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THE FIRST GREEK-LETTER FRATERNITY.*

PHI BETA KAPPA.

It now lacks but little of a hundred years since its organization. Its object was the establishment of a bond of sympathy between the youthful students in American colleges in pursuit of the higher objects of education. It was a spontaneous impulse, premonitory of the widening nature of the demand about to be made upon their powers, and the resulting duty of increased preparation for the emergency. Coeval with the adoption of the State Constitution was the impulse to organize new methods for the promotion of science. Hence sprang up Associations. . . . Among the number is to be reckoned the literary society, the members of which I now have the honor to address. It is not an uninteresting fact, illustrative of the great change then taking place in our whole social system, that it did not derive its origin from within our own borders. It came from a spot whence of all others we should least expect it, the College of William and Mary, in the Colony of Virginia. What it was that prompted the youthful students there to make nearly simultaneous overtures to those of all other colleges then known in America, for the establishment of affiliated societies for self-improvement in literature and philosophy, does not clearly appear.—CHAS. FRANCIS ADAMS, *Φ B K Oration, Harvard, 1873.*

It (*Φ B K*) is the first of the Greek Letter Societies of the colleges, and is more than half a century older than any of them. . . . It was they (German Students) who affiliated together in clubs, now public and now private, of which the great object was the unity of the fatherland. * * Now the early correspondence of *Φ B K* shows that the young men who founded it had just such dreams of union as these. It was with just such purposes that their union of the "wise and virtuous" of the American colleges was formed. . . . It is clear enough, . . . that it was intended to form a philosophical club whose purposes should go far beyond the narrow range of the college studies of those days, and should include not only the wide range of what was then called philosophy, but the consideration at the same time of political questions. . . . The old records cannot now be found but probably exist in some Virginian archives. When they shall appear they will give some

* This important and interesting article by John Dewitt Warner, Editor of the *Δ K E Quarterly*, appeared in the October, 1886, number of that Magazine; and is worthy the attention it will undoubtedly receive in Greek circles. Owing to its length we are compelled to publish it in two parts, the latter of which will appear in our next Number.—[ED. RAINBOW.]

additional illustrations of the early yearning for national union.—REV. EDWARD EVERETT HALE, in *Atlantic*, July, 1879.

It ($\Phi B K$) was secret in its nature, and tradition has brought down several accounts of its origin. One states that it came from Europe, another that it was founded by Thomas Jefferson, a third that it sprang from a Freemason's lodge. Whatever may have been the manner of its beginning, the cause was undoubtedly the common friendship and interdependence of its founders. It was purely literary in its character. Its original purpose was the promotion of literature and of friendly intercourse among scholars.—WILLIAM R. BAIRD, in *American College Fraternities*, 1883.

Such were the current authorities on the origin, nature, and aims of $\Phi B K$ when, nearly three years ago, the writer of this, then editorial committee of the Council, consulted them with a view to accompanying with an appropriate editorial the article on The Revival of $\Phi B K$, published in the *Quarterly* for January, 1884. On sifting, they left little basis of fact on which to found even an editorial note, and though there was much in the very interesting article of the Rev. Mr. Hale, which will be always worth quoting—much to which the following pages are indebted, what was known of the motives of $\Phi B K$ afforded too little solid ground to encourage the telling of it in the *Quarterly*. Indeed the mystery which shrouded the beginning of $\Phi B K$ was as utter as the Bostonese in which Mr. Adams expressed his wonder that so philosophical, philanthropical, and intellectual an institution could have originated outside of Massachusetts, and, of all places in the world, in Virginia. Latterly there has come to my possession such information as I feel justifies an attempt to portray $\Phi B K$ as it was founded and flourished—a Greek-letter fraternity of college youths, so strikingly like—almost identical in plan with—the Greek-letter fraternities of to-day that they, and not the present bearer of its name, are its real successors.

Virginia was an old State when the American Revolution stirred her best blood. A wealthy and cultured landed aristocracy, a prevailing—in prestige a state—church, African serfs for her laboring class, she was a striking contrast to Puritan New England in all except her devotion to liberty. Her capital city was Williamsburg, named in honor of King William. There was centered the life of the colony, the appanage of her colonial court and the officers of the colonial government, and there met the legislature of the colony. There also was situated “His Majesty’s Royal College of William

and Mary," founded by the special grace of the monarchs whom it commemorated, presided over by the Right Reverend representative in Virginia of the Bishop of London, its buildings designed by Sir Christopher Wren and adorned by the bounty of the royal Governors and noble English patrons, holding in its corporate capacity the lucrative office of Surveyor General of the colony, to administer which it had already appointed George Washington, Zachary Taylor (grandfather of the President) and Thomas Jefferson; and entitled to representation in the House of Burgesses, which for many years met in one of its halls.

Williamsburg, while it was the seat of Government, and of the College of William and Mary, was, to a great extent, Virginia. * It was once the miniature copy of the Court of St. James, somewhat aping the manners of that royal place; while the old church and its graveyard and the college chapel, were *si licet cum magnis componere parva*—the Westminster Abbey and the St. Paul's of London, where the great ones were interred.—BISHOP MEADE, in *Old Churches*.

Sir John Randolph was the first person buried in the college chapel. The remains of Lord Botecourt rest in the same vault. Peyton Randolph, President of the first American Congress, John Randolph, Attorney General of the Crown for the colony, Bishop Madison, the first Bishop of Virginia, and Chancellor Nelson, were also buried in the college chapel. In 1776, William and Mary was the richest college in America. Its annual income was nearly four thousand pounds sterling, and it had been the constant recipient of royal, colonial and private benefactions. The professors were celibates, whose chairs were vacated by marriage. After leaving the grammar school, the "young gentlemen" students were always to appear in "academic dress," and were forbidden "to keep any race-horse at ye college in ye town, * or be in any way concerned in keeping or fighting cocks * * under pain of ye severest animadversion and punishment." The drinking of spirituous liquors, "except in that moderation which becomes ye prudent and industrious student," was prohibited, and a standing regulation was: "No liquors shall be furnished or used at table, except beer, cider, toddy or spirits and water." In the theatre of the college the colonial court was entertained by amateur theatricals, in which the young gentlemen of the college were assisted by the beaux and belles of the capital. In 1776 the Faculty consisted of the Chancellor, and of the Professors of Divinity, of Oriental Languages, of Moral and Intel-

lectual Philosophy, of Natural Philosophy and of Mathematics, and the Master of the grammar school—in which Greek and Latin were taught. In 1779, through the influence of Thomas Jefferson, the chairs of Law and Police, and of Anatomy, Medicine, and Chemistry, were substituted for those of Divinity and of the Oriental Languages. The Law of Nations and the Fine Arts were added to the scope of the chair of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy; Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and Natural History were included in one chair, and a chair of Modern Languages was added. The charter of the college providing for but six professors, tutors aided in bearing the varied burden of some of the more comprehensive chairs.

Stirring times and historic associations were those of the founding of $\Phi B K$. The royal Governor had been packed out of Virginia; in July previous the late colonies had declared themselves free and independent States; in the Assembly of the Commonwealth, then sitting at Williamsburg, was the author of the Declaration of Independence; the boys were met at the old Raleigh Tavern, and were in the very room where fiery Patrick Henry voiced the first revolutionary spirit of Virginia. Yet, if there was any one organization which was entirely without indebtedness to or influence upon the times and the history that was then making, it was $\Phi B K$ on that 5th day of December, 1776, when John Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armisted Smith, and John Jones, believing that there was room for and that they could organize a new society on a better basis than the one with a Latin name then flourishing among the students, recalling that one of their number was the best Hellenist in college, and inspired, as runs their record, "by a happy spirit and resolution of attaining the important ends of *Society*," resolved to establish a Greek-letter fraternity. Adding to their numbers Daniel Fitzhugh, John Stuart, Theodoric Fitzhugh, and John Starke, on January 5, 1777, they mutually entered into the following pledge:

I, * * * *, do swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, as calling the Supreme Being to attest my oath, declaring that I will, with all my possible efforts, endeavor to prove true, just, and deeply attached to this, our growing Fraternity, in keeping, holding, and preserving all secrets that pertain to my duty, and for the promotion and advancement of its internal welfare.

After the invariable custom of student organizations, a constitution was evolved, and added to from time to time, and a some-

what chaotic jumble was the result. Expressions of sentiment, rules of discipline, provision for special emergencies found to occur, and amendments, were copied down by the secretary in the order of their passage, or were omitted when he was forgetful, as he seems occasionally to have been. This body of law, still extant in twenty-seven sections, is discouraging to one who would like to agree with those who consider $\Phi B K$ to have been a band of youthful enthusiasts, planning first to unite the most wise and virtuous youth of all the colleges, and then to reform the world. The sons of Virginia gentlemen in attendance at an Episcopal college, they were God-fearing in speech and intent, and a Testament would have been bought with the twelve shillings given for that purpose by John Short, if John Nivison had not already presented the fraternity with one. Devoted to the humanities and polite letters, then considered the basis of a gentlemen's education, literary efforts seemed to them congenial and proper exercises for their meetings, and the members were allotted appointments in turn. It was the proper thing then for an educated gentleman of estate to act as a patron of merit, and we find mention of a suggestion that some premium be allowed from the treasury to encourage "any new invention of arts and sciences"—which suggestion remained a dead letter. It occurred to the members that it would be a grateful thing to take under their care worthy objects of charity, and "Messrs. Hardy and Cocke were appointed to look out for some orphan likely to receive advantages from being put to a proper school," but seem never to have found one. Fines were imposed "for the least appearance of intoxication or disorder of any single member by liquor at a session," and for "the non-attendance of any single member, unless by some certain obstructing inability or urgent necessity." The subjects of their debates were, generally speaking, identical with the numerous questions that every year of the century have been settled by every student literary society.* It is plain that the

* The following are the questions debated by $\Phi B K$ during the year 1780:

Is a public or a private education more advantageous?

Had William the Norman a right to the Crown of Great Britain?

Whether execution of Charles the First was justifiable?

Whether any form of Government is more favorable to public virtue than a Commonwealth?

Whether ye rape of ye Sabine women was just?

Whether religion is necessary in Government?

fraternity would have considered utterly and equally ridiculous suggestions that its prime motive was either that of a religious organization, a debating club, an aid to inventors, a charitable institution, a temperance society, a political propaganda, or a band of philosophers devoted to the enlightenment or elevation of mankind, inside or outside college walls. More thoroughly to enjoy the society of congenial associates—to promote refined good fellowship, was the motive of these hearty young students who founded the first of the true Greek-letter fraternities, with (to quote from its ritual) “friendship as its basis, and benevolence and literature as its pillars,” one which thrived in their day as its successors on the same basis flourish in ours. So far from being the inspirers, or a product, of the American national spirit, or of a union of the wise and virtuous to which they invited all known American colleges, the only reference in their records to the Revolution is the single mention of the “Confusion of the Times” in the record of the final meeting given below, and the only recognition of the existence of other colleges is the record below cited of the granting of charters for “meetings” at Harvard and Yale, which institutions were never mentioned again.

I quote sparingly what seem to me characteristic and fair selections from the minutes, though they give an exaggerated idea of the regularity and amount of literary work, the records showing frequent omissions and postponements of such, on account of the absence or failure of appointees, or of the press of other business or entertainment.

Feb. 27, 1779. At a meeting of this Society, Messrs. Heath and Brown, upon making known the reason of their absence [from] the last meeting, were excused by the Society. According to appointment, Messrs. Heath and Short delivered their compositions, and Messrs. Hall and Nivison argued. Messrs. Hite and Bowdoin were appointed judges, instead of Messrs. Hall and Short, who were engaged in composition and argumentation. Messrs. Stuart and Brown were appointed to produce compositions on the “Justice of African Slavery,” Messrs. Bowdoin and Eyre to argue. The forms of initiation instituted by the Committee were read and

Whether in a civil war any person is justifiable in remaining neuter ?
 Whether duelling ought to be tolerated in this or any other free State ?
 Whether all our affections and principles are deducible from self love ?
 Whether polygamy is a dictate of nature or not ?
 Whether avarice or luxury is more beneficial to a republic ?
 Whether Brutus was justifiable in killing Cæsar ?
 Whether a man in extreme want is justifiable in stealing from his neighbor to relieve his present necessities ?

resolved upon. The laws, revised by a Committee appointed for that purpose, were read, and received universal approbation. Messrs. Baker, Moore, and Roane being recommended to the Society as worthy members, were balloted for and received in due form. A letter was received from our worthy brother, Mr. John Stuart, in which was enclosed twelve shillings, which was to purchase a Testament for the Society; but as the Society had been presented with one from Mr. John Nivison, it was put into the treasury. The business of the Night being finished, an adjournment took place.

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At a meeting of the Society, March 13, 1779. According to appointment, Messrs. Stuart and Brown delivered their compositions, and Messrs. Bowdoin and Eyre argued. Upon examination of the treasurer's accounts, there was found to be £15, 8s. in the treasury. Mr. Wm. Stith being recommended to this Society as a worthy member, was balloted for and initiated in due form. Messrs. Brent and Clements were appointed to produce compositions inquiring whether agriculture or merchandize were most advantageous to a State. Messrs. Baker and Ballendine were appointed to argue on the same subject. The business of the evening being finished, an adjournment took place.

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At a meeting, April the 19th. Mr. Thos. Savage being recommended as a worthy member of this Society, was balloted for and initiated in due form. Mr. Bowdoin being about to depart for Europe, requested the company of the Society at the Raleigh, where he gave them a very elegant entertainment. After many toasts suitable to the occasion, the evening was spent by the members in a manner which indicated the highest esteem for their departing friend, mixed with sorrow for his intended absence, and joy for his future prospects in life.

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At a meeting in course, September ye 23d, 1780. Agreeable to custom, ye Committee was formed, Mr. Brent as Chairman. Mr. Wm. Short and Mr. Theod. Fitzhugh being absent, the question whether "Avarice or luxury is more beneficial to a republic?" was only handled by Mr. Swan and Mr. John Nivison. Mr. Thomas Cocke being proposed as a gentleman worthy a seat in this Society, was balloted for and received. Mr. Jos. Cabell fined 20 dollars for non-attendance on ye evening he was appointed to declaim. Mr. Swan, Mr. Thos. Lee, Mr. Washington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Nivison fined 15 dollars each for absenting themselves on evenings when disengaged. Mr. A. Stuart and Mr. Brent to declaim, Mr. Roane and Mr. Peyton [Short] to argue at ye ensuing meeting. The business being finished, an adjournment took place.

The badge with which each member was required to provide himself was a "square silver medal," bearing the devices now well known, which was commonly worn suspended on a cord by an eyelet attached to the middle of one of its sides, the key form in this

case, as in that of *KA*, being arbitrarily assumed by later members. A grip was early adopted, and a secret sign of recognition prescribed, by which a brother might make himself known to others in whatever quarter of the world he chanced to be. Elections to membership, and expulsions alike, required an unanimous vote. To stimulate literary work, a standing committee examined all productions and selected for the archives such as it deemed worth keeping. No poems appear to have been perpetrated. The most occult of the mysteries seems to have been that of the use of the cabalistic design—

N	Z	A	O	C	Y	B	P	X	D	W	Q	V
R	E	U	F	M	G	T	H	S	L	I	K	J

Meetings were held first monthly, then bi-monthly, then weekly, then bi-weekly.

[*To be continued.*]

WEARING THE BADGE.

WHY should any fraternity man either cease to wear his badge or hide it under his coat? There is no reason, unless it be that he no longer honors it and cares nothing for the memories it awakens. To me, my badge has often been that which alone has connected me with a past where I found men with sympathetic natures and loyal hearts; men not of the world, but unselfish and anxious to sacrifice their interests to further my own; men of honor, and having sense of justice; men true and noble, without the grasping, elbowing, jealous minds that supply reason and excuse for much that is questionable, yet done by men to men in all classes and grades of society. And when you college boys with fine equipment, alert minds and brave hearts, step across the threshold of your college fraternity home, to walk out into the world in all your manly vigor, you will learn there that the "main chance" is the watchword of existence. Where in the outside world will you find such associations as those of the chapter hall,—such friends? Only in the man who cares enough for those dear memories to keep about him that something—constantly reminding him of those fond ties—his badge.

Aside from sentiment and personal regard for your fraternity, it is your duty to wear your badge, both in college and out of it. As much of a duty, I hold it, as to regard your vows. Keep the banner on the outer wall. If you have enlisted in a good cause don't lower your colors; fly the flag in sight of all and push your line of attack hard up against and through the "barbs," our enemies. Let other fraternities recognize you, and by the signs you wear in numbers may they know that you belong to a live, pushing, progressive college fraternity that is increasing in its influence, is watchful of its interests, jealous of its victories won, and determined to maintain the rights it has acquired.

Get a badge; wear it always. Let no cloud obscure the crescent of our dear old "Delta Tau;" display that badge, let us know each other when we meet, and let us meet as men who are not ashamed of the emblem of our faith. J. D. WATSON, A, '81.

Open Letters.

CONVENTION DELEGATES.

THERE are some Chapters in this Fraternity upon whom, under the present system, the expenses of sending a delegate to convention fall very heavily on account of their distance from the geographical centre of the Fraternity, near which it is natural and reasonable that conventions should be held. In such a Chapter the delegate is most likely to be, not the best man, but the one who can pay the largest part of his expenses himself. In case no member feels able to do this, the Chapter is obliged to ask the delegate of a more fortunate Chapter to act as her proxy. This has been the experience of the Beta Kappa and, I have no doubt, of others.

For more than three years this Chapter at the University of Colorado, has been holding regular meetings, adding to it numbers and interest in Fraternity life, and making the word *Delta* a guaranty of scholarship, integrity and high social standing, and yet on account of our great distance from the centres of the Fraternity, our connection with the Fraternity as a whole, which ought to be one of the most valued and stimulating features of Fraternity life,

has thus far been maintained through the unsatisfactory means of correspondence alone.

The benefit which we have obtained from the Fraternity thus far has not been very much greater than that which can be derived from a good local society, simply because that most enjoyable feature of Fraternity life, meeting Fraters from other Chapters, has been almost entirely wanting.

We believe that each Chapter should be enabled to send its best man to convention every year, and that a plan should be adopted equalizing the expense of sending one man apiece among the different Chapters. We would therefore suggest, that the total railroad expenses of one man from each Chapter be ascertained, and this amount be divided by the whole number of active members, the quotient forming the Convention assessment to be collected of each active.

We do not deny that we would be benefited by this plan, if adopted, more perhaps than any other Chapter, but we do believe that it is a reasonable and just plan, and that in levying an equal tax of not more than two or three dollars on each active, instead of the very unequal tax now paid, and hence insuring to each Chapter a creditable representation in every convention and a full and enthusiastic verbal report of the Proceedings of Convention, it would be a measure calculated to promote the best interests of the Fraternity and to bind it more closely together. GUY V. THOMPSON, *B K.*

Editorial.

THE ALUMNI MOVEMENT.

THE recent reorganization of the Chicago Alumni Association upon a more satisfactory and doubtless permanent basis; the several reunions of the New York Alumni, following one another at frequent intervals; the preliminary reorganization of the Nashville Alumni Association which will shortly be completed; the proposed revival of the Cleveland Alumni Association, and the efforts which are now being made in Philadelphia, Kansas City, and Des Moines to work up the Alumni interests of the Fraternity in those cities; all these

are, we think, evidences of the fact that the action of the Fraternity at the Louisville Convention in making provision for a systematic reorganization and ultimate extension of the alumni associations of the Fraternity is bearing a goodly fruit.

We hope to see this good work continue, and feel grateful that so much has been accomplished in the brief time since it has begun. We hope that the time may not be far distant, when these associations, now acting each upon its own responsibility and in its own limited field, will be united in aims and in methods, and thus form a strong and active element in the Fraternity ; when they will issue to their members a uniform membership card, somewhat after the plan of other exclusive societies, which will be recognized as a passport entitling the bearer to the courtesies of the organized "Delta Communities" in our larger cities ; when they will unite in publishing under one cover the membership lists of the several associations, partly for convenience in travel and for business reference, for such a list would serve as a professional directory of established merit ; when the younger members of our Fraternity whom the better opportunities for study and professional and mercantile advancement attract to the larger cities, will find in them a body of alumni well established in business who will cheerfully direct and counsel them ; when our alumni, through their associations, will concertedly act in all matters which go to determine the general policy of the Fraternity, which they can thus so largely determine ; when the system of such alumni associations will have extended to cities like Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, and St. Louis ; for in all of these there are large communities of Deltas, made up not only of young and enthusiastic men who can be intrusted with the routine work incident to such organizations, but also of many of our older alumni, men well along in years, well established in their several professions and in the mercantile world, whose membership in such organizations will lend dignity and honor to the Fraternity.

The Laws of the Fraternity governing the formation of alumni chapters are exceedingly favorable and liberal, and call for nothing that cannot be cheerfully complied with. Its policy of necessity will always be to encourage them in every way possible, and grant them such rights and privileges, in addition to those which they already possess, as they may feel desirous of obtaining and exercising.

The Constitution and Laws make only the most general provision for the government of these chapters, and it entirely rests with themselves how they shall conduct their affairs.

We commend, in a general way, the plan upon which the New York Alumni Association has been organized and conducted, as perhaps the best suited for the purposes of our Fraternity, everything considered, that has yet been devised. We think that the plan, modified of course to meet the varied circumstances of different localities, will be found applicable in most instances.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

At the Louisville Convention a resolution was passed, directing the chapters to file with the General Secretary of the Fraternity, on or before the first of next January, a copy of their by-laws for the use and guidance of the Council. There is no doubt that these by-laws will be found to vary greatly in detail, from the elaborate codes of rules and procedure of some of our best managed and efficient chapters, to the loose and incomplete by-laws of other chapters which never seem to have been able, either through indifference and thoughtlessness, or through positive inability, to conduct their affairs in a business-like manner. An examination of these by-laws will thus display, in a great many instances, the reasons for both the efficiency as also the inefficiency of our chapters, and will suggest the propriety on part of the Council of acquainting chapters of the latter class with the best features of the most active and able chapters, as displayed through their by-laws. This, we hold, is a duty which clearly comes within the province of the Council; as the central governing body of the Fraternity it may well be entrusted with the task of ascertaining why certain chapters are so much more, and others so much less, efficient than the average; of advising as to directions for improvement in chapter work and of indicating the proper methods that should be pursued. We even think that it would be well if the Council will give its early attention to the matter of drawing up a general set of by-laws for chapter government, which would combine the best features to be found in the by-laws about to be submitted to it. Such by-laws, drawn up carefully, can be made to cover in a general way all those

methods which are known to be absolutely essential to good chapter management, and they could be so devised as to cover nothing except what is known to be applicable in every instance. These by-laws could form the nucleus, to which each chapter could readily add such additional legislation upon minor details of chapter work which its own circumstances call for. We have no doubt that many of our chapters would readily see the advantage in discarding their code of laws which, though venerable through age, is adapted rather to the primitive days of chapter existence, than to the modern requirements of the times. Of course the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity guarantee to each chapter the right to frame its own by-laws, provided they do not conflict with the organic law of the Fraternity; but we can not conceive that any chapter can be so short sighted as not to accept instructions upon a subject so vitally important to its own interests. We trust, therefore, that the chapters will cheerfully comply with the requirements of the resolution, referred to above, to the end that the Council may learn as much as possible of their methods, and employ the information so gathered for the general good.

DELTA TAU MUSIC.

WE are pleased to learn that a Detroit house will soon publish a Delta Tau Delta Polka, written and arranged for the piano, by Brother McAndrew of Chapter Delta. The music is a favorite with Delta, has been played at several of her parties, and is of a sprightly nature, full of movement and vivacity. Covering six pages of sheet music it will be printed in first-class style. Brother McAndrew has devoted considerable time to musical compositions, and his "Girls of '86," and "Last Days," are well known in Ann Arbor, and have been played at the University receptions. The Delta Tau Delta Waltzes, played at the Detroit Convention, were the work of Brother McAndrew, and should the publication of the polka be a financial success, the waltzes and a Fraternity Grand March will be issued by the Delta Chapter. We trust the brethren will do all in their power to promote the enterprise, and thus materially foster and encourage the growth of a genuine musical spirit in the Fraternity.

ETA'S LAUDAMUS.

THE song, with music, printed in the October number was sent by Chapter Eta, and without further investigation was published by us, fully believing that it was original both as to words and music. Immediately after publication we received a letter from the Editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, claiming that, with a few immaterial alterations, the words were identical with those of an old *B Θ II* song. An examination of the *B Θ II* Song Book clearly established her title to the words. The same mail brought the following disclaimer from Brother McLane :

CLEVELAND, 15th November, 1886.

Editor RAINBOW :

Let me say that I have never claimed the authorship of the song "*Laudamus*," published in the last number of THE RAINBOW. I saw it first in a collection of songs of some Eastern society, I think, and changed only a few words in the chorus. I gave the song to a member of another chapter, because its metre suited a tune then popular in my college.

Yours, JAMES W. McLANE.

We sincerely regret the unfortunate mistake, and deeply deplore our own carelessness in not fully ascertaining the authorship of a song which did not come directly from the accredited author. We trust that *B Θ II* will be fully satisfied that there was no deliberate and malicious attempt on our part to appropriate to ourselves any part of her inheritance. The words, it is useless to say, will not appear in our new song book, but as the music is original, we consider it the duty of Brother Holcomb to adapt it to some one of our numerous songs.

Chapter Letters.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

TAKING everything into consideration, this promises to be one of the most prosperous and beneficial sessions the University of Mississippi has ever experienced. The trustees seem to be looking to the comfort of the students in every way possible, as work is being continually done on the campus and dormitories. Our laboratory has also been refitted, and the students in practical chemistry will now be able to carry on their experiments with greater benefit and comfort than heretofore. The Signal Service Bureau has established a station here, in charge of our Professor of Physics. Our chapter meets regularly semi-monthly, and all the fraters of Chapter *II* seem to take more interest in frat affairs than they have evidenced heretofore. We can now present to the Fraternity Bros. Fant, Ferrell, Long, Moyse, Savage and Hall, who have been thought worthy to be initiated into the mysteries of $\Delta T \Delta$. We also initiated Bro. Wm. F. Fitzhugh, who was an old "Rainbow," and returned to the University this session. Bro. E. A. Sears guys with us, as he lives on the campus, and his father is Professor of Mathematics, although he is not attending the University this year. We have now fourteen active and energetic members, with whom we hope to do good work during the session. It is rumored that the Delta Psis are endeavoring to build a chapter house by the aid of their alumni. We cannot vouch for the authority of the rumor, but we wish them every success, if they have such an object in view. We are sorry to chronicle the death of an old "Rainbow," Bro. George Sears. Bro. Sears was of the class of 1882, and was a worthy man in all respects. We regretted very much to lose him, but the all-seeing God called him from this world of care to his reward beyond, where he will be happy evermore; and we should not demur at the decrees of God, as He giveth and He taketh away whom soever he sees fit, in His wisdom and goodness. We are happy to say that many besides the active members of *II* are looking and wishing for *II*'s welfare, as we have received many letters

from fraters that were here last year and did not return this session, and also some letters from old "Rainbows," and the wish of one and all is "that we might prosper and take many honors." When so many eyes are regarding us with anxiety, and so many fraters of former years are wishing us such great success, and seem so much interested in our welfare, we think it will inspire us to greater exertion. Our rivals, $\Delta K E$, $\Delta \Psi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $X \Psi$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and $\Sigma A E$ are all in very good condition, and the fraternities are getting along handsomely with each other this year. Prohibiting the initiation of sub-Freshmen is a bad stroke of policy and a decided drawback to us, as every other frat here initiates them, and, of course, they will have that much advantage of us; but we have labored under disadvantages equally burdensome, and we can do so again and survive.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

THERE has been nothing of very much interest since our last letter. Our chapter has gone on its steady march to the front without let or hindrance. There has been a lull in Institute politics for the last six months, but now each frat is watching the others with great intentness, as in a few weeks the candidates for Grand Marshal will be in the field; something will be heard to drop before long. Our new Gymnasium is finished, and, by the way, Col. Robeling pronounced it unsafe, as the walls are somewhat bulged. The Trustees of the Institute are about to furnish the apparatus. The Freshmen are expected to take their sleigh-ride as soon as the sleighing is good. Last year they won the event by strategy, and this year it is probable that the same class will win on account of overwhelming numbers. Our chapter rooms have a most homelike appearance, and consequently the fellows are in them a great part of the time. We have lately hired a man to look after the rooms, run errands, etc. We are expecting soon to dress him in livery. Bro. Zayas, '86, spent a few days with us lately. We are always very glad to have any Delt call upon us, and we imagine that we know ways of making his stay pleasant.

Beta Epsilon—Emory.

SINCE writing our first letter to THE RAINBOW, Bro. Morgan, '84, has returned. Bro. Peed has gone home. We have initiated

one man since our last letter, Bro. E. V. Vanderipe, of Manatee, Fla. This gives us fifteen hard working, enthusiastic Deltas, who will do all they can to advance the cause of Deltaism. Bro. J. M. Stuart, '84, is on a visit to Oxford with his wife. He meets with us often, and we are glad to welcome him to our chapter hall. He gives us some sage advice as to how we should manage the affairs of *B E*. We have one Senior, seven Juniors, three Sophomores, and four Freshmen. Again has the hand of death removed from our midst the presence of a loyal Delta. Capers Bowie Williamson, a recent alumnus of Chapter *B E*, died at his father's home in Sylvania, Ga., on November 13. Brother R. M. Black (*B Θ*), a fellow townsman of Bro. Williamson, in writing *B E*, says: "The dread Reaper seemed peculiarly vicious that he should have cut off at the threshold of manhood one whose future appeared of such bright portent. Our brother was prepared to stand an examination for admittance to the bar, but at the very time that the earthly court was being assembled, the Great Judge called him a higher bar. The writer knew our brother intimately, and many a time has he heard in the halls of debating societies, as elsewhere, the eloquence with which Capers Williamson was undoubtedly gifted. A lofty and noble mind has ceased to think of the purple and gray that by him was loved so well.

"There is a reaper
Whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He cutteth down the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

Iota—Michigan State College.

THE fall term closed November 12, and the boys of Iota separated for the winter, after an enjoyable social evening, when about fifty brothers, sisters and guests were present in the chapter hall, and literary exercises, music, supper, and toasts helped to pass away the time most delightfully. College convenes again February 22, and until then, we of Iota are to be found in four different States. We closed the term with twelve actives, Bros. Clark and Smith, '90, being our latest initiates, and every man will be on deck and ready for action with the opening of the new term and entering of new men.

Psi—Wooster.

PSI has been moving along the even tenor of her way since she sent her last letter to THE RAINBOW. Nothing very remarkable has transpired this term. Perhaps this is the best evidence we can give that our chapter is in a flourishing condition. All is tranquil, there being no cause nor reason for any uprising. We think we can safely say that during the almost three years that we have been a member of the fraternity, Psi has this term attained to a degree of prosperity higher than she has ever before known. We have pursued a most conservative rushing policy this year. Having thirteen men to start with, we felt that we could afford to be conservative. We have initiated no one since our last letter was written. We are anxiously looking forward to our Christmas vacation. Our term ends on the 17th. Bro. Aughinbaugh was called home to-day on account of the death of his mother. Bro. Shallenberger, of '86, is now reading law in Cleveland, Ohio. A letter addressed 43 Commercial Bank Building, Cleveland, Ohio, will reach him. Psi wishes a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all Delta Taus.

Epsilon—Albion.

EPSILON is moving on in the even tenor of her way without the slightest tremor of disturbance, and surely she is receiving her share of success and prosperity. Our Saturday evening sessions are all that could be desired, and every brother, as he partakes of the moral, intellectual and social repast, does it with open-hearted good wishes to all lovers of Delta Tau. Our usual Thanksgiving banquet was given in our hall Wednesday evening. Quite extensive preparations were made to entertain any of our alumnal brothers who might find it convenient to meet with us and enjoy the good qualities of the festive bird. And Epsilon rejoices that she had the pleasure of welcoming to her shrine on that occasion Bros. Prof. Samuel Dickie, Dr. E. L. Parmeter, Dr. J. J. Encke, Henry W. Mosher, J. G. Brown, and Geo. L. Jocelyn. The brothers manifested a true Delta spirit, and their words of wisdom and experience gave us renewed encouragement to labor for the true, the beautiful and the good. We bid them come again and Epsilon's fraternal hand will grasp their's kindly. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and, as our voices blended in Delta song, our

hearts swelled with gratitude for the sacred influences of fraternal love. We desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Hon. E. S. B. Sutton and Bro. G. G. Scranton, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for their gift of a beautiful ship, complete in every particular, and bearing on its masts our fraternity colors. At the annual oratorical prize contest of the Eclectic and Atheniaedes Society, held recently, Bro. L. E. Lovejoy, '89, was the victor, and reflected credit upon his chapter. Although we have taken in no more new members since the issuing of the last number, three excellent men have been pledged who have sterling metal for good Delta Taus. College politics are at present peacefully slumbering, but from past and present indications, Epsilon has one eye open, and will be on hand, as usual, at their first awakening. Judging from our present condition, our future looks bright and hopeful, and we are laboring with earnestness to make it such. We extend fraternal greetings to all our sister chapters and bid God-speed to all noble purposes of our grand and good Fraternity.

Xi—Simpson.

THE most prosperous term in the history of our college is nearing its close. The number of students exceeds that of any previous time, and in intelligence and ability are of an exceptionally high order. During the past few weeks plans for the erection of new college buildings have been pushed to completion, and early in the spring work on two more commodious halls will be begun. This will supply a long felt want, for our present buildings are overcrowded, and we rejoice at the increased prosperity which it means for our chapter as well as the institution. Since our last letter we have enrolled our second initiate for the year, James E. Smith, '90, of Ashewa, Iowa. The fact that Bro. Smith has three brothers who were former members of the chapter is a sufficient guarantee that he is of worthy material. The increase in our active number made by our two initiations has been counter-balanced by the withdrawal from school of Bros. W. S. Kelly and A. S. Bussel; so we remain eight strong as at the opening of the year. Bro. Kelly has departed for Berkeley, Cal., whither his parents have removed. He is now attending the California State University. Bro. Bussel is teaching in a neighboring hamlet, but is in frequent attendance at our meetings. Bro. Harry Wallace, of Omega, made us a pleasant over-

Sunday visit recently. Bros. N. B. Ashby, J. D. Brown, M. E. Daily and A. F. Jewett have been other welcome visitors from among our alumni.

Chi—Kenyon.

THE fortunes of Chi are now certainly more propitious than they were last year. It seems as if THE RAINBOW were indeed the promise of better things after the storm, and has brought us the reward of the patient. But our joy has been chastened by sorrow; for we have heard of the death of a Delta frater in Mt. Vernon, O., on the evening of November 7, 1886, after an illness of two months. The brother, whose strength yielded before dreaded consumption, was A. D. Dowling, Θ, '85. We are, on the other hand, proud to introduce into the fellowship of our brothers, Leon E. Stricker, of Tiffin, O. He is one of those who place all their fondest hopes and aspirations in the year of promise 1890; and he moreover takes true, honest pride in wearing the purple and the gray. He is a good, intelligent boy, and has in him the material of an active, earnest, aggressive Delta. We have also the prospective pleasure of a possible and perhaps probable further swelling of our numbers before long, by bringing another '90 boy under the glorious span of THE RAINBOW. We are still hard at work negotiating for a suitable site upon which to build our Chapter House; but we are sorry to be unable to report definite success. We have received plans for the lodge house from Bros. Fred. F. Martinez; they are really an excellent piece of work. We heartily thank our able and generous brother, and hope to show him some ground ere long and hear the "Go ahead" of the General Fraternity.

Phi—Hanover.

NO GREAT revolutions have taken place in our Fraternity circles here since our last letter. Phi has initiated no new men, but has been doing some good work among the Preps. Bros. Paul Ramsey and Neut Ryker, U. S. Signal Service men, stationed respectively at Pike's Peak and Indianapolis, paid us a flying visit about the middle of November. Bro. Ramsey visited home for the first time in three years, and beyond doubt the Rocky Mountain air agrees with him wonderfully. From the views shown by him, he is located in a country which rivals in grandeur the beautiful

Rhine and the marvels and wonders of Switzerland. Bro. Lopp, '88, was so enthused with the desire to reclaim his section of the country from the misrule of the Democracy, that he lost two days from college, two nights' sleep and about 10 lbs. of his corpulency, to practice his franchise and cast his first vote. He traveled something over 300 miles to exercise this privilege. The Literary Societies have engaged Judge Tourgee, author of "A Fool's Errand," to lecture here Monday night, December 6. Subject: "Give us a rest."

Beta Theta—University of the South.

AS WE are in the midst of our examination and on the point of departing to our respective homes for a three months' vacation, the correspondent of Beta Theta has little to say. The latest event in our Chapter's history is the initiation of William Simpson and Smith Atmore into the secret mysteries of Delta Tau. We were invited, on the afternoon of October 23, to witness the ceremony of laying the Keystone of the Chapter House for Omega Chapter of $\Sigma A E$ Fraternity. Beta Theta responded to the invitation so kindly extended to have a representative to say a few pleasant words on that occasion. The $\Sigma A E$ Fraternity should congratulate itself upon possessing such a beautiful stone chapter house.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

WE are now prepared to introduce to the Fraternity five men who have been initiated into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta. Two of them were pledged to us when we heard of the action of the Convention of '85; but the others we secured this year after hard work, scoring a signal victory over each chapter which here opposes us. The men who linked their destiny with ours, are as follows: Bros. Saxman, '87, Noll, '87, Glessner, '88, Wolfe, '89, Hall, '90. It will be seen that but one Freshman graces our ranks, a circumstance which can be accounted for by the fact that out of a very small class there are very few, who possess the qualifications necessary for a good fraternity man. Thus the $\Phi K \Psi$'s have only one man out of the class, and the $X \Phi$'s two. Our chapter has about the same number of men as each of the other two Fraternities mentioned above. If we must speak of quality, since we have made a comparison, suffice it to say that we have not departed

from the established custom of Chapter Tau. $\Phi K \Sigma$ is the only Fraternity that has retrograded, having but two men in College. This is not the first time that she has been so reduced in numbers, but heretofore what men she had were Fraternity men in the full sense of the word, having at once a full knowledge of Greek affairs and an active interest in their chapter. It is not the case now; the senior is a man without ambition for his chapter, and the other a freshman,—men lacking what is required for the building up of a chapter. I think we are therefore justified in saying that she is now dead at our College. This case but illustrates what is taking place throughout the whole Fraternity, viz: that she is gradually dropping down from the high position she once held.

Beta Zeta—Butler University.

WE have been as successful in our attacks on the Barbarian ranks as we were expecting at the time of our last letter. We have, therefore, to introduce to the Fraternity,—Bro. A. M. Hall, '88, and Bros. H. H. Weaver and H. S. Schell, of '90. Bro. Hall has long been sought after by the different fraternities here, but it is only lately that we have been able to persuade him to join our ranks. Bro. Schell was also obtained by us only after a long time by fighting hard for him. Just here, I want to introduce three brethren, who were initiated commencement week but were overlooked in our last letter. They are Bro. Omar Wilson, '87, Bro. W. C. McCollough, '88, and Bro. M. O. Naramore, '83. Bro. Naramore was a post graduate, and as he had come to the conclusion that it would be better to be in a fraternity than out, and as we are always in search of good men, we soon "spiked" him and initiated him. Our hall is soon to be a reality. We have rented a large room in the centre of town and are putting forth all our energies to have it completed by Christmas. When finished, the latchstring will be out to all Deltas. We came to the conclusion that now, if ever, was the time to make the attempt. We have the largest chapter here, 17; the Phis coming close with 16. We alone have made definite arrangements for a hall, though there is some talk of another being fitted up by the Sigs. All our boys stand high in their classes. Bro. Howe made the best grade last spring that has been made here in a long time, receiving 100 in six different studies. He is also President of the Sophomore class. We have the Treas-

urer and Corresponding Secretary of the Oratorical Association and the Treasurer of the Athletic Association. The two orators and essayist are from our ranks. Four of the ten editors of the *Butler Collegian*, among them the editor-in-chief, are Deltas. We are not behind in sports. We have the Captain of the Foot-ball team and are represented in the College "Nine," and among the Bicyclists and Skaters. We feel assured that we are very creditably upholding the banner of *Δ T Δ* at Butler.

Sigma—Columbia.

BETWEEN eight and nine weeks of both the college and chapter year have elapsed and now things are progressing as of old. The condition of Columbia never was better. By statistics the Freshman class is a trifle larger than that of last year; especially in the School of Mines, the scientific department of the College. Figures furnished by the Registrars of the various departments, show that in the School of Arts, this year, there are 271 students, against 273 of last year. In the School of Mines, there are 265 against 235; in the School of Political Science, 63 against 71; in the School of Law, 391 against 345; in the School of Medicine, 535 to 502, making a total, of the various departments, of 1525 against 1426, and thus giving a total increase of 99 students. The School of Law numbers about the same as it did four years ago, although there is quite an increase over the number of last year. The School of Political Science is increasing in popularity and is becoming to be one of the most important departments. The Medical School, constantly holds about the same number; that being 500. The reason asserted by "Arts" students for the decrease in their numbers is the partially elective system now existing, as well as the system of fees now in vogue, and which was introduced by the Trustees, apparently as an end to increase the revenues of the College. Until late years, a student failing at an examination, was given a second one without charge, but now he must get a certificate from the department Registrar before he can be re-examined, and this means an expenditure of five dollars to the student. Another fee is now in existence, known as the matriculation fee, which in plain parlance means, the paying of a fee for the privilege of paying a tuition. Also for each degree there is a price attached, ranging from \$5.00 to \$35.00, according to its character. These numerous

fees are held by the students, and I may say by some of the professors, to be an injustice, as the regular tuition ought to entitle a student to all the examinations of his course and a degree thereof, after he has successfully passed the many examinations. On the whole, the College is in better condition at present than ever before. By examination of past and present statistics, it is found that the number of students this year is the maximum in its history of 133 years of existence. Everything is progressing smoothly with Sigma. The last edition of THE RAINBOW was unanimously deemed a success.

Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

SINCE our last letter things have been moving on their usual course, the main feature of our College life being quiet, hard work. Bro. J. C. Glover left us just before the beginning of the school year to attend the Theological Seminary of Auburn, N. Y. We hope to welcome him back to us one of these days as a full-fledged dominie. About November 15, the students in the College department concluded to leave the Philomathean Society in the hands of the Preparatory students, and organized a College Literary Society, in which the Deltas take an active part. Bro. C. H. Pease returned a few days ago from Wyoming, and having been engaged to fill a vacancy, will teach one of the higher grades in the Boulder schools until the close of the year. Bro. W. J. Thomas has been recently elected Superintendent of Schools in Central City. Bro. T. L. Chase, '86, has returned to take a post graduate course. Bro. J. A. Moorcroft, Σ '86, who has been in Denver some months for his health, has gained rapidly in strength and promises to visit us before long.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

SINCE our last letter Fraternity circles have been unusually quiet. A few men have been initiated, but with little competition, causing no special excitement and very little comment. That the strength of a Chapter does not lie in numbers is abundantly proven by Beta Beta. It has never been our policy to run a large Chapter; we now number 10, while some of our rivals boast of 20 or more, yet $\Delta T \Delta$ is in the front rank at De Pauw. Our weekly meetings furnish a social and intellectual feast, and we look forward to Satur-

day night as one of profitable enjoyment. Three different times during this term have our lady friends, the dear girls, agreeable surprised us in the substantial manner of sending us a cake. Brothers Keith, Sinsabaugh and Norton spent Thanksgiving at home, and Paul at Danville. We are very sorry to lose Bro. Sinsabaugh for the remainder of this term; he was compelled to leave College because of trouble with his eyes. Our rivals, with one or two exceptions, are in good condition, and Beta Beta is on friendly terms with all. The University is in a prosperous condition; thus far 618 students have enrolled. The present Freshman class is considered the best that has entered the University in many years.

Zeta—Adelbert.

LEARN ye the name of Zeta's latest—the third Freshman on her list, Geo. W. Tryon of Willoughby, Ohio. Hardly had the last initiate been ushered into Deltaism, when Bro. C. S. Clark was obliged to leave College on account of sickness; he had been troubled with ill-health for a half a year or so, but his loyalty for $\Delta T \Delta$ prevented him from leaving us before the Fall campaign was finished, the result, however, of his work and sacrifice is with us. Friends of the College have given the sum of \$1,200.00, to be used for increasing the library. This is the first gift that the College has received since its removal from Hudson. After a trip of six or seven months, Dr. Cutler is again with us. It will be remembered that nearly a year ago he resigned the presidency, but as yet no successor has been appointed. Most all have undoubtedly heard of the great misfortune which befell our neighbors, the Case School of Applied Science, a short time since, in the way of their magnificent stone building being destroyed by fire. Nothing but the blackened and worthless walls are now standing, and from it nothing was saved. This one building contained their all, besides the collections and libraries of the Professors. For instance, the Professor of Chemistry lost two or three thousand dollars worth of private property, and notes of his work performed during the last fifteen years or so, and he by no means was the greatest loser. The fire is supposed to have started in the chemical laboratory, and before it was discovered had spread throughout the entire building. Adelbert managed to find room for them in the main building, until the unused rooms in our dormitory could be fitted up,

where they are now and probably will remain for the next year or so. Work was immediately commenced on the ruins for rebuilding and also in putting up a brick chemical laboratory, a short distance from the stone building. The fraternities represented there are $Z\Psi$ and a local. The Chapter and a few of her Alumni were royally entertained two weeks ago by Bro. R. E. Ruedy, at his pleasant home on Wilson Avenue.

Beta—Ohio University.

THE Greek circle at the Ohio University has been unusually quiet, so far, this year. The Phi Delta Thetas began the year with nine men; the Beta Theta Pi's with eight, and the Delta Tau Deltas with five. Since that the Beta Theta Pi's have initiated one new man; but, on the other hand, one of their men has dropped out. We regret to say that one of our number has also been compelled to leave college for the present. We, however, have now three excellent men pledged. Two important events in the history of the Ohio University have occurred this year. The first was the starting of the *College Current*, which has already taken its place among the best of Ohio college papers. The other event was the effecting of class organizations. This event was brought about by the increase in number of students, and in their interest in college life. The Ohio University seems to be awaking from its lethargic condition which has been the cause of the low repute of the College during the last twenty years. Beta will also keep pace with the times, from present indications, for three of our men are acknowledged by all as the three best men in the University.

Beta Delta Chapter—University of Georgia.

SINCE our last letter we have been actively at work and feel assured that Beta Delta is composed of energetic men, who will ever uphold the high standard of Delta Tau Delta in all departments. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world, Bro. J. W. Barnett of Winterville, Ga., Class '89; he is a man of rare ability and a true Delta. Bro. R. L. Nowell has been elected Anniversarian of the Demosthenian Society, and Bro. A. L. Franklin editor of the "Reporter" from the Phi Kappa Society. The Athletic Association has been organized and is on a sure road to success. Bro. R. L. Nowell was elected vice-president, and we are

well represented on the foot ball and base ball teams. We expect to have a field-day soon, which will be our first. We have no cause to doubt that it will be a grand success, as all the boys manifest great interest in athletic sports this year. All the fraternities here are in harmony with each other, with the exception of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which is not as strong as in days past. The $K A$, $X \Phi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Fraternities are in good condition at present. All the Fraternities have united, except the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, for the purpose of publishing the second volume of our College Annual, *The Pandora*. The prospects are excellent, and we hope, ere many months pass, we will be able to exchange with our sister chapters. Bro. E. T. Whatley, of '86, is Principal of Stephens Institute, Roscoe, Ga. Bro. L. M. Farmer, of '82, and Bro. P. S. Wilcoxon, of '85, are two prominent lawyers of Newman, Ga. Bro. M. B. Bond, of '86, is civil engineer in Birmingham, Ala. Bro. W. S. Upshaw is Principal of Social Circle Male Academy.

Alpha—Allegheny.

ALLEGHENY College has by no means been asleep since our last letter. The different classes have elected their officers, chosen their class hats, yells and colors, and are scheming among themselves. The Greeks are rather quiet and only a few men have been initiated so far. The several fraternities have initiated the number placed after their name: $\Delta T \Delta$, 4; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 3; $\Phi K \Psi$, 3; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 2; and $K A \Theta$, 2. They now stand as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, 15; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 13; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 12; $\Delta T \Delta$, 9; and $K A \Theta$, 8. The "Phi Gams" have moved into new and commodious rooms in the Phoenix Block, which they needed badly, as before they had only one small room. We beg leave to introduce to the Fraternity, Bro. Harry D. Dunn, of Connellsville, Pa., whom we initiated a few days ago. He is a good, loyal man and will always be a strong supporter of Delta Tau. On Thanksgiving night we held a small banquet in our rooms, which was served by Meadville's popular caterers Henderson & Butler. Only the actives were present, and to them it will be a night long to be remembered. We are frequently visited by the resident alumni and by brothers from a distance. Among those whom we have had the pleasure of meeting are Bros. Parmlee, '69, Shugart, '69, and F. O. Nodine, '78. On the evening of November 17, we gave a dance in our rooms which was attended by about

twenty couples. The Northwestern Orchestra of six pieces furnished the music. Bro. H. C. Flood was admitted to the Bar of Crawford County, a few weeks ago. Delta Tau Delta is now represented in Meadville by nine lawyers. On December 9, we gave the second dance of the term, in our parlors in the Richmond Block. It was largely attended and all report a pleasant time. Music was furnished by Miller's Orchestra of eight pieces. We received a short time ago a letter from the founder of this Chapter, Bro. R. G. Heiner, Capt. 1st U. S. Infantry, Benecia Barracks, Cal. To show the interest he takes in Delta Tau, we clip a portion of his letter: "I have not received my Crescent (Oh! RAINBOW), for some time. Please send me all numbers issued since school began. Rainbow is a pretty name; but how much character there is in Crescent! May our southern allies, after a time, realize the force there is in a name, *and that name*, and of their own volition move its readoption by our grand old Fraternity."

Omicron—University of Iowa.

WHEN at the beginning of the present school-year, 11 Deltas re-assembled in Omicron's Halls, and there did homage to their beloved Delta Queen, a spirited battle was anticipated. The Greeks of the various fraternities collected their forces and the tug of war commenced. Soon after, Theodore Boal and Charles Hepburn enlisted in the ranks of the Deltas, and with increased strength an unequal contest was waged. For the Freshmen Delta Tau and all other fraternities were eager to obtain, had entered the State University of Iowa under strong *B Θ Π* influence, exerted over them by Beta alumni. The contest is the hottest one on record. Early in the conflict, however, the field was left to the Betas and Delta Taus. Finally, after six weeks of hard struggle, we obtained the allegiance of Brothers Harry Lusch, Henry Morgridge, Bert. Boies and Cliff Musser, and now Delta Tau unmistakably holds the first place among the Greek-letter fraternities located at this University. Harry Bernard Lusch comes from Waterloo, at which place his father is engaged in the banking business; from same place hails Herbert Barber Boies; Henry Wesley Morgridge and Robert Clifton Musser reside at Muscatine, Iowa,—the father of the first being a prominent doctor, while the latter's

is a member of the well-known Musser Lumber Co. The fight was hard, but the young men are worthy of such an effort. As glorious as was the outcome in the struggle, as honorable was the warfare on the part of Delta Tau. Fully convinced was Delta, that not by lowering another's standard could she raise her own; and thus standing on her own merits, relying on the zeal and devotion of her members, she carried off the honors of victory. The Delta Gammas have entered the Greek world of the State University of Iowa, and numbers seven of the finest young ladies of the University. This gives Kappa Kappa Gamma the benefit of competition, and as a result of her renewed activity she reports six new initiates. The I. C.'s are also in flourishing condition, and we see no reason whatsoever why three soroses should not exist side by side, for the State University of Iowa may justly feel proud of her large representation of the gentler sex. The Phi Kappas have purchased an elegant set of furniture for their parlors, and are thriving. The different fraternities are at present on the best of terms.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

OUR last initiation permits us the pleasure of introducing to Delta Tau Delta, Bro. F. D. Tubbs, '88, Mexico, N. Y. The successful issue of nearly six months' quiet working with Bro. Tubbs, confirms our belief in that old saw which declares that no obstacles are insurmountable to "patience and perseverance." In Bro. Tubbs we get a splendid student and a true frater. A second matter to which we hasten to give mention, is a case of "lifting," performed by the $\Phi K \Psi$'s, and involving our quondam brothers P. Phillipps, Jr., '89, and W. P. Winter, '87. Such an act will be condemned by every fraternity that can rise to any conception of the benefits of Pan Hellenism. And any fraternity that follows such practices certainly shows a lack of foresight and judgment, which places it low down in the scale of Fraternity standards. Delta Tau Delta considers her oath and secrets too sacred to be entrusted to traitorous hearts. Of the gentlemen in question, we only say that we sorrow not at their suicidal course. It has long been a perplexing problem to us, to determine what measures we should take in order to prevent them from indiscretions calculated to compromise the Fraternity. We were unable to solve the problem.

But the Phi Kappa's have helped us out of our difficulty in a kind and manly way. They have relieved us of our only dead weight, and we are all the stronger. We are harmonious now. For we have ten men as true as steel,—one in purpose, aim and affection.

Nu—Lafayette.

SINCE our last epistle almost a term has rolled away and we are now about entering on our examinations. The term has been one of pleasure as well as profit. The Freshmen class has turned out well, and it is not likely that many will find their names among the tares when their final reports are read. Although many a hard fought battle had been conducted by the fraternities, no ill feelings between each other seem to have made their appearance as is so often the case. Our winter lecture course has proven quite a success, as is shown by the large attendance of students and town folks, and they have been the means of bringing prominent men, as Burbank, Buckley, Hawthorne, to our immediate notice. The $\Delta K E$ chapter showed their appreciation for their frater A. P. Burbank by tendering him a banquet at the close of his lecture. Foot-ball has taken a decided advance the past term, and a record of 10 games won out of 12 played has been made. Recent snow has been the means of much pleasure in the way of sleighing parties. We have been visited by Bro. Cullum of Alpha, now at Lehigh, and our appreciation of his visit is shown by the way the boys return his visits. Nu is ever glad to extend a welcome to any of her fraters who chance this way. A review of the initiates of the different fraternities for this term shows the following: $\Delta K E$, 8; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 2; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 2; $Z \Psi$, 4; $X \Phi$, 3; $\Delta \Upsilon$, 2; $\Phi \Psi$, 4; $\Sigma X O$,—; $\Delta T \Delta$, 4. Though not numerically at the head, Nu thinks she has just cause to feel proud of her initiates, for in nearly every case she had to win them on her merits. The following from the *Easton Daily Express* of December 10, well narrates one of Nu's pleasantest events:

After his lecture at the College last night, Will Carleton was tendered a complimentary banquet by Chapter Nu, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Mr. Carleton while at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., joined Chapter Kappa of this fraternity, and has ever since kept up an active interest in his society. Several of the Lafayette men had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Carleton last spring at a Fraternity Convention, held in New York City, at which Mr. Carleton presided.

The committee who arranged the banquet, Messrs. Harry L. Odenwelder, J. S. Ensor and J. T. Gallaher, fixed it at the Franklin House, whose proprietor, Mr. Pace, prepared a most excellent menu, which was well served. The after-dinner speeches were an especially pleasant feature of the banquet. Among them were interspersed college songs by the active members of the chapter, and a recitation by Mr. Carleton on request. The following was the programme :

Magister Epularum,.....Rev. D. H. Geissinger.

TOASTS.

Our Guest.....Will Carleton.

Poets are good for somethin', so long as they stand at the head,
Put poetry's worth whatever it fetches in butter an' bread.

Secret Fraternities.....Rev. C. W. Levan.

What sweeter sound with life's alarum blends
Then the kind voice of brothers and of friends.

Delta Tau Delta.....Orrin Serfass.

And since the seven paternal ones
First saw the colors shine,
Thousands of brave, ambitious sons
Have wheeled into the line.

Our Chapter.....James L. Evans.

What seeks this crescent-bearing band,
That just at manhood's door,
With the warm pressure of the hand,
Are brothers evermore ?

Fraternity Alumni.....George W. Geiser.

Who come once more to linger o'er,
The grim work of their primes,
Renewing here the grief and cheer
Of happy, hard old times.

Undergraduate Days.....John S. Ensor.

There is naught for us too gentle and good
In the graceful days of our babyhood.

Our Married Men.....William A. Seibert.

But the sun will not shine so bright,
The clouds will not seem so white
To one, as they will to two.

Alpha—Nu.....J. Barlow Cullum.

So follows he his fate,
Friendly, but desolate.

The Ladies.....Howard M. Morton

And take for the moral this inference fair,
If you're courting a girl, court her honest and square.

Our Banquet.....Nevin C. Heisler.

I bid farewell to every fear,
And boldly waded in.

The quotations to each toast, it will be noticed, are taken from Mr. Carleton's works, which was a pleasant surprise to him.

Besides the guest the following brothers were at the table : Rev. D. D. Geissinger, George W. Geiser, George A. Chase, Harry D. Odenwelder, Orrin Serfass,

N. C. Heisler, J. H. Palmer, R. K. Morton, H. Morton, J. S. Ensor, J. R. English, George English, J. L. Evans, E. B. Camp, William Gray, W. M. McKeen, J. C. Gallaher and E. H. Swindell. A telegram was read from R. T. Montelius and H. S. Saylor, of Minneapolis, Minn., and a letter from A. C. Campbell, Wilkesbarre, Pa., regretting their absence.

Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

THINGS are moving in a smooth way at the University of Minnesota. The number of students is increasing, and, compared with last year, the future looks unusually bright. The advantages now offered in mechanical and civil engineering in the new building is attracting many who otherwise would go further east. We have passed Thanksgiving and term examinations, and now have seven good active members, who are doing some efficient work in a quiet way that we are sure will bear fruit in the near future. We meet the Chi Psi with a chapter-house and twelve members; the Phi Delta Theta with sixteen members, and a Local with twenty-six living, active members. Although we are the youngest fraternity and have the least number of members, we are pleased with our position among the other fraternities, and are well satisfied with the conservative plan pursued. The *Δ T* alumni are increasing in the city, and will be a valuable aid to the Chapter. They are men with the genuine Western push, and who have not lost the Fraternity spirit. *BH* takes pleasure in introducing Brother F. S. Abernathy, of '89, to his brother fraters. On the whole the Chapter is in a very satisfactory condition, and the prospect is gratifying.

Eta—Buchtel.

THE Angel of Peace hovers over the battlefield of the Greeks. The bitter strife is over, and all desirable men have joined ranks with some one of the contestants. Eta had her choice and won four signal victories over her rivals. The term has been characterized by much hard work, and the Deltas have taken their accustomed place among the best of their classes. From the busy humdrum of college work our Fraternity has been a refreshing refuge, and many pleasant and profitable evenings have been spent within the seclusion of "Eta Hall." The ensuing year promises to be one of unusual prosperity for the Fraternity, and Eta wishes to do all she can to further its progress. Eta had expected to entertain her Zeta brothers on the 11th inst., but a complication of circumstances

interfered with the scheme. Our Observatory had a narrow escape from destruction by the explosion of an oil stove, December 9. Prompt action on the part of the students and professors confined the fire to one room, where it was soon extinguished. None of the instruments were seriously damaged. Matters are assuming serious shape between the Faculty and the Senior Class in reference to representation on Commencement. The Faculty are taking the same course that caused so much trouble last year, and which will not be tolerated by '87. Our Senior Class numbers twenty, of which three are Deltas. The term closes this week, Thursday, the 16th. We hope to see THE RAINBOW at our homes soon.

Delta—University of Michigan.

SINCE our last letter we have received a very welcome addition in the person of Brother Elliott, formerly of Tau, and a Harvard graduate. He has entered the senior law class. We will defer other Chapter news till next month. What we want to do this month is to call the attention of our Division to the necessity of holding a Division Conference this year. Such conferences in the past have been productive of great benefit in bringing the different chapters of the Division into greater unity and harmony, and now that the division has been reorganized, the necessity for a conference is more than ever apparent. In order to set the ball rolling, and to give matters a chance to take definite steps, we would request the different chapters to talk over the matter and send to the Secretary of Delta Chapter an opinion, or informal vote, as to the best time and place for holding such a conference. A large and enthusiastic conference is only a question of united effort on the part of the chapters, and a little extra work on the part of whatever chapters have the matter in immediate charge.

Theta—Bethany.

THETA takes pride in introducing M. Moore, G. M. Guy, C. L. V. Ramer, as her initiates of the session of '86-87. In these three men we have found the true fraternity spirit ablaze, and feel that, under the guidance of such men, Θ 's prosperity is sure. We hold regular meetings on Friday night, after the adjournment of the societies. We have adopted the custom of having a lecture every two weeks, by one of the members, on any subject he deems appro-

priate. This, we find, keeps unusual enthusiasm stirred up within the boys, and we feel our ability the more to help one another. Prof. Schmiedel, '86, meets with us almost regularly, and we find his careful and prudent advice of great service to us in conducting the affairs of the Chapter. We had a very pleasant visit not long since from brothers J. R. Wilson and W. J. McClure, both of '86. The college is in a prospering condition, and the students, although few in number, are doing excellent work. We are all looking forward with bright anticipations to our Christmas vacation, which is not far distant.

Alumni Associations.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

A REGULAR meeting of the New York Alumni Association, the second social reunion of the present season, was held on the evening of Saturday, November 6, at Martinelli's, New York City.

A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70, presided, and the following Deltas were present: William Kent, *P*, '86; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; L. A. Mathey, *P*, '80; C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83; J. A. Bense, *P*, '84; W. F. Anderson, *M*, '84; W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84; A. B. Austin, *M*, '85; J. W. Magruder, *M*, '85; and W. S. Fitch, *Σ*¹, '86. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; Will Carleton; *K*, '69; Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; Dr. A. E. Osborne, *T*¹, '73; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; M. J. Martinez, *P*, '82, and H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83.

The election to membership in the resident class of W. L. Lyall, of New York City, was announced.

The Secretary reported correspondence with alumni in Philadelphia, Pa.; Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa, where movements to establish Alumni Associations are now in progress; and also reported that he had communicated information as to the methods of this Association to the Nashville, Chicago and Cleveland Alumni.

The Association voted favorably upon the amendments to the Constitution and Laws, with the exception of the third, as submitted for vote by the General Secretary.

The Association, then, for its after dinner talk, discussed the previously announced topic of the evening: "National Aid to Popular Education as contemplated by the Blair Senate Bill."

The Association decided to meet again on Saturday, December 11, at six o'clock, at Martinelli's, and then to discuss "The Land Theories of Henry George," which have recently come into such prominence through the Mayoralty contest in the New York City elections. It is expected that this subject will receive a thorough discussion, and the next meeting will, as a consequence, be unusually attended. This second meeting was a success in every respect, save in its attendance, which did not quite come up to expectations, owing, doubtless, to the excessively bad weather which prevailed. The assembled company, however, seemed thoroughly to enjoy the occasion, and adjournment did not occur until after eleven o'clock.

THE CHICAGO ALUMNI.

FOR some years past the Chicago Alumni Association of the Fraternity has been in rather a dormant state, and has existed more in name than in fact; but it has been recently fully awakened and radically reorganized, and from the present will probably take a prominent part in the affairs of the Fraternity.

The success which has attended the efforts of the New York Association attracted the attention of several of the enthusiastic workers of the fraternity living in Chicago, and it was decided to reorganize, following the plan of the Eastern brothers.

A meeting was accordingly called on November 16, for the purpose of taking steps in this direction, at which the following gentlemen were present: M. R. Freshwaters, *Θ*, '64; N. N. Hurst, *Γ*, '69; Clarence Boyle, *B Z*, '80; Maurice O'Connor, *B Z*, '82; Addison L. Bair, *B Z*, '84; W. Lowrie McClurg, *A*, '79; Chas. M. Blair, *A*, '82; Wharton Plummer, *A*, '84; H. C. Alexander, *Δ*, '82; Campbell Allison, *Φ*, '82, and R. L. Griffin, *E*, '84.

A permanent organization was effected by the election of M. R. Freshwaters, *Θ*, '64, President; Dr. N. N. Hurst, *Γ*, '69, Vice-President; H. C. Alexander, *Δ*, '82, Treasurer; and W. Lowrie McClurg, *A*, '79, Secretary.

It was decided to take the By-laws of the New York Association as a groundwork, and to a large extent they were adopted by the Chicago Association.

The first regular meeting under the new organization was held at the Tremont House, on the evening of December 4, at six o'clock P. M. Quite an elaborate dinner had been prepared in one of the private dining rooms of that hotel, at which fourteen members sat down, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

After the dinner the regular business session was held and the organization fully perfected with the following named gentlemen as charter members, in addition to those who were present at the preliminary meeting, all having expressed a desire to be identified with the movement: J. M. Ewen, *P*, '80; C. R. Hopkins, *B*, '62; Geo. W. Wiggs, *N*¹, University of Indiana, '74; B. S. Palmer, *I*, '81; A. B. Camp, *N*, '84; M. J. Bliem, *N*, '82; R. E. Clark, *E*, '72; Chas. D. Willard, *A*, '83; John R. Parker, *K*, '71; and Willard Bishop, *K*, '71. The above named are the present resident members, and with Jas. F. Gallaher, *A*, '82, of Michigan City, Ind., who was present at the dinner, compose the Association.

There is quite a number of other members of the fraternity living in the city who have not yet been approached with reference to identifying themselves with the organization, it being thought best to get matters to running smoothly before going at the alumni in a general way. It is expected that the membership will readily be increased to thirty-five before the third meeting is held.

There are probably also a number of members of the fraternity in the city who are unknown to the members of the Association. It is therefore requested that the Chapters of the Fraternity send in lists of such of their members who are in the city; it being particularly desired to obtain the names of any members of the old RAINBOW FRATERNITY; the hand of fellowship will be gladly extended to them.

It has been decided for the present to hold the regular meetings every two months, but it is probable that the monthly plan will be adopted before long. The second reunion will be held on the evening of February 6, at six o'clock P. M., probably at the Tremont House, though that matter rests with the Executive Committee; and any members of the Fraternity who may be in the city are cordially invited to communicate with the Secretary, W. Lowrie McClurg, care of A. C. McClurg & Co., of the city, in order that invitations may be sent them.

Announcements.

THE CONVENTION MINUTES.

WE are requested to announce that, owing to some delay on part of the printer, but principally owing to the failure of many of the chapters to promptly return all chapter reports which had been sent to them for revision, the Minutes of the Louisville Convention cannot be issued until after the Christmas recess. This is much to be regretted, because we had hoped to see the Minutes in print not later than the first of November, so that all of the chapters may know the proceedings of the Convention in detail. If the proper amount of care had been devoted upon the preparation of the chapter reports in the first place, and if they had been compiled by the proper officers during the college session, instead of leaving their preparation to the delegates during the sessions of the Convention, it would not have been necessary to return for revision, as we learn it was found to be necessary, the reports of nearly three-fourths of the chapters, and of several of the officers, and the Convention Minutes would doubtless have been distributed at the anticipated time.

THE LITERARY WORK OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

IN our next number we propose to review the somewhat extensive literary work of the members of the Fraternity during the past few months, including all works not already noticed in our previous reviews. Although but a small proportion of the results of the literary labors of the Fraternity can at any time come under our personal notice, we feel justified in saying that in our judgment Delta Tau Delta may well be proud of the record which her members are making in the literary workshops of the country. It is our desire and ambition to complete this record, and we trust, therefore, that all members who are engaged in such work, or who know others to be so engaged, will favor us with information as to the bibliography of our members and their contributions to the current literature of our papers and magazines. We should be pleased to receive for review and notice all such books, pamphlets and articles, a record of which we deem it our duty to preserve in the pages of this journal.

The Greek World.

THE members of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ resident in New York City have taken out certificates of incorporation, with the ultimate object of renting a local club house. Five hundred dollars previously raised for this purpose was used in 1879 to save the Upsilon Chapter of the College of the City of New York from serious financial embarrassment.

IN the newspaper advertisements of the University of the South the existence of flourishing chapters of various fraternities is presented as one of the special attractions of the institution — an unusual recognition of the beneficial character of Hellenic influence.

DURING the year ending April 1, 1886, fourteen members of various chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have resigned or been expelled. The active membership has been 833, and there are fifty-eight chapters. The living members of the fraternity number 4,267.

THE General Convention of $\Delta \Phi$ was held at the $\Delta \Phi$ Club House, 9 East Twenty-sixth street, New York, on November 24, 26 and 27, 1886. Banquet held at the Brunswick, on the eve of 26th. About 150 present.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$, at her late Convention, refused charters to Iowa Agricultural College, University of Pacific and William Jewell College. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has re-established at the University of California.

THE General Convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was held at the Grand Central Hotel, New York City, on October 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1886. About one hundred delegates and visitors were present.

ΣX at her last Convention considered the question of changing her colors from blue and gold, to gold, white and black, the colors represented on her badge.

THE Historian of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ states that *sixty* members have been initiated by the chapter at the University of Alabama during the year ending April 1, 1886.

THE Adelbert Chapter of ΔKE , according to the *Beta Theta Pi*, has gone into a serious decline, being reduced to three men.

$\Lambda B \Phi$ (I. C. Sorosis) a Fraternity of nineteen Chapters, entirely in Western colleges, held her Convention in Indianola, Iowa, October 19 to 22.

At the University of Wisconsin, $X \Psi$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and ΣX have chapter-houses, all of which are rented.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ held her National Convention (annual) at Springfield, Ohio, during the last week in October.

ALL the fraternities of the University of California, except $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ live in rented chapter houses.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has withdrawn her charter from the Chapter at Monmouth College.

$B \Theta \Pi$ has revived her Miami Chapter, the mother chapter of the Fraternity.

$\Theta K \Psi$, at Cornell, is domiciled in a rented brick house, newly built.

THE new catalogue of $\Sigma A E$ is ready for delivery.

Alumni News.

Rho—Stevens.

'75. James E. Denton has an article entitled "Comparison of Two Systems of Rock Drilling," in the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, of New York, for October 23, 1886.

'75. Theodore F. Koezly returned from Europe on September 12, after an absence of several months, and is now quite restored in health. He is now with the Schweizer Architectural Iron Works, 4 Stone street, New York City.

'76. Henry A. Beckmeyer was a candidate for Congress in the recent elections, having received the nomination from the Essex County, N. J., Labor Convention. Although defeated, he polled a large vote. He is the private assistant and secretary of Edward Weston, the well known electrician and inventor of Newark, N. J.

'76. William Kent was Secretary of Section "D" on Mechanical Science at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Buffalo, last August. He there read a paper entitled "Proposal for an American Academy of Engineering," which has since been reprinted in *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine*, of New York, for October, in the *American Engineer*, of Chicago, and has also been reprinted in separate pamphlet form. At the New York meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, in November, he read a paper entitled the "Heating Value of Water Gas."

'77. A. G. Brinckerhoff was recently elected to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

'77. F. E. Idell now has his office at 41 Dey street, New York City, where he represents several machinery firms for the sale of their products.

'77. John Rapelje, was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Colorado Division of the Union Pacific Railroad on October 1, with headquarters at Denver, Colorado. During the past year he had been General Roadmaster of the same division.

'77. Franklin Van Winkle has an office as Consulting Mechanical Engineer at 110 Liberty street, New York City.

'80. George M. Bond is Chairman of the Joint Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and of the American Pipe Manufactu ' Association, which is to devise a new and uniform system of standard pipe threads.

'80. Theodore A. Elliott has opened an office as Consulting Mechanical Engineer, at 202 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y., and is doing well in his new business.

'80. John M. Ewen is draughting for Burnham & Root, the well known architects of Chicago, Ill. His address is Box 1144, Evanston, Ill.

'80. John W. Lieb, Jr., was married on Thursday, July 29, to Miss Minnie Engler, daughter of A. Engler, Esq., of New York City. He sailed for Milan, Italy, on August 10, to resume his duties as Chief Electrician of the Edison Electric Light Company of that city.

'80. Willard P. Parsons is Treasurer of the Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Gas Light Company.

'81. David Jardine, Jr., was married on Wednesday, June 23, to Mary Lyon Noxon, daughter of the late George E. Noxon, Esq., of Syracuse, N. Y.

'81. James B. Ladd was recently promoted to the position of Assistant Engineer of the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company, of Philadelphia, Pa.

'82. William L. Breath now resides at 241 Broad street, Newark, N. J.

'83. Esteban D. Estrada is Assistant Engineer of Tests of the C. P. & St. L. R. R., with headquarters at 1001 Penn street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'84. Ernest H. Foster spent several months in Montreal, Canada, assisting in the erection and trial of the Worthington pumping engines at the water works of that city.

'85. Arthur G. Glasgow is Secretary and Superintendent of the gas works at Lewiston, Maine, which is operated by the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia.

'85. Richard H. Rice is with the New England Ship Building Company, of Bath, Maine; his post-office address is Box 942.

'86. William J. Chester will shortly enter the employ of the Pneumatic Tool Company, of New York City.

'86. Edward P. Mowton sailed for Europe last August, with the intention of spending a year in travel and study abroad. His address will be, care of M. Blumenthal's Nachfolger, Hanover, Germany.

'86. Edward D. Self is with John S. Lewis, manufacturer of gas machines, 163 Maiden Lane, New York.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

'69. Will Carleton had a poem, "The Vestal," in *Harpers' Bazar* of October 30, 1886, to commemorate the occasion of the unveiling of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

'73. Rev. L. A. Crandall had a paper entitled "Theological Training as Modifying Traits of Character in the Student," in the *Baptist Review*, of New York, for July, 1886. He was President of the nineteenth annual session of the New York State Baptist Pastors' Conference, which convened at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., October 26. He frequently acts as Moderator at the weekly conference of the Baptist ministers of New York City.

'70. Albert J. Hopkins was elected a member of the Fiftieth Congress in the Fifth District of Illinois.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

'73. The Hon. Elisha B. Reynolds has been elected a member of the Indiana House of Representatives.

'76. Married, at high noon, Wednesday, October 27, 1886, at Idlewild, the home of the bride's parents, in New Castle, Indiana, by the Rev. Mr. Ford, Miss Helen Etta Jennings, to Mr. Joseph Crow, Jr., of Bird City, Kansas.

'83. Curtis P. Smith is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

'85. Samuel E. Crose is attending Medical College in Indianapolis.

'86. Ira B. Blackstock is in his father's bank at Paxton, Ill.

'86. James E. McDaniel is teaching school at Bourbon, Ind.

'86. Henry McEnery is a student in the Medical Department of the Tulane University of Louisiana.

'86. Frank D. Wimmer, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wimmer, was born in Hagerstown, Ind., September 16, 1864. He attended the public schools of his native town, graduating from the Hagerstown High School in 1882. He entered the Freshman Class of De Pauw University the following September as a member of the class of 1886. He was initiated into Delta Tau Delta September 13, 1882, and became one of Beta Beta's most prominent and devoted members. During his college life he was a fine scholar, one of the best orators of his class, and during his Senior year Captain in the Military School. April 8, 1886, he married Miss Sadie P. Edson, a daughter of Judge William P. Edson, of Mount Vernon, Ind. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, June 24, 1886. He was admitted to practice in the Circuit and Supreme Courts of Indiana, and was a member of the law firm of Edson & Wimmer, his father-in-law being the senior member of the firm. He died quite suddenly of typhoid fever, Sunday morning, August 15, 1886, at his home in Mount Vernon, Ind., and was buried at Mount Vernon the following Tuesday.

'87. The Hon. George E. Nolin has been elected a member of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Zeta Prime—Monmouth.

'69. Professor Thomas H. McBride, of the University of Iowa, has an article in the *Popular Science Monthly*, for December, 1886, entitled "Energy in Plant-cells."

'70. Reed Stuart has accepted the charge of the First Unitarian Church of Detroit. Of Bro. Reed the *Detroit News* says that "He is a man of strong common sense, distinguished for simplicity and earnestness. His views are liberal but orthodox. Hearers cannot fail to be attracted by his boldness of speech. He is often picturesque, always clear, direct and eloquent. Between himself and congregation there is a strong and singular bond of union and sympathy, resulting in the highest mutual good and profit. One of Mr. Stuart's peculiarities is his strenuous objection to the prefix 'Rev.,' and one of his favorite recreations is hunting."

Epsilon—Albion.

'78. J. C. Camburn spent a few days recently with his mother and sister, of this city. Bro. Camburn is traveling for the Battle Creek School Furniture Company.

'76. E. B. Bancroft is Pastor of the Wesley M. E. Church of Detroit, Mich. Bro. Bancroft is a rising member of the Detroit Conference.

'70. J. H. Riddick is pastor of the M. E. Church of Coldwater, Mich.

'87. Thomas Cox, formerly of '87, is Pastor of the M. E. Church at Concord, Mich. Bro. Cox is also pursuing select studies in the College.

'88. J. W. Arney is preaching with marked success at Springport, Mich. Bro. Arney will complete his course after this year.

'83. Married, November 9, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents, at Concord, Mich., Mr. Marshall Bacon, formerly of '83, to Miss Alice Smalley, '85.

'80. Geo. P. Brown was Republican nominee for County Clerk of Mackinac County.

'78. Charles H. Chase is traveling in Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota for a leading dry goods house.

'76. J. C. Jocelyn is foreman of the boot and shoe department of the Jackson State Prison.

Nu Prime—Indiana University.

'72. General Thomas M. Browne, has been re-elected a member of Congress from Indiana.

Phi—Hanover.

'81. The Rev. Clarence E. Brandt graduated at the Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, in May, and was recently ordained priest by Bishop Knickerbocker. He has resigned his position as the Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, Michigan City, Ind., and is now the Assistant Rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Philadelphia.

'83. R. F. Weems is practicing law at Vincennes, Ind.

'85. W. R. Stratford is wintering at Vevay, Ind.

'85. J. H. Hamilton is attending Cincinnati Law School, and is with a Temple Bar law firm.

'85. R. H. Olmsted is attending Cincinnati Law School, and is with the law firm of Lincoln, Stevens & Lincoln.

'85. C. R. Melcher is in Germany, completing his education in German.

'76. E. G. Henry is in law practice at New Albany, Ind.

'78. O. E. Arbuckle is now living in Hanover, Ind.

'82. J. P. Ramsey is still stationed at Pike's Peak, Colo., in U. S. Signal Service.

'82. C. A. Smith is still attending Cincinnati, Ohio, Law School.

'83. C. B. Smith is in drug business at Vincennes.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

'69. N. N. Hurst, M.D., is proprietor of a large drug store at 3906 State street, Chicago, and enjoys an extensive practice in the city.

'68. The Hon. W. J. Davis holds over as a member of the Indiana Senate.

'73. J. F. Dunshee is the Chief of the Receiving Department of the National Tube Works, McKeesport, Pa.

'79. J. F. Penny is the Proprietor of the McKeesport, Pa., foundry.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

'86. N. J. Blackwood is studying medicine in Philadelphia.

'86. D. H. Sensenig is studying law with J. Hay Brown at Lancaster.

'86. A. M. Pifer is in the Theological Seminary connected with the College.

'84. H. Wanner is practicing law at his home in Reading, Pa.

'86. Dan'l Albright is at his home in Reading. He intends coming to the seminary next year.

'86. J. H. Gerhart is at his home, Lancaster.

Nu—Lafayette.

'82. M. J. Bleim is practicing medicine in Chicago, Ill., located at 595 La Salle avenue.

'84. A. C. Campbell has lately been admitted to the bar of Luzerne county, Penn., and has hung out his shingle in Wilkesbarre.

'87. Harry S. Saylor is now located in Minneapolis, Minn.

'88. R. C. Montelius is also in Minneapolis.

'86. G. B. Stear is practicing law in Norton, Kansas, a member of the firm of Thompson, Jones & Stear; is also editor of the Norton *Democrat*, a weekly newspaper of his city. At the last election Bro. Stear was the regular Democratic candidate for County Attorney, and ran over 300 votes ahead of his ticket; defeated by the narrow majority of 200 in a reliable Republican county.

'87. J. M. Hanna is with the firm of Hanna, Platter & Waples, wholesale grocers, Denison City, Texas.

Beta—Ohio University.

'72. W. W. Gist recently published a work on language, which has received universal commendation.

Alpha—Alleghany.

'81. C. W. Fish is pursuing a course of medical studies in Vienna.

'78. David Jameson, a leading young lawyer of New Castle, Pa., was recently married to Miss Jessie Allen, of Hermitage, Pa.

'83. Will C. Fish is traveling agent for the Meadville Glass Works Co.

'85. Duff Merrick is editing a newspaper at Ashville, N. C.

'82. J. D. Watson is now studying law in Pittsburgh.

'82. C. M. Blair, with W. L. Larned, owns the glove departments in the great Chicago retail houses of A. S. Gage & Co., and Partridge's.

'84. E. W. Day is studying medicine in addition to his signal service duties. He is now stationed at Washington, D. C.

Beta Theta—Butler.

'80. J. B. Curtis camped at Upper Saranac Lake, N. Y., the past summer, and had the honor of entertaining President Cleveland and wife.

'86. M. O. Naramore is principal of the high school at Lena, Ill.

'83. Harry Allen is now with the firm of McClintock & Co., Pittsburgh.

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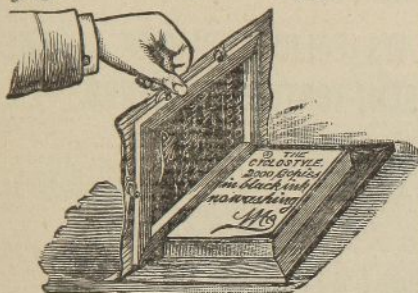
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