charter members of our chapter as revived at the Ohio Wesleyan in 1879. His ten years' pastorate at Chelsea, Mass., gave him a wide repute as a preacher and administrator. Last year he was called to the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City where he is now laboring with distinguished success.

T. Y. Crowell & Co., have just published his first book. It is entitled "Quiet Talks with Earnest People." It is a message to laymen, though it proves most suggestive to ministers as well. It would pay richly every minister who would secure copies and loan them to his parishioners. The volume is written in the simplest and frankest style. We offer one or two selections. This is from the Foreword :

Now that the talker has finished, let him tell you how he happened to begin. For more than ten years he was a layman. He has never recovered from it. Through all that period it never occurred to him that he should ever be a minister; and his habit of looking at things from a layman's standpoint became so deeply ingrained, that even to this day he often forgets he is a preacher and finds himself still thinking and feeling like a layman. He is more at home in a company of laymen than in a company of clergymen. During the years in which he sat in the pew he, like all laymen, supposed he understood ministers, and was capable of judging their work; and, like many laymen, he was sometimes harsh in his judgments, and unsparing in his criticisms. On entering the ministry he began to see things from another viewpoint. Mysteries once incomprehensible opened up in ways quite surprising. As a layman he had often wondered why so many preachers preached so poorly. As a preacher he began to marvel that preachers preach as well as they do. While an onlooker from the pew, the life of a minister seemed luxurious and free from drudgery; but in the pulpit it was borne in upon him that it is one thing to be a preacher of the Word, and quite another thing to be a hearer only.

Here is a selection from the chapter on "The Maligned Man":

I was saying that the clergyman is the unknown man of modern society. Because unknown he is maligned. The world charges the clergyman with three cardinal sins — laziness, covetousness and cowardice. It suspects him of a half-dozen others, but it is sure of these three. To multitudes of men the minister is a gentleman of starched and elegant leisure, a lover of filthy lucre, a trimmer who cuts his discourses to fit his congregation. I suspect many Christians are not aware how vast are the areas of society in which this estimate is almost universally accepted.

That a clergyman should be considered a loafer is not strange. He does his work in solitude. Men see him as he rides in a carriage to marry a couple for a handsome fee, or as he offers remarks at a funeral, or as he speaks in the pulpit, or as he sits in a rocking-chair discussing the weather with some member of his flock, all of which the average man feels himself capable of performing without effort or fatigue. All other men — the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant, the builder — do their work where they can be seen of men; but the minister does his work in solitude. Not one of you ever saw a clergyman work. The harder he toils in secret, the more easily he preaches. This case becomes added proof that preaching is to him as easy as breathing, and that therefore he does not work at all.

Shall I shock you when I say that the clergyman belongs to the laboring classes, and that no man has a longer day than he? An eight or ten or even a twelve hour day would not be sufficient for his work. No mechanic in the country works as many hours a day as the faithful clergyman. Brain work cannot be done in the streets, and timed by the town clock, but it is work. The hardest work done in this world is brain work. Labor cannot be measured by the beads of sweat on the forehead. Work cannot be estimated in hours. It must be computed by expenditure of nervous energy, measured in ounces of vitality. The artist may pour out in a day more life on the canvas than the farmer on his cornfield. A man in writing a discourse can expend in three hours more nerve-force than a hodcarrier will expend in ten. In the higher moods of the mind, a single hour of creative work will leave a man sapless and limp. . . . But this brain work is not all. There is heart work. The sweat of the heart has more blood in it than the sweat of the brow. To ride to a funeral is easy; but to bear daily the grief of wrecked homes — such labor bowed to the earth the Son of God himself.

This book contains twenty five chapters and includes a treatment of well-nigh every phase of ministerial life, dealing with the minister as "The Unknown Man," "The Maligned Man," etc. It gives the laymen a clear look into the work from the preacher's point of view. It has received most favorable comment in the religious press of the country including such leading journals as *The Independent* and *The Outlook*. It is a volume that will add to the reputation of the writer as a remarkably effective minister and will credit him, as well, with being an author of great merit.

The members of the Fraternity who were reading *THE RAINBOW* five years ago will remember the comedy, "Me an' Otis," which appeared in the issue for July, 1894. It was written by Brother Charles Henry Wells while he was still a student at Tufts College. In 1897 the play was sold by the author to Walter H. Baker & Co. It was issued with their regular plays in September, 1897, and is now nearing the sale of its second thousand. Since its publication it has been presented somewhere between one hundred and two hundred times.

Max West, Beta Eta, '90, has an article in the *Journal of Political Economy* for September, 1899, on "Recent Inheritance Tax Statutes and Decisions." Dr. West is making for himself a wide reputation as a specialist. He is still connected with the Division of Statistics at the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington. The obituary of Brother Gilbert H. Hicks, which appears in this issue, was written by Dr. West. He was formerly Assistant Editor of *THE RAINBOW*. His address is 2217 Fifteenth St., Washington, D. C.

THE GREEK WORLD.

It is said that Theta Delta Chi will enter the University of California.

Chi Psi has entered the University of Chicago, taking in the deserting members of Sigma Nu. We regret this action on the part of Chi Psi.

Q. T. V., at the University of Maine, has entered a new chapter house. It is reported that the larger part of the funds for building was borrowed from the University treasury.

Delta Upsilon has built a house at the University of Minnesota and is now occupying it.

The chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Missouri has rented a house.

Hugh Th. Miller has been re-elected Editor of the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*.

Sigma Chi has completed her Song Book. It contains nearly 200 pages and about 75 songs.

The Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, the new U. S. Senator from Indiana, is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon from the DePauw Chapter. He was born in October, 1862, and, being now but thirty-six, will probably be the youngest member of the Senate.

It was the intention that no honorary members of fraternities should be given in the lists of prominent men in Baird's new edition. We notice, however, that Bishop J. M. Walden is given as a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He was not initiated until after he was elected bishop.

Psi Upsilon, Sigma Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Phi, Chi Psi, Chi Phi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Phi Gamma

Delta, Kappa Alpha, Theta Delta Chi, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Tau Delta are all represented by chapters at Lehigh.

At Amherst inter-fraternity resolutions have been passed strongly discountenancing all deals and bargaining for votes in class and college election.

Delta Upsilon and Phi Gamma Delta have recently installed chapters at the University of Nebraska. The latter has a house. Both have sprung from local organizations. Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Tau have followed Phi Psi's lead in going into a house. — *Correspondent Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

The papers report that the last Convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon voted to grant charters to Toronto University in Canada and to Tulane University, Louisiana. It seems strange that the old-time fraternities like Zeta Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon should be among the first to start for international extension.

Through the very thoughtful courtesy of Mr. Clay W. Holmes, the Editor of *THE RAINBOW* has received a copy of the Memorial History of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. This volume was published in connection with the Semi-Centennial Celebration held in 1898. It is edited and published by Mr. Holmes. It contains nearly 300 pages, is well printed and bound, presents cuts both numerous and good, and is altogether a monument to the industry and taste of its editor. It must often be a matter of wonder to the average fraternity worker as to how Mr. Holmes, busy man that he is, has found so much of time to give to his work for Theta Delta Chi. We wonder, too, whether he has been at all justly appreciated by his fraternity for the splendid work he has done in connection with her publications. This memorial volume is the most extensive book of the sort that we have ever seen in fraternity literature.

The Fifty-first Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi met in Boston, January 12-13, 1899. It was largely attended, over 200 being present at all the sessions. There were present at the clos-

ing banquet 195. Clay W. Holmes, so long the very efficient editor of *The Shield*, resigned his position. It is scarcely to be wondered that no successor to him was at once found; so the matter was referred to the Grand Lodge with power to act. It is safe to say that the Fraternity will have great difficulty in finding an editor who will bring so much time, strength and money to the conduct of the journal. C. A. Harstrom was re-elected president with great enthusiasm. E. G. Marble of Tufts College was elected Secretary; John Smith of Columbia was elected Treasurer. It is rumored that a petition from the University of California received favorable consideration, though this has not been officially confirmed.

The editor of the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* thinks that a healthy condition of Delta Upsilon's life as a fraternity "has proven the fallacy of the claim that mystery and twisted handshakes form a necessary factor in making and conserving of the true fraternal spirit." There are others who are of opinion that Delta Upsilon's career has proven first of all that prosperity can never come, either locally or generally, in the long run, to open literary societies founded on the principle of bitter opposition to fraternities in which good fellowship, limited numbers, privacy, and a desire to let live as well as to live are a few of the objects in view. And some people believe further that their only chance for a healthy life comes to these societies aforesaid where they cease their campaign of attack and adopt some of the very names and methods they began by opposing, when they become in fact and name a fraternity in place of an anti-fraternity league. If any sensible fraternity man claims that "mystery and twisted handshakes form a necessary factor in the making and conserving of the true fraternal spirit," his assertion has not yet come to the ears or eyes of the editor of *The Scroll*.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

T. Alfred Vernon, the enthusiastic and generous member of Phi Gamma Delta, has issued circulars announcing the completion of the 'Catalogue and Song Book. He represents the Catalogue thus: "This most useful and magnificent book, a monument to the past fifty years of the fraternity and a beautiful work of art, is now ready

for delivery. It is the most complete and expensive College fraternity catalogue ever published. It contains 1500 pages, over 800 of the finest illustrations and portraits, and over 200 biographies and histories of all the colleges where we have chapters. The name of each member appears three times, *i. e.*, in the Chapter rolls, in the geographical list, and in the alphabetical list. As each volume costs about \$20.00 for publication, the edition is limited. No member can afford to lose the chance of possessing one. The edition is now about one-third exhausted. Early applicants will secure a volume by remitting \$5.00."

He writes as follows of the Song Book: "The new Song Book, edited by Walter C. Stier of Lafayette Chapter, is unsurpassed by any collection of fraternity lyrics published. The music and words are superbly printed, and the volume is handsomely and appropriately bound. It should be in the room of every undergraduate, and the home of every alumnus of Phi Gamma Delta. The brothers, sisters, and indeed parents are quite as much delighted with it as members. While they last, a copy can be obtained by remitting \$1.50."

The recent election of Theodore Roosevelt to the position as Governor of New York has given prominence to his fraternity relations. He is a graduate of Harvard, and while there was a member of the sophomore society called the Dickey Club, which at that time maintained a nominal connection with the Fraternity of Delta Kappa Epsilon, from whose Harvard chapter it had sprung. In his junior year he became a member of Alpha Delta Phi. We imagine his interest in either organization is rather different from that held by their members at other institutions. Some other instances of double memberships, more legitimate because they did not occur in chapters at the same institution, and notable because the persons interested are or have been prominent, are Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Minister to Spain, who was a member of Delta Psi at one college and Delta Kappa Epsilon at another, and Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University, who was a Sigma Phi at one college and a Psi Upsilon at another.

Such double memberships are productive of misunderstandings.

They cause endless explanations and more or less friction, and must, in many cases, lead to uncomfortable situations.— *Beta Theta Pi.*

The Sixteenth Biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega was held in New Orleans, December 29-30, 1898, and was the best attended in the history of that Fraternity. Notwithstanding the remoteness of the place of meeting thirty six out of forty two chapters were represented by actives and three other chapters were represented by recent alumni. The five New England chapters all sent delegates. Among important acts of legislation were: the complete prohibition of the privilege of initiating honorary members; the law imposing a fine of \$25 on a chapter not sending a delegate was amended to read that the delegate must be an active, not an alumnus; it was also unanimously resolved that the fraternity discouraged the idea of any of its members joining Theta Nu Epsilon, ribbon societies and like organizations. The report on the catalogue showed that the edition had been entirely paid for within twelve months after its publication. An appropriation was voted to the Rev. O. D. Glazebrook, chief founder of the Fraternity, for preparing an historical sketch. Reports showed that 495 had been initiated within the two years and that the active chapters had a membership of 613. It was voted to try the provincial system of government as an experiment. Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, to whom the Fraternity owes much, was by acclamation chosen for the third term as President; Mr. Louis C. Ehle was re-elected Editor of *The Palm*. It was voted that the next Congress should meet at Boston. Members of Alpha Tau Omega declare that the Congress just held was the most successful in their history.

In the nine years beginning with 1890, Kappa Sigma has broken all records in extension of college fraternities, not only during the present decade, but during all previous decades. In that period, Kappa Sigma has added 30 new chapters, 2 of which, however, have since died. Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon run close together for second place, the former having added 25 new chapters (7 dead), and the latter 24. Alpha Tau Omega and Southern Kappa Alpha are next in order, the former having added

16 (4 dead), and the latter 14 (1 dead). Next come Sigma Chi, 11; Pi Kappa Alpha, 11 (3 dead); Delta Tau Delta, 11 (1 dead); Phi Gamma Delta, 10 (1 dead); Phi Kappa Sigma, 9 (3 dead); Beta Theta Pi, 7; Phi Kappa Psi, 6; Phi Delta Theta, 6; Delta Upsilon, 5; Phi Sigma Kappa, 5; Theta Delta Chi, 5 (1 dead); Phi Phi Phi, 5 (1 dead); Alpha Delta Phi, 4; Chi Psi, 4; Psi Upsilon, 3; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 3; Alpha Chi Rho, 3; Mu Pi Lambda, 3; Northern Kappa Alpha, 2; Sigma Phi, 1; Zeta Psi, 1; Delta Phi, 1; Chi Psi, 1; Delta Psi, none.

Here are 226 new chapters established since the beginning of 1890, including 6 organized by Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Kappa Sigma, and Pi Kappa Alpha since "American College Fraternities" was issued last spring. This does not include re-established chapters, which number perhaps a third as many. Of these 224 new chapters, 24, or 10 per cent, have died already, leaving 202 active chapters less than nine years old. The total number of chapters of all fraternities established from 1825 to 1898 inclusive, and still in active existence, is 786, and the number established, from 1890 to 1898, inclusive, being 202, is 26 per cent of the whole number. In other words, 584 chapters still existing were established in the 66 years from 1825 to 1889, inclusive, and 202 chapters still existing in the nine years from 1890 to 1898, inclusive.

The most noticeable thing about this compilation of figures is the prominent part played in the extension by the southern fraternities. Yet even what are considered very conservative fraternities have extended, and Delta Psi is the only fraternity that has not established a chapter during the last nine years, its last chapter having been organized in 1899. Speaking of extension, it is somewhat singular that the only fraternities now established in Canada are Kappa Alpha, Zeta Psi and Alpha Delta Phi. The chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma, organized at the University of Toronto in 1895, died in 1898. In the foregoing compilation, the sororities and the professional fraternities are not considered. — *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

THE GREEK PRESS.

The present Editor of THE RAINBOW has now served three and one-half years. In this time changes in the editorial heads of the Greek Press have been many. So far as we know, there are but two Editors who have served longer than we — J. G. Roe of the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* and Louis C. Ehle of the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, C. E. Woods of the Sigma Nu *Delta* took charge at about the same time we did. In these three and one-half years, Kappa Alpha has had three editors; Phi Kappa Psi three; Phi Delta Theta two; Beta Theta Pi two; Sigma Alpha Epsilon three; Phi Gamma Delta two; Sigma Chi three; and Kappa Sigma two. All this indicates many and quick changes. Editor Holmes, retiring from the charge of the Theta Delta Chi *Shield*, seems to think that the magazines, in general, are not as well edited as formerly. We fear, however, that this mood has grown out of the tendency to exalt the past, especially when we have had something to do with the past. To our thought there has been a very steady advance in Fraternity journalism in the last four years. There may be several cases of retrogression; but there are more of improvement. It would not be delicate to specify either class.

The Western College Magazine for January has this item :

The North Carolina chapter of Alpha Tau Omega is reported to have recently initiated three men who were not students of the institution, but young business men residing in another town. Such looseness as this is quite out of date, and we may expect to hear of summary dealings with guilty chapters.

Alpha Tau Omega has allowed, within certain limits, we believe, that her chapters initiate non-collegians. It has been the one mark of her life which indicated that she had difficulty in answering to the full ideal of a *college* fraternity. Our readers will remember that we have had quite an extended discussion with the Editor of

The Palm on the matter of honorary membership. In that discussion Mr. Ehle's views were held in the background, and we were unable to get at his real position. In this issue we present an account of the Alpha Tau Omega Congress held last month. Our information comes directly from President Glazebrook that no more honorary initiations are to be allowed, they are now contrary to law. While these North Carolina initiations took place before the rule was passed and cannot probably call forth any "summary dealings," it is good to know that the prohibition has come and that no more such will be allowed. We congratulate Alpha Tau Omega and Editor Ehle on the wise legislation. It will do much to dignify the Fraternity in the estimation of the Greek world. It only remains now for her to cease any parade of honorary initiates of the old days and, if she cares at all to publish any of her honorary members in her journal or catalogue, to indicate by the word "honorary" that they have not had the advantage and joy of college fraternity.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for December continues the notice given in its preceding issue to R. P. Hobson. We were glad to hear that he was a Greek, and rejoiced with Kappa Alpha in his membership in that fraternity. Yet we have sometimes had the feeling that the renown given to Hobson was beyond the nature and effect of his signal deed. If the sinking of the Merrimac be measured by its accomplishment, it cannot be highly rated; for the Spanish ships sailed by it unhindered. If the deed be measured by the spirit of bravery, then the men who went with Hobson deserve as much credit as he. This is not written to detract at all from the glory of the daring exploit. It is only a word prompted by justice. It is to the Editor of *THE RAINBOW* a matter of real regret that Mr. Hobson should have cheapened himself in the estimation of the thoughtful public by his promiscuous and wholesale kissing. The *Journal* could add much more interesting matter to its pages if it were to offer what the newspapers have had to say about the osculatory hero. When young men bound suddenly into the place of glory, let them be level-headed, careful and dignified.

The Journal has lost heavily in its general interest in the last two issues. This comes naturally out of the Editor's purpose to take prominence from the discussions of wider fraternity topics. The able conduct of the exchange department has given to Kappa Alpha a wide reputation,—a reputation, perhaps, beyond her real position in the Greek world. The new Editor may be wise to take the course which he maps out; yet we are persuaded that a golden medium would have been better for him and for his fraternity.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* for December gives the following in an account of its new chapter at McGill University,—its first chapter beyond the borders of the United States :

To elect honorary members is rather out of the ordinary, but it was done with the approval of the Executive Council of Delta Upsilon, in the expectation, since realized, that a few older members who had a certain stand in the University, in virtue of their positions as professors, would not only lend dignity but would prove a source of strength to our fraternity.

We were not aware that Delta Upsilon found it necessary to resort to this cheap and easy way of gaining influence, even for her new chapters. That her Executive Council should approve a course of this sort seems almost incredible. Why not get the Canadian Premier and initiate him? It will surely "lend dignity." It is amazing that any of our fraternities should respond so slowly to what is clearly the only ideal of fraternity life.

The Beta Theta Pi for December has an article on "The Fraternity Press." Of our journal it thus speaks :

In 1877 Delta Tau Delta began the publication of a monthly, which was called *The Crescent*, after a prominent feature of the badge of that fraternity. It was more of a news journal than other similar periodicals, and was very successful. In 1878 it was officially made the organ of the fraternity, and was placed under the control of one chapter. In February, 1886, when several chapters of the Rainbow fraternity became a part of Delta Tau Delta, the name of this journal was changed to *The Rainbow*,

out of compliment to the accessions. Of late years it has not been so large in size as many of the other journals, nor so well edited, but under its present management it is regaining its old prestige and position. Much historical material of Delta Tau Delta has been printed in its pages.

Our journal was the official organ of the Fraternity from the start as will be seen from the resolutions passed by the Convention in May, 1877. While we thank Mr. Baird for his good opinion of the "present management," we scarcely feel that his contrast does justice to our predecessors. Our journal was strong under Eberth and Ehrmann; it may have been given too much to literary articles with no special bearing on fraternity life; but that was common in the journals of six or seven years ago. As for the size of THE RAINBOW, we have never made a specialty of mere bulkiness at any point of fraternity life and work. Judged by the relative size of the two fraternities represented THE RAINBOW is perhaps as large as the journal of *Beta Theta Pi*.

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta for December contains an article by Walter B. Palmer on "Fraternity Badges and Emblems." This article classes Delta Tau Delta among the fraternities having no flag. We have had a flag for years. In 1894 a good cut of our flag was printed in this journal.

In reviewing the Annual of Allegheny College the editor gives the following items which will interest our Fraternity:

Of the Theta Nu Epsilons 5 come from Phi Kappa Pi, 2 from Delta Tau Delta and 1 each from Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta. In view of the reported withdrawal of the charter of the Delta Tau Delta chapter it may be interesting to note that it was, with two exceptions, the oldest living chapter of that Fraternity, and the largest, with 48 resident alumni, enrolling last year 2 Juniors, 1 Sophomore, 1 Freshman and 5 preps and unclassified.

On which we wish to remark that the charter of our Alpha chapter has not been withdrawn; also, that our members are not allowed to join Theta Nu Epsilon; also, that our chapters are not allowed to initiate preparatory students. We cannot believe that the members

of the Allegheny chapter were violating our laws at one or both of these points. *The Scroll* gives this poem (?) from the Colby *Oracle* entitled "Who Caught the Freshman?"

"I," said the Deke,
 "I had but to speak,
 And I caught the Freshman."

"Wait," said the Zete,
 "You fished and cut bait,
 But I caught the Freshman."

"Pooh!" said D. U.,
 "I caught the whole crew,
 I caught the Freshman."

"Oh my!" said the Phi,
 "That's all in your eye;
 I caught the Freshman."

"Now," said Alpha Tau,
 "I'll never tell how,
 But I caught the Freshman."

"Come off!" said the Neuter.
 "Who wants to dispute yer?
 Go West with your Freshman!"

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi is the last issue that will come from the hand of Clay W. Holmes. As he has been the editor for about ten years, the number naturally has a farewell tone. The whole issue is of surpassing interest and, perhaps, marks the climax of excellent editorial work. In a closing number we could not ourselves be so personal; but we confess to little or no objection to Brother Holmes' Pauline "glorying." In commenting on the numerical comparison of fraternities as given by the *Beta Theta Pi*, the editor has this:

It will be noticed that the highest number of chapters in a Fraternity is 63, and the lowest 6, while the average runs from 12 to 20, except in the 11 largest. We are led to gauge the standing of a fraternity largely upon that of the college. Those fraternities which have over twenty-five chapters must draw their balance from institutions of very small calibre.

It is easily possible to refute this opinion by an examination of the list of colleges in our country. Psi Upsilon has six chapters in colleges where Theta Delta Chi is not represented; Theta Delta Chi has five chapters where Psi Upsilon does not compete. Combine the two rolls; and on the supposition above given either Psi Upsilon or Theta Delta Chi or both are represented in seven institutions of very small calibre. If now we note that neither Fraternity is repre-

sented by a chapter at University of California, Stanford, Virginia, Williams, Vanderbilt, Northwestern, not to mention the splendid State Universities of some of our Middle Western and Southern states, the oracular opinion is seen to have no foundation whatever.

In an exhaustive article on "The Greek Press," Editor Holmes speaks thus of our journal :

THE RAINBOW of Delta Tau Delta was edited by H. J. Eberth in 1894; Max Ehrmann took it in 1895. He was succeeded in 1896 by Edwin H. Hughes, who still conducts it. The general character of the journal has not changed during the period. Modest and unassuming it has gone quietly along, doing its intended work with good grace.

The above may be correct with the following exceptions: (1) H. J. Eberth was editor in '93-'94; (2) Max Ehrmann took the journal in 1894; (3) E. H. Hughes became editor in 1895, bringing out the November number of that year; (4) the "general character of the journal" has wholly changed in the period. The Karnea of 1895 voted that it should be exclusively a *fraternity* magazine. Before that time it had published many articles of a literary cast. We trust that the last statement is at least partially true. In speaking of us in the exchange Editor Holmes says that our November issue devotes considerable space "to a new chapter located at Sewanee." Inasmuch as our Beta Theta chapter is *sixteen* years old, the editor napped again.

After writing the above, all of which seems to partake of the critical, it is good to add our tribute of large respect for Editor Holmes' manly spirit in the conduct of his magazine. We have not always agreed with him, but we have always admired him. No magazine that has come to us has seemed to breathe a higher moral tone without any touch of narrowness. Theta Delta Chi will look long and far ere she will find so competent and self-sacrificing an editor. We feel that we must now quote entire one editorial with whose sentiments we are in most hearty agreement. We commend it to the thought of our brethren, especially to those who have reached the steadiness of maturity and who are prone to forget that

the undergraduates have yet much to learn of self-restraint. Let all our members read this :

“ There exists in our minds an impulse which we cannot resist, to pen the lines which follow, and responding to this feeling which implies no reflection upon the beloved brother to whom we must refer, we will endeavor to express clearly the points which are uppermost in our mind. There seems to be a peculiar opportunity to give a final touch to the influence the *Shield* and its Editor have tried to exert upon young men during the ten years of our incumbency. When we took up the work in 1889 it had not been our purpose to continue it, but simply to bridge over the chasm of suspension till some active editor might be found. Necessarily we soon came into contact with the active charges, and discovered, to our deep chagrin, that the habits of our own college days had been faithfully perpetuated. Most of the boys were liberal with the wine cup, and some very free with it. Having in mind the sad ruin of one of the Phi boys through drinking habits, encouraged and cultivated in college, we determined to take up the work actively — and for ten years we have waged war, personally as well as editorially, against that terrible demon, the wine cup. Now, just as we are laying down the editorial pen, comes the news of the death of our brother Rice, whose obituary is published in this number, and we are permitted to say things which could not have been told during his life-time. Our heart has ached times without number over the result of Brother Rice’s misfortune. How much of it is due to the course of the Phi charge during his active membership we cannot state, and perhaps it would not be well to attempt it, as the writer was one of her active members, and did not then try to restrain him from temptation. We have often thought, however, what the result might have been, had the Phi boys all been of the character which is seen in the charges of to-day. Certain it is that he would have been kept from the temptation while in college. Now, the painful fact is, that a young man meets his most trying temptations during his college career, and there it is that he most usually forms the habits which endure through a life-time. This being the case, it is a terribly serious thought — the influence we have upon our fellows while their characters are in the formation stage. We have tried faithfully and prayerfully to atone for whatever part we may have had in the downfall of our dearly loved brother, by trying to lead our young men of to-day into the path of rectitude. Frank Rice was one of the brightest boys in college. He was young, attractive, and a good entertainer; immensely popular and naturally invited to all the convivial

occasions. Wine was on every board and he created a taste for it which clung to him through life. Sad and pitiful were his trials. For months at a time he would resist its cravings, but once a taste and he was lost. Strange it is but true, that he retained his brilliancy during lucid periods to the last. We wish every brother were as familiar with all the sad details as we are, so that they might be the more impressed with the terrible danger which surrounds our college boys. Just think of it, reader — the raising of your hand to stay the temptation of your young Theta Delt brother may save a man and a soul. The pathway of the earnest missionary in this line is not one strewn with roses. We have felt the thorns, but we have also experienced the satisfaction of knowing that more than one college boy has thanked our earnest influence for keeping him from the wine cup; and this lesson will keep on living, even though our pen has become silent and our presence is wanting. As an active worker, we have seen our best days, and in retiring to give place to others, it cheers us to know that there are many good brothers who have been our main stay in the past, and who in the future will champion the cause of morality and sobriety with all the vigor and ardor which is necessary to keep the line unbroken. Let it be remembered of us that it was our constant aim to show the boys that there is nothing in life so sweet as the high standard of manhood which cannot be found in the wine cup. Our last word to you is — avoid this habit of drinking as you would a pestilence. Strive to live in such a way that when you stand face to face with death there will be no terrors for you in the transition.



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