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



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

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## THE WAY AND THE WAYSIDE.

CONVENTION POEM OF 1875.

BY FRANK P. BRITT.

I.

Look long at life, and look as long as you may,  
All phases scan, and scan them as you will,  
Yet, life's all ups and downs, a winding way  
O'er sunny plain, or rough and rugged hill.  
Skirted, sometimes, with fortunes fairest flowers,  
Whose rare aromas all the air perfume,  
While here and there are beautiful summer bowers  
Where travelers rest, and then their march resume.

II.

Sometimes 'tis lined with folly's thickest hedge  
Of prickly thorn and poisonous ill weed,  
Which o'er around distill from either edge  
Miasmatal odors, and diseases breed.  
'Tis here, along a sandy, even plain,  
Where passage o'er partakes of easeful cast,  
And there 'tis o'er huge hills and gullies main,  
Along steep precipice and ledges vast.

III.

'Tis now full straight and no departures hath  
To lead unwary, wanton feet awrong;  
And now it narrows to a devious path,  
With many a treacherous footway joined along.  
To travel o'er this way, full oft requires,  
An Adamantine courage, faith and strength,  
For naught but such imperial power inspires  
The mortal on to trudge its tedious length.

IV.

Some falter, fail, and fall but half way through;  
Some earlier, e'en exhausted, faint away,  
Though some reneve themselves, and then renew

The tiresome course, but most are fain to stay.  
Dark suicide, the devil's damning pit,  
Lies half concealed in some secluded place;  
There, also, victims fall and flaming lit  
Hell's lake receives them from the world's embrace.

V.

'Tis strange, ah! very strange, and wonderful odd,  
This pit is sought by some for fancied weal,  
Howe'er, 'tis not for man to know how God,  
The Infinite, with finite mind may deal.  
At intervals, on either side, are seen  
The miry sloughs of rum—soul damning rum,  
And men within the mire, like brutes demean  
Themselves, but yet, O! God, still others come.

VI.

But life's all ups and downs; we trudge along,  
And come to Pleasure's vale and passing park;  
Enter, pause, pause and linger with the throng  
That surges here and there round many a mark.  
This park is, ah! a Paradisian place  
With lovely groves and gentle slopes and vales;  
A river serpentine athwart the space,  
And charming scenes on which the eye regales.

VII.

The Goddess of the Park, in gay attire,  
With graceful move, glides round to each resort;  
And sanctions aught and all that can inspire  
Her votaries, and witch them with her sport.  
Here deals she gamblers' cards, and joins the game;  
There music sweet attunes and joins the dance;  
Here scarlet clad she leads men to ill fame;  
There actress is, and plays in lewd romance.

VIII.

And how she lolls beneath the pines or basks  
In mellow sunshine at the river's side;  
And then, assuming fair deceptive masks  
Riots with Luxury and flirts with Pride.



All characters are represented here ;  
 Grave Wisdom least, sheer Folly most abound.  
 Vice, Indolence, and Fashion hold career  
 Conspicuous with full attendance round.

## IX.

Here Satan, subtle foe to humankind,  
 Perdition plots for man in every form.  
 Full many, too, alas ! his subjects blind,  
 Still fondly wait, nor held the low'ring storm.  
 It bursts in fury o'er their heads and sweeps  
 With mad, swift vengeance down the teeming vale,  
 Wrecks all save him who watchful vigil keeps,  
 And hastes to seek salvation from the gale.

## X.

Thus fated those the Siren Goddess leads,  
 Self immolated at the far famed shrine.  
 Defying e'en with ministrant mercy pleads  
 The rescue proffered them through grace divine.  
 But life's all ups and downs. Aside we see  
 The pool of Politics, that stagnant pool,  
 Where haughty Wealth shakes hands with Poverty  
 And deigns to smile upon the fawning fool.

## XI.

Where high-iced vandals artfully connive,  
 And money-pampered Justice drops her scales :  
 Where Renegades and Rascals sumptuously thrive,  
 And foul-mouthed Slander, spotless Fame assails  
 Where servile minions haste to lowly greet  
 Their crafty, cynic chief like abject slaves ;  
 Where Rogues advance and honest men retreat,  
 Corruption rules and Fraud full rampant raves.

## XII.

Disgusting pool ! Its putrid stench ascends,  
 And numbs and nauseates the moral sense ;  
 And, as it far and farther round extends,  
 Kills trade and throws our country in suspense.  
 We leave this pool, and hurry on apace :  
 The vasty hill of knowledge looms amain,  
 Across the way long stretching. At its base  
 A temple stands : 'tis Education's fane.

## XIII.

Here let us pause, for here, Fraternal Friends,  
 The grandest place, along Life's way,  
 We meet, to-night, where useful mystery lends  
 Her charming spell, and learning bears the sway.  
 Yes ! College life ! That nobler, higher life,  
 Where something strangely sacred round us reigned,  
 Where loftier purpose stills the common strife,  
 And friendship true its strongest tie attains.

## XIV.

Here "Greeks of Modern Time," to-night we stand,  
 Rejoice in the cause we love so well,  
 And, joined by heart to heart and hand to hand  
 We feel, indeed, the strange auspicious spell.  
 Could we, to-night, by magic art, unveil  
 The dark arcana fate reveals,  
 To scan the page that tells our future tale,  
 Ere time in sepulture that page enseals ;—

## XV.

Could we, but now, usurp prophetic power  
 To augurate new glory for our band,  
 And view the fane of greatness that will tower  
 To show our praises through this lovely land ;—  
 Could we now vision strange events to be,  
 Behold our mystic circle's crescent fame  
 Would any zealous Greek the ranks dare flee,  
 Or seek to change his honored Grecian name ?

## XVI.

Do you, my Brothers, ever feel regret  
 In joining with these true and valiant Greeks,  
 Where only friends with mutual friends have met  
 And friendship firmer, stronger friendship seeks ?  
 Ah, no ! deep treasured in our hearts endure  
 The vows of love and friendship here we pledge  
 To gush in mem'ry, sacred, sweet and pure,  
 And cheer us e'en upon the dark grave's edge.

## XVII.

'Tis Love and Friendship binds our social band,  
 Not power, nor pomp, nor wealth, nor gaudy show,  
 For they who seek for these soon understand  
 The painful cause of self-destruction's woe.  
 'Tis love and friendship, holy, true, divine,  
 What precious meaning those two words impart !  
 The wealth of language holds within her mind  
 No words of deeper impress on the heart.

## XVIII.

Go, girdle earth ; strange dialects explore ;  
 Deep delve in tongues of ancient time and new,  
 And say if there be words that meaneth more  
 Than in our language love and friendship do.  
 And let them ever be the sacred signs  
 Of that concealed and sympathetic tie,  
 That all our hearts in close accord entwines,  
 And gives us impulse, noble, pure and high.

## XIX.

Yet learned men will now and then assail  
 The secret craft of things "unseen ;"  
 Put often those who thus deride and rail  
 Have never felt what love and friendship mean.  
 These men know not that soft propitious spell  
 That mystics feel when mystic friends they meet,  
 Nor e'er conceive what joys and pleasures swell  
 The hearts that in true union throb and beat.

## XX.

Then, younger fraters, cherish and revere  
 With loyal love the cause you now maintain,  
 And faithful prove while yet you tarry here  
 At education's classic, honored fane.  
 Here must you learn to mount up Knowledge Hill,  
 For high it is, and steep and hard to climb ;  
 And ignorance and preparation ill  
 Will bar the traveler from its height sublime.

## XXI.

Two paths depart from here, one either way,  
 And lead this massive eminence around,—  
 The path of Ignorance, and that where they



Of mediocral merit most abound.  
Vast multitudes on either side career,  
While fewer numbers dare the upward course;  
Some long to mount, but motives interfere  
That change the way their fond desires endorse.

## XXII.

Upon this height men study nature's laws;  
Address the vocal earth and learn her love;  
Converse with Neptune, trace his course and cause,  
And mountains on the moon's far disc explore.  
Then turn and with mysterious self commune,  
For still the grandest theme to man is,—man;  
And Christians prove while Infidels impugn  
A triune God's all comprehensive plan.

## XXIII.

O! would that scholars thronged this classic height,  
Till reason would prevail, delusion fade,  
Black, baleful ignorance change to beaming light  
And truth the whole broad universe prevade!  
But life's all ups and downs. Aside the way  
Stands Fame's tall peak, and e'en to heaven spires;  
Hope's halo bright and glory's transcendent ray  
Lure mortals up and flame their "wonted fires,"

## XXIV.

But few e'er reach the acme. Many try  
And fail so soon oblivion strikes them dead.  
Others half way up attain when turns the die,—  
They fall and those more nimble take their stead.  
The author on its crags indites his song;  
The martyr there pours out his crimson tide;  
The statesman scales its slippery steps along;  
And chiefs lead blood-stained armies up its side.

## XXV.

O! Fame, delusive, evanescent Fame!  
How men contend and struggle for thy bays!  
Imperil, speak, and preach—to gain a name!  
Kill, war, and murder for—a little praise!  
But life's all ups and downs. We've struggled on,  
Crossed many a hill, passed many a loathsome slough,  
Battled with fear, despair, and tempters wan,  
And now pilgrimage is almost through.

## XXVI.

Up the hill of old age we recline,  
Viewing our vernal vistas vague and far,  
Marking out manhood's more meandering line  
And watching life's now fast declining star.  
Just at the farther base, a deep stream flows,  
The river Death, dark, sullen, noiseless tide;  
We ne'er can see the scores, and no one knows  
The mystic mysteries of the other side.

## XXVII.

We only know God's paradise is there,  
And Satan's pandemonium of Hell—  
In this, the damned eternal torments bear,  
In that, the saved in bliss eternal dwell.

The weary pilgrim totters to the shore,  
Sad friends are round, and sad farewells are said;  
The night born Charon waits with dripping oar,  
And rows him to the regions of the dead.

## XXVIII.

He had his virtues and his vices too,  
On mem'ry's tablet let us write them each—  
These—guards against errors we would else pursue,  
Those—inadmissible to imitate and teach.  
True friends and fraters, upward let us strive,  
Nor aught perform to sully records fair,  
Nor let a ray from envy's orb arrive  
To set in flame the crown of peace and war.

## XXIX.

And while the years in quick rotation glide  
And cruel change presents the picture new,  
Still in our hearts eternally shall bide  
The love of Brotherhood, so warm and true  
Above our sacred altar let us clasp  
Our hearts in sweet devotion to our cause,  
Nor let harsh thoughts nor angry feelings rasp,  
The bond that binds the good old Delta Taus.

## SONG.

## SPES RESURGAM.

BY CHARLES M. SNYDER, ALPHA, '82.

Where the fullness of time in its silver of years,  
Veils the palsy of age in halos of glory;  
Or caught in the tremble of deep welling tears,  
There gleams the remembrance of tremulous story.  
Or youth, in the fleetest of vanishing bliss,  
Subdued for a moment in vague melancholy,  
Uneasily leans o'er the yawning abyss  
When hope bridges over an outlet from folly.  
How, then, does the shadow of bitter regret,  
Or surges of feelings imperial sway,  
Revive all the purposes languishing yet  
And effort in fruitlessness hidden away?  
As idyls of summer, as dreams in the night,  
Seem past re-solutions and purposes deep;  
Beheld in the phantoms which melt from the sight,  
Or risen from graves where memories sleep.  
When Brothers in Deltas, mysterious bond,  
With clasp of the hand and light in the eye,  
As dreams were the glances we ventured beyond  
To that which is now revealed mystery.  
The future, the wonderful home of desire;  
When each in our palace attended the guest,  
Who kindled the fancy in passionate fire,  
Or lulled us to slumber with whispers of rest.  
Who taught us the hope that filled all the days  
And kept the sun setting in roseate hue;  
Or furnished primroses for thorny set ways,  
Whilst keeping the goal of our efforts in view.



I know him—the treacherous, pilfering knave—  
 He is here with me now, but not as a guest;  
 I think he is buried, but not in a grave;  
 I know he is sleeping, but never has rest.

I have him imprisoned, away from my sight,  
 In the deepest of cells chilled memory knows;  
 No more he entrances with spectacles bright,  
 Or witnesses aught of my triumphs or woes.

When first—as the story has often been told—  
 I met him again in scenes which were new;  
 He had all the sparkle and glamor of old,  
 When I bid the dear Brothers of Delta adieu.

He built larger schemes to capture my thought,  
 And laughed just as merry as ever he did;  
 But ah! this old tempter, what riot he wrought,  
 For all his beguilements—his treachery hid.

It is but a step on the threshold of time,  
 And only a moment we pause, ere we glide  
 To animal fullness or manhood sublime,  
 With others all struggling alike at our side.

It's all in the hands of the Father, who knows  
 What each Brother Delta has fixed in his mind;  
 He shields, if we will, from numberless woes,  
 And shows us the nobler—he knows—he is kind.

Still never leave hope, though it often be rays;  
 Hope on, but remember when put to the test—  
 Of all the fond scenes which gladdened our gaze,  
 That only and ever survives, which is best.

### REVIVAL OF PHI BETA KAPPA.

[From the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly for January.]

Oldest among the collegiate Fraternities of our land is Phi Beta Kappa. Most of us can recall the respect with which, as Freshmen, we looked at the square gold keys, with their stars and index fingers and mystic letters, which the spectacled professors wore, and which in turn the honor men of the Senior class put on just before their graduation.

Little is known of the exact details as to how and in what form Phi Beta Kappa was organized. Beyond this, that the Society was founded in William and Mary College, Virginia, by Thomas Jefferson, in 1776, almost nothing is certain. But these simple facts invest the Fraternity with dignity and hallow it with patriotic memories. Jefferson may have established it originally on the plan of the French Student clubs of that day. It may have been organized

as a Society for philosophic research. It may have been intended to commemorate among students the birth of the Republic, as the Cincinnati was afterwards designed to perpetuate among the veterans, who saw the Revolutionary War close, the memories and comradeships of their campaigns. It may have been intended to form a bond of union among college men and to associate them as a class for literary and possibly patriotic purposes. Its early records are gone. Its name, its simple but dignified form of initiation, its quaint grip, and some traditions are all that remain from a time that saw the beginnings of our Nation. But these are much. They seem to make the preservation and just extension of Phi Beta Kappa a filial duty, binding on the scholarship and patriotism of our colleges.

The Society was early established in Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth. It thence extended to many other institutions. But as it only accepted members late in their college course, and its membership soon came to be regarded as a mark of scholarship and high class rank, it suggested rather than fulfilled the needs of student comradeship. From the fact that  $\Phi B K$  had been organized with a Greek Letter name and under forms of secrecy, came the influence that shaped college clubs and student associations in this country. Following  $\Phi B K$ , they have taken Greek Letter names and adopted some form of secrecy. This is curiously shown by the fact that the earliest among them, the  $K A$ , which was organized at Union, in 1825, adopted a key for its badge, and thus followed  $\Phi B K$  in the form or fashion of its emblem.

Thus were born the younger and now widely spread Greek Letter Fraternities. Their influence on our American college life has been curiously great. Their growth has been very large. The strength of their ties is to-day recognized by old grey-headed graduates just as cordially as by those eager young Freshmen, to whom their quaint pins and badges are a perpetual but enticing mystery. "*Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis!*" well may the Greek Fraternities say. Their Chapters, of



fifty years ago, were mere student clubs, working within the lines of faculty decrees. Their field was then so narrow that their influence was scarcely felt. Later on, as one petty prerogative after another was given up by the college officers, the Fraternities extended the scope of their influence. Thus the second stage of their development began, in which all that concerned the student outside of the curriculum was affected by their influence. These Fraternities concluded that voluntary and private literary exercises were productive of more real culture than forced efforts encouraged by the Faculty—and the old “open debating societies” were no more. In this regard I think their influence unfortunate. The large debating society has always seemed to me a very valuable addition to collegiate training. Next, these Fraternities noted that deep rooted collegiate customs had survived their possible excuse and effectually handled what Faculties dared not touch. Naturally, it is to Yale that I turn for illustration, duplicated, I doubt not, elsewhere. There, *A J* *Φ*, *Ψ* *Υ* and *A K E* withdrew their support from “Linonia” and “Brothers,” and their dust-covered libraries were turned over to the college. *A K E* withdrew her endorsement, and “Cochleareati” became a matter of collegiate history.

Such was the status at the time of the first general attack upon the Fraternity system. It was claimed that the Fraternities had established their rule in place of the parental function of the professors, and from one end of the land to the other the discussion was maintained. For a score of years it has been practically admitted that the Societies have finally succeeded. Looking back now we can see that the burden of the charge against them was true, and, though their defenders sincerely disavowed it, that the dissolution of the “parental system” must be laid in great part at their door. But they builded better than they knew, and, though unwittingly, were the prophets of the new dispensation. To no one cause more than to the Fraternity movement has been due the altered condition of college culture. If these conditions have changed

for the worse, the Fraternities must bear much of the responsibility; if, as I believe, they have changed for the better, then to them is a large share of the credit due.

This naturally resulted in a third stage of development now attracting the notice of college officers. In matters of study and discipline, each student is now largely guided by his personal predilections, by the advice of those he sees fit to consult, by the moral force of his chosen associations. This association is now largely determined in many colleges by the Greek Letter Societies or Fraternities. The transformation is thus completed, and the “enlightened autocracy” which the old college was, is becoming—in great part has become—an aggregate of student republics which constitutes the university of to-day. Being the exponents of the movement which has thus prevailed, the Fraternities have met the requirements of circumstances they have thus so largely brought about. At each loosening of the “parental” care of the college there has been created for them a new opportunity which they have promptly accepted. The consequences have been a development, undreamed of by their founders, but in every way legitimate and substantial. The members of the “Little Clubs” of the past shared responsibility for a small rental, and were common owners of a limited stock of furniture, whereas the Greek Letter Chapter of to-day is frequently a chartered corporation, with club house, dormitories and libraries, maintaining complicate and important relations with its college, its sister Chapters, its Alumni and the central Executive of its Fraternity.

To-day, when differences between students and Faculty are discussed by the press and public with equal deference to the views of each side, the authorities of more than one noted college are urging leading Fraternities to give them the influence of their Chapters. Very different views are held by very thoughtful men. Ex-President White, of Purdue, still believes they should be put down, and argues that the classical and literary tendencies of the “Greek Societies”



are so strong that a scientific college must combat them, while President White, of Cornell, finds them useful factors in university government. The Faculty of Amherst, abdicating its old position as sole guardian of college order, has called to its aid a committee of students whose selection is practically made by the Fraternities. Bowdoin has placed the discipline of the college in the hands of students, a majority of whom are chosen as direct representatives of these Chapters. On every hand college corporations are disavowing much of the old responsibility for the personal conduct and moral guidance of students, and the Fraternities are left as the sole efficient and stable centres of student organization. It is thus seen that we have to consider a new status of things. The time is apparently at hand when "College Government" is to be very largely changed into "Student Government," and it is in meeting this, their new responsibility, that the Fraternities have taken upon themselves the intense activity, which has marked the past five years.

The most venerable of them all, Phi Beta Kappa, was a factor in liberal education in this country from the beginning. Without the opportunity which later times afforded its successors, it filled so well its early and modest place that it suffered the misfortune of patronage, and *Φ B K*, an association of kindred spirits, devoted to liberal learning, was so carefully watched over by professors, and so swathed with tokens of respect by Faculties, that it has been in danger of dying from excessive attention—of being treated as a royal mummy and entombed with monumental honors.

*Φ B K* had been dormant for many years—existing in silence—an honorary Society merely, a name, a watch charm, a red ribbon. But three years ago a committee was appointed at Harvard, whose Chapter is now the oldest in the Fraternity, to arrange for a Convention of all the Chapters at Cambridge, in 1881, to commemorate the centennial of the Harvard Alpha. At this Convention, which was the first general assembly of the Fraternity, 29 delegates were

present, representing 12 Chapters. As a brief *resume* of what has grown out of that first meeting, I quote from a report of Prof. Adolph Werner, the present Secretary of the Fraternity, to whom and to Mr. Justin Winsor and Prof. John K. Lord I am indebted for the full information that they have kindly furnished:

"In the spring of 1881, the Harvard Chapter invited the other Chapters to send delegates to attend the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of their establishment, and to empower such delegates to constitute themselves a Convention to represent the Society. A majority of the Chapters responded to the invitation and the delegates met at Cambridge on the 30th of June, 1881. Some discussion was had upon the condition of the Society, and upon the possibility of bringing the Chapters into closer relations than had existed. The institution of a permanent representative body was suggested. The delegates did not take action, but resolved to meet again in the fall. Accordingly, a meeting was held at the University Building, in the City of New York, on the 18th of October, 1881. Sixteen Chapters were represented. It was resolved to recommend the creation of a National Council, for which a constitution was adopted that was to go into effect upon ratification by twelve Chapters. Furthermore, a committee was appointed to prepare a uniform constitution and form of initiation for the use of the several Chapters."

A third meeting was held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on the 6th and 7th of September, 1882, and the new constitution was submitted, discussed, amended, and finally adopted by the unanimous vote of the Convention. It was ratified by some delegations and by others recommended to their Chapters for ratification. The constitution was to take effect when ratified by fourteen Chapters. It was ratified by seven on the above date. It has now, as I am informed by the Secretary, been ratified by sixteen, and thus stands as the organic law of this Fraternity.

The "Constitution of the United Chapters of the Phi Beta Kappa Society" consists of fourteen articles. The



first provides for the composition of the National Council, consisting of certain Senators and Delegates, each Chapter being entitled to three delegates, who must be graduates of at least five years' standing. Article II. provides for the Senate, "consisting of twenty Senators, chosen by the delegates of the first session of the National Council from the Society at large," and thereafter to consist of thirty Senators, perpetuated by alternate elections. The Senate is divided into two classes, whose terms expire respectively at the adjournment of alternate regular sessions of the National Council. This National Council is synonymous with the "Convention" or "Congress" of other Fraternities. It is officered as they are. There is a provision, however, that the President shall be chosen from among the Senators. A provision is also made that the National Council shall meet on the first Wednesday of September, in every third year. By far the most important provision of the constitution, as illustrating how closely  $\Phi B K$  is following the executive methods of the other Greek Letter Fraternities, is the fifth article—the Senate and its functions—which reads as follows:

"During the sessions of the National Council the Senate shall have no separate existence, but its members shall take their places with the delegates as members of the National Council, voting with the delegates, as well upon all other matters as upon the election of officers and Senators, except as provided in Article II. When the National Council is not in session the Senate shall constitute an independent body, charged with the duty of representing the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and speaking in its name, and exercising, in addition, the functions of a permanent Executive Committee of the National Council. \* \* \* It shall hold its meetings at such times and places as it shall determine. It shall recommend candidates for election as Senators. It shall also have power to call an extra session of the National Council. It shall furthermore prepare and recommend to the consideration of the National Council such matters as it may deem proper. \* \* \* It shall also transmit in the same manner to the National Council a report of its doings between the sessions of the Council."

Article VII. provides for granting new charters, and requires that all applications be made to the Senate at least six months before the regular session of the National Council.

The first meeting of the National Council (which may be considered the fourth meeting under the new movement) was held at Saratoga on the 5th of September, 1883. Thirteen Chapters were represented. Under the new constitution of the Fraternity it was first necessary to elect the Senators. The following gentlemen were chosen: The Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Prof. Adolph Werner, O. B. Frothingham, George William Curtis, Justin Winsor, Oliver W. Holmes, Jr., President Elliot, of Harvard; Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, Joseph H. Choate, Prof. John H. Wright, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Walbridge A. Field,

Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, President Angell, of Michigan University; President Francis A. Walker, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the compiler of this article.

Among the important enactments of this first Council stand the following: The Secretary was directed to obtain from every Chapter a complete list of its membership. Probably  $\Phi B K$  stands next to  $\Delta K E$  in point of numbers, it being now estimated that it has over seven thousand members, although no general catalogue has ever been published. As to finance, arrangements were made for levying the first assessment on the Chapters, and the administration of the Fraternity—thus speedily and successfully awakened from its long lethargy—was placed in the hands of its Central Committee.

Such are the methods which have been adopted by  $\Phi B K$ . To what do they tend? It might be presumptuous to propose an end to which  $\Phi B K$  should be guided. But some of the tendencies of our venerable and honored Fraternity are already well defined.

To-day the younger Greek Letter Societies give tone to the student life of many of our colleges, and these colleges are rapidly becoming student democracies. In this office  $\Phi B K$  has little share. It is late in the course that her elections are made, and then from those who have dedicated themselves most unreservedly to liberal culture. Is her mission, outside of college walls, and after graduation, to systematize and make effective the force of American educated thought? In short, shall she attempt for society at large what is done by the student Chapters of each college for their own undergraduate world? Is this dream chimerical—or is there in it some suggestion of possibility? To those who have more fortunate opportunities for literary work and collegiate effort, the answer must be left. Should it be realized, we should surely advance those "humanities" whereby all educated men are of common kin.

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AS CAN BE readily seen by reference to the Literary Department of this number of THE CRESCENT, we have been compelled to make it up almost entirely of selections taken from our exchanges. While we are glad to be able thus to present thoughts and sentiments that find expression outside of our own Order, we prefer to distribute them somewhat throughout the volume and not devote an entire number to their service. Yet this result has been forced upon us, simply because the time for publication is alarmingly near, and we have received no communications from our Alumni, upon whom we must depend for assistance in making this part of our paper a success. While we acknowledge the interest and financial support which THE CRESCENT has received this year, as highly satisfactory and even surpassing our expectation, we can not help but feel that she lacks that more material interest which has made other Fraternity journals what they are, and given them the high position and influence which they now possess. Brother Deltas, you read this paper of ours month after month, and while you give it credit with many good qualities, perhaps, you still feel that there is something wrong; and as you lay it aside, you say: "There is something wanting. I don't know exactly what that 'some-

thing' is, but THE CRESCENT is not what it ought to be." And having delivered yourself of this sage remark, you put the matter out of your mind and think no more of it until the next number is received, and then the same useless exercise is repeated. You do not stop to question whether this want could be supplied in part by *you*, for that is none of your business. Certainly not. There is an editor elected by the Convention. He ought to improve it. That is his business. Well, we will grant that—and therefore this writing. You say you do not exactly make out just what the trouble is. Occupy with us, the editorial chair for a few minutes, and we will explain the mystery. We too, realize with you this "want," but we can easily see where the trouble is. In our desk is a pile of letters, some twenty or more; they are answers which we have received and requests for just such literary support as our journal so much needs; and each and every one of them ends with this cheering and consoling remark: "I am very sorry that I can not give you any assistance at present. Accept my best wishes for your success elsewhere," etc., etc. Perhaps as you look over these letters you will be amused to think that so many of our Brothers are so thoroughly engrossed in business that they can not even find time to devote an hour or so a year to the Fraternity journal. Yes, you will smile as you read them, until you have passed the fifteenth perhaps, then the amusement will wear off, and as you fold up the twenty-first or second, and thoughts of a long delay in the publication become strangely mixed up in your mind, with several hundred postal cards and letters, each one concealing ill-disguised impatience, as they each in turn inquire: "What is the matter with THE CRESCENT? It is two weeks overdue and we have not received it?" We greatly fear that you will begin to feel a little discouraged at the prospect. Have you discovered the secret? Do you see now what it is that is wanted to make our CRESCENT the powerful Fraternity organ that it can and should be?

THIS IS NOW the fifth issue of THE CRESCENT for this year, and in the five numbers we have



received communications (not counting the orations, toasts and poem of Convention) from *three* of our Alumni, and a poem and article on Division Conferences from two of the active members. Of course, this statement does not include Chapter letters and Alumni notes, which we have received, but simply articles for the Literary Department of our paper. Certainly, further comment on this matter is unnecessary. We will simply permit this statement of facts to stand. You can draw your own conclusions. THE CRESCENT can be made a grand assistant in the workings of the Fraternity. Will you make it so? It is yours. You see the want. Supply the need.

CHAPTER DELTA is to be congratulated on the recent valuable by-laws which she has adopted. In substance they are as follows:

I.—At the first regular election of officers for each year, an Historian shall be elected, whose duty shall be to keep the annals of the Chapter and of its members.

II.—It shall be the duty of the Chapter Secretary to present, at the last regular meeting of each semester, a report of the condition, needs and prospects of the Chapter; the number of members and condition of the Chapters of other Fraternities existing here, together with such other matter as he may think of interest to our Alumni; said report to be subject to amendment by the Chapter. The report shall then be adopted, and the Historian shall be instructed to procure a certain number of copies printed and to send one to each of the absent members of the Chapter. The secrecy of these reports to be preserved.

Upon the record book of the Alpha can be found laws almost similar to those which are presented above. For years they were adhered to, but of late the time has been allowed to pass, and the printed copies never reached those for whom they were intended. We consider such a measure highly commendable, and do not doubt its efficiency if systematically carried out. Several of our Chapters, in their monthly Chapter papers, supply this need. To those issuing no publication we would heartily recommend it. But judging from the success of the past, we fear that the plan, being a voluntary task upon the Chapter, will soon be neglected. Without doubt, such a plan will result in great good for the Chapter and the Fraternity. Therefore, we

would strongly advocate Convention legislation upon this subject. Several strong Fraternities that we know of can trace their present prosperity to just this same plan of issuing term or annual reports to their Alumni. But to be successful it must be universal. The matter will bear thought.

FOLLOWING the leadings of the editorial appearing in the last CRESCENT, advocating the withdrawal of charters from several Chapters which have become a material weight and useless incumbrance, the question naturally presents itself: What would the standing and condition of our Fraternity be, in case these measures were adopted? In advocating, as we do most strenuously, this action, we do not by any means intend to cast a reflection on the present structure which we see before us. The work of extension has been carried on systematically and well, but it is still incomplete. The foundation is strong; the walls are firm and true, but the rubbish of years has been allowed to accumulate, until now so many unsightly heaps of useless, worn out material can be found, that at first glance the casual observer sees little else. We have on our Chapter roll many good and strong Chapters, situated in the leading colleges of the United States; but so many poorer, less prepossessing names stand side by side with them, that they are seldom taken into account; for it is by the poor and weak, not the strong Chapters of a Fraternity, that the average critic judges it. The influence that the name of one Grammar School on a Chapter roll exerts, is stronger than that of a dozen leading universities. Suppose, if you please, a state of events. Let the Delta Tau Delta be a body composed of twenty Chapters, and twenty only. We need not in this article designate the colleges. Take our roll of thirty-two and strike off twelve; you can easily decide which will remain. Darwin's "survival of the fittest" will be a sufficient guide. What will be the result? Twenty Chapters, strong, each in its own strength, and in the harmonious assistance of every other Chapter;



eager to work for the Fraternity of which they are proud; not of its Eastern, Middle or Western Division only, but proud of it as a whole; enthusiastic in the work of extending and increasing its power. Twenty Chapters, of not one of which we need be ashamed. We will be stronger in every feature than we are to-day.

The rank and standing of a Fraternity depends, not on its long roll of Chapters, not on a multiplicity of institutions; many of them as little known and respected as the Fraternities existing in them. These considerations enter but little into the judgments of an intelligent observer. It is the Fraternity that is composed of earnest, ready, working Chapters, existing only in first-class institutions, and reasonably exclusive in all its transactions that can justly lay claim to strength, power and influence in the Greek World of American colleges. Perhaps a long list of Chapters, when exultingly displayed, may at first dazzle the uninitiated, but not for long. They will soon be so inconsiderate as to ask: "Where are these colleges, whose names we find so conspicuously mentioned on your Chapter roll? Of what grade or standing are they?" And you are forced to acknowledge their inferiority. Delta Tau Delta, as she stands to-day, is one of the leading Western Fraternities, and that is the best we can claim for her. What she *could* be is very different. We have the material, if unincumbered, to stand at the head of the Western and Central Fraternities of our land; and with judicious, free, healthy growth, could, in a few years, be well known in the Eastern Fraternity field. This is no impossibility we picture. We have the power to place the banner of Delta Tau Delta where we will, but that power is at present useless. Not because it has met opposition, to which it has had to yield; it has not gone to sleep and given up the effort, but it lies pinioned under a massive weight of rubbish, a weight that has been accumulating for years, and which must be removed before we can ever hope to see our Fraternity prosper. Can we remove it? Certainly; but *will* we? Shall we stand on one side and

say, "Let it alone; we know it is useless, worn out stuff; we know it is unsightly and cumbersome. We see that the heap contains little, if anything, of value, but it is composed of ruins of old Chapters, and we must not disturb these relics, lest we offend some hovering wraith of memory. These Chapters have given us some of our best men, and we must consider them in this matter." Or, on the other hand, will we throw off the load and see our Fraternity spring forward with fresh strength for the contest? Let us not be content to keep our eyes constantly downward, looking only at what we have attained, and foolishly congratulating ourselves upon the highth to which we have risen. Let us bravely look up, for whether we are willing to acknowledge it or not, the mountain still towers high above us. Many we see below, and some above,—but all are climbing; and every moment that we stand at rest, unable to move the load that drags us downward, those below are gradually drawing nearer, and those above are growing indistinct in the distance.

WE UNDERSTAND that there will appear, in the next number of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, a letter purporting to be communicated by a member of this Fraternity, and answering the editorial in our last issue, relating to the withdrawal of Chapters. The fact that the letter lacks any signature, and bears upon it no proof of its authenticity, has decided us to make no criticism upon it whatever. In fact, the letter deserves none, but the editor, who has assisted in this pleasant little diversion, if he takes time to consider, will readily see that it would have been more to his credit to have suppressed this paper than to have published it, as he does, unsigned and of doubtful authority.

WE EXPECT, in our next issue, to be able to give a full account of the two Division Conferences, of the First and Second Divisions, held respectively in New York City and Akron, O. Also of the first meeting of the Executive Council, which met at Akron at the time of the Second Division Conference.



## CHAPTER LETTERS.

## ALPHA.—ALLEGHENY.

Alpha has a series of successes, and successes only, to report to her sisters through the medium of *THE CRESCENT*.

As announced in our last, the 5th Annual Chocktaw Pow-wow occurred on the evening of the 23d, at the Commercial Hotel in this city. About seven o'clock the boys began to assemble in our halls, on Chestnut street, and after our regular Saturday evening session, the war-paint and Indian dress having been assumed, we marched in sober Indian file to the great Commercial wigwam. After smoking the pipe of peace in the most approved style, it was soon announced that the collation of "jerked meats" were waiting our pleasure, and we immediately repaired to the dining rooms, where a few squaws (but not of our tribe) ministered to our many wants. Of the banquet we will say little—for little remains to be said after announcing that it was served at the Commercial. Ample justice was paid to the spread; and then came the pleasantest part of the programme. Brother Guthrie assumed the position of toast-master, immediately calling on Brother Gill to reply to the toast, "The Delta Tau Delta," which was briefly responded to by Brother Gill. Brother E. E. Baldwin made some very fitting remarks concerning "The New Halls of the Alpha," after which we had the pleasure of hearing Brother Pitts, of Grand Chapter Delta, in response to "The Third Grand Division." Brother Pitts spoke of the pleasant relations that have always existed between his Chapter and the one he now had the pleasure of visiting, expressing the hope that this sympathy and regard might continue in the future, as now—a hope which we fully concur in. "The Crescent," responded to by E. W. Day; "Deltas in Meadville Journalism," by W. B. Best, City Editor of the *Republican*; "Our Chocktaw Dude," by C. B. Kistler; "The Delta Girls," by E. P. Cullum; with general remarks by Brothers Gill, Plummer and Guthrie,

closed an evening of rare enjoyment, as far as the banquet itself was concerned. At a word, we again repaired to the parlors, where we indulged in the old-time "Walk Around," which closes every Alpha banquet. It now being well into Sunday morning we returned to our halls, well satisfied that the 5th Annual Pow-wow was a success in every feature. One thing we have, however, to deplore: that is, the unusually small number of Alumni who met with us at this banquet. We have received regrets from many, showing that their absence is the result of no indifference, but made necessary by circumstances, etc.; but from others we have received no word. We had a grand time; and, Brother Alumnus, you would have been well paid if you had been present.

We were glad to entertain Brother A. G. Pitts, of Delta, Grand Secretary of the Third Grand Division, on his return from the meeting of the Executive Council at Akron. Brother Pitts gave us some very valuable accounts of Delta, and we will gladly welcome any more such Delts. from our sister Chapters.

In conclusion, we wish to say that we heartily concur in the action of the Executive Council, in regard to the withdrawal of certain charters, as a unanimous vote of ratification testifies.

## BETA BETA.—DEPAUW.

Beta Beta is still enjoying her usual prosperity. Although we cannot, and do not wish to boast of the number of men initiated this year, still in the internal workings of the Chapter we feel that we are better than ever before.

We have Brother R. P. A. Berryman, of the class of '86, to introduce to the Delta Tau world. He has proven himself an active, thorough Delt.

The name of this institution will be changed from Asbury to DePauw, some time this month. The Board of Trustees formally turned it over to Mr. DePauw on the 16th of January. An observatory, two dormitories and a new laboratory are to be built during the summer.



Brother W. A. Pitton, Alpha, '84, of Nashville, Tenn., made us a flying visit. The boys all fell in love with him.

Brother C. W. Mann, '85, has been appointed cadet at West Point, and Brother W. M. Crose, '87, cadet at Annapolis.

Brother F. D. Wimmer, '86, has been very sick for some time.

Brothers H. T. Norton and H. S. Davidson were called home at the beginning of this term by their business interests.

#### BETA EPSILON.—EMORY.

We are still alive, and so far as we are able to see, still prospering.

We take pleasure in introducing Brother C. B. Williamson, who has recently enlisted under the banner of the purple and gray.

Brother A. S. Adams has been compelled to leave college in consequence of ill health.

Brother Clements, who was with us last year, is in the Medical College, Atlanta.

Brother Gee, also with us last year, is studying dentistry in Jacksonville, Florida. He expects to complete his course in Baltimore, Md.

We regret very much that we are unable to have a representative at the Second Grand Division Conference, but it is so, in consequence of heavy college work at this time. We will have a delegate at the next Annual Convention, if possible.

We have read with interest the communication in THE CRESCENT on "Size of Chapters." It speaks the sentiments of Beta Epsilon.

#### BETA GAMMA.—COLUMBIA.

Since I wrote my last letter we have initiated two worthy men into our Brotherhood—Brothers J. A. Mills, '86, Yonkers, New York; and Fred. E. Buckingham, '84, School of Mines, Brooklyn, N. Y., who bid fair to become earnest workers in our common cause.

We have rented a flat, consisting of six rooms, where we intend hereafter to hold our meetings. It is the first time that we have had a hall that

we could permanently call our own, and we look upon it as a sort of crisis in our development. It will materially help us in pledging candidates, as our rooms are not far from college. A comfortable suite of rooms, where one can go, either to study or read, is a great inducement to offer.

Our rivals are in splendid condition, hence we have most formidable opposition in nearly every quarter. Delta Psi has forty men, twelve of whom are Freshmen. Psi Upsilon has thirty-eight, and Delta Kappa Epsilon about thirty-six. Anyone will admit that we have great odds to contend against, but we intend to keep up the struggle and succeed, no matter how distant success may be.

We are now hoping to pledge a man whom the four large Societies have already elected and bid.

Our *Columbiad* is out and contains, of course, the usual Fraternity statistics. The Delta Kappa Epsilons, Phi Gamma Deltas, Delta Psis, and Beta Theta Pis, all have new cuts. The rolls have, in most cases, been increased by many names, mostly from the Freshman class.

The Phi Delta Chis have eleven men, all from the Law and Medical Schools, and they have no influence whatever. I doubt very much if they survive another year.

Beta Gamma sends a right cordial greeting to the Fraternity at large, and hopes that she may hear personally from other Chapters through the mails, as well as in the columns of THE CRESCENT.

#### BETA ZETA.—IRVINGTON.

After our long silence we are again ready to report.

We stated at the Indianapolis Convention that probably Beta Zeta's days were numbered, and conditioned her continuance on our ability to secure first-class men. We have received many inquiries concerning our prospects, and now, for the first time, can give a satisfactory reply. The history of the year has been this: Three men returned to college last fall.



Having lost one man, by the efforts of Brother Curtis we were able to add W. M. Alley to the list of the faithful. He was compelled to leave college at the close of the term, by the death of his mother.

For the third time in her history, Beta Zeta was reduced to two men. There were two classes of men outside of Fraternities. The first, composed of little preps., we could not use. The second was mostly composed of preachers and strong anti-Fraternity men. By the hardest of work we succeeded in capturing two of the best men of the latter class. Let me introduce them—Lindsey Thomas VanCleave, '87, New Market, Indiana; and Daniel Melvin Davison, '88, Minauk, Ill. Sigma Chi is honest enough to say she tried her best, but failed to get them. Sigma Chi has done promiscuous spiking. She has spiked fifteen men and initiated seven. Five of these were preps., and one of her preps. has been unceremoniously "fired" and another left suddenly.

We have four good men pledged and will initiate them soon. A prep., who gets in a hurry, can join one of our rivals. Our preps. are content to wait.

The last number of the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* contains a very sensible, well written article on "College Politics," by John M. Goodwin, of DePauw University. It reads very nicely, but if Mr. Goodwin had explained why his Fraternity, and the Chapters he has been a member of are so noted for their cussedness in college politics, it would have been nearer to the point. His letter comes at a very suitable time, as the two Phi Delta Theta Chapters, of which he has been, and the one of which he is now a member, are engaged in about the meanest piece of chicanery in the annals of college politics. It is the action of the Butler Phis, in our recent oratorical election, and the support given them.

The future of Beta Zeta seems brighter than it has for years, and so we are happy.

We will say farewell, as our days as S. A., of

Beta Zeta are ended, and will give way to D. M. Davison, who has been appointed our successor. If we have not written many letters, it is because we have been waiting till we could make a good report. Having made it we will cease.

#### BETA KAPPA.—STATE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

INITIATES—Guy M. Thompson, '87, Grand Rapids, Mich; Victor Irwin Noxon, '87, Idaho Springs, Colorado; Edward Cook Mason, '87, Silver Cliff, Colorado.

This term is a peculiar one to us. Brother Stanton has gone to Del Norte, and is Principal of Schools at that place; Brother Pease has accepted an important position in a surveying expedition for the U. P. Company, but will be with us the latter part of the term.

Our initiates, Brothers Thompson, Noxen and Mason, are men of whom any Chapter in our Fraternity would be proud.

There is a strong probability that Sigma Chi will make an attempt on the University. We say let them come, for we are ready for them. We are secure now and able to battle with any Fraternity that may see fit to stand over against us.

We have applied to the Faculty, through Prof. Hanas, for a night in Commencement week, and our application has been granted. We purpose to give the first public entertainment ever given by "actives" in the State.

Brother Willis Stidger was married on February 20th, to Hattie L. Silcott, of Indianola, Iowa.

Brother George Stidger was married on March 5th, to Helen A. Dorr, of Des Moines, Iowa—an I. C.

The Phi Kappa Psi made an attempt to pledge two of our students, but failed.

We have but one more man in view for this year, and when we secure him we can truthfully say that any Delta would be satisfied with our work for the first year.

We are anxious to let all Deltas know fully of



our progress, that they may satisfy themselves whether or not we are a benefit or a detriment. We refer for particulars concerning our work to that well known and loyal Delta, E. J. Ware, who spent part of the year with us.

#### DELTA.—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since we were last heard from, we have settled down in our new Chapter House. The description of it was given in the last number of THE CRESCENT. We are very pleasantly situated; have twelve men in the house, and still there is room for any Deltas who happen to come this way.

The first semester closed on the 15th, and the second semester began on the following Monday.

Brother Springer, formerly of '86, has returned to college and entered the Law Department. We are very glad to welcome "Rosy" back among us.

Brother Ripley, of '76, dropped in to see us last month and stayed with us a few days. He is at present assistant engineer of the Sault Ste. Marie ship canal.

Brother Ware has also found time to remember Delta. Brother W., it will be remembered, was our S. A. last year. He was prevented from being with us this year on account of sickness, but hopes to be back next year.

The Third Division will be represented at the meeting of the Executive Council by A. G. Pitts, of Delta.

We hope, before the next number of THE CRESCENT is out, to be able to introduce to the Fraternity a man whom we can all be proud of.

#### EPSILON.—ALBION.

May Epsilon introduce to the Fraternity her three initiates, in order of initiation:—Brothers M. R. Carrier, T. J. Martin and N. A. Cole. We congratulate ourselves on our term's work, for these are men of the royal stripe. With this accession to our numbers we now are seventeen active men. There are, at least, a score of

men still in school, who would do honor to Delta Tau Delta, but, as you see, we haven't room for them.

We were happily surprised in receiving a fine, eighteen dollar album, from our much respected Brother Connable, which came to us as a New Year's gift. On a gold plate in the cover is engraved:—

*Presented to Epsilon Chapter,*

*Δ T Δ,*

*by*

*A. W. Connable,*

*Jan. 1, 1884.*

It is rapidly being filled with the cabinets of our Alumni.

There were present with us, at the State Y. M. C. A. Convention, held in Albion early in February, the following Brothers: Prof. Haynes, of Hillsdale College—Wagner, Chairman of the Hillsdale delegation; Waldron, Arnold, Corbet of Kappa, Lucas, '83, and Jones, of Beta Iota. These Brothers all expressed themselves as highly pleased with our new hall. Indeed, one Brother, who said he knew, remarked that Epsilon's was the finest Delta hall in the State; but, of course, we wouldn't have it repeated. But, by the way, we are just hugely enjoying our new rooms. Our Chapter Hall has really become our college home, and we return to our meetings with very much the same feeling that we experience upon returning home after a college term.

We are in receipt of invitations to the First and Second Division Conferences. We wish the Fraters thus meeting most successful Conventions, and deeply regret that none of us are able to attend. We are very glad that matters pertaining to the Conference of the Third Division are being so vigorously pushed by Brother Pitts, our Division Secretary. Epsilon may be expected to attend *en masse*.



## IOTA.—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

After an untold amount of hard work, and many discouragements, we are glad to report Iota's catalogue lists in good shape—not quite what we would desire—for it was our sincere hope to have them perfect in every respect; yet, notwithstanding we have been working at them three years, over a few points hangs a mist.

There is no denying the fact that it has been a difficult task to secure all the data necessary concerning Iota's alumni, yet we do not believe her alumni are any more negligent, or harder to find than are those of the average chapter.

The amount of labor connected with the securing of data has led us to inquire whether some means can not be devised for lightening this labor in the future. To secure this future ease and insure greater accuracy, we are having a record book made. The book is nine by twelve inches, and contains three hundred pages. The first fifty pages are ruled so as to give columns for the following subjects in the order named: Number, full name, address, date of birth, birth-place, date of initiation, class, name and address of nearest relative, page. The page refers to a page in the back of the book, one page being devoted to each member. On this page we intend to keep a record of a man's college honors, and a very full one of his work after leaving college. In this way we hope to secure for the next catalogue all data that may be desired, and, too, with far less labor than the present has required. This book is a cheap one, and is simply experimental, but on learning by experience just what is needed, we shall have a more permanent form. We are pleased to know that three of our chapters have similar records, and hope that they may be adopted in every one. Now is the time for such a record to be commenced, as each S. A. is familiar with the location of the alumni.

## LAMBDA.—LOMBARD.

It is with considerable pleasure that Lambda presents her last initiates, Bros. August Dehlgren, Charles A. C. Garst, and Thomas Nolan.

They are "true blue," and of that texture which bids fair to wear well. This now makes our number fifteen, and that has always seemed to me an ideal number. The Chapter supplies that much-felt want of college life, family-like association, and if we would have harmony we must have a limited number of select men; not the *most* select in college, as correspondents so often put it, for, as Eta well phrased it, "no Chapter can have all the cream;" but those upon whom you can depend, individually and collectively, for integrity of character and capacity for enthusiastic work. The tree that suddenly blossoms forth in spring with a multitude of promises for the harvest, when that harvest comes, may yield only a few small, sour apples. Quality, not quantity, is the watchword of fraternity success.

On February 7, Lambda celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of her initiation by having an oyster supper. Of course we took the ladies, and consequently the dancing and other amusements were as full of enjoyment as we could desire. It was the next day when we stopped, but the remembrance will last longer.

## MU.—OHIO WESLEYAN.

In accordance with the promise made in the October CRESCENT, our weak condition in the lower classes has been materially changed.

Brothers W. M. Porter, of Greenfield, and J. A. Arnold, of Van Wert, Ohio, both '86, were initiated on the evening of the 9th, and are now wearing "our purple and our gray."

Eight men joined other Fraternities during last term: Crook, '87, and Cochlin, '86, Phi Gamma Delta; Frizell and Garver, '87, Phi Kappa Psi; Shannon and Greer, '87, and Peebles, '85, Beta Theta Pi; Cheney, '85, Chi Phi; O'Kane, '87, Seeds, '86, and Murphy, '85, Phi Delta Theta; making our present relative numbers as follows:

Year.	Δ	T	Δ	Φ	Γ	Δ	Φ	K	Ψ	Β	Θ	Π	Χ	Φ	Δ	Θ	Σ	Χ	Total
'84	5			4				0		4			3			5	2		23
'85	4			2				5		3			4			2	1		21
'86	2			4				6		4			0			1	0		17
'87	1			4				4		3			2			3	1		18
Total.	12			14				15		14			9			11	4		79



Brother Elliott, '85, is now teaching at Bellevue, Ohio; but he will be with us again next term.

Brother Baker, '87, has gone into business with his father, as publisher of the *Bellevue Local News*.

Brother W. M. Day, '71, editor of the *Iron Trade Review and Western Machinist*, made us a short call on the 11th.

On the first day of the term, Brothers Colburn and Dowling, the representatives of the two Fraternities at "Old Bethany," namely, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta, stopped off on their way back to school to see their Brothers here. The day was cold, as they discovered before they found us, or, we them; but the heart was warm. In the evening twenty Greeks met around the oyster bowl, and with singing and toasting made merry, until that unseemly hour when none but goblins and Frat. men are said to stir abroad. If the visiting Brothers were "thrilled" with the singing of 700 students assembled in Chapel, we were also delighted with their college songs, a branch of music in which we are so lamentably deficient.

As soon as the *Bijou* is published, we will be pleased to exchange for other college annuals.

On Saturday evening, January 19th, the seven Fraternities of the O. W. U., banqueted together at the "Crescent," D. A. Hayes, Delta Tau Delta, acting as toast-master. Responses were given to the following toasts:

"The Fraternity Idea"—D. C. Porter, Phi Gamma Delta, '84.

"The O. W. U., the Fraternity Centre of Ohio"—G. A. McNutt, Sigma Chi, '85.

"The Olympiad, the Bond of the Ancient Greeks"—A. B. Austin, Delta Tau Delta, '85.

"The Bijou"—R. B. Lloyd, Phi Kappa Psi, '85.

"The Fraternity Girls"—B. E. Cheney, Chi Phi, '85.

"The Unlaundried"—A. M. Mann, Beta Theta Pi, '86.

"Us Seniors"—R. H. Callahan, Phi Delta Theta, '84.

The occasion was so enjoyable and efficient in settling strife and promoting a feeling of amity among Fraternities, that it will in all probability be the beginning of an established custom.

#### NU.—LAFAYETTE.

Within the past few months Lafayette has been moving along in such a quiet way, that to write you a letter of any interest would, indeed, be almost an impossibility. We are aware of the delight a good Chapter letter must give to the Editor-in-chief, and we regret that we are unable to furnish such communications frequently. We are also aware that in an inverse ratio must be his delight on receiving an insipid one; hence the cause of our silence.

We began the present term with a membership of eleven, Bro. Earl, of '87, having been compelled to leave college on account of bad health.

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. A. R. Niles, of Wellsboro, Pa. Niles was one of Nu's most ardent members while in college, and to his untiring energy and good judgment the prosperity of our Chapter is largely due.

Undoubtedly one of the greatest compliments that was ever paid to any Fraternity here, was given to our boys of '84, in their recent elections of class day performers. We have three boys in '84, and each one was honored by an election. Bro. Camp was chosen—poet, Bro. Campbell was chosen presentation orator, and Bro. Maurer historian. These elections were all unanimous, and the positions are amongst the most desirable.

Our new gymnasium is nearly completed, and in a few weeks will be ready for use. The base ball team, with Bro. Campbell as captain, is under good training, and excellent results for the next season are looked for.



We are anticipating at the coming Conference of the Eastern Division a royal time, as that is the way in which Rho usually treats her guests.

We are sorry to announce the severe illness of Bro. VanDevander, who was suddenly taken sick by a severe attack of pneumonia, but, although within danger yet, his speedy recovery is expected.

#### OMEGA.—IOWA STATE.

Owing to the fact that our school year for '84 has not yet opened, I have no news from Omega, but perhaps a few thoughts in reply to an article, entitled "The Size of Chapters," in the last CRESCENT, may not be out of place. Now, it seems to me, that the fault-finding spirit manifested in the above article is, to say the least, reprehensible.

In this spirit the writer assails Omega as being one "which has sinned in this respect more than once," maintaining too large a membership. He speaks of one Chapter which "recently boasted of initiating no less than twelve Freshmen," and demands an "investigation by the general officers of the Fraternity, into the condition of a Chapter which does not display a sense of shame in reporting such an act."

With all due respect to his opinion and experience, as also the opinions of others who advocate small Chapters, I cannot agree with him, that in each and every case they are the best. Is the Brother conversant with the circumstances and surroundings of all the Chapters which have, in maintaining a membership of twenty or more, "sinned in this respect?" The attendance at Iowa State College is about 300, and there are in existence two Secret Societies—Delta Tau Delta and I. C.; the former numbers about twenty and the latter about fifteen members. Now, is it not possible to maintain twenty or more in a Chapter, and have all good men who would be an honor to any Fraternity? Unquestionably, yes. Omega did initiate twelve Freshmen and has no cause of regret. They

are all good men, socially, intellectually and morally, and all intend to graduate.

Imagine the figure twenty of us will cut in college politics, among 300 students!  $6\frac{2}{3}$  per cent. of the attendance (no subs. nor preps.) distributed among four Literary Societies is a powerful disturbing element.

Admitting that college honors are the "emptiest of honors," why do so many of the Chapters boast so much of them? My Brother seems to be making war on the whole Fraternity on this score.

Also, in college politics, why do so many of our Chapters arrogate so much to themselves, while at the same time deprecating the proceedings of other Fraternities? This evil spirit seems to have taken possession of *incog.*, and caused him to take up his pen and abuse Omega and other Chapters for actions which, I doubt not, can, in the majority of cases, be defended and even justified. Nevertheless, if the officers of the Fraternity think our case needs looking after, we shall be glad to impart any information in our power as soon as the college year opens, at which time I shall call the attention of the Chapter to the matter in hand.

#### PI.—LEHIGH.

Through some mysterious agency, the word "none" in our last letter was converted into "nine," and in consequence we had nine more men rooming in our Chapter House than we knew of. Since then, however, one of the boys has gone into it, and another will follow in a short time. We experience some trouble in getting men to fill it, as most of our boys live in town.

We are all looking forward to the First Division Conference, to be held in New York, on the 22d and 23d of February, with a great deal of pleasure. These Conferences serve a two-fold object. First, that of bringing the views of the different Chapters together, whereby our views of different subjects are enlarged; and second, that of bringing us together in a social standpoint.



The Delta Phi's have granted a charter to Lehigh, and their Chapter already numbers six men.

It is stated on reliable authority that Psi Upsilon has granted a charter to the Phi Theta Psi's, which was started for that purpose, but as yet they have not assumed their new dignity.

#### SIGMA.—MT. UNION.

The double number of THE CRESCENT seems more interesting than usual. It may be on account of its increased size—possibly from the quality of its matter, or, perchance, waiting sweetens receiving; certainly, it was thrice welcome. The boys devour its contents more eagerly than ever before.

Bro. U. C. DeFord is with us again, digesting natural science at his usual rate.

At the recent election of performers for the closing entertainment of the Linnean Literary Society, Bro. E. H. Stanley was elected orator, and Bro. W. W. Hammond, valedictorian. In regard to their performances, we only say that Sigma expects every man to do his duty.

Bro. H. H. Millard is pursuing a theological course at Drew. Hope Hirst will use the theological text-books, as he did the text-books here.

Bro. H. L. Day is our delegate to the Second Division Conference.

At a recent trustee meeting at Canton, the motion made by Bishop Simpson with regard to endowing the college, was carefully considered. Committees were appointed, enthusiasm was aroused, and we now have every reason to believe that the college will continue the growth which she began two years ago—the financial growth, I mean.

It is a fact that when C. Aultman, Lewis Miller and Jacob Miller take hold of a financial matter, as they have this, that it never falls through; and especially when backed by the enthusiasm of such men as Bishops Harris, Simpson, Warren, ex-President Hayes, and others.

#### TAU.—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

For some time past there has been much said among the Faculty, students and friends of the college, about erecting an observatory. The

only obstacle was the necessary funds. But these have come at last, in part at least, in the shape of a \$10,000 donation, from Mrs. James M. Hood, of Frederick City, Md. When this was announced in Chapel, a few weeks ago, there was great and enthusiastic applause. But the joy of the boys was further increased, when the Doctor further stated that donations would most likely follow for the erection of special buildings, for our laboratory, museum, library, and perhaps gymnasium. The work of building on the observatory will be begun early in the spring, so as to have it finished and equipped by the time of the next Commencement; and if any of our Brother Deltas should happen along this way, about that time, we invite them to drop in and have the pleasure of seeing the heavenly bodies from the Franklin and Marshall Observatory.

Our college annual, the *Oriflamme*, will be out about May, and we shall be glad to exchange for any other annual.

We are doing our best for the support of THE CRESCENT. Our subscription list at present is fifteen. All the active members subscribe, and we are now drumming up our Alumni.

We are busily engaged in furnishing our hall, but as the expenses fall mostly upon the active members, the work is somewhat slow.

Brother Albright has been elected one of the orators in the Junior Oratorical Contest, and as he is a fine speaker we have bright hopes of adding another feather to our cap.

Brother Miller, of York, paid us a visit a few weeks ago, as did also Brother Levan, '80.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the *Rho Chronicle* and *Beta Beta Reporter*.

#### THETA.—BETHANY.

The old Chapter looms up, and as Brother Dowling says, "Our soul is booming."

We have had many good additions to our ranks, making in all twenty-one.

Our old friend and new Brother, Cooper, recently visited us and spoke in the Bethany



church. While we were sorry he could not have graduated this year and have enjoyed his company more, yet we were glad to meet him and see a growing man from whom we shall hear more.

Brother Jackson has gone home on account of sickness. Brothers Martin and McGill also found it necessary to go. Brother Calhoun, also, has just bade us good-bye. But we hope to see them all back next year ready for work.

Brother Dowling, having been detained in his course by teaching in the college; will be with us another year. This gives us great pleasure, as so many of our old boys will leave us this year, and it is refreshing to hear of one remaining.

We are well supplied with musical talent. Brothers Payne, Dowling, Willett and Muckley form a quartette, and the old hall rings with the strains raised in honor to "Good Old Delta Tau."

The Fraternity is indebted to Sister Olive Muckley for a beautiful cover for the stand used by the President, and appreciate her kindness highly. The room is improved much by this addition and we feel proud of it. As to our position with other Fraternities we stand well. We extend to them our hearty good will, and trust they will do as well by us. The Betas have noble men in their ranks and we are thankful for it. We endeavor to recognize all good wherever found, and thus carry on the eternal nature of our motto, "We Labor for the Beautiful and Good."

Trusting to see some of our Delta Brothers at old Theta, with a good will toward all, and especially to those of old Delta Tau, we close for this time.

#### ZETA.—ADELBERT.

Brother M. J. Hole, '86, has packed up his "grip-sack" and betaken himself to the ancestral abode, a Sabbath day's journey into the wilderness of Damascus, Ohio. His failing health caused his withdrawal. Though he has gone from us, yet he will be found ever ready to do a double share for the Good, the Beautiful

and the True. There was not a more popular man in college than "Slim," and everybody regrets that he was forced to leave. He will, for the present, remain at the above mentioned classical town, and we assure any Brother, who may happen that way, that he will receive the cordial welcome and hospitality which are due to a Knight of the "Purple and the Grey."

While we were thus bemoaning our sad lot, a leading member of one of our strongest rivals expressed to "yours, truly," the entire willingness of that honorable body to clasp our Chapter to her throbbing bosom. It was very kind (?) and considerate (?) in them, and we fully appreciate their efforts in our behalf; but, as we couldn't see just how we could use them in our business, we rather emphatically declined, with thanks. Yet it was pleasing to discover our most inveterate enemy to be our best friend in disguise. Funny what pleasing shapes Mr. Lucifer can assume.

Brother W. S. Arter has just received a new Frat. badge. A very unique arrangement of pearls, turquois and diamonds, makes it by far the prettiest badge in college.

The students of Adelbert attended in a body the lecture of Matthew Arnold, the distinguished English author, as guests of Col. John Hay, one of our honored Trustees. This was his famous lecture on "Numbers." We are perfectly willing that the rest of the Trustees should follow Col. Hay's example.

We lately discovered another *Frater in urbe*, through the help of the Catalogue Committee. It is Wm. P. Lamphear, Theta, '72, and he is at present assistant in the wholesale and retail book establishment of Cobb, Andrews & Co. He still has in his heart a warm spot for Delta Tau. If there are any more stray Deltas in this little "burg," let them make themselves manifest in the flesh.

Brother Pettibone is practicing all sorts of fancy steps, preparatory to making a descent upon Akron, at the Conference.

Brothers Pettibone and Arter will represent this Chapter at the Second Division Conference, and will doubtless make things hum.



## ALUMNI NOTES.

## ALPHA.—ALLEGHENY.

'65—Capt. Robert G. Heiner is now stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona.

'68—S. J. Moyer is a lawyer and real estate agent at Chamberlain, Dakota.

'69—John O. Brown is engaged in mercantile business at Youngstown, Ohio.

'70—D. R. Hamlin is a lawyer at Smethport, Pa., and recently and substantially manifested his continued interest in his Chapter.

'71—Hud. Hearn is a broker at 68 Broadway, N. Y. His munificent testimonial to his old Chapter completely "brok 'er all up."

'71—Rev. Geo. W. Loomis is now the successful Pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rochester, N. Y.

'77—Tom. Sensor is making a strong run for the Superintendency of the Crawford county, Pa., schools.

'80—Ned. Locke was recently made the happy father of a baby girl. Ned. says she is a delightful little creature—and he ought to know.

'81—Charley Chryst is doing a thriving business at Warren, Ohio.

'81—Walter McJunkin is in the drug business in Clearfield, Pa.

'82—J. H. Harper and E. T. Harper, '84, have recently entered into a mercantile partnership at North Hope, Pa.

'82—C. E. Richmond was lately re-commissioned as Major on the staff of Gen. Hartranft, N. G. P.

'84—Will A. Pitton is a traveling salesman for a large wholesale paper firm in Nashville, Tenn.

## BETA ZETA.—IRVINGTON.

'76—M. W. Phillips is in the employ of the Model Clothing Company, of Indianapolis.

'76—J. R. Mann, Illinois Industrial University, is practicing law at 50 and 52 Major Block, Chicago.

'77—F. I. Mann, Illinois Industrial University, is managing partner of the nursery firm of F. I. Mann & Co., Gilman, Ill.

'79—C. E. Boyle has removed to Chicago and is engaged in the lumber business.

'79—John H. Oliver has been selected to fill the place of Alumni Orator, of the Sydenham Society of the Indiana Medical College, at its next Commencement.

'80—Joseph B. Curtis is with the law firm of Morris & Newberger, Indianapolis. He is First Lieutenant of the Indianapolis Light Artillery, and will command the drill section in the National Encampment at Washington.

'82—J. A. Kelsay is special agent of the Manufacturers' and Marine Insurance Co., with headquarters at 210 Olive street, St. Louis.

'82—Frank M. Morris is with Bowen, Stewart & Co., Indianapolis.

'83—H. W. Allen is foreman of the upholstery department of A. L. Wright & Co.'s wholesale house.

L. O. Phillips is attending Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia.

H. S. Phillips is farming at Pasadena, California.

## GAMMA.—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

'61—Dr. T. H. Phillips, Jefferson class of '61, is the leading physician of Canton, Ohio.

'81—Brother L. J. Olmstead is house physician in the Huron street Homeopathic Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

'83—Asher D. Miller is the leading man in his class at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

'83—Elmer F. Frasher is Professor of Penmanship in his father's Business College, Wheeling, W. Va.

'84—T. J. Stevenson is attending the Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

## ETA.—BUCHTEL.

'79—Brother O. C. Beatty is Deputy Clerk of U. S. Circuit Court, Cleveland.

'80—Brother F. B. Skeels is a rising young lawyer at 23 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio.



## IOTA.—MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL.

'72—C. E. Miller is a practicing physician at Cadillae, Mich.

'75—John T. Brown has abandoned the law at Pontiac, Mich., and is now enjoying a good practice at Detroit, Mich.

'79—E. D. Parshall, formerly of Drayton Plains, Mich., is opening a stock farm of 320 acres, near Gros, Dakota Territory.

'81—S. B. Share is inspecting lumber at Ludington, Mich.

'81—A. H. Voigt objects to the statement that he "is in the possession of the best of wives." How we made this mistake we can not say, but his letter to a brother would lead us to think him married. He says positively that he still enjoys single life. We hope he is not yet lost to us.

'82—J. R. Shelton was united in marriage, at Lansing, December 20th, to Miss Hattie E. Handy, a charming young lady and loyal "Delta Sister" of that place. They have our best wishes.

'83—N. F. Hoyt is not happy over our statement in the November number. We beg his pardon. He is in Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, but is not studying *homeopathy*.

## PI.—LEHIGH.

'76—W. B. Baldy is editor of the *Montour American*, published at Danville, Pa.

'76—John Calvert is in Philadelphia.

'76—T. W. Fredericks is in New York City.

'76—W. Griffith is in the coast survey.

'77—L. T. Wolle is in Akron, Ohio.

'79—Wm. B. Hammond is enjoying life in Harrisburg, Pa.

'80—T. H. Hardecastle is a rising young lawyer of Lastor, Md.

'80—L. B. Treham is teaching in Boston.

'80—F. C. Wooten has a position on the P. R. R.

'82—J. D. Ruff is in Sandiago, Cuba.

'83—H. A. Butler is in a bank at Manch Chunk, Pa.

'83—F. W. Daleyruple is on an engineering corps, stationed at Scranton.

'83—W. T. Goodnow is a draughtsman in the Philadelphia Bridge Works, at Pottstown, Pa.

## SIGMA.—MT. UNION.

'75—James V. Welch has recently formed a law partnership with John J. Hall, at Akron, Ohio.

'77—C. S. Cobbs is giving eminent satisfaction as City Solicitor of Akron, Ohio. Said an attorney to us to-day: "He has won the esteem of everybody. Having more and heavier work than any of his predecessors, he has cared for it all with rare tact and ability. A prominent business man said to me not long since: 'He will be our next Prosecuting Attorney.'"

Within a few weeks, there was issued from the Government Printing Office at Washington, a volume bearing the title: "Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of Godlove S. Orth," being a reprint of the addresses delivered in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, during the Second Session of the Forty-seventh Congress, and which appeared originally in the *Congressional Record*, of February 1st, 1883, shortly after the death of Brother Orth. It is a handsomely bound and printed quarto volume of 61 pages, and contains a fine portrait of Mr. Orth, engraved on steel. Twelve thousand copies of the volume were printed by order of Congress. A copy should find its way into every Chapter's library. Eulogies were pronounced by Brother General Thomas M. Browne, of Indiana; and Messrs. Calkins, *Φ K Ψ*, of Indiana; Robinson, *Ψ Γ*, of New York; Holman, *Φ Δ Θ*, of Indiana; Denster, of Wisconsin; Beltzhoover, *Φ K Ψ*, of Pennsylvania; Pierce, *B Θ Ω*, of Indiana; Davis, of Illinois; DeMotte, *B Θ II*, of Indiana; Ford, of Missouri; and Doxey, of Indiana. In the Senate, addresses were made by Messrs. Harrison, *Φ Δ Θ*, of Indiana; Frye, *Ψ Γ*, of Maine; and Voorhees, *B Θ II*, of Indiana.



## KAPPA.—HILLSDALE.

'69—Will Carleton is in the midst of a very successful lecture season, in the course of which he has appeared before the students of Cornell University, Washington and Jefferson College, United States Military Academy, and other institutions, his usual topics being the well known "The Golden Horse" and "The Science of Home." The March number of *Harper's Magazine* will contain a portrait and biography of Will Carleton, by J. T. Trowbridge, which all Deltas should read.

'69—Frederick E. Watson is joint owner of the Bank of Wells, a prosperous concern at Wells, Minn.

'70—Albert J. Hopkins is a member of the law firm of Hopkins & Aldrich, Aurora, Ill.

'71—Alfred H. Johnson manages the finances of the Indianapolis station, of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad.

'71—John R. Parker is an attorney and counsellor at 162 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill. He resides at 965 Polk street.

'72—Jones D. Williams is the agent for the Northwest, for Clark & Maynard, publishers of school books, New York City. His headquarters are at 151 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

'73—Rev. Latham A. Crandall, since 1880, has been pastor of the First Baptist church, of Oswego, N. Y. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist State Convention, and of the Executive Committee of the Pastor's Conference of New York State. He is greatly interested in the subject of microscopy, being a member of the American Society of Microscopists, and during the present year Vice-President of the Erosophean Microscopical Society, of Binghamton, N. Y.

'74—Sigler W. Mauck is farming near Cheshire, Ohio.

'74—David L. Zook is a member of the firm of Wilson & Zook, attorneys and counselors, 77 and 79 Metropolitan Block, Chicago, Ill.

'75—Edward W. Porter is of the law firm of Lindner & Porter, Bay City, Mich.

'75—J. I. VanDoren is Secretary of the Central City Knife Co., manufacturers of pen and pocket cutlery, a large concern doing business in Phoenix, N. Y.

'77—Wayland B. Angir is a member of the law firm of Byers & Angir, 224 Hennepin avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

'77—Frederick H. Stone and Chauncey F. Cook are law partners in Hillsdale, Mich.

'78—Sands M. Hart is a jobber in woollens, in Racine, Wisconsin.

'78—Wilson B. Paine will graduate in March, at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York.

'79—Rev. James W. Parsons is still at Saco, Maine, where he was installed as pastor of the Free will Baptist church in 1879.

'79—Daniel W. Cook and William C. Wilson are associated in the lumber business in Michigan City, Indiana, and are prospering nicely.

'79—Rev. Dudley E. Clark, until recently pastor at Davidson, Mich., has been called to the pastorate of the Free-will Baptist church, at Arlington, R. I.

'80—Edward C. Fowler is a salesman in the employ of the large hardware firm of Buhl, Sons & Co., Detroit, Mich.

'81—Edmund F. Angir was recently admitted to the bar in Lemars, Iowa, where he is now engaged in the practice of his profession.

## NOTICE TO CHAPTERS.

The Chapters are herewith notified that the wood engraving, which was made from the steel plate of the Fraternity Vignette, in accordance with the instructions of the last Convention, is now ready. Electrotypes of the same can be obtained of the undersigned at \$2 each, all expenses prepaid. This is a slight advance over the cost, and is intended in a course of a few years, to gradually defray the original first cost of the engraving.

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## GREEK WORLD.

Sigma Nu has entered Bethany, W. Va.

A new Senior Society has been established at Yale.

Phi Delta Theta longs for a Chapter at Ann Arbor.

Sigma Chi has entered the University of Kansas.

The Chapter house of Chi Psi, at Amherst, is rapidly progressing.

Phi Kappa Psi expects soon to establish another Kansas Chapter.

Rumor tells us that Delta Gamma has a *sub rosa* Chapter at Ashbury.

Kappa Alpha is contemplating Central University with a wishful eye.

Report credits Kappa Alpha with a *sub rosa* Chapter at Centre College.

A new Ladies' Fraternity, Alpha Phi Iota, hails from Boston University.

Kappa Epsilon has established a Chapter at Hampden, Sidney College, Va.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has established an Alumnus Chapter at Eufaula, Ala.

The Psi Upsilon Chapter, at Trinity, is building a brown stone Chapter house.

Phi Delta Theta and Delta Upsilon are reported as about to enter Denison.

The *Scroll* informs us that Phi Kappa Psi, at Bethany, W. Va., has passed away.

Something new in the line of Fraternities is to be found at Richmond College, Va.

Chi Psi has re-established her Wesleyan Chapter and is now in quite a flourishing condition.

Chapter Chi, of Beta Theta Pi, situated at Beloit College, some time ago reported dead, is reviving.

All the colleges of North Carolina have anti-Fraternity rules, yet very few of any note are found where the rules have been successful in excluding the dreaded Greek Letter Societies.

A Zeta Psi club will probably be formed at Philadelphia, Pa., in the near future.

We have heard a rumor that Phi Kappa Psi will soon appear at West Minister College.

Phi Kappa Psi's claimed Chapter, at the University of Georgia, has failed to develop.

Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, at Kenyon, are both contemplating Chapter houses.

Kappa Sigma Kappa has gained a footing at the University of Mississippi, at Oxford, Miss.

The Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, established at Vanderbilt in November, is reported flourishing.

Anti-Fraternity laws at Alabama State College have been repealed. Great rejoicing among those interested.

Beta Theta Pi received a petition for a charter from Central University, Richmond, Ky. Probably refused.

The reported *sub rosa* Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, at Ashbury, is, in all probability dead, if it ever had a life to lose.

A new local society has been organized at Madison, which promises to make things interesting for the Fraternities established there.

Two members of Beta Theta Pi, at Madison, were expelled from that Chapter. From all reports the Chapter gained by the transaction.

There are rumors that the Theta Zeta Chapter, of Delta Kappa Epsilon, at the University of California, intend building a Chapter hall.

The *Beta Theta Pi* correspondent from Harvard, complains that the multitudinous class societies almost kill the Fraternities at that institution.

The new Chapter house of Alpha Delta Phi, at Wesleyan, will soon be finished. It is of pressed brick, two stories high, built in an L, and in Queen Anne style.

The different Fraternities at Delaware, Ohio, indulged in a Pan-Hellenic banquet, on the evening of January 19th. A thoroughly good time was had, and all voted it a success. Seven Fraternities were represented.



Congressman E. John Ellis, of Louisiana, is a Phi Kappa Sigma.

Died—University of Pennsylvania, Beta Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. Cause, general debility. Interment private.

Rev. David B. Knickerbocker, D. D., the new Episcopal Bishop of Indiana, is a member of the Trinity Chapter of Psi Upsilon.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is enjoying the blessings of a brand new Constitution and Ritual, adopted at their last Convention at Louisville.

Phi Gamma Delta has granted a charter for a Chapter at the University of Texas, at Austin. Tau Deuteron is the name by which it will be known.

All the Fraternities at the University of Mississippi, except Phi Kappa Psi, have agreed not to solicit Freshmen during the first two months of college.—*S A E Record*.

Phi Delta Theta seems to be finishing up the Western State universities, before turning her attention toward the East. She, however, expects to begin that campaign before long.

All active members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are required to subscribe for the *Record*. This plan seems to be gaining popularity. It is a pity that legislation is necessary to secure this result.

The last Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon placed the Grand Chapter of that Fraternity in the hands of the Chapter at Sewanee, Tenn. The *Record* will hereafter be published from that Chapter.

Zeta Chi was founded at Miami, by six members of Delta Kappa Epsilon, who refused to enter a caucus on a society election. The six founders are still claimed by Delta Kappa Epsilon.—*Scroll*.

The Chapter of Theta Delta Chi, at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has been re-established. It is reported that Theta Delta Chi will soon establish a Fraternity journal, to be published by the Tufts Chapter.—*Zeta Psi Monthly*.

The secret societies of Yale are being discussed in the *Nation*.

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* is authority for the statement that the Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, at Rutgers, is dying.

Phi Delta Theta has entered the University of Nebraska with seven men. The material is reported good and the effort successful.

An attempt was made, by a few students at Asbury, to obtain a charter from Phi Beta Kappa. No further developments having appeared, the petition was probably refused.

Congressmen Belmont, of New York; Herbert, of Alabama; Hurd, of Ohio; Pettibone, of Tennessee; Wadsworth, of New York; and Washburn, of Minnesota, are members of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Three out of the five members of Phi Delta Theta, expelled from Monmouth, are now at Knox College. Probably a Chapter will be established there, as four other members of Phi Delta Theta are in attendance.

The new Chapter hall of Alpha Delta Phi, at Wesleyan, is ready for plastering and will be occupied by Commencement. The building is of brick and wood, in some respects following the Queen Anne style of architecture.

The Chapter of Sigma Chi, at Delaware, Ohio, has been unfortunate. An unrestrained desire to borrow part of the college electric apparatus to assist at a recent initiation, caused the Faculty to decree their abrupt dismissal.

Southern Kappa Alpha has been divided into four divisions, each one having an executive officer over it. This is the same plan which Delta Tau Delta has found so efficient, except that the officer has been replaced by a Grand Chapter.

Sigma Chi refused an application by six students of Allegheny College, to establish a Chapter at that institution. Cause—room all occupied. She has also had under consideration applications from Albion and Simpson Centenary.



The Washington Alumni of Alpha Delta Phi, had a banquet on January 15th

John A. Porter, of Washington, D. C., is writing an article on "College Societies" for an early number of the *Century*.

The Alumni of the Sigma Delta Chi Fraternity, a local society in the Sheffield Scientific School, resident in New York City, had a reunion and banquet at the Hotel Brunswick, on January 9th.

Phi Kappa Psi has established an Alumni Chapter at Washington, D. C. A suite of rooms will be fitted up in the near future, and a valuable aid will be thus secured to the active Chapter situated at that place.

The Western Chapters of Sigma Chi have decided to hold a small convention, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted. This is the same plan upon which the Division Conferences of the Delta Tau Delta have been held for three years.

The Psi Upsilon Chapter house, at University of Michigan, is owned by a stock corporation. The bond-holders are not confined to members of that Fraternity. Alpha Delta Phi has issued six per cent. bonds to the amount of \$10,000 to enable them to complete their house at the same place.

The annual convention of the Theta Xi Fraternity, having Chapters at the Sheffield Scientific School, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and the Stevens Institute of Technology, occurred on February 22d, under the auspices of the latter Chapter.

Several members of Sigma Chi, at Marion, being required to sign a pledge not to belong to any secret society, on pain of being debarred from all college honors or offices, have resigned from the offices they held in the Military Department of that institution.

An Alumni Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has been established at Washington, D. C. Two committees were appointed, one of five on or-

ganization, and nine on banquet, to be given at their next meeting. Of the present Congress, sixteen are members of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

At a meeting of the Senior class of Yale, on February 1st, the following resolution was presented, and after considerable discussion lost, the vote standing 51 to 51:

WHEREAS, The present Senior society system creates a social aristocracy, exercises an undue influence in college politics, fosters a truckling and cowering disposition among the lower classes, creates dissensions and enmities in every class, alienates the affections of the graduates from the college, stifles the full expression of college sentiment by its control of the college press,

Resolved, That we believe this system detrimental to the best interests of Yale College and injurious to ourselves; that we request the college press to publish this resolution of the Senior class; that the Chairman and two others, to be appointed by him, be a committee of three to lay this resolution before the President, Faculty, and the members of the corporation.

In the debate which preceded the taking of the vote, the arguments against the Secret Society system, which have been urged in certain papers outside the college, were reiterated. It was claimed that the societies destroy the unity of the class and create a false aristocracy among its members; that they bridle the college press, thereby preventing a free discussion of the subject; that the under class men attach undue importance to them, and throughout the first three years of their course make the societies the goal of their ambition, and thus are made to "soup" to the society men; that Yale graduates who were non-society men lose affection for their Alma Mater on account of the societies, and, for that reason, do not help the college with their donations, as do the graduates of other colleges.

The Zeta Psi Fraternity was well represented at its Thirty-seventh Annual Banquet, at the Hotel Brunswick, New York City, January 4th, 1884, about 160 delegates being present. Early in the evening ex-Speaker Charles J. Noyes, of the Massachusetts Legislature, delivered an oration on "The Debt and Duty of the American Scholar." The convention poem was read by the Rev. Dr. W. R. Duryee, and the following officers were elected: 1 A, Liberty A. Holden,



Chi Chapter; 2 A, John A. Miller, Jr., Delta Chapter; 3 A, Henry Brock, Theta Chi Chapter; 4 A, Gustavus Remak, Jr., Sigma Chapter; 5 A, Charles B. Everson, Psi Chapter; 6 A, Charles G. Belden, Gamma Chapter; and 7 A, A. C. Aubery, Phi Chapter. Taken as a whole, this was one of the most successful conventions ever held by this Fraternity. Important measures were discussed and a general interest in the welfare of the order was universally exhibited.

The Phi Kappa Psi correspondent from Madison, Wisconsin, says that the Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, at that place, is deteriorating rapidly from the high position it heretofore occupied.

The Tenth Anniversary of the Alpha Beta Tau (ladies') Fraternity, was held on the 23d of November, at Oxford, Miss. The principle feature of the occasion was a banquet, at which some thirty-five couples participated.

Delta Upsilon has revived her Williams Chapter with eight men. Powerful Alumni support will doubtless be brought to bear upon the effort and it will be successful. This was the parent Chapter of Delta Upsilon, but was killed by the war.

A report comes from Salem, Va., of a strong clique of non-Fraternity men, who, believing that college politics needed a restraining hand, undertook the task of furnishing the same. Dissatisfaction in their ranks, however, proved fatal to the organization.

The principal Fraternities at Ann Arbor number as follows:  $\Psi \Gamma$ , 25;  $\Lambda \Gamma$ , 24;  $\Lambda T \Delta$ , 22;  $B \Theta II$ , 21;  $\Lambda K E$ , 18;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 18;  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ , 15;  $X \Psi$ , 13;  $\Sigma \Phi$ , 11;  $Z \Psi$ , 5. The other Fraternities there represented are  $K \Lambda \Theta$  and  $\Gamma B \Theta$ , (ladies'); and  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Lambda$ ,  $N \Sigma N$ ,  $\Phi \Lambda \Phi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , who obtain their members either wholly, or in part, from the professional departments.

The Delta Phi Society brought its convention, which commenced on Thursday, December 20th, 1883, at New York City, to a close on Saturday night, with a banquet at the Hotel Brunswick. About 45 members were present, among them

Mr. J. R. Suydam, of Columbia; Mr. Lewis L. Delafield, of Columbia; the Hon. C. M. Van Slyck, of Providence; Mr. Laffin L. Kellogg, of New Jersey; Mr. Spotwood D. Schenck and Mr. J. Frank Auburn, of Columbia; Mr. C. Work, of Philadelphia; Mr. E. C. Gale and Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Troy, and Mr. R. M. Corwin, of Princeton. Letters were read from Gov. Ludlow, Gov. Gaston and Sunset Cox, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the convention. The Delta Phi reports from the eight Chapters showed that the Fraternity was in an excellent condition, and had made more progress during the past year than in any previous year. The Fraternity now has 2,000 members. A history of the society from its foundation in 1827, until the present time, is to be published in March. Mr. J. Duane Livingstone, the Secretary of the Delta Phi Society, stated that a new Chapter has been started at Lehigh University, and another re-established at the University of Michigan. The next convention will be held at Philadelphia, in November, 1884.

The Delta Upsilon Society had their 18th annual dinner, December 21st, 1883, at Clark's, in New York. Covers for 43 were laid, and in the absence of formal toasts the participants rehearsed old stories. Delta Upsilon is one of the oldest college societies in existence, dating back to 1834. A very enjoyable time was reported. Delta Upsilon has some very prominent names on her roll, among which is that of James A. Garfield.

### EXTRACTS.

[From the *Diamond* of Psi Upsilon.]

A recent number of the *Diamond*, the organ of the Psi Upsilon, contains, in its editorial columns, the following remarkable sentiment,—remarkable because in these days of enlightened ideas, Psi Upsilon stands alone in thus placing such sentiments on record:

"While other Fraternity papers apparently consider their exchange department one of their most important features, filling page after page



with gratuitous gabble about the merits or shortcomings of their rivals, the *Diamond* has never given any space to exchange notices.

"We have never favorably considered the introduction of an exchange department into the columns of the *Diamond*, and we are confident that our course meets the approval of the members of Psi Upsilon.

"When our desire to participate in the exchange gossip, so prevalent with the Fraternity press, surpasses our devotion to Psi Upsilon, we will reconsider our course.

"The garments of Psi Upsilon are not to be soiled by entering into promiscuous exchange imbroglis, started for the amusement of every liliputian organization that may choose to raise a cry.

"We announce it as an established policy of the *Diamond*, not to exchange with any Fraternity journal.

"We do not wish to be understood as intending any disrespect to any of the good Fraternities, for personality is not invaluable in our position. Our policy is irrespective of any organization.

"Psi Upsilon has formed her policies, independent of any Fraternity, for fifty years, and will continue in the same course for fifty years longer, as far as the *Diamond* is concerned.

"Exchanging is one of the first stages of Pan-Hellenicism, in which we have no sympathy whatever. Both ideas are incompatible with the policies of a Fraternity that professes to be secret.

"The *Diamond* is for Psi U's, and for Psi U's alone."

[From the Δ K E Quarterly.]

As might have been expected, in view of the superfluously thorough way in which they do things "out West," a third has been added to the "second lesson," which we noted in April as having been read in the Purdue case to over zealous "barbarians." And this last caps so delightfully the whole matter, that we feel justified in giving a synopsis of the trilogy, now completed:—

## ANTAEUS, OR THE BOOMERANG.

A DRAMA IN THREE ACTS.

### ACT I.

SCENE FIRST.—A Greek youth is barred from the Olympics of Purdue—all because of his philhellenic disposition. MUSIC, *President's March*. TABLEAU, (no light) *Great "White" Czar*.

SCENE SECOND.—The Courts of Indiana, headed by the tribunal of last resort, order the faculty to admit the applicant. MUSIC, *Σ X Polka*. TABLEAU, (starlight) *Jupiter Stator*.

### ACT II.

SCENE FIRST.—The faculty evade the decision of the court by passing regulations which make the last state of that young man worse than the first. MUSIC—"If at first you don't succeed." TABLEAU (moonlight)—"He jumped into another bush."

SCENE SECOND.—The Legislature of the State declines to make the annual appropriation for Purdue, except on revocation by the faculty of its action. MUSIC—*Whirligig Waltz*. TABLEAU (by lightning)—*Indian guarding the Acropolis*.

### ACT III.

SCENE FIRST.—President White resigns. MUSIC—Dirge, "Perdu!" TABLEAU (blue light)—*Lot's flight*.

SCENE SECOND.—A President is elected to fill the vacancy, who is a leading member of the fraternity to which the philhellene in question belonged. MUSIC—*Σ X Grand March*. TABLEAU (daylight)—"The White Cross."

## NOTICE TO CHAPTER SECRETARIES.

We wish to publish THE CRESCENT hereafter, in the month that it is due. To make this possible, please send in your Chapter letters, for the next issue, at once; and hereafter send in all communications at the *first*, and not the fifteenth of the month, as formerly. A prompt attention to this request will greatly assist us in bringing about this desirable change.

We desire once more to request the Secretaries to be especially careful in writing proper names. Perhaps there is no one thing that is more exquisitely provoking, than to have one's name appear in type, mutilated beyond the hope of recognition. Very often it is utterly impossible to be certain what name is meant and consequently many mistakes of this kind occur. A very little care on your part will prevent this in the future.

W. J. GUTHRIE,  
Editor-in-Chief.



## INITIATES.

## EPSILON.—ALBION.

Thomas John Martin, '87, Albion, Michigan, February 2d, 1884.

## LAMBDA.—LOMBARD.

Charles Abraham Clark Garst, '88, Stanford, Ill., February 2d, 1884.

August Delgren, '88, Galesburg, Ill., February 2d, 1884.

Thomas Nolan, '89, Eugene, Ill., February 2d, 1884.

## MU.—OHIO WESLEYAN.

John Anderson Arnold, '86, Van Wert, Ohio, January 9th, 1884.

William Merriman Porter, '86, Greenfield, Ohio, January 9th, 1884.

## CHI.—KENYON.

George Arthur Reid, '87, Geneva, Ohio, September 12th, 1883.

Walter Wright Scranton, '87, Wilmington, Ohio, September 12th, 1883.

## PSI.—WOOSTER.

Lister Pomerene, '88, Berlin, Ohio, September 15th, 1883.

Walter Agnew Alsdorf, '88, Utica, Ohio, October 11th, 1883.

John Lloyd Lee, '85, Crestline, Ohio, October 27th, 1883.

James Marion Shellenberger, '86, Wooster, Ohio, January 19th, 1884.

## OMICRON.—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Joel Woodward Witmer, '85, Des Moines, Iowa, October 2d, 1883.

Harry McPherson Hedrick, '87, Ottumwa, Iowa, October 13th, 1883.

John Godfrey Spielman, '87, Fairfield, Iowa, October 20th, 1883.

Herbert Peery, '87, Trenton, Mo., November 3d, 1883.

## BETA EPSILON.—EMORY.

Thomas Walter Shands, '88, Branson, Florida, December 14th, 1883.

## BETA ETA.—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Alvah William Jones, '86, ———, Ohio, October 27th, 1883.

Francis Clinton Shenehon, '86, Minneapolis, Minn., October 27th, 1883.

William Franklin Webster, '86, Clearwater, Minn., October 27th, 1883.

## NOTICES.

We have had to borrow money to meet our payments to our printer. These, and other large bills, will be due before the next issue, and we wish *all* to forward their subscription immediately. The Secretaries will see that their lists are paid up in full.

The October issue is exhausted and there are several files incomplete, including THE CRESCENT file. If any Brother has a copy of the October number, which he does not want to preserve, he will confer a great favor on THE CRESCENT by sending it to us.

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The Rho Alpha, a local society at Simpson Centenary College, having become possessed of a Fraternity ambition, have been negotiating with Sigma Chi for a charter. The fact that a Sigma Chi Alumnus is assisting them in their efforts makes it probable that the petition will not be refused.



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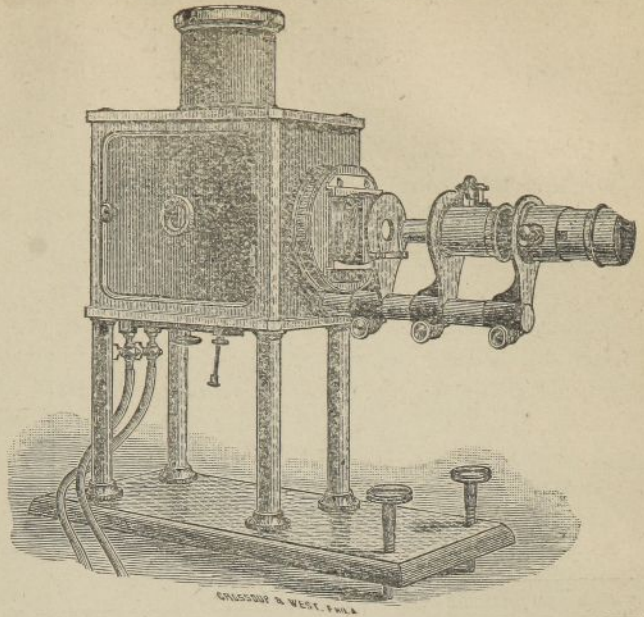
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