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## THE WATKINS GLEN CONVENTION.

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THE General Convention of the present year, which convened at Watkins Glen, N. Y., on August 20th, 21st and 22d, being held in the 25th year of our Fraternity, was, for this reason if for no other, one of the most noteworthy events of its history; and when we add to this the fact that this Convention in its results, both legislative and executive, accomplished much of importance in the direction of progress, there is every reason for congratulation upon the success of this year's Convention.

The attendance of delegates and visitors was not as large, it is true, as at several of the Conventions immediately preceding. The locality was too far removed from the great centers about which the fraternity has grown to attract the large attendance which made the Pittsburg, Cleveland and Indianapolis Conventions such noteworthy incidents in the life of our Fraternity. Had the Convention met in New York City, for instance, the attendance of visitors would doubtless have been much greater, as the Conference of the First Division last February so conclusively showed. It is doubtful, however, whether it would have attracted a more representative gathering, since at Watkins Glen the eastern, western, northern and southern Chapters were represented in about the same proportion.

The visitors all thoroughly enjoyed the natural beauties of Watkins Glen, which have made it so justly famous as one of the most romantic and remarkable spots in the State of New York; and all no doubt felt amply repaid for the expense and trouble with which Watkins was reached. It is much to be regretted, however, that the rather limited facilities of the Glen Mountain House, where the Convention met and which has the reputation of being by far the best hotel in Watkins, proved quite inadequate to the entertainment of a Convention like our own. This, however, compelled the abandonment of the banquet which in the past has constituted so essential a feature of every Delta Tau Delta Convention.

Twenty-two chapters were represented in Convention by about fifty delegates and visitors. The Executive Council was fully represented by Bros. H. T. Bruck, President; Wilber Colvin, General Secretary; H. W. Plummer, Secretary of the First, and J. W. Magruder, Secretary of the Second Division; W. M. Day and Bro. W. W. Cook, of Delta, representing Prof. Eversole.

The reports of the General Officers, Chapters and standing Committees showed the Fraternity to be in a truly gratifying condition. They gave evidence of progress on every hand and attested to the wisdom of adopting the present rational form of government.

The report of H. W. Plummer, Alpha '84, who acted as General Secretary of the Fraternity during the period from September of last year until January of the present year, presented the most pressing needs of the Fraternity on the eve of its entrance upon a new mode of administration. It again called attention to the delinquencies of the Chapter Secretaries, that fruitful field for complaint in the past. It suggested and discussed a plan by means of which it might be possible to solve that vexatious and much-discussed question of prohibiting the initiation of preparatory students, now that the failure of the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference, upon which so many hopes



had been based, has rendered a general concerted action on part of all the Fraternities quite out of the question.

The report of Wilber Colvin, Beta '80, General Secretary of the Fraternity, gave a clear and lengthy statement of the present condition of the Fraternity, which contained many suggestions designed to improve the routine business methods of the Fraternity, and most of these were ultimately adopted. The reports of the four Division Secretaries naturally dealt with the routine business of the Divisions, recited the efforts of the various chapters in the direction of extension and in their internal improvement. They exhibited the chapters to be in a generally flattering condition, were replete with good suggestions for the better government of the Fraternity and showed in every way keen appreciation of its immediate wants. The several Division Conferences which had met with so much success during the year were largely responsible for this renewed interest, having brought the presiding chapters into more intimate contact with the remaining chapters of the Divisions. The importance which now attaches to the Division Secretaries as *ex-officio* members of the Executive Council, will necessarily bring forward the most able men in the undergraduate ranks of the Fraternity and will insure a live administration of routine affairs throughout the several Divisions. The experience of the past year has gone far to establish this fact.

The annual report of the Executive Council contained a number of recommendations for amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity calculated to improve the organic development of the society and the result of its observations and inquiries made during the year.

The Catalogue Committee presented its report and announced the completion of its work during the month of July. It is needless to say that the praise of the Quarter-Centennial Catalogue was on everybody's lips and the Convention attested its appreciation of the work by unanimously adopting the following resolution :



“ *Whereas*, The Twenty-fifth General Convention of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity has heard with satisfaction the report of the Catalogue Committee, and has inspected with pride the magnificent work of their hands ; therefore,

“ *Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Convention be returned to Chapter Rho for the able and painstaking manner in which it has performed its task, thus giving to Delta Tau Delta a Catalogue, the peer in elegance and completeness of that of any other fraternity in the land ; and

“ *Resolved*, That the officers of this Convention be requested to have this action drafted and duly presented to Chapter Rho.”

The publication of the Sixth General Catalogue of the Fraternity was placed into the hands of the Rho with instructions to choose such associate editors as it may deem necessary. The Catalogue is to be ready for the Convention of 1890.

There was no report from the Song Book Committee and the Tan was accordingly relieved of the work, which was placed into the hands of the Iota.

The Color Agent reported for the year, showing that the fund is now self-sustaining. He was empowered to contract for a new supply of the standard colors of the Fraternity.

The Vignette Agent reported that the instructions of the last Convention concerning the engraving of a vignette electrotype for college annuals had been promptly carried out.

The report of the Mu, as a committee on unwritten law, was presented, and its recommendations adopted. The matter of a general revision of the Ritual of the Fraternity was referred to the Mu, with instructions to carry the work to entire completion and report to the next Convention ; the Committee, consisting of three alumni and two undergraduates, will be appointed by that Chapter.

The Convention elected the following as the officers of the next Convention, which will meet on August 21st, 22d and 23rd at Detroit, Michigan, under the general auspices of the Delta, as Grand Chapter of the Third Division :

President : William W. Cook, Delta '80.

Vice-President : William B. Hammond, Pi '79.

Secretary : H. W. Plummer, Alpha '84.

Orator : Prof. John H. Grove, Mu '70.

Poet : Herbert W. Collingwood, Iota '83.

Historian : A. P. Trautwein, Rho '76.

Declaimer : Charles Krichbaum, Psi '83.

The Executive Council was completed by the re-election of Bros. H. T. Bruck, Rho '78, and Wilson M. Day, Mu '72, for a period of two years, Bro. Bruck being made President and Bro. Day Treasurer of the Fraternity.

In their report the Committee on Necrology presented appropriate resolutions upon the death of eight members of the Fraternity, whose demise had been reported during the past year.

The greetings of the Fraternity had been telegraphed by the Secretary, in accordance with the now well-established custom of our Conventions, to the honored founders of the Fraternity, and the following messages were received in reply :

[TELEGRAM.]

GENEVA, O., Aug. 20th, 1884.

C. E. ROOT,

Sec'y. of Delta Tau Delta Convention,

Watkins, N. Y.

Your greeting received. Thanks. Oh ! that I could be with you. All honor to the Purple and the Gray.

J. S. LOWE.

[TELEGRAM.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 21st, 1884.

C. E. ROOT,

Sec'y. of Delta Tau Delta Convention,

Watkins, N. Y.

One of the Founders of 1859 returns the greeting of the Deltas of 1884. With a quarter century of work your vigor is unabated.

JOHN L. HUNT.



[TELEGRAM.]

ODESSA DEPOT, Mo., Aug. 22d, 1884.

C. E. Root,

Sec'y. National Convention Delta Tau Delta,

Watkins Glen, N. Y.

The Odessa Chapter sends hearty response to Delta Tau Delta in National Convention.

W. R. CUNNINGHAM.

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The following telegram from the Indianapolis Alumni was read:

REV. B. F. DIMMICK,

Watkins Glen, N. Y.

Delta Tau Delta here greets the Twenty-fifth Convention. Though not present in the flesh, she is with you in spirit.

JOHN H. OLIVER,

JAMES B. CURTIS,

HENRY W. ALLEN,

ELMER W. CLARK,

JOHN F. STONE,

ELIAS P. WISE,

AND OTHERS.

Almost the entire second day of the Convention was devoted to the appeal of the Sigma from the action of the Executive Council in recommending the withdrawal of its charter, owing to the decadence of the college and the action of the chapters in sustaining the same. Bro. John C. Talcott, Sigma '76, opened the case in behalf of the Sigma, and he was ably and eloquently seconded by Bro. E. H. Stanley, Sigma '84. Ample time was given them for their presentation of the case and they were listened to with marked attention. Bro. W. W. Cook, Delta '80, presented the views of the Council. A vote of the chapters, taken late in the afternoon, after all arguments had been heard, sustained the action of the Council and dismissed the case from the attention of the Fraternity.

The annual report of the CRESCENT showed a debit balance of \$95.14, against which, however, there are outstanding re-



sources to the amount of \$191, so that the *Crescent* this year, as in the past, will doubtless prove to have been more than self-supporting. The journal was delegated back to the Alpha with thanks for the manner in which it managed its affairs during the past year. It was made the sense of the Convention that it would be judicious on part of the Alpha to so arrange the editorial staff of the *Crescent*, as to give one or more of its resident alumni a representation upon the journal, with a view to insuring a permanency in the editorial and business policies of the *Crescent* from year to year.

The project for the incorporation of the Fraternity under the State Laws of Ohio, the preliminary steps for which had been taken during the year, was fully discussed and met with considerable opposition in the belief that such a step would in no sense benefit a society with the mode of government peculiar to Delta Tau Delta. The entire matter was finally left to the good sense and judgment of the Executive Council. Almost the entire evening of the second day was devoted to the annual reports of the Chapters. These were quite up to the usual standard, some, indeed, showing unusual improvement over those of previous years, while a few still gave evidence of haste and carelessness in their preparation. A noticeable candor in exhibiting the true condition of some of the Chapters was a pleasing feature of these reports.

The election of Grand Chapters resulted in the retention of the Chapters which filled those positions with so much satisfaction during the past year.

The duties of Seal Agent and Color Agent were again referred to the Rho, which was further instructed to have the minutes of the Conventions held previous to 1875, as far as they exist in manuscript, now in the hands of the Historian, printed for distribution to the Fraternity.

The Convention ordered that all chapters which may have occasion to furnish historical data concerning the general Fraternity for publication in college annuals, shall confine their statements to such information only which will be furnished

upon application to the duly authorized Historian of the Fraternity.

Among the most important of the enactments of the Convention is that controlling the initiation of preparatory students which, it is thought, will ultimately and, indeed, quite shortly, lead to a solution of this much-discussed problem. It also defined the status of members from one chapter who may have occasion to attend the post-graduate courses at institutions where other chapters of the Fraternity may be located. Heretofore, owing to a misapprehension of the rights and duties of such members in their new relations, complications more or less serious have at times arisen and the new enactment guards against a repetition of this in a practical and common-sense manner, which will unquestionably meet with general approval.

The Convention further enacted that no chapter which has less than two rivals shall initiate any members at a time when its active undergraduate membership has attained the number of twelve, unless it shall have obtained the special permission by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council; and it proceeded to define the word "rivals," as used in this connection, as referring to the chartered Greek letter Fraternities only, distinctly excluding the "ladies' Fraternities."

The Convention also decided that the subject of instituting Division Lecturerships, upon which it had been memorialized by the Third Grand Division, is a more appropriate topic for legislation by the respective Division Conferences.

The system of obtaining badges of the Fraternity by means of orders from the General Secretary to the Fraternity's jewelers was somewhat simplified, as the result of the experience of last year, by making the orders directly obtainable from the General Secretary instead of through the Division Secretaries.

Upon the recommendation of the General Secretary the laws pertaining to the term reports were amended in such manner that semi-annual reports, returnable on January 10th and at the close of the spring term, are hereafter required. This is a much-to-be-desired change, as all who have been connected with the



management of the Fraternity and who appreciate the impossibility of obtaining uniform data from the old termly reports will readily realize.

The Convention instructed the Executive Council to adopt some uniform style or styles of Fraternity stationery and to appoint some duly authorized agent, preferably a member of the Fraternity, for the manufacture and sale of the same. It further adopted the following resolution pertaining to Alumni Chapters :

“ *Whereas*, Alumni Chapters are an index of the enthusiasm of our Alumni and of the strength of our Fraternity, and

“ *Whereas*, The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity greatly lacks such chapters,

“ *Resolved*, Therefore, that the Executive Council be instructed to put forth an extra effort to establish Alumni Chapters wherever the number of resident Alumni may justify such action.”

It was further resolved to be the sense of the Convention that chapters shall not hereafter enter into any written bargains in inter-fraternity combinations as contrary to the dignity of the Fraternity ; and that the Executive Council be directed to examine into the circumstances under which such combinations have been made in the past and take appropriate action to prevent them in the future.

The above, in brief outline and so far as it is judicious to make it public, is the business accomplished by the Watkins Glen Convention. There are other effects, however, from which these Conventions may be judged as to their success or failure—the influence which they have in their tendency to bring the Fraternity in closer fellowship in a common cause, in cultivating sociability and forming new and renewing old acquaintanceships, in tending to make ours a thoroughly homogeneous Fraternity by enabling chapters to compare notes, observations and experiences with mutual benefit to all concerned. Judged in this light alone, even in no other, Delta Tau Delta's Twenty-fifth Convention was a grand success.



## CONVENTION NOTES.

REV. B. F. DIMMICK, Mu '74, made an excellent presiding officer, who sacrificed his entire time for the welfare of the Convention and discharged his arduous duties with uniform courtesy and to everybody's satisfaction, despite the many knotty questions in parliamentary law which he was called upon to decide. It is indeed refreshing to see a Delta of Bro. Dimmick's standing and calling attend so regularly our general Conventions. As an undergraduate Bro. Dimmick was one of the most enthusiastic Deltas of the Ohio Wesleyan University and the interest which he evinces in the Delta Tau Delta of to-day shows that he has lost none of his old-time enthusiasm.

It was a happy thought to have the Convention photographed and no better place than the Cathedral could have been chosen. It is much to be regretted, however, that many of the delegates and visitors, owing to a misunderstanding at the time, do not appear in the group.

Bro. C. E. Root, Kappa '84, and T. H. Hardcastle, Pi '80, made excellent secretaries, who did not for one moment allow the business of the Convention to get ahead of them. It would, however, save the secretaries much worry and work, and, possibly, also add to the accuracy of our record, if it were made a standing rule at our Conventions and Conferences that all motions and recommendations to Committees be made in writing.

Detroit, the place of our next Convention, offers many inducements to a Delta Tau Delta Convention and the next gathering of the Fraternity can readily be made an elegant affair. It is necessary, too, to put forth our best efforts, as Detroit is quite a Fraternity center, several of the most prominent Fraternities at the University of Michigan annually drawing large delegations from that city.

The re-election of Bros. Day and Bruck as the Alumni members of the Council may be regarded, in conjunction with other signs, as the Fraternity endorsement of the plans and methods of the Council.

It was much to be regretted that the Convention, owing to

the limited facilities of the Glen Mountain House, was compelled to forego the pleasure of a formal banquet. It was hoped that an excursion on the beautiful Seneca Lake which had been planned would prove a pleasant substitute and would bring the boys together socially, but a very severe rain-storm came up and frustrated the plan. The Convention, however, employed its time to good advantage by listening to the chapter reports.

One of the jolliest parties at the Convention could be found in the special car of the Lehigh Chapter, which, during the entire week, was stationed near the depot in the village of Watkins. The Pi boys are known as royal entertainers and played their parts well.

It appeared at Convention that, like a good many other Fraternities, we are still far from the solution of the Song Book problem. It is hoped, however, that the transfer of the work to Iota, which, if we remember rightly, first suggested the idea of a Fraternity Song Book through Bro. Eugene Davenport in the *Crescent* in March, 1878, and has ever since steadfastly urged the scheme, will result in the early accomplishment of some tangible result. That we can do, at least, as well as some of our rivals who have recently put forth literature of that class is evident to all who have seen those Song Books.

The step toward uniform Fraternity stationery will be welcomed especially by those Chapter Secretaries who in the past have endeavored to preserve and file away the chapter correspondence.

A pleasing feature of the chapter reports is the growing tendency throughout the Fraternity toward smaller chapters; several go so far as to apologize for their large membership—truly a welcome sign of the times!

Pi had the largest representation, sending seven men in all, and was closely followed by Mu and Delta.

The Fraternity is to be congratulated upon its election of Bro. W. W. Cook, of Delta, as President of the Detroit Convention. As a parliamentarian he has few equals in the Fraternity and he is one of the most intelligently enthusiastic of our



Alumni. It was he who re-established the Delta at the University of Michigan in the face of the most fierce opposition on the part of the existing fraternities, and it was he who successfully managed the rather stormy political disturbances in the University at that time.

Prof. John H. Grove, the Orator of the next Convention, was from 1871, the year following his graduation at the Ohio University, until 1878, connected with public schools at Wilmington, O., first as Principal of the High School and then as Superintendent of the Schools. Since 1878 he has been connected with his *Alma Mater* as Principal of the Academical Department, and since 1883 as Professor of Latin. He has published the well-known text book, "Elements of Latin Composition." He is a close student of history and will doubtless give us a worthy oration. He aided materially in founding the Mu in June, 1879.

Herbert W. Collingwood, the poet for our next Convention, is a member of the Iota in the class of '83 and at present editor of the *Southern Live Stock Journal* at Starkville, Miss. He was the poet at the Cleveland Convention in 1882 and is well known throughout the Fraternity for minor poems which he has contributed to our literature.



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ONE of the most pleasing features of the Fifth General Catalogue of our Fraternity is the Table of Relationship on page 279, which contains the names of those members who stand in the relationships of father and son and of brothers. It appears that there are five groups of fathers and sons, one hundred and thirty-four groups of two brothers each, twenty-three of three and two groups of two each. This exhibit may unquestionably be regarded as an index of the popularity of our Fraternity, as an acknowledgment of its worth and an endorsement of its aims and methods on the part of those whose sons or brothers have succeeded them in the Fraternity. It is a comfortable feeling for many of our chapters, in these days of sharp competition between the many Fraternities which now throng our seats of learning, to look forward to accessions for their membership from among the relatives of their former active members, who often come strongly recommended to the chapter and firmly prejudiced in its favor. There is some danger, however, that this may be overdone and that men may be admitted whose sole qualification for membership, upon further acquaintance, may be found to rest in the fact that an elder brother or cousin may have been a Delta. We do not know, of course, that cases like these have ever arisen; indeed, a personal acquaintance with many of the brothers whose names appear in the Relationship Table leads us to think that if mistakes of this kind have ever occurred, they must have been exceedingly rare; but we do know

from our observation of the working of other Fraternities that in many of them this has become a serious evil. It is sufficient to realize that as our membership increases and opportunities for initiating such men frequently arise, such errors of judgment, in the hasty manner in which elections seem necessarily to be made, are very liable to occur unless special attention is at once directed to this danger. It is natural, of course, to give a near relative or friend of our members all the benefit of the good record which the latter may have made; and it is proper to a certain extent to respect their judgment as to a man's eligibility. It is by no means certain, however, that those qualities of heart and mind which constitute the essential pre-requisites for membership in our Fraternity should necessarily be found to exist in even the younger brothers of our members; nor is it certain, on the other hand, that the membership standards which were accepted in some of our chapters years ago still exist to-day. In many, we know, they have been materially altered in accordance with modern ideas, and they will continue to alter until a definite standard will prevail throughout the Fraternity and until it will become a thoroughly homogeneous body. By rashly inviting pledged men into the Fraternity, no matter how strongly they may be endorsed, our chapters will commit a grave error, as it is by no means certain that the present condition and the present mode of life of a chapter is precisely as has been represented to the new comer in perfectly good faith by one who has not had any special facilities for following the working of his chapter. We beg our chapters to carefully bear this in mind in the elections of the present year. Nothing is gained by hasty and inconsiderate initiations.

WE are indebted to Bro. A. P. Trautwein, Rho '76, for valuable contributions to this number.

TWENTY-FIVE chapters out of thirty-one have letters in this issue. They speak for themselves.

OUR Catalogue is superb.

NEXT Convention at Detroit, Mich.



SEVERAL good articles were crowded out of this number, but will appear in the November issue.

THE CRESCENT has been returned to the Alpha Chapter. At her own suggestion and with the approval of the Convention it is now edited and managed by a board of editors, composed of three Alumni and an equal number of undergraduates. Bro. Merrick was unable to return to his duties this term, but will fill the chief's chair after the holidays. Willing hands, however, have taken up the work and will endeavor to elevate the position the CRESCENT has held among Fraternity journals. The change in shape and style, according to modern ideas, will, we hope, prove acceptable. Co-operation in our work from every chapter and every member is a necessity and will be expected. We have not space in this number to say pretty things in a salutatory.

THE Alumni membership of the Council remains substantially as it was last year. Bros. Bruck and Day were chosen for a further term of two years, the Convention also electing Bro. Bruck as President and Bro. Day as Treasurer of the Council and the Fraternity. At the regular meeting of the Council, held immediately after the final adjournment of the Convention, the resignation of Bro. McClurg was with great reluctance accepted and Bro. Plummer (A '84) elected to fill the vacancy. With the addition of Bros. Cullum, Durbin, Hays and Small, the Division Secretaries the Council will be fully competent to faithfully discharge the duties and to ably execute the commissions which the Fraternity has placed in its hand.

THE last Convention, by a constitutional amendment, adopted by a unanimous vote, solved the trying and vexatious problem which has demanded of late years the earnest and careful attention of not only Delta Tau Delta, but of all western Fraternities. This amendment or law provides that no preparatory student shall be initiated by any chapter unless the consent of the Executive Council shall first be obtained. To three chapters, where extraordinary circumstances seem to exist, involving



the most intense rivalry of other Fraternities, the Convention granted permission to initiate preps. during the ensuing year. At the close of this period the law will go into full effect, stripped of all limitations. The wisdom of this course must be apparent to all. Our recent progress has demanded the removal or destruction of all stumbling blocks which could check our further growth or retard our advancement. The crisis was bravely met and we congratulate the Convention that it had the courage to adopt this most salutary measure, although it may entail in many chapters increased labor and activity. The ultimate effect cannot fail to strengthen and dignify every chapter, to elevate the standard of the Fraternity and to increase her reputation and enlarge her influence in the Greek world. Delta Tau has taken another long step in advance.

THE last general Convention was emphatically one of a business and legislative character. Aside from the able and eloquent address of welcome by Bro. Harcastle, the Convention was devoid of the usual literary features, while the loss of the jolly Delta banquet was a deprivation endured with Spartan fortitude. The situation and circumstances were peculiarly fortunate for the transaction of business. Amidst wild and picturesque scenery, surrounded by the enchanting beauty and attractions of lavish nature, the delegates, far from the excitement and temptations of a busy city, were enabled to devote their undivided energy and attention to the important and delicate problems submitted for their consideration. The facts bear out the assertion that no Convention could have been better equipped, mentally, for the honorable and intelligent discharge of its manifold duties. Animated solely by a spirit of progress and a desire to foster the true interests of the Fraternity, the Convention to every question accorded the care and attention which its magnitude demanded. Our memory affords no bitter recollection of any hasty or ill-judged action of which the Convention and the Fraternity can repent at leisure. The debates were characterized by an admirable degree of self-control and moderation, and an absence of unpleasant person-

alities, truly gratifying to all who feared that the passion of the moment might obliterate all remembrance of fraternal duty and obligation. The Convention realized the fact that a sacred charge, an inviolable trust, was committed to its care. It is a matter of congratulation, that the trust was fulfilled in a manner which the future history of our order cannot fail to applaud and commend. The Convention has stamped an inefaceable impression on the Fraternity which the passing years can only throw into bolder relief. A pleasing feature of the Convention was the marked degree of confidence reposed in the Executive Council. The new mode of government, though guided and controlled by the skilful hands of brothers who have been prominent and influential in the active work of the Fraternity, was still regarded by many as only an experiment and a somewhat doubtful one at that. Its course, therefore, has been watched with uncommon interest and attention, intensified by the novel and vigorous policy which it has pursued concerning the internal affairs of the Fraternity. The Convention was, in a great measure, a strong test of the approval or condemnation of the Fraternity and consequently of the success or failure of the Council. The warm and sincere disposition of the delegates to rely upon the judgment and ability of the Council bears ample and eloquent testimony that it no longer exists as an experiment but as a luminous success. With the undiminished support of the entire Fraternity, its strong, vigorous and aggressive policy cannot fail to conquer for Delta Tau Delta a higher and nobler field of action and a more extended range of influence and power; a policy which shall crown her with the unfading laurels of victory honorably won.



## CHAPTER LETTERS.

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### ALPHA.—ALLEGHENY.

ALPHA sends a greeting to all her sister chapters.

Owing to the graduation and non-return of some of our members, we begin the year with a smaller membership than for some years (six undergraduates and one graduate), but those remaining have taken up the reins of government with the determination to make the chapter all that can be hoped or wished.

The opening of the college year found a larger number of new students than for many years previous, so that the college is indeed in a flourishing condition. Already Alpha has the pleasure of introducing two new brothers—G. B. Zahniser, '88, and C. E. Whistler, '89, Mercer, Pa. Both possess those qualities which will make them true Crescent knights.

Bro. Fulton, who was unable to be here last winter and spring terms, is again with us.

Of our banquet last commencement nothing more can be said, than that it was the realization of fondest dreams. Nearly a hundred Deltas surrounded the banqueting-board. Who could picture a happier sight than that—all gathered together with their hearts filled with love of Deltaism?

The Kappa Alpha Thetas, our sisters in College, begin the year under very favorable circumstances, their number being larger than usual. The Phi Alpha Psi, the local ladies' fraternity, is enjoying the same prosperity that has ever attended it. To both we tender our best wishes.



As this is the beginning of the year's work there is little to report, but with each publication of the *Crescent* we hope to be able to tell of some good work accomplished.

Our rivals among the Greeks are: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta, whose chapters average about ten members. All are in good condition, such being the standard required by each, that there is not a great deal of strife in selecting men.

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#### BETA.—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The Beta once more sends her respects to the *Crescent*.

We are glad to say that the anticipated prosperity of the O. U. has now become a reality. This year she starts off with the largest attendance she has had since the war. The class of students is above the average in quality; her corps of teachers is excellent, each one being well fitted for his department. All talk of consolidating the O. U. with the O. S. U., which has so long kept us anxious and fearful concerning the fate of our beloved institution, has ceased, and the sun of prosperity is now sending his beams steadily on her path.

As a consequence of this prosperity to our college renewed energy has come to Beta and a brighter hope has dawned upon her.

At our last meeting the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta were revealed to C. E. Meisse, of Lancaster, O., and he is now greeted as a brother Delta. Bro. Meisse is one of our best students and one of which Delta Tau Delta may well be proud.

Bro. D. L. Johnson, a member of last year's class, is now Principal of Pomeroy high school. We were sorry to lose Bro. Johnson from our chapter roll, but we are glad to note his success in his present position.

Beta has two rivals here—the Phi Delta Theta and the Beta Theta Pi. We are working quietly and earnestly to hold our own against these and to make Deltaism respected here as elsewhere. In this we are succeeding well. Beta stands ahead of

her rivals socially and she is certainly not surpassed intellectually.

We have under consideration several new students who will sustain Beta's honor if initiated.

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BETA BETA.—DE PAUW.

The college year at DePauw opened with the brightest prospects both for the University and for B. B. In fact, she is in the best condition that she has ever been. Opening with an unusually large attendance, yet few have the qualifications thus far to wear the "purple and the gray." The fraternity spirit here is dead; the reason is, we suppose, the majority that entered went into the preparatory department. Nevertheless, our boys are manifesting a spirit of enthusiasm for B. B., a feature which has been prominent since its beginning. The chapter started with eleven earnest and loyal men; since we have added one to our number, one who has the higher qualities of true Deltaism.

We have the pleasure of introducing to the Delta world John E. Stevens, of Greencastle, Ind. Never in the history of B. B. have her workings been more successful and future success so sure. Before our next letter reaches you we will add a couple more to our chapter list.

In the Honor Department we have our share.

Bro. Matson thus far has been elected fraternity editor of DePauw *Monthly*.

Bro. Berryman is the ranking man of his class in the Military Department.

Bro. Norton, who left college last year, has returned and we are exceedingly glad to welcome him back.

We are very sorry that Beta Beta was not represented at our last Convention by some of its members, but will go in force to our next, at Detroit.

Bro. P. T. Zeth spent a short time with the Deltas at De Pauw a few weeks ago.

After a hard struggle, Mr. Ernest R. Keith, Mr. Blair McNutt, of Brazil, Ind., and Mr. Judson W. Paul, of Halstead,



Kansas, were initiated into the mysteries of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Bro. Norton has been elected orator of his class.

Prof. J. N. Study, formerly superintendent of the Greencastle public schools, now occupies the same position in the Richmond public schools.

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#### BETA DELTA.—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Nine of our old men returned at the opening of college and since then we have initiated another man, which makes our number ten. We expect to raise the number to fourteen, which we consider sufficient.

Fraternity matters are quiet here; not much rushing being done this year.

The future for our chapter is very bright.

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#### BETA ZETA.—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Surrounded as we are with college duties we find it a pleasure to pause amid all these and pay due respect to the worthy CRESCENT.

At present our chapter consists of four men. We are few in number but mighty in battle.

At our last meeting we initiated Bro. E. W. Gans, class '87. We have several more splendid men pledged, so that our future is bright.

We are very sorry to say that Bro. VanCleave is not with us this year. On account of ill health he was compelled to lay aside his college work and go to a western climate. He is now in Plattsmouth, Neb.

Our rival fraternities, namely, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi, are in good condition, but Delta Tau Delta is bound to flourish amid all the opposition she has.

We were pleased to receive a call from Bro. Floyd, of Greencastle this week.

Bro. J. F. Stone, class '84, was present at our last meeting.

Butler opened with a full attendance this year. The course

has been lengthened to seven years. One more professor has been added to the faculty, making ten in number.

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BETA ETA.—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We are now in shape to do good work and hope to retain the present high standing of Beta Eta.

Bro. McNair is not back this fall. He has gone into business in the city.

Bro. Colburn has joined the class of '87.

Bro. Bennett has the Editorial Department and Bro. Webster the Note-book of *The Ariel*.

The University is in better condition than ever before. A full corps of teachers, with our new President and a large attendance, assure us a successful year.

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BETA THETA.—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

It is with great pleasure that *B Θ* still continues to report success beyond even the expectations of its members. The term which ended last August left us still undivided, and that which followed increased our numbers by almost one-third.

We take pleasure in introducing Bros. T. D. Finney, R. B. Snowden, S. W. Overton and Martin Ensley, all from Memphis.

*B Θ* has now sixteen active, enthusiastic and enterprising members and expects to do great things in the future. Bro. Harris returned a few weeks since with a glorious account of the Convention and stirred us all up so that we have almost resolved to attend the next one *en masse* and participate in the good times he so eloquently describes.

Although *B Θ* is now comfortably established in a wooden house there are indications of a new stone building in the near future, and, while at present we can only dream of dwelling in marble halls, yet we hope in a year or so to be able to welcome all visiting Deltas in a style worthy of a chapter of *Δ T Δ*.

Fraternity news is somewhat scare at Sewanee just now and nothing important has occurred except that all the fraternities here met in convention last month and framed laws binding



themselves with respect to the approaching and influencing of preps.

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BETA KAPPA.—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The school year opens at the University with a larger representation from the state than ever before.

Bro. Johnson, our delegate at Convention, was on hand and gives a glowing report of the good feeling existing in the Fraternity toward our chapter. We feel especially pleased at this and will try to merit whatever praise may be given us.

At our opening meeting all of our old members were present but two. Six ranged themselves around the circle and, with Prof. Hanas and Bro. Geo. Stidger with us, we had a goodly number of congenial spirits to open the new year.

Bro. Will Thomas has gone to Germany to continue his studies there and has promised to let the Fraternity hear from him through the *Crescent*. We hope for great things for Tommy and we shall miss him from our midst.

Bro. Stanton '82, teaches again this year in the southern part of the state.

Our boys are jubilant over our new room. The President, Dr. Sewall has given us a hall in the University building which is 20x30. Not only this, but the generous President donated curtains, chairs and a Brussels carpet and newly papered it. Next Saturday night we meet to "ratify" and hold forth as only Deltas can under such circumstances. Dr. Sewall will long be remembered by us as a friend and benefactor.

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GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Washington-Jefferson College opened this session under favorable auspices. About sixty new students were enrolled, among whom are a number of desirable men for fraternities.

Gamma chapter begins the term with eight men, which number was increased to nine by the initiation of Charles C. Ross, of Clarion, Pa., of the Freshman Class, on the evening of September 27th.

Of course Gamma feels the loss of Bros. A. W. Kennon and E. H. McFarland, of '84.

All the chapters of the seven Fraternities here seem to be in prosperous condition.

Our rivals are  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $B \Theta H$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ .

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#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We began the year with seven men in the Literary Department—one senior, four juniors, two sophomores—and have since added two more to our number—Bros. C. H. Hatch, '88, and Frank D. McDonell, '88, both of Bay City, Mich.

Bro. Hughes, '86, was compelled to leave college the latter part of last year and will not return this fall. Bros. Shaw, '86, and Guild, '87, will not return. We miss them very much.

Bro. W. A. McDonald, of '87, will return and enter the Law Department.

Politics seems to have engaged the attention of Springer. "Rosy" will not return until after election.

Bro. Ware dropped in on us for a few days.

Bro. Hicks, of Omega, enters the Medical Department.

Bro. Tsuda, of Iota, who has graduated at the Agricultural College and who is on his way home to Japan, spent a day with us.

Bros. Garvin, '83, Baldwin and Collard, '84, were here during vacation.

On the whole we expect a very prosperous year.

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#### EPSILON—ALBION.

Nine of Epsilon's loyal knights assembled around her shrine at the first meeting of this college year, and right hearty were the hand-grasps with which frater greeted frater. Since then one more tardy brother has returned, giving us ten sturdy men to care for Epsilon's interests. Though our numbers have been exceeded in the past, never was more enthusiasm manifested for the purple and the gray than spontaneously oozes forth from the active membership this fall. If present indications count for



anything, they unmistakably point to a year of unprecedented prosperity for the chapter. Every requisite necessary for the achievement of our ideal in fraternity life is at our command and will be exercised to push Epsilon forward to that high standard.

Albion College is in a healthy, vigorous condition. Her several departments are filled with intelligent looking students, and there are good prospects that Delta Tau will obtain from their ranks, through Epsilon, men whose lustre will add to her glory.

We have now but one competitor in the line of secret organizations, and that is merely local—so far as known. There has been a rumor to the effect that a permanent chapter would be fashioned from the local organization, but no obtainable truthfulness attaches to the report. In his inaugural address our President emphasized the truth that every frater should feel duty-bound to subscribe for the CRESCENT. He also advanced the idea that this should be one condition of membership to Delta Tau Delta. Epsilon will give voice to a hearty *amen* if the Executive Council in its future deliberations deems it advisable to incorporate such a provision in the constitution.

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#### ZETA—ADELBERT.

The college year has opened at Adelbert in its usual quiet and conservative way with a somewhat increased attendance and every outlook for a prosperous term. It is rumored that the committee of the board appointed to investigate the matter of co-education, have reported favorably to its continuance, so we may expect to hear the gentle tread of the "coed" among us with increased members in years to come.

We commence the year with four men—three juniors and one freshman. To us cannot be given all the credit, for our new addition, Bro. Wilson, as he was one of Eta's most enthusiastic "preps" last year, and it was only after much persuasion that he concluded to come up and help Zeta out. We were thrice glad to welcome "Tug" among us, as he is of the proper stuff for a good royal Delta and, we judge, plenty good enough

for anything else, by the way, the other "Frats." rushed him.

The matter of rushing new men has been unusually quiet here this year and the result of all efforts is not yet known. Although we have initiated no new men yet we have several in view, whom we will bring out before long unless present indications prove very deceiving.

Our work of last year was fitly closed by our second annual banquet, held at the home of Bro. Arter. It proved one of those royal good times characteristic of such events and which serve to bind us stronger to the work of Deltaism.

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#### THETA—BETHANY.

Our chapter opens at Bethany this fall with its ranks somewhat thinned, but with strong determinations to labor for the nobler and better in our own nature and those around us. "We are seven."

Eight of the graduating class of last year were Deltas—noble, strong and diligent workers—and we will miss them as we assemble in our hall, once well-filled.

Bro. Phil. Pendleton, who has been with us so long, was among the graduates and is now at Cincinnati in the *Standard* office and will soon be known as an editor.

Bro. Frank Dowling has been unable to attend college as yet, owing to a serious attack of sickness, which had, for a long time, made his return very doubtful. He will soon be back again with us, however; we could scarcely have done without him.

The professors are harnessing us harder than ever, but we strive for the supremacy and aim to wave the banner of Delta Tau proudly over the ruins of error.

The only opposition we have is the Beta Theta Pi chapter, and between the two fraternities there is a laudable competition. We find the Betas a noble band of men, and we shake hands over a common interest.



## KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

We begin the year with a membership of thirteen strong men, one of the most pleasant and finely equipped chapter houses in the state, and a healthful vigorous competition.

Our faculty remains the same as last year, and, though the prevailing spirit among them is anti-Greek, they wisely remain on neutral ground.

We note with feelings of sadness the vacancies made in our ranks by the class of '84, for it took from us three of our most loyal and zealous members, but we are cheered by the thought that their names have been added to the already long list of Kappa's honored Alumni.

Judge O. A. Jones, '68, has been elected by the proper authorities to the office of College Treasurer, *vice* Hon. C. B. Mills resigned. We predict unusual prosperity for the institution under his careful and judicious management.

## LAMBDA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

The condition of the University has been considerably improved the past year. Some \$44,000.00 were added to the endowment fund, and during vacation the University building and grounds were much improved. There is a full school and a good class of students, though largely of the preparatory grade.

Lambda begins the year with her wonted Delta vigor and quality. Prof. J. W. Grubb, J. D. Welch, W. F. Small, J. M. Davies, Geo. Crum, Jay Welch, Thos. Nolan and August Dellgren answer to their names at roll call.

Bros. C. L. Edwards and G. M. Brunson have graduated and have entered the larger school of life. Bro. Brunson, we hear, is somewhat broken in health, which we hope will soon mend. Bros. Boren, Harris, Fowler and Garst are also obliged to leave us the present term—Bro. Boren because of an affection of the eyes, and Bros. Harris and Garst because of an affection *of*, not *for*, the pocketbook. These Bros. preside each over a county school, and we hope to welcome them back another year. We know not why Bro. Fowler failed to "materialize," but we trust

that he may put in an appearance before the beginning of another term.

Our rival chapter starts out with about the same number of men, and fraters of a good quality.

#### MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

It is with reluctance that we take up the quill of our predecessor, Bro. Magruder, to follow one so exact in statement, so concise in expression, and one whose sentences are so replete in meaning.

The fall term of the Ohio Wesleyan opens with a bright prospect for Chapter Mu. True, we miss the noble friendship and advice of our departed seniors, but the ranks are fast filling up. We begin the term with five seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen.

Our first initiate for the year is Horace A. Stokes, '87, of Dayton, Ohio. E. H. Anderson, '85, who was last year a student of West Virginia State University, was quietly introduced into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta September 25th.

The boys of '84 are of a theological turn of mind. Bros. Swartz and Hayes are at Boston University, Anderson at Drew, Denman at Rochester, N. Y. Bro. English for the coming year will superintend the school at Sunbury, O.

Work in the Fraternity world at the Ohio Wesleyan this term has been characterized by action, but with fourteen active members and two hundred and fifty new students Mu has no necessity for being hasty in her selection of men.

During the vacation your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Merrick in the hills of West Virginia. But even in that mountainous country are to be found enthusiastic Alumni with copies of our new catalogue on their center table. What could better show the interest our Alumni take in their chapters than this?

Bros. Holmes and Magruder report many pleasant recollections of their stay at the Glen. To say nothing concerning the work at the Convention, the mountainous country and rich scen.



cry east of the Chautauqua, greeting us on either side as the road wound its way along little streams and between pine-clad ridges, were well worth the time and cost of the trip.

We are indebted to several friends for letters informing us of new students entering our college. As Bro. Harris, from Chi, says, "We think our universal prosperity would be greater, if "Deltas would keep their eyes open and inform chapters of the "entrance into their college of their acquaintances."

Bro. Stone, of Beta Zeta, a few days ago made us a short call. We are glad to welcome the Delta boys.

For the year, in the words of Uncle Esek, we would say, "We don't expect to please everybody. We don't know as we "would if we could, for we don't think anybody but a fool could "do it."

#### NU—LAFAYETTE.

We are back again to resume the duties of a new year, and as we begin at Lafayette, we find favorable auspices indeed. The class which has lately come in, numbers about eighty men, and among these there is much good material. When we returned at the beginning of the present term, our number in the chapter was seven; now we are ten and in a few days hope to be twelve.

Many of our rivals are weak in membership, several of them having not as many as four, and, as they are amongst the standard fraternities in our country, we hope that they may soon be in a vigorous condition again.

It is a matter of deep regret to Nu, that again she was not represented at the Convention. But, on account of sickness of her delegate, there were none of her members present. However, a report of the chapter was sent on to the Convention, yet we are unaware of its receipt. We are anxiously awaiting a report of the proceedings of the Convention.

I take much pleasure in informing you that we have initiated as members of *A T A M.* T. Hines, of '85; R. C. Montelius, '88, and Finley Stewart, of '88.

## XI—SIMPSON.

At the opening of the college year we hasten to greet all our sister chapters. We can not say, as yet, what will be the attendance at Simpson Centenary—however, the outlook is flattering. Pres. Parks has spent the summer in the east and returns much pleased with the encouragement he received there. Our college has made financial progress in endowment.

Xi chapter opens with five members—four seniors and one sophomore. Other brothers will return to the chapter during the year. Iowa Delta of  $\Phi K \Psi$  opens with twelve members. Rho Alpha (local) with five men. We are not yet apprised of the strength of our lady fraternities. We have in view three good men whom we hope to report Deltas in our next communication.

A large resident membership adds much to the strength of the chapter. Though our membership is small, we have received more than our proportion of honors in college elections. On the staff of editors for our college journal (*The Simpsonian*) L. H. Wilder, '82, is alumni editor; O. H. Kennedy, '86, is editor for students' association; E. W. O'Neal, '85, Associate editor; S. L. VanScoy, '87, local editor; N. B. Ashly, '85, reporter and financial manager. C. W. Johnson, '85, was re-elected President of the Athletic Association and N. B. Ashly, '85, was elected President of the leading literary society of the college. Bro. Win S. Kelly, '88, is here temporarily, as pitcher for the college nine in the base ball tournament of the Warren county fair. The first prize is one hundred dollars. The college nine are sanguine of success.

Morris Daily, '86, has a lucrative position in the schools of Geneva, Neb.

Byron S. Hull, '87, in conjunction with his father, has purchased a stock ranch in Lincoln county, Kansas.

W. T. Thompson, '86, and W. A. Lee, '85, were admitted to the Bar, last June, and have formed the partnership of Lee & Thompson.



J. F. Conrad, '85, who is now a law student at Des Moines, made us a visit at the beginning of the term.

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OMICRON—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

School opens at the Iowa State University under favorable auspices for a very successful year. Nearly all the old students are back, looking natural, and ready again for work. For Delta Tau never has a year opened with such flattering prospects. All of our boys are back, with the exception of R. A. Bemis, who is at his home in Independence. We are pleased to note that more enthusiasm is evinced than usual at the opening of the year. We began with fourteen active members. Brother Hal. Hedrick, who went home on account of sickness last spring, is with us again. Brother J. M. Read, who was out of school last year teaching in Des Moines, is in the law this year, and doing good work for Delta Tau. Bro. A. Rawson, of Omega, has entered the Sophomore class in the S. U. I., intending to finish his course here. We welcome him heartily as a valuable acquisition to our chapter.

Our initiations thus far have been Charles Pickett, of Waterloo, who came highly recommended by Bro. Theyer, and also Rufus Clark, of Des Moines. Our rivals rushed the boys but *Δ T Δ* was triumphant and they were introduced into the mystic secrets of Deltaism last Saturday night. Both the boys are among the best in their class and we feel justly proud of our victory.

Our brother and sister fraternities are in a flourishing and healthy condition. There is a good deal of rivalry, to be sure, but all in a most friendly spirit.

Our spacious halls, which we occupied for the first time last year, have been improved and furnished until now they present a very elegant and comfortable appearance, the admiration of our sister and the envy of our brother "Frats." Everything points to a pleasant, successful and profitable year.

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PI—LEHIGH.

Lehigh started the term with an unusual number of new men,

about 150 in all, making a total of 300 students in college. Our new laboratory, the finest building of its kind in the country, is nearly completed and parts of it are in use. Work on a new chapel has been commenced and will last about a year.

Pi begins the season with seven men but expects to increase this number before very long, though, owing to her policy of conservatism, no men have yet been initiated.

Our rivals are constantly growing more numerous, though none of the later ones are yet formidable. We are now opposed by  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Psi \Upsilon$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $A T \Omega$ , and  $\Theta \Delta X$ .  $\Psi \Upsilon$  is crippled somewhat by the loss of her '84 men, but is making great efforts to replace them.

We are becoming settled in our house and expect to add a piano to our worldly goods before long.

#### RHO—HOBOKEN.

Rho opens another year's work with not as bright a prospect, to be sure, as last year, when we had thirteen men, and this year but nine, having lost seven by the graduation of our last senior class. However, we have no reason to be discouraged as we have several men already pledged and our eye on others. Another reason why we should not be discouraged is, that in the recent graduation we were not the only men to suffer.

Before graduation our place as regards numbers was second, being surpassed by  $B \Theta \Pi$  by two men.

The new action of the faculty in regard to the entrance examination has been the subject of much criticism. In order to prevent the entering of more students than we have accommodations for, the faculty have limited the number to fifty. Should, however, more than this number apply, the examination is made competitive by taking the best fifty. It has had the desired effect of securing the best of the applicants, whereas it has had the disastrous effect of keeping fellows from a distance away, fearing that they will come out on the wrong side of fifty. It has, however, raised the standard of the entrance, besides the standing of the institute.



We regret to have to record an accident which one of our number met with during the past summer. Bro. Serrell, while bicycling, took a "header," which caused a compound fracture of his elbow, which, having been attended to wrongly, has had to be rebroken in order to remedy the former careless mistake.

We are delighted at the thought of having Bros. Torrance, '84, and Foster so near us as they are, namely, in the Worthington Pump Works, in South Brooklyn.

Bro. Rice has been made President of the Athletic Association. Bro. Bayler was elected President of his class, and Anderson Historian.

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TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

The first term of the college year, '84—'85, opened auspiciously for F. and M. The freshman class is of good size and the other classes have received additions. Prepdom is also in a flourishing condition. There is good material among the new comers and the *Greeks* are working assiduously to make converts.

Tau is in good condition; but we lost four of our best and most experienced fraters at last commencement, namely, Cook, Wanner, Miller and Kenard. It gives us pleasure to announce the initiation of Chas L. Bowman, '88, of Lancaster, Pa. Charley was much sought after by the other fraternities here. We have two other men "on the string," one of whom is pledged to join us, and by the time this letter is published he will be a full-fledged Delt.

We state with pride that Bro. Albright won the medal in the Junior oratorical contest last June. There were four other competitors besides Bro. Albright: a  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and a non-fraternity man. Bro. Levan has been elected one of the editors of the *College Student*. Bro. Russ, we are sorry to state, contracted a severe spell of illness last summer, and has not yet returned to college. He expects to be here, however, by the first of October.

We may add that our tenth annual banquet was a brilliant success. About twenty of our alumni brothers were present.

We went through an interesting programme, interspersed with college and fraternity songs.

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UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

Upsilon takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bros. Victor T. Price, '88; Fred. C. Gunn, '87; Henry R. Asserson, '87. We have three more men "on the string" and expect by the time the CRESCENT comes out to introduce them to the fraternity.

We commenced the term with seven men, having lost three brothers, two by graduation and one not returning on account of ill health.

Upsilon was sorry not to have any representatives at the convention, but our delegate was detained at the last moment by business. Upsilon hopes to have a full representation at the next convention.

The freshman class has entered with about ninety men and all of them seem to be fine fellows; so that Upsilon expects to get a good share this year.

We will have the pleasure of having with us this year Bro. Elvin A. Deal, '82, being the only resident alumni that we have.

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PHI—HANOVER.

College opened on September 13th with a larger number of students than usual. During the present college year two new chairs will be established.

What has formerly been known as the unfinished chapel will very soon be finished and called the Donnell Chapel. It will be one of the finest audience rooms in the state.

Fraternity work is generally quiet. There is a pretty general disposition to conservatism.

The Betas have brought out two new men.

At the present writing neither the Phi Gams, the Phis nor Sigs have pinned any new men, but they will no doubt have done so when this appears.

We take great pleasure in introducing our two new brothers



—Shirlock Johnston, of Cincinnati, O., and Dwight Harrison, of Higginsport, O. Both are of '88 and give promise of good men.

We very much regret that Bro. Jett is about to leave us for a time.

Bro. Allison and the S. A. represented Phi at convention and pronounce it a success.

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CHI—KENYON.

It's a very old story that is not worth telling at least once a year, so we venture to relate that we are still three in college. Herrlinger is again teaching in the grammar school. We still hold the fort in pledged men in the preparatory school, and, if the gods do not forsake us, will reap a rich harvest for the coming year.

The "Frats." generally are on a more nearly equal footing than they have been for some time as regards numbers. Numbers sound well away from home, but they do not necessarily mean strength. A year ago Psi Upsilon had one, Delta Kappa Epsilon, nine; Beta Theta Pi, ten; Alpha Delta Phi, nine; Theta Delta Chi, five. But if Delta Tau Delta reaches these larger numbers here she will reach it with men.

We were favored with a pleasant call to-day by John F. Stone, formerly of Z. B. We find him still an earnest Delta.

Our college is gradually increasing in attendance. The chairs are filled with competent and popular professors. Improvements in the college buildings are constantly going on and the campus made more beautiful every summer, and we now bid fair to have a commodious and well furnished gymnasium. Rosse chapel, a very large building, is to be fitted up for the same and will add another to the many advantages enjoyed here. The boys are very much delighted with the new catalogue.

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OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

The college opened this term with a good attendance, all of the fraternity boys returning but one. Since then our numbers have somewhat diminished.

Bro. Sloan left some five weeks ago to take charge of the Fairmont, (Neb.) schools while Bros. Wicks, Garrett and Haines have taken schools in their respective homes, each of whom returns to graduate with his class.

Bro. Summers, of Ann Arbor, gave us a visit some time ago and reports Delta Tau Delta as booming in all the colleges which he visited.

Bro. Doxsee, engaged in the real estate business at Algona, made us a flying call last week.

The board of trustees at their last meeting gave a nice appropriation, and as a result two beautiful buildings are being erected on the college grounds and in a short time our rooms are to be lighted by the electric fluid in place of gas.

Next year is the time when our college is to undergo a general renovation and many new courses added, and as the present year is drawing to a close we all look forward to it with joy, knowing that as the college grows better our chapter must keep pace.

Last week two of our best workers, Bros. McCanll and Briggs left for other fields of labor, the former to Chicago and the latter to Des Moines.

At our last meeting we initiated one new member, Bro. F. M. Andrews, and we all think we made a correct move in revealing the secrets of Delta Tau Delta to such a man.

Bro. J. C. Hamer has been absent for some time attending the A. & A. S. in Phil. and seeing some of the notable places in the east.

Bro. Shearer, for some time assistant Prof. of Chemistry, has taken a Professor's chair in chemistry in Des Moines.



## GREEK WORLD.

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DELTA UPSILON's song book is out.

$\Delta K E$  and  $Z \Psi$ , at Rutger's, are weak in numbers.

Phi Kappa Psi wants a salaried editor for their journal.

$Z \Psi$  has established an Alumni Association at Philadelphia.

Psi Upsilon's chapter home at Hamilton is nearly completed.

The Gamma Delta still takes in honorary members at De Pauw.

$\Sigma A E$  has entered University of Missouri with four chapter members.

The next convention of Alpha Delta Phi will be held at Ann Arbor.

The Alpha Delta Phi chapter house at Ann Arbor was opened this fall.

$B \theta H$  says she has forty-five distinct initiation services and wants a new ritual.

An Alumni chapter of Delta Upsilon is to be formed at Albany this winter.

Phi Kappa Psi is endeavoring to gain a foot-hold in the University of Denver.

The new chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Westminster college is said to be flourishing.

The law students of Columbian University will establish  $\Delta B \Phi$  in the near future.

There are ninety-three  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's in Washington, D. C., and they want a chapter house.

$\Sigma X$  is endeavoring to revive its chapter at Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

An Alumni chapter of Delta Upsilon was formed at Rochester, N. Y., June 16th, 1884.

*B Θ II* is trying to revive its chapter at Washington and Jefferson, which is about dead.

The chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the University of the South is reported as very weak.

Alpha Delta Phi's chapter house at Amherst had a narrow escape from destruction by fire last May.

Phi Delta Theta now proposes a financial scheme similar to that operated by our own order so successfully.

The convention of Phi Delta Theta will be held in Nashville, Tenn., on November 11th to 14th, inclusive.

The fourth annual convention of the Alabama State Association of Phi Delta Theta met in Montgomery June 26th, 1884.

*Σ X* will issue this college year a catalogue of the most improved and elaborate style; also a complete history of the fraternity.

There are six secret fraternities at Rutgers College, and one "non-secret" (Delta Upsilon), namely, *Δ Φ*, *Z Ψ*, *Δ K E*, *X Φ*, *B Θ II*, and *X Ψ*.

Alpha Delta Phi, at her recent convention, refused charters to Colby University, Maine and Yale, the latter wishing to re-establish their old chapter.

Beta Theta Pi wants a judicial system by which trials and appeals may be regulated, and an official and authoritative construction of the constitution.

Phi Delta Theta has but one *sub rosa* chapter—Gamma, at Monmouth College—her Alpha Chapter, at Columbia, having come out from under the rose.

Phi Gamma Delta held the annual convention at Pittsburg, August 26th, at which there was a good attendance and much important business transacted.

Delta Kappa Epsilon says there is very little to criticise in Delta Phi's catalogue, that it is out of date and a striking contrast to our own recent publication.

There will be at least six contestants for the honor of repre-



senting Denison University in the state oratorical contest. Two of these belong to Sigma Chi and one to Beta Theta Pi.

$\Sigma X$  was to have a banquet for the Kappa girls, but the Kappa girls refused to attend. There is a great joke here on  $\Sigma X$ , of which we will spare the relating.

*Chapter cor. University of Nebraska to Scroll.*

Delta Kappa Epsilon claims Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, and Delta Kappa Epsilon as the ruling types of college fraternities, and not Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi and Delta Phi.

G. L. Mackintosh,  $\Sigma X$ 's representative from Wabash, carried away first prize in the oratorical contest at Indianapolis and was awarded second place in the inter-state contest at Iowa City.

Colorado Alpha of the "I C" soirsis at Colorado University, received its charter Sept. 23d. A fine lot of young ladies are pledged, and the chapter starts out under favorable advantages.

The XXXVIIIth annual convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon convenes November 11th, 1884, at Rochester, N. Y. Secret sessions, a reception, public exercises and a banquet will fill the programme.

The members of Tennessee Alpha of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  at Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., celebrated the closing session by a grand banquet, to which representatives of other fraternities were invited.

A member of  $X \Phi$ , while traveling in Florida, came across a man wearing one of their badges, representing himself as Sigma Phi. Inquiry developed the fact that his dead brother was a member of the order and he, taking possession of his brother's effects, had used and worn the pin.

Theta and Chi Phi, at the Ohio State University, did not, as they have been inclined to do heretofore, support the candidate of Phi Kappa Psi. Phi Delta Theta, it is rumored, will return to her servitude of Phi Kappa Psi, but it is thought she will have a greater spirit of independence than to do so.

Chi Phi and Beta Theta Pi have each been striving to se-

cure men for the establishment of new chapters and they have drained the upper classes of all suitable material. Although the Beta Theta Pi men deny the above, yet, whatever their aim, they have striven to obtain members for some purpose.

*Chapter cor. to Scroll from Ohio State University.*

At Washington and Jefferson College Phi Kappa Psi has initiated three men. Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta have each taken one. The different fraternities here have the following number of men: Phi Gamma Delta, 17; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Phi Kappa Psi, 10; Phi Kappa Sigma, 6; Alpha Tau Omega, 3; Beta Theta Pi, 3.

Phi Beta Kappa, which was reorganized so successfully last year at Yale, is flourishing under the management of '85. At a meeting of the society, October 7th, the executive committee, consisting of Prof. Newton and Edward N. Hidden and Guy W. Mallon, both of Cincinnati, were authorized to institute a course of lectures, under the patronage of the society, upon the questions of the day.

The annual convention of Sigma Chi was held August — at Cincinnati. Thirty-four chapters were represented. Freeman G. Teed, Esq., of New York, presided. Congressman Jordan, of Cincinnati, was orator, and toast master, Walter Malone, of Mississippi, was poet. A system of government was adopted as advocated in last number of their journal. The central governing board is now located at Chicago. All secret work was removed from constitution. The official publication of the fraternity, the *Sigma Chi*, is now published in Chicago, with Walter L. Fisher as editor-in-chief. The meetings were held at Burnett House.

The seventh National Convention of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity was held at Canton, N. Y., August 27th. Delegates and visiting members were present to the number of seventeen from twelve of the leading chapters. Sessions were held both morning and afternoon until Friday evening, with the exception of Thursday p. m., which was devoted to the regular



literary exercises of the Convention. On this occasion an address was given by Miss Isabel Church, of Canton, and a poem of exceptional merits, written by Miss Emma L. Cooper, of Springfield, Vt., was read by Miss Charlotte Barrell, of Boston University. Receptions were held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and the biennial banquet came off Friday night at the Hodgkins House. Some sixty or more Kappas were present and sat down to the banquet. A canoe ride up the Grasse River, Saturday, and a lunch at Cold Spring made the few days spent at Canton with the members of Beta still more pleasant to memory. The *Golden Key* has been placed in the charge of Eta chapter, of the Wisconsin State University, and the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing two years: Grand President, Charlotte Barrell, Cambridgeport, Mass.; Grand Secretary, Alice Hurd, Minneapolis, Minn.; Grand Treasurer, Frances Ball, Hillsdale, Mich.; Grand Marshal, Marion B. Slade, Columbus, Ohio. The next Convention of the Fraternity will be held with the Lambda Chapter of Buchtel College, at Akron, O., the last week in August, 1886.

## OUR EXCHANGES.

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The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* for October came promptly and looks fresh and bright. The form and shape are about the same as the last number, but the paper is much better and it is now printed in New York. The approaching convention at Nashville is the principal subject discussed in the literary department. A large number of chapter letters show the scholarly work done in the different colleges. The Greek World news and personal department are sadly neglected. We were surprised that not a single fraternity convention, of which there have been so many since their last issue, was noticed.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for October is a large and interesting number. Steel plate engravings of the arms of chapters, Pi, Omicron and Alpha Chi ornament the first pages. Senator M. C. Butler contributes a valuable article upon "*Δ K E* in the South." Under the title of "*Δ K E* Heraldry," another writer claims that *Δ K E* stands alone in the adoption of a heraldic system. Under Reviews the "Greek Student Annuals 1883-4," including thirty different copies, receive a lengthy and critical notice. Our new catalogue is noticed in the following manner, which we clip from an extended review:

Such is *Δ T Δ*'s latest catalogue. Printed by the experienced house from which appeared the last *Ψ Υ* catalogue, it is first-class in point of typography. Bound and lined in purple, its principal fraternity color is appropriately displayed; beautifully printed on calendered, tinted paper, the appearance of the page is all that could be desired, while the one steel engraving in the book is the tasteful steel plate so generally used by *Δ T Δ*.

Belonging to that class of catalogues which aim at completeness and enterprise, we note, in addition to the many features in which it has followed worthy exemplars, a valuable new feature—a summary of the history, status—financial



and educational—and of particulars as to the student publications, rival Greeks, &c., of each of the colleges at which  $\Delta T \Delta$  has chapters. And the best work in Greek editing which has come to our notice is that by which the summary and memoranda in question have in each case been added to the history of her chapters at the college in question, and the whole condensed into an article which is complete, yet so finished in style that its extreme terseness is scarcely apparent.

The Army and Navy record is wanting—probably from the fact that the fraternity was too youthful to have a long one, though in chapter histories are noted creditable records in such regard. With a total membership of 2631,  $\Delta T \Delta$  is the eleventh of the Greeks in order of total membership, and has lost “to the majority” but 101 of her number. Dating from January 1st, 1860, it is one of the youngest of the Greeks, twenty of whom are her seniors, and, with thirty-three active chapters (fifteen being noted as blessed, or otherwise, memory), a vigorous central organization, a live fraternity journal, a catalogue in every way up to date, a song book, soon to be issued, bids fair to carry well to the front the standard of “Good Old Delta Tau”—as she was dubbed by her devotees, almost before her babyhood was past. All in all, the book under review is another of those publications which, in its line, serves to fix “high water mark.”

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* for September is at hand and looks neat and bright. An alumnus, in a lengthy article, pleads for a new form of government, claiming that the present one is but a stumbling block to progress. The following selections are taken from the chapter letters: Pennsylvania college—“I have been requested by a Sigma Chi—a gentleman of honor and a recent graduate—to say in this letter that the order of merit in which the various fraternities stand here, as given in the last number of the *Sigma Chi*, by the correspondent representing the chapter, is simply a personal one and does not voice the opinion of the chapter.” \* \* \* DePauw—“One new man, who visited Delta Kappa Epsilon, told me he thought us the most symmetrical men in college and liked us best of any set of boys he had ever met.” \* \* \* Franklin and Marshall—“In fine, I would say that the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity stands foremost at our college.

## ALUMNI OF DELTA TAU.

### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

'67 F. L. Blackmarr, '78 James Doughty, '82 Chas. E. Richmond are all busily engaged in making campaign speeches.

'83 J. M. McCready recently met with a serious accident, having been run over by a span of horses. We are glad to announce he is far recovered.

'83 Victor M. Delamater and Miss Francis Forker were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Sharon, Penna., Sept. 26th, 1884.

'84 Frank Barr and Miss Maggie M. Toy were united in marriage at Derrick City, Aug. 13th, 1884.

'84 H. W. Plummer is studying law with his uncle at 164 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

'84 W. J. Guthrie is editing the *Apollo Herald* at Apollo.

'84 E. W. Day is in the signal service at Fort Myer, Virginia.

'84 E. E. Baldwin is in California for his health.

'74 Geo. I. Wright has moved with his family to Read City, Michigan.

'84 J. C. White is in Philadelphia attending dental lectures.

'86 James Thompson is in Chicago attending medical lectures.

### BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

'80 Wilber Colvin is candidate for member of Congress, 8th district, O., on the Prohibition ticket.

'84 D. L. Johnson is principal of the Pomeroy High schools.

### BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

'83 J. J. Collins is studying law at University of Virginia.



## GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

'82 Prof. W. C. McClelland has been elected to fill the chair of English Literature.

'82 J. F. Marchand is attending medical lectures in Philadelphia.

'84 A. W. Kennon is reading law and tutoring a class in greek at St. Clairsville, Ohio.

'84 E. H. McFarland has sailed for Bangkok Siam, where he will become professor of physics and chemistry in the college established several years ago by the King of that country.

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EPSILON—ALBION.

'72 Prof. Samuel Dickie presided over the National Prohibition Convention in Pittsburg in July. He is chairman of the State Prohibition Committee of Michigan and was chairman of the committee to inform the candidates of the National Prohibition Party of their nomination.

'82 C. H. Wray, formerly a representative member of his class, and who has been for two years in Germany and France acquiring proficiency in the modern languages, exhibited his benign phiz to some of our fraters last week.

'87 M. R. Carrier, who is not with us this term, came down from Lansing, ostensibly for the purpose of visiting Epsilon, but really to enjoy communion of soul with his best girl.

'87 Jas. Docking is taking a course in the Theological Seminary at Boston, Mass.

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KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

'69 Will Carleton, during the summer months, traveled extensively throughout Great Britain. He left for Europe on June 17th on the "Scythia" and will return in October to resume his residence in Brooklyn, N. Y. *Harper's* for September contains a poem from his pen entitled "The Hero of the Tower."

'72 J. W. Simmons ably assisted in conducting a teachers' institute at Hillsdale, Mich.

'73 Rev. Latham A. Crandall in July accepted a call from the East Twenty-third street congregation in New York City, one of the largest Baptist churches in the city, which has recently erected a fine church edifice. Rev. Crandall, until the receipt of this call, was pastor at Owego, Tioga county, N. Y., where he achieved marked success. He preached his first sermon in his new charge on September 7th. The *New York Times* noticed the beginning of his pastorate as follows :

The Rev. L. A. Crandall, formerly of Owego, N. Y., who succeeds the Rev. Henry O. Hiscox in the Pastorate of the Twenty-third Street Baptist Church, began his work in that church yesterday morning. Notwithstanding the intense heat, the congregation was a large one. Mr. Crandall selected as his text a portion of the Second Corinthians, iv., 5 : "Ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." Toward the close of the sermon the preacher alluded to the fact that he succeeded a Pastor who had a large place in the hearts of his hearers, and expressed the hope that he too might come to enjoy their love and confidence. Mr. Crandall's style of preaching is earnest and pleasing. He frequently makes use of interesting anecdotes in illustrating his meaning.

'73 S. S. Ashbaugh was married Sept. 17th at Hillsdale, Mich., to Miss Louise Mansfield. Bro. A. is located at Hillsdale, where he has a large and growing law practice.

'83 S. W. Norton is principal of the Brooklyn, Mich., schools.

'84 Chas. E. Root is studying at Eastman's business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He lives at 336 Mill street.

'84 O. W. Waldean was married at Johnsburgh, N. Y., to Miss Mary E. Phillips. The happy pair are now in Marion, Ohio, where he is a pastor of a large congregation.

'84 B. J. Arnold is travelling as general agent for the Battle Creek Machine Co.

'85 L. E. Dow is principal of the Homer high school.

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#### MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

'71 J. N. Study has resigned his position as superintendent of the Greencastle schools to accept a similar position at Richmond.

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#### NU—LAFAYETTE.

'83 E. A. Barden was married Oct. 3d, 1884, to Miss Ida



Wainman, of Eldred, Pa. On his wedding tour Bro. Barden visited the boys at Lafayette. He will remain in business at Eldred.

'82 M. J. Bleim is now resident physician at Cook county hospital, Chicago, Ill.

'82 Orrin Serfass is again located in Easton, where he is helping the chapter in various ways.

'82 W. A. Seibert again returns to Boston to complete his study of medicine.

'84 A. B. Camp is now in the Chicago law school.

'84 A. C. Campbell is reading law at his home in Wilksbarre.

'84 Maurer has gone to the Penna. University to study medicine.

'86 Stear is reading law in Indiana.

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#### OMICRON-IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

'81 Judson Wicks, who has been practising law at Creston the past two years, delivered the master's oration last commencement.

'83 Chas. Haller, who graduated in the law department last year, is practising in Davenport.

'82 F. O. Newcome was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Kimbal, June 9th. He is now in business in Shell Rock, Iowa.

'83 S. B. Howard has resigned the editorship of the Iowa City Republican and is now studying law in Minneapolis.

'84 J. T. Cruschilles is in business in Algona, Iowa.

'84 Chas. Russell is in business in Glenwood. Both Bros. Cruschelles and Russell represented their respective districts in the Democratic State Convention held at Davenport.

'84 C. E. Theyer is studying medicine in Minneapolis.

'84 T. J. Hysham is reading law in Fairfield.

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#### RHO-STEVENS.

'75 James E. Denton was one of the judges at the International Electrical Exposition recently held in Philadelphia under the auspices of the Franklin Institute.

'75 Theodore F. Koezley is with Kelly and Jones, steam heating and ventilating apparatus, 75 John Street, New York City.

'78 I. Wm. Littell second lieutenant Tenth Infantry, U. S. A., is now stationed at Fort Lyon, Colo.

'80 George M. Bond represented the Pratt & Whitney Co., Hartford, Conn., at the Electrical Exposition in Philadelphia.

'80 John W. Leib, chief electrician of the Italian Edison Electric Light Company, of Milan, Italy, spent a month at his home in Newark, N. J., during the summer. He arrived on the "Fulda" on August 1st and left on the 6th of September, on the "City of Rome" in order to resume his responsible duties.

'83 Albert B. Porter graduated in June at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., and is now teacher of the natural sciences in the high school at Richmond, Ind.

'84 William L. Lyall left for Europe on the "Ethiopia" to spend a year in study at Hanover, Germany.

'84 Charles F. Parker is with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company, New York City.

'84 Charles W. Whiting has a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co., Pottsville, Pa., in the office of his father, Mr. S. B. Whiting, who is general manager and chief engineer of the company.

#### TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

'84 Cook and Warner are reading Blackstone in their respective homes, Hagerstown and Reading, Pa.

'84 Miller, who now lives in Lancaster, intends to study law. He visits his chapter frequently.

'84 Kenard is resting at his home, Mahopac, N. Y.

'86 Blackwood, now a cadet in the naval academy in Annapolis, has been at his home at Lancaster on a month's furlough.

#### UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

'84 Spearman is in business with his father at Sharpsville, Penn.

'84 Quintana is situated in Chicago.



## PHI—HANOVER.

'80 H. D. Slaughter is practicing law in Sioux City, Iowa.

'81 R. B. and W. J. Millroy are practicing law in Olympiah, W. T.

'82 C. A. Smith was married Sept. 2d to Miss Jessie Earthbaum, of Vincennes, Indiana. He is a thriving druggist of that place.

'82 J. N. Ryker, of the U. S. signal service, is located at Indianapolis.

'83 C. P. Smith has recently been admitted to the bar of Vincennes.

## CHI—KENYON.

'83 W. A. Childs, who is still at Hamilton, Ont., spent part of the summer with his parents in Painesville, O.

'84 H. H. Critchfeld was married to Miss Lillie Rean at Bloomington Ferry, Minn., August 20th, the day the convention opened. This is very likely the first coincidence of the kind.

'85 J. C. Williams is in Cleveland as special reporter on the *Herald*.

## XI—SIMPSON.

'79 J. G. McClure has dissolved partnership with Seavers and will go to Kansas to locate.

'80 W. W. Bussell has returned from his western trip and paid his chapter a visit the first of the term.

'80 Rev. E. M. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Page ('80) at Boane, Iowa, September 17th. Bro. Holmes, since graduating with the classic honors at Simpson Centenary, has taken a theological course at Garret's Biblical Institute and has been successful in his chosen field. Miss Page is an L. F. V. and graduated with second honors in the class of '80. No lady has ever graduated in our college who was more honored.

'84 F. L. Davis is principal of Riverton schools at Fremont County, Iowa.

## NOTES TO NOTICE.

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