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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION.

The twenty-seventh annual Convention of Delta Tau Delta will be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 19th, 20th and 21st, 1885; it is, therefore, time for every one to begin the work of making it a success. We wish to present here a statement of what is to be done and what has been done already and then we ask a unanimous response from the whole Delta world in a united effort to carry the work on and make this the most successful Convention ever held. Every Convention of late years has been an epoch in the history of the Fraternity, and the twenty-seventh will be no exception to the general rule. From present indications we may say that the prospects of no Convention have been so bright at this time of the year.

THE CITY OF DETROIT,

Where the Convention is to be held, is exceeded in attractiveness during the summer months by no city in the country. Until last year it was always thought impossible to hold the Conventions elsewhere than in a large city, but on account of various inconveniences and discomforts connected with meeting in a large city in the hottest part of summer the plan of meeting at a summer resort was tested, not entirely with satisfactory results. Detroit combines the merits of both a large city and a summer resort. It is beautifully situated on

THE FINEST BODY OF WATER IN THE WORLD.

The river furnishes the means for the most delightful recreation at a small expense and with no trouble. Excursions to various points of the lake take place daily. Even the transient visitor has opportunities for a delightful ride on the ferry-boats, whether

he has hours or only minutes at his disposal. The river is dotted with beautiful little islands, one of which, exactly opposite the city, forms the only island park in the world. Not thirty miles from the city is the great fishing and shooting ground of the northwest. The broad avenues of the city mount gradually up from the river and through them at all hours sweep the cool lake breezes, while their gradual fall furnishes a perfect drainage system. The streets of the city are all broad and shaded by beautiful forest trees. Some of the residence streets are not to be surpassed either in their intrinsic beauty or the elegance of the mansions which border them. Altogether, Detroit is the handsomest, healthiest and, in the summer, most delightful city generally that could be pointed out upon a map of our country.

THE RUSSELL HOUSE,

Where the Convention headquarters will be located, is, without doubt, a better hotel than any in which the Convention has been held for some years. It has accommodations for six hundred guests and will never be crowded. It is by far the best hotel in the city, is most conveniently located on the "Campus Martius," in the very heart of the city and directly opposite the City Hall. From this "Campus" radiate seven great avenues, the great thoroughfares of the city.

THE HOTEL RATES

Will be reduced, probably, to something less than \$3.00 to members of the Convention. Its regular rates are \$4.00 and \$5.00. A spacious parlor will be set aside for the use of the Convention. The Russell House banquets are famous and they will do their best for the Fraternity.

HOW TO GET THERE.

Detroit is very easily accessible from every direction, by water and by rail. A delightful route for the Ohio Deltas is the one by steamer from Cleveland. Every one who can, should take

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL ROUTE,

For this road offers to the members of the Convention the special

rate of two cents a mile — two-thirds of the regular rate. This is of especial importance to Michigan Deltas, for, by means of its numerous branches, the M. C. road completely taps every part of that state. But everyone who can come by way of Chicago in the west or Buffalo in the east may take this road from these two places.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT.

To obtain these special rates you must have a certificate from the committee at Ann Arbor. Write for one early in August. Address A. G. Pitts, Pittsburgh, Michigan. Don't forget this if you propose to make any part of your trip by this road or any of its branches.

Altogether, one could not take a more enjoyable and, at the same time, cheap excursion than to Detroit next August, even if we had nothing more to offer in the way of inducements. But look at

THE PROGRAM OFFERED :

A program that will fire the heart of every Delta with an ambition to be present and to take part in it; which will, at least, set to throbbing the pulses of every one who has tasted similar delights at past Conventions. It will be a feast of reason and a flow of soul. There will be a knitting up of old ties and a forming of new ones. There will be a new inspiration of noble aims and ambitions into the heart of every man present.

THE PROGRAM.

The Convention will be called to order Wednesday morning. This will be the day for work and every one is assured that there will be work deserving the attention of the best talent of the whole Fraternity. Thursday afternoon it is hoped that an excursion may be arranged on the river. Thursday evening

THE LITERARY EXERCISES

Will be held in Whitney's Opera House. This is a very handsome house and an especial favorite with Detroit people, since the stage is on the ground floor and there are four large entrances opening directly from the parquette circle on the side-

walk. It accommodates two thousand people and is nicely decorated. We may anticipate a much larger audience than is usual at our literary exercises, for Detroit people are, as a rule, much interested in such affairs. The fraternity men in the city are numbered by hundreds and the college men by thousands. The Deltas of the city will be of great assistance not only in this matter, but in all others connected with the Convention. Invitations to the literary exercises will be sent to every one in the city who is likely to be interested in such matters. The well known

SPEIL'S ORCHESTRA,

The best in Detroit, or in the State of Michigan, has been engaged to furnish music on the occasion. The following program of literary exercises is recommended by the committee on arrangements:

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| OVERTURE | Speil's Orchestra. |
| PRAYER. | |
| ADDRESS | By the President. |
| MUSIC | Speil's Orchestra. |
| ORATION | J. H. Grove. |
| FRATERNITY SONG. | |
| POEM | H. W. Collingwood. |
| MUSIC | Speil's Orchestra. |
| DECLAMATION | Charles Krichbaum. |
| FRATERNITY SONG. | |
| BENEDICTION. | |
| MUSIC | Speil's Orchestra. |

There will be an attempt made to identify the City of Detroit with the Convention by securing the presence on the stage of some of the city officials and leading citizens. Perhaps an address of welcome will be delivered by one of these. After the literary exercises will come

THE BANQUET

At the Russell House. Toasts with responses from the prominent members of the Fraternity will be the order of the evening. There is no need to enlarge on the subject of a Convention banquet. Every one who has ever attended one knows, and the rest have been told, that each one is the event of a lifetime.

The fraternity songs mentioned in the above program will be soon selected and every delegate will have an opportunity to become familiar with them beforehand. Possibly we will have some new ones, never heard before. These songs will be a new feature of our Conventions and one sure to be appreciated by everybody.

FRIDAY MORNING

Will be devoted to business. In the afternoon every one is invited by chapter Delta to go out to Ann Arbor and view the University and the Delta "Plant." During the week following the Convention the

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

Will hold its annual meeting in Ann Arbor. No one need be told that this is the most important event of each year in a scientific and educational point of view. Papers will be presented by the most distinguished scholars in the United States. For those members of the Convention who wish to attend the sessions of the association arrangements of especial convenience can be made by chapter Delta.

Thus, with alternate work and recreation ; with due attention alike to the legislative, the social, the instructive and the pleasure-affording mission of our Conventions, the twenty-seventh will be conducted, and when it is brought to a close, Friday evening, every one will feel that he has been more than repaid for whatever the trip to Detroit has cost him in money or exertion. Those who are unable to tear themselves away will be entertained over Sunday.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT.

There is every indication that this Convention will be more largely attended than any of its predecessors. The letters subjoined prove this.

THE PRESIDENT

Writes as follows :

NEW YORK, May 23d, 1885.

Brother Delta: Your letter officially notifying me of my election to the Presidency of the Convention to be held at Detroit came duly to hand. I shall endeavor to arrange so as to be present.

I would recommend to the thoughtful consideration of the Fraternity the plan of granting powers to each division whereby the division may legislate for the improvement of its chapters by improving their chapter rooms and houses. I believe that an attractive and pleasant chapter room is the secret of the permanence and growth and success of the chapter itself. When chapter Delta was refounded in 1880 a liberal provision for finely furnished rooms was insisted upon and obtained, and the present marked prosperity of the chapter is due, I think, not only to the courage, energy and ability of its members past and present, but also to the elegant hall and fine commodious house where its members live. Very few of our chapters have the accommodations which they desire and should have. Some systematic, organized plan for assisting them gradually, but continually, should be devised.

I think that if each division is given authority to regulate the disbursement of an annual fund, to be collected from that division alone, the result, in a few years, will be surprising and will prove the wisdom of the policy. Chapter debts will disappear and suitable chapter rooms, the pride and pleasure of its members, will be found to be the source of growth and strength to the chapter and Fraternity.

Yours fraternally,

W. W. COOK, Δ '80.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

HARRISBURG, PA., May 25th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: Your favor 13th inst. at hand and should have been answered sooner, but business engagements prevented, all of which I trust you will pardon. I hope now to be with you at Detroit and be present at Convention and am making my arrangements accordingly. I will send letter of acceptance to editors of CRESCENT.

Very fraternally yours,

WM. B. HAMMOND, Π '79.

THE POET

Comes from far-off Mississippi.

STARKVILLE, MISS., May 18th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: Your letter of May 13th at hand. I surely expect to be present at the Convention. I shall prepare the poem at any rate. We all expect a grand re-union at Detroit. I am sure that old Michigan will do her duty nobly. Let us make this Convention shine like a star on the Delta records.

Yours fraternally,

HERBERT W. COLLINGWOOD, I '83.

THE SECRETARY.

CHICAGO, May 22d, 1885.

Bro. Delta: It gives me much pleasure to accept the honor which the last Convention conferred on me in selecting me for the secretary of the Detroit Convention. I shall certainly be present to discharge the duties appertaining to said office.

Very fraternally,

H. W. PLUMMER, A '84.

THE DECLAIMER.

CANTON, O., 20th May, 1885.

Bro. Delta : I am in receipt of yours of the 17th. I shall be in northern Michigan at the time of the Convention and if my aid be desired I shall be glad to run down to Detroit and renew my mind by old associations. This is my first intelligence that I am connected with the literary work of that occasion.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. KRICHBAUM, ♣ '84.

THE ORATOR.

DELAWARE, OHIO, May 20th, 1885.

Bro. Delta : Your favor of the 13th received. It is my purpose to be present at the next annual Convention of the Fraternity. College duties during the past year have been such that I have found little time to think of the matter and have not yet fixed upon a suitable subject.

Very sincerely and fraternally,

J. H. GROVE, M '70.

OTHER LETTERS.

Is it not a good omen when every one of the officers-elect is certain to be present? Such a thing never happened before. Here are some more letters not less interesting than those above.

THE HISTORIAN OF THE FRATERNITY

Writes :

HOBOKEN, N. J., May 21st, 1885.

Bro. Delta : Replying to yours of the 18th, just at hand, I will say at once that I intend and hope to be present at the Detroit Convention. I have kept up my studies in the history of the Fraternity and now have matters in pretty decent shape. My report I will present at one of the sessions of the Convention.

A. P. TRAUTWEIN, P '76.

THE COUNCIL

Will be present almost *en masse*.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL,

Bro. Henry T. Bruck, fears that he will be unable to be present. Every one will hope that circumstances will so change as to permit him to come.

Bro. Day writes that he is coming. *Bro. Eversole* as follows :

WOOSTER, O., May 20th, 1885.

Bro. Delta : Yours of the 18th inst. duly received. At present I expect to attend the Delta Tau Delta Convention in Detroit and I think that you can depend upon my being there.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. EVERSOLE.

Bro. Plummer's letter has been already given. Bro. Colvin will be sure to come and this makes the list of alumni members of the council complete. That the division secretaries will all come goes without saying. With the full council to take the lead we may be sure that business will be worked off with neatness and dispatch.

But beside these we shall have the presence of many others not less honored by the Fraternity at large. Read this from the

ORATOR OF THE '81 CONVENTION :

MUNCIE, IND., May 19th, 1885.

Bro. Delta : It will give me pleasure to attend the Convention and will do so if within my power. Something, of course, unforeseen may prevent my going, but I shall try to be with you.

Yours in $\Delta T \Delta$,

JOHN M. BLOSS.

ONE OF OUR FOUNDERS

Writes :

ODESSA, MO., June 8th, 1885.

Bro. Delta : Yours of the 4th inst. received. Will be at the August Convention unless providentially prevented.

Yours fraternally,

W. R. CUNNINGHAM.

Bro. James P. L. Weems, one of the founders of THE CRESCENT, writes :

VINCENNES, IND., May 23d, 1885.

Bro. Delta : Your kind and fraternal letter of the 18th inst. has been duly received and noted, and in answer permit me to say it affords me great pleasure to think I am held in kind remembrance by some of our fraters at least. You have my kindest thanks for your invitation to attend our twenty-seventh annual Convention. But to the point in issue : I fear I cannot be present at your Convention. It would most assuredly afford me great joy to be present on that occasion and mingle once more with the "Greeks of modern time." But I can not promise. Will say this, however : If I can come, I will come ; and should I do so, trust to meet you there and many more $\Delta T \Delta$'s. Kindest regards to all Δ 's.

Yours in $\Delta T \Delta$,

JAMES P. L. WEEMS.

Bro. John R. Scott, who has at various times acted as poet and song-writer, says :

ST. LOUIS, May 22, 1885.

Bro. Delta : Replying to your kind note of May 19th, I am heartily sorry that my time is already so disposed of for the summer that it will be out of my power to be present with the boys at the Detroit Convention. I know it would

make me young again, at least temporarily, and I should enjoy fighting my battles o'er again, whether I proved a very doubtful warrior or not.

I am very busy and commencement is near at hand and I don't know whether I can stir my jaded Pegasus into a little canter (canto?) or not. I'll try, and, if I succeed, I'll send you the song you request. Don't depend upon it, but, if you get it and it is worth singing, count it that much ahead. For my part I shall be glad if I can strike a pay-lead.

With best wishes for yourself and the boys of Delta chapter,
I am, fraternally yours,

JNO. R. SCOTT.

THE CHAPTERS

Are all thoroughly waked up and respond nobly, as the following will show:

GAMMA EN MASSE.

WASHINGTON, Pa., May 27th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: Your favor is received. Gamma proposes to attend the Detroit Convention *in toto*. Her eight members expecting to be present are as follows: George S. McElroy, Apollo, Pa.; H. E. Alexander, St. Clairsville, Ohio; C. C. Garrison, Brookville, Pa.; Eugene Harrington, Allegheny, Pa.; James M. McAdams, Wheeling, W. Va.; Robt. R. Reed, Washington, Pa.; Chas. C. Ross, Clarion, Pa.; John W. Maffatt, Clarion, Pa. My address for the summer will be St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio.

Fraternally,

H. E. ALEXANDER.

SEVEN FROM MU.

DELAWARE, O., May 20th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: Yours of the 16th at hand. We called a meeting last night and elected two delegates to the next Convention — Bro. Horace A. Stokes and myself. Five other boys expressed their intention of attending the Convention, so that I think we can count on seven being present. I hope and believe that we shall have the best Convention at Detroit that the Fraternity has ever held. Chapter Mu will be very glad to give you any assistance in her power.

My address during the summer will be Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio.

Very fraternally yours,

C. W. DURBIN.

BETA BETA WILL ASSIST.

GREENCASTLE, IND., May 25th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: At our last meeting Ira B. Blackstock was elected as first delegate and Sam E. Crose as second. B. B. is glad that you are taking pains to make next Convention a success and we assure you that we will do all we can to rush things along. You can depend on a big delegation from here, at least more than five. In regard to "banner" nothing has been done thus far, but will attend to it at once. My address during the summer will be Greencastle, Ind.

Yours fraternally,

F. D. WIMMER.

THE CRESCENT.

FROM TENNESSEE.

SEWENEE, TENN., May 27th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: Yours of the 16th inst. duly received and read before the chapter. Our delegates this year to the Convention will be Bro. A. H. Dashiell and myself, with Bro. U. B. Harris as alternate.

Fraternally,

E. C. TUCKER.

AND FROM GEORGIA.

OXFORD, GA., May 23, 1885.

Dear Bro.: Beta Epsilon has elected J. L. Hendry as her delegate to our next annual Convention. His address during the summer is "McIntosh, Ga." I am proud of the honor of representing our chapter at Detroit in August and expect to have a time of rejoicing with our boys of the north.

Yours in the Bond,

J. L. HENDRY.

COLORADO WILL BE THERE.

BOULDER, COL., May 30th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: Yours of the 16th duly received. We expect that Bro. P. H. Hanns, Δ '78, will represent us at the next Convention. I have written to Bro. Trautwein about the banner.

Yours fraternally,

Box 514.

GUY V. THOMPSON.

ALPHA WILL COME TWENTY-FIVE STRONG.

MEADVILLE, PA., May 13th, 1885.

Bro. Delta: Yours received. Yes, the Choctaw brothers will be there with paint and feathers. A committee consisting of alumni and actives has been appointed and a band of twenty-five are arranging to be present, going part way on a special car. Bros. C. B. Kistler and E. P. Cullum are the delegates elect.

Yours fraternally,

ERNEST MERRICK.

THE MICHIGAN CHAPTERS

Are all out-doing themselves in their determination to show their appreciation of the favor shown them in locating a Convention so conveniently for them. The State of Michigan is full of the active members and alumni of chapters Delta, Iota, Epsilon and Kappa. They are all coming! Each one of these chapters realizes that it is its duty to persuade as many as possible of her own alumni to come. Delta has resolved its whole active membership into a reception committee and has received letters from many of her alumni stating their intention to be present. Delta pro-

poses to make this the occasion of a re-union of her alumni and any one of them who misses it will lose a great deal.

The arrangements are nearly completed. Many details have been omitted from this account. A steam yacht for the excursion of Thursday has been secured. The newspapers of Detroit have already announced the Convention and will, as the time approaches, publish full notices of it. An address of welcome will be delivered to the Convention at the first session, Wednesday morning. Every one should come early and stay late. From first to last this Convention will be full of work and amusement, none of which should be missed.

CHAPTER BANNERS.

It will be remembered that at the last Convention each chapter was instructed to procure a chapter banner and to bring the same to Convention. This work is now being done under the superintendence of the special banner agent, Bro. A. P. Trantwein. His address is Box 24, Station G, Brooklyn, N. Y. Let every chapter which has not yet done so write to him at once. No one need be told what an addition would be made to the appearance of our Convention hall or to the Opera House by the decorative quality of a score or so of banners.

OUR LAST WORDS ARE

Don't miss it or you will regret it.

OUR SUBLIME FRATERNITY.

The question of pre-eminence is doubtless a constant source of anxiety to a number of our older Greek contemporaries. It is one which should be settled to the satisfaction of all, and if our fraternal services can be of any assistance to any of them in reaching a happy conclusion the consciousness of our having performed a generous deed will be our ample reward.

We desire to render even justice to all and to give equal credit to the testimony of each and therefore accept the official statements of our senior fraternities as true beyond question, liberally regarding as official whatever is published in their official organs or with their official sanction.

The rules by which we shall endeavor to ascertain the facts are these:

Rule I. "Those fraternities only which are reciprocally able to obstruct each other's progress and which mutually recognize each other's prestige are to be considered as equals."

Rule II. "A fraternity acknowledges the prestage of a rival by making a statistical comparison of the latter's achievements with its own."

We are indebted for our data to the official bi-monthly publication of our old friend, Beta Theta Pi, whose Muse sings a perennial paean and never misses a note.

Commenting on an article in the Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent*, entitled "College Men in Congress," that magazine says: "The *Star and Crescent's* table closes, of course, with a comparison between the records of Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon in the production of statesmen, the showing equally, of course, being in favor of the former fraternity."

Now, without questioning the accuracy of the *Star and Cres-*

cent's finding, and even without reference to them or to the expressed or implied opinion of our reviewer concerning them, the prime fact for us is that somewhere at some time Alpha Delta Phi has run up against Psi Upsilon, and the fact that the public comparison of her list of statesmen with that of the latter should be by her considered necessary to prevent the world from esteeming Psi Upsilon above herself is, according to rule II., an acknowledgment by Alpha Delta Phi of her rival's equal, though not necessarily justly equal, renown. But since Psi Upsilon is the only rival which, on this occasion, seems to give Alpha Delta Phi any uneasiness, according to rule I. she is to be recognized as the latter's only acknowledged peer.

The estimation, however, in which Psi Upsilon holds Alpha Delta Phi would remain unknown to us, as she has not been heard from on the subject herself, were it not for the following timely information from another source. In reviewing an article in the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, Beta says: "One thing in the October issue grieves us a good deal. Under the heading, 'Other Fraternities,' there is a single sub-caption. 'Beta Theta Pi and no other fraternity is mentioned in this department.'" That of itself is all right enough. There are similar cases on record. Phi Delta Theta has committed no crime. Suppose she does love Beta Theta Pi so ardently that she can't even see any of the rest of us, we would not if we could obliterate the image of her ideal, nor are we jealous of our old friend. And yet we must reluctantly admit with him that her conduct in this instance was very indiscreet.

He continues: "Now this is precisely the sort of a thing a Psi Upsilon editor would do (if there was such a thing in nature as a Psi Upsilon editor). He would write 'Other Fraternities,' then parenthetically and explanatory, 'Alpha Delta Phi.'"

These two incidental sentences contain a vast amount of information. Beta Theta Pi is good enough authority for us as to what a Psi Upsilon editor would do, provided the venerable fraternity possessed such an official, for what Beta Theta Pi don't know about the idiosyncrasies of Psi Upsilon amounts to very

little. But the declaration that Psi Upsilon's hypothetical list of "Other Fraternities" would contain but the one name is equivalent to saying that she recognizes only Alpha Delta Phi as her equal. Thus the reciprocal and mutual relations are shown to exist which make these two the peers of each other to the exclusion of all others. Granting this, it is nevertheless true that two fraternities may be co-ordinate and their affinities for each other mutually irresistible. They may even be counterparts of each other, as it were, and still their joint position in the Greek scale may be left to conjecture.

The rank of these two, however, is settled by the testimony of Delta Kappa Epsilon, who (changing our figure of speech) now enters in haste, slams the door behind her and locks it. In her October *Quarterly* she is alleged to have said: "Nor is it hard to discern what gave Alpha Delta Phi her early prestige; what made Psi Upsilon her rival in the east after 1845; what gave Delta Kappa Epsilon her later leadership; what caused these three to be ranked in a class by themselves as the leading Greek brotherhoods." Though she is present on her own invitation and the evidence does not show that Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon ever received her into their confidence, yet we do know that whenever "these three" are grouped "by themselves" they constitute "a class" hailed and known as "The Leading Greek Brotherhoods."

How anybody else could get into the charmed circle is a problem. The company is already too large for the enjoyment of the original pair. Delta Kappa Epsilon has the front door key in her pocket. But lo! a fourth personage is there for a fact and we behold with pride the familiar countenance of our old friend, who, to relieve the embarrassment, explains the situation thus: "There is no fear of our being too limited, and it is possible to be national and conservative at the same time, while it will be impossible for us to lower our standard and enter such institutions as we have just refused without stepping down from the first rank, which we now hold with Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi."

His ignorance of the fitness of things is betrayed by his putting Delta Kappa Epsilon in the middle. However, the status of the entire four is now permanently fixed, for no Greek organization of any standing whatever would presume to gainsay the statements made, or question the principles accepted as correct by all or either of them.

As a precedent now established it will be observed that any fraternity may decide its own relative rank by simply declaring it. All that remains for us to do, then, is to issue our pronunciamiento. Delicacy prevents us from assuming any place claimed by another. Hence we will modestly officiate as apex, mount this partially constructed pyramid, sit down and take a rest, to wit:

Our Sublime Fraternity,

$\Delta T \Delta$.

The Most Illustrious Fraternities,

$A \Delta \Phi, \Psi Y$.

"The Leading Greek Brotherhoods," $A \Delta \Phi, \Psi Y, \Delta K E$.

"The First Rank Fraternities," $A \Delta \Phi, \Psi Y, \Delta K E, B \Theta \Pi$.

We have built from the top downwards because the foundation stratum of our pyramid not being known it was "impossible for us" to begin on the ground and work up. Let the good work go on. Who will add the next lower layer by saying: "Behold our quintuple galaxy! Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi and myself possess all that is really patrician in the Greek brotherhoods"?

DELTA.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, In the dispensation of a Divine Providence, an untimely death has stricken down in the vigor of his manhood our faithful friend and beloved frater, Burton G. Ashbrook, and

Whereas, In his death the chapter has lost an honored member, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, in the testimony of his high worth, and as an expression of our esteem and sympathy, the badge be inverted, the members wear crape and that the hall be draped in mourning for the space of ten days.

That we tender our sincerest sympathy to relatives and friends of the deceased.

A copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents, be printed in the CRESCENT, and be entered upon the minutes.

By order of Committee

{ M. M. ELLIOTT,
J. A. ARNOLD,
E. H. ANDERSON.

EDITORIAL.

OWING to an accumulation of his personal business, Bro. Day was obliged to resign the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. Plummer was chosen by the council to fill the vacancy until Convention meets.

IN OUR Greek Press we publish several editorials from the pages of the *Beta Theta Pi*. We invite and urge particular attention to the one treating of the collection of Fraternity archives and historical data. We spoke somewhat of this important subject in a former issue and this extract adds emphasis to our words.

THE TERMS of Bros. Eversole and Plummer as members of the council expire with the Detroit Convention. The Fraternity must travel far to get better men to represent her interests. The Convention will do well in re-electing them.

A NUMBER of fraternities, particularly Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi, have made Chautauqua Lake a sort of summer rendezvous, the former by the erection of a handsome house for the accommodation of members and others by establishing headquarters at the Assembly Grounds. Although the number of Deltas who visit this resort is not large, yet would it not be well to organize and have a place of meeting. We suggest that as soon as the season opens, all Deltas at Chautauqua meet, obtain a room or tent for meeting, where a register may be placed, and carry out any other plans which may suggest themselves at the time.

THE FIVE years commencing with June, 1879 and ending with

June, 1884, can well be styled the epoch of extension in Delta Tau. During those years the growth of the Fraternity was steady, vigorous and permanent. The following list of chapters tells the brilliant story :

- June 3, 1879.—Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.
- November 9, 1879.—Upsilon—Rensselaer.
- February 20, 1880.—Delta—University of Michigan.
- May 8, 1880.—Psi—Wooster.
- October 29, 1880.—Omicron—University of Iowa.
- January 25, 1881.—Chi—Kenyon.
- May 2, 1882.—Beta Beta—DePauw.
- May 31, 1882.—Sigma—Columbia.
- June 12, 1882.—Beta Delta—University of Georgia.
- June 13, 1882.—Beta Epsilon—Emory.
- September 4, 1882.—Zeta—Western Reserve.
- March 23, 1883.—Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.
- June 23, 1883.—Beta Theta—University of the South.
- September 30, 1883.—Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

A RECENT number of the Psi Upsilon *Diamond* reports that Prof. Williams, of Lehigh, when speaking of the Psi U chapter at that college, said "Since our start we have seen $\Delta \Phi$ and $\theta \Delta X$ come in and now we have some decent rivals to contend with." This is one of those brilliant gems of wit and humor that now and then fall from the lips of a truly refined and cultured gentleman. It bears the unmistakable Psi U trademark and is peculiarly befitting the honorable professor. He is no doubt the same spotless and immaculate person who, some years ago, offered several thousand dollars and a house to the Lehigh chapter of Delta Tau Delta if they would strike their colors and desert to the standard of Psi Upsilon. They spat on the offer. The analytic genius of the worthy professor has divided the fraternities at Lehigh into two distinct classes—the *decent* and the *indecent*—in the latter of which is placed Delta Tau Delta. Kindly observe that the men who, if purchasable, would have reflected honor and glory on Psi U. are now "indecent"—because they would not, could not be bribed into infamy, shame and dishonor. *Decent* and *indecent* are words of broad import and deserve attention. Let us analyze the terms; our skill, of course,

not to be mentioned or compared with that of the polished and gifted professor. A *decent* fraternity, to our humble, earth-clogged intellect, would be manly, honest and true; of fair degree of culture, refinement and intelligence; in the treatment of rivals, just, forbearing, dignified; given to charity, honor and courage; inclined neither to the giving nor to the taking of bribes. An *indecent* fraternity would bear precisely the opposite characteristics. Let him who walks and sees, make the application and classify the respective fraternities as he will. Doubtless the courteous, dignified professor claims all the graces and refinements of mind, person and deportment that mark the gentleman. And yet, even in the presence of "perfect gentlemen," we are sometimes irresistibly reminded of what a certain philosopher once said, "that the men of modern civilization are simply veneered savages." There is more or less truth in the old cynic's observation.

ALTHOUGH many of our colleges have closed for the vacation, the last meetings held and brothers scattered in their different homes, the duties of college and chapter laid aside for the present, yet let not one of us relax our energies in the work for the general Fraternity which should be done before the opening of another college year. As much, perhaps, can be accomplished during the vacations in certain lines as when the colleges are in full blast and we gather together at our weekly meetings. It is through the summer time that we reap the benefits of our brotherhood, when in travel, visiting and meeting, often accidentally, brothers from other chapters and enjoy the pleasure of their society and exchange views on the Fraternity and chapter work. Our Convention will take place in two months and as a matter of duty, to say nothing of the inexpressable pleasure connected with it, every member should be present to see what it is to be a Delta and to assist in the work. The three months before us are most important as the time of proselyting. Following the lead of our successful rivals, we have learned to look about us for young men about to enter college and lay before them the claims

and benefits of our Fraternity — one of the most necessary and telling works to which we can direct our forces. Each year exemplifies more clearly the absolute necessity of individual interest and energy in seeking out candidates for our Fraternity among the young men who we know will enter colleges where we have active chapters. This is a work as large as our Fraternity and in which alumnus and active should join with a zeal and a zest which will proclaim them true and earnest workers for the brotherhood in which they have cast their lot. A letter to a chapter, advising them concerning the characteristics and qualities of certain students in their midst, has priceless value. Deltas about to enter institutions where we are not represented and should be, ought to communicate at once with the council and receive the advice necessary for such a move. The grand rush for fraternity men occurs at the opening of college, and if we do not know well our line of action we will come out badly worsted when the first smoke clears away. Every chapter has had its bitter, bitter experience from the result of a hasty conclusion upon certain members and to know their men and have them well prepared before coming to college, will be an advantage of inestimable value. So let every Delta Tau lend a hand and keep an eye open for acceptable young men, and when they learn their plans and what institution they will attend, inform the chapter in detail.

WITH this number our duties as editors of the CRESCENT come to an end and, although there can not be anything particularly interesting to our readers in an editor's valedictory, yet, perhaps, we may have deserved a little space to say a few words in parting. Apologies are generally expected, but, in our opinion, in very bad taste. The volume is not what we could have wished, partly from our own fault, partly our contributors' fault, yet you can take it for what it is worth. Each year's experience in the management of a fraternity journal only shows how much better it could have been done, could we but do it over again. All that has been said has been said with the utmost sincerity,

mindful first of the good of the general Fraternity and as we thought for her best interests and welfare. Our heart has been in the work because we are deeply and devotedly attached to our dear old Delta Tau. Ever since we felt the Delta grip and were greeted as brother by our fraters we have had a kindly interest and care for the CRESCENT. We had pleasure in serving her in past years, and when circumstances detained the editor-elect and unexpectedly called us to the chair, although encumbered with business cares, yet we entered upon our duties with a glad, happy feeling that we were once more thrown close to our much beloved CRESCENT and the general Fraternity. So that the pleasure of the work has made us forget all unpleasantness and discouragements, and when we come to say farewell we find that it is with feelings of keenest regret and the time seems quickly past. A word to those who have so kindly assisted us. Our own and the thanks of the Fraternity are due to Bros. Plummer, Trautwein and Matson, particularly, and to all the contributors and chapter secretaries who have responded to our calls. Again we recur to that old subject, chapter correspondents. Will the chapters *ever* learn to elect the most *competent* one for the position. As a rule the letters have come promptly and were well edited, but some chapters seldom were heard from and the letters from others were most trying. As a parting request we beg of the chapters to elect the best man for the place.

Our work is done and for the present we will step down and out and let other willing hands guide in the future. The present state of feelings at leaving what has been such a source of pleasure and enjoyment is cheered, however, by the thought that unless unforeseen circumstances interfere, we will at least see a number of our readers in Detroit in August next and enjoy once more the delights of a convention banquet and feel the hand pressure of those we love to call Deltas.

COLLEGE duties are drawing to a close, the commencement banquets will soon be o'er and our brothers hurrying to their homes. Let your next thought be the twenty-seventh annual

Convention, which is to meet at Detroit, Mich., August 19th, 20th and 21st, less than seven weeks from the present time. Note carefully the date. Until recently it has been published incorrectly in the directory and was, also, in the minutes of the Watkins Glen Convention. With the assistance of Bro. A. G. Pitts, chairman of the Convention committee, we give in this issue an idea of what can be expected at this our twenty-seventh annual re-union. Is there one with fraternal feelings so dulled that the feast set forth can not rouse him from his lethargy? We can hardly realize such a case. The place of meeting, its charming surroundings, facilities for reaching Detroit unexcelled, the well known Russell House, the literary treat, the brothers who are to be there, the vast assemblage of Deltas from every point of the compass teaming with life and enthusiasm, the remembrance of past Conventions and the irresistible feelings born at the banquet board; let your mind dwell upon it all, and who can say "I care not to go." We predict the largest Convention ever held and are almost positive of its fulfillment, principally because of the small attendance at our last annual meeting and on account of the low rates obtainable for reaching this point. If you meditate a summer trip, by all means arrange it for August and Detroit your destination. You will never regret it; you will thank us for urging you thus persistently. A word to the chapters. Are you quite sure your representatives will be present? Make it a certainty. We want delegates from every chapter from Colorado to New England. It is necessary that we have a complete representation. Matters of the most vital import will be considered, requiring intelligent discussion by every chapter. Cross-examine your delegates in order that none shall be "unavoidably detained." Let *every* chapter answer to its name when the roll is called. And you, indifferent reader, who has passed from college halls and whose heart beats but feebly at the mention of fraternity remembrances and experiences, come to our Convention, reap the benefits of the brotherhood whose name you bear. The sluggish fraternal stream will soon flow as in your college days. Once more you will be young

and feel what it is to be a Delta. Alumni of Delta Tau, we invite you! What need to extenuate here? Read well what is promised by the committee, talk the matter over with some of your Delta brothers, plan to make it the goal of your summer trip, and then, when the 19th of August comes, we will see the Delta throng pouring into the city of Detroit from every part of the Union, and, returning, will tell of the never-to-be-forgotten twenty-seventh annual Convention of Delta Tau Delta.

Among the members of Alpha Delta Phi who have represented the United States at the various courts of Europe are the following: John Jay (Columbia '36) at Vienna from 1869 to 1875; James Russell Lowell (Harvard '38) at Madrid from 1877 to 1880 and at London from 1880 to 1885; Edward F. Noyes (Dartmouth '57) at Paris from 1877 to 1881; Horace Maynard (Amherst '38) at Constantinople from 1875 to 1881; James O. Putnam (Hamilton '38) at Brussels from 1880 to 1882; George V. N. Lothrop (Brown '38) now at St. Petersburg.

THE GREEK PRESS.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for April and the initial number of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* have been received, but too late for the careful review which their general excellence deserves.

The latest aspirant for journalistic honors is *The Arrow*, the official organ of Pi Beta Phi, a sorosis having chapters in several colleges in Illinois, Iowa and Kansas. Its neatly printed pages contain matter very creditable to the editors and the sorosis.

The Golden Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, under the skillful direction of Miss Taylor, continues its golden career. The "Exchange" department, as usual, is decidedly interesting.

The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi for May is called the Peninsular number, it being principally devoted to the University of Michigan and the Peninsular chapter of Alpha Delta Phi. The history of the University is briefly but interestingly portrayed, followed by an article narrating the lives of the speakers of the Convention, Judge Cooley, Bishop S. S. Harris, Senator Allison, Governor Shumway, of Illinois, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt and Minister Lathrop. The chapter house is described in a short article, followed by the interesting story of how said house came to be built. Altogether one cannot fail to obtain a strong and vivid idea of Michigan University and society life there from this admirable article.

The latest numbers of *The Sigma Chi*, *The Phi Gamma Delta*, *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *The Purple and Gold* of Chi Psi have been received, and the contents are unusually interesting and meritorious.

The *Beta Theta Pi* contains three editorials which are so

practical, and which so admirably express our own thoughts and wishes that we can not refrain from transferring them to our own pages. We hope each of our chapters will give them earnest attention and study.

"The tendency of college boys to use strained language in writing of their college fraternities has long been a favorite subject of remonstrance and exhortation with fraternity editors, and we think this editorial crusade — from which we ourselves have not always held aloof — has had an appreciable effect in reducing the number of references to mythological worthies and checking the flood of tropical expressions that used to disfigure most chapter letters. We think a patient verbal analysis would show that such phrases as "sacred shrine," glorious principles," undying devotion, etc., do not now recur so frequently as they once did in the "chapter letters" department either of our own or other fraternity journals. This reform — by no means complete yet — is a very pleasant one to contemplate and we hold its further prosecution to be one of the most important duties imposed upon editors and correspondents of fraternity journals. The persistent effort to write sense instead of rot, even upon fraternity themes, will bring its own reward in due time. Let us take courage."

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"Several times during the year we have called attention to the collection and preservation of chapter and fraternity historical, personal and news items. Are the chapters giving these subjects careful thought? There is an old saying, "The trash of to-day becomes the treasure of to-morrow." Many little items are being lost each day which in a few years may be of great value. For the sake of examination let each chapter answer for itself these questions: Have you a complete file of the catalogues of your college? Have you a complete file of your college magazine? of your college annual? of mock schemes, programmes or papers that have been issued? Have you programmes of every college entertainment participated in by Betas? Have you copies of all poems, newspaper articles, orations or addresses published by Betas from your chapter? Have you photographs of all members of your chapter from its foundation? What have you in the matter of memorabilia? Do you keep your chapter roll constantly corrected, so that a new catalogue, to be issued to-morrow by electricity, would not be delayed at all by you? Since the catalogue of 1881 was issued, how many of your members have changed their addresses?

"These, we claim, are all pertinent questions and there ought to be a chapter officer able to answer them promptly. Let each chapter elect a custodian of records to fill the office for four years, when possible, and let there be developed in Beta Theta Pi a great mania for collecting and preserving archives. The mania will hurt no one and coming generations in the fraternity will rise up and call us blessed for our labors in this line."

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"Some time ago, in one of our exchanges was an article on the question, "Can there be a Standard?" The negative answer to this is made apparent at

any convention of fraternity men. Our chapters are not governed by any fixed rule and so it happens that men of unlike tastes and sympathies in the same town, on going to different colleges, find themselves in connection with the same fraternity — Beta Theta Pi, for example. Ten Cincinnati boys going to ten different schools might each join our fraternity and be well suited to our respective chapters and yet, when brought together at Cincinnati, might represent ten distinct types of men. Remembering this diversity of standard (shall we call it?) it does not seem to be the proper thing to recommend a man to the favorable consideration of a chapter unless its own individuality is known. On the other hand, however, it is certainly a gross breach of fraternity courtesy for any chapter to initiate a man who has come from another college represented on the roll of the fraternity without first inquiring as to his standing in the former college. A short time ago a flagrant case was reported to us. We mention no names and do not refer it to any fraternity, but use it simply as an illustration of the point. A certain fraternity had chapters at colleges A and B. To A came a student and spent three years. He tried hard to get into the fraternities there and became obnoxious on that account. He then tried to start a new fraternity, but failed in that. These frequent failures made him the butt of college jokes and even the girls refused to listen to his petitions for their company. Well, after several years of weary waiting without the walls of secret halls the student resolved to shake off the dust of his feet from A and go to B. He went to B and within two months wrote back that he was enjoying the pleasures of fraternity fellowship in one of the fraternities represented at A, which would have initiated every other man in the college before him. The chapter at B had failed to write to the one at A, inquiring the character of the candidate, and hence had been badly bitten by a fraternity "sucker" and by a man whose only claim to manhood lay in the fact that God made him. Such occurrences often happen and yet there is no possible excuse for them. The best bee in the swarm has been called "be courteous," and in a fraternity, especially, is courtesy to be cultivated. Chapters, even though measuring men by entirely different standards, should not wantonly trample other chapters' standards under foot."

Mr. John Addison Porter contributes to a late number of the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* a timely and important article on "Greek Homesteads." We publish several of the more practical paragraphs of the article, which may possibly serve as a guide in the near future to some of our chapters:

"The ideal chapter house will doubtless differ largely according to the precepts of the fraternity which it represents, and the canons of individual taste, but from the defects in existing homes may be deduced a few axioms governing first-class fraternity homesteads of the future: ample grounds, conveniently, but not obtrusively, situated; an appearance of individuality, but correct architecturally; materials, stone or the best brick, with hard-wood interior finishings; sufficient rooms for ordinary society purposes and ample space for the entertainment of all graduates who can be induced to return to Commencement or other re-unions;

plain but comfortable bed-rooms and studies for all members who wish to room in the lodge. * * * For a chapter that has a graduate body, say of four times its active membership, the [financial] question should have no terrors. Enough funds should be collected to secure the site and insure that the premises, when completed so as to be occupied, shall be at least one-fourth paid for. This does not mean that the building as at first used shall be complete in every detail of the plan adopted. It is an easy matter for an architect to plan a building which, when completed, will cost, say, \$20,000, which for \$12,000 or \$15,000 can be erected so as to be comfortably used and, without alteration, can be added to till the plan is realized. Expensive additions — extra verandas, carving in relief, carrying up tower, etc., etc. — can safely be left to the liberality of individuals and the future enterprise of the chapter, when free of debt. To get the strictly necessary structure well planned, thoroughly built and paid for are the things needful first. Nothing does more to create confidence and enthusiasm among the alumni for the accomplishment of these ends than the possession of the best possible site for the purpose for which it is to be used. Having secured such a site under competent advice from the oldest and most influential members of the chapter, and having collected funds, say to one-third of the value of the premises when ready to be comfortably used, let the chapter have the lot deeded to the corporation of its alumni. This corporation can mortgage the lot to trustees to secure bonds for the remainder of the funds necessary, in denominations, say, of \$100, \$500, \$25, \$10. These bonds should be payable "on or before" a certain date and draw a low rate of interest. If properly prepared, there should be no difficulty in placing all of these bonds among graduates of the chapter. The real security is good, and the enterprise is a common one, of mutual advantage to those who build and occupy the homestead and those who loan the money. Relieved of rent and in the enjoyment of the advantages which the new establishment would give, the income from rented rooms and ordinary chapter dues should easily meet interest on the bonds and ordinary running expenses and provide a small surplus besides toward a sinking fund. Probably this fund will not grow fast enough if left to itself. It should be increased each year by the zealous efforts of the chapter and individual members working quietly, but persistently, among the most influential alumni or other friends of the chapter. But care must be taken not to make Commencement or other re-unions distasteful to the body of alumni present by *dunning* them, otherwise the most active canvassers may only defeat their own ends. It is freely admitted, however, that personal appeal is far more advantageous than circulars. A reasonable debt, well managed, is not necessarily a disgrace or burden to a faithful chapter, provided the undergraduates work under the supervision or with the co-operation of a local committee of graduates, who hold them to strict business methods and responsibilities. The principal of the indebtedness will surely be cancelled without difficulty, and probably in a surprisingly short time, provided the right means are adopted for meeting the interest. But extravagance of any kind, either of outward show or luxurious furnishings or expensive entertainments — at all times to be deprecated in college lodges — is especially deplorable in chapters which are not free from debt.

"An objection has been raised against graduate contributions to the building of chapter houses, not on the score of such investments being unsafe in any way (for the *esprit de corps* of any first-class fraternity would render the defaulting of its bonds an impossibility), but because the first-class chapter house, possessed of fine dormitories and similar advantages, might ultimately attract some men there for the unworthy object of cheapening or saving their lodging and board. The argument has some force in the abstract, (practically, there would be extremely few cases in which the chapter would be deceived into receiving such men,) but the danger is one which can be easily guarded against. Under the plan outlined above, ordinarily a period of some years would elapse before the original premises would be completely paid for, added to, perfected and decorated. Nevertheless, that would seem to be a reasonable and a creditable provision in the terms for the building of chapter houses, which should assure each donor that his benefaction would never be perverted into a charitable institution. To meet this it has been suggested that the chapter occupy the premises under an agreement with the chapter corporation to render a perpetual ground rent of moderate amount, which (after there shall no longer be interest or principal upon the premises to meet) shall be appropriated, say one-half to permanent improvements of the premises, to be applied at discretion of the chapter corporation, and the remainder to the maintenance of a college scholarship, open to all competitors, for excellence in some one of the departments of general culture of the institution at which the chapter is situated. While other plans may be matured, it is clear that the one named meets squarely the weightiest objections which have been raised to the building of chapter homesteads; that it would connect the chapter in a most honorable way with the institution to whose usefulness it is, and hopes to be increasingly, auxiliary; and that it would add to the other laudable inducements for graduate contributions to chapters the weighty consideration that they would thereby ultimately be benefitting Alma Mater. Once in operation, the chapter or chapters showing such wise generosity would gain so noted a prestige that they would be sure to be quickly imitated by others in the same fraternity and, possibly, other fraternities, to the subsequent very positive advantage of the institution thus affected and the lasting credit of the Greek system."

GREEK WORLD.

Nicholas Fish, Minister to Belgium, is a $\Delta \Psi$.

The $\Pi B \Phi$ (ladies') sorosis has thirteen chapters.

The $X \Psi$ chapter house at Amherst cost \$15,000.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ is the latest addition at Richmond college.

The alumni of $B \theta \Pi$ plead for a \$1-per-plate banquet.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$ has established an alumni chapter in Kansas City.

The $B \theta \Pi$ club house at Chautauqua opened June 25th.

The $X \Phi$ chapter house at Amherst was opened last month.

Boyd Winchester, Minister to Switzerland, is a Phi Kappa Psi.

The I. C. have recently entered the University of Denver, Colo.

Abraham D. Hazen, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, is a $Z \Psi$.

Horatio C. Burchard, Director of the United States Mint, is a $X \Psi$.

There are seven fraternities at Hamilton college and each owns a lot.

John W. and Joseph A. Harper, the publishers, are members of Delta Phi.

General George V. N. Lothrop, Minister to Russia, is an Alpha Delta Phi.

It is rumored that there is a new sophomore fraternity at Lafayette college.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$ has established a new chapter at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

$\Phi K \Psi$ at Wooster, recently reported weak and declining, has initiated five men.

$B \theta \Pi$ will open rather weak at Kenyon next fall, according to their correspondent.

The $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ fraternity held their annual dinner at Clark's, New York, May 25th.

ΣX at the University of Iowa, has regained its charter which they surrendered last winter.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$ had an active membership April 1st, 1885, of 776, there being fifty-four chapters.

Matthew S. Quay, prominent Republican candidate for treasurer of Pennsylvania, is a $B \theta \Pi$.

The Eta province of $\Phi \Delta \theta$ held a successful convention at Kansas City, June 13th and 14th.

Of $\Phi \Delta \theta$ active members, 83 come from Indiana, 66 from Pennsylvania and 57 from Illinois.

The late Charles O. Thompson, president of Rose Polytechnic Institute, was an Alpha Delta Phi.

$\Delta K E$ at Bowdoin college has started a fund for a chapter house; also at University of Mississippi.

At Western Reserve, two young men, expelled from $B \theta \Pi$ for gambling, joined the chapter of $\Delta K E$.

$\Sigma A E$ has established new chapters at South Kentucky college and the University of North Carolina.

The forty-sixth convention of $B \theta \Pi$ meets at St. Louis, August 26th, 27th and 28th, at the Lindell Hotel.

The *Scroll* reports a local fraternity at Ohio State University, ΦA , and thinks that it will soon be changed to $B \theta \Pi$.

At Amherst $\Psi \Gamma$ freshmen are put through an examination on the constitution, by-laws and history of the fraternity at the first meeting after their initiation.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The Michigan chapters of $K K \Gamma$ held a conference at Hillsdale last month. The meetings were held in the Delta hall and before adjournment a reception was tendered the boys.

At Middlebury college Delta Upsilon has nine men; of these, three are sons of Delta Upsilon and two had uncles who were Delta Upsilon. Chi Psi, with a membership of eight, has only three men who have no Chi Psi relatives, five of their number being either sons, nephews or brothers of Chi Psi, while out of Delta Kappa Epsilon's eleven men only two have Delta Kappa

Epsilon relatives. Of the Chi Psi delegation from the freshman class one is the brother and two are nephews of Chi Psis. Further, there is not a single member in Delta Upsilon or Chi Psi who is closely related to a Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Of the fraternities which Delta Kappa Epsilon meets at Adelbert, Delta Tau Delta is too weak numerically to offer successful opposition to any, while Delta Upsilon and Beta Theta Pi are content to scramble for men whose virtues Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi have failed to recognize. In fact, the only rival which we have is Alpha Delta Phi and with her many a contest, at times worsted, but in the main successful.—*Δ K E Quarterly*.

Forty Phi Beta Kappa alumni held a dinner, May 28th, at Clark's, New York. Ex-Governor D. H. Chamberlain read an essay on the study of Greek, and the subject was discussed by Mr. McMullen, assistant superintendent of state instruction; Professor Newberry of Columbia college; Mr. Moore, of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company. The officers elected were: President, D. H. Chamberlain; vice-president, Eugene Smith; executive committee, B. B. Foster, James W. Hawes and Mr. Moore.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon club, recently organized, has taken rooms at 36 West Thirty-fourth street, N. Y. The club will furnish the general conveniences of club life, a cafe, reading room, etc., and all members of the society are invited to join. The membership is now about two hundred and fifty. The managers are C. T. Lewis, president; Frank S. Williams, treasurer; T. S. Ormiston, secretary.

The local fraternity, Rho Alpha, at Simpson Centenary, has secured a charter from Alpha Tau Omega. The new chapter consists of eight men, one of whom graduates with '85. It is designated as the Iowa Beta Alpha and was organized February 23d, continuing *sub rosa* until May 9th. The new chapter met with a cordial recognition from the other chapters and is deporting itself modestly, as a well conducted chapter should.

The new catalogue of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, recently

published, is the eleventh of the series and fitly marked the semi-centennial anniversary of that fraternity. It is a large 8vo. volume of 736 pages, from the press of Rockwell & Churchill, Boston, the printers of the Alpha Delta Phi catalogue of 1881, and in typography and general appearance it resembles the latter catalogue more, perhaps, than any other. It contains, in addition to the usual preface, by Mr. William S. Chase, Brown '81, the chief editor, a long list of his collaborators. Preceding the catalogue proper are a number of interesting memoirs upon the history of the fraternity: "The Development of the Constitution," "The Records of the Early Convention," "The Development of the Badge," "Bibliography," etc. Each of the twenty-five chapter lists are preceded by brief annals of the colleges and extended histories of the chapters themselves. The chapter lists are arranged alphabetically, by classes, after the manner now customary in literature of this class. These lists are unusually complete in point of the biographical data and represent a vast amount of painstaking and successful research. All honorary members are arranged by themselves in the back of the book and no attempt was made to conceal them—a step highly creditable to Delta Upsilon when the efforts of other fraternities in this respect are borne in mind. The book has the usual residence directory and alphabetical index of names. It is handsomely bound in blue and gold and contains, in addition to the crest of the fraternity, for its frontispiece, steel-engraved portraits of the late President Garfield and of Ex-Governor William Bross, one of the founders of the fraternity. From the summary of the membership and occupations it appears that Delta Upsilon has 3878 members, no less than 1081 of whom are clergymen—a noticeable fact. The work is in every way creditable to Delta Upsilon and is not surpassed in point of elegance and completeness by the recent efforts of the fraternities. It is the first of a series of quinquennial catalogues of a less graphical character which Delta Upsilon is about to publish.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

Alpha's work during the past year has been fully up to expectations. The conditions under which we started the year were not the most favorable, having but six men and only one above the freshman class. Since then we have initiated three men. During the last term we were compelled to make one expulsion, which, with the membership of Bro. E. P. Cullum, placed our number at nine. Our membership at the beginning of next year is somewhat uncertain, as four of us have expressed a doubt about coming back.

Our delegates to the Convention are Bros. E. P. Cullum and Chas. B. Kistler.

The condition of our rivals is good. Phi Gamma Delta is our greatest opposition and the only one that seems to have any influence over our class of men. Phi Delta Theta, during the year, has been very quiet, more so than of former years. Phi Kappa Psi seems to be seeking after quantity without so much regard to quality.

On the evening of May 21st we were the invited guests of Bro. Barlow Cullum to partake of a royal spread at his beautiful home. Toasts and Delta songs were well in order after the supper and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent with the cards. In all, everything was carried on in accordance with "Cully's" high style of having things.

TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

College closed June 16th. All the fraternities here, from present indications, will start out next fall in good condition ex-

cept the Phi Kappa Sigma, perhaps, which will have only three members, losing four by graduation.

The Chi Phis have taken in two preps. This is the first case of this kind that has taken place at F. and M. for three years.

We acknowledge with thanks the *Rho Chronicle*, *Epsilon Star* and the *Eccentric* from Rho.

RHO—STEVENS.

We are now very near the closing of our college year and we hope another one may be one of more interest than the past one has been. The indisposition of the students to anything and everything has been exceedingly marked and unpleasant to note. Why, no one can say, but it is certainly so. The foot ball season being over, athletics came to a sudden death and the present state is that it is impossible to secure nine men who will form a base ball team. The La Crosse team has done some good work and with their progress we may feel encouraged.

And now a word in regard to our sister fraternities at Stevens. Theta Xi, which is the oldest fraternity in the institute, has but eight men and will lose but one man by graduation, leaving, in all probability, eleven men to begin the year. In age we come next and, although our chapter is not in as flourishing a condition as a year ago, the same reasons which cause a waning of condition is working on all the other fraternities and so our place is the same as formerly. We number twelve men and lose three by graduation. Next in order is Beta Theta Pi, which numbers sixteen men, losing four by graduation. Strong in numbers is all that can be said of this chapter. Alpha Tau Omega has a chapter of four men and will lose two of them in June. The probabilities are that their charter will again be withdrawn. Chi Psi has a fair chapter, but will lose her strongest men by graduation. She numbers fifteen and loses seven. Sigma Chi has eleven men and will lose none in the graduating class. Her condition is quite good, although she has not made the wisest choice of men. Chi Phi has one of the best chapters in the institute and bids fair to be one of the strong chapters if she con-

tinues to grow the way she has since her foundation here. She has made a careful selection of men and has in her number some of the most desirable. She loses none by graduation and now numbers seven.

Our college annual, the *Eccentric*, has appeared and has been criticized very favorably. Copies have been sent to all the chapters with whom any exchanges are made. With the wish of a pleasant vacation to every one, we remain,

PI—LEHIGH.

The college year which is now fast drawing to a close has been a very successful and pleasant one in many respects to the members of Pi, and when, in a few days, we will have come together for the last time, we will regret most sincerely that the opening of next term will not find each in his accustomed place, for, although our numerical loss by graduation is very slight, in many other respects it will be much felt. None of the fraternities, for that matter, will be very much disabled when '85 leaves, for it numbers exceedingly few men who possess the requirements for a fraternity man.

Through the persistent endeavors and untiring zeal of one of our alumni members, the *Pi Quarterly*, a little four page sheet, well worthy any chapter, has been started on its mission of keeping our alumni interested in the doings of the fraternity and chapter, and if the future members maintain the standard of the first two, the object of the "founder" will surely be attained.

The chocolate parties, which the members of Pi living in the chapter house instituted in the early part of the term, have proved a most delightful means of entertaining our friends. At the last one, held on the evening of May 15th, about thirty ladies and gentlemen were present and indulged in dancing till the early hours of the day.

A large force of men is employed in making excavations for the foundations of the new Packer memorial chapel, which, when finished, will even surpass the other beautiful buildings in grandeur and completeness.

Bro. Webb, who has been out of the University for the last four months, expects to return next fall.

During the past year we have been honored with "bi-occasional" visits from members of neighboring chapters. As we are always glad to entertain our brothers we trust that hereafter we may see them at least "semi-occasionally."

Bro. Rathbun has returned from his southern trip very much improved in health.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

The college has just bought athletic grounds and equipped a gymnasium.

The large libraries of the literary societies and of the college are to be united into one college library. One thousand dollars each year will be expended in new books for it.

Hon. John C. Newmyer, of Pittsburg, an old Delta Tau, was one of the judges at the last contest between the literary societies.

John W. Maffett, of Clarion, is Gamma's latest acquisition.

We have now eight men and as we lose none this year, will start out well next fall.

SIGMA—COLUMBIA.

College is practically closed and the boys are rapidly dispersing in all directions.

The law school commencement occurred May 29th. The following brothers received their degrees: Apgar and Squire. Every Delta who has been examined by the Supreme Court for admission to the bar has passed; we have not yet had a failure. Last week at Poughkeepsie the following were made attorneys and counsellors-at-law: Bros. Cleland, Squire and Apgar.

We acknowledge receipt of the *Palladium*, *Transit*, *Eccentric* and *Epitome*. The last is the finest publication of its class we have ever seen.

We congratulate the Nu boys on the excellent showing Lafayette made at the intercollegiates.

The Varsity and freshman crews have left for New London, Conn. If Bro. Rickendorfer had not been so lazy we would probably have been represented on the former.

Our prospects for next year are good and we hope to secure a large delegation from '89.

If any Deltas contemplate coming here next year we wish they would let us know so that we might be able to make them feel at home sooner.

Our delegates to Detroit are Bro. A. H. VanBrunt and L. J. Rickendorfer. Bro. VanBrunt (27 West 30th street) will be our S. A. for the next year. All letters should be sent to him after July 1st.

Bro. Clark, '83, has concluded that a lonely life is not congenial to him and has, as a preliminary step to becoming double, engaged himself to one of New Jersey's daughters. He is too late for the class cup. We had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Decker, of Alpha, last week.

And now, since this is my last letter to the CRESCENT as S. A. of this chapter, I will say, as tradition the departing seniors are supposed to say to their alma mater, *vale!*

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Since our last letter Lewis A. Cove, '86, has been initiated into the fraternity.

Saturday, May 30, there was an interesting game of base ball between Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta. Seven innings were played, resulting in a score of 34 to 14 in favor of Delta Tau Delta.

Bros. Day, of Cleveland, and Dimmick, of Cincinnati, spent two days with us at the close of last month. Their visits are always highly appreciated by the chapter.

Valuable additions have lately been made to our college library. Bishop Wiley bequeathed his entire library to the University in memory of his son, Bro. William E. Wiley, '83, who died in his senior year. Money has also been raised to secure the library of the late Rev. J. P. Irvin, Dayton, O. Memorial

alcoves will be prepared and the appearance of our library will be much improved.

Commencement exercises take place June 18th. Ten have been selected by the faculty from a class of 66 to deliver orations on that day. We lose by graduation six men, the loss of whom will be deeply felt. To make the loss less severe some of them will leave representatives in the Seminary, who will keep us posted as to the whereabouts of the class of '85.

Chapter Mu was appointed at Wooster to secure reduced rates for delegates to Detroit. Favorable reports have been received from the Railway Association of Michigan and from the Columbus & Toledo R. R. Other roads will probably give reduced rates.

The old and new G. S. A., Durbin and Stokes, are delegates to the Convention. Those desiring information in regard to reduced rates, or having any correspondence with the delegates after June 18 will please address C. W. Durbin, Fredericktown, Ohio.

We are well satisfied with the year's work and experience. There has been close application to the work of the chapter. Six initiations have been made and one addition from Beta. Chapter correspondence, fraternal visits and the division conference have all been effective in producing an increased zeal and enthusiasm among the chapters of this division. With one or two exceptions the chapters of the second division will be in good condition for aggressive work in the fall. Our rivals at Delaware have treated us generously during the year, with, perhaps, a few uncomplimentary remarks which were uncalled for.

The different chapters at Delaware have their peculiar characteristics, which might be summed up by the unbiassed observer as follows :

B Θ Π.—Facetious, crafty, aggressive.

X Φ.—Few in numbers, amicable to all, not given to provocation.

Φ Γ Δ.—Ostentatious, complaisant, moral.

Φ K Ψ.—Numerous, social, conservative.

$\phi \Delta \theta$.—From zero both ways.

$\Delta T \Delta$ has successfully met all of them during the year and is on reasonably fair terms with all.

PSI—WOOSTER.

Our fifteenth annual commencement will be June 24th, at which time thirty-five will graduate. The first honor in scholarship was awarded to A. G. Greenlee, Phi Delta Theta; the second to D. L. Moore, Beta Theta Pi.

The Epsilon chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta celebrated its decennial anniversary on the evening of June 5th. Seven Psi brothers can testify that it was the most elegant thing of the season.

A Shakespeare-Mendelssohn recital was given at Music Hall May 3d. It consisted of the reading of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," interspersed with Mendelssohn's music. The recital was wholly arranged by Bro. Shallenberger, who is famed for his rendering of Shakespeare. At the request of many it was repeated on the evening of the 8th.

Sigma Chi has expelled J. R. Smith.

Bros. Harris, Herrlinger and Reid, of Chi, Kenyon, dropped in on us for a few hours several days ago.

Bro. A. W. Ryan, an alumnus of Delta, now rector of Trinity church, Warren, Pa., will receive the degree of Ph. D. at commencement. He is a strong man and an earnest Delta Tau.

Bros. Lee, Nicholls and Berry came in on the honor list in literary contests. Our delegate to Convention is Bro. J. M. Shallenberger, with Bro. V. L. Crabbe alternate.

Several Psi boys expect to spend their summer in the forests of northern Michigan fishing and hunting.

Bro. Allen Krichbaum will act as professor in the summer term of the University.

Phi Kappa Psi, which was reported dead, has recently initiated five men.

Bros. J. L. Lee and E. C. Downing graduate this year. We are sorry to lose them for they are men of whom any fraternity would be proud.

THETA—BETHANY.

Theta is just now rejoicing in that she has induced three men to join her number. Two of these are freshmen and the other a junior. We thus feel that there is some prospect for good work next year. We also expect S. M. Cooper back next year to graduate, who has been in the west teaching, and he will aid us mightily. The men we initiated are: M. J. McClure, of the junior class, Sherman Kirk and C. C. Cherryholmes, of the freshman class.

BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

After our long vacation, which occurs in the winter, we returned to the University prepared for "tugs of war" in meeting other Greeks, and, as a proof of our success, allow us to introduce to you Bros. Scales, Scruggs and Stafford, all worthy men and active Deltas.

We are at present engaged in building a new chapter house, which, we hope, will be completed about the middle of July and which will enable us after that time to entertain visiting Deltas in a style worthy of them. Let us take occasion here to thank our sister chapters and some of the alumni for the assistance they have rendered us in our building project. We hope they will visit us at an early date and thus give us a chance to return, in some degree, their kindness! We expect to be fully represented in the next Convention and will send Bros. Dashiell and Tucker as delegates, with Bro. Harris as alternate.

There is very little fraternity news during this part of the term as all the new arrivals have by this time become either fraternity men or pronounced "barbs." Our rivals seem to be all getting along very well and all the fraternities here are on excellent terms with each other, with the exception, possibly, of two. The Sigma Alpha Epsilons and Kappa Alphas have selected lots in the near neighborhood of that on which our own house is being put up and will probably begin to build soon. The Phi Delta Thetas have already a neat little hall and the Alpha Tau Omegas and Kappa Epsilons only show no indication of building.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We have, as usual of late years, a very successful year to look back to. The last *Crescent* of the year, of course, offers an excellent place for a resume. We have initiated five men, all freshmen, all men of whom we are proud and all representing victories in rushing. Frank A. Rusch, '88, of Detroit, Mich., is our last victim. We close the year with a total of twelve men in the literary department, who will all return with the exception of Bro. Pitts, our only senior. In the professional departments we have six men, four of whom graduate. One, at least, perhaps both, of the others will return next year.

The prospects of the chapter for next fall are entirely favorable. We shall begin the year with plenty of men, with a perfectly self-satisfied and harmonious lot of men and with our eyes on plenty of available material for new Deltas. Those who have watched the growth of our chapter through her early vicissitudes (and we are glad to believe that there are many in the fraternity who have taken this kind interest in us) will be glad to know that our position is now exactly as we wish it and they will, perhaps, be relieved to learn that we shall no longer feel compelled to exactly define it for their information. It is especially gratifying to us to observe the cordiality of all the fraternities here. As soon as the rushing season was over last fall the most friendly relations were established and have been maintained between ourselves and not only those fraternities united with us in politics, but also those on the other side of the fence.

Our many rivals are in various degrees of prosperity, ranging from indifferent to very good.

The various donations to and improvements in the University we have noted as they have occurred. The bill for supplies of the next two years, which will probably be soon passed by the Legislature contains the usual items and, beside, one of \$10,000 for a gymnasium and one of \$25,000 for a mechanical laboratory. Both these buildings will, therefore, soon be added.

When the chapter disperses after commencement it will be regarded as an adjournment to Detroit on the 19th of August.

Nearly all the active members expect to be present at the Convention and we rejoice especially in this opportunity of becoming acquainted with so many members of the fraternity.

We kindly acknowledge the receipt of the *Transit*, the *Eccentric* and the *Epitome*. They are all first-class annuals put into very good shape, especially the *Epitome*, which is about as handsomely bound as any that has ever come under our observation.

EPSILON—ALBION.

This month closes the most prosperous year of Epsilon's career. Beginning in the fall with ten zealous men, we close with seventeen. The seven initiates are chosen from the freshman and sophomore classes. Our outlook for the coming year is flattering. Eleven fraters will return. Of the remaining six, two will seek the Universities, one replenish an empty purse, and three — Bros. Reed, Morris and Swarthout — will be graduates.

We have rivals, but their opposition is weak. When they crystalize into chapters of some good fraternities they will receive due recognition, but while they remain "barbs" they shall be considered as such. They are fast learning that unorganized opposition furnishes weak weapons. We sincerely hope that next fall will bring two more fraternities here.

The college is prospering. Within a year the endowment has been more than doubled and prospects are now encouraging for a still larger addition.

Epsilon will be represented next year on our college paper, the *Pleiad*, by Bro. T. Martin as business manager and Chas. Kimball as local editor.

Our delegates to the Convention are Bros. E. F. Abernethy and B. Bennett. Undoubtedly a representation of not less than ten more will be on hand.

Bro. Z. P. McCarthy, '88, is our infant.

Several of our fraters spent a few pleasant hours with Kappa in May. She has a strong membership and a neat hall.

IOTA—MICHIGAN COLLEGE.

Never before in our chapter history has such unity and en-

thusiastic spirit prevailed as during the past year. We have eleven men and shall sadly miss the six who leave us at commencement, but with the prospect of a large class in the fall we look forward to a prosperous year.

Our new president, Hon. Edwin Willits, takes charge on the 1st of July. Two professors have been added to our faculty.

The Legislature has made liberal appropriations for a mechanical department, workshops, etc.; for a veterinary hall and several other improvements and everything points to a bright future.

Our rival fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, has made some wise expulsions and initiated some good men. They stand higher in college than they did at the beginning of the year.

The close of last term was celebrated by a good Delta time in the chapter hall. Toasts and stories were interspersed and every one enjoyed himself to the utmost.

We want to introduce to the Fraternity our "wild Australian," Bro. H. W. B. Taylor, of Melbourne, captured April 25th. He is tame, however, and quite civilized.

Bros. Boleam, '84, and Dawson, '87, paid us a visit last term, which was highly appreciated.

Our chapter will go almost as a man to Detroit and many of our alumni will be present. We hope to greet many of the brothers there. Our delegate is Bro. Estabrook, '87, and another who will be elected at our next meeting.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

Bro. W. H. Wagner, president of Hillsdale college Y. M. C. A., was its delegate to the national convention recently held at Atlanta, Ga. He also attended the conference of general Y. M. C. A. secretaries at Chatanooga, Tenn., and, we understand, will himself enter upon this work after his graduation in June.

Ours is the first college gymnasium erected in Michigan and forms the sixth in our group of buildings. It will be utilized during commencement week as an excellent place for holding the

re-union banquets and will be entirely furnished and ready for use by the 1st of August.

Gov. Alger and staff have accepted an invitation to be present at our commencement exercises.

A recent base ball contest between Albion and Hillsdale brought us six of Epsilon's men, whom we gladly welcomed.

Bros. E. L. Mills and S. B. Harvey will represent us officially at the Detroit Convention, but nearly a dozen others from Kappa will be present.

The Knights of Pythias and the Phi Delta Thetas will hereafter hold their sessions in the same hall.

Both of our rival fraternities are in good working condition.

BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

Beta Beta began the year with ten members and during the first term Bros. Stevens, Paul, Keith and McNutt were added to our number after a warm struggle with our rivals. Bro. Caylor was added the second term and Bro. Keeler the third term. Bro. Stevens left college during the year, but Bro. Neuffer has returned, so we close the year with a membership of sixteen, counting Bro. Norton, who has been out of college the latter part of this term, but who will be with us again in September. We shall begin the year with ten members and the *personnel* of the chapter will be very high.

The delegates-elect from Beta Beta to the twenty-seventh general Convention at Detroit are Bros. Ira B. Blackstock, '86, and Samuel E. Crose, '85. Several other members of the chapter expect to attend.

The class of '85 — numbering fifty-six, is the largest that has ever graduated from the University and has been the ruling class for three years. Beta Beta graduates six men in this class, as follows: James A. Beatty, A. B. (charter member, delegate to Cleveland in 1882), Samuel E. Crose, Ph. B. (charter member, delegate-elect to Detroit in 1885), John A. Davis, A. B. (the first member initiated after the charter members), W. Boyd Johnson, A. B. (charter member, S. A. 1883-84), Oliver M.

Matson, A. B. (charter member, S. A. 1882-83, delegate to Indianapolis in 1883, editor of the lists of Beta Beta, Nu Prime, Sigma Prime and Psi Prime for the Fifth General Catalogue of Delta Tau Delta), and Charles F. Neufer, A. B. Henry T. Floyd (charter member), William G. Friedley, initiated at Phi), George E. Hunt (transferred to Delta), and Charles W. P. Mann (charter member) were all members of '85, but left the University before completing their course — Hunt and Friedley at the close of the sophomore year and Floyd and Mann during the junior year.

The University is rapidly taking its position among the first institutions of the country. Besides the east college and the west college, which were the only buildings used when the University was called Asbury, the following new ones will be ready for occupancy in September: the dormitory for gentlemen in the west campus, the building for the school of music and the dormitory for ladies in the east campus, and the McKim observatory in the University park.

The military commencement was celebrated May 22d by a sham battle between the cadet corps and the G. A. R.

Mr. DePauw has purchased several thousand dollars' worth of statuary and valuable additions have been made to the library and museum. The school of music, under the able management of Dean Howe, is attracting wide attention. The school of art is very prosperous. The Normal school will open in September with a corps of four able instructors. The school of Theology held its first commencement May 21st.

The University had a school of law many years ago, the Hon. John A. Matson (the father of Bro. Matson, '85) being elected the first professor of law in the University in 1853. This school died during the war but has been revived, with Judge Alexander C. Downey, LL. D., formerly of the Supreme Court of Indiana, as Dean, with three assistant professors. The first commencement of the school of law was held April 1st.

The Asbury college of liberal arts and the Greencastle preparatory school are keeping up their former high standards. We

realize that it takes time to build up a great University, but that DePauw is to be one of the leading institutions of the country in the near future we have no doubt.

The Forty-Sixth Year Book of the University is out and may be obtained by addressing the Rev. H. A. Gobin, D. D., Greencastle, Indiana.

BETA ZETA—BUTLER.

The year has been prosperous with us. There were but three men in the chapter at the beginning of the year. There are now seven. All the initiates are men of ability and of good social standing and earnest in fraternity work. Hence our prospects are good for the coming year. All will return with one possible exception. Five are far enough advanced to have had experience in the management of fraternity affairs. We are still lured by the vision of a hall.

Our chapter has been well represented at New Orleans. Bro. Gans spent a month in the south. Bros. Davison and Mann went to New Orleans and then to Florida, where the latter lives. Both worked in the interests of the natural history department. Bro. Davison has returned, bringing with him several new species of fish; one, from its beauty, will be named after him. Bro. Mann returns in the fall as assistant in the natural history department.

Our rivals have been prosperous, in numbers equally, relatively, less. Phi Delta Theta has initiated five men—one of especial promise. Sigma Chi initiated four men. The Kappa Kappa Gamma has been remarkably successful, taking nearly all the desirable girls from the Thetas. Phi Psis have had several suppers, or banquets, and the Sigmas several pic-nic excursions. We alone have been original and done nothing.

Our college has more funds at its command this year than before and professors rejoice in increased salary. An addition of three or four hundred volumes has been made to the library and several large collections for the museum classified and arranged.

Throughout the year we have had one lecture a week, com-

prising all college talent and much from the city (Indianapolis). Professor Brown's lectures were well received, as were those of Professor Butler on "Reminiscences of the War."

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

Omega takes great pleasure in introducing to the Delta Tau world Messrs. C. F. Curtiss and A. C. Felt, both of class '87. They are our first initiates for this term.

Bro. T. W. Shearer, professor of chemistry in the Des Moines Pharmal Institute, paid the chapter a short call June 6th.

Bro. Lee Champion has assumed the editorship of the Knoxville, Ia., *Democrat*. To do this he resigned the principalship of the Malcom schools. Bro. J. L. McCaull finishes his term for him and bears the dignified title of professor.

Bro. "Stub" Wheeler, one of the "big men of '82," was present at our meeting June 3d. W. W. seems well pleased with the changes which have recently been made in our college and predicts a brilliant future both for the college and chapter.

Bro. Will Briggs is engaged in real estate and loan business at Sibley, Ia. He reports everything booming.

It is rumored that the Phi Delta Thetas are endeavoring to obtain a footing in our college. Nothing definite has been done as yet, however.

XI—SIMPSON.

We find the *Rho Chronicle* an interesting chapter paper. Thanks are due to the Upsilon and the Rho for the *Transit* and the *Eccentric*. Both annuals are of high merit. The *Transit* is, in many respects, the best that has ever come under our notice.

Our hall dedication and seventh annual banquet occurs the 22d and promises to be the most representative gathering of the Xi held for several years.

Four of our men graduate this year: Kelly, Johnson, Oneal and Ashby. We have already partly repaired the gap by the initiation of Waitman T. Morris, of Liberty, on the evening of May 30th.

Our delegates to the Detroit Convention are Bros. Johnson and Ashby.

A T A—L. F. V. Aaron V. Proudfoot and Miss Louie Posegate were married at the M. E. church the evening of May 10th. The chapter attended in a body.

Bro. Davis, '84, surprised us by an unexpected visit. He will remain in the vicinity of Indianola until fall and then thinks of a post-graduate course at Lawrence, Kan.

Bro. Daily is at Drake University and has received the highest honors in the gift of the literary societies there, viz.: the presidency of the united societies during the commencement festivities.

Bro. Ashby has been chosen to deliver a public lecture before the Everett society on the Friday evening of commencement week.

Among the nine chosen from twenty-three contestants to appear in the Buxton oratorical contest are both of our boys who appeared in the preliminary contest—Osborne and Morris.

The I. C. banquet, on the evening of May 15th, was one of the most enjoyable occasions it has been our good fortune to attend.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

We are about to close a year of very successful work. Four men have been initiated, two of whom are out of school this term. The chapter is in good condition, with bright prospects for the future. Five men graduate this year—four with honors. About eight will return next year and probably several alumni members will enter the professional schools.

We now have four rivals: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Chi. The Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta are in good condition. The Phi Kappa Psi were just organized during the present year and show a good deal of life for so young a chapter. Some of the members of Sigma Chi became discouraged during the winter term and surrendered their charter. We understand they have again obtained it and will make a vigorous effort to regain their lost ascendancy.

Bro. Carl H. Pomeroy represented Iowa in the inter-state oratorical contest at Columbus, Ohio, in May, and was awarded third place by the judges.

Bros. F. E. Pomeroy, Marquardt, Spielman, Love, J. F. Clark and Teeters attended the encampment at Mobile, Ala., and the Exposition at New Orleans a few weeks ago.

Our commencement exercises begin on the 19th and close on the 24th inst. This being the quarter-centennial of the reorganization of the University, unusually interesting ceremonies will take place.

A school of pharmacy has been added to our University, to be opened September next.

The new "Natural Science" building, costing \$60,000, is just being completed. Class '86 gives a reception to class '85 in its spacious halls Friday evening, 12th inst.

We were much pleased to receive a call from Bro. C. E. Thayer, '84, a few days ago.

Bro. J. M. Read, formerly collegiate, class '86, graduates in the law department class '85.

We have not yet elected our delegate to Detroit, but expect to be represented.

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The University of Colorado has just completed its most prosperous year. Under the full and efficient corps of instructors excellent work has been done in the literary department. The medical department was organized at the beginning of the present year and is well attended. A large and convenient hospital is already built and will be opened next fall.

Considerable additions have been made to our college library, which is now the best working library within six hundred miles.

We have a live literary society embracing nearly all the students and its meetings have attracted much interest in the town.

On May 29th the members of this chapter presented the

"Courtship of Miles Standish" to a select and appreciative audience.

To us the past year has been a quiet but profitable one. Having no rivals, we exercise a strong and undisputed influence in college affairs. We have furnished a president of the literary society throughout the year, as well as an editor-in-chief of the *University Portfolio*. We would not be sorry, however, to see a rival fraternity here. It would give us something to compare ourselves with, to fight against.

We number at present seven active members and shall increase our numbers by two, at least, next fall. We all expect to return next year except Bro. Johnson, '87, who leaves us soon for his home in Ohio.

Bro. Pease left the University to join a surveying party, the first of May, at Atlantic City, Wyoming, but will enter the senior class next fall.

Bro. Noxon, '87, will spend his vacation at his home in Idaho Springs.

Bro. Glover, '88, will canvass for a book in western Colorado during the vacation.

Bros. Chase, Mason and Thompson remain in Boulder.

Bro. P. H. Hanus, Delta '78, will represent us at the next Convention. Bro. Johnson may also be able to be present.

We wish our brothers in Delta Tau Delta a pleasant summer.

ALUMNI OF DELTA TAU.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

'79 Chas. W. Lisson is a commission broker (Crump & Lisson) Main street, between 4th and 5th, Louisville, Ky.

THETA—BETHANY.

'80 W. H. McKinley is in the county clerk's office, Louisville, Ky.

'80 J. H. Stuckey is practising medicine on Chestnut street, between 2d and 3d, Louisville, Ky.

'81 W. R. Warren is cashier of the Fourth National Bank, Louisville, Ky.

'81 H. K. Pendleton is pastor of the Central Christian church, New Albany, Ind.

NU PRIME—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

'73 E. G. Henry is a successful lawyer in New Albany, Ind.

KAPPA PRIME—POUGHKEEPSIE INSTITUTE.

'71 W. M. Walker may be found on the north-west corner Fourth and Main streets, Louisville, Ky.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

'70 C. L. Clippinger is a professor in the Ft. Wayne college, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

CHI—KENYON.

'88 E. B. Statsenburg and W. W. Lowry are in New Albany, Ind., and will be pleased to see any visiting Deltas.

'88 N. S. Horton is in a bank in Pomeroy, Ohio.

EPSILON—ALBION.

'79 E. C. Barton, one of our charter members, is practising law at Battle Creek.

'83 O. Upright is supervisor of Charlevoix.

'84 Z. W. Tourey is studying law at Detroit.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

'68 Col. O. A. Janes, paymaster-general of the Governor's staff, in company with his wife, will attend the G. A. R. and W. R. N. encampments in Portland, Me, June 23d.

'69 Will Carleton will deliver the poem, and Wallace Heckman, '74, of Chicago, the oration, at the alumni quinquennial re-union exercises.

'73 Supt. C. H. Gurney, of Shenandoah, has been re-elected for a period of three years at a salary of \$1,400 per annum.

'75 Prof. A. E. Haynes was presiding officer of the Y. M. C. A. state convention held in Ionia, Mich.

'80 C. H. Baker, M. D., graduate of Ann Arbor, is now giving special attention to diseases of the eye and ear at Bay City, Mich. His address is 607 Madison street.

'82 S. W. Norton will start this month for Des Moines, where he will engage in the practice of law.

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

'83 T. H. Stanton is in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction at Denver.

BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

'71 W. H. Crow is prosecuting attorney of one of the northern judicial districts of Dakota.

'71 Dr. Ezra B. Evans, one of the honored "Adelphoi en Polei" of Beta Beta, is meeting with great success as a physician in Greencastle.

'76 Joseph Crow, Jr., was re-elected for a third term as city attorney by the common council of Greencastle, May 4th, 1885, to serve a term of two years.

'76. The Madison, Ind., *Courier* says of the Rev. Dr. Fernandez C. Holliday's preaching at Trinity church in that city: "Dr. Holliday's sermon was one of deep and profound thought, such as the thinking Christian man likes to listen to. The writer of this, although having church affiliations elsewhere, frequently goes to hear Dr. Holliday on account of his safe theological doctrines and sound and logical reasoning. We regard him as one of the foremost and most able in the pulpit in the Methodist church in Indiana or the west.

'85 Henry T. Floyd has gone into the insurance business, being the junior member of the firm of W. J. Floyd & Son at Fort Scott, Kan.

'85 J. A. Davis has become a clergyman in the south-west Kansas conference of the M. E. church.

'85 W. G. Friedley — also Phi '85 — is a farmer and lives near Madison.

'85 C. W. P. Mann, of the class of 1888 at West Point, will spend the summer camping out.

'87 W. M. Crose, of the class of 1888 at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, will start on his summer cruise, June 15th, on the *Constellation* and will spend the month of September at his home at Greencastle.

SIGMA DOUBLE PRIME—MT. UNION.

'78 D. W. Henry, who graduated at the Central Law school of Indiana in 1881, and immediately began the practice of law at Terre Haut, Ind., was elected prosecuting attorney for the 43d judicial district of Indiana in 1884, the salary and fees of his office amounting to \$3,500.

BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

'69 Hon. John L. McMaster delivered an oration in honor of Decoration Day before the G. A. R., May 30th, 1885.

BETA ZETA—BUTLER.

'80. The Indianapolis Light Artillery, of which James B. Curtis is captain, took the first prize at the World's Exposition

at New Orleans in May, 1885. Upon their return to Indianapolis they were met at the union depot by the staff of the Governor of the state, the Indianapolis Light Infantry, the Zouaves, the Mayor of the city and a large number of citizens. They were escorted to the Masonic Hall where a reception was given them. After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, Mayor McMasters — Beta '69 — was introduced and said: "Members of the Light Artillery, we truly and sincerely welcome you back to this city. We heard of you at New Orleans. I don't know whether you are champions of the world, but we do know that if you are not it is simply because the world was not at New Orleans to compete with you. You could have taken first honor from the world as easily as you took it from the United States — for Indianapolis, for fair women and brave men, beats the world. We heard of you at Mobile and sympathized with you, but it is not the first time that cartridges have become fast in the guns. We rejoice in your victory at New Orleans, and should occasion arise for a severer contest we know your services will not be disappointing." At the conclusion of the Mayor's remarks, Captain Curtis spoke as follows in response to repeated calls: "We went down south at our own individual expense, but as we left we felt that we had the fair reputation of our city at stake and we were determined that Indianapolis had soldiers as well drilled as those of the south. We met with disaster at Mobile and I never left a city before with so heavy a heart. But the entire company went to New Orleans determined to meet and defeat our strong competitors. We know that our drill there was the best we ever put up and that our rivals did the best drilling we had ever seen. It was admitted on all sides that we were the victors and we packed our grips and turned our faces to the north feeling as we had never felt before. We thank you for this reception.

'84 E. J. Phillips is studying law at New Castle, Pa.

'84 L. O. Phillips left school in 1882 and entered Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia. He graduated recently and has gone west to locate.

' H. S. Phillips is engaged in the grocery business at Posadena, Col.

' John H. Oliver occasionally visits us as catcher of the alumni base ball nine. He has lost none of his prowess in that line.

'84 John F. Stone is now a contractor in the employ of the Nordyke & Marmon Co., of Indianapolis. This is the largest flour mill building firm in the world and John has a snug berth with them. He will receive the masters degree at our coming commencement.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

'81 Henry J. Butler is the junior member of the real estate and loan firm of Darlington & Butler, Ft. Scott, Kan.

OMICRON—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

A. B. '81, '82 LL. B., E. J. Cornish is practising law in Omaha, Nebraska.

B Ph. '81, LL. B. '82 Judson L. Wicks is succeeding very well in the law at Creston, Ia.

A. B. '82 F. O. Newcomb is doing a lucrative mercantile business at Shell Rock, Ia. A young Delta lately made his appearance in his family.

A. B. '83, LL. B. '84 Chas. W. Haller has opened up an office in Omaha, Neb.

B. Ph. '83 S. B. Howard has lately been admitted to the bar and settled down in Minneapolis, Minn.

B. Ph. '84 C. E. Thayer has been studying medicine at Minneapolis, Minn., during the past year.

A. B. '84 T. J. Hysham is reading law at Fairfield, Ia.

B Ph. '84 J. T. Chrischilles is in busines at his home in Algona, Ia.

B. Ph. '84 Chas. W. Russell is in business in Glenwood, Ia.

LAMBDA—LOMBARD.

'83 Irivin J. Case and Miss Peoria S. Frye, of North Peoria — married — February 24th.

ENROLMENTS.

MU.

106. Nicholas Armenag Morjickian, '88, Erzroom, Armenia,
February 13, 1885.
107. Louis Addison Core, '86, Cassville, W. Va., May 12, 1885.

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39. Will Thomas Harper, '88, Ottumwa, Iowa, March 21, 1885.

OMEGA.

98. Frank Mills Andrews, '86, Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 19, 1884.
99. Albert Clarence Felt, '87, Blairstown, Ia., April 4, 1885.
100. Charles Franklin Curtiss, '87, Nevada, Ia., April 18, 1885.

DISMISSALS.

OMEGA.

- Walter McHenry, '84, October 3, 1884.

ALPHA.

- Harry W. Stowe, '88, May 30, 1885.

NECROLOGY.

MU.

- Ennis Walter Hetzler, '82, Madisonville, Ohio, March 9, 1884.
Burton Grey Ashbrook, '86, Johnstown, Ohio, May 3, 1885.

XI.

- Charles Arthur Badley, '87, Bevington, Ia., November 25, 1884.

CHAPTER NEWS.

The commencement semi-annual report blanks have been forwarded to the chapter secretaries and they should have immediate attention. If you have not already made out your report and and returned it, do so at once. The division secretaries and the general secretary depend upon them in making their Convention reports and unnecessary delays should not be made.

We make one final appeal to the supporters of the CRESCENT to remit the balance due on subscription. Every dollar is needed to pay the bills already contracted. We have given much more reading matter than promised, but only ask a fair return for value received. If this paragraph catches your eye and you *know* yourself indebted to us, please lay down the paper and forward us at once your subscription. Undoubtedly you intend to pay *sometime*, but we must have the money *now*.

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lingness of each chapter to assist us in its compilation, so let every S. A. consider this a personal communication to be immediately attended to.

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