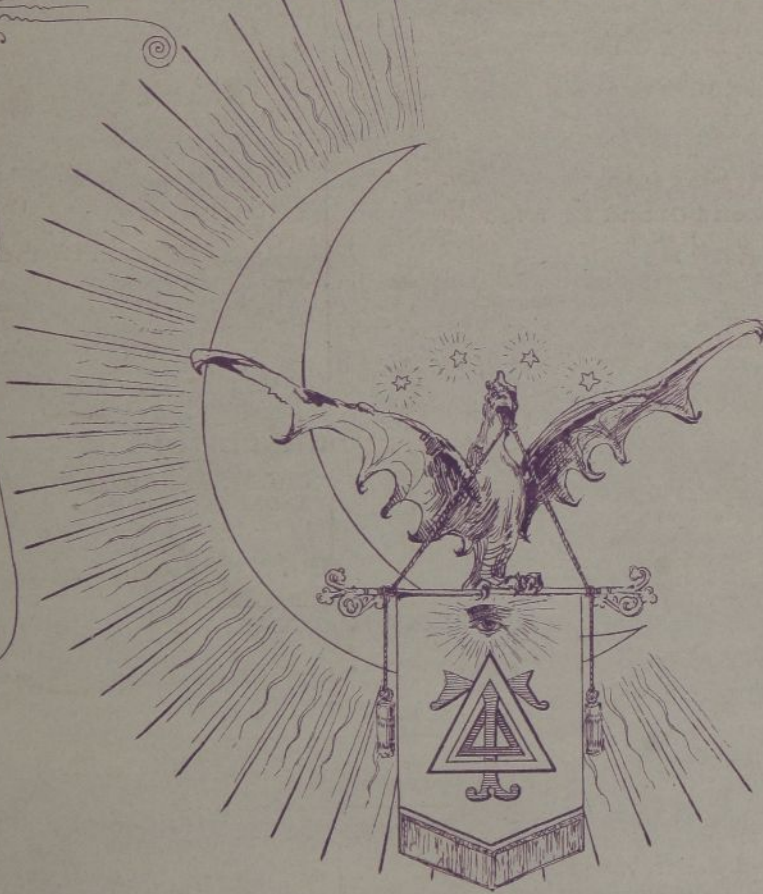


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*Amicitia nisi inter bonos esse  
non potest.—CICERO.*



*"May no cloud obscure the Crescent  
Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND ITS FRATERNITY SYSTEM.

The idea of a Michigan University was conceived as early as 1817. The idea lived until 1837 when a commission was appointed to give it a local habitation near Ann Arbor. The present spot was selected and work immediately commenced. The first class, consisting of one student, was admitted in 1842, and graduated in 1844. The next class consisted of fifty-three members, which was the average number in the literary department for nine years. The only department for several years was the literary department. The medical college was the first added. Since then additions have been made from time to time, until now the university contains colleges, or departments of literature, science and the arts, medicine, law, pharmacy, dentistry, homœopathy, and political science. The students attending these schools number more than fourteen hundred, twelve per cent. of whom are women. The number in the literary department last year was 513, this year it is about the same.

Chi Psi was the first fraternity to enter the university, a chapter being founded here in 1845. Beta Theta Pi followed closely in the same year, swinging pins at commencement soon after the

Chi Psi's came out. The faculty at once began to oppose the fraternities, and when Alpha Delta Phi applied for admission in 1846, an answer to their application was delayed. During the delay however, a chapter was organized and showed themselves at commencement of the same year. The faculty then began a more vigorous opposition, which was finally settled by the fraternities securing the insertion of a clause in the new constitution, by which regents were to be elected by the people and not appointed by the Governor, as the law had been previously. The constitution was ratified and a new board elected. At almost the first meeting of the new board all but three professors of the existing faculty were dismissed and others appointed who were more liberal in their views on the fraternity question. From that time no opposition has been shown by the faculty, and at present more than twenty per cent. of its members are fraternity men.

Closely following the three fraternities named, others entered, until now there are more fraternities represented in the University of Michigan than in any other college or university in the United States. The list of fraternities is as follows in the order of the establishment of the living chapters in the literary department:

*X Ψ, A Δ Φ, Δ K E, Σ Φ, Z Ψ, Ψ Υ, B Θ Π, Δ Υ,  
Φ K Ψ, Δ T Δ*, with two ladies fraternities, *K A Θ*



and  $\Gamma \Phi B$ ; in the law department,  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , and  $\Phi X$ ; in the medical department,  $N \Sigma N$  only. To these we may add two fraternities,  $X \Phi$  and  $\Phi A$ , recently established here, which do not confine themselves to any one department in selecting their members. In conversation the names are shortened as at most other colleges into "Chi Psis," "Alpha Delts," "Dekes," "Sigs," "Zetes," "Psi Us," "Beta Thets," "Phi Kaps," and "Delta Taus."

The membership of the fraternities is supplied from two sources. The first, those coming from abroad; these are either hastily "rushed," and initiated, or have been pledged by some fraternity man before coming. The second, the seniors of the city high school, which bears the relation of a preparatory department to the University, as there is no such department under the direction of that institution. The conditions and difficulties of the "prep" question are here and the method of meeting it, I commend to the fraternity. No senior "prep" or "sub" is initiated, although he may be pledged in the middle of the year. Exceptions to this custom are few. The average number of members in the chapter of the literary department, was last year a little more than sixteen, this year it is a little less. A custom has prevailed many years that does not countenance the initiation of students of any professional department into a fraternity of the literary department.

The fraternity system, while differing from many of the western colleges, is like the eastern plan in one particular—that each chapter occupies a house in which most of the members live during their college course. These chapter houses are more or less elegantly furnished, according to the wealth of the chapter. Psi Upsilon occupies the most convenient of these houses, but Alpha Delta Phi is to commence work on one in the spring which is expected to be finer than the Psi U mansion. Of the chapters in the University two only,  $X \Phi$  and  $\Phi A$ , have no chapter house.

The various student associations are, "The

Athletic Association," which is striving to build a gymnasium, and to promote athletic sports in the university; "The Student's Lecture Association," which provides a course of entertainment in University Hall during the winter; the two associations which publish the college papers, the *Chronicle* and *Argonaut*. The proceeds from these various enterprises go to increase the gymnasium fund after the various managing boards have enjoyed their annual banquets. The *Sophomore Oracle* is published in the interest of that class, the proceeds going into the pockets of the editors. The fraternities unite and issue the *Palladium*, an annual in their own interests. The editors are chosen by the fraternities from their senior members. No fraternity is allowed representation on the board if it has not been established here two full years.

The politics are somewhat complicated owing to the number of associations to be run and the number of fraternities interested. I can scarcely do more than to name the combinations. The two parties are named after the journal each supports, as Argonaut and Chronicle parties. The first is composed of  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi I$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$  fraternities, and a portion of the independents. While the second is composed of  $\Sigma \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $X \Psi$ , and  $B \Theta \Pi$  fraternities and the remainder of the independents. At present the Argonaut has the stronger following, that party being in the majority in the three lower classes, and controlling the Lecture Association.

Although party feeling sometimes is high, each chapter is uniformly respectful to all the others. When one loses a member by resignation or expulsion, notice of the fact is given to all the other fraternities represented upon the *Palladium*. To give clearly the relations existing between the chapters and individual members, I cannot do better than to quote from an editorial upon fraternities in a recent number of the *Argonaut*:

"There are several peculiarities in the system at Ann Arbor which deserve to be noted. One is



the diffidence which the fraternities seem to manifest about appearing before the public in any way. They are never mentioned in the college papers, except where it is necessary as a matter of news. It electrifies a student of the University to take up a periodical published at some other college and read that Mr. Smith, of '86, was elected into some fraternity or other a few nights since, and to see items of news in which the meeting rooms of the different societies are glibly mentioned. It seems best to avoid all unnecessary mention of society affairs; hence it happens often that subjects which form the common talk and gossip of a large proportion of the students are never hinted at in the college papers.

The same diffidence to which this peculiarity is traceable shows itself in the conversation of fraternity men in the unnecessary caution displayed, and in their unwillingness, as a rule, to speak of their own societies. This produces in some fraternities a policy of exclusion, injurious to the system as a whole, and unpleasant for the rest of the community. This exclusive policy brings about another result which distinguishes the customs of fraternities at the University from those of many other colleges, viz.: The practice of taking men only from the freshman year. It is becoming quite rare for men to be elected after they have passed the first year, much more so than formerly. If the fraternity system is what it claims to be, there is no reason why men should not be taken later in the course, after they have had time to develop their good qualities. In other respects the secret societies at the University much resemble those at other institutions, and it is perhaps as good a place to study their good or bad influence as can be found." E. J. W.

*Ann Arbor, February 3, 1884.*

#### THE FRATERNITY MEETING AT PHILADELPHIA.

*Colonnade Hotel, Feb. 22, 1884.*

Pursuant to a call issued by the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi* at the suggestion of the *X Phi Quarterly*, the representatives of several fraternities met at the above-named hotel February 22, 1883, at eleven o'clock a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robb, *B Theta II*, and Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, *A T Omega*, was upon motion elected as chairman, and Messrs. Wm. R. Baird, *B Theta II*, and Geo. B. Thomas, *Phi Delta Theta*, were named as secretaries.

The roll was then called to ascertain who were present, and what fraternities they represented, with the following result:

*A T Omega*, O. A. Glazebrook, F. H. Easby.

*B Phi II*, W. O. Robb, Wm. R. Baird.

*X Phi*, J. H. Cromwell, E. H. Reninger.

*Delta Kappa Epsilon*, Chas. H. Beckett.

*Delta Phi*, M. C. Work.

*Delta Tau Delta*, H. W. Plummer.

*Phi Delta Theta*, G. B. Thomas, Frank Fithian.

*Phi Gamma Delta*, S. L. Black, H. L. Stahler.

*Phi Kappa Psi*, C. H. Rendall, Norman Ellison.

*Phi Kappa Sigma*, Ben Reath.

*Psi Chi*, Chas. W. Smiley.

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, J. H. Young.

*Sigma Xi*, E. A. Stahler, J. Fahnestock.

*Zeta Psi*, G. Remak, Jr., J. I. Scott.

The following gentlemen were present as visitors: W. D. Roberts *Zeta Psi*; J. D. Raht, *Sigma Xi*; F. M. Fox, *Zeta Psi*; E. E. Johnson, *X Phi*; C. S. Martin, *X Phi*; E. M. Young, *X Phi*; W. A. Ford, *Delta Kappa Epsilon*; J. Marshall, *Phi Kappa Psi*; E. F. Smith, *Phi Kappa Psi*; L. J. C. Kimmel, *Delta Phi*; E. L. Loudon, *Sigma Xi*; C. B. Williams, *Delta Phi*; J. W. Kinnear, *Phi Gamma Delta*; F. C. Cook, *Delta Tau Delta*; A. P. Trautwein, *Delta Tau Delta*; F. F. Martinez, *Delta Tau Delta*; E. W. Clark, *Delta Tau Delta*; H. A. Hare, *Beta Theta II*; I. B. Bradford, *Beta Theta II*; N. P. Grimm, *Beta Theta II*; H. W. Cremer, *X Phi*.

Mr. Robb then made a few remarks stating that the movement to call the meeting had been a spontaneous one, and that the main object of the assembly was to ascertain whether it was desired by the fraternities that a general conference of fraternity men should be called, and if so at what time and place, and what subjects should be suggested for its consideration and discussion.

Upon motion the meeting went into a committee of the whole to consider the matter, and the roll was called to ascertain the views of the several fraternities. Mr. Glazebrook spoke for *A T Omega*, and proceeded to set forth his views that such a conference could devise means to protect the best interests of the fraternities, to overcome



the prejudices of hostile faculties, and cultivate good feeling among the fraternities themselves. Mr. Smiley then asked a number of questions. It became evident that this discussion would consume too much time, and upon motion a committee consisting of W. O. Robb, *B Θ Π*, chairman; Chas. H. Beckett, *Δ K E*, C. W. Smiley, *Ψ Υ*, G. B. Thomas, *Φ Δ Θ*, J. H. Young, *Σ A E*, and W. R. Baird, *B Θ Π*, were appointed to express the sense of meeting in a series of resolutions. The meeting then adjourned until two p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:30 P. M.

After the meeting was called to order the committee through Mr. Robb, presented the following report:

At a meeting of representatives of the following Greek letter fraternities, viz.: *Α Τ Ω*, *Β Θ Π*, *Χ Φ*, *Δ K E*, *Δ Φ*, *Δ Τ Δ*, *Φ Δ Θ*, *Φ Γ Δ*, *Φ K Σ*, *Ψ Υ*, *Σ A E*, *Σ X*, and *Z Ψ*, held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., February 22, 1883, at a call of the fraternity press, the following propositions were unanimously adopted:

I. That a Pan-Hellenic Conference be held at New York City, to begin July 4, 1884, *provided that* ten fraternities shall signify their intention to participate, on or before January 1, 1884.

II. That every American Greek-letter fraternity having three or more living chapters be entitled, in the proposed conference, to be represented by three delegates. That each fraternity be entitled to one vote.

III. That the general object of the proposed conference be the promotion of inter-fraternity courtesy, and the advancement of the general interests of the fraternity system.

IV. That this object is sought to be obtained, not by legislation which shall bind the fraternities participating, but by the moral force of this and similar assemblies.

V. That the following, among other topics, are suggested for the consideration of the proposed conference:

##### 1 Membership in Chapters.

- a As to preparatory students.
- b As to membership in two or more fraternities.
- c As to "Lifting."
- d As to the consequences of expulsion from one fraternity.

##### 2 Chapters.

- a Sub-rosa chapters.
- b "Lifting" chapters.

##### 3 Relations of Fraternities and Colleges.

a The best means of securing the recognition and cooperation of college fraternities.

b The prevention of fraternity combinations in college politics.

##### 4 Fraternity Statistics and Publications.

- a Their limits as to secrecy.
- b Methods of collecting statistics for catalogues, etc.
- c Methods of conducting fraternity journals.

VI. That the details for perfecting the arrangements for the proposed conference be intrusted to a committee consisting of the editors of the various fraternity journals.

Signed,

W. O. ROBB, *B Θ Π*,  
Chairman.  
CHAS. H. BECKETT, *Δ K E*.  
CHAS. W. SMILEY, *Ψ Υ*.  
GEO. B. THOMAS, *Φ Δ Θ*.  
J. H. YOUNG, *Σ A E*.  
W. R. BAIRD, *B Θ Π*.

The report was upon motion received and adopted. It was then considered *seriatim* and accepted. In reply to questions by Mr. Remak, *Z Ψ*, and Mr. Cromwell, *X Φ*, the committee stated that Sec. IV should not be construed to mean that a Pan-Hellenic Conference should not legislate, but that the committee expressed the opinion that the sanction of its enactments would be their moral force.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 p. m.

O. A. GLAZEBROOK, *Α Τ Ω*,  
Chairman.

WM. R. BAIRD, *B Θ Π*,  
GEO. B. THOMAS, *Φ Δ Θ*,  
Secretaries.

#### THE INTER-FRATERNITY PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Colonnade Hotel,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA. Feb. 22, '83. }  
4 o'clock P. M.

The editors of the following journals assembled at the above-named time and place;

*Α Τ Ω Palm*, O. A. Glazebrook, F. H. Easby.

*Beta Theta Pi*, W. O. Robb, W. R. Baird.

*X Φ Quarterly*, J. H. Cromwell, E. H. Reninger.

*Δ K E Quarterly*, Chas. H. Beckett.

*Δ Τ Δ Crescent*, H. W. Plummer.

*Φ Δ Θ Scroll*, Geo. B. Thomas.

*Phi Gamma Delta*, S. L. Black.

*Ψ Υ Diamond*, Chas. W. Smiley.

*Σ A E Record*, J. H. Young.

*Sigma Chi*, E. A. Stahler.



Upon motion, Mr. H. W. Plummer,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , was elected chairman, and Mr. S. L. Black,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , secretary. The following communication was then read and the secretary instructed to return a suitable reply:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 22, 1883.

To the Inter-Fraternity Press Association:

GENTLEMEN—The First Grand Division of  $\Delta T \Delta$  in convention assembled, sends greeting and best wishes for the success of your convention. Hoping that it may be productive of great benefit to the Greek Fraternity World, we remain,

Yours Respectfully,

W. G. MAYBURY,  
A. C. CAMPBELL,  
E. H. FOSTER, } Committee.

Upon motion the Convention went into committee of the whole to discuss the subject of a press association. After some discussion the committee rose and reported that it was advisable to establish a fraternity press agent for the collection and distribution of accurate and reliable fraternity and college news. Mr. Baird was instructed to secure such an agent, if possible, and report to the editors severally.

The plan for carrying out the arrangements of the Pan-Hellenic Conference was then discussed. Upon motion, Mr. Chas. H. Beckett,  $\Delta K E$ , was appointed a committee of one to communicate the results of the meeting to the several fraternity authorities, to receive their replies, and to call a meeting of the association when ten fraternities have signified their intention of participating in the Pan-Hellenic Conference, and to act as secretary of the association during the recess.

It was decided upon motion to hold the next meeting at such place as a majority of the fraternity editors should agree upon and communicate to the secretary.

Mr. Glazebrook expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the meeting, and moved a vote of thanks to the  $X \Phi$  *Quarterly* for suggesting it, and the *Beta Theta Pi* for executing it.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary.

H. W. PLUMMER,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , Chairman.  
S. L. BLACK,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Secretary.

## SUCCESSFUL GREEKS.

For over three years a fierce conflict has been in progress between the Greek fraternities of Indiana, and the faculty of Purdue University. Purdue is an institution supported almost wholly by the State. The intention of its founders was that its doors should be thrown open to the youth of the land, unrestricted by any regulations that would tend to war on the limits of civil liberty. The idea that Purdue students should be enslaved by despotic restrictions, never entered the mind of the generous man who gave so liberally of his wealth to assist in starting the college. The fact that freedom of thought and action was to be denied those who entered the walls of Purdue, was not suspected by the legislators who made appropriations to found it. It remained for a tyrannous and bigoted faculty to promulgate the doctrine, that the liberty of the students of Purdue University could be trampled upon and crushed out of existence at will.

The faculty of Purdue made a rule prohibiting any student from joining a Greek or other college secret society. An application for a mandamus to compel the faculty to admit a student otherwise qualified, was granted by the Supreme Court of this State. The Supreme Court said that the pledge implied a discrimination against a portion of the inhabitants of this State, and was unlawful and unreasonable. In contempt of the above decision, the fossilized faculty made another rule which was to be subscribed by each student before graduation or honorable dismissal. By this regulation he was bound to state that he had not been connected with any college secret society.

This disposition of the faculty of Purdue to oppress the students, was brought to the attention of the General Assembly of this State. When the appropriation for Purdue University was reached, a proviso was inserted compelling the faculty to abrogate the rules against Greek fraternities. After a prolonged debate, in which Senator James H. Willard, a noble Greek, took the lead, this proviso was incorporated in the



General Appropriation Bill. Now, after a contest of almost four years, the Greeks of Indiana feel that their continued existence is assured. The highest judicial tribunal and the law-making body in which all powers are inherent, have affirmed their rights to have an organization in colleges.

I cannot close this article without making a few extracts from Senator Willard's speech, showing the advantages of Greek fraternities to the young collegian. In a burst of eloquence he said, "If you listen to the drivel of the President of Purdue, you would suppose that they were the offspring of Satan and the damned. Away with such fanaticism. These fraternities have numbered in their catalogues the grandest names in American history. You find their numbers in every assemblage of educated men. As I look around upon my colleagues, I find that well-nigh half of them have experienced their blessings and known their worth. The young man just entering college, leaves his home, doubting, hesitating, untried, inexperienced, totally unfamiliar with the ways of the world, and when he enters the fraternity he finds himself amid a brotherhood whose older members will guide and counsel him. He finds himself protected, advised, admonished, urged onward in the pathway of ambition, while his course is regarded with the most affectionate solicitude and brotherly care."

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I have experienced the beneficent influence of the Greek fraternities, and never shall my voice be silent when they are assailed, until my tongue is stilled in death."

This recognition of the rights of Greek fraternities by the Legislature of a State, should be granted on every hand as the greatest victory ever gained for them. Oppressive faculties seeking to grind the life out of enthusiastic students should learn from this that they are living in a progressive era that will not tolerate tyranny in any form.

Yours very Fraternally,

JAMES B. CURTIS.

#### DELTA TAU DELTA IN THE OHIO WESLEYAN—FIRST PAPER.

In the fall of 1866 there were four fraternities in the Ohio Wesleyan: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi and Alpha Di Gamma. Being firmly established, they did what all fraternities are apt to do, confined their solicitations mostly to the upper classes, and so allowed very excellent material to accumulate in the freshman class and preparatory department.

It was a very prosperous time for the college. Her students were energetic, enterprising young men, very largely making their own way; and the happy conclusion of the war had added to her numbers a good many who had served in the army. Indeed, the Ohio Wesleyan seemed to be especially favored by this class of men, for about this time she had commissioned officers enough to equip a regiment.

Delta Tau Delta then, as in the present, was watchful of her interests, and had already marked the O. W. U. as a desirable point, and was seeking an opportunity of establishing a chapter.

"Where there's a will there's a way," and so it proved in this instance.

Prof. W. G. Eversole, now Superintendent of Schools, Wooster, Ohio, was then a senior at the Ohio University, Athens, O., and corresponding secretary of the Beta Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity at that institution. Some years before he had become acquainted with a bright young man named Festus Walters, whom he had induced to attend college, and whom he was influential in having initiated by Chapter Beta, late in the spring of 1866.

The following fall he did not return to Athens, but entered the Freshman class in the Ohio Wesleyan. Prof. Eversole immediately began to communicate with him in regard to establishing a chapter. Walters seems to have been well adapted for this work, as he was a tall, fine looking fellow, a good reciter and very popular in his class, and seems to have been a good judge of character. He proposed the matter to his class-



mate, E. D. Curtis, who consented to co-operate with him in founding a chapter. They then made a list of about a dozen of the best men in the class, including Charles L. Clippinger, John H. Grove, Lem T. Clark, L. M. LaFetra, E. A. Atlee, H. C. Brison, and others. Curtis then laid the matter before Clippinger, his roommate, who approved of it; the three then devoted themselves to the work of establishing a chapter.

At last, when the men were pledged and everything was in readiness, Prof. Eversole, who had intended to go to Delaware and initiate them, was taken sick. Lest delay might prove dangerous, Cyrus O. French, class of '67, was sent in his place. The Hocking Valley Railway not having built, he was obliged to make the trip to Delaware by way of Cincinnati. His expenses was twenty dollars, of which the chapter paid half.

About 11 o'clock Saturday morning, November 26, 1866, in his room at the American house, French met the following persons, whom he proceeded to initiate into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta: Charles Layton Clippinger, Edward Davis Curtis, Lemen Taylor Clark, Lawson Marcellus LaFetra, and Edwin Augustus Atlee. These men together with Walters forming the charter members of the chapter, chartered as Omicron.—*Mu Times*.

## GREEK WORLD.

Lieut. Gov. Hanna, of Indiana, is a  $\Sigma X$ .

$\Sigma X$  has a *sub-rosa* chapter at Illinois Wesleyan.

The Asbury chapters of  $B \theta II$  and  $\Delta K E$  do not initiate preps.

The organ of  $\Delta \Gamma$  is at present published by her Amherst chapter.

$\Delta \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi \Gamma$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\theta \Delta X$  and  $K K K$  are represented in Dartmouth.

The fraternities represented at Wittenberg College are  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $B \theta II$ .

The chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  at Knox College has gone where the woodbine twineth.

$\Delta K E$  has eleven men at Kenyon,  $\Psi \Gamma$  none,  $B \theta II$ , eight,  $\Delta T \Delta$  three,  $\theta \Delta X$  five.

The catalogue of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  is being pushed to completion, and will soon be published.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$ ,  $B \theta II$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $X \Phi$  and  $K K \Gamma$  are represented in the University of Wisconsin.

$\Psi \Gamma$ ,  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$  and the Eclectic (local) have chapters at Wesleyan University,  $\Psi \Gamma$  and the local society owning chapter houses.

Mr Baird intends to make an entire revision of his "American College Fraternities." It will be anxiously awaited by all fraternity men.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$  and  $\Sigma \Phi$ , with two local societies, Lambda Iota and Delta Psi, form the roll of Greek societies at the University of Vermont.

The fraternities represented in Wabash College are Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Gamma Delta.

The University of Ohio, at Columbus, at present supports three fraternities,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Sigma X$ .  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ ,  $B \theta II$ , and  $X \Phi$  have a number of men pledged, and will charter chapters during the year.

The last national convention of  $\Phi K \Psi$  resuscitated the *Shield*. The paper, which formerly was a private enterprise, has received the formal support and sanction of the fraternity. It will be edited and published by the Wittenberg chapter.

Phi Delta Theta is the only fraternity represented at Franklin College, Indiana. The University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., is attracting the attention of this fraternity. She has given a final and decisive denial to the petition from certain members of the Kentucky Mil. Institute.

Whitlaw Reid, Gen. F. A. Walker, Governors Grover, of Oregon, and Plaisted, of Maine, Secretary Lincoln, Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, Ex-Governor Long, of Mass., Wayne McVeagh, and Stewart L. Woodford are among the well-known members of  $\Delta K E$ , many of them being prominent in the politics of the country.

Vanderbilt University, with its large endowment, increasing attendance and general pros-



perity offers tempting inducements to wide awake fraternities. The only drawback is the fossilized condition of the faculty, who in the fulness of their wisdom have instituted a series of anti-frat laws. Despite this, several fraternities are already represented by flourishing chapters, and the prospects are that the number will be largely increased in the near future.

"Delta's attention is invited to the following paragraph from a letter printed in the Delta Tau Delta CRESCENT for November, and dated at Asbury: "Phi Delta Theta has withdrawn from her combination with Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi, and entered our combination which now consists of Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta." Let us hear about the "combinations" referred to, please. That the Greencastle fraternities have long been afflicted with the very worst form of both those unmixed evils, "preps" and "combinations," is only too well known to all college men throughout the West. But there are powerful reasons why our own chapter there should keep its skirts clear of all connections with either of these features of Asbury life. An explanation is in order, we think.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

"What say you too Lambda? The question of "combinations" should receive the most careful consideration of the Pan Hellenic Council, should it ever meet. Herein rests a weak point in fraternities and could it be removed a point of attack would be removed also. There are "powerful reasons" why all the chapters should keep their "skirts" "clear of all connection with these features of Asbury life."—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

"The *Beta Theta Phi* and *Phi Gamma Delta* have both called up their respective Chapters for an explanation of this state of affairs and the latter cites this as a case, all the like of which should receive the attention of the proposed Pan Hellenic Council. There is no doubt that this is one of the weakest points in our college fraternity system, a great drawback to our usefulness, a state of affairs thoroughly at variance with the teachings of our Bond and the principles of our order, one of the chief arguments urged against fraternities by their enemies and an evil we hope Phi Delta Theta will in the future avoid."—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

"The other societies have been very active

lately. It was only after hard work that we managed to come out ahead. As far as it is possible for us to tell, the *Psi Y's* have initiated but two men. *A Delta Phi*, *Z Psi*, *B Theta II*, and *Delta Phi* have secured one or two men apiece. We learn that two members of the School of Mines have joined *Psi Y*. We are more than satisfied with our representation in the Mines, as we are undoubtedly the strongest society there. Our two college annuals, which are soon to appear, will show in full the relative numerical strength of the various fraternities. It is probable that *Delta Kappa E*, *Psi Y*, and *B Theta II* will have about twenty men apiece, while the four other societies will range between two and fifteen men. Within the past three years *Z Psi*, *X Phi*, *A Delta Phi*, and *B Theta II* have all established chapters at Columbia. Now there is a rumor that *Delta Tau Delta* has swung out some upper classmen. This, with the long established *Delta Phi*, makes nine societies in all. Already several of the smaller ones appear to be going to the wall. *X Psi*, started last year by some very prominent alumni, has now only one or two men in college. Although the three societies mentioned above appear to have the advantage, the work of each has to be hard and unceasing. Should one of them relax its efforts for a moment, not only the other large societies, but also the smaller ones would make the most of it to their own society's decided advantage. *Delta Psi*, *Psi Y*, and *Delta Phi* have all been established at Columbia for nearly forty years. Notwithstanding this, by hard work, we, who have only been established eight years, now feel ourselves to be second to none. There seems to be very little doubt but that, with proper work, *Delta Kappa E*, *Psi Y*, and *Delta Psi* can hold their own against smaller rivals. There are too few desirable men in college for many good societies to exist. Not over twenty men in each class are asked to join one of these three societies. This being a very small number, some say that one of the larger societies must shortly give way. If this turns out to be so, it will be a very severe struggle that will place either *Delta Kappa E*, *Psi Y*, or *Delta Psi* in the background. The latter is at present the only one of our societies that has a chapter house. *Psi Y* deems it best to wait until she can own her's without the burden of a debt. Should two other societies, as well organized as are *Delta Kappa E* and *Psi Y*, procure chapter houses, *Delta Psi* would have to fight hard even for existence. A well organized chapter, in its own house, free from debt and with good alumni to back it, need not fear being worsted in any contest".—Columbia correspondent, *Delta Kappa E Quarterly*.



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REPLIES to the cards mailed by the business manager are slowly, too slowly, coming in. We are already behind in our account with the printer, and must urge a prompt settlement of all knowing themselves to be in debt to the CRESCENT.

A NUMBER of enrollment forms have been received, omitting the middle name of the initiate. The form plainly states "full baptismal name," and we must request that hereafter all secretaries be particularly careful in this regard. Those forms lacking completeness will be returned for correction.

ALL chapters which have not forwarded to the Catalogue Committee, a list of all initiates of of this college year, are hereby urgently requested to immediately forward such list. The catalogue work is now rapidly approaching completion, and it is highly important that the chapter lists be completed to date.

WE devote considerable space to the accounts of the Division Conferences thereby compelling us to withhold a quantity of editorial matter, alumni news and chapter letters until the next issue. Considering the importance of the Conferences we feel sure that those chapters, whose communications are not published, will bear with us this once.

THE reputation which Delta Tau bears in the field of oratory has been swelled by the victory which Bro. Krichbaum gained in Ohio. We now have the orators for Ohio and Iowa and our prospects for gaining the Inter-State contest in May are exceedingly brilliant. With the honor of the fraternity resting in hands so capable as

those of Bros. Howard and Krichbaum, Delta Tau has certainly reasons to feel proud of her orators.

WE have been greatly aided in filling our "Greek World" columns by the notes which several chapter secretaries have forwarded to us from time to time. To them we wish to make due acknowledgement, hoping that we will not cease to have their assistance in the future. If all the secretaries would send us such reliable and authentic information concerning our rival fraternities as may fall into their hands, the pages devoted to Greek World would be highly augmented in interest and importance.

THE advent of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* into the ranks of fraternity journals is a noticeable occurrence. In typographical appearance it is unexcelled, and contains eighty pages of well selected matter. The columns devoted to chapter communications are especially interesting and are characterized by a spirit of fairness and dignity worthy of emulation. We extend to the *Quarterly* a hearty welcome to the field of fraternity journalism where it has already acquired a place in the front rank.

WE acknowledge receipt of handsomely printed copies of the *Mu Times* and the *Beta Beta Reporter*. Both of these papers have been recently founded, and promise to become permanent fixtures of their chapters. Their publication is of especial significance in showing forth the great undercurrent of enthusiasm and progress that pervades the fraternity. These papers, with Rho's and Iota's *Chronicles* form a local literature of which Delta Tau may well be proud.

IT has been a question of great doubt to many concerning the wisdom of holding Division Conferences. The success of the Conferences of the First and Second Divisions far exceeding the most ardent hopes of those most interested in their promotion has set at rest all misgivings of our



brothers. So far from detracting from the attendance at our National Conventions, they will, by the interest aroused, add to the magnitude of those meetings. It was our good fortune to be present at the deliberations of the First Division Conference. What we there witnessed has only confirmed our belief that we have in the East a band of earnest workers, ready and eager to improve any opportunity for progress in the broad field of Eastern extension. While, of course, manifesting a strong local attachment to their own division, the fraternity as a body was by no means over-looked in the discussions. In fact the sentiment pervading all the proceedings was the elevation of the whole fraternity by bringing the chapters of the First Division into closer union and harmony. Delta Tau Delta has every reason to be satisfied with her representation in the East.

#### ALUMNI NEWS.

Dr. R. S. Sutton, old Alpha, '62, contributed a paper on an important professional topic at the last meeting of the American Gynecological Society in Boston.

Prof. Albert J. Cook, Iota, '62, read a paper on "The Habits of Bees" at the Cincinnati meeting of the American Bee Keepers Association, of which he was President. His "Manual of the Apiary," an acknowledged standard on the subject of Bee Culture, has seen several editions in a remarkable short time.

William W. Van Vorhees, old Kappa, '67, manager of the Manhattan Iron Company of New York, is one of the incorporators of the Eastern Pig Iron Association recently organized.

Prof. Rolla C. Carpenter, Iota, '73, was re-elected to the secretaryship of the Michigan Association of Civil Engineers held at Lansing, Mich., January 9th.

John S. Crombie, Delta, '76, Superintendent of Schools Pontiac, Mich., read a paper at the meeting of the State Teachers Association at Lansing, Mich.

Prof. Charles L. Ingersoll, Iota, '74, of Fort Collins, Col., at the meeting of the State Teachers Association at Pueblo, Col., was chosen delegate to the National Association.

Prof. Justin N. Study, Mu, '72, Superintendent of schools, Greencastle, Ind., was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the State Teachers Association at its meeting at Indianapolis, some time ago.

Dr. Allan McL. Hamilton, old Kappa, '67, has a paper, read at a recent meeting of the American Academy of Medicine, in the *Medical Record* for January.

Theo. F. Koezley, Rho, '75, has been appointed Quarter Master Sergeant of "C" Company, 71st Regiment, N. G. of N. Y., in September 1882. He has been re-elected secretary of the same company for the fourth successive year; as Gillis and Geohegan's Superintendent, he is kept so very busy at "Steam Heating," as to permit his visits to Rho; only in spirit; he still resides at No. 360 East 79th st, New York City, where visiting brothers are ever welcome.

#### FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FIRST DIVISION.

In reply to a call made by Tau the chapters in the First Division met at the hotel Lafayette, in Philadelphia, February 22 and 23. Much to the surprise of every one present, the delegations that poured into that hotel on the morning of the 22nd were perfectly immense—it reminded one of an Annual Convention, instead of a Division Conference.

The subject of a conference was agitated since the opening of the college in September. Tau being the nearest chapter to Philadelphia, decided that she would put forth every energy in trying to call the chapters together at that place and upon that date. With the assistance of Pi all the necessary arrangements were made. Owing to the late date upon which it was decided to hold one, we were unable to issue invitations, hence there might have been a better representation. At eleven o'clock Bro. W. G. Mayburry of Tau, assumed the chair and called the Conference to order. The following officers were then elected: Grand President, A. P. Trautwein, Rho; Vice President, Fred. F. Martinez, Gamma Beta; Secretary, Fred. C. Cook, Tau, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred. Rosenberg of Upsilon. The Inter-Fraternity Press Association being in session at the Colonnade, were presented with greetings by the Conference. Here followed a great deal of miscellaneous business consisting chiefly of appointment of committees.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Grand President, Trautwein. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hughes O. Gibbons, Gamma, '65.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following chapters represented:

Tau, W. G. Mayburry and F. C. Cook; Nu, A. C. Campbell and W. E. Schoch; Pi, R. H. Wilbur and R. P. Linderman; Rho, J. E. Steward and E. H. Foster; Gamma Beta, F. F. Martinez and E. W. Clark; Upsilon, H. J. Weber and Fred Rosenberg.

By a vote of the Conference it was decided to hold the banquet on Thursday evening at ten o'clock.

#### THE BANQUET.

Our Grand President, Trautwein, assumed the chair as Magister Epularum, and with some few pleasant remarks ordered the bivalves to be opened. To say that



they were not opened would be speaking falsely, for it was unanimously resolved that the menu was one of the finest. It would be useless for me to go into details to state what we ate. I think it would be much easier to state what we didn't eat. Well, you have all "been there." You know what it is to be present at a convention banquet, hence I shall not say any more concerning the menu. Just imagine yourself doing justice to a first-class menu (no Cleveland one please,) and you will be satisfied. After all seemed to feel that they had partaken of the viands sufficiently, the Magister Epularum announced the following toasts:

First Annual Conference of the First Division, H. T. Bruck, Rho.

Delta Tau Delta, A. P. Trautwein, Rho.

The Alumni of Delta Tau Delta, Daniel Gibbons, Tau.

The Alpha, John A. Bolard, Alpha.

The Crescent, H. W. Plummer, Alpha.

The First Grand Division, W. G. Mayburry, Tau.

Chapter Tau, Fred. C. Cook.

Chapter Rho, E. H. Foster.

Chapter Upsilon, H. J. Weber.

Chapter Pi, A. B. Linderman.

Chapter Nu, Orrin Serfass.

Chapter Gamma Beta, Fred. F. Martinez.

The Ladies, W. T. Goodnow.

Time and space will not permit me to state what was said in the toasts, suffice to say that they were "taken well." By this time it began to grow—early—and the banquet ended with the Chocktaw walk-around, led by Plummer.

The Friday morning session was called to order by the vice-President Martinez, in the absence of the President, who was called away by urgent business.

Then followed the transaction of miscellaneous business. It was decided that the next conference would be held in New York City on the 22nd and 23rd of February, 1884.

The following officers were elected for the next conference:

Grand President, Thos. H. Hardcastle, Pi; Grand Vice-President, W. G. Mayburry, Tau; Grand Secretary, E. H. Foster, Rho.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Vice-President. Then followed the transaction of miscellaneous business, chiefly the final reports of committees. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the proprietor and his assistants for the hospitable manner in which they entertained us. On motion, chapter Tau was ordered to print the minutes for distribution.

The conference adjourned *sine die* at four o'clock p. m.

SECRETARY.

#### CONFERENCE NOTES.

The Conference was noticed very satisfactorily by all of the Philadelphia city papers, particularly by the *Record*, *Ledger*, *North American* and *Times*.

Chapters Pi, Tau and Nu were represented by the largest delegations; the Rho did not quite come up to our expectations in this respect.

The Conference very thoughtfully sent greetings to the editors of the various fraternity journals then in session in Philadelphia and received a courteous reply.

The banquet on the evening of the first day was in every respect a perfect success; the *menu* was quite elaborate and was a credit to the *cuisine* of the Lafayette.

About forty-five members of the fraternity were in attendance, many from quite a distance. Not many years ago a similar representation would have been a very fair exhibit for an annual general convention.

The arrangements for the next conference of the Division, to be held in New York City, on February 22d and 23d, 1883, are placed in the hands of the Stevens and Columbia chapters, who, no doubt, will promptly attend to all details which will insure the success of the reunion.

The Conference was honored by the presence of Dr. William H. Kirk, of Doylestown, Pa., and Rev. Hughes O. Gibbons, pastor of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. They were members of the chapter at Jefferson College, which has given the fraternity so many well-known and enthusiastic Deltas; they followed the proceedings with evident interest and proved that they still preserve their old-time attachment to the fraternity.

Considering that the Conference was summoned on quite short notice, and that no formal invitations could be issued, the very full attendance must certainly be regarded as a welcome sign of the activity of the First Division; it is an index of what might have been accomplished had the time for preparation not been so brief. The entire feasibility of a conference in the First and Second Divisions has certainly been established and this fact should augur well for the success of future meetings; it would be well if the remaining Division will now follow a similar course.

The business transacted at the Conference of necessity could not be much, though what was done was done thoroughly. The Conference desires its greatest claim to success, however, from the fact that from a social point of view it quite fulfilled even the most sanguine expectations and was worth all the expense and work connected with it. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were formed; a free interchange of ideas occurred and a closer insight was obtained into the workings of the several chapters which no doubt will work to general advantage throughout the Division.

The following is a list of those who were present at various times during the sessions of the Conference:



## ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

John A. Bolard, '78, Millville, N. J.  
H. W. Plummer, '84, Meadville, Pa.

## GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Rev. Hughes O. Gibbons, '69, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Dr. William H. Kirk, '63, Doylestown, Pa.  
Asher D. Miller, '84, Philadelphia, Pa.

## NU—LAFAYETTE.

Frederick Brandenburg, '83, Pittston, Pa.  
Anthony C. Campbell, '3, Wilksbarre, Pa.  
William E. Schoch, '84, Easton, Pa.  
William A. Siebert, '82, Easton, Pa.  
Geo. B. Stear, '86, Long Run, Pa.  
Robley D. Walter, '82, Butztown, Pa.

## PI—LEHIGH.

David B. Abbott, '86, Bethlehem, Pa.  
John Calvert, '76, Philadelphia, Pa.  
William T. Goodnow, '83, Toledo, O.  
Robt. P. Linderman, '83, S. Bethlehem, Pa.  
Edward M. McIlvaine, '85, Reading, Pa.  
John B. Price, '85, Upper Lehigh, Pa.  
John D. Ruff, '82, Philadelphia, Pa.  
William H. Sayre, Jr., '86, S. Bethlehem, Pa.  
Richard B. Wetherill, '81, Philadelphia, P.  
Rollin H. Wilbur, '85, S. Bethlehem, Pa.

## RHO—STEVENS.

Esteban D. Estrada, '83, Hoboken, N. J.  
Ernest H. Foster, '84, Englewood, N. J.  
James B. Ladd, '81, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Malcom MacNaughton, '83, Mumford, N. Y.  
Joseph E. Steward, '83, Trenton, N. J.  
Alfred P. Trantwein, '76, Hoboken, N. J.

## TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Frederick C. Cook, '84, Hagerstown, Md.  
Frank S. Elliott, '80, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Jonathan C. Foltz, '84, Lancaster, Pa.  
John H. Gerhart, '86, Lancaster, Pa.  
Daniel Gibbons, '78, Wilmington, Del.  
Field Kennard, '84, Lake Mahapac, N. Y.  
William G. Mayburry, '83, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Danl. W. Mickley, '84, Upton, Pa.  
Howard P. Wanner, '84, Reading, Pa.

## UPSILON—RENSELAER.

Hugo Weber, '84, New York City.  
Frederick Rosenberg, '82, Altoona, Pa.

## GAMMA BETA—COLUMBIA.

Christopher R. Carter, '84, Elizabeth, N. J.  
Edward W. Clarke, '83, Englewood, N. J.  
Frederick F. Martinez, '82, New York City.  
Alex. D. Keyes, '85, New York City.

## SECOND DIVISION CONFERENCE.

Conference of the Second Division of Delta Tau Delta assembled in the Hall of the Mu Chapter, Delaware, Ohio, January 23, 1883. Called to order at 3 p. m. by Bro. Brook Cheney, President of Mu. An address of welcome, in behalf of the Mu, was delivered by Bro. E. E. Cheney, replied to by Bro. J. C. Sharpe of Psi. Permanent organization followed, and Bro. J. C. Sharp of Psi was elected President and Bro. H. B. Swartz of Mu, Secretary. E. E. Cheney, M. M. Elliott, and F. M. Garber were appointed committee on credentials, and J. W. Magruder appointed to prepare suitable reports for the press.

Committee on credentials reported six chapters represented as follows:

Psi by J. C. Sharpe.  
Chi by O. B. Harris.  
Eta by F. W. Garber.  
Epsilon Beta by D. A. Hayes (proxy).  
Sigma by Frank W. Moulton.  
Mu by D. A. Hayes and E. E. Cheney.

A committee of three were appointed on order of business—Harris of Chi, Moulton, Sigma, and E. E. Cheney of Mu. Moved that a committee on colleges be appointed, Hayes of Mu, Moulton of Sigma, Harris of Chi.

The following order of business was adopted:

1. Chapter reports (with questions.)
2. Discussion of chapter matters.
  - a. Chapter Papers.
  - b. Chapter Records.
  - c. Chapter Meetings.
  - d. Unwritten Law.
  - e. Initiation of Preps.
  - f. Badging.
  - g. Manner of Initiation.
  - h. Our relation with other Fraternities.
  - i. Relation with Non-frats.
  - j. How to interest our alumni.
3. Report of committee on colleges.
4. Suggestions on constitutional matters.

The chapter reports were then heard and discussed with that informality which our small number allowed.

In the evening session chapter reports were finished, and the Subjects of chapter papers and duties of alumni were discussed.

On Friday morning the order of business was taken up, and informal discussion of topics continued. The Unwritten Laws was given by Bros. Brook Cheney and H. B. Swartz of Mu.

At the afternoon session the committee on colleges presented their reports.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That each chapter of this division shall keep a Record of all Alumni, presenting a short account of their lives in the chapter archives, and when the chapter



may think it necessary there be instituted the office of Alumni Secretary.—

*Resolved*, That the Second Division of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , hold a conference next year at a time and place to be decided upon.—

*Resolved*, That this conference recommend to the fraternity the entrance of Delta Tau Delta into the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council.—

At 10 o'clock Friday morning the conference banquet was served by Standish. It was a very enjoyable affair and a fit close to a very pleasant session. Bro. Sharpe presided, and with very neat and appropriate sentiments proposed the toasts, which were responded to, as follows:

The Conference—D. T. Denman, Mu.

The Committee of Arrangements—O. B. Harris, Chi. Delta Tau Delta Ladies—E. E. Cheney, Mu.

Our Alumni—F. W. Garber, Eta.

Silence—E. B. Leas, Mu.

The Delta Tau Delta Badge—B. E. Cheney, Mu.

Chapter Mu—G. P. Austin, Mu.

The University Faculty—D. A. Hayes, Mu.

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity—Rev. J. H. Bethards.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

### DELTA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Time has passed so rapidly of late with us that we can scarcely realize that we are due the CRESCENT another letter. Chapter Delta Beta still keeps up to a high standard. We have the same number of men that we had when we wrote our last letter to the CRESCENT. Bro. Howard, one of our charter members, who now lives at Dahlonga. Ga., paid us a short visit last week. We were very much pleased to have him with us, and regretted that he could not remain longer. He also visited the boys at Oxford at the same time. We would like to have other Deltas please us with their presence among us at any time.

We have not been hearing very regularly from many chapters with whom we have been in correspondence for some time. We hope they have not forgotten us. We will be glad to hear from any of our chapters, and will endeavor to reply promptly. It is rumored that the Phi Gamma Delta has established a chapter at this University. There was a chapter of that fraternity here some years ago, but died as many others did, by

the chancellor refusing to allow fraternities in the the University. We are glad to say that our present chancellor rather recommends than prohibits fraternities in college.

### OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Bro. E. W. Morgan is making Omicron a short visit. Sickness compelled him to remain out of college this term.

Omicron's library was recently enriched by a choice collection of books, presented by W. L. McClurg. We feel quite proud of our small library and consider it a step in the right direction.

March 2nd the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity enlivened fraternity affairs by giving a grand reception. Nine of Omicron's boys displayed their social qualities on the occasion. Such social gatherings are very pleasant and always strike us in the right place.

The fraternities are all very quiet here at present, seem to be saving their strength for the spring boom.

Our orator is girding up his loins for the contest in May, and our Seniors are anxiously fishing for commencement honors.

### RHO—STEVENS.

It would not be at all surprising if the chapter letters of the First Division should be marked by an unusual degree of enthusiasm this month, with the pleasant memories of the conference still fresh. And such a conference! We can truly say that it completely took the shine out of our highest expectations. As the first one was so successful it seems very probable that First Division conferences will become an established institution which will live for a long time and become productive of an almost infinite amount of good to each chapter, to the division and to the fraternity at large.

In one sense, Rho may at present, be said to be in the height of her glory and her state of being resembles very much that of a child in the possession of a new toy. For we have recently enlarged our hall, making our present apartments



double in size those which we formerly occupied and enabling us to meet our ends in a more commodious and fitting manner. This had become necessary from the increased size of our chapter and now we feel even more positive that we can make it pleasant for any of our friends who may feel sufficiently interested to "come and see."

The chapters of *A T Q*, *Σ X* and *X Ψ* which have just been established, show signs of increased activity and have made application for a representation in the Board of Editors of the college annual *The Eccentric*. The Board of Editors is at present composed of four men, one *θ Ξ*, one *B θ Π*, one *Δ T Δ* and one neutral. Principally owing to the lateness of their application the Board decided, after careful consideration that they could not in justice to themselves allow them a direct representation in the present number. They will probably, however, have no difficulty in securing an editorship next year; and cannot in justice find fault with the decision of the Board which was made without any feeling or desire to injure the new fraternities, and showed signs of nothing but an impartial and generous spirit.

Bro. A. W. Stahl who has been cruising in the Mediterranean as cadet engineer in the Navy has just returned, and with Bro. Harry Pope '82 made us a very pleasant visit last week.

We congratulate our Brothers of the Second Division upon having such a successful conference as their letters seem to indicate. The reading of which, last month, made us all the more anxious for ours to come. And it did come.

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#### ETA—BUCHTEL.

The purple and gray is waving triumphantly at Buchtel. The banquet, the increased number of meetings attendant upon it, a strong alumni chapter and the initiation of two good men has aroused Eta's enthusiasm. Our third annual banquet, which took place on the 2d inst., was a pleasant affair. The reception was held at the K. of P. Hall, where twenty-five couple danced the happy hours away. At 12 o'clock the com-

pany repaired to the Empire House, where a sumptuous feast had been prepared for them. After due justice had been done the bill of fare Toast Master C. L. Bock called the merry munchers to order, and with a few appropriate words introduced the toasters, who responded ably to the following sentiments:

Our Third Annual Banquet—E. S. Rothrock.

"Labor for the beautiful and the good"—F. W. Garber.

Delta girls—J. W. McLane.

Cleveland Deltas—T. P. Twiggs.

The Alumni Chapter—J. A. Motz.

The Forum—E. F. Noris.

The Infants—E. J. Felt.

"What's Comin'?"—James Ford.

"And last of all come"—A. E. Hyre.

Alpha was represented by Bro. Cullum, and Zeta by Bros. McLane, Waite and Arter. Bros. Twiggs, Nodine and Beatty, of Cleveland, were also in attendance. The event was a pronounced success. ●

Bro. T. P. Twiggs is now a Prof. at the Cleveland Spencerian Business College.

We take pleasure in introducing our new initiates, Bros. Ewell and Felt. Both splendid men and royal Deltas.

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#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We are happy to have another brother to present to the fraternity. Mr. John C. Shaw, '86, was initiated into the mysteries of the Delta Tau Delta, March 10th. He showed moral courage and fortitude worthy a true, loyal Delt.

We now number eleven men in the literary department and six in the professional departments.

We have already spoken about the *Palladium*, and promised to exchange with any sister chapters who wished to do so, as soon as the annual was published. We speak now to show that we have not forgotten our promise, but the *Palladium* is yet in the future. We are expecting it out in a week or so, and will then send copies to repay those already received from other colleges.



## GAMMA BETA—COLUMBIA.

Since our last appearance in your columns we have initiated two worthy men into the mysteries of our brotherhood. All of our men now openly wear their pins, and therefore it will not come amiss to publish our list, which is as follows:

Edward W. Clarke, '83, Edward H. Apgar '83, Christopher R. Carter, '84, Alexander D. Keyes, '85, School of Medicine, Jules J. Plunkett.

Besides the above we have two active alumni who give us their heartiest support at all times.

We will appear in our College Annual, the *Columbiad*, which will appear the latter part of this month, and we would be most happy to exchange with any of our sister chapters.

## PSI—WOOSTER.

At this writing we cannot refrain from expressing how highly we appreciated the last number of the *CRESCENT*. It was a most valuable issue, in our estimation.

Hitherto, we have said nothing on the prep. question, and all that we wish to say now, is, that we heartily endorse the sentiment of Prof. Eversole's last letter to the *CRESCENT*. We believe it states the question fairly for our western colleges.

We were also pleased with the suggestions of "X. Y. Z." and the text that the editor took from that article, and the pointed remarks in reference to chapter letters. We believe their doctrine. If we are among the number referred to, then will we, gracefully as possible submit and endeavor to sin no more. We trust that hereafter all chapter letters will be more in accordance with the views referred to, and that this department of our journal will become more interesting. We hope that our future remarks may not seem at variance with these views.

Psi is rejoicing. We feel that we have reason for joy and honest pride. We will state the facts and ask you to rejoice with us, for our honor is yours, even as Bro. Charles Krichbaum's is ours. It is known in all the college circles of Ohio, that at the late Oratorical Contest at Marietta,

that to Bro. Krichbaum was awarded the first honors. He received congratulations from the faculty, students, friends and citizens and also from Governor Foster.

But Psi has still another reason for feeling jubilant. At our last regular meeting we initiated Victor L. Crabbs, which now makes five Deltas in the class of '86.

## ZETA BETA—BUTLER.

Zeta Beta has commenced to boom the XXV Annual Convention. We have made arrangements with the Denison House, thereby insuring first-class accommodations and fair rates. The Denison is noted for the spread she makes on the occasion of banquets, and promises us that she will do her best. We expect a grand old time, and if the eastern chapters turn out we will have the largest convention in the history of Delta Tau Delta. There are about twenty-five Deltas in Indianapolis who declare their intention to be there in force, and they are the right kind of Deltas. Beta Beta promises her entire delegation. Nearly all of our alumni will answer "present." The other chapters are requested to send us lists of their members, giving their addresses, so that we can send out invitations in due time.

Fraternity news is remarkably scarce at Butler at present.

Sigma Chi is happy over the establishment of a large alumni chapter in Indianapolis, and the result of the Purdue contest.

The State Senate placed a rider on the appropriation bill requiring the faculty and directors of Purdue to remove the restrictions against fraternities before drawing any of the appropriation. The victory was won by the united Greeks of the state. Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi each had one or more men in the legislature, who upheld fraternity interests nobly. Mr. Willard A. A. O. delivered the principal address in behalf of fraternities. Purdue has only about two-thirds as many students this year as last, so that it was easy to induce our country Solons to pass the measure.



## EPSILON—ALBION.

Allow me to introduce to the fraternity four royal "Delts" whom we have initiated within the past two months;—Bros. Harry Weed, Hugh Morris, C. H. Gordon and E. F. Abernethy. All of the boys are members of the class '86, with the exception, perhaps, of Mr. Weed, in regard to whose classification we are not confident to say. However, we, as a chapter, are decidedly opposed to the initiation of preparatory students into our fraternity. Although in the past we have initiated a few such students, we are pretty well agreed, I think, never to do so more. Of course if the college continues in its present prosperous condition, we shall be under no necessity of taking in such students; and if the fraternity takes such actions as is ably proposed—and we hope it will take—we will be prohibited from it.

In our last letter we made the statement that there would be a union meeting of the Michigan chapters here in March. But the time has been changed. We are to meet the 18th and 19th of May, when we all hope to have the privilege of participating in such discussions as will be to the highest interest of Deltaism. In regard to the programme to be carried out there has been much discussion; and especially with us. For it was left largely with us to decide. After a heated debate, lasting through two sessions, we came to the conclusion that it would be best to carry out a literary programme in the college chapel, to be participated in by two members from each chapter. About the only reason urged by the opposition to this programme was the shortness of time. But we think there will be ample time for business. To be sure it will necessitate promptness and a pointed way of saying what is to be said. But who wants anything other than straight-forward business. At the business session there will be a chance for a "feast of reason" and at the banquet "for a flow of soul." We hope that our Michigan brothers are looking forward to a pleasurable and profitable time; such a time as we hope to be able to give.

## DELTA TAU DELTA IN LITERATURE.

Devoted to Notices of the Works of Members of the Fraternity.

*Nervous Diseases; their Description and Treatment.* By Allan McLane Hamilton, (old Kappa '76) Henry C. Lea, Philadelphia, 1882; 8 mo; pp. 578; 53 illustrations.

This is the second edition of a work which the most prominent of English neurological journals, *Brain*, has characterized as the best work upon this subject ever published; it has received the unqualified indorsement of the leading medical journals of this country and of the most prominent practitioners, and is recognized as the standard work of its kind.

*A Manual of Brachygraphy.* By John T. Porter (Gamma '70.) Joseph Eichbaum & Co., Pittsburgh, 1882; 12 mo.

Brachygraphy is the name of a new system of shorthand writing devised by the author, and based upon the vowel sounds of the English language, instead of upon the cononants as in the older systems of Pitman, Graham and Munsaw. The system is said to have the great merit of being so plain and simple as to be readily learned and so brief as to effect a saving in time of at least one-third over the older methods. The author is one of the oldest stenographers in Pittsburgh, and his system is the result of careful study. His manual has seen two editions, and has been highly endorsed by those who are adepts in brachygraphy.

The publication shortly is announced of *Types of Insanity; An Illustrated Guide in the Physical Diagnosis of Mental Disease.* By Allan McLane Hamilton, M. D., (old Kappa '67) from the press of Messrs. William Wood & Co., New York.

## INITIATES.

## BETA BETA—ASBURY.

Claude T. Griffith, 475 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

## GAMMA BETA—COLUMBIA.

Edward Wight Clarke, Tenafly, N. J.  
Edward Hedden Apgar, Jersey City, N. J.  
Christopher Robert Carter, Elizabeth, N. J.  
Alexander Darwin Keyes, New York, N. Y.  
Jules John Plunkett, New York, N. Y.

## IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

Guy Osborn, '86, Buchanan, Mich.  
Lynn Bonham, '84, Oxford, O.

## ZETA—WESTERN RESERVE.

William Sherman Arter, '86, Cleveland, O.

## IOTA BETA—ADRIAN.

William Henry Carrier, '86, Adrian, Mich.

## BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Francis Edgar Strickland, '84, Stouts, O.

## TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Daniel Hull Sensenig, '86, Lancaster, Pa.

## EPSILON BETA—EMORY.

Walter Branham Griffin, '86, Mt. Vernon, Ga.  
George Lewis Adams, '86, Oxford, Ga.

## ETA—BUCHTEL.

Herbert P. Ewell, '86, Utica, Mich.  
Elmer J. Felt, '86, Kent, O.

## OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

William Thomas Stevens, '86, Clarinda, Iowa.

## THETA—BETHANY.

Lloyd Swift Phillips, '86, Gordonsville, Va.  
David Spurgeon, '86, Winchester, Ky.  
Gustavus Smith, '85, Platte City, Mo.  
James Mitchell Calhoun, '86, Lock Haven, Pa.  
Henry Daniel Halbert, '85, Vanceburg, Ky.  
Oscar Schmiedel, '86, Wellsburg, W. Va.

## XI—SIMPSON.

Thomas Murphy, '86, Monroe, Iowa.

## DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

John Clarence Shaw, '86, Bay City, Mich.



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