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THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

August 19, 20 and 21, 1885.

Editor of THE CRESCENT :—In response to your kind invitation, we will endeavor to transfer to your pages some notes of the Convention, as from time to time we jotted them down in our journal.

When on Tuesday evening, the 18th, we stepped across the threshold of the Russell House, we were wan and weary, our hair plentifully sprinkled with Michigan cinders, and our classic countenance veiled in the blackest of Michigan dust. But physical fatigue and discomfort were quickly forgotten in the cheery smile of fraternal welcome, and the hearty, earnest, manly shake of hands clasped in Delta grip. The numerous animated groups of Delta Taus scattered about the hotel lobby were satisfactory evidence that the Twenty-sixth Convention would be a success in numbers and in spirit. All were happily engaged; some in gathering and binding together the broken threads of past intimacy; others weaving the golden strands of noble, disinterested friendship; and still others earnestly discussing the questions to be submitted to the delegates for deliberation and decision. It was a late hour when the last enthusiastic Delts had reluctantly broken their happy circles and sought the repose which comes alone to the righteous.

The early morning of Wednesday saw many additional arrivals,—Pi's delegation of eleven coming through Canada from Buffalo in their special coach; while a number of Pennsylvania and Ohio men sailed across Erie's "unsalted sea" from Cleve-

land. When the gavel fell at 11 o'clock, and Bro. Cook called the convention to order, over seventy Delts crowded into the hotel parlors to witness the opening session. A truly representative gathering it was. The Divisions were represented in almost equal numbers,—chapters Pi, Mu and Delta, with eleven each, leading the chapter delegations. It was decidedly to be a convention of the younger members of the fraternity, Grove, Day and Ritezel being the only "wheel-horses" of the olden time observable, and they by association deserve to be numbered among "the boys."

After prayer by Bro. Magruder, the usual committees were named. The Committee on Credentials soon announced that thirty-five accredited delegates were present from twenty-one chapters, and that five additional chapters were represented by proxy. It was decided to substitute a steamboat excursion for the regular banquet, and the Committee on Arrangements was instructed to make the necessary preparations.

The hotel parlors proving too small for the accommodation of the Convention, and inconvenient for the rapid transaction of business, Wednesday's afternoon session was called in an elegant and commodious society hall in the Abstract Building, where all the remaining sessions were held.

The business of this session was mainly routine, listening to chapter and committee reports, and the like. The Committee on Arrangements announced that the steamer had been chartered, and all preparations made for the excursion. At 4 o'clock the entire Convention embarked, and sailed away on the broad bosom of the mighty river. Here was opportunity for intimate association, and advantage of it was taken. The boys mingled freely,—took possession each of the other, so to speak. It is a curious, a marvelous study—the frank trust and confidence which fraternity men place in the manhood, the honor and the fidelity of other men, hitherto unknown, perhaps, even by name or reputation. Doubtless it would be an astounding but unavailing revelation to those mighty men of mammoth intellect who imagine themselves to be doing the Lord's work in opposing the growth of the fraternity system. But to our story. While the

boat was gliding swiftly up the river, the college and fraternity stories were told, and the college and fraternity songs were sung. What if some peculiarly antique and mouldy chestnuts were cracked open. What if some rather patriarchal jests were cruelly exposed to the merciless cynic. There were other stout, hearty, able-bodied jokes which clambered on deck amid shouts of ringing laughter. What if some of the songs were flat, stale and unprofitable. There were other strains that smote the mystic chords of memory, that, trembling with harmony, swept us back into the charmed, the golden circle of ne'er-to-be-forgotten college days. Thus, amid fun that sometimes grew riotous, enjoying the conversation of wit and wisdom and friendship, mingled doubtless with tender, almost sad recollection, we sailed far above the city, then turning, passed below and landed on the Canadian side. Here we had supper ;—and what a supper ! Would we had the wizard touch of a Howells to do it justice *on paper*. Though all else sink into the gulf of oblivion, that supper will ever loom up, spectre-like, above the horizon of our memory. Suffice it to say that mine host remained the beaming owner of a large pot of shekels and heaps of alleged edibles, uneaten and uneatable.

With undiminished spirits the boys gathered on the wharf, and there “in the gloaming” pranced through a stag dance. Then the long line of warriors wound in and out, through the serpentine mazes of the now famous Choctaw “walk around,” to the weird chant of wah-ne-ho-o-wah-ne-ho. With three cheers and a tiger we again embarked, leaving the untutored and barbarous Kanucks in convulsions of amazement and terror. Steaming up the river, the city was reached at a late hour, and the excursion was over, each Delt protesting that it was thoroughly enjoyable, and an agreeable change from the stiff and formal banquet.

Thursday's morning session was exclusively devoted to the presentation of the new Ritual, by Mu's committee of nine. For this purpose the Detroit Commandery tendered the use of their hall. The new Ritual is a strong, impressive work, the

result of years of thought and patient toil on the part of its author, Bro. Curtis, Mu, Astoria, Oregon. Thursday afternoon the Convention got down to hard work in fine style, and the calendar was rapidly cleared. Alpha, Mu and Delta were reëlected Grand Chapters, and Omicron was chosen Grand Chapter of the Fourth Division. The charters of Chapters Lambda at Lombard, and Tau at Franklin and Marshall, were unanimously withdrawn. A committee of twelve alumni was appointed on Alumni Organization, with power to act. The new Ritual was conditionally adopted. The Council was ordered to investigate the condition of several chapters and their respective colleges. A number of constitutional amendments were adopted ; and the Catalogues remaining unsold were ordered distributed among the chapters, each being debited with a number in proportion to the size of its chapter list. These were some of the more important heads of business settled.

The Literary Exercises were held in Whitney's Opera House, on Thursday evening, and consisted of the following

PROGRAMME.—*Music*—March, "King Karl," Faust. *Invocation*—Rev. Washington Gardner, Mu, '70, Kalamazoo. *Music*—Overture, "Pique Dame," Suppe. *Address of Welcome*, S. S. Babcock. *Response and Address*—by the President, W. W. Cook, Delta, '80, New York. *Music*—Flute Solo—Capriccio, A. Terschak. *Oration*—"What may we Justly Demand of Our Colleges?" Prof. J. H. Grove, Mu, '70, Delaware, Ohio. *Music*—"Delta Tau Delta Waltzes," (Ms.) W. A. McAndrew, Delta, '86, Ypsilanti. *Poem*—Our Mother in Purple and Grey," H. W. Collingwood, Iota, '83, read by C. W. McCurdy, Iota, '81. *Declamation*—"King Lear," Charles Krichbaum, Psi, '83, Canton, Ohio. *Music*—Waltzes, "Where the Citrons Bloom," Strauss. *Benediction*.

Mr. Babcock's welcome to the Convention, in behalf of the citizens of Detroit, was charmingly extended, in warm, eloquent and graceful language. Bro. Cook's address was a clear, trenchant, and profoundly analytic exposition of the aims, the rights, the purposes and the influences of the American College Fraternity. It is an address well worthy the careful study of fraternity men, the well informed of whom will not fail to appreciate its just and admirable statements, and its many telling hits on some of the evils of the system. Professor Grove's oration was masterly in its treatment of one of the great questions of the day,

and was eagerly followed by every thoughtful mind in the house. Bro. Collingwood's poem and Bro. Krichbaum's declamation, received the hearty applause of the delighted audience. In short, every feature of the programme was clean-cut, polished and enjoyable.

Friday morning's session was, to a great degree, occupied in clearing away the remnants of routine business. Many reports were read and accepted. THE CRESCENT was placed under the care of the Council, to be published and edited by some alumnus or alumni. Curtis was elected President, and Trautwein, Secretary, of the next Convention; the balance of the programme being left to the discretion of the Council for satisfactory reasons. Plummer and J. B. Ware were elected to the Council, of which honorable body Day will officiate as President, and Ware as Treasurer, during the ensuing year. Amid many regrets, the Convention promptly adjourned, without day, at 12 m.

The Fraternity was fortunate in the selection of Detroit as the place of convention. With her clean, handsome business streets, her stately avenues, bordered with superb residences, and above all, her noble and majestic river, Detroit is a city of surpassing beauty and interest. The theatres, the base-ball park, and the excursion boats, gratified the desires of the pleasure seekers. The weather was delicious, being delightfully cool and clear during almost the entire time of the session. Friday morning broke with a violent thunder storm, which, however, lasted but a few hours, and left the atmosphere brighter, more charming and inspiring than before. The city press was exceedingly courteous, and published the proceedings at length,—the *Post*, in particular, devoting two columns to the literary exercises, and printing the entire list of attendants. The proprietors of the Russell House made an unprecedented reduction from their regular rates, and did all in their power to make the boys at home.

Amid such surroundings, with such an enthusiastic, wide-awake crowd of men, how could our Detroit meeting fail to be a glorious success—one to be placed high on the roll of Delta Tau's greatest conventions.

Very fraternally,

RYMERTON.

THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION.

THE Address of Welcome was made by Samuel S. Babcock, Esq., a prominent member of the Detroit bar, who spoke in a most pleasing and happy strain. He declared that when called upon to assume the task, his mind naturally reverted to the late visit of the Mexican editors, when the Hon. Thomas W. Palmer delivered an address of welcome in Spanish. He had considered whether an address in Latin, or perhaps, better still, in Greek, would not have been proper upon the present occasion; but on mature deliberation had decided to say in good old Anglo-Saxon, "Welcome." So he bade the society welcome to Detroit. Although not the seat of the State University, Detroit nevertheless, takes a great and kindly interest in the cause of higher education, and is always glad to see within its walls representatives of the college youth of the land; it loves literary men and literature, and rejoiced that the young men of to-day were able to grow up with more learning than their fathers could acquire. Mr. Babcock recalled his own college days at Oberlin, which were somewhat suddenly cut short in the early days of the war, for what he at the time thought would be for a few weeks only, whereas, as a matter of fact, it closed his college career for ever. Although not a fraternity man himself, he assured the visitors of his entire sympathy with the purposes which called them to Detroit, and hoped that at some future time the Fraternity might again decide to convene in his city. He remarked, jocularly, that he hoped that those members from outside do not believe all that the newspapers say about Detroit; the papers were more apt to draw attention to the naughty things of which Detroit is guilty, than to present the many good things of which the city has every reason to be proud; he, for one, was anxious that they carry back to their homes none but the most favorable and pleasant impressions of the city.

Mr. Babcock concluded his remarks by reading the following lines, which he had prepared for the occasion :

To " Delta Tau Delta " I am asked to extend
A warm word of welcome, the " grip " of a friend ;
To say to its members, who are met here to-day :
We are glad you have come, and we hope that your stay
Will afford you the pleasure and profit you seek,
And will bring us the good-will we kindly bespeak.

From the warm, sunny south-land, whose love we desire ;
From the base of the " Rockies," whose summits aspire
To touch the high heavens ; from the East and the North,
We welcome you all, as equals in worth :
May your numbers increase, and the work that you do
Be helpful to those who shall come after you.

We trust the young men who are now in the field
For the honors and profits our colleges yield,
Will be wiser than we, whose heads have grown gray,
And will profit by what we did in our day ;
Will set our successes and errors apart,—
By the latter be warned, from the former take heart.

Some lessons we learned were sad ones indeed—
Lessons for which there had never been need,
Had there been more ties of the fraternal kind,
Binding our hearts, as yours, they so lovingly bind,—
For brothers in love cannot enemies be,
Since the good that's in each they so readily see.

But the past is the past, and with loving regret,
We elders remember its " April showers " yet ;
And we're glad from our hearts, as we greet you to-day,
That the storms we have faced cannot darken your way :
Let the battles we fought in your memories live,
And your love to the warriors equally give.

Your union is more than the union of men
Joined by a few simple strokes of the pen,—
'Tis a union which brings man closer to man,
And thus forms a part of the Great Architect's plan,

For making love stronger than passion and greed,
For bloodshed and war, abolishing need.

Then cherish your love for the "Purple and Gray,"
Grow purer and better, as years roll away,
Let your sons, and their sons, taking pattern from you,
More thoroughly finish the work which they do,
And thus shall the world in its progress be blest,
Because "Delta Tau Delta" endeavored its best.

It is needless, perhaps, to say that Mr. Babcock's remarks, and the reading of his poem, so peculiarly appropriate to the occasion, met with hearty applause.

MICHIGAN ALUMNI BANQUET.

Grand Rapids, September 26, 1885.

THE Deltas of Grand Rapids are active, enthusiastic, loyal. Knowing we had brothers who were ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the Michigan Conference was to convene in this city September 23 to 29, the resident Deltas arranged an informal banquet for the visiting brothers, which was held Saturday evening, September 26. Thirteen Deltas assembled, and five chapters were represented, when all were seated at the banquet table. They were :

REV. W. A. HUNSBURGER, *E* '78.....Hastings, Mich.
REV. A. M. GOULD, *K* '73.....Kalamazoo, Mich.
REV. E. H. DISSETT, *M* '72....."Temperance Secretary."
REV. J. W. DAVIDS, *E* '82.....Lowell, Mich.
REV. WASHINGTON GARDNER, *M* '70...Jackson, Mich.
REV. J. C. FLOYD, *A* '76Big Rapids, Mich.
REV. J. C. BEACH, *E* '81Ludington, Mich.
REV. L. W. BACON, *E* '82.....Shepardsville, Mich.
REV. THOMAS COX, *E*Nashville.

And of the resident Deltas were :

J. E. COULTER and J. B. WARE, both of I '82.

C. A. FRENCH, E '82, and E. J. WARE, Δ '85.

Bro. L. W. Hoyt, I '82, was absent from the city on business, and unable to be present, as he had intended.

After doing justice to the abundance of good things spread before us, we listened to informal addresses by Bros. Gould, Gardner, French and Floyd, each of whom most pleasantly recalled scenes and incidents of their college days, and if our four stars did not twinkle and our Crescent beam out more gloriously, it was not because there was no spirit of "Our Good Old Delta Tau" present.

J. B. Ware explained the present mode of government in the Fraternity; presented the claims of our organ, THE CRESCENT, and anticipated the vigorous growth and prosperity of Delta Tau Delta in the near future.

The statement of the action taken by brother Deltas, who held a banquet in Petoskey last summer, was made by Bro. E. J. Ware, showing that arrangements were made for providing a Delta Home for the accommodation of any brothers who might visit this delightful summer resort. We expect steps will soon be taken to place it in permanent shape, and hope thereby to induce many of our fraternal brothers to visit us in our "Home."

It was decided to invite all Deltas who could so do, to meet at Kalamazoo next year (the Conference meeting there), and Rev. A. M. Gould was appointed President, and J. B. Ware Secretary of such Delta meeting. We anticipate a grand Delta Reunion, and hope to see many brothers present at that time. The date of the holding of the meeting will probably be announced through THE CRESCENT.

"May no cloud obscure the Crescent of our good old Delta Tau."
X. W.

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 new management assumes control of THE CRESCENT with a full appreciation of the magnitude of the trust, and a determination to command and deserve the confidence and approval of the Fraternity. The change from under-graduate to graduate control, was made in deference to the wishes of a large number of alumni from whose ranks must come, in turn, that increased support and patronage which is absolutely essential to the financial success of the journal. The publication of THE CRESCENT in a large city, involving an additional expense of more than one-third, places upon the shoulders of the Editors a vastly increased burden of care, of labor and responsibility: a burden which can be carried only with the generous, open-handed assistance of every frater, whether in or out of college halls, who realizes the importance, the necessity, of making our organ a worthy representative in the brotherhood of Greek journalism, and a true exponent and mirror of Delta thought and spirit and principle. This shall be our first, last and only appeal, in these pages, to the Fraternity, and with full faith and belief that it shall not have been made in vain, we send forth the first number of Volume Nine of this our CRESCENT.

NEXT month we expect to publish in full Bro. Cook's Address to the Convention. Those who had the pleasure of hearing it at Detroit, will agree with us that it is eminently worthy of publication, and our readers can look forward to a literary feast of an excellence rarely offered in the pages of a fraternity journal.

EACH recurring Convention makes it more evident that the convention chapter reports are fast becoming an unmitigated nuisance, and an almost intolerable bore. The manner in which these reports are received manifests the truth of our plain statement of the case. Many of the delegates become very prominent by reason of their absence, while those who remain sink into the most profound reveries, or assume a look of listless indifference, amounting almost to mental paralysis.

Here is a vigorous demand for reform and a wide field of action. We cordially invite some of our skillful organizers to here concentrate their attention, and devise some scheme of relief, whereby these reports can be made profitable and enjoyable. We, ourselves, have the crude outline of a plan, which, when fully developed, will be offered to the consideration of the Fraternity. We are ready to entertain any suggestions which may assist in bringing order out of what is now chaos, and hope the brothers will not be diffident in putting their ideas on paper, for the general good of the fraternity.

OUR enthusiastic Convention correspondent has clearly tinged his report with the tints of rosy dawn. Yet, in truth, there is some excuse for his rhetorical fireworks, and much reason for congratulation and satisfaction with the Convention, and the work accomplished. The meeting was not sectional, but national. Every division was represented, and well represented. Delegates were present from the Tennessee mountains and the prairies of Iowa and Illinois. The valleys of Pennsylvania and Ohio sent their quota; while many came redolent with the breath of the sad sea waves. The appearance, the culture, the thought, and the action of representative men of widely separated chapters could be observed and studied. Without doubt, the fraternity is rapidly growing up to a common standard in more ways than one. The business was deliberately, conscientiously and methodically transacted. Socially, the Convention was an unbounded success. The literary exercises were excellent beyond measure, and if presented to a small audience, it was because of an unfortunate misunderstanding in sending out the invitations to the residents of the city. Sitting in judgment on the Convention as a whole, we heartily join in pronouncing it one of Delta Tau's greatest and best.

OUT of a delicate consideration for the feelings of our readers, we have this month generously curtailed the space usually allotted to the exposition of alleged editorial ideas, or more properly, hallucinations, on fraternity questions and kindred topics. Lest you, kind readers, too quickly congratulate yourselves, permit us now to say, that in all succeeding issues, we shall deliberately, wickedly, and with malice aforethought, use every inch of our space in the frank and free discussion of methods and measures wherein and whereby we believe the Fraternity can be made better and stronger and nobler.

The Greek World.

JUDGE ISAAC H. MAYNARD, Second Comptroller of the Treasury, is a $\Delta K E$; General John Meredith Read, Jr., ex-Consul General at Paris and ex-Minister to Greece, is an $A \Delta \Phi$; John S. Wise, Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, is a $B \Theta II$; James Q. Chenoweth, First Auditor of the Treasury, is a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; James G. Blaine is an honorary member of $\Delta K E$; David A. Wells, the eminent political scholar, is a ΔT ; Charles Kendall Adams, President of Cornell, was once a $B \Theta II$, but resigned to join ΨT ; ex-Governor William D. Bloxham, Minister to Bolivia, is a $\Theta \Delta X$; Andrew D. White, ex-Minister to Germany and ex-President of Cornell, is a $\Sigma \Phi$ and a ΨT ; J. Walker Fearn, Minister to Roumania, Servia and Greece, is a $\Delta K E$; Theodore Roosevelt, the New York politician, is an $A \Delta \Phi$ and a $\Delta K E$; President James H. Smart, of Purdue University, highly spoken of for Civil Service Commissioner, is an honorary member of ΣX ; Governor George Hoadly, of Ohio, is a $B \Theta II$, and Judge Joseph B. Foraker is a $\Phi K \Psi$.

THE Forty-sixth Annual Convention of $B \Theta II$ was held at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., August 26, 27 and 28, 1885, and was the first convention of the fraternity held west of the Mississippi; Ex-Governor B. Gratz Brown, of St. Louis, President. The attendance was small, and the *Beta Theta Pi* says "It was, to a noticeable degree, a western convention both in *personnel* and feeling." Granted a charter to the University of Texas, and refused three other petitions. The banquet was held Friday evening at the Lindell Hotel, Mayor Francis, of St. Louis, presiding; and, in addition to numerous toasts, the Convention Poem was read by Mr. Dabney Marshall. The next convention will be held in Cincinnati, O., in August, 1886.

THE fraternities at Cornell are $\Phi K \Psi$, $Z \Psi$, $K A$, $A \Delta \Phi$, ΔT , $\Delta K E$, $\Theta \Delta X$, $B \Theta II$, and ΨT . The ladies are represented

by $K A \Theta$ and $K K \Gamma$. All seem to be in flourishing condition, though $Z \Psi$ might seemingly spare a little time from sporting matters, with advantage. The Dekes at Cornell are perhaps hardly up to the standard of that worthy fraternity. Kappa Alpha is composed of wealthy men. Delta U and Psi U have fine chapters. $B \Theta \Pi$, $A \Delta \Phi$, and $\Theta \Delta X$ are well represented by good chapters. New York Alpha of $\Phi K \Psi$, lately reëstablished, has a fine body of alumni, and was fortunate in securing five of the strongest men in the late Senior class.—*The Shield, of $\Phi K \Psi$.*

$\Delta K E$ has granted a charter to petitioners at the Central University of Kentucky, Richmond, the chapter being established June 9, 1885, with fifteen charter members. The chapter was christened the Iota—the name of $\Delta K E$'s dead chapter at the Kentucky Military Institute. It is said that ex-Governor James B. McCleary, a $\Delta K E$, having a son in the new chapter, has given \$1,500 for a chapter house. The other fraternities there are $A T \Omega$, $\Sigma A E$ and ΣN . $\Delta K E$ makes no secret of reëstablishing herself in the South.

THE recent Convention of Southern $K A$ placed the control of its journal with the Chi of Vanderbilt, with Prof. J. H. Leigh as editor, and confirmed crimson and gold as the standard colors. Arrangements were made for the publication of a catalogue by the Rho chapter of South Carolina University. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and the convention was in every sense a success, and highly creditable to this young but vigorous and growing Southern fraternity.

THE Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta was reëstablished at Miami University, Saturday evening, October 3, 1885, with eight charter members (one sophomore, six freshmen and one prep.) $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and ΣX were founded at Miami, and $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$ and $\Delta \Gamma$ also had chapters there during the former existence of the college, but $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is the only one who has revived, although some of the others hope to reënter soon.

"OH! girlies, how can I ever adequately express my appreciation of the lovely token you sent me? I was never more surprised, never more pleased, than on opening that little box. I found within what I had so long wished for—a *Delta Gamma pin*; and that, too, the loveliest one I have ever seen."—*Delta Gamma Anchora*.

THE *Beta Theta Pi* is authority for the statement that *Z Psi* has reestablished her chapter at the University of North Carolina; and has founded a chapter in the Case Scientific School, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE fraternities of Wabash College have the following membership and are named in the order of merit: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 22; ΣX , 7; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 6; $B \Theta \Pi$, 12; $\Phi K \Psi$, 4.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of $\Delta K E$ meets with the Gamma Phi of Wesleyan at Meriden, Conn., October 21 and 22, 1885.

THE Twenty-first Convention of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ meets with the Sigma Deuteron of Lafayette, at Easton, Pa., October 26, 27 and 28, 1885.

$\Delta \Phi$, $Z \Psi$, $\Delta \Psi$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi K \Sigma$, $A T \Omega$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $X \Phi$, and ΣX are represented at the University of Pennsylvania.

THE fifty-first annual convention of ΔT meets October 22 and 23 with the University of Rochester chapter.

RAINBOW, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $K A$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Sigma A E$, ΣX , $K \Sigma$ and $B \Theta \Pi$ are found in the University of Texas.

TWENTY-TWO of the fifty-seven active chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ are in the South.

$\Phi K \Psi$ and $X \Psi$ have revived their Cornell chapters.

Chapter Letters.

Xi—Simpson.

XI, although few in numbers, opened the year auspiciously. Four of our last year's number were of class '85, which left us only five to begin the year with. We have initiated two men whom we are proud to introduce to the fraternity,—Bros. Herbert A. Youtz, of Commerce, Iowa, and Ernest H. Thornbrue, of Denison, Iowa. Bro. Youtz is a freshman, and a good student; Bro. Thornbrue is the instructor in penmanship in the College. Our chapter closed the last year's work with the seventh annual banquet and formal dedication of chapter hall on the evening of June 22. Twenty-seven loyal brothers, with their ladies, were present, and, after listening to the literary programme, adjourned to the Central House, where the banquet was spread. It was one of the most enjoyable occasions, and the most truly representative gathering of the brothers in the history of the chapter.

Our college is greeted with an increased attendance this year. Plans are being rapidly pushed forward for the erection of another building. Bro. E. M. Holmes, '80, was elected to the chair of Hebrew and Greek, and is now filling that position. Bro. Holmes graduated at the Garrett Biblical Institute, and is accounted one of the ablest men of the Conference.

Xi has her share of college honors. She is well represented on the staff of the *Simpsonian*. Bro. E. B. Osborn is editor-in-chief, and Bro. S. L. Van Scoy financial manager.

Zeta—Adelbert.

ZETA sends a greeting to all her sister chapters. Allow us to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Gabriel F. Smith, '88, who was initiated the latter part of last term. We commence the year with six men,—three seniors and three sophomores. With the men we have pledged, we think the outlook for Zeta is

brighter than ever before. '89 is the smallest class that has entered Adelbert for some time, numbering only fifteen men. $\Delta K E$ has brought out four men, and $B \Theta H$ three. On account of our letter not appearing in the June CRESCENT, no account of our annual banquet reached our friends. It is sufficient to say that it was an improvement over last year's, and was highly enjoyed by the alumni and visiting brethren.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

THE University opened with an attendance of about 550 students. The McKim Observatory, Music Hall, the Ladies' Boarding Hall and the Gentlemen's Boarding Hall were occupied for the first time at the opening of the year. Dr. John Clark Ridpath resigned his position as Vice President and Professor of History and Political Philosophy at commencement. Dr. John P. D. John was elected Vice President, but Dr. Ridpath's chair remains vacant. Prof. Alma Holman has resigned her position as Professor of Modern Languages, and Col. James Riley Weaver, $\Phi K \Psi$ (Allegheny, '63), ex-United States Consul General at Vienna, Austria, has been elected to the position thus vacated. The other new members of our Faculty are as follows: William W. Martin, A.M., B.D., $\Phi N \Theta$ (Wesleyan, '74), Professor of Theology; Samuel S. Parr, Professor of Didactics and Principal of the Normal School; Henry A. Mills, $\Delta T \Delta$ (Albion, '76), Professor of Painting and Dean of the School of Fine Arts; Rena A. Michaels, A.M., Ph.D., $A \Phi$ (Syracuse, '74), Professor of Italian and Spanish; Wilbur V. Brown, B.S., (Stevens, '80) Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Henry B. Longden, $\Delta K E$ (De Pauw, '81), Assistant Professor of Latin; Emma S. Howe, Professor of Voice Culture. In addition to the above, there are several new instructors.

Our chapter began the term with seven enthusiastic Deltas; since then we have initiated two members of '89: Frederic F. Friedley, of Madison, Ind., and David A. Stevens, of Terre Haute, Ind., who have proved themselves worthy of the "Purple and the Gray." We have two fine men pledged in the Preparatory School. Bros. McNutt and Paul will not be in college

this term, but will be with us next term. Bro. Wimmer is one of the captains in the Military Department; and Bro. Norton is President of the Adelpian Society. During the summer the resident members were pleased to entertain Bro. Trautwein, of Rho, and Bro. Edwards, of Beta Eta. Since college opened the chapter was glad to have Bro. Plummer, of Alpha; Bro. Will Crose, formerly of '86, and Bro. John Stevens, formerly of '88, visit us. By careful selection and good work, we hope to sustain our high standard, and enjoy another year of fraternal harmony.

Alpha—Allegheny.

OUR college opened this fall with an increased attendance and a much better class of students from which to choose. Unexpectedly a number of last year's actives did not return, leaving our membership at the opening but two. Two pledged men, however, were immediately initiated, and before this letter is in print probably two or three more names will be enrolled. The chapter is by no means weak, however, as we have a large resident membership, ever watchful for our welfare. Two of these have joined the chapter and at least two more will take an active part. Our initiates are Ned. A. Flood and James A. McClurg, both brothers of Deltas of the same name.

Our rivals in College are in fair condition; the chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is probably as prosperous as any of them. We still hold our magnificent suite of rooms, and intend to give many pleasant social events through the term.

Psi—Wooster.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY opened her doors on the 16th of September. The opening address, on "Conscience," was delivered by Pres. S. F. Scovel to a large and appreciative audience. The number of new students is larger than any year previous. The Music Department has brought many young ladies into our midst, who pursue a partial course in college along with their music. Our Faculty has been greatly strengthened by the addition of ex-President Taylor, who has been appointed Dean of the

Post-Graduate Course and Professor of Biblical Instruction. The Board of Trustees has done away with the system of tutoring in the Preparatory Department, thus taking a step in the right direction. The fraternities have not been idle in the few weeks of school. No less than ten men rode Greek goats on the night of the 3d. Of these, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ got six, mostly from the Preparatory Department. $B \Theta \Pi$ has initiated one, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ three, $\Phi K \Psi$ three, ΣX two. $\Delta T \Delta$ saw but two men she wanted, and here they are: W. S. Bowman, '89, Irwin Station, Pa., and T. L. Aughinbaugh, '89, East End, Pittsburgh, Pa. Bro. Bowman took the history prize last year. Psi is very strong this year; with a membership of sixteen, a strong body of alumni to urge us on, and a willing spirit among us to advance, our future is bright.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

HAVING met with so much encouragement and hearty good wishes from the Fraternity in the matter of our chapter house, we now ask them to rejoice with us. All things have gone prosperously and well, so that at last we are in possession of a handsome little frame building, comfortable, convenient and substantial, and withal pretty enough to be very proud of. Should any Delta hereafter wish to take a ramble "among the Tennessee mountains," Beta Theta will engage to give him a right royal welcome.

Nor was the dedication of our hall without its peculiar fitness. Our first meeting was near the mystic hour, one night before the house was entirely finished. Beta Theta had just scored a victory, and we were gathered there with only such paraphernalia as was absolutely necessary, but before we left we clasped the hands of three new Deltas: Bros. L. D. Weiss, L. F. Butt and L. H. Mettair. Since then we have initiated Bro. F. E. Cole, of Texas.

Since our last letter, our commencement has come and gone, and Delta Tau Delta was not overlooked by the blind goddess. Four medals, one cup, and a half interest in another fell to our share, and since then two more medals have gladdened our

hearts. The happy recipients are Bros. Wright, Dashiell, Tucker, Mettair and Crocket, and the awards have been for declamation, oratory, essay, and general excellence in societies. Two out of four orators on commencement day were Deltas, and we have now the presidents of both our literary societies, and three out of six editors of the *Cap and Gown*, including the editor-in-chief.

Our rejoicing has not, however, been untempered by sorrow, for we have lost some of our best men. Bros. Hall, Riddell and Harris, old and tried fellows, who have been with us from the very first in adversity and prosperity, graduated in the Theological department, and are now at work in different places in Tennessee. Bro. S. G. Smith has left us to go to West Point, and Bro. Finney will leave shortly for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Yet with all these losses, we start on a new year with a strong chapter of seventeen men, and hope to accomplish much, in such ways as we can, in the next twelve months: at any rate we'll try.

Theta — Bethany.

THE college opens this year with most flattering prospects of a very pleasant and profitable session. Though about the same number of new men have come among us as in former years, there seems to be a much larger per cent. of first-class material than for several years previous. Prof. Thompson, lately of Eureka College, is making himself very popular with the boys, and will add considerably to the strength of the Scientific Department. Prof. Epstein (Greek, Hebrew and Arabic) is a graduate of Vienna University, Andover Theological Seminary and Columbia College. He is a Russian by birth, and was for many years a Jewish Rabbi, and preached in Thessalonica in modern Greek. He is a man of very superior education, and gives promise of making his department of great value. Prof. Woolery, President *pro tem.*, is a most acceptable chairman, as he is greatly loved by all the students.

Theta is booming. We have nine men, all first-class workers. On the last evening of the last collegiate year, at a special

meeting, we welcomed three new brothers: W. J. McClure, C. C. Cherryholmes and Sherman Kirk. Bro. J. A. Rice, of Pierce, Ohio, came into the chapter about a week since. Bro. S. M. Cooper, a former strong man of Theta, is back with us this year. Glad to have him back. Bros. King and Phil. Pendleton were with us a few days, while at home attending a reunion of the President's family. The former returns to his pastorate at New Albany, Ind., and the latter goes to Florida to spend the winter.

Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

WITH us here at the University of Minnesota the year opens well. An addition of five instructors and of one hundred and twenty-five new students gives a stronger and steadier swing to the work of every department. Additions have been made to the curriculum of studies, and the hours of recitation are increased to seven—five in the forenoon and two in the afternoon. The new buildings which for some time have been developing in the brain of our Board of Regents, have matured so far as to get on paper in specified shape and dimensions. Some of them have been located, and will begin shortly to loom up in wood and stone. The greatest obstacle to further building at present is the Northern Pacific Railroad, which persists in laying its track through the University property, within two blocks of the main college, in spite of the injunction of the Court. A long war in the Supreme Court is already well under way.

A body of one hundred and twenty-five students naturally gives plenty of work to the fraternities. There is, perhaps, more of sharp competition in the way of persuasive button-holing and of right-down solid manœuvering than ever existed here before. The main argument of the Chi Psis, which are at present rather weak in numbers and otherwise, is their alumni. The inducement offered by the Phi Delta Thetas is their numbers. The local frat., the Theta Phis, have for their inducement that several of their members are instructors in the institution, and that members are free to join any other fraternity at any time,—as free, in fact, as though they belonged to no fraternity. The

only inducement our fraternity has to offer a candidate is our Catalogue and the common-sense and get-up of our local members. It is rather early in the season to predict which of the above list of inducements has the most effect. We may say this much for ourselves, however, that the *prospects* are blossoming well.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

UPSILON begins this year with the best prospects she has ever known. The year was begun with eight members, but in a short time our membership was increased to twelve, by the addition of three members of the class of '89, and Bro. Finney of Chapter B Θ. Bro. Asserson was obliged to leave this year, but will return next fall. Bro. Gunn of the class of '87 has been elected president of his class; the office includes the presidency of the *Transit* board of editors. A new course has been added to the curriculum of the Institute this year, which confers the degree of B. S. The want of a course like this has long been felt, and it is thought it will attract a number of students to the Institute who want a liberal scientific education. Upsilon takes pleasure in introducing Bro. Paul Bigelow, of New Haven, Conn., Chas. A. Raht, of Philadelphia, Penn., and Allan McLane Maury, of New York City, of the class of '89.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

CHAPTER Mu entered upon this college year with ten active men. Since the term began, we have initiated into the brotherhood one worthy the name of "Brother,"—Will. G. Hornell, '89. The number of new students this year is not nearly so large as last year, and the number of available fraternity men is proportionably less. Yet, for all that, Mu has not been inactive, and at some near future date the result of our labors will be manifest. We naturally miss our six seniors and other fraters, who went out from us last year; but, while we are seemingly few in number now, we believe we are able to fight a good fight. We have not forgotten yet that it is possible "for one to chase a thousand, and two to put ten thousand to flight."

While the Board of Trustees of this College were holding their annual meeting here last commencement, an effort was made by the non- and anti-fraternity men of the school, to have the fraternity system at the O. W. U. forever abolished. A petition signed by 125 men, comprising all the leading non-frats and anti-frats, was presented to the Trustees and Faculty by two of the opposing party, who were renowned for their Ciceronian eloquence. Yet, with all their efforts, the appeal was almost unheeded both by the Trustees and the Faculty; and so to-day the fraternity system is much more firmly rooted in the Ohio Wesleyan University than ever before.

During the East Ohio Conference of the M. E. Church, which just closed at this place, we were favored with the presence of Revs. J. C. Jackson, Sr., D. Y. Murdoch, W. P. McLaughlin, G. P. Austin, B. F. McElfresh, and M. M. Kugler,—all enthusiastic alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

Omicron—University of Iowa.

THE opening of the term found us with eight active members, four seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores—Bros. Hoag and Harper, of '88, failing to return. We have initiated five men: Chas. Keyes, Des Moines, and E. R. Nichols, Luana, juniors; E. V. Mills, Elkader, and Julius Lischer, Davenport, sophomores; and W. F. Summers, Ottumwa, freshman. We took three of these away from our rivals, and feel highly elated over our success. We have one more good freshman pledged, and can easily obtain the remainder of the men we desire, notwithstanding we have four rivals. The position Omicron has won in this institution, and the strong alumni we have sent forth, enable us to be much more conservative in choosing our men than we have ever been before. We feel complimented in receiving the Grand Chaptership of the Fourth Division, and will endeavor to transact the business connected with the position in a prompt and business-like manner. In order that we may do so, we request the secretaries of this division to be prompt in remitting all reports and dues.

The university is very prosperous this year, more material for fraternity men entering than for several years past. The chapters of the other fraternities represented here appear to be in good condition, but we will defer individual mention until our next letter.

Delta—University of Michigan.

COLLEGE is once more open, and with bright prospects we are determined to make this the most successful year in Delta's history. We begin with eleven of the members that were here last year, having lost four by graduation, while Bros. J. A. McDonald and Prescott have left us, but will probably return for the second semester. Bros. Swartout from Epsilon and Breck from Iota have entered the Law department, and we understand there are others here but they have not yet given us a call. We have initiated two men, and will soon add two or three more to our list of members. Bros. Prescott, Guild and Pitts have spent a few days with us. We are entirely refurnishing our new chapter house and have completed the work on the parlors, in which we take no little pride.

The college never before was in as good condition nor began a year with as fair prospects as at present. The class of '89 is the largest that ever entered the university and contains some good men. Representatives from the nine leading fraternities here met in our parlors on the evening of October the 13th, and decided to revive the Fraternity Juniors' Hop, which in the past was the leading social event connected with the institution. Our representative on the *Palladium* this year is Bro. E. F. Saunders.

Eta—Buchtel.

THIS fall finds eight good, enthusiastic men, to whom the banner of Eta is entrusted and who are ready to do anything honorable to aid the cause of Delta Tau. Let any one visit our meetings and be convinced. There is not much movement in fraternity circles as regards Delta Tau and her rivals, as not

many new students came this fall, and the field was well gleaned before. Kappa Kappa Gamma has initiated three of her choice and Delta Gamma five. Will Hugill, formerly of Buchtel, '86, has entered the senior class at Cornell. Bro. Warrens is with his father, Captain Warrens, located at Fort Vancouver, W. T. The senior class has decided upon representation on commencement day, and has elected three members to represent it. It is not known whether this action will be accepted by the Faculty or not.

Nu—Lafayette.

LAFAYETTE has now been open for more than a month, and the great wave of excitement having "rolled by," we are able to calmly survey the field and narrate the results of our campaign. The Freshman class is not quite up to the average standard of excellence either in men or in numbers. Hence, there has been more than ordinary activity among the fraternities to capture the available material. Pardon the egotism, but we believe Nu has kept pace with the best of them. Starting out with Stenger, '86, Ensor, '88, and Palmer, '88, we have succeeded in adding to our ranks three Sophs, R. K. and H. M. Morton and William McKeen, with one from '89, E. B. Camp, a brother of A. B. Camp, N, '84. In addition to these we have several others in view with fair chance of securing them, and feel on the whole encouraged with the prospects of the year's work.

Beta Kappa—Colorado.

THE opening of our college year found four Deltas back in their old places,—Bros. Glover, Chase, Mason and Thompson. We are more enthusiastic than ever in the cause of the Fraternity and we are full of new plans for the good of the chapter. Bro. Pease returned, October 6, from Atlantic City, Wyoming, where he has spent the summer with a surveying party. Bro. Noxon is daily expected here from his home at Idaho Springs. Brother De Long of the Xi, a friend of the Bros. Stidger, made Boulder a visit recently, and was present at our last meeting. We are beginning to carry out a plan for furnishing and

decorating our chapter hall ; we shall probably soon be able to make it a more attractive place to show to visiting brothers as our Delta home. We anticipate a pleasant and successful year.

Rho—Stevens.

THE first important change in the constitution of the faculty of Stevens Institute of Technology, since its organization in 1870, has been made in the past summer. Last June, Professor Robert H. Thurston, who has been from the beginning at the head of the department of Mechanical Engineering, accepted a flattering offer from Cornell University, as Director of Sibley College of Mechanical Arts, whose affairs during the last few years appear to have been neglected, and which needed for its head a man of Professor Thurston's energy and executive ability. Knowing it would be difficult to find in the engineering profession a man competent to succeed Prof. Thurston,—few engineers being teachers as well—the Trustees, at the almost unanimous request of the alumni of Stevens, invited Professor De Volson Wood, formerly Professor of Mathematics, to fill the chair so unexpectedly made vacant. This duty Prof. Wood has accepted. He begins his work with a rich store of engineering information, the highest mathematical attainments, an intimate acquaintance with the department and its needs, and a great personal popularity. On account of severe illness during several months past, he has not, however, been able to take his new charge until a few days ago. Up to that time his place was filled by Mr. Wolff, '76. The Trustees invited Prof. J. Burkitt Webb, late Professor of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Mechanics at Cornell University, to take the chair vacated by Prof. Wood's transfer. Prof. Webb comes to us as a brilliant mathematician, and every way fitted for the position. The transfer of Assistant Engineer C. A. Carr, U. S. N., to other duties, has necessitated another change, and pending the assignment of another naval officer, Bro. F. E. Idell, '77, was requested to act as instructor in mathematics.

Notwithstanding these changes, everything is progressing smoothly at the Institute. It has evidently entered upon a

prosperous career. There were eighty applicants to the freshman class, the most promising fifty of whom were admitted. The other classes received additions to their ranks, some of whom are graduates from other colleges and scientific schools. The freshman class is a very promising one, especially as compared with its immediate predecessor: this fact all the fraternities here fully appreciate. We hope in due course of time to fill our ranks with a good delegation from that class. We already have the pleasure of introducing Bro. Arthur Lee Shreve, of Baltimore, Md., as one of these delegates. We began the year with seven undergraduate members, three seniors, three juniors, and one sophomore, and have a strong local alumni list to support us in all our undertakings. We look forward to a prosperous year, hoping to accomplish much in the way of internal improvement, which we will submit to the Fraternity through the *Rho Chronicle*, which will enter upon its seventh volume, and in the publication of which Upsilon will be associated with us. We are fully represented on the college journal, *The Stevens Indicator*, and with the Chi Phi and Theta Xi, and the neutrals, will publish the twelfth volume of our annual, *The Eccentric*. At a recent meeting of our athletic association, the only student enterprise here that involves what may be called college politics, Bro. Ed. P. Mowton, '85, was elected President and member of the board, and Bro. R. N. Bayles, '87, Treasurer; Bro. Bayles is also President of his class.

In the affairs of the Alumni Association, our chapter is fully represented; A. E. Humphreys, '81, was, in June, elected President; A. P. Trautwein, '76, Corresponding Secretary, and Bro. F. E. Idell, '77, Director; in fact, for more than six years the Deltas have been prominently identified with the alumni interests of the Institute.

With perhaps only one exception, our rivals are flourishing. Theta Xi, Beta Theta Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Chi Psi, and Sigma Chi are now represented here, but there being about 200 students enrolled, there is abundant material for all.

Omega—Iowa State College.

AFTER a "sub-rosa" existence of ten years, Omega has at last been recognized by the Faculty, and is now in a more promising condition than for a number of years. The chapter at present numbers nine active members, all of whom rank high in class work, and are in good standing with the President and Faculty. This number will be increased to twelve,—our limit this year. We have been allowed a hall to meet in, and next year will have a permanent one assigned us. The society proposes to fit this up at an expense of from \$200 to \$250, and active arrangements are being pushed with that in view.

Beta—Ohio University.

THE campaign of 1885 has opened in earnest, and finds all the boys of Beta deeply engaged in the work of the year except Bro. Hunter, who graduated in June, and Bro. Gabriel, whom ill-health has detained at home. Bro. Strickland will return in the spring term, to graduate with '86. We take pleasure in presenting our first initiate,—Bro. D. W. Williams, '88, Oakhill, O., Beta, throughout the year '84-'85, took the highest grades in literary work and scholarship, and hopes by faithful endeavor to maintain the high standard attained. We are small in numbers, but the spirit of Eversole, Scott and Townsend still goes marching on.

Alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

Nu — Lafayette.

'82, Orrin Serfass was admitted to the Bar of Northampton Co., Pa., in July last, and has his office in Easton.

'82, Dr. Wm. A. Seibert will open office in Easton, November 1, when he shall have fulfilled his engagement as Home Physician at the Homœopathic Hospital, Boston, Mass.

'82, Dr. M. J. Bliem was married September 10, at Cleveland, Ohio, the home of the bride, Miss Louise Yost. He will be found "at home" in Chicago, after November 1.

'84, Wm. H. Woodring was admitted in August to the Northampton County Bar, and is located in Easton.

'85, John E. Fox is a student-at-law in the office of Wise & Gilbert, Harrisburg, Pa.

'85, M. T. Hines is teaching at the Kenyon Grammar School, Gambier, Ohio.

'85, B. V. Somerville is on the State Geological Survey, and located at Scranton, Pa.

'85, A. B. Vandevander is a student-at-law in Savannah, Georgia.

'86, E. F. Gray is one of an engineer corps located at Hazelton, Pa.

Psi — Wooster.

'85, J. L. Lee is attending Allegheny Theological Seminary, Pa.

'85, E. C. Downing is reading law in Wooster, Ohio.

'82, J. A. Gordon, first honor man of '82, is preaching in Crook's Town, Minn.

'83, Chas. Krichbaum is studying law in Canton, Ohio.

'84, H. M. Kingery has been elected to the Latin Chair in Emporia College, Emporia, Kansas.

'83, J. C. Sharpe is Professor of Latin and English in Shady Side Academy, Shady Side, Pittsburg, Pa.

'84, J. M. Fulton is at the North-Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

'83, D. C. Hanna will graduate this year from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.

'83, R. C. Vaneman is Professor in a college at Grove City, Pa.

'83, C. O. Johnson has entered upon his second year in Allegheny Theological Seminary, Allegheny Pa.

'88, Lister Pomerene has entered Soph. at Princeton.

Upsilon — Rensselaer.

'82, A. E. Deal is now employed with the D. L. & W. R. R., at Scranton, Pa.

'82, Fred. Rosenberg is still on the Pennsylvania Railroad, situated at Philadelphia, Pa.

'84, M. P. Quintana is now in Brooklyn, intending to leave for Cuba in a short time.

'84, Frank Spearman is in Steubenville, Ohio, in charge of iron works.

Omicron — University of Iowa.

'81, E. J. Cornish and Judson L. Wicks are in the law business, the former at Omaha, Neb., and the latter at Creston, Ia.

'82, A. J. Craven practices law at Helena, M. T.; George N. Seidlitz practices medicine at Keokuk, Iowa, and Fred. O. Newcomb is one of the principal grocers at Shell Rock, Iowa.

'83, Charles W. Haller is practicing law at Omaha, Neb., and S. B. Howard is in the same profession in Minneapolis, having abandoned journalism. W. H. Martin enters the field vacated by Brother Howard, and will work for the *Iowa State Leader*, of Des Moines.

'84, J. T. Chrischilles is in mercantile business at Algona, Iowa, but will enter the law soon. T. J. Hysham reads law at Fairfield, Iowa; Chas. W. Russell is in business at Glenwood, Iowa, while Chas. Thayer is in Chicago pursuing his study of medicine.

'85, Fred. E. Pomeroy reads law in Red Oak ; Carl H. Pomeroy is Professor of History in Callanan College, Des Moines ; Chas. L. Powell is principal of schools at Menlo, Iowa ; Joel W. Witmer is Secretary of the Riverside Printing Co., Des Moines, in which he owns a large interest ; Grant Marquardt is one of the partners in the extensive wholesale jewelry establishment of G. W. Marquardt & Sons, Des Moines ; and John M. Read, formerly '86, but '85, law, is practicing his profession in the same city.

Alpha — Allegheny.

'82, C. M. Snyder is rapidly attaining journalistic prominence on the Pittsburgh (Pa.) *Dispatch*. His poetical effusions are copied by many of the prominent dailies

'82, J. D. Watson is city editor of the Pittsburgh *Dispatch*.

'82, M. J. Hovis is engaged in the oil-producing business, at Clintonville, Pa.

'84, H. W. Plummer, having passed his examination before the Appellate Court, has been licensed by the Supreme Court of Illinois to practice in all the courts of that State.

'85, W. E. Rice has been practicing law in Warren, Pa., since July, 1885.

Xi — Simpson.

'76, F. B. Taylor has disposed of his interest in the *Indianola Advocate-Tribune*, and is the Democratic nominee for County Superintendent.

'84, F. L. Davis is taking a post-graduate course at the Kansas State University.

'79, C. W. Fisk is attending Rush Medical College, Chicago.


'79, O. E. Smith is principal of the Monroe Schools.

Of the class of '84 graduates, Ashby is principal of the Winterset Latin High School ; E. E. Kelly is studying medicine at Oakland, Cal. ; E. W. O'Neal has entered the Des Moines Conference, and is in charge of the Villisca Circuit for the present conference year ; C. W. Johnson is attending the Chicago Medical College.



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