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ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTION.

President William W. Cook, A, '80.

BROTHERS IN DELTA TAU DELTA,—LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

We assemble, to-night, from many parts ; from the East, the West, and the South. We come together to commemorate the existence of our fraternity, to exchange ideas, and to legislate for those whom we represent. We have an organization which wields a potent influence in the colleges of the land. We believe that college fraternities are more and more, as the years go by, becoming a large factor in the education of young men. It is fitting, then, to stop and inquire what this influence is, how it operates, and wherein it is beneficial to those who come within its domain.

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, created in 1860, has risen, flourished, and is a success. It numbers three thousand college men, and has chapters in twenty-nine educational institutions. It is growing with the years. Its alumni are rising in the world. Its chapters are high in their requisites and standards of membership. It ranks among the best of its competitors. This fraternity speaks for itself : it needs no words of praise or defence ; but points with pride and confidence to its principles, its men, its work, and its prospects.

But why do these college fraternities exist? What useful purposes do they serve? Of what benefit are they? They have had a remarkable growth and extension. The last twenty-five years have seen them firmly, ineradicably established in all the great educational centres of the country. Faculty persecution

has not put them down, nor has student opposition hindered their growth. They live, and refuse to die. Their vitality is phenomenal and proverbial. They enter into and form part of the daily routine of a student's life. They are a living, vital power, for weal or for woe, in the education of the young men of to-day. And with reason. The college fraternity man associates constantly with his fellow-members. He dines, walks, talks, studies, lives with them. He imbibes their tastes, absorbs their ideas, and is influenced by their ambitions, habits, pleasures, hopes, plans and ideas of why we live, what we live for, and what course of conduct we should pursue. Such is the ceaseless and continuous influence of a college fraternity.

It is well, then, to ask whether this is a power for good or for evil. In my opinion, it decidedly is for good. I believe that the remarkable growth of college fraternities, in the last two decades, is due to their intrinsic worth ; to a need for them ; to the benefits which they render students ; and to the workings of that mystic law of nature which prescribes that nothing shall permanently survive except it be for good.

And first, a college fraternity, worthy of being called such, largely educates the student of to-day. It takes the verdant freshman and shapes his manners, his methods, his speech and bearing. It teaches him many things which the class room can not and does not try to teach. It tells him that there is something besides scholarship needed to make a whole-souled, large-minded, true-hearted man.

Yes, the college fraternity does more than this. It follows the student into the class room. It watches over him in every act and thought. It reproaches him for delinquency in scholarship. It commends him for high standing. It inspires and sustains him with the idea that the reputation of his fraternity and his fraternity brothers is affected by his position in the college world. It brightens the rugged paths of college work, and turns into a pleasant duty that which otherwise would be but an irksome task.

Yea, more, it enters into and moulds the moral character of its initiate. It throws around him the moral influence of

friends who are interested in him as a brother. It warns and turns him from the paths of dissipation, of vice, of immorality, of ruin. It incites him to a life of honor and usefulness. It represses the dangerous tendencies of youth, and arouses the dormant ambitions and capabilities of the heart and mind and soul. It gives him the idea that to be a man of honor, of integrity, of high principle, of manly bearing, of courtesy, of true nobility—a gentleman in the full and complete sense of the word—is a result not to be ground out of mathematics, or Greek, or Latin, but to be slowly evolved by a many-sided culture. It inspires him with the thought that an honest, generous, cultured man of heart and mind is the masterpiece of life, the finished product of our civilization, equaled only by the divine nature of a pure and splendid and noble woman. These are the high ideals, which, once formed, never disappear, but follow the student into the busy world, and mould for him his thoughts, his hopes, his career and his end. Such are the influences and such is the work of a college fraternity.

I speak not now of a few college fraternities—fortunately few—which neither recognize nor perform their mission. Little can be said in their favor. They have false requisites; false ideas of fraternity work; and false notions of what the outside world expect and require of college graduates. To be one of their number, you must be a man of wealth, or of high social position—things that pertain not to yourself, but to your parentage. The sterling qualities of the mind and heart are of little consequence within their ranks, and are not congenial company, unless it be by the doctrine of opposites. Strange ideas prevail within their halls as to the purposes of their organization. To be a hard-working, conscientious student is a disgrace. But to be absent from the class-room; to finish the course with the smallest possible amount of labor; to use keys and translations; to resort to trickery and deceit; to have five hours of leisure for one hour of work,—this, with them, is brilliant and commendable. The ideal member is he who can practice these arts with the greatest perfection and success. College life is looked upon as a pastime and play day. Self enjoyment, indolence and ease is the begin-

ning. Dissipation, vice and ruin is the end. Between these two lies a whole cohort of evils, selfishness, meanness, arrogance and sacrifice of all that is great and good and noble and pure, for that which blooms to-day and withers to-morrow. All along the shores of the stream of their latter-day existence are found young lives blighted ; fair hopes withered ; ambitions deadened, and talent undirected. Such fraternities arouse, deserve and receive only contempt and indignation. Their graduate is looked upon as a college snob. He is a strange compound of conceit, superciliousness, ignorance and pretension. Ten years convince him that the times are out of joint, and that the world is awry. His misspent college days have been to him a curse. Generally he sinks into mediocrity, never to emerge. Sometimes a sadder scene is enacted, and dissipated habits drag their victim down to ruin and an untimely end.

But these are the dark spots of college fraternities, and, like disease and death, merely show, by contrast, the strength and beauty and value of healthful life. Their beneficent influence is not confined to undergraduates. It reaches farther, and follows us into the busy world after our college days are ended. It disciplines us to an appreciation of a disinterested, loyal, yes, an ideal standard of friendship, and it gives to us a high type of friends. And there is need of such discipline in these days of cynicism and suspicion and mercenary motives. The friendships of to-day are for the most part matters of mutual advantage—treaties of reciprocity—covenants to suspend hostilities. But that higher and nobler relation—association, because of a sympathy of ideas, or feelings or aspirations—interest in a friend's welfare for his sake alone—the real friendship which elevates the thoughts, ennobles the nature, and turns man from worldly things to a higher plane of life and being—this, I say, is the mission of all secret societies, and especially is it the idea of college fraternities. A nobler work no organization ever had.

Nor does the influence of secret societies end here. The mystic bond of Delta Tau Delta creates in each of us a feeling of interest, of kinship, of responsibility for our brother members. It is a spirit that is far reaching and lasting. Its influence is

like that of the family and home. It keeps men in the paths of rectitude, urges them to the performance of their duty, and inspires them to lead better and greater lives. The welfare of one is the welfare of all. In times of doubt or difficulty or disaster, a secret society man never turns to his fellow-members in vain. The influence is one for good, and the modern secret society seeks by the lives of its members to teach all men that he who lives honestly, industriously, charitably and progressively, is a benefactor of the human race, and that the world is better for his having lived in it.

Such are some of the reasons why the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity exists, and it has held fast and firm to the first principles of its existence. It has remained true to the high ideal of a typical college fraternity. It has nobly done its work. It has had an influence on the characters of its alumni and undergraduates which has affected their lives and thoughts and vocations. The fraternity itself will live and will grow. Time will but add to its strength and its usefulness. So long as its principles remain unchanged, it will be a benefit and a credit to its members, and the Delta of the future will say to the Delta of yesterday and to-day,—“You found in our colleges a need for new fraternities that would remain true to the high principles of the ideal secret society. You organized on those principles. By adherence thereto we have grown and flourished. Men and chapters may fall away from us, by reason of such adherence, but our safety and usefulness lie in those principles and in those alone. We have remained true to the ideas and record of the fraternity, and when we depart therefrom, may we, too, go the way of the older fraternities, and give place to new organizations which will rise on the principles which we shall have abandoned.”

FRATERNITY COMBINATIONS.

THE most pronounced evil in American politics to-day is the "spoils system." Votes, offices and men are bought and sold at every election. The ward "boss" leads his more ignorant fellow men, like so much cattle, to the ballot-box, and they go willingly, for they are sure of a good share of the oats at their journey's end ; or where the animals are not so hungry, it needs but a gentle application of the party lash to quicken their halting footsteps. From the powerful leader of the political machinery of a national party to the caucus-stuffer of the city ward, the motto, "To the victors belong the spoils!" is the impelling motive to an amount of meanness and fraud which makes an honest citizen blush for his country's shame.

The "spoils system" of college politics is the system of fraternity combinations. The "spoils" are the so-called honors of college life, and their distribution by the combination system is manifestly unfair. The number of men who vote, and not merit in the candidates voted for, is that which decides to whom shall be given the honors in question. The leaders of the three or four stronger chapters (and in this connection I do not make an exception of the non-fraternity or "barb." element, which is usually as strongly organized for political work as any fraternity chapter), instinctively come together, and after a thorough canvass of the legal voters, taking to themselves another chapter or two, if they have not a clear majority otherwise, form a faction. Then the election comes, or more properly, the distribution of the spoils, for there certainly is no election where every honor has been predetermined. The "slate" is read, and the form of an election in which every nominee is sure to be *unanimously* chosen, is with much gravity carried through. The bull has been read, and the poor minority is left out in the bitter cold for at least one long year.

That fraternities in college life are of great and lasting good is only disputed by those uninformed persons who, never having

entered the mystic circle, take every occasion to abuse in round terms that of which they know nothing. A group of men of sympathetic disposition, unite to establish a chapter of some fraternity, in which they come together for their mutual, social, moral and intellectual improvement. They thus form in college life that which otherwise is distinctly absent,—a college home,—and when in after years the “college boy,” now grown gray in life’s struggle, looks back to the golden days of youth, when thought and sentiment were awakening his soul to highest endeavor, the scenes and memories which he loves best to recall are those linked to the dear old chapter hall. But not as training schools for political methods, and those methods the offspring of the spoils system, do I consider the end and use of the fraternity. Let this combination system be rooted out of college life, and there will be lifted from the shoulders of the fraternities a disgrace which too often they now have to bear.

But those favoring this system as an expedient, who think it intrinsically wrong, would ask us, “What will you put in its place?” Nothing, let us hope, in its place; for the simple fact is, that there is no necessity of combinations to distribute *honors*. If they are in truth real honors, then they should be given either by competition of candidates or by open election. Don’t favor the fond delusion that this state of affairs would demand an Utopia where we now have only human nature with its ambitions and its friendships as ruling motives. I have more faith in the manhood of college men than that. The work in college, in class-room, in literary halls and in personal intercourse, soon shows the strength and worth of a man. The majority of college men are generous and high-minded enough to appreciate this truth, and when not bound by the written compact of a faction, in an open election they will bestow the honor upon one of the few who without any doubt most deserve it. In all cases possible here should be free competition, and when that holds in oratorical and society contests, the honors will be given, not to the one who can boast of belonging to the largest faction, but to the one who gives the best essay, oration or debate, as the case may be.

As is well known, among the Western college men, the principal inter-collegiate events are the meeting of the State and Inter-State Oratorical Associations and the contests connected therewith. The latter cannot be controlled, at least directly by any combination system, but the former may be. In the State of Indiana it has been very evident for some time that such is the case. In all the leading colleges of this State, honors are distributed by the combination system, and as the combination for the State happens to be formed, so it is with each college. At the State University, which moulds the politics of the State, there are between thirty and forty honors which are annually distributed by the ruling faction, whatever that may happen to be. Of course there may be good men—perhaps the best men—in the combination, and these may be nominated for the various honors ; but if they are the best, free competition and open election will most plainly show the fact, and if they are not, then there is a gross injustice to the superior men who happen to be left out of the combination.

There is a strange inconsistency for men to go into society exhibitions and deliver eloquent orations upon such topics as "Civil Service Reform," "The Statesman," and "Democratic Government," when they hold those honorable positions in such exhibitions simply from being the leader in the college "spoils system." But what can be done to remedy the evil? Probably nothing by a single stroke, for the majority which happens to be in thinks that a combination is all right, so long as it means that they shall possess the honors, and when any fraternity happens to be out, then there is some other majority in, and a change of heart has no weight. We can only trust that, in the course of political evolution, the colleges as well as the nation shall rid themselves of every form of the "spoils system," and then the single test required of the candidate for honor shall be his fitness for that honor.

C. L. EDWARDS.

Editorial.

[Subscribers will please notice that, for good and substantial reasons, the Subscription Price of THE CRESCENT has been raised from One Dollar to One Dollar and a Half per volume of nine numbers. Send remittances to the Editor-in-Chief, by Postal Note or Money Order.]

THE Editors desire to express their appreciation of the cordial and generous reception accorded the initial number of THE CRESCENT by the active chapters and the alumni. It was feared that the increased subscription price might cause dissatisfaction and consequent injury and harm to the interests of the journal, but in no single instance have the chapters reduced their lists, while many report most gratifying additions. The alumni bid fair to manifest their approval and encouragement in largely increased contributions to the treasury. From the present standpoint, the financial outlook seems brighter and more inspiring than for several years past. Faithful and spirited missionary work by the chapter secretaries among their respective alumni will ensure a most successful and prosperous year.

NOTWITHSTANDING the most energetic efforts of the Catalogue Committee, the lists of several chapters are incomplete, and imperfect in one important feature—the full name of the initiate. In no case is the first name wanting, but the unknown middle names number several scores. We urgently request the officers of such chapters to ascertain these names without further delay, and forward them to the Catalogue agent, Brother Trautwein, for preservation. We cheerfully endorse the suggestion that the agent be informed from time to time of all corrections, alterations or additions to the records published in the Catalogue. While the Fifth General Catalogue is a marvel of convenience, simplicity and completeness, the Sixth can, with the united aid and interest of our membership, be made ideally perfect.

SEVERAL of our younger chapters have attained a degree of strength and good fortune that seems to justify them in establishing permanent chapter homes. We kindly and earnestly counsel these fortunate and ambitious chapters—to first get your money, then go ahead. Before you hang your curtains or lay your carpet, be sure you have the money to pay for them. Don't put an article of furniture in your hall unless

you hold for it a receipted bill. Beware of extravagance and prodigality. Don't mortgage your future for present enjoyment. A plain, comfortable, unpretentious hall, PAID FOR, is far better than an elegant, luxuriously furnished apartment with a dark cloud of debt brooding over its beauty. Pleasant it is to meet in halls, ornate with chaste appointments, adorned and decorated in refined and cultured taste, but be watchful lest you cherish the bitter germs of repudiation and dishonor. Don't be misled by a sophistry which teaches that debt will harmonize differences and unite the chapter in a firmer bond of fraternal love and sympathy. Almost invariably a heavy debt brings only a sense of discouragement, insecurity and peril, and too frequently the insidious temptation to initiate unworthy men. Rely not too strongly upon your past triumphs, nor upon your present puissance and vigor. They are not eternal. Experience teaches that past success does not assure future prosperity. The ebb follows the flood tide. The day of conscious strength may usher in the night of weakness and prostration. The strong chapter of to-day may be the weak chapter of to-morrow. A chapter may part with twelve men in June to meet with three in September. A burden, light to the twelve, may annihilate the three. Of all things, avoid too implicit confidence in the aid of your alumni. Too frequently their promises prove to be the stuff dreams are made of. At chapter banquets and on other festal occasions, in moments of enthusiasm and exaltation, the most honorable men are sometimes led to covenant that which after events make most difficult of fulfillment. Again, the great majority of our chapters have been founded within the last decade, and their alumni are men just crossing the threshold of business and professional life. To contribute to a chapter fund demands of them the sternest self-sacrifice. Upon them, therefore, build your expectations not too lofty. In spite of all this, if you see your way clear and are building on firm, immovable rock, we urge you to go ahead. Lease the most convenient suite of rooms you can find, decorate them elaborately, furnish them in luxury and beauty, but—avoid debt as you would a scorching pestilence.

FRATERNITY combinations have been so thoroughly and so frequently discussed and ventilated in the journals, that the subject is rapidly approaching the realm of ancient history. Anathematized, censured and satirized by a singularly unanimous press, the evil has almost ceased to be a living issue; its most vicious, demoralizing and

odious features linger only in a few sporadic cases in regions where a poison-tainted atmosphere generates and nourishes such malignant, cancerous growths. In many colleges, fraternity combinations have been a fruitful source of misunderstanding, prejudice and oppression ; there they have vitiated and corrupted the aims, methods and policy of the fraternity system, defiled its character, destroyed its influence, subjected its nobility, purity and virtue to that which is dishonest, vile and shameful in man ; they have prostituted the power, the fame and the authority of the Greek societies to further the base ambitions of unworthy and unscrupulous men, and have made the very name "fraternity" a reproach, a scandal, a symbol of all that is infamous, depraved and iniquitous. Let us remember, however, that the evil was not general but local. The most venomous cases seldom occurred, and were vigorously denounced by intelligent fraternity men. The disease arose, flourished and waxed strong in the days when, in many colleges, the chapters of rival fraternities were bitterly hostile colonies, with nothing in common except the Greek alphabet and a mutual bigotry and hatred. The advent of Greek journalism heralded the dawn of a better and brighter day. The Greek press has demonstrated that the fraternities are essentially one in origin, development, aspiration and destiny. With the realization of that fact has come the epoch of generosity, reconciliation and harmony. The growth of a broad, liberal and intelligent press has eradicated many of the evils of the fraternity system, and with them the pernicious features of political combinations have passed away with the night that gave them birth.

EDITORIAL REQUESTS.

WE shall publish in the December number an article reviewing the recent contributions of Brothers Carleton, Kent, Stahl, Study and Haigh to current American literature. We shall be pleased to receive reviews of the works of any other Deltas, and will gladly include them in the article, which we desire to make as complete as possible.

WE have in our possession several complete files of Vol. I., which will be sold for \$1.50 per volume. The initial volume is becoming very rare, and this will probably be the last chance offered to chapters and brothers to complete their files. We desire to obtain copies of Vol. VII., No. 9 (with index) ; Vol. VIII., Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 ; Vol. II., No. 1 ; Vol. III., No. 5 ; Vol. IV., Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 9 ; Vol. V., Nos. 6 and 8.

THE Report of the Convention Committee on Necrology is in very incomplete shape. Each chapter is requested to prepare a list of its members who have died between the Watkins Glen and Detroit Conventions, and forward same to H. W. Plummer, the committee on publication of Convention minutes. The record should include full name, chapter, college, place of residence, date, place and cause of death, and if possible place of burial.

THE December number will contain the list of men initiated during the months of the present year. Every chapter is urgently requested to send the Secretary of the Council the constitutional enrollment form, properly and carefully filled, for each man initiated. By attention to this duty the list can be published full, complete and up to date.

WE desire the chapter secretaries to prepare lists of their alumni (with latest addresses), who can be induced to subscribe for the journal. We particularly want the names of those who have attended college within five years. A large edition of the October number was published for the purpose of general distribution, and the work can be materially forwarded by the assistance of the secretaries.

BROTHERS who failed to receive the first number will confer a favor by promptly reporting the fact to the editor-in-chief, who will be pleased to supply the deficiency.

The Greek World.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ glories in the possession of the only lady who was ever initiated into a male Greek Letter Fraternity. The lady in question is Miss Kate Carothers, A.B., who graduated in 1874, at the Mary Sharpe College, Winchester, Tenn., and also from the New England Conservatory of Music. Miss Carothers was elected in recognition of valuable services rendered in re-establishing the Mississippi Alpha of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, at the University of Mississippi, in 1881.

THE fraternities now represented at the University of Alabama, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $K \Lambda$ and ΣN , have obtained the repeal of the obnoxious anti-frat. laws, by sending representatives to argue

the question before a committee of the Trustees of the institution. In return for the repeal, the fraternities will have to forego the privilege of voting in the literary societies. The honors that have heretofore been elective will now be assigned by the faculty. The University of Alabama was founded in 1820, at Tuscaloosa, and has had chapters of $\Phi B K$, $\Delta K E$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and $\Sigma A E$. The *Delta*, of ΣN says that $\Delta K E$ failed in recent effort to re-establish her chapter.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, Conn., supports $\Psi \Gamma$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, $X \Psi$ and the Eclectic (local), all owning chapter houses. We clip the following paragraph from an interesting letter recently published in the $\Phi K \Psi$ *Shield*:

I believe the greatest element of strength in the fraternities at Wesleyan is the strong bond of brotherhood existing between the brothers who are students and the brothers who are professors. Every man in the faculty attends the receptions and banquets of his society, and while having thought for all the students, takes a peculiar interest in assisting his own brethren, in sickness and trouble, thus binding them to him not only by a high respect for him as their instructor, but by a fraternal love for him as their brother. On the other hand, I believe the greatest source of weakness in the societies is the large membership of men in college. The five societies average thirty-two active members. Necessarily, the highest type of fraternal union is lost. A few days ago I asked a friend, in regard to an incoming Freshman, "Does your society intend to take in ——?" He replied, "Most of our men object to him, but some of us who want him are at work forming a *combination*, and if we succeed we shall be able to elect him." Where such a "combination" is necessary, or even possible, the *fraternal* spirit must be burning low.

In speaking of the Central University, Kentucky, where $\Delta K E$ recently founded a chapter, the *Quarterly*, of that fraternity says, editorially: "On account of its youth and late rapid growth, it has doubtless surprised the chapters, as a couple of years since it surprised the council, to find that the one institution which on the one hand has adopted to the fullest extent the most advanced features of the University plan, and on the other

is enjoying to the utmost the wonderful prosperity which its enterprise has earned, is in Central Kentucky." Such sentiments are likely to produce great irritation and dejection in the energetic and vigorous councils of $B \ominus II$ and ΣX , who in the fullness of their wisdom rejected the "future great" university of the South, and discarded the pearl of great price which the venerable and eminently conservative, but shrewd and crafty $\Delta K E$ has exultantly placed in the starry diadem that bedecks her regal head. We doubt not that the aforesaid councils of $B \ominus II$ and ΣX will await in breathless suspense the announcement of other $\Delta K E$ surprises and the discovery of universities revelling in wonderful prosperity amid the alluvial swamps of classic Arkansas, or on the broad and fertile plains of verdant Oklahoma.

MANTON MARBLE, whom President Cleveland sent to Europe to ascertain the position of the several nations upon the coinage of gold and silver, is an $A \Delta \Phi$; John Clark Ridpath, the historian, is a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; Adlai E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster General, is a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Gen. Matthew S. Quay, Treasurer-elect of Pennsylvania, is a $B \ominus II$; Alfred P. Burbank, the elocutionist, is a $\Delta K E$; George F. Seward, ex-Minister to China, is a $\Delta \Phi$; Speaker John G. Carlisle is an honorary member of $\Sigma A E$; Edward L. Youmans, Editor of the *Popular Science Monthly*, is a $\Delta \Gamma$; Chauncey M. Depew, the author of the Grant-Johnson letter, is a $\Psi \Gamma$; Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Lieutenant Governor of New York, is a $\Delta K E$ and a $\Delta \Psi$; Judge William A. Vincent, whom President Cleveland appointed Chief Justice of New Mexico, and afterward suspended, is a $X \Phi$; John Hay, the poet, diplomatist, and Private Secretary to President Lincoln is a $\Theta \Delta X$; John L. McMaster, Mayor of Indianapolis, is a $\Delta T \Delta$, and Caleb S. Denny, the Mayor-elect, is a ΣX ; John M. Martin, Congressman-elect from Alabama, is a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of $\Delta K E$ was held with the Gamma Phi of Wesleyan, at Middletown, Conn., Wednesday and Thursday, October 21 and 22, 1885. Wednesday evening a concert was given in the Opera house at Meriden,

by the Listermann Concert Company of Boston, and the Yale and Wesleyan Glee Clubs. The literary exercises were held Thursday evening in the North Congregational Church at Middletown, ex-Governor John D. Long, of Massachusetts, being the president, Senator Matthew C. Butler, of South Carolina, the orator, and Julian Hawthorne, the poet. The next convention will be held in New York City, in October, 1886.

ALL indications point to a great revival in the publication of Catalogue literature. $\Delta K E$ will soon issue a catalogue which she expects will surpass all previous efforts in this direction; ΣX is busily preparing a book which, judging from the energy and ability of her Council, will be equal to any that recent years have produced; ΨT is said to have abandoned the plan of issuing a supplement to her superb catalogue of 1879, and has ordered the preparation of a new and elaborate edition; and even $\Phi K \Psi$ has awakened from her lethargy, and commenced the compilation of a biographical catalogue with all the modern improvements.

$\Delta K E$ recently established a club in New York which is modeled to some extent after the great clubs of that city. An entire dwelling has been leased, which meets the present wants of the club. Parlors, café and restaurant, billiard, library, chapter, council and meeting rooms have been furnished, and chambers provided for guests and belated members. The club is a new departure in the treatment of the great fraternity alumni question, and the progress of the experiment will be watched with much interest by all Greek societies.

THE Fifty-first Annual Convention of ΔT was held with the Rochester Chapter, at Rochester, N. Y., October 22 and 23, 1885. Ex-Governor Marcellus L. Stearns, of Florida, president; the Rev. Dr. Orrin P. Gifford, orator; Professor W. P. Dudley, poet. The next convention will be held with the Madison Chapter, at Hamilton, N. Y., in October, 1886.

THE Convention of $\Sigma A E$ was held with the Nu of Vanderbilt, at Nashville, Tenn., October 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1885. The executive power was taken from the Grand Chapter and given to

a Council of five alumni. An oratorical contest was held for a gold medal. Favored Northern extension. Banquet at Mooney's, at which Gen. E. Kirby Smith and Gen. W. H. Washington responded to toasts. The next Convention will meet at Atlanta, Ga., August 19, 1886.

AMONG the other chapters here [at Wooster] Phi Delta Theta is our strongest rival as well as our best friend; Beta Theta Pi suffered by graduation and is only fairly prosperous; Phi Kappa Psi, which became nearly extinct here, is making a good effort to recover lost ground; Delta Tau Delta is good, and as quiet as usual, nothing occurring to disturb the even tenor of her way; Phi Gamma Delta has several members.—*The Sigma Chi*.

ON account of the disgraceful conduct of some of the fraternities at the Virginia Military institute, *The Sigma Chi* says that "the authorities of the institution have taken steps whereby each new cadet is required to swear that he will not connect himself with any secret organization during his stay." The death of fraternities at this place is therefore only a matter of time. $\Delta T \Omega$, $K A$, ΣN , ΣX and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ are represented.

THE prolific soil of De Pauw has given birth to another ladies' fraternity, by name the $A X \Omega$. The fraternity will be confined to musical conservatories. The Alpha Chi Omega, according to *The De Pauw Monthly*, begins its career on a new and complete system, and launches out with brilliant prospects. The colors are scarlet and bronze.

SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY was founded in 1801, at Columbia. Previous to the war, the University supported chapters of $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta K E$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $X \Psi$, and $B \Theta \Pi$. Since 1881, $K A$, $\Sigma A E$, $A T \Omega$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have entered the University, and several of the Northern fraternities are taking steps leading to a revival of their deceased chapters.

$\Sigma A E$ has entered Cumberland University, Tenn. The $K \Psi$ Chapter of $\Delta K E$ existed for a number of years in this institution, but the charter was withdrawn in 1873. If $\Delta K E$ executes a Tennessee manœuvre similar to its Kentucky flank movement, Vanderbilt will be the home of the "revived $K \Psi$."

THE Twenty-first Convention of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ was held with the Sigma Deuteron of Lafayette, at Easton, Pa., October 26, 27 and 28, 1885. The *Phi Gamma Delta* was changed to a quarterly, and will be published by the Grand Chapter in New York City. The next convention will be held in Springfield, Ohio, in October, 1886.

THE Faculty of Purdue University has voted to allow Juniors and Seniors to become fraternity men. ΣX , the only fraternity there, has a chapter of three Juniors and three Seniors. $\Delta T \Delta$ recently received a petition from some of the best men in the University, but refused it because of the low standing of the institution.

REPORTS are abroad that a new ladies' fraternity has been founded at Meadville, Pa., to be known as Phi Alpha Psi; while in the South several strange orders have arisen of late months, to prove that the student world has not yet fully realized that it has had too much of a good thing.—*The Sigma Chi*.

THE University of North Carolina was founded in 1789, at Chapel Hill, and has had chapters of $\Delta K E$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Sigma A E$, $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $X \Psi$, $\Phi K \Sigma$, $\Theta \Delta X$, $X \Phi$, $Z \Psi$, and $K \Sigma$. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $A T \Omega$, and $K A$ are now represented by active chapters, and $Z \Psi$ is said to have lately revived her chapter.

THE college department of a Cincinnati daily originated a report that $\Delta T \Delta$ had withdrawn the charter of her Kenyon chapter. The item has been published in several fraternity journals, to whom we wish to say that $\Delta T \Delta$ has *not* taken any such action nor has she any intention of so doing.

$X \Psi$ has chapters in the South at Furman University, South Carolina College, Wofford College, and the University of Mississippi. The first three are in South Carolina. This fraternity has defunct chapters at the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

IN spite of the glorious climate, the Chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ at the University of California is now numbered among the things that were but are not. $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Delta K E$, $X \Phi$ and $Z \Psi$ still live.

THE University of Indiana opened with flattering prospects, with new and complete buildings, and with the largest Freshman and Sophomore classes in the history of the college. Of the fraternities ΣX has 17 men, $\Phi K \Psi$ 15, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 14, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 12, and $B \Theta \Pi$ 10.

WITHIN the last two years, the State Universities of Missouri, North Carolina and Alabama, Vanderbilt University, Davidson College (N. C.), and Erskine College (S. C.), have repealed their laws against secret societies.

ΣN entered Emory in the spring of '85 with four charter members. The Faculty and Trustees granted permission to $X \Psi$ to establish a chapter, but it is said the fraternity refused a charter to the petitioners.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has issued lithograph reproductions of the photographs and autographs of her six founders, each on separate sheets, 11×14 inches, which are to be sold to the members at sixty cents per set.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $A T \Omega$ are suffering the agonies involved in the compilation of a Song Book. To our afflicted brethren, $\Delta T \Delta$ wishes to convey her profoundest sympathy and commiseration.

NORTHERN $K A$ had a chapter at the University of Virginia from 1857 to 1861. The chapter had forty-seven members, and is the only chapter the fraternity has ever had in the South.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Zeta Psi have chapters at the University of North Carolina.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

NORTHWESTERN had in all departments, during the year '84-'85, a total attendance of 837. The fraternities represented are ΣX , ΔT , $\Phi K \Sigma$, $B \Theta \Pi$, and $\Phi K \Psi$.

THE University of Tennessee was founded at Knoxville, in 1807. $K \Sigma$ and $K. A.$ are the only fraternities represented. $\Pi K A$, $A T \Omega$, and $\Sigma A E$ chapters are dead.

THE membership of the fraternities in the University of the South is $A T \Omega$ 12, $\Sigma A E$ 19, $K \Sigma$ 11, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 8, $\Delta T \Delta$ 17, $K A$ 7.

ΨT is reported to have passed resolutions ordering the establishment of a chapter at the University of Minnesota at the earliest practicable date.

$K \Sigma$ will commence the publication of a paper in October, at Wytheville, Va. It will be known as the *Kappa Sigma Quarterly*.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ entered the University of Alabama with forty-three men, ΣN with thirty-two, and $K A$ with fourteen.

$A T \Omega$, at Stevens, is on the verge of dissolution, with but one man in the chapter, and he a senior.

ΔT has new chapters at Columbia, Lafayette, and the University of Wisconsin.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN supports chapters of $B \Theta \Pi$, $X \Psi$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and ΔT .

$\Theta \Delta X$ has entered Amherst, and $\Delta \Phi$ has revived at Harvard.

$\Delta K E$ has established an alumni chapter at Louisville, Ky.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has entered the Central University of Kentucky.

Chapter Letters.

Epsilon—Albion.

EPSILON is in excellent condition for work, and everything is hopeful. Our membership has been increased by the entrance in college of Bros. Healy and Scranton, and an initiate, whom I gladly introduce, John W. Arney, '89. We have a lecture billed for November, by Rev. Washington Gardner (Mu), of Jackson, and also an orchestral concert, from which we expect to be benefited financially.

Albion College has never been so great in number of students, presenting an increase of twenty-five per cent. Prof. Lutz, recently a professor in Harvard College, has been elected to the chair of Modern Language.

The endowment fund was increased last year by \$150,000.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

No chapter at this institution has ever experienced so great a change as ours has, within the past month. We have for a number of years been "down at the heel" in point of numbers. Last year we numbered six, until the spring term, when two of our men left to spend the summer in Florida. For various reasons the number ranged between two and six. This term found at its opening two Deltas, as usual,—Bro. Wise having left to bury his brother; Bro. Redmon kept out by a shotgun wound in the shoulder; Bro. Mann not yet having found his way out of the Everglades. About the second month found four of us back, and rather earnest in persuading some others to flee the wrath to come, and seek safety in our ranks. We succeeded in "working" five men at once, whom we now take pleasure in introducing to you as Bros. J. C. Smith, W. J. Armstrong, A. J. LeMiller, W. H. Shortridge, and W. H. King. On the following Tuesday evening after these men were initiated, we initiated H. E. Lucas, and on a very recent occasion, Bros. Pearcey and Howe. We now number two Juniors, six Sophomores, four Freshmen, one 3rd Prep. You can imagine we felt pretty well satisfied with our success. Some of our opponents thought we were cutting a wide swath. We have now made arrangements to fit up a chapter house, and occupy it immediately after the holidays. Our alumni will give us material aid.

Phi—Hanover.

PHI is for the first time for at least eight years reduced to the weakest chapter in college. The class of '85 took away with it four men who have been for the last three or four years the pillars of our chapter. Bro. Voris and Lapp of '87 failed to show up this year, Bro. Voris, dropping out to go into business, and Bro. Lapp to teach school. Bro. Lapp, however, we expect back with us next year. As it is we are three, all Sophomores, and will probably remain so to the end of the year, as there were but a few new men who entered the college proper this year, none of whom were thought eligible for $\Delta T \Delta$, as weak as we were. We hope to do some good work in the Preparatory De-

partment, and open next year with something like our old numbers. We have received a number of encouraging letters from our loyal Alumni, which give us great hopes. Bro. Hamilton of '85 and Bro. Voris, formerly of '87, each made us flying visits during last month.

The college has opened another year with higher expectations than ever before. At the last commencement the Trustees elected Professor Keil to the chair of Latin and Modern Languages. Professor Keil is a fine linguist, speaking a number of the modern languages. Prof. Baird, formerly in the Chair of Latin and Modern Languages, now takes the recently endowed Chair of Physics and Astronomy. Our rival chapters are all in a fair condition.

Rho—Stevens.

WE have been much pleased with the improved appearance of THE CRESCENT, and hope to materially enlarge our subscription list; we will try to do what we can to enlist the interest of the Alumni of the Fraternity residing in New York and vicinity.

We are glad to know that Sigma at Columbia is in such good condition; we think that its prospects are brighter than at any previous period, and look for good work from that chapter during the year. We can now introduce our second initiate from the Freshman Class,—Bro. Alfred C. Peck, '89, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The fraternities here are very active this year, although not many initiations have taken place; they seem to pay more attention to one class of men. Theta Xi, who heretofore has been one of the most deliberate of the fraternities here, has been most active this year, having taken in four freshmen and three sophomores. They seem to have changed their membership standard, which is nothing like so uniform as in former years. Sigma Chi, from the report of its Stevens correspondent to *The Sigma Chi* does not seem to regard '89 as a very promising one, whereas the class is known as one of the best that we have had for years.

Bro. R. M. Anderson, represents us on the editorial board of this year's *Eccentric*, upon which $X \Phi$, $\Theta \Xi$, and the neutrals are represented. So far the prospects for the coming number of the *Eccentric* are very bright. The first number of the *Rho Chron-*

icle, looking much improved with a new heading, has been sent to the chapters, and will be published regularly during the year. So far this year we have had a larger number of visitors than usual; our alumni are present much more frequently than heretofore, and we have had visits from Bros. Wilson M. Day, Mu, '71, President of the Fraternity; James W. Magruder, Mu, '85; H. W. Collingwood, Iota, '83; M. P. Quintana, Upsilon, '84, and Julius D. Earle, Nu, '87. Situated so near New York City we have frequent opportunities of meeting and entertaining Deltas from abroad, and we are always glad to embrace such opportunities.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

At present we number eleven men, but brothers Heckenlively and Spears will be absent teaching during the winter. Supplies for their vacancies have been provided; our policy, however, will be to keep close to the limit. Chas. Ward Macomber is our latest acquisition. The presence of "ye olden time" fratres, O. A. Janes, C. F. Cook, W. C. Wilson, and F. H. Stone enlivened one of our recent meetings.

The interests of our college are now represented by two periodicals, *The Herald*, a weekly, and *The Advance*, a bi-monthly; each is edited by members of the faculty. The fall term ends November 25, having had a total enrollment in the different departments of over four hundred. The formal dedication of the new gymnasium building occurred November 5. In the afternoon a session was held for the students and their friends, at which the main address of the occasion was delivered by President Dunn. In the evening, the doors were thrown open to the public in general, and notwithstanding the disagreeable darkness and inclemency of the weather, a very large audience assembled to listen to a well arranged programme. Among those who delivered addresses was F. B. Dickerson, of Detroit, from whom the gymnasium received its name. Indian club swinging, broom brigade drill, etc., formed interesting parts of the exercises.

The $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$'s have augmented their number to twenty-two. They have a strong chapter, and are rivals worthy of our competition. The ΣX 's are in good condition, but are somewhat weaker than they were last year.

Beta Delta—University of Georgia.

THE University of Georgia opened with one hundred and sixty students, which is a decided increase over last year. The new boys were of the best class, consequently all the fraternities here are in good condition. Beta Delta commenced her term with seven active and enthusiastic Deltas, and as the result of their labor, we would commend to the brotherhood Bros. J. W. Norris, '89, L. Chase, '89, both of Florence, S. C., and John P. Upshaw, Jr., '89, Social Circle, Ga. With eleven men in perfect union and harmony, we know that the ends of the order can be attained. Bro. Ed. T. Whatley has been elected Anniversarian of the Demosthean Literary Society, one of the highest honors within the gift of the college. We are also represented on *The College Reporter*.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

I HAVE no new brothers to introduce this time, but fraternity life in Sewanee has not been entirely uneventful since I last wrote to THE CRESCENT. In the first place, we were very much excited about a month ago, by some one breaking several of our new stained glass windows, and taking our banner and some other articles from the hall. We could not imagine who had done it, and were naturally very angry. The Phi Delta Theta hall was subjected to a similar treatment on the same night, and they were as mad as we; but our anger gave way to a sense of the ludicrous when it was discovered that a few little boys about eight or ten years old had formed a "fraternity," and having no "secret," had determined to possess themselves of ours. Apart from the annoyance that it caused us, it was a most ridiculous burlesque on the fraternity system. We wish to take this opportunity publicly to express our thanks for the ready sympathy and assistance which the other fraternities and the University authorities extended to us, when the case was thought to be serious. We had a most delightful evening on the 3rd of November, at our banquet. We chartered the hotel for the night, it having been closed for the winter, and had full use of kitchen, dining-hall and parlor. Bros. Riddell and Hale were with us for a few days,

and Bro. Riddell's caricatures of each frater, distributed with the menus, added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening. The supper, in regular courses, was excellent, and the toasts came in just right to finish up on. Music, songs, declamations, comic (?) operas, etc., filled up the rest of the evening, which was concluded by a Choctaw walk-around and three good cheers. May we have many more such, and may some of our brothers be here to help us enjoy some of them.

Omicron—Iowa State University.

FRATERNITY matters in the University are moving along with the accustomed regularity. Since our last letter we have initiated two worthy men,—Harry Stanton Marquardt, and Horace Greeley Clark, both of Iowa City, the former a brother of a loyal Delta, while the latter cannot claim relationship with either of the Clarks in our chapter. The contest for men this year has been quite spirited, but as predicted in our last, we have not experienced any difficulty in obtaining our quota of good men. At present the active membership of the different fraternities in the university is as follows: $\Delta T \Delta$, fifteen; $B \Theta \Pi$, thirteen; $\Phi K \Psi$, nine; ΣX , eight; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, seven.

The Betas have apparently lowered their former standard, and will be very much weakened when the class of '86 graduates. $\Phi K \Psi$ is young, but shows the vigor of youth, and has a recognized standing. ΣX has partially recovered the ground lost last year, and bids fair to become established on a more solid basis than ever before. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is much inferior to its former standing, both in men and influence. Our lady Greeks are prosperous though conservative. It was rumored that a chapter of $\Delta \Gamma$ had been established here, but if so, it is still *sub rosa*.

Iota—Michigan State.

Iota is just closing a term of hard work, and we look back at the results of our efforts with the greatest satisfaction, and forward with most sanguine anticipations of continued success. Six have been initiated, and Bros. Perrigo, '88, and Burnham, Bartmess, Hubbard, McDonald and Gladden, '89, are the men who are to make Iota's future prosperity outshine all her past

successes. Our energetic president and new departments have started the anticipated boom at this institution, and while many colleges have entered small classes this fall, we have the largest and best class we have had for years. Iota's successful efforts to secure the best are largely due to her invariable policy of refraining from belittling her rivals, and winning on her superiority alone. We never misrepresent, and have a record for square above-board work of which we are proud. As a chapter, we are a unit in brotherly regard for each other, and enthusiasm for good old Delta Tau. Music, that great power to "soothe the savage breast," we make the most of, and piano, violin, guitar, banjo and flute are seldom at rest on Saturday evenings. We hope soon to replace the piano now in our rooms with one of our own.

Last Saturday evening, November 14th, we entertained our friends in the chapter hall. It was a genuine Delta evening, enjoyed alike by guests and Delta brothers; and proved a fitting culmination to our term's successful work. We were glad to have with us Bros. Ware, Hoyt and Coulter, '82, Carpenter, '73, and Carpenter, '79. Nothing pleases us more than to have brothers of our own and other chapters visit us. Efforts are being made by the Eclectic Literary Society to secure another fraternity here. We hope they may be successful, and, as they express themselves as bound to persevere till they succeed, we think they will. The society contains many fine men, and the college is prosperous and growing.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

A. T. BAIRD, Esq., Treasurer of Washington-Jefferson College, last week received a check from New York for \$30,306—the proceeds from the sale of Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad stock, bequeathed by the late Rev. Dr. Charles C. Beatty, of Steubenville, Ohio. Dr. Beatty's total contributions to the college exceed \$105,000. Prof. J. F. Ray, Gamma, '72, now occupies the chair of Physics and Chemistry of Washington-Jefferson. He came here from the Detroit High School, and is becoming deservedly popular with the students.

Gamma Chapter is in excellent condition. The term was begun with seven men. We have initiated two,—Ott McLaughlin, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Sherrard Elliott, of New York City—both sought after by other fraternities—and we have another man pledged. Gamma is reinforced by Whistler, formerly of Alpha, a good fellow, well liked, and a worthy Delta. Our hall has been handsomely refurnished and everything is comfortable. Bro. Garrison represents Gamma on the Board of Editors of the Annual to be issued by the Juniors. Two of the prominent oilmen now in town are old Delta Taus,—Messrs. Henry W. Williams, who was initiated at the Western University, and Charlie Newlon, an old Alpha boy. Both keep up their interest in the fraternity.

Alpha — Allegheny.

SINCE our last, we may state that Alpha has been proceeding on her way admirably, and with abundant success. We may announce the fruits of our labors by introducing to you the initiates: Bros. K. Carl Kreek, of Titusville, Pa., and John C. Armstrong, of Brownsville, Pa. We are happy to think that old Allegheny College was so fortunate this year as to have two new men join her ranks that would make good royal Deltas. We think that there are also several more of such stripe, and we await further developments. We now number eight active members, and our chapter is in a good condition. Although it is not as strong in numbers as it might be, we feel that it is growing within itself. While we are eight in number, we are one in spirit. Perfect harmony is something that Alpha can always boast of. As we believe that the vitality of any chapter depends only upon the standard of the members enrolled, we regard it imperative to choose only the best, and unhesitatingly exclude all those who would have a tendency to lower the dignity of the chapter.

It is gratifying to announce that two new professors have been added to the faculty: Rev. W. G. Williams, of Jamestown, N. Y., Professor of Ethics; Rev. T. N. Luckock, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Professor of Mathematics. These are men of superior ability, and will undoubtedly be a credit to the college. Two hundred and thirty-two students are now in attendance. The Civil Engineering course, so lately inaugurated in the curricu-

lum, is now becoming one of the principal college courses. Facilities for carrying on the work are being added, and ere long nothing will be wanting to make the course complete.

Chapter Alpha opened the social season (just as usual) with an old-fashioned taffy pull. The party was the first of the kind this season. Excellent music was procured, all those present seemed to have especially enjoyed themselves, and complimented us again and again upon our beautiful suite of rooms. There were about forty present. This happy event may be enlisted among the many social successes of Alpha.

Psi — Wooster.

SINCE our last letter Bro. Sharpe has left us. He was elected to a position in Shadyside Academy, East Pittsburgh, Pa., which he accepted. We are sorry to lose "Bob," but are comforted some from the fact that he will return next year to finish his course. Psi has added a culinary department to her hall. Bro. Rockey is chief cook, and a real connoisseur at dishing up the bivalves. Bro. Anglinbaugh has recently presented us with a very fine painting of a Delta badge. The work is done on a silvered plaque, which is set in a frame of hammered brass. It is unique. Psi has been well remembered in late elections. Bro. Shallenberger is to manage the scenes in two Shakspearean entertainments to be given, one at the close of this term, and the other at the opening of the next. Bro. W. S. Bowman was elected historian of his class. In the Military Department we hold our share of the offices. If there is any honor in offices, we are surely blessed. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$ are fitting up new halls in a brick block that is just finished. Their location is central. The $K A \Theta$ ladies held a reception at the home of one of their resident members on halloween.

Beta Epsilon — Emory.

WITH the return of Bros. Key, Johnson and Crossby, the Beta Epsilon was enabled to open the year with sixteen men. We desire to introduce Bro. J. B. Clark, who was initiated last spring, and Bros. Reed, Daniel and Landrum, who have announced their fealty to $\Delta T \Delta$ since the beginning of the fall term. With Bro. J. A. Williams, who returns in April to graduate with '86, Beta Epsilon will have three seniors, three juniors, seven sophomores, three freshmen and four sub-freshmen.

Feeling the need of being well represented in each class, and with a view of having a good working force in the next Freshman Class, we initiated four members of the Preparatory De-

partment. This department is recognized as an integral part of the college, and all our rivals, KA , $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $\Delta T \Omega$, $\Sigma A E$ and ΣN have initiated men enrolled therein. In fact, many of the very best and most intelligent fraternity men now in Emory were initiated while preps.

The chapter is in sound and healthy condition. A great revival of interest in the general fraternity is noticeable, while the study of the history, government and policy of $\Delta T \Delta$ is steadily on the increase. We have settled all our debts, and have in the treasury a small cash balance. In short, we are on the high road to prosperity.

Upsilon — Rensselaer.

SINCE the last issue of THE CRESCENT, we have initiated two more members of the Class of '89, namely, Bros. Paul Hébert, of Marietta, Ga., and Laurence Martin, of Mobile, Ala. Upsilon regrets to announce the departure of Bro. Puyana, '87, who was obliged to return home on account of the war in his country. Bro. Emory is convalescent from a severe illness. We have removed all our debts, and are in a good financial condition. As Seal Agent the chapter will be glad to fill any order of the other chapters. The "rushing season" is about over, and the following list shows the initiates of the different fraternities for this year: $Z \Psi$ two, $\Theta \Xi$ two, $\Delta T \Delta$ five, ΔKE four, $\Delta \Phi$ two, $X \Phi$ three, $\Theta \Delta X$ one. Bro. Bigelow, '89, has been appointed editor from his class of *The Polytechnic*, the monthly published by the Institute.

Delta — University of Michigan.

THE names of the men initiated this year by the Delta are as follows: C. Kirke Eddy, '89, East Saginaw, Mich.; Harry K. Gustin, '89, Bay City, Mich.; and Earnest F. Smith, '89, Pontiac, Mich. We will be able to add two more names to the above list before long.

The other fraternities represented here seem to be doing well in securing good men in the Freshman Class, and, as a rule, the fraternities at the U. of M. were never in better condition than at present. It is too early in the year to ascertain the exact number of fraternity men, but the following list is approximately correct. Chi Psi, nine; Sigma Phi, six; Alpha Delta Phi, fourteen; Delta Kappa Epsilon, eighteen; Zeta Psi, nine; Psi Upsilon, thirty; Phi Kappa Psi, twenty-four; Beta Theta Pi, eighteen; Delta Tau Delta, sixteen. This list gives no standard of judgment as to relative strength. Besides the above

there are several Greek letter societies connected with the institution, but not recognized as a part of the fraternity system. They are: Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Phi, Nu Sigma Nu, Delta Sigma, Phi Alpha, Delta Upsilon, and two soroses — Kappa Alpha Theta, and Gamma Phi Beta.

The fraternity juniors' hop will take place on the 19th of February, 1886. Our chapter hop will be sometime in the first part of January, and we hope to have a reunion at that time. The refurnishing of our house is at last completed, and we are settled down to our year's work. We have plenty of spare room for visiting Deltas, and they are always welcome. Bro. Jay J. Reed, '77, of Chicago, spent a few days with us the first of November. Bro. Will Carleton is to lecture at University Hall on the evening of February 12, 1886.

Mu — Ohio Wesleyan.

SINCE our last letter we have added to our number Bro. A. L. Bauker, '86. It is a peculiar fact that Chapter Mu holds the same positions this year on *The Transcript* that she held last year,—the positions of local and exchange editors, occupied last year by Bros. Austin and Magruder, being occupied this year by Bros. Arnold and Bauker.

The lack of enthusiasm in fraternity circles is especially noticeable at present. Thus far this year there have been but eight initiates into the several fraternities. Of this number, $\Delta T \Delta$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have each taken two, while each of the other fraternities have taken but one. Only two of these initiates are "new men," the others having been in college previous to this year. At the same time last year $\Delta T \Delta$ herself had initiated four men, and the other fraternities had been nearly or quite as active. This marked falling off is probably due to the decrease in the attendance of male students. The female department, on the contrary, is unusually full of live and interesting material, and the lack of zeal in "rushing" men seems to be more than counterbalanced by the zeal on the part of the different fraternities in "rushing" the girls. The entire number of active fraternity men in the college at present is sixty-seven. These are distributed among the fraternities as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, fifteen; $B \Theta \Pi$, fourteen; $\Delta T \Delta$, twelve; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, eleven; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, nine; and $X \Phi$, six.

Prof. John S. Van Cleve, '71, delivered two very interesting lectures before the students of the college last week. This is the second time Bro. Van Cleve has lectured before the college, and, if possible, he will also appear before us again next year.

Chi — Kenyon.

ON September 9 the cry of the valiant sons of Kenyon once more awoke from their reverie the peaceful inhabitants of the sequestered village of Gambier. It was pleasant to return the friendly greetings of those from whom one had been separated, even though it were but the short space of a summer's vacation. The term opened auspiciously, with about the usual quota of students. Though Bro. Reid and your humble servant are the only members of Chi at present, yet we are fighting the good fight, looking forward to the time when our numbers shall be considerably augmented, in consequence of which fact we may help to consummate the one great object in view—to make Delta Tau Delta not only the strongest fraternity in the land, but one whose influence in society may be as widely felt. Bro. Heins, an alumnus of Lafayette, has the department of Greek and Political Economy at Kenyon Grammar School. A more enthusiastic Delta than Bro. Heins cannot, we venture to assert, be found anywhere. Bro. Harris, '85, is engaged in business at Tyrons, Ind. Bro. Herlinger, '83, formerly a teacher of Latin and German at the Grammar School, and who, May last, was admitted to the bar, is practicing his profession at Cincinnati. The Alpha Delta Phi, consisting of nine members; Theta Delta Chi, of five members; Beta Theta Pi, five; Delta Kappa Epsilon, four; and Psi Upsilon, eleven, are our rival fraternities.


Sigma — Columbia.

OUR chapter now consists of nine active members. At the beginning of the year we initiated Bro. John K. Marsh, '87, of Muncie, Ind., who will represent us on the board of editors of *The Miner*. We expect soon to increase our numbers by valuable additions from the classes of '88 and '89. The chapter is more closely organized and its work is done more systematically than last year, and, consequently, we hope to make it more effective. We are gaining for ourselves a place among the chapters of the eleven or twelve fraternities represented at Columbia, which will be a credit to Delta Tau Delta. We have pleasant rooms at No. 61 East Forty-first street, where we meet every Tuesday evening. We were aided in securing and furnishing these rooms by members of other chapters, but especially are we indebted to Bro. A. P. Trautwein, Rho, '76, who has given us unhesitatingly his time and experience. If the chapter has been weak in the past, it is now upon its feet, and, if indications go for anything, is rapidly developing a healthy state of activity and growth.



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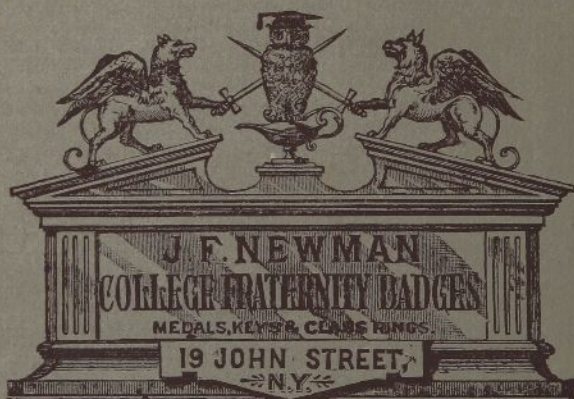
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