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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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LINES FOR THE DEDICATION OF ETA HALL.

BY F. W. GARBER.

Friday Evening, February 22d, 1884.

There's an old and long-lived story
Of Odysseus the brave,
Him the poet's crowning glory,
Him the master and the slave ;—
Slave to every high-born impulse,
Master of each low desire,
And the spirit of that hero
Glow's to-day like holy fire.
Yes, the quenchless thirst for learning
And the matchless, earnest strife
Of a wand'ring soul returning
To a better, purer life
Are but types of great Ulysses,
Are the modern warriors Greek,
Striving yet to gain the home-isle
And to hear its dwellers speak.
Bloodless though our combats mortal,
And all soundless storms the sea,
Yet we enter not the portal
Of the new-world mystery
Till each Cyclop, Circe, Siren
Has been slain or overcome,
Till we've battled wave and tempest
And have known our manhood's sum.
Ours the vent'rous deed of daring
And the strife with men and gods ;
Ours the earnest, hopeful warring
For the truth at any odds.
Oh ! the modern Greek must battle
With a heart as strong and true
As e'er warmed the breast of ancient,
Or gave love its manly then.

And Penelope our dear one
Who sits beckoning serene
Is the noble, beauteous clear one,
Is our glorious Delta Queen.
Round her throng unmanly suitors,
But with dark and troubled brow
Turns she and awaits the coming
Of those worthy Delta Tau.
But to-night she smiles in gladness
And her lips are moved with song,
Vanished from her brow is sadness,
And her heart beats full and strong ;
For to-night those Greeks have gathered
Who have loved her all the years
When she calmly, bravely struggled
To be Queen that knows no peers.
Now we crown her Queen of Beauty,
Mother of a brotherhood
Ruled by thoughts of love and duty
And the "beautiful and good."
Yes, to-night we are assembled
To lay laurels at the feet
Of our heart's own high ideal
Of a womanhood complete.
Only by our mortal loving
Can we know the love divine ;
Only by our human proving
Can we test that friendship fine
Which to higher souls is given
In their hours of perfect trust,
Thus we deify the object
Of our human heart of dust.
When we wish to mark the purest
Of our longings and desires,
When we'd show our thoughts the surest
And the soul's own quenchless fires.

Thenthis figure of Ulysses
 And the fair Penelope
 Types the earnest Delta warrior,
 Types his thoughts of purity.

Unto these, the loved creation
 Of each honest Frater's mind,
 Join we here in dedication
 Of the best our zeal could find.

Unto all that holy manhood
 In its highest, noblest call
 Sees or wishes for its fellow
 Do we dedicate this hall.

May the freshness and the beauty
 Which so strongly mark it now,
 Symbolize our love and duty
 To our good old Delta Tau.

May all earnest, striving Brothers
 Who have fallen into wrong
 Find within its walls protection,
 And take courage and be strong.

A PROBLEM.

I.—GIVEN.

An American College Fraternity, founded twenty-five years ago. Its history differs not widely from that of each of the other college Fraternities in the country. Its origin was humble, perhaps unusually obscure. It has flourished at some times, declined at others; but the general tendency has been toward growth and improvement. It has made many serious mistakes in development, in government, in admission to membership. Unworthy men have come into it, just as it happens in all similar societies. Dissensions have arisen in its ranks, for it is made up largely of *young* men. But the members have generally been poor, studious, enthusiastic; in many cases ornaments; in a few instances disgraces to their Fraternity and to their college; many are deservedly prominent in law, in literature, in science, and in politics; many are unknown, obscure, commonplace; some who have gone out from their colleges are still enthusiastic in the work of the Fraternity; some are indifferent, others have forgotten her.

This Society has Chapters in thirty-three institutions of learning, in the Middle, Western and Southern States. Some of these institutions are old and rich, and afford opportunities for

broad and thorough scholarship. They are constantly increasing in influence, and gradually approaching the front rank of American colleges. Others are young and poor, with small classes, and with courses of study adapted to the demands of an inferior class of students. The Chapters vary as much in character, as do the institutions in which they are located. Some are composed mainly of men who are recognized as leaders and superiors in their colleges, in social qualities, in scholarship, and in morality. Some are composed of men, strong in point of morality, but destitute of all else that gives to a Chapter uniform strength and influence. Others are mere convivial clubs, in which a man's eligibility and position depend, at least in part, upon his capacity for carousing. Others, still, are weak from the mixture of conflicting elements—the genuinely social, the moral, the studious, the dissolute. There is manifestly no uniform standard of qualifications for admission to the Society.

Remembering the character of this Society, and the purposes for which it exists, we must not be too ready to criticise harshly or to rebuke; on the other hand, we can not be blind to its defects. Let us then give careful consideration to the following statements, to see whether they express faithfully the present condition of the Society. If they do not, we may be glad of its prosperity. If they do, we certainly have before us a problem whose solution may prove difficult.

1. *The Chapters are not working together with a settled purpose*, for some definite end. Some of them favor Eastern extension; some Southern extension; some an indefinite extension. Others favor contraction and centralizing improvement; and not a few are indifferent in these matters.

2. *The Chapters are too often selfish*, forgetting that they are parts of a whole, attentive only to individual growth, and seemingly careless of the welfare of the General Fraternity.

3. *New Chapters fight their battles alone*, without much aid from the older ones. The strong do not heed the cries of the weak, nor keep a sharp look-out for opportunities to help them.

4. *Though there is a marked lack of personal self-sacrifice* in the interests of the order, there are individuals who give time, labor and thought to these interests, and who are never found wanting in enthusiasm or in willingness to work.

5. *The Alumni are not kept sufficiently interested.* While some are genuine workers, the majority seem disposed rather to criticise severely; few seem ready to counsel, to encourage, to support.

6. *The Fraternity journal is wretchedly supported.* In plan, in size, in appearance, and in management, it is acknowledged to be excellent. The other Chapters, forgetting that the publishing Chapter is composed of college men like themselves, with other duties claiming their attention, do not contribute to its columns. They consider their duty done when their subscription is paid, and are inclined to criticise rather than to support.

Such is the pessimistic view of the condition of this Fraternity,—our Fraternity. Much can be said on the other side. We have many reasons for self-congratulation. But let us submit ourselves to some questioning. Why do we belong to this Society? We are parts of a whole—a truth that needs to be thoroughly impressed upon each Chapter—but *what for?* What is the aim of this Fraternity? Toward what is it looking? What does it hope to be, or to become, as a secret organization? Let us see what is

II.—REQUIRED,

—or, perhaps, it should be, what *ought to be* required.

From the above data, we should evolve a Society, transcending in character and influence any similar Society in this country; our aim should be no lower. It must grow; it must extend its territory; it must become richer; it must become a Society that shall honor each man who joins it; one in which membership is eagerly sought, not one that seeks members. It must be found in the very best institutions in the country, including all but those whose educative

influence is slight, or whose courses of study and methods of instruction are defective. That it may be a benefit to all students, it must have in its numbers the best of the students wherever its Chapters are found, or its proper share of them where there are many. It must be fair, generous and honorable in its work among college students, exerting its influence always on the side of whatever is really right and true. Its inner workings must be such as to place around every member influences that shall refine, and strengthen, and broaden, and ennoble him. This does not necessarily mean that each meeting shall be opened with prayer, or that the Bible shall be the only book allowed in the Chapter Hall. All within the bounds of common sense and propriety, the order must keep the student not only in college, but also when he has gone out to do the work for which the college has prepared him. In brief, the aim of the Fraternity, as a whole, shall be:—

1. *The social, intellectual and moral improvement of its members.* What an old cry it is! We have read it time and again, and we turn away. Stop a moment. *Is* such a thing in its nature impossible? Can we not require our work to aim at it? And shall we not be a stronger Fraternity if we do? We must have some aim. *Can* we have a higher one?

2. *The establishment and promotion of generosity, harmony, and good fellowship, as far as it may be possible,* wherever the Chapters of this organization are situated; and

3. *The advancement of the real interests of American college students everywhere.* We propose to be a broad Society; broad in our views; broad in our influence; and we do not hope too much, nor attempt too much. Now, is there anything in all this that is, in itself, vague or visionary? Are not these aims all sensible and legitimate?

From the Society, as it is to-day, we hope to see such an organization come. How is the new state of things to be brought about? It is, indeed, a problem. Without presuming to dictate,

let us see if we can give some hints useful for its

III.—SOLUTION.

Here we must move cautiously. We can not at once revolutionize. Thoughtfully, carefully, kindly, must every change be made. For some changes, everything is now ready; for others, we must wait for years. Earnest effort now can bring about some necessary reforms; time alone can bring about others. General suggestions, vague remarks, are out of place here; we need to be specific, to discuss just what to do and how to do it. And there is no inconsistency between what has already been said, and the statement that the best thing necessary to the solution of the problem, and to the building up of the Fraternity is:—

1. *The lopping off of all unpromising, non-progressive, and retarding Chapters.* This may seem paradoxical. Let us not be misunderstood here. For all that is worthy in the members of these Chapters, and for all that is earnest in their work, we must have the highest respect and admiration. But the stern fact stands out before us, that we have Chapters that have been a hindrance to our progress, and that will prove especially such in the broader future toward which we are looking. The fact is patent; our strength must lie, not in the possession of a large number of Chapters, but in strong Chapters. Extension does not mean honor; territory does not necessarily mean influence. Much as we may dislike to take this step, much as we may sympathize with the Chapters so cut off, it must be admitted that the clearest and deepest view of the general welfare shows the action to be necessary. This can be done without great difficulty. Let such Chapters be notified to initiate no men beyond a certain college class, so that one or two individuals may not be obliged to complete their courses without fraternal companionship. Then let the charter be withdrawn. There is no necessity for harsh or unreasoning measures. Let all be done in kindness and with clear judgment. Local interest must always give way to the general welfare.

2. *We need more definite plans for future work, and more centralized effort in Fraternity management.* Ask the members of your Chapter, "What is the general tendency of the work of this Fraternity?" and they will be unable to answer you. By continued discussion at conferences, at the convention, through *THE CRESCENT*, and by means of correspondence, let us arrive at something like a general conclusion, as to what we wish to become, as a Fraternity, in the next ten or twenty years, and then direct our intelligent effort to the carrying out of that plan. Coming members will not overthrow all this planning, if we are only careful to plan intelligently and reasonably. On the contrary, they will promote and carry onward whatever is just and sensible in our labors. If we are to aim at extension in any direction, we should know of it as a Society; if at centralization, we should know of it. In this way we can avoid aimless and useless labor. System and regularity will take the place of the present vagueness in planning and working, and we shall avoid the cross purposes that might otherwise occur among us. Let a plan be suggested, adopted, and then executed. We can carry out any reasonable plan, if we will only centralize upon it earnestness and intelligence.

3. *GENERAL FRATERNITY WORK SHOULD BE MORE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE CHAPTERS.* As it is, three or four Chapters do nearly all the Fraternity work. We are parts of a whole; let us bear this in mind. Chapters can be made more interested in the order generally, by giving them some of the general work to do. More work can be undertaken, and more accomplished, if each Chapter has something to do; and the Fraternity will not then seem to be composed of three or four Chapters, with thirty more whose only interest is that of lookers-on.

4. *WE NEED TO APPRECIATE MORE FULLY THE VALUE OF AN ENTHUSIASTIC BODY OF ALUMNI.* As with a college, so with a Fraternity,—her honor lies in her intelligent, loving, and enthusiastic Alumni. We have lost sight of this fact. Al-

umni should not be allowed to forget "the old Frat.," and they will not forget her if they are reminded in the proper manner of her existence, her wants, and her condition. Send them *THE CRESCENT*; send them your Chapter papers; send them fraternal letters. Invite them to your anniversaries, and banquets, and initiations. Make them feel that they are something besides mere money-givers. Keep them roused up, and they will not fail to respond when help is needed. Our Alumni are so slow to respond to calls for help, simply because they do not thoroughly know what they are asked to help.

5. WE MUST EXERCISE STILL GREATER CARE IN THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS. Old as this remark is, we are not yet beyond the need of observing it. When we have more definite plans, this remark will not be so important. We shall know what kind of men is needed to execute these plans. There will always be a great diversity of men in our membership, but we can avoid at least some of the great errors from which we now suffer. Our fault now is in choosing one-sided men—men who excel in one thing, but who are far below the mark in all else. Let us have more care and greater uniformity here. One qualification should not decide a man's admission. Look for good, "all-around" men. Competition seems to drive some of our Chapters frantic. It is enough to decide a man's eligibility that some rival Chapter wants him. Be sure *you* want him. Be sure that he is a symmetrical man. Let no man be admitted who is far below your standard in any one respect. This does not mean a "goody goody" standard, but one of sociability, intelligence, and square-dealing. Let no dissipated man enter on his promise to reform. The Fraternity is not a reformatory. Our Chapters have also erred occasionally in the following matters: Voting in favor of a man's admission, simply because his brother, or cousin, happens to be a member; voting against a man, simply because his brother happens to be below the standard; voting against a man, simply because his name was proposed by some member, who had previously voted against the admission of a man

whom the rest of the Chapter wanted. We should be more generous and high-spirited in these matters. As with Chapters in the Fraternity, so it is with members in the Chapter. It is not numbers, but excellence, that is desirable. Let our rivals enjoy their unwieldy and discordant numbers. Our interests are best served by small Chapters of choice men.

6. WE NEED A MORE VIGOROUS INTERIOR DISCIPLINE, AND A COMPLETE REVISION OF THE UNWRITTEN LAW. Some of our better and more strict Chapters would be astounded at the lack of discipline and apparent carelessness of some of the less cautious Chapters. In view of the nature of our organization, it is little less than amazing to see how indifferently Fraternal vows are considered. The Fraternal oath is no light promise—it means something. And we can not escape the awful fact that, in a few instances, the Fraternity oath has been violated and her secrets betrayed. The proof is overwhelming. The power of mystery is not yet fully comprehended among us. It is the secret of prosperity. It is an essential to progress. What is to be done? Let us have a complete revision of the Unwritten Law. Let everything be changed, no matter how much past association may rebel against it, for the need of this step is imperative. This is not written thoughtlessly. The next convention can do no more effective work than to give to the order a new Unwritten Law, really revised and improved.

7. An essential to the progress of the Fraternity is EARNEST SUPPORT OF THE FRATERNITY JOURNAL. This means not only the moral support that encourages the publishing Chapter, but also that support which manifests itself in long subscription lists, and in articles, poems, and items of interest. Perhaps our Chapters are not, on the whole, more negligent than the Chapters of our rival Fraternities, but certainly no number of this journal should be filled with borrowed matter. The publishing Chapter has much else to do, and it does this work gratis. Let a man be appointed in every Chapter, once a month, to see to it that something besides the Chapter letter goes from that Chapter to *THE CRESCENT*—a

news item, a suggestion, a few lines on some subject of general interest. We certainly should be ashamed of ourselves that we do not give more earnest support to the literary department of this journal. Are we so far inferior to our rivals, as our negligence in this matter indicates?

8. REGULAR DIVISION CONFERENCES, AND AN INCREASED ATTENDANCE UPON THE CONVENTION, will do much to aid in the solution of our problem. In no way can interest be better maintained, or Fraternity work more systematically done. The suggestion and discussion of various questions, mutual acquaintance with Chapter hardships and advantages, united thought and labor in general work, are all secured in this way, as well as the removal of sectional jealousy. No time should be wasted at these meetings. The work should be planned and executed systematically, to be production of the higher good. Earnestness will secure the representation of every Chapter at the annual convention; and Chapter interest, if nothing else, would demand that the Chapter be represented.

9. MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID, BY THE FRATERNITY IN GENERAL, TO THOSE WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH NEW CHAPTERS, AND TO CHAPTERS RECENTLY ADMITTED. It is a lamentable fact, that those who are engaged in the work of founding Chapters are left to work alone. A few individuals send occasional letters, but from the Society, generally, comes very little to encourage or to help these men who are undergoing so much in her behalf. The difficulty of the work is not fully appreciated. These men make great personal sacrifices in undertaking the work. Often they voluntarily shut themselves out of the societies in their respective institutions, and they experience many hours of loneliness and bitter discouragement. At such times a letter from a distant Chapter is a God-send. It feels that the Fraternity *does* take an interest in their effort, and that their sacrifices are appreciated. Whenever any man, or men, agree to undertake the work of establishing a new Chapter, every man in the Fraternity should know of it; and

letters should come to them, not at rare intervals, but every day, to cheer and strengthen them. The task of writing should not devolve altogether upon the S. A.; let the Chapter share it equally. Discouragements will not be so common, and not so many attempts at Chapter organization will be futile, if we observe this caution. Moreover, the granting of a charter to a number of men, does not release us from all interest in their welfare. The older Chapters have much in their history that would be of inestimable value to a new Chapter. Therefore, instead of dropping all communication with them, let the attentions be increased. The new men will welcome all cautions against error, all directions for good management, all cheerful and encouraging messages. This brings us to consider that

10. WE NEED A MORE UNIFORM METHOD OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CHAPTERS,—a fact that some of our thoughtful Brothers are lately beginning to appreciate. From the private or secret nature of the necessary correspondence, it can not be carried on through THE CRESCENT; moreover, this journal should be filled with matter of general interest. The wants of individual Chapters, the peculiar difficulties they labor under, advice as to how to proceed in certain cases, information of worthy men who expect to attend an institution where we have a Chapter, arrangements for visits, conferences, etc.,—all these can best be treated if by correspondence between the Chapters interested. Each Chapter should be on the look-out for the well-being of every other Chapter. Letters of advice, of warning, of approval, of information—these are the things to which we must look for—that closer union of the Chapters which is essential to the solution of the problem before us.

11. The present condition of the Fraternity, together with what has yet to be done in the future, demands *an increase in Fraternity interest and spirit*. There never was a time in our history when that demand was more imperative than it is to-day. Back of all effective planning must lie genuine interest; active endeavor, zeal,

and spirit, must *make* that planning effective. We have earnest workers in our ranks, to whom are due all our sincere thanks; but so much is to be done that the whole order must awaken its zeal to its accomplishment. United, hearty effort, long continued, must give us the success for which we hope. Nothing else ever can give it. Let us rouse ourselves from our present apathy. Let each and every Chapter determine to be more active and energetic. In active, stirring work in our respective colleges, in the eager advancement of Chapter interests, in unselfish devotion of time and labor to the improvement of the Fraternity in general, let us show our appreciation of the duties devolved upon us. Enthusiasm will beget enthusiasm, and activity will take the place where indolence now sits. These sentences might well be written in letters of gold in every Chapter Hall. Let the light of their meaning shine through all our actions as members of Delta Tau.

"He who labors for his college Fraternity, labors for himself. Effort in her behalf is well repaid. Her advancement in stability and influence means his own progress in social position, in intelligence, and in manly worth."

ZETA.

HENRY AND CLARENCE BELL.

A kindly interest necessarily attaches to all who were connected with the stirring events surrounding the origin of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Bethany College, in the winter of 1859-60, and it afforded us, therefore, peculiar pleasure to be able to present, from time to time, sketches of the personal history of the principal actors in these scenes. This portion of our history, while sadly neglected in the past, is now being made the subject of careful investigation, with fair promise of complete success. In continuation of previous contributions upon this subject, we have pleasure in presenting a few biographical notes, concerning Henry K. and Clarence W. Bell, brothers, and among the earliest members of Delta Tau Delta at Bethany.

They were derived largely from a personal interview with Mr. David D. Bell, of Lexington, Kentucky, and the testimony of their contemporaries. It is but just to say that the Fraternity is indebted to Brother Robert C. Estill, Theta, '75, of Lexington, Kentucky, for his successful efforts to trace the Bell family.

The parents of the Bell brothers came of old Maryland stock, and removed to Lexington, Ky., in 1832, where the family has almost continuously resided. Their mother was a daughter of the Rev. Daniel Davis, of Salisbury, Md., a prominent clergyman in the Baptist church. One of his sons, the Rev. Noah Davis, is recognized as the founder and first Secretary of what is now known as the Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, and whose son, Rev. Noah K. Davis, a first cousin of the Bells, therefore, is now Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Virginia. The father of the Bell brothers was Henry Bell, Esq., a shrewd and highly successful business man, who was largely interested in the dry goods trade in St. Louis, Lexington, and elsewhere, and who was widely known and respected in the community in which he lived. He was a personal friend of Henry Clay, and others of the public men of his times, but did not himself take a prominent part in politics.

Henry Ker Bell was born on the family homestead, in 1839, and Clarence Wilmont Bell, in 1841, as the third and fourth, respectively, of five sons. They received their elementary education in Lexington. Their father, as the intimate and life-long friend of Rev. Alexander Campbell, the well known founder of the Disciple, or Christian church, and founder, also, of Bethany College, decided to give them the advantages of a college education at Bethany, then at the very height of its prosperity, and enjoying a reputation such as few other Southern institutions possessed. They entered college during the session of 1857-58, but did not remain later than 1861-62. Henry K. Bell proved himself one of the most zealous and

enthusiastic workers in the movement which finally culminated in the formation of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. It may seem invidious to attempt to distinguish the parts which individuals played in a work in which so many aided, each to the best of his ability, with a view to harmony and success; yet the fact seems fully established that the first design for a badge of the Fraternity was drawn by him, and that to him was entrusted the task of having the first badges made. This badge, discontinued for a short time in favor of what is known as the "star badge," is now once more the only accepted badge of membership. The earliest steps toward the extension of the Fraternity were taken by Henry Bell, the establishment of what is now the Gamma, at Washington and Jefferson College, through Brothers Brown and Sutton, being managed by him.

After leaving Bethany in 1861, Henry K. Bell, in the fall of the same year, married Miss Kate Warfield, of Lexington, Kentucky, removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and engaged in the general commission business, under the firm name of Prince & Bell. This partnership was subsequently dissolved, Brother Bell continuing in business alone, until the time of his death, which occurred on June 21st, 1867, at the age of 28 years.

Clarence W. Bell left his father's home in 1861, going South with General John C. Breckinridge. He was about to engage as a planter in Carroll Parish, Louisiana, where he had married a Miss Morgan, when he died, on August 21st, 1862, at the age of twenty-one years, from the effects of a congestive chill, brought on by exposure.

Both Henry and Clarence Bell are buried in the family burial plot, at Lexington, Ky.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* will hereafter be edited by Piromis H. Bell, an Alumnus. W. A. Guerry, the retiring editor, can congratulate himself on the success of the journal while under his management.

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THE SUCCESS and influence attending the Annual Conferences of the First and Second Divisions, has born its legitimate fruit in the recent announcements of the Third and Fourth Division Conferences, to be held at Hillsdale, (time not stated) with the Kappa Chapter, and at Iowa City, April 30th, May 1st, 2d and 3d, with the Omicron Chapter, respectively. The places of holding these two Conventions have been well chosen, and our Western Brothers may reasonably anticipate a grand gathering of Deltas. The reports of the meetings of the First and Second Divisions, in the last issue of THE CRESCENT, bear ample witness of the growing popularity of these Conferences, and although this is the first meeting of the Third and Fourth Divisions, there can be no doubt of the success of the effort. Last year, the meeting of the "Michigan Chapters," while it was in every way successful, elicited some unfavorable comment from the other Chapters of that Division. The present occasion will afford them an opportunity of proving the falsity of the statement, that the Third Division Chapters are too widely separated to hold a successful Conference. Let every Chapter be represented by as many men as can possibly attend. Further notice of the time of the Hillsdale meeting will be given. In the

Fourth Division the Conference at Iowa City will be especially favored. Beta Eta and Beta Kappa, our recently founded Chapters, will be given an opportunity, for the first time, of learning by personal experience the true Brotherhood of a Delta Tau Delta Convention. This Division is the smallest, numerically, but is composed of wide-awake, strong, vigorous Chapters, and we extend our hearty congratulations to the promoters of this movement, on the ready support that has been extended to them in their efforts.

WE HAVE received Vol. I, No. 1, of the *Epsilon Star*, published by Epsilon Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, at Albion College. It is a newsy, attractive little paper, filled with interesting Chapter news and eminently fitted to the work it has undertaken. In its arrangement and contents it differs somewhat from our other Chapter publications, giving more space to personals and minor items of college life. We are not able to determine whether our visitor will appear annually or each term, but whenever it does come it will be gladly welcomed to the sanctum of THE CRESCENT. H C. Morris, G. W. Healey, and Harry Weed, compose the editorial board of the *Star*, and judging from the number before us the positions are well filled.

THE EDITOR of the *Phi Gamma Delta* seems to be angry. As will be remembered by our readers we noticed, in a former issue of this journal, an article that would appear shortly in the organ of that Fraternity. For this criminal proceeding, we are favored with considerable space in the last number of that magazine. Now, we think of it, perhaps we were a little hard on Mr. Mooney to explode his mild little joke, just when he had the surprise nicely prepared for us, and consequently we can make all due allowance for his pardonable chagrin. He will probably recover.

WE PRESENT to the Fraternity a statistical report of the condition of the Delta Tau Delta

Fraternity, January 1st, 1884. We would gladly have furnished this report earlier in the volume, but various circumstances attributed to delay its publication until the present issue. We are indebted to our General Secretary, Wilber Colvin, for his labor in preparing the same. We would suggest that any Brothers desiring to have their CRESCENTS bound, would place the table in the January number, where it rightly belongs.

THE MARCH-APRIL number of the *Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta, contains a number of carefully prepared affidavits, giving the authority upon which a member of that Fraternity published a false statement concerning our Eta Chapter at Buchtel College. It is certainly unfortunate that such misunderstandings should occur between members and Chapters of Greek letter Fraternities. Mr. Payne makes no attempt to substantiate his original statement, only showing that he had his information from some one else, who received his in an equally indirect manner. On the other hand, our correspondent from Eta furnished us letters direct from the Fraternities in question, utterly denying the statements made in the *Commercial-Gazette*. Naturally, under these circumstances, it was but just to the Chapter to allow it to present its explanation of the charges preferred against it—that being done, we would gladly see this matter forgotten, and buried under a Pan-Hellenic pall beyond the hope of resurrection.

WHAT CAN we do to make THE CRESCENT a leading magazine in the Greek Fraternity publications? To accomplish this end, several radical changes must be brought about, and from our present position we are perhaps able to see and comprehend the needs of our journal more easily than those not so intimately connected with its publication. In regard to financial support we will say but little. Several Fraternities have enacted laws, requiring each active member to subscribe for their publications. Delta Tau Delta needs no such law, for as a rule our actives are universal in their ready and cheerful sup-

port; but the vast number of Alumni are almost inaccessible. It is unreasonable to expect our Business Manager to write to each and every one of our Alumni, asking them to subscribe for our paper. This work must devolve upon the Chapter Secretaries, and they must, to a very great extent, be responsible for the interest and support of their own Alumni. In this respect there is room for a grand reform. This may not be the best time to bring this matter before the Fraternity, but we may be able to say some word that will result in benefit to our successors. This year we assumed the Editorial Chair of *THE CRESCENT*, with untold plans for its improvement and extension. Sorrowfully, we have been forced to relinquish them, one by one. Almost unconsciously we have been forced back into old ways, which we had fondly hoped were to be forever abandoned. But not alone has lack of financial support embarrassed us in our work, but the utter indifference with which our appeals for literary aid have been received and forgotten, has been especially trying. Do you want to see *THE CRESCENT* more than a report of the monthly doings of the several Chapters? If so, help to make it something more. A Fraternity journal need not, and should not be, so exclusively devoted to Fraternity subjects that, to an ordinary reader, it will be utterly unintelligible. The journal that is a true exponent of its Fraternity, must be interesting and attractive. It must, of course, contain all the Fraternity news, but it need not, on that account, be devoid of literary matter. In this must our first reformation begin, and other things will rapidly follow. Our *CRESCENT*, in its present size, can easily devote from eight to ten pages to this kind of matter, and still have abundance of room to report the Fraternity's condition and workings. For these articles we must look principally to our Alumni. They are the men who are capable of presenting such matters in a matured and attractive manner. Do not let us look in vain. As noticed elsewhere, all matter must be in our hands by the first of each month to insure publication.

"*DELTA TAU DELTA* has made her constitution open." This statement has been extensively published through the Fraternity press, for the last six months, and while it contains some semblance to the truth, it does not exactly define the action of the last Convention. There are many parts of our constitution which require no secrecy. Parts, in fact, which define our purposes so fully and concisely that we are proud to lay them before the Greek world. The Convention passed a resolution, to the effect that "that part of the oath, referring to the secrecy of our constitution, should be stricken out," and limited the free publication of the constitution by a wise and careful restriction. Careful study of the subject had convinced us that excessive secrecy was useless, and in some cases even injurious to the general welfare of the Fraternity, and it was to meet these particular cases that the legislation in question was enacted. Our constitution is not open, in the sense in which a majority of our exchanges understand it to be. It is, however, no violation of the duty owed to the Fraternity, to reveal certain parts thereof, in accordance with the restrictions still existing, and in a proper cause.

It was the good fortune of the Historian of the Fraternity to meet, recently, Mr. David D. Bell, of Lexington, Ky., a younger brother of Henry K. Bell and Clarence W. Bell, who were so intimately identified with the early days of Delta Tau Delta, and about whose personal history so little authentic information had been preserved. In Henry K. Bell we should feel an especial interest, from the fact that he is recognized as one of the seven associate founders of the Fraternity. We were aware that he had died some years ago, but all attempts to gain further information had signally failed. The Fraternity has never done justice to Clarence W. Bell, the younger of the brothers, for his name does not even appear in our catalogues. This strange oversight can be traced to the fact that the first catalogue of the Fraternity was not compiled until 1870, nearly ten years after the

establishment of the Fraternity. The general enrollment books, which formed the basis for this catalogue, were extremely fragmentary and inaccurate. The list of the earlier members at Bethany, in the absence of the original documents which had been lost or destroyed, was compiled from hearsay and similar testimony. It is to this same cause, that all of our trouble in tracing the founders of the Fraternity, is due. A little investigation twenty years ago would have readily solved the questions and uncertainty surrounding the origin of the Fraternity. The mystery, however, has now, though with much difficulty, been successfully unravelled, and we are thus enabled to show due honor to those who nursed the Fraternity in its earliest days. Not very long ago it seemed as if all traces of five of our founders had been forever lost; but one by one, four of them were traced—Brothers Hunt, Cunningham, Earle, and now Bell, and there is every reason to believe that the time is not far distant when we shall obtain full information concerning the fifth, John C. Johnson. The biographical facts which we present elsewhere in these columns, concerning the Bell brothers will, we feel sure, be read with as much interest as were the sketches of Rev. W. R. Cunningham and Rev. Alexander C. Earle, which appeared in *THE CRESCENT* some time ago.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.—ABRIDGED.

[Selected from the Scroll.]

"What is your notion, Joe, now, five years after we have graduated, about the Fraternity feeling we used to hold so strongly?" said I to my old friend, Joe D——, one evening when we were seated by a smouldering fire in my room.

Joe had been the most intimate friend of my college days, although we attended different institutions, and were never members of the same chapter. Our colleges were not far apart, however, and our meetings had been frequent after the beginning of our acquaintance, which was sometime in the freshman year. We were drawn together, perhaps, by what one of the boys used to call "affinity of spirit."

We were contemporary in tastes and feelings. In our sophomore year we both imitated Macaulay and in our senior year, Carlyle. We graduated at the same time. Both had been enthusiastic Fraternity workers.

One Christmas eve, "the date at which my narrative begins," to use the happy expression of story writers, I met old Joe on an evening train as I was returning home, and made him stop over night with me. And by the evening firelight while the snow was softly falling outside,

"We spoke of many a vanished scene,
Of what we once had thought and said,
Of what had been, and might have been,
And who was changed, and who was dead."

And when I put the question that I have written at the beginning, it was in the half jocular manner of one who laughs at some old folly which he for the moment has raked up out of one of memory's dusty cells. But Joe did not smile as I expected, but looked dreamily into the fire, and one experienced in such things would probably have said that his heart had gone far away into the past, in search of something.

"I don't know what my opinion would be," he finally said, "but I do know that I am not now in a position to give an opinion on the question. It has been years since I talked to you about it. When I was in college I was able to talk of its benefits, socially and intellectually, in a very glib way. Somehow or other, I could not do that now, if I were called on. I have taken the Fraternity question out of any nearness to debatable ground—I believe I think too much of it to leave it there."

"Why, I thought you had lost all interest," said I.

"Interest? Well, perhaps so," he said, looking in the firelight again, and pausing:

"I have lost what we used to call interest, I suppose. The boys in the the Chapter now at C——, know me only as a correspondent member, whom they look up in the catalogue occasionally, in order to ask a contribution. You know I used to work hard. Now I am virtually dead to active membership. If I were to go back to the old hall I should feel like begging pardon for the intrusion. But, old fellow," and here he leaned towards me, and by the struggling firelight I saw the old boyish look of enthusiasm, bringing with it a thousand recollections, "do you know that the old Fraternity grows higher and nobler to me every year. My Fraternity experience grows richer and richer to me though it be dead to all outward show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty. And my allegiance, George, at a time when there was a crisis in our Chapter, has become a matter of pride to me. Ah, how noble those comrades of mine, who stood up so bravely amid the discouragements which hung over our little world, now seem to me."

He paused, but I knew he had not finished, and partly through surprise, and partly through a desire to hear him out, I remained silent. He seemed to be seeing the days long gone by, in the flickering flames of the dying fire.

"Do you know," he continued, "that I consider the Fraternity experience as indicating the future career of the man? Great men are not more distinguished for greatness of mind than for greatness of heart, and the great hearted man is surely your true Fraternity man. And Fraternity training,

I sometimes think, is, in a sense, superior to college training. It cultivates the heart, while the other often cultivates only the mind. I am often inclined to think, with DeQuincey, that our understanding is the meanest faculty we have. I can reason it all out that the time I spent in Fraternity work was time almost fooled away. But I cannot reason the old order out of my affections, George, and I think there are some things with which our understanding, or that which we call understanding, should have nothing to do.

"You know, George, for you have been there, what a rare old place that is, of ours, up there among those Ohio hills—the queer old house almost hid back in the grove, and beyond the fields and the creek, a great wood of walnuts and maples. Well, many a calm night, while I sat out in the grove beneath the canopy of stars, have the voices of the boys come to me as if borne on the soft breezes which gently stirred among the trees, and at times I could almost have sworn that I heard that old song, the best of all of them, with Bill Walker's bass coming grandly in on the final strain, just as we sang it at the last meeting before our graduation. And some of the younger boys didn't understand the feelings of us Seniors as they joined in those lines—I hear them yet:

'Though our circle may be broken,
And its members sundered far,
Yet without the outward token,
All our hearts in union are.'

"Well, I live over those scenes, and they become like the best poetry, more and more beautiful. Perhaps I have carried some of the boys into the region of the ideal. They have doubtless, some of them, in reality, lost the charm of their youthful nobility, may have become sordid and conforming. But what matter? Their memory is yet beautiful.

"And this is the old Fraternity, George, of which, after these years, you ask my opinion. I might give an opinion as to my college course, or even my kind old professors, but as to my Fraternity, I believe I am not competent."

And so the question remained unanswered. G.

EDITORIAL FROM BETA THETA PI.

The recent agitation concerning the proposed "sifting process" has brought about one result, that is, indeed, very amusing. The project of smothering certain weak members of our family has been received with singular unanimity, and almost every other letter we receive suggests some fit objects for our gentle ministrations in this line. But the fun comes in when we begin to tabulate the Chapters that some Brother or another thinks ought to be asphyxiated. We should be sorry to exhibit any of our family weaknesses as a Fraternity, but it is an astounding fact that did we suppress every Chapter that has been proposed, our roll would be diminished over one-half! Such is the startling effect of our measures. Of course, when a man goes to work considering what Chapters we had better do without, there are about a half dozen that are almost sure to be discriminated against at once as notoriously weak and unpromising. But after these few the range of opinion runs wide. Many are in ignorance of the real circumstances in regard to certain

Chapters, and others proceed upon all sorts of ideas and theories; but the fact remains patent that some of our best Chapters have been denounced in unmeasured terms, and all kinds of surprising innuendoes advanced against this one and that one, which we never dreamed of as likely subjects for the executioner. Again, it is extremely entertaining to see the blissful unconsciousness with which a man will speak of certain Chapters he thinks are very poor, and cite the opinion of his fellows, when, at the same time, some one else has just marked the other fellow's Chapter for speedy dissolution. Hardly any one seems to entertain the idea that his own Chapter is in danger of the reformer's unkind care. Often a correspondent privately has suggested that such and such a Chapter should be suppressed, while in turn the proposed victims innocently reciprocate by mentioning the Chapter of the first named in the same category. In all it is indeed a curious jumble of judgments, a wondrous diversity of opinions, and we conceive that the discussion of this question in the next convention will rouse some eager arguments and ready antagonisms. So all ye presumable delegates, make out your lists of victims, and prepare to hear some very plain statements about your own Chapters, too. Something is certain to drop next summer by the lakeside when the Betas there assemble. In the meanwhile let every Chapter strive to put its house in order, and by successful zeal and work ward off the evil day for itself.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

BETA BETA.—DEPAUW.

The opening of the spring term finds Beta Beta still flourishing.

We are saddened by the loss of Brothers Mann and Crose, who go, respectively, to West Point and Annapolis; and of Brother Floyd, who has finally withdrawn from college.

Brother Chittenden has also been required to leave on account of bad health.

This leaves us only a few men, but we know that the real strength of a Fraternity is not in numbers, so we have no fears for the future.

Fraternity news here is exceedingly scarce.

Brother Johnson is teacher of the Preparatory class in mythology, and also assistant in physics.

BETA ETA.—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It is probably the experience of most Chapters to spend some of their months of infancy in slumber. Such, at any rate, has been the case with us. Wearied with our first efforts for existence we fell into a gentle sleep; but we are

awake now, refreshed and vigorous, with bright prospects for a strong Chapter.

As this is our initial communication to THE CRESCENT, a review of our surroundings may not be out of order.

The University of Minnesota, founded as a State institution in 1858, and liberally endowed, both by the State Legislature and the General Congress, is the one prominent college of Minnesota. Carleton College, at Northfield, and Hamline University, between Minneapolis and St. Paul are, both of them, small and sectarian.

Minneapolis is our home, and everyone knows of Minneapolis—her growth so rapid and substantial, her tremendous water-power, and hence large manufactories, her beauty, both natural and architectural, the girdle of lakes that surrounds us, the falls of Minnehaha, Lake Minnetonka, fourteen miles away, the beautiful climate of the land of the Dacotah's—all these things you all know. Our city has attained a population of over 80,000, and St. Paul, our rival, twelve miles away, a few thousand less.

The university is situated on the East bank of the Mississippi, high above it, looking down on the rapids and the falls of St. Anthony to the North. A rolling campus, covered with oaks, immediately surrounds the main building of grey stones; beyond are open prairie lands, stretching towards St. Paul to the South, while a mile or so into the country is our farm. Near the main building, which holds the library, chapel, class rooms, literary, society rooms, etc., stands the chemical laboratory and hot-house, a building of brick on the other side, just across a gulch through which the railroad runs, the "*circus maximus*" our new drill hall, gymnasium and assembly hall, all combined, is being erected a tremendous old structure, 175 feet in diameter. We have no dormitories, but board where we please.

In 1881 the State Legislature appropriated for the erection of new buildings \$30,000 per year, for six years. Out of this fund we are shortly to have a building for the College of Mechanic

Arts, an astronomical observatory; also a new building for the museum and library.

Nor are buildings all the new things we have, or are to have. The Chair of English, made vacant by the death, last summer, of Prof. Marston, has recently been filled by the appointment of Prof. George E. MacLean, who came to us fresh from studies at Leipzig, Berlin, and Oxford, with a good record.

Prof. Northrup, at present holding the Chair of Rhetoric at Yale, has accepted the Presidency vacated by the resignation of Prof. Folard, of the university, and will take up the reins next fall. He is too well known for comment.

All this general prosperity means prosperity for Eta Beta, for we feel confident of holding our own with our rival Fraternities.

Our Chapter numbers at present seven members, counting Brother Otis Colburn, at present out of college, intending to return next year, who attends our regular meetings.

Of the Alumni, and members of other Chapters, we see very often Brothers VanWert, Angie, Brewster, Higbee, and are to have with us soon Brother Howard, of Omicron.

Of our men, F. N. Stacy took first place last year in the State Oratorical Contest. J. W. Bennett, in this year's home contest, has taken second place. W. F. Webster and Stacy are the delegates to the State Oratorical Convention.

We are on the best of terms with the other Fraternities here of both sexes, and the competition is honorable and upright on all sides.

Phi Delta Theta, Chi Psi, and Theta Phi, (local) are our rivals, and Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma are our fair sister Chapters.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

I take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world, the following:

Brother John Troupe Allen, Jr., Milledgeville, Ga., Law class of '84; Brother Obadiah Lewis Cloud, Jr., Wrightsboro, Ga., Class of '85; Brother Horace Moore Holden, Augusta, Ga., Class of '85.

Brother W. S. Upshaw, was one of the three chosen from the Pi Kappa Society to represent her in the contest with the Demosthenians, but being compelled to leave college on account of his health, Brother P. S. Willecoxon, was elected in his stead. This is next to the highest honor this "Grand Old Society" can confer.

Brother R. E. Binus, was compelled to sever his connection with college last week on account of sickness.

Brother E. P. Upshaw, is one of our spring debators, and the other side speak of him as one to be dreaded.

Brother A. W. Duggar, class '83, has a very fine school at Orlando, Fla.

Brother J. L. Gross, has been on the *University Reporter* staff for the past term.

The Sigma Nu Fraternity made its appearance in our midst Saturday, March 29th. There were ten men initiated when the charter was granted.

BETA GAMMA.—COLUMBIA.

We still are allowed the privilege of breathing, and from present appearances will continue to be allowed to do so for an indefinite period.

Though rather weak in the under classes, we can safely say that there will be a material change within the next few weeks.

Let me introduce our latest acquisition, in the shape of Brother S. G. Tibbals, '84, School of Mines, a man taken right out of the clutches of a powerful rival. We have also succeeded in pledging a man who was wanted in the worst way by aforesaid rival. Our goat is in excellent training, but we doubt very much whether or not he will be able to stand the exercises which will be imposed upon him in the next few weeks. We would like to feed a few Freshmen to him, but they are as scarce as ducats.

As will readily be seen, Brother Clarke has resigned as S. A., owing to a pressure of work, your humble servant acting in the capacity of quill-driver until the close of the term.

Brother Davy, '84, student of law, was admitted to the bar last week in Rochester, where

he lives. He will, however, graduate with his class in June.

We take pleasure in announcing the arrival in town of Brother James W. Moorcraft, '86, of Omicron. He is going to the mines next fall, in the Sophomore class, which is more than the majority of men care to do. I am glad to see he has some nerve.

In closing this brilliant story of a growing Chapter, let me say that since we have been started here, sixteen men have been initiated, thirteen of whom are active members, and that in the near future we shall, if nothing happens, initiate four more men—two from '86 and two from '87.

BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Since my last letter Beta Theta has been busily engaged in completing, and formally opening her Chapter Hall. We gave a reception on the 15th of April, to our Sister Fraternities, and between the hours of 8 P. M., and 10 P. M., we had a throng of visitors. Three ladies most kindly gave us their assistance in receiving our guests and also aided us very much in decorating the Hall for the occasion.

Suffice it to say here that the whole affair was a grand success and fully came up to our expectations.

The following night we met at a banquet, about which I can only say, what I have already said about the reception, that it was very successful.

The prospects of the chapter are good. Our men are taking good positions in the University.

Our relations with our Sister Fraternities are as good as we could possibly wish, and as far as we know at present, there is every prospect of the good feeling being continued.

Our Brother Henry W. Bonner, who left us last August, is now studying at Columbia, South Carolina, and Brother Matthews is now at home with his friends in Clarksville, Georgia.

We hear from Brother Black that he will return to the University in August. During his

enforced absence he has not been idle, but is improving his own mind, as well as the minds of other people, by teaching, etc.

It is rumored that we are to have a great number of visitors this summer. The University is steadily making its way, and every year brings large additions to the number of our students, and supporters.

Beta Theta hopes to be able to welcome some Fraters to Sewanee in the summer, when they will be able to see our University to its best advantage, and our forests in their freshest beauty.

We acknowledge with many thanks the last two numbers of the *Rho Chronicle*, and hope shortly to be able to send them our University paper in return.

CHI.—KENYON.

I suppose ere this, some have complained of Chi's negligence in writing Chapter letters, and we feel not the least unkindly towards any who have done so. For we know how quickly we turn to see the Chapter letters, to see what each are doing, and what progress each is making.

We have simply done nothing, which we have been unwilling to repeat every month, and have permitted it to be inferred from our silence.

We stated in our letter at the beginning of the year that all the available material had been used. This we thought was strictly true, but we were mistaken. The Beta Theta Pi has initiated a senior who has stood identified as chief man among the non Frats., until last term. Psi Upsilon has built up her Chapter, somewhat, by taking in some men, who, to say the least, could not have gotten into Psi Upsilon two years ago; and there is one man whom we would like to have but cannot get.

I might have written of some unpleasantnesses in other Frats, but thought best not to until now.

Last term rumor had it that one of Theta Delta Chi's new initiates had withdrawn, and in a few days we received notice of his expulsion, and in a short time he came out with a Delta Kappa Epsilon pin. Beta Theta Pi has also lost

one man, who is now a Delta Kappa Epsilon. With these exceptions the Fraternities are running very smoothly.

In the Junior contest for the "Kenyon Day" Oratorship, with a Beta Theta Pi, a Theta Delta Chi, a Psi Upsilon, and your humble servant as contestants, Psi Upsilon was successful. This in the college.

But as we draw our students mainly from the Prep. schools, they demand some notice. Of the four young men whom we had pledged when I wrote my last, one has returned home on account of ill health; but his place is well filled by a bright young man from New Albany, Indiana. There are four young gentlemen of great promise, and of whom Delta Tau will be justly proud, if their perseverance is only sufficient to enable them to reach college; and if Delta Tau can always have such a force to back her here, Chi is here to stay.

Our annual, the *Reveilli*, will be issued about the middle of May. Would be glad to exchange with any who wish it; and, as a gentle hint, permit me to say that of the '82 edition, we mailed a copy each to twenty-five different Chapters. We received in return perhaps five publications, from whom I do not remember. For the fifteen mailed last year, I acknowledge the receipt of the *Eccentric*—Rho; the *Palladium*—Delta; the *Epitome*—Pi; and the *Transit*—Upsilon.

If we have anything to say you will hear from us again.

DELTA.—ANN ARBOR.

Since our last letter we have not been idle, and as a result we have the pleasure of introducing to the Fraternity two men, whom she may well be proud to own. They are Brothers James A. Hays, '86, of Allegheny, Pa., and Frank Cook, '85, Hillsdale, Mich.

Our Fourth Annual Banquet occurred on Friday, March 14th, at the St. James Hotel. We held our regular weekly meeting, and after the meeting adjourned to the hotel, where we found a bountiful repast awaiting us. Brother

Pitts acted as toast-master. The toasts in their order were "Our Fraternity," by Ed. E. Hughes, formerly of Chapter Alpha. He spoke of the past progress of the Fraternity, and Chapter Alpha in particular. "The Future of the Fraternity" was then responded to by R. B. Milroy. Then followed "Delta Chapter," by Willis Baldwin. "The Founders," by V. W. Haire, after which we listened to a brief response on "The Alumni," by John Shaw. "The Professional Members," by W. S. Summers. The evening's entertainment was concluded by a few remarks from A. E. Hunt, on "Life in Ann Arbor," and all went away feeling that they had enjoyed themselves. We have the same thing to deplore which Chapter Alpha had in her last banquet, viz: the small number of Alumni present. We hope that our Alumni will, in the future, be represented at our Annual Banquet by something other than regrets.

We were pleased to receive a call from Brother Arnold, of Kappa, who remained with us a few days.

Our regular spring vacation commenced on the night of the 21st, and most of the boys are now at home enjoying themselves.

During vacation we were glad to entertain our Brother, Byron S. Palmer, who graduated here in the Dental Department in '83.

ETA.—BUCHTEL.

We are at last "out of the hurly-burly" and are fairly settled in our new home. We are now realizing what a year since seemed only visionary, and can fairly say that we owe it solely to the pluck of our actives, aided by the enthusiasm of a few of our Alumni. Our experience has brought forcibly to us the old question of how to keep our Alumni actively interested in their Fraternity. Those who reside in the city here, and come in daily contact with active members, retain their interest still. A few other late graduates have lost none of their enthusiasm, but the greater number belong to the "silent majority." If the Fraternity is ever to realize its

high aspirations, it seems to us that its Alumni must regard it as something more than a boyish toy, to be dropped along with other childish things, when we have emerged from college walls.

It has been a matter of remark what a change for the better has come about since we have entered our new quarters. There is an air of refinement about our meetings, which never could be realized in our old hall. The unanimous verdict with us is that too much time and money can not be spent in beautifying the place we have set apart for Delta Tau. We are realizing too, that the time and money we give to our Fraternity is a measure of the good we get out of it. Our meetings are generally enlivened by the presence of several of the resident Alumni, who "drop in" to enjoy a pleasant evening, and to revive college experiences.

On the last evening of the winter term was inaugurated the first of a series of whist parties, to be held bi-weekly at Eta Hall for the remainder of the year. It was our desire to have present with us a number of the lady students from the city, together with those ladies of our acquaintance from the city, who are not students at the college. Our genial President became interested. He wants to break up Fraternity social gatherings. In the bigness of his heart he wrote the parents of the lady resident students, asking them not to allow their daughters to attend the "Delta Tau Whist Party." The appointed night came. The moon rose. No blood was on its face. "The stars rose and the night was holy" (wholly) given to one of the pleasantest social gatherings of the season, and the lady resident students were there too. The earth still performs its diurnal revolutions. Friday evening, April 11, we gave a literary and social entertainment to the parents of those same daughters.

Several new and beautiful gifts have been received for the hall, since our dedication. Among these are a fine French plate glass mirror, in silver gray plush frame, embroidered in royal pur-

ple, from Miss Mary G. Krenzke; also a fine royal purple plush calendar, adorned with white water lillies, from Miss Clara Limbert. From a pecuniary point of view, a hundred dollars would not cover the value of the gifts we have received from the ladies. As an expression of their regard and friendly interest, they are invaluable. We expect soon to publish in pamphlet form, our dedicatory exercises together with an acknowledgement and description of the gifts received. The pamphlet will be illustrated with photographic views of the interior of the hall.

The boys of Eta are now planning for a grand encampment, sometime this spring term. The idea is to go out to some one of the numerous lakes in the vicinity, pitch our wigwams, and "dwell together in unity" and primeval glory for the going up and coming down of three moons. We will adorn our faces with college boarding house butter and red ochre, and wear the traditional feather, together with a "hectic flush."

Brother C. V. N. Smith dropped in on us unawares a few days ago. "Vic" is looking better than we have ever seen him, though he is just recovering from a severe spell of sickness. He is taking a vacation of five or six weeks, until he has fully recovered. He has evidently taken Tufts by storm. "But that we are forbid, we could a tale unfold," of his successes there, that would be highly pleasing to his friends. Smith reports Canfield as doing fine work in Tufts' Divinity School, and says that Hal is one of the most enthusiastic Deltas he ever saw. Well, we know something about "that 'ere feller," and can echo "them's our sentiments to."

A. E. Hyre has made an engagement with Geo. C. Miln, the "divine" tragedian and coming star, for the coming season. In case Mr. Miln makes an European tour, as he now proposes, Brother Hyre will accompany him, starting sometime in July. Lon has an unusual talent in the histrionic line, and is sure to make a hit.

IOTA.—MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL.

All has gone along so quietly and smoothly in our Chapter during the past month, that your

correspondent finds himself sorely tried in gathering the material for a letter.

Our plans for improvement in our hall are assuming definite form, and we hope that in a short time, with the assistance of our Alumni, the Chapter rooms will assume more nearly our ideal.

We were pleasantly surprised on the first of this month, by a call from Brother L. A. Buell, '83. His time was limited and stay short. We were glad to see him and wish he could have staid longer. Such calls from our Alumni do us an immense amount of good. Brother Buell is pushing agriculture and hopes for large returns this summer. He has our best wishes for abundant success.

Brother A. T. Miller, formerly with '85, dropped in on us last week and spent a short time amid old scenes.

Brother M. R. Carrier, of Epsilon, favored us with a call and attended one of our meetings. We were glad to welcome him, and wish we could entertain Brothers from other Chapters more frequently.

We are pleased to learn that Brother J. I. Breck, once with '83, is to return in a few days and graduate with '84.

LAMBDA.—GALESBURG.

The spring term is now fully under headway and Commencement stares us in the face.

The vacation was pleasantly spent by most of the boys at their several homes, and now all are back save Dunavan, who is hunting ducks and following the plow for his health. It is gently hinted that there is another cause, perhaps, more potent than the above, which keeps him from us this term. Well, Doug is young and we must all pass through it, sooner or later, so Harris says, and he ought to know.

We were quite happily surprised by a visit from Brother Will Parker, '80, recently. Will is now Assistant Chief Engineer of the Central Iowa Railroad, being located at Marshalltown, Iowa. He is engaged in constructing a map of

the road, a large portion of which he has personally surveyed.

Brother Daniel W. McNeal, '77, is now located at Pipestone, Minn. He is one of the owners of the famous red pipestone quarries situated there.

Brother Charles E. Brewster, '83, has recently completed a course in the Curtis Business College, of Minneapolis, Minn. He expects to locate there, or in the near vicinity, for the present.

The Chapter will be represented at the Fourth Division Conference by the S. A., and probably by one or two others.

OMEGA.—IOWA STATE.

The opening of Iowa State College found Omega much stronger than was anticipated. We have present this year sixteen men, all of whom expect to graduate and who take a lively interest in Fraternity matters.

The present Legislature has made several important changes in the management of this institution, the most important of these being the appointment of a Board of eleven regents, to take the place of the former Board, which consisted of but five trustees. It has also provided for an enlargement of the course of study, and made several large appropriations in behalf of the college.

All these things will have a tendency to make the Iowa State College second to none in the West. According to the last biennial report, the total permanent resources were \$641,006.16, from which the annual income amounts to \$47,796.58.

In regard to the withdrawal of the charters from Beta Iota and Sigma, Omega has referred the matter to the next Annual Convention, deeming the evidence insufficient to act in the affirmative on such a grave question.

At the State Oratorical, held here on the 13th inst., so much general dissatisfaction existed that the Association overthrew the decision of the judges, and held a second contest,

at which Brother W. S. McHenry, of Omega, took first honors, and Brother C. H. Pomeroy, of Omicron, took second, which speaks well for Delta Tau Delta.

SIGMA.—MT. UNION.

The work at Sigma has been going on as usual. The present term commenced with an attendance of about two hundred and fifty students, and if they continue to come as they have been coming, there will be nearly three hundred by the time the term closes.

Brother Muckley, of Theta, paid us a visit a few weeks ago. Do not know what he thought of us, but the Brothers here all thought that he is one of the kind that is made of the stuff that makes good Deltas. We were especially glad to see him at the present time. Wish more would imitate Mother Theta.

Since our last letter the ladies have initiated one, Alpha Tau's three, and we would like to introduce to the Brothers two of as healthy babies as are able to be found—George Edwin McKean and Homer Eldridge Niesz.

Brother Day, of Alpha, spent a few days with us. He has been here several times, and it is needless to say that we always enjoy his visits.

We also were favored by a call from Brother John Talcott, who is a member of some of the finance committees of the college.

Persons reading the *Alliance Review* of the 12th, will find the announcement of the marriage of Brother C. E. Bushnell. "Bush" made a happy termination to his visits to the Mount.

Thanks to Epsilon for the *Star*.

TAU.—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

The action of our Executive Council, concerning the withdrawal of several Chapters from some subordinate institutions, meets our hearty approval. Our views have frequently been given heretofore to the Fraternity, and the only reply we have to offer is, let the good work con-

tinue and Delta Tau Delta will soon discover the benefit of such actions.

Our Professor of Mathematics is awaiting a corps of astronomers from the observatory at Washington, D. C., to assist him in locating the meridian of our proposed observatory. After this event the work will be rapidly pushed forward.

R. P. Colb and J. A. Herold, of Princeton Theological Seminary, filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday, and treated the congregation and their friends of the college with very interesting sermons.

R. L. Shafer, '85, will locate with his brother in the mercantile business at Hagerstown, Md.

Brother B. F. Bausman, '80, pastor of the Shepherdstown charge, in company with his wife, spent some time, recently, visiting friends and relatives in this city.

Brother A. D. Elliot, '81, was with us recently. He has made arrangements for an extended tour throughout the West. It is likely he will reside in Oregon.

Brother W. G. Mayburry, '83, is at present engaged in business with B. B. Martin, of this city. The study of law, with which he was occupied since graduation, proved detrimental to his health. We rejoice at this change which brings him into our midst again.

Brother Foltz, Princeton, '85, spent the Easter holidays with us.

Brother Cook was recently compelled to return home on account of ill health, but, we are glad to say, has again come back.

THETA.—BETHANY.

The feeling of laxity, which we call spring-fever, has its advantages, we think, for as the calm often bespeaks a greater commotion, so we hope the rest that we enjoy at present may shadow forth a more prosperous month than the last. While we have been prosperous, yet the usual amount of work has not been performed.

Brother Muckley recently visited the Chapter at Mt. Union, Ohio, and reports a good time. He speaks highly of the boys he met there.

The Brothers here are all looking forward to the close of the present session, when some of our best members leave us. But we hope they will honor old Mother Theta more in their life-work than by remaining here.

We are glad to learn that the Beta Theta Phi boys are about to erect a new hall near our present hall. This renders us hopeful for the future of both Frats., as competition of a worthy nature awakens keen interest, and this is what we need. Time is too precious to spend thoughtlessly, and the energy of our friendly Betas may be a useful example for others to follow.

Brother F. M. Dowling will remain another year, so we may still enjoy his cheering presence.

Other changes will occur, but we are not informed as to their full nature, but will write more fully next month.

XI.—SIMPSON.

As this is my first letter to THE CRESCENT, I will be brief. Brother Ashly not being able to be with us this term, his duties as correspondent have devolved on me, and I will take up the strain where he left off and give a report of Xi as she seems to me.

I wish to correct a mistake that appeared in the last letter from here. Brother E. E. Kelly took the first honors at our home contest and was our representative in the State contest. Brother O. A. Kennedy took the second place and was our delegate to the same.

Our Chapter will be represented at the Fourth Division Conference by three men. This will be the first coming together of the Division, and we may expect a right royal time. It will be at the time of the Inter-State Oratorical Contest, and we will probably meet Deltas from both the Second and Third Divisions. The questions that have been agitating the Fraternity for the last year will receive the attention their importance demands.

We have initiated but one man this year. This during the fall and winter terms made us the usual number, but several of the boys have

left us this term, making our membership smaller than it has been for three years. However, they will be back in the fall, when our numbers will be reckoned as of yore.

The *Tangent*, the annual issued by the Fraternities of Simpson, will be out by the middle of May, when we will be glad to exchange for similar publications with any of the Chapters. This is our first venture of the kind.

We are glad to see both sides of the charter question discussed in THE CRESCENT. A full and free discussion will bring about a better understanding on the subject.

Several of our boys have visited Omega. They return well pleased with their visit, and report her entering on her work for the year with true Delta enthusiasm.

Xi will lose for the spring term Brothers Proudfoot, Kennedy, Murphy, Daily, Hull, W. S. Kelly and Ashly.

Proudfoot and Kennedy will be active members in all, save that they will sever their connection with the college proper as students during the spring term. Kennedy will teach. Proudfoot is located here as agent of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance. The Brothers feel sad to lose so many efficient workers, but the Chapter still numbers nine good men, and everything points to an excellent term's work.

At the rehearsing of the Iowa State Oratorical Contest at Des Moines, March 17th, Brother Kennedy, Xi, '85, presided. Brother Walter McHenry, Omega, '84, received the first honors of the contest; Brother Carl Pomeroy, Omicron, '85, the second honors.

ZETA.—ADELBERT.

At a recent examination, held by the Ohio State Board of Education, Brother J. W. McLane, '83, received a life certificate. The fact that he is the youngest man in the State who holds such a certificate, shows that "Mack" continues to "get there" with his usual frequency.

One of the Financial Editors of the *Reserve*, '85, embezzled \$140 which, by the way, was nearly all the profits. His little scheme was discovered, and when he had squared accounts he was invited to leave the university. He was a non-Fraternity man.

We had a very pleasant call on the 20th ult., from Brother A. B. Austin, of Mu.

Brother J. C. Norris, Theta, '80, who has been attending the Homeopathic Medical College, graduated in March, and has since returned to his home in Kentucky. May success attend him in his chosen profession.

Brother A. A. Bemis, '83, now subscribes himself as Notary Public, he having recently received his appointment from the Governor.

The revival in college, for the past two months, has been attended with good results.

PHI.—HANOVER.

Phi is always glad to welcome the return of her Alumni, but by the beginning of next term she will be in a condition to extend a most hearty welcome to any Brother Delta that may be pleased to make us a visit, for by that time we fully expect to be in a home of our own. We will commence work on our Chapter home before the close of this term, and will endeavor to bring it to completion as soon as possible. We have succeeded beyond our expectations in our efforts, and now we can announce to Delta Tau Delta that Phi will soon be provided with a neat little home. This is a need which we have long felt, and besides it will be an entirely new feature in Fraternity life at Hanover College.

Brother J. N. Ryker, of the U. S. Signal Service, has been with us for the past month on a leave of absence. He returned to Pittsburg, his station, on the 28th inst.

Brothers Hamilton, Voris, and "yours truly," took in Cincinnati on the 18th inst.

Brother C. P. Smith made Phi a hasty visit, on the 23d inst., taking us by surprise. He will be with us again in a few days on business, in

behalf of the interests of Phi. Brother Smith is one of the most enthusiastic Deltas that Phi ever enrolled.

Brother J. P. Ramsey, although not a criminal by any means, has been doomed by the Supreme Judge to solitary confinement, and has endured his punishment for the past five weeks with extraordinary fortitude. Just imagine, when the snow melts away, and J. P. gets down from the Peak, what a vast amount of news will be in store for him. The "embryonic" war at Cincinnati, his old station, will of itself absorb considerable of his time.

Brother Wiley Parvin recently sold his orange grove in Florida, and will make Philadelphia his future home. Brother Parvin has been visiting relatives and friends in our village for several weeks past.

At present our prospects, in general, are better than they have been for some time, and we have no fear but that our efforts will be crowned with reasonable success in all of our undertakings.

KAPPA.—HILLSDALE.

We pause in the midst of college duties and convention preparations, to pay our respects to THE CRESCENT and the many Fraters to whom it speaks. We have been so busy with local interests for the past few months—the fitting up of our new hall, preparations for the Division Conference, etc., that we confess that we have rather shirked our duty toward our journal. We feel, however, its importance and the necessity of a strong support. What would we be without it? It makes us national in the true sense of the word.

Kappa has begun to enjoy life as a Fraternity during the past year, and we are now wondering how we ever got along without a permanent place of abode.

Frater Will Carleton, Kappa, '69, lectured here under the auspices of Kappa, on February 23d. His audience was large, and by the applause received fully refuted the old idea, that "A prophet is not without honor, except in his

own country." Brother Carleton, Prof. Haynes and others, spent an hour or two with us in our hall before the lecture, and mingled with the words of advice that fell from truly Delta lips and hearts, we learned much of the early history of Kappa and her old-time glory.

For fifteen years Kappa had a clear field and pick of nearly five hundred men, and is it any wonder that among her roll of one hundred and forty, we can see a Carleton, a Haynes, a Mauck, a Jaynes, a Copp, a Terwilliger, and hosts of others of equal rank? But don't think that we are living on our past record entirely. We realize the force of the statement, recently made by a distinguished American, that "It doesn't make so much difference who your *father* was, as it does what his *son* is."

Frater U. S. Harwood, '69, received a \$2,000 fee the other day, as attorney for a prominent Western railroad.

Frater Myers, Principal of the Pittsford School, illumined our city with his radiant "phiz" during his vacation.

Frater Gallaher, Kappa, '80, Delta, '83, now City Editor of the *Standard*, frequently favors us with his presence.

We reluctantly saw Brother Von Zastrow depart for his home in Nebraska, but are pleased to know that he will again be with us in the fall.

Fraters Root and Thompson are to take parts in the Memorial Day exercises, to be held here in the city.

We can promise the Fraternity that something very "lively" bids fair to soon happen within the precincts of Hillsdale. More hereafter.

We are anticipating great things from our Division Conference. Make them all hold up their hands, "Vin." There's lots of room here in town. We want May 30th and 31st to be red-letter days in the calendar of the Third Division.

We are pleased to introduce to the Fraternity our three youngest—Wm. Marvin Speare, '87, Hillsdale; Hoyt Perry Parmell, '86; and Fred. W. Corbett, '87.

GREEK WORLD.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has entered Tallahassee, Florida.

Sigma Nu is reported as existing at Mercer University.

Sigma Nu has established at Mercer University with five men.

Delta Psi has twice refused application for a charter at Granville, Ohio.

There are nine members of Sigma Chi in the Mississippi State Legislature.

Combinations are "strictly prohibited" by the constitution of Beta Theta Pi.

Several anxious non-Frats., at Union, claim that they have received a charter from Chi Psi.

The five Fraternities at Columbus, Ohio, will unite in publishing an Annual about Commencement.

A petition has been preferred to Phi Kappa Psi from Westminster College, asking for a charter.

Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Alpha Tau Omega, are at South Carolina College.

Zeta Psi is running a Chapter at Princeton. The Faculty prohibition is evaded by initiating men at Rutgers.—*Scroll.*

A banquet or reunion of all the Chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, situated in Pennsylvania, was held at Harrisburgh, April 3d.

The Faculty at Wittenberg College have prohibited the initiation of Preps., by the Fraternities represented at that institution.

Phi Kappa Psi has refused applications from St. Louis and Fulton Colleges, and has granted a charter for a Wooster graduate Chapter.

Kappa Alpha is making strong efforts to revive her Washington and Lee Chapter. This is the Alpha Chapter, the mother of the Fraternity, and should be preserved at all hazards.

Chi Psi and Sigma Chi have unchartered, or *sub rosa*, Chapters at Wake Forest College. Kappa Alpha is already there. The new Chapters will probably declare themselves in June.

It is reported that Chi Psi will soon enter Davidson.

Report credits Rainbow with a Chapter at Austin, Texas.

C. J. Van Cleve has been elected Editor of the *Shield* ($\Phi K \Psi$) for the coming year.

We understand that Alpha Tau Omega is considering Albion College as a possible home for a Chapter.

Southern Kappa Alpha are making efforts to enter John Hopkins University. They have several men.

The new Fraternity rules at Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., have been officially repealed. Let the good work go on.

The Ohio Chapters of Beta Theta Pi are considering the advisability of a State Conference, probably to be held at Columbus.

The Fraternities now at Vanderbilt are Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Rainbow, or W. W. W.

The Fraternities of Ohio Wesleyan University will publish an annual in June. Each Fraternity is represented on the editorial corps by one man.

Sigma Nu announces a new Chapter of five men at Mercer University, and another at University of Alabama will probably be announced soon.—*Scroll.*

The recently reported anti-Frat. Societies, at Irvington, Ind., seem doomed to an early death. Several of their leading members, especially in the ladies' society, have joined with the dreaded Greeks.

Sigma Chi will soon enter Virginia Military Institute. Quite a strong unchartered Chapter already exists there, as students from Lexington have been initiated at Washington and Lee for some time.

A Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is reported from Charleston, S. C. Number, fifteen; Phi Psi, with two members; Kappa Alpha, with eight; and Alpha Tau Omega with six are already there. All are *sub rosa*.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has established an Alumni Chapter at Providence, R. I.

An Alumni organization of Delta Upsilon will be established in Cleveland, Ohio, soon.

The total membership of Delta Upsilon is 3,885, while the under-graduate members number 390.

All the Fraternities at Amherst have Chapter houses, although some of them are said to be heavily mortgaged.

Beta Theta Pi, and a Society known as Q. T. V., at Maine State College, are engaged in quite a serious wrangle over the publication of a college annual called the *Pendulum*.

Kappa Sigma is initiating men at Vanderbilt with a view to re-organizing next year its Chapter there, which has been extinct for several years.—*Scroll*.

The Fraternities at University of Wisconsin are excited over the publication of an annual. Phi Delta Theta seems to be the aggressive point, and Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi and Chi Psi the rebellious tribes.

The *Sigma Chi* is authority for the statement that the entire Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, at Hillsdale, Mich., with but one exception, has been expelled. This, if true, would indicate the speedy withdrawal of the charter.

The latest thing in fraternity news in the university is that the Beta Theta Pi Chapter house is now adorned with a sign "For Rent," and that they have at least two members outside of the medical department.—*University of Peene in the Scroll*.

Kappa Alpha has established a *sub rosa* Chapter at Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Texas. There is no other Fraternity represented at the institution. She has also re-organized her Southern University at Greenboro, Alabama. This Chapter was first organized in 1882. The decline of the University in the spring of '83, very near proved fatal, but earnest work has revived the dying embers, and a strong Chapter is now reported.

Chi Phi numbers its Alumni Chapters by the Hebrew alphabet.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Three members of Phi Delta Theta, at Salem, Va., were expelled from the Chapter at that place.

Phi Delta Theta has chartered its Maine Alpha Chapter at Colby University. The Chapter starts with fourteen members and is in every way prosperous.

The College of the City of New York now boasts of five Fraternities, as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 17; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 10; Phi Gamma Delta, 7; Theta Delta Chi, 2; Phi Delta Theta, 13.

No student at South Carolina College will be asked to join any Fraternity until he has been matriculated six weeks. Are our Southern friends able to thoroughly judge a man in six weeks? Would not *months* be a better word to insert?

Phi Delta Theta has followed up her Colby movement with a new Chapter at C. C. N. Y. Verily, this Fraternity is determined to take the East by storm, although the *Scroll* does indulge in some graphic references to "The Star of Empire."

Southern Kappa Alpha is agitating the question of a union with Kappa Alpha Northern. There is quite a diversity of opinion visible in the discussion. A Preliminary degree to be given the proposed candidate before initiation, is also spoken of.

The Annual Dinner of Alpha Delta Phi, was held at Delmonico's, in New York City, Tuesday evening, April 15th, Everett P. Wheeler presiding. The following toasts were responded to: "Our Fraternity"—David Huntington, of Hamilton; "Our Brothers at the Bar"—A. Q. Keasbey; "Our Brothers in the Pulpit"—Professor Newcombe, of Williams; "Our Brothers in the Press"—W. W. Niles. To the toast, "The Ladies," the responses were various and entertaining. The evening was one of rare enjoyment to all participating.

On the nineteenth of April, Phi Kappa Psi succeeded in absorbing a local society at Syracuse, New York, formerly known as Kappa Delta. The new Chapter will be known as New York Beta, has a membership of thirteen, and everything seems to indicate a successful future.

Chi Phi in convention assembled has solemnly declared against having anything to do with the Pan Hellenic Council. It is difficult to understand why Chi Phi should take such a position. Certainly it can not imagine that the Pan Hellenic could abridge any of its rights or freedom.—*Φ Δ Θ Scroll.*

We clip the following from the Easton, Pa., correspondent to the *Scroll*: "Delta Tau Delta will have three performers on Class Day. They only have three Seniors. The Deltas entered into no combinations, as did some of the other Fraternities, but scooped in two big offices. They already had the Historian."

Delta Kappa Epsilon and Delta Psi each secured one man from the Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at Oxford, Miss. Δ K E also got away with the founder of the recently established Chapter of Kappa Sigma Kappa, at the same institution. The "lifting" process must be in favor with our friends in the South.

The first convention of Sigma Nu, will be held at Nashville, Tenn., July 9th and 10th, 1884. Much benefit is expected from thus getting the Alumni and actives together in convention. We can not help but admire the sturdy perseverance of this Fraternity, as we find it set forth in the official organ, the *Delta*.

There seems to be trouble among the suspended members of Sigma Chi at Delaware. At first the two Seniors were to be allowed to graduate, after pledging themselves to have nothing more to do with Sigma Chi. Afterwards the member expelled returned with some revelations that led to a change of programme, and now all three are indefinitely suspended, and cannot enter the institute within one year. Perfect harmony seems to have disappeared under this ban of adversity.

Phi Delta Theta imposes a per capita tax of \$3.00 on each active member, to defray the expenses of her Convention. The President of the General Council reports considerable embarrassment in the financial condition of the Fraternity, the receipts of the present year having been found inadequate to meet the obligations of the order.

Southern Kappa Alpha is remarkable for its large number of *sub rosa* Chapters. It has chapters operating, apparently successfully, in University of North Carolina; Davidson College, N. C.; Wake Forest College, N. C.; University of Tennessee; Southern University, Ala.; and Southwestern University, Tex., all of which are anti-fraternity institutions.—*Scroll.*

Phi Delta Theta is agitating the question of Alumni subscriptions. One plan proposed is as follows: That each active member—now required by the constitution to subscribe for the *Scroll*—should be required to subscribe, at graduation, \$5.00, for which he will receive the Fraternity journal for ten years. This theory is very good, but we doubt the practicality of the idea.

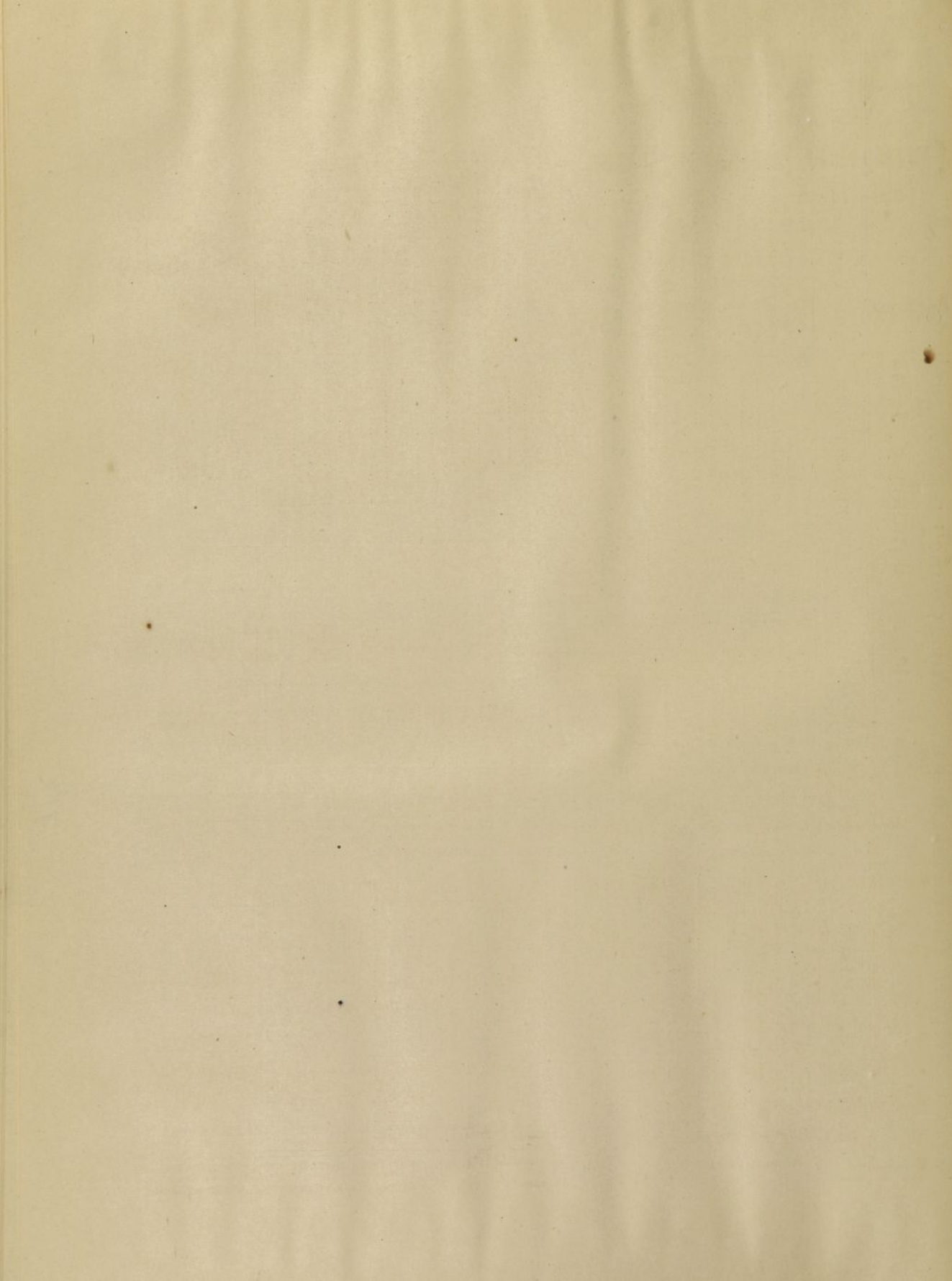
State and local reunions of Beta Theta Pi are the order of the day, and are a good omen of increased interest and enthusiasm in Fraternity work. Ohio Betas meet at the Park Hotel, Columbus, April twenty-fourth. The Indiana association banquets at Indianapolis, April tenth. The New England Chapters celebrate at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, April eighteenth, and the Virginia Chapters are discussing a suitable date for a state reunion.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

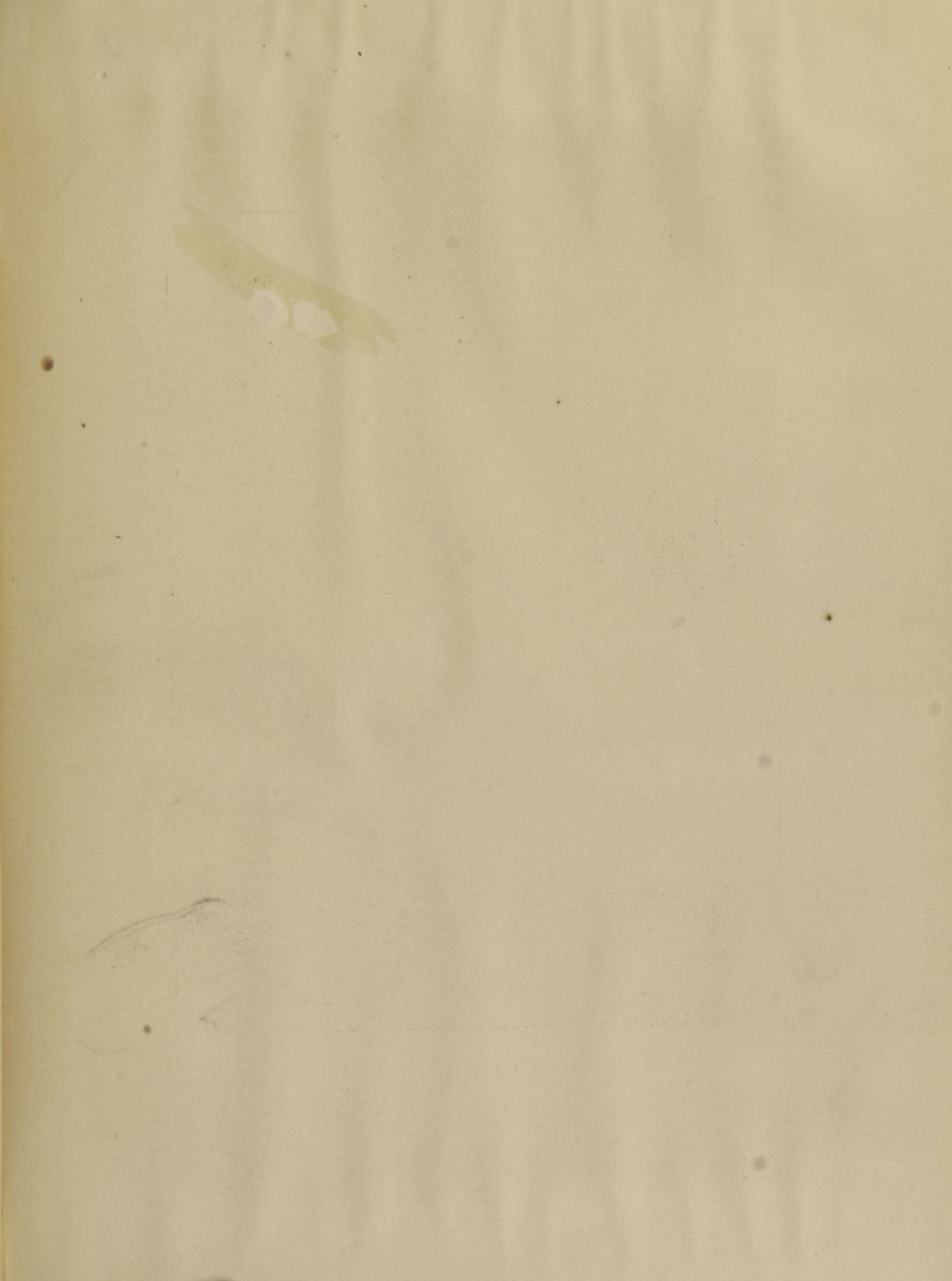
As predicted in the last number of THE CRESCENT, Phi Delta Theta has revived her Chapter at Knox. The new Chapter bears the name of Illinois Delta. Although this Chapter is indirectly the result of the recent expulsion of five members of that Fraternity from Monmouth College, the following letter appearing in the *Scroll*, bearing date, March 11th, 1884, would indicate that Phi Delta Theta still exists at that institution:

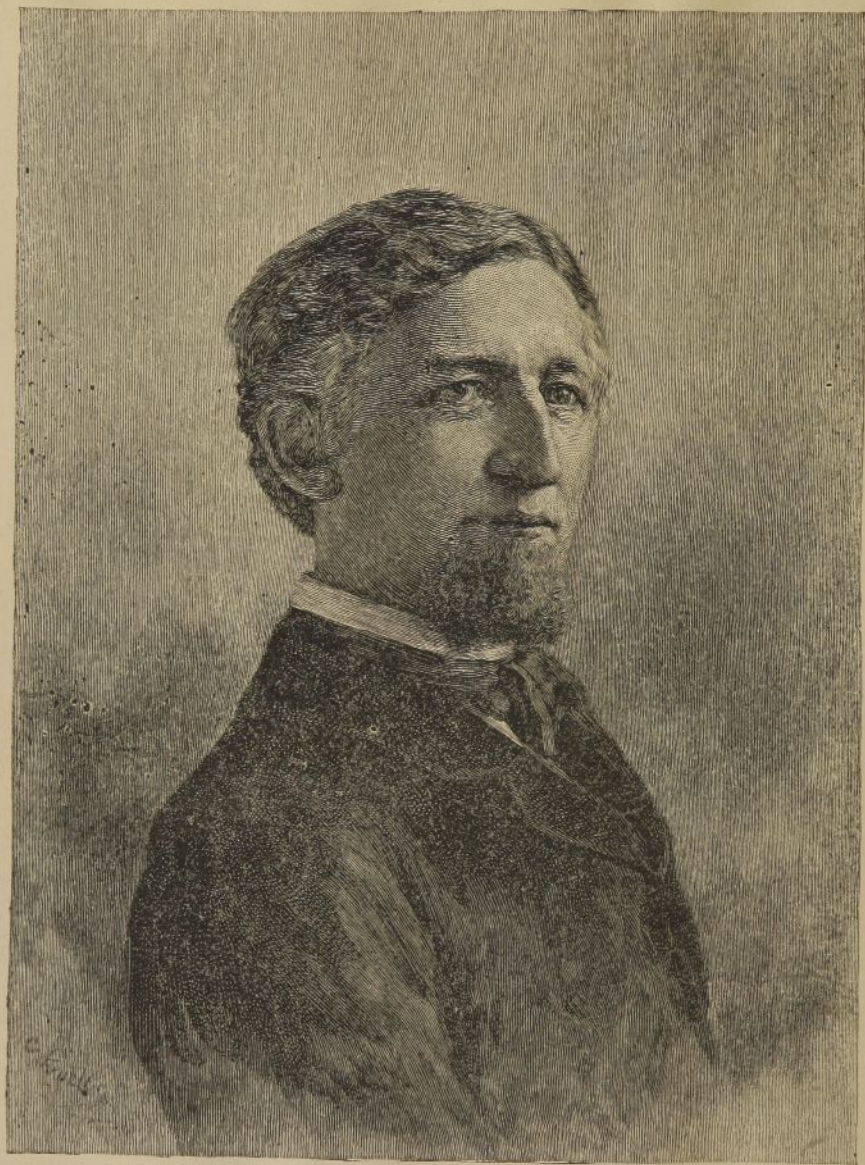
For Illinois Gamma Chapter I will only say that as yet she quietly slumbers in the shade, whither a frowning Faculty placed her. But all sweet flowers bloom on stems, that under winter skies seem dead. Illinois Gamma may be hibernating. June breezes will develop the germ.

Special Report, Furnished the Executive Council, Showing the Condition of the Delta
Tau Delta Fraternity, January 1, 1884.

CHAPTER		COLLEGE.		MEMBERS.							COND'N OF CHAPT'R.		NAMES OF RIVAL FRATERINITIES.		
				'84	'85	'86	'87	'88	P. GRAD.	TOTAL.	AV. AGE.				
1st Division	Alpha.....	Allegheny.....	4	1	1	1	4	.....	.....	10	20	Lively.....	Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Φ K Ψ .
	Gamma.....	Washington and Jefferson.....	2	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	8	19	Prosperous.....	Phi Gamma Delta, $\Phi\Theta$, Φ K Σ , Φ K Ξ , $\Theta\Pi$, $\Delta\Omega$.
	Nu.....	Lafayette.....	3	3	3	3	2	.....	.....	11	20	A little indifferent.....	Delta Kappa Epsilon, $\Sigma\psi$, $\Phi\Delta$ X, Φ K Σ , $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $\chi\psi$, $\Upsilon\Delta$.
	Pi.....	Lehigh University.....	1	3	3	3	3	.....	.....	10	19	Good.....	Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, $\Delta\Phi$, Φ K Σ , $\Phi\Theta\psi$, (Υ Y), Beta Theta Pi, $\Delta\Omega$, $\chi\Phi$, $\chi\psi$, $\Sigma\chi$, $\Theta\chi$.
	Rho.....	Stevens Institute.....	7	3	4	1	15	Excellent.....	Phi Kappa Sigma, Chi Phi, Γ Phi, Γ Phi Kappa Psi.	
1st Division	Tau.....	Franklin and Marshall.....	4	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	10	19½	Good.....	Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, $\chi\Phi$, $\Phi\Delta$ X, $\Sigma\psi$, $\Theta\Xi$.
	Upsilon.....	Rensselaer.....	2	2	4	2	.....	.....	1	7	20	Flourishing.....	$\Delta\psi$, Υ Y, Δ KE, $\Sigma\psi$, $\Delta\Delta\Phi$, Φ TA, $\Theta\Pi$, Γ Phi, $\Delta\Omega$ X.
	Beta Gam'a Columbia.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Growing.....	Phi Kappa Psi, Φ TA, $\Theta\Pi$, $\chi\Phi$, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $\Sigma\chi$.
2d Division	Mu.....	Ohio Wesleyan University.....	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	21	Good.....	Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, KA Θ .
	Beta.....	Ohio University.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	Fair.....	Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, $\Theta\Pi$, Δ Y.
	Zeta.....	West rn Res' ve University.....	2	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	Fair.....	Phi Delta Theta.
	Buchtel.....	Eta.....	2	2	5	2	5	.....	.....	16	21	Very prosperous.....	Beta Theta Pi.
	Bethany.....	Sigma.....	8	2	7	3	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	Prosperous.....	Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Lambda.
2d Division	Sigma.....	Mt. Union.....	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	21	Excellent.....	Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa E, Υ Y, $\Theta\Delta$ X, $\Delta\Delta\Phi$.
	Chi.....	Kenyon.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	21	Fair.....	Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, $\Theta\Pi$, Γ Phi, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.
	Psi.....	University of Wooster.....	2	2	5	1	4	.....	.....	14	20	Good.....	Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa A, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $\Delta\Omega$, $\chi\Phi$.
	Beta Delta.....	University of Georgia.....	2	5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	18½	Pre-sperous.....	Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, KA, $\Sigma\Delta$ E, KA Σ , $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.
	Beta Epsilon Emory.....	Emory.....	1	1	4	7	1	.....	.....	14	21	On a solid basis.....	Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha E, KA Σ , $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.
3d Division	Beta Theta.....	University of the South.....	1	4	3	3	.....	.....	.....	11	20	Very good.....	Υ Y, $\Delta\Delta\Phi$, $\chi\psi$, $\Sigma\psi$, Δ KE, $\Phi\Delta\Phi$, Φ K Ψ , $\Theta\Pi$, $\Sigma\chi$, $\Sigma\psi$, Δ Y.
	Delta.....	University of Michigan.....	3	1	5	4	.....	1	.....	14	22	Flourishing.....	None but local.
	Epsilon.....	Albion.....	3	6	2	3	.....	.....	.....	14	21	Prosperous.....	Phi Delta Theta.
	Iota.....	Michigan Agricultural.....	5	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	14	21	Exceedingly good.....	Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi.
	Kappa.....	Hillsdale.....	4	6	2	3	2	.....	.....	17	22½	Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi.	Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, $\Sigma\chi$, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.
3d Division	Phi.....	Hanover.....	4	4	2	1	.....	.....	.....	7	20	Excellent.....	Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Γ Delta, $\Theta\Pi$, Δ KE, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $\Sigma\chi$.
	Beta Beta.....	DePauw University.....	9	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	21	Fair and prosperous.....	Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta.
	Beta Zeta.....	Butler University.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	23	Splendid.....	Alpha Tau Omega.
	Beta Iota.....	Adrian.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	1	.....	9	23	Good.....	Phi Delta Theta.
	Lambda.....	Lombard University.....	2	3	1	4	1	.....	.....	12	21	Excellent.....	Phi Kappa Psi, Rho Alpha, (local).
4th Division	Xi.....	Simpson Centenary.....	2	5	2	6	1	.....	.....	16	21	Prosperous.....	Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi.
	Omicon.....	Iowa State University.....	4	6	2	3	.....	.....	.....	15	20	Very prosperous.....	None.
	Omega.....	Iowa State College.....	5	2	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	Excellent.....	Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Theta Phi, (local).
	Beta Eta.....	University of Minnesota.....	6	1	7	21	Promising.....	None.		
	Beta Kappa.....	University of Colorado.....	2	2	4	20	Good and growing.....	None.		
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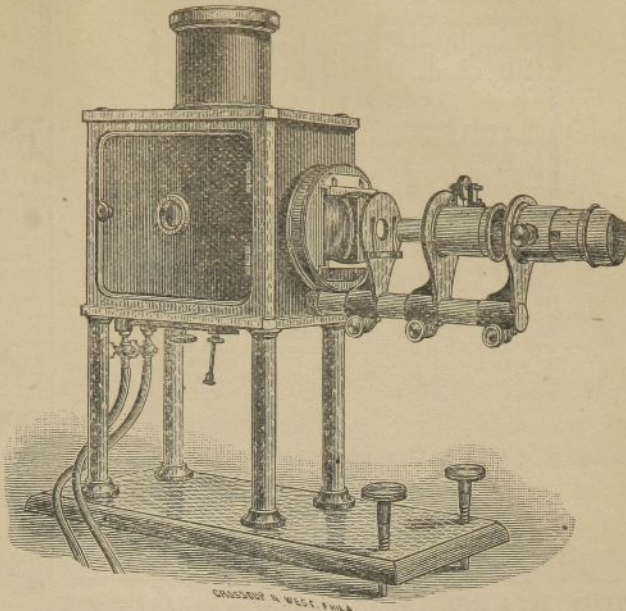
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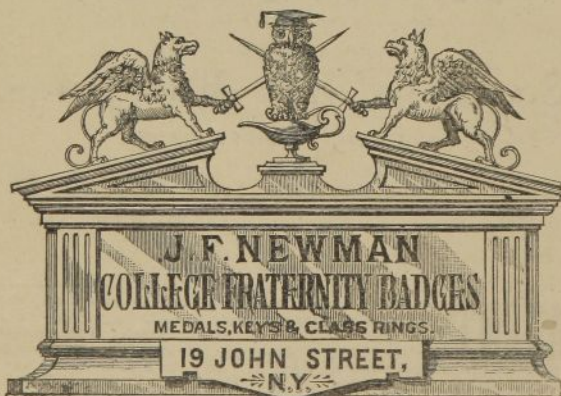
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