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THE WITHDRAWAL OF CHARTERS.

THE action of the fraternity during the past few years in ordering the withdrawal of the charters of unprofitable chapters located in small and comparatively weak institutions, should serve, and many believe that it has already served, as a warning to other chapters located at denominational colleges of small means, meager support and generally circumscribed prospects, to redouble their efforts, both in internal improvement and in their relations with the general fraternity, with a view of compensating in large measure for the shortcomings of their Alma Mater. If all of our chapters will bear this in mind, they never need have any fears that their charters are in danger.

The fraternity has a perfect right to protect itself against injury from the inefficiency of any of its branches, whether this be due to the lowering of the standard of membership, the *personnel* of the chapter or to the retrograde career of the college. It should be allowed to limit the membership of its chapters at the smaller colleges to such a number that their membership standard shall not fall below that current in the best chapters of the fraternity. These are generally found in the larger colleges; there is, however, not a small college on our list to-day at which, under such restrictions, a small chapter cannot be maintained with a reasonable degree of certainty that its *personnel* shall include such men only who will prove valuable members of the fraternity; it would certainly tend to a more uniform membership standard throughout the fraternity than is possible at the present time. If, under such circumstances, the chapter cannot

prosper, the fraternity will, in the judgment of every candid and intelligent fraternity man, be fully justified in ordering the withdrawal of its charter; the principle of the survival of the fittest applies here as elsewhere in human affairs with equal force and weight.

The duty of the fraternity toward its chapters is plain and easily understood, and does not admit of much discussion. A few of them were placed ill advisedly and hastily by those who preceded us in the management of the fraternity's affairs at institutions which should never have been honored with a chapter. From all of these Delta Tau Delta has fortunately withdrawn. Others were entered at a time when they as well as the fraternity were rapidly growing; in dignity and influence Delta Tau Delta has outgrown several of these colleges, and they, too, are no longer on our chapter roll. There are several colleges still on our list which have not been keeping pace with the modern requirements of the times, and, as educational centers, have a somewhat limited influence. There will always be a temptation in the future, as there has been in the past, to withdraw from such colleges, and it therefore becomes a matter both of policy and of duty with chapters so situated that they shall maintain the highest possible state of activity and efficiency. Under such circumstances even the most radically progressive fraternity man will not venture to deny this plain proposition: That Delta Tau Delta has no right to withdraw the charter from a chapter situated at a small college, when that chapter is loyal and enthusiastic in its support of the fraternity; when it succeeds to a fair extent in carrying out the purposes of the fraternity; when it demonstrates that it is an active and useful member of the body politic; when it maintains an efficient alumni organization and maintains a high standard of personal excellence in its membership. The rights of such chapters will always be championed by the large conservative element which, upon important occasions like those here indicated, will not fail make its influence felt, and will ensure full justice being done to all concerned.

The forcible withdrawal of charters is much to be regretted under any circumstances; it cannot be accomplished in most

instances without a great deal of friction and much ill-feeling either of a loud or quiet nature ; it usually alienates a large proportion of the alumni, who, although careless and neglectful in their duties and relations toward their chapter, suddenly seem to realize that by such action they, as well as the undergraduate, and even the college itself, have been grievously wronged. It is needless to deny that in at least a few instances the fraternity, in the judgment of its older and more conservative members, has acted in bad faith in throttling the chapters at several small institutions ; it is fortunate that the evil effect of such action upon the alumni has not been more far reaching that experience has shown. The chapters had played well their parts in the development of the fraternity in its earlier days, when their support was essential to its existence. Several chapters now on our list have a lasting claim upon the gratitude of the fraternity, and with ordinary precautions to maintain an efficient organization, need have no fear that Delta Tau Delta may desire to withdraw, even if the colleges that harbor them are not as progressive and as prosperous as many would wish.

ALUMNUS.

DELTA TAU DELTA IN IOWA.

THE pioneer of Western Deltaism was Henry E. Allen, '77, of Lambda, and to him belongs the credit of establishing Delta Tau west of the Mississippi. In 1872 Allen entered Simpson, being induced to enter that college by his friend, Amos Baker, who had met him at Lombard, and who afterward became an initiate of Xi. Bro. Allen was not long in forming the acquaintance of the members of the "I. I. I. Fraternity," a local society at Simpson, founded as X. Y. Z. in 1869. Through Allen this society made application to $\Delta T \Delta$ for a charter. The petition was granted, and May 8, 1873, Xi chapter was founded with seven charter members exclusive of the founder.

A little over a year later, Bros. Berry and Jewett, of Xi, established a chapter at Iowa Wesleyan University. This was reorganized in 1877 as Chi chapter, and had for rivals chapters

of $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. For several years Chi had a prosperous existence, and counted among its members some very enthusiastic Delts. But some internal dissensions arising, which have never been satisfactorily explained, the chapter grew slack in meeting its obligations to the general fraternity, and fell a victim to the "pruning knife." Thus perished Chi Prime, which, only a few months before its decease, was pronounced by the fraternity Secretary to be the best chapter in the Fourth Division. There are still many Iowa Delts who look back with pride and pleasure to their connection with $\Delta T \Delta$ at Iowa Wesleyan, and who would hail with delight any attempt to revive their old chapter.

In February, 1876, Bros. Samson and Barr, of Xi, founded Omega with twelve charter members. From the first this chapter has had a strong and vigorous growth. It seems to me that the general fraternity has been slow to appreciate the difficulties by which this chapter has been surrounded. The faculty has sometimes been hostile, and until lately never more than tolerated the fraternity. Among the students of this school there exists the bitterest hostility to secret societies, and against this hostility Omega has had to contend almost single-handed, being, however, always able to count on the sisterly aid of the I. C. L., the ladies' society. The standard of membership has always been high, since, having no rival, Omega has had no difficulty in initiating the best from an attendance of 300 or 400 students.

About 1878 a charter was granted to some students at Oskaloosa College. Only a few students of Oskaloosa were initiated, the majority of the initiates being from Penn College in the same city; at the beginning of the next year the whole membership were students at Penn. A petition was offered asking to have the charter transferred to Penn College, but the fraternity, recognizing the mistake of having founded the chapter at all, denied the request, and the chapter ceased to exist.

In 1879, Bro. T. J. Hysham, '85, of Xi, entered the State University, and the next year, with the aid of two other Delts, established Omicron. From correspondence now in the archives of Xi, it appears that the charter members were selected solely with a view to literary ability, and were the best possible choice

from the non-fraternity element in the University. Omicron has carried off many honors in oratory, and there seems to be no doubt that $\Delta T \Delta$ leads the fraternities at the State University.

From first to last there has been established in Iowa five chapters of Delta Tau in the following colleges: Simpson, Iowa Wesleyan University, Iowa State College, Oskaloosa College and Iowa State University. Of these the second and fourth are now defunct.

For rivals, $\Delta T \Delta$ meets in Iowa several of the Western fraternities and one of Southern origin. Following is a list of chapters and their location, given as nearly as known in the order of establishment:

$B \Theta \Pi$, Iowa State University and Iowa Wesleyan; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Iowa Wesleyan and Iowa State University; $\Phi K \Psi$, Simpson and State University; ΣX , State University; $A T \Omega$, Simpson.

Of ladies' societies, there is a goodly supply. We find in the State the following in order of establishment:

$\Pi B \Phi$ fraternity, better known as the I. C. Sorosis, at Iowa Wesleyan, Simpson, State College, State University and State Normal. The $P E O$ Society has chapters at Iowa Wesleyan, Iowa Normal and other schools, not being confined to colleges. L. F. V. Sorosis, Simpson and Callanan; $K \Lambda \Theta$ Fraternity, Simpson; $K K \Gamma$ Fraternity, Simpson and State University.

The history of Iowa colleges is substantially that of every other Western State from Pennsylvania to Kansas. Every religious denomination founded one or more colleges, and the State established two. At present date Iowa ranks next to Ohio in the number of colleges, having nineteen in full blast. But the law of the survival of the fittest is doing its perfect work, and six or seven of these colleges are growing in influence, attendance, and, at the expense of the weaker, wealth.

There are possibly other schools in the State that will soon become the home of fraternities in spite of strong anti-fraternity regulations. Grinnell College, widely known for its adventure with a cyclone a few years ago, might very properly be called the Kenyon of Iowa, and Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, with its 500 or 600 students might be compared to Ohio Wesleyan.

O. A. KENNEDY, XI.

Delta Tau Delta in Literature.

[Devoted to Reviews and Notices of the Works of Members of the Fraternity.]

THE RELATION OF INFANTS TO CHRIST. Samuel Lynch Beiler, M.A. (Mu, 72). A doctrinal study read before the monthly meeting of the Alpha Chapter of the Convocation of Boston University. Printed in *The Alpha*, the organ of the Alpha Chapter.

ESSENTIALS OF GEOMETRY. Alfred H. Welsh, M.A. (Eta, '73). S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, 1885.

The most pleasing features to be mentioned of this geometry are: Its definitions, so well combining adequacy and conciseness; the logical order preserved in the arrangement of theorems; the simplicity and clearness of the demonstrations, and the all but faultless diagrams. In each of these respects it is not over-praising to say Prof. Welsh has more satisfactorily supplied the actual need of the class-room than did Euclid or Chauvenet or Olney. There is evidenced throughout the whole book, including both plane and spherical geometry, a ripe experience in class-work, and the author has not, in becoming author, laid aside the simple methods employed in teaching his own pupils. The genuine excellence of this text-book will hence be obvious. It is seldom that writers of geometries economize the learner's attention as Prof. Welsh does. The abridgment of old definitions in the most exact of the exact sciences is a very delicate operation, and an unskilled hand is sure to bring ruinous results; but we are convinced that, in not a few instances in the present work, the author has not only shortened but completely re-expressed definitions, and has done it well. The chief good resulting is invariably to be found in the economizing of attention—release of the thought from the unimportant and incidental, and the concentration of it in the important and essential. The old confusion of stating a theorem and its converse altogether has been well avoided, and there is, in that regard, marked conservation of the pupil's attention. It is an excellent geometry, not a needless addition to the already extensive bibliography of its subject, but a geometry written by a capable hand and pursuant to a fixed design. The pupil, in studying this book, will find a clear and distinct view opened to

him, for the curtains have been drawn aside by one who is at once a mathematician and a psychologist. Prof. Welsh deserves the heartiest congratulations and thanks of all earnest teachers.

ESSENTIALS OF ENGLISH. Prof. A. H. Welsh, A.M. (Eta, '73). S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, 1885.

In this work Prof. Welsh has admirably succeeded in preparing a volume specially adapted to academies and preparatory schools. A knowledge of the principles of grammar is important, and the work embodies in a lucid, yet logical and practical way, all of these that are of real value. But it is not a mere grammar, but a clear, concise and intelligent study of our mother tongue. As a study of English, previous to English literature, it is complete, and will be of material assistance to the student in acquiring a thorough command of the language. The work is so thorough, comprehensive and scholarly, the subject matter so interesting and well arranged, that it cannot fail to win the attention of all lovers of good English.

A COMPLETE RHETORIC. Prof. A. H. Welsh, A. M. (Eta, '73). S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, 1886.

The ground-idea of this work is that the proper object of rhetorical training is not to produce glibness, assurance, or fluency,—which will come afterward if not constitutionally wanting,—but to drill the young in the art of reasoning, in the arrangement of materials, in the quick perception of relations, in penetrating to the heart of questions; to enable students, not simply to avoid gross mistakes in grammar and ambiguous and obscure expressions, but to state facts and opinions and arguments so as to please and move as well as to instruct; not only to furnish the practical precepts and exercises by which the student acquires skill in writing, but to impart a knowledge of literary art and history, to rectify vicious tastes, and to cultivate appreciation of thought-values. From the *National Journal of Education*, Boston, we quote: "This work is of great practical importance to students of the English language and literature. Prof. Welsh has come to be recognized as an author of marked ability and a safe guide on all questions relating to the English language. In this book he discusses in a lucid and entertaining style every topic belonging properly to the province of rhetoric. * * * The student is introduced in a comprehensive way to the art of reasoning by a proper arrangement

of materials, by an insight into the relations of expression, and by a thorough examination of the vital points in the discussion of questions. The methods taught are concise, clear and thorough. Mr. Welsh practically illustrates his teachings by the forcible style of his own writing upon the topics discussed in this work. Logical common-sense characterizes all his works in behalf of a correct use of the language. We are confident that this new rhetoric will be hailed with satisfaction by all good teachers and inquiring students."

VEGETABLE MORPHOLOGY A CENTURY AGO. T. H. McBride (Theta Prime, Monmouth, '69), Prof., of Botany, State University of Iowa.

A series of articles published in late numbers of *Science*, which have attracted a good deal of attention among those interested in Botany. Prof. McBride writes with a thorough understanding of his subject, and says what he has to say in terse and beautiful language. He is an enthusiastic worker in educational fields, having had charge of the "Iowa Educational exhibit" at New Orleans, which ranked first.

Editorial.

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

THE aims and ambitions of fraternities vary with their names. One fraternity finds in superb and elaborate chapter-houses the highest good; another fascinates and enthralls the unwary barbarian with a dazzling array of celebrated statesmen, judges, and men of high educational or literary reputation; still another takes a delirious enjoyment in attenuating a chapter list already long as a bill in chancery; another discards the plebeian and base-born and yearns for gentlemen of distinguished ancestry and high social standing; and so on until the list is exhausted. All these are exceedingly valuable in their way, and as far as they go. But what this Delta Tau Delta fraternity wants and needs most is one thousand Deltas to subscribe for THE CRESCENT, and pay their subscription in advance; not less than four hundred Deltas to pay an annual amount into a fund devoted to extension, and to the assistance of new and struggling chapters; at least ten chapters to start chapter papers, with their alumni substantially supporting the enterprise; two hundred Deltas to immediately purchase the remaining catalogues; twenty-five Deltas of literary culture and ability, who will take an active interest in the development of the literary department of THE CRESCENT; thirty chapter correspondents who know how to write a readable letter, and who will devote a share of time and talent to their important duties, and make their department what it ought to be—the most enjoyable in the journal. When these plain, modest and practical ambitions are realized we can calmly and serenely await the arrival of chapter-houses, Congressmen, and other gilt-edged trappings for holiday, banquet and dress-parade display.

At a Province Convention of Sigma Chi held lately in Chicago, a committee, of which Mr. W. L. Fisher, the able and talented editor of *The Sigma Chi*, was chairman, placed before the meeting a programme of fraternity questions for discussion. With a few alterations, neces-

sary to adapt it to the uses of our own fraternity, we publish it in full below. We place it in our Editorial Department because we believe it to be the most admirable and logical arrangement of all the questions that are now of moment and practical importance to Delta Tau and every other wide-awake fraternity. The programme is worthy of discussion not only in Division Conferences but at the General Convention, in chapter meetings, and wherever Delta Taus are wont to assemble. We heartily commend it to our members, and warmly urge an intelligent consideration and thoughtful discussion of the subjects presented :

1. Division Conferences.
 - (a) General—Their methods and scope.
 - (b) Special—Matters pertaining to each Grand Division.
2. The Fraternity Magazine.
 - (a) Financial.
 - (1) Subscriptions of Active Members.
 - (2) Alumni circulation.
 - (b) Editorial.
 - (1) General literary support and management.
 - (2) The work of Chapter Correspondents.
3. Financial Matters.
 - (a) General Fraternity finance.
 - (c) Individual chapter finances.
4. The Fraternity Catalogue.
 - (a) Matters of Publication and Finance.
 - (b) Historical Material.
 - (c) Biographical Material.
5. Alumni Relations to the Fraternity.
 - (a) Alumni Chapters.
 - (b) Alumni and the Active Chapters.
6. Inter-Chapter Relations.
 - (a) Acquaintance.
 - (b) Correspondence.
7. Chapter Records.
 - (a) Minutes.
 - (b) Other Records.

8. Chapter Libraries.
 - (a) Contents.
 - (b) Ways and Means.
9. The General Fraternity Library.
 - (a) Contents.
 - (b) Ways and Means.
10. Chapter Houses.
 - (a) Advantages and Management.
 - (b) Ways and Means.
11. Extension.
 - (a) Eastern.
 - (b) Western.
 - (c) Southern.
12. Nature of the Secrecy of the Fraternity.
13. Extended Chapter Histories.
14. The next Annual Convention.
 - (a) Place.
 - (b) Time.
 - (c) Questions for Debate and Decision.
 - (1) The Prep. Question.
 - (2) Constitutional Amendments.
 - (3) The Withdrawal of Charters.
 - (4) Regulation of Taxes and Assessments.
 - (5) Miscellaneous Subjects.
15. Character and Methods of Individual Chapter Work.
 - (a) Character of the meetings.
 - (b) General standard of membership.
 - (c) Numbers.
 - (d) Methods of solicitation.
 - (e) Ritualistic observance and knowledge.
 - (f) Constitutional observance and knowledge.
 - (g) General knowledge of Delta Tau Delta matters and history.
 - (h) General knowledge of Greek-Letter Society matters and history.
 - (i) Songs and song-book.
16. Honorary Members.
17. The Expulsion of Members.

FROM a recent letter of Hon. Alfred M. Post, Beta, '69, who is the Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska, we quote the following :

I am much pleased with THE CRESCENT. It speaks well for the enterprise of the younger members of the fraternity, and I predict will exert a powerful influence in extending and strengthening the *A T A*. I hand you, enclosed, the price of one year's subscription. I also received lately a copy of the General Catalogue of 1884, with which I am much pleased. The compilers have done their work well. I notice with pleasure and pride the continued success in life of my brothers of old Beta.

Although it is pleasant to feel that one's efforts are appreciated, we publish this extract from no personal motive, but simply because it serves our purpose to show that the fraternity idea is more than a school boy's chimera or the irrational sentiment of visionary college students. The simple fact that men of public prominence like Judge Post, who have for years been far removed from the circles of fraternity influence and association, continue to look back upon their fraternity days with pleasure ; that they commend the work of their fraternity, view its progress and prosperity with satisfaction, and give their personal support in promoting its most vital interests,—this in itself is a valid and convincing argument for the existence of fraternities. While the Greek Societies continue to enlist the active interest, the warm sympathy, the moral sanction of such men, they can well afford to contemptuously ignore the harmless invective and vapid denunciation of anti-fraternity screamers and ranters.

THE Zeta chapter of Chi Phi, at Franklin and Marshall College, asked for and obtained permission from the General Convention of that fraternity, held in New York city in November, to initiate members belonging to a former chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. A resolution to this effect appears in the official printed proceedings of that body, and must be regarded as authentic. Before commenting further on this subject we desire to offer as our excuse for discussing the secret acts of Chi Phi in this manner, that this so immediately affects the interests of our fraternity that THE CRESCENT, true to its mission, is amply justified in taking such a step.

We are assured that the members of our late Tau chapter at Franklin and Marshall College have not, until quite recently, been aware of this action on the part of Chi Phi. Overtures, it is true, were made some months ago by at least two of the fraternities at that

college, Chi Phi being one of them, to individual members of our fraternity, but they were promptly repelled. The members of Tau are too sensitive of their personal honor to forget and violate their obligations to Delta Tau Delta, no matter how keenly they may feel, and deeply regret, the action of the last Convention in withdrawing their charter. It is evident, then, that Chi Phi made its calculations without due regard to both parties of the proposed bargain, and that it was done in anticipation of a *possibility* that our late Tau chapter might, individually or collectively, accept its invitation. The act, moreover, in our estimation, is entirely characteristic of Chi Phi at Franklin and Marshall College, whose methods and practices in both college and interfraternity relations have, for many years, been of a particularly vicious and obnoxious character. Had they known, as many members of our fraternity do know, the feeling of our brethren of the Tau toward that chapter of Chi Phi in particular and that fraternity in general, they would scarcely have taken the trouble to ask for a privilege in their General Convention, which they since have found cannot be exercised. They have misjudged Tau's ideas of personal association and have underestimated its sense of honor.

Aside, however, from this view of the matter, which reflects alike honor and credit upon the loyalty of our men, there is another aspect of the case. Chi Phi, we understand on good authority, has long desired to withdraw from Franklin and Marshall College, probably owing to the character of its chapter. It is interesting to imagine what might occur when the time for its departure from that college will have come. It remains to be seen whether men who tempt others, as its Zeta chapter have done, will remain true to their fraternity under similar circumstances.

What of the position of the General Convention of Chi Phi in this matter? We do not know by what vote the resolution, referred to here, was adopted. We can only hope that there may have been a strong minority, and that the majority did not fairly represent the best thought and element in Chi Phi. There are at least a few chapters of that fraternity which, we know, would not knowingly countenance such a scheme, that should merit the severest censure of every decent fraternity man. We cannot assume that Chi Phi should be so lax in its ideas of comity and justice. We therefore assume, in all charity, that the Convention which authorized such an act, did not represent the best elements of the fraternity.

WE are in receipt of recent numbers of *The Rho Chronicle*, which has now entered upon its seventh volume, and has reached us during that time with almost unfailing regularity. Up to within two years it was published by our chapter at the Stevens Institute of Technology. It was then enlarged, its sphere extended, and is now issued jointly by the Rho and Upsilon at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. It was justly reasoned, in thus changing the scope and character of the paper, that inasmuch as the alumni of these two chapters, as members of the same profession, that of engineering, have many interests in common, a publication which would contain alumni personalia, chapter, college and fraternity news, and similar features, would prove equally acceptable to the alumni and undergraduates of our two technical schools.

The Chronicle affords an excellent insight into the methods of the two chapters; and we have no doubt that much of their prosperity and general efficiency are due to the hearty feeling of concord and the practical co-operation which characterize the relations between their undergraduates and alumni. These are carefully fostered by the agency of *The Chronicle*. It aims to supplement,—by no means to supplant,—the general fraternity journal; that it does its work without detriment to THE CRESCENT, is shown by the large subscription list which Rho, the older of the two chapters, annually contributes for its support. Nor does it conflict in any way with the interests of the college journal, as inquiry to that effect has shown. As an aid in maintaining an efficient organization within the ranks of the chapter alumni its value cannot be overestimated.

The enterprise, in some respects, is unique in the history of college fraternities. Attempts have been made from time to time by ambitious chapters of other fraternities to conduct these chapter papers, and in our own fraternity *The Iota Chronicle*, *Epsilon Star*, and *Beta Beta Reporter* are instances in point. None of these, however, remain to-day as permanent features in the work of those chapters, owing probably to the inadequate financial support which they received on the part of the alumni, rather than from any inability or unwillingness of the undergraduates to assume the duty of publishing the papers.

The Rho Chronicle was primarily designed for circulation within the two chapters and among their alumni. It is familiar to all of the chapters; we do not, however, think that it is generally known that it is sustained wholly by means of voluntary subscriptions on part of the

alumni, who seem to provide liberally for all of its wants. We regard this as a most encouraging feature; the expenses of publication cannot be small, and it is satisfactory to know that the enterprise is self-sustaining, and that the undergraduates are merely required to attend to the details of publication.

There are to-day a dozen or more chapters of our fraternity, whose alumni are sufficiently numerous to enable the undergraduates to provide at least a quarterly, if not a monthly, publication like *The Rho Chronicle*. An annual or semi-annual circular letter, as issued by some of the fraternities under constitutional enactment, while useful in a measure, cannot, however, serve the purpose as well as can be done in a quarterly, or, better still, a monthly paper. We feel sure that if any of our chapters who desire to give the plan a trial, will communicate with the managers of *The Chronicle*, they will be able to obtain much information as to how best to secure alumni co-operation in an enterprise of this kind.

We commend these suggestions to the careful consideration of our older chapters especially, and hope to be made fully acquainted with any plans that may be formed. If one or two of the alumni will take the trouble to agitate this subject of their colleagues, and provide the undergraduates with the "sinews of war," they will, we firmly believe, find every chapter prepared to carry out, so far as it lies in the power of the undergraduates to do so, the arrangement for a chapter paper.

THE want of a Fraternity Song Book is painfully apparent at every chapter meeting, at every social reunion, at every fraternity convention and banquet. It must, indeed, be confessed that song is an almost forgotten feature, a lost accomplishment, in many of our chapters. Nothing would do more toward emphasizing the sentimental side of our fraternity than poetry and song, which should receive the best thought and attention that the fraternity can command. It is surprising that this long-felt want has never been supplied. The subject of a Fraternity Song Book has been discussed for at least a half decade, has been entrusted to several chapters in turn, and yet, until quite recently, these efforts have never even promised to lead to something tangible. In this matter, however, Delta Tau Delta has sympathizing companions in the most of her sister fraternities. The number of really successful and meritorious song collections of other fraternities can be numbered on one's fingers' ends; there are a score or more of

song books, so-called, which are the merest apologies for the name. It is well, perhaps, that Delta Tau Delta has not heretofore placed herself on record in this direction, for it is not likely that any attempt which might have resulted in a song book would have attained the best standards current in this field of fraternity literature to-day.

We believe, however, that we are nearer than ever the solution of the problem which has so long confronted us. The work is in the hands of the Iota, long known as a chapter which has done more than most others in voicing the praises of Delta Tau Delta in both poetry and song. Bro. Lucius W. Hoyt, of Grand Rapids, Mich., an alumnus of the Iota, has immediate charge of the work; himself a musician and lover of music, we may hope with good reason that the energy and interest which he is devoting to the work entrusted to his care may soon result in something tangible. Bro. Hoyt, we believe, fully realizes the imperfections of the majority of fraternity song books, and, having at command a number of them, we may be sure that he will exercise such a censorship over the contributions for the song book which will keep it free from the puerile and meaningless songs which mar so many fraternity song books; nor is the music so largely in both college and fraternity song books of that high order which one might reasonably expect; the airs and melodies, so largely borrowed from negro and other hackneyed current song, cannot compare with the songs found at German and English universities. Our own fraternity airs should be so selected, either originally or by adaptation, that when heard in after life, upon festive occasions, they might incite only pleasant recollections of gatherings in some far-distant chapter-hall.

It is proposed to publish in one dainty volume the "Songs and Poems of Delta Tau Delta." There is material enough on hand, even at this time, to make it creditable to the fraternity. It may not be possible, perhaps, to reach at once the highest standards, for several of the fraternities have published repeatedly revised editions of their song books. We cannot, however, much longer delay the publication of the book; the immediate wants of the fraternity are too pressing and too well known to admit of further postponement. We trust, therefore, that the chapters will cordially co-operate with Bro. Hoyt in his efforts to make the volume one of both use and ornament to the fraternity.

The Greek World.

THE editor of the *Chi Psi Purple and Gold*, in speaking of Fraternity Government, remarks :

What are some of these plans of government ? One of our friends has suffered long under the grand chapter system, which, be it said, he acknowledges to be imperfect. What we have said of the pernicious effect of under-graduate control applies here. Each convention placed the power in new and untried hands. In the language of political science it was an elective monarchy. History has demonstrated the failure of such a governmental system. Experience has shown to more than one fraternity that it is equally a failure in society life. Still less may be said of that system which makes the mother chapter the perpetual seat of government. No words are needed to prove its weakness. A grand council of alumni can hardly be called the ideal system. Exclusive alumni control, it should be remembered, virtually disfranchises the active members. The fact, however, that there is an experienced head to the government in the person of the president of the council must not be overlooked. When, as we interpret the system of a certain fraternity, the presidents of divisions bind the alumni board of control closely to the under-graduates, little fault can be found with its solution of the problem. The system of a governing committee composed of under-graduates and alumni has been tried. One of the latter as chairman of the board is ostensibly the head of the fraternity. Prominent alumni may be elected to nominal offices, but the executive control rests in the mixed board. This seems to be the coming system, and many fraternities have already adopted it. It unites in one board representatives of the two great divisions of a fraternity. Power is centralized where the experience of the older brother can balance and check the enthusiasm of his younger associate. The bond between alumnus and collegian is drawn closer. Inherent faults and defects every plan must have in a greater or less degree. Nevertheless, as we look abroad among the scores of fraternities, we cannot but feel that this system and systems closely allied to it are destined to stand in fraternity history where stands the republican form of government in the greater world.

GOVERNOR SAMUEL D. MCENERY, of Louisiana, is a $\Phi K \Sigma$; John Bigelow, ex-Minister to France, is a $\Sigma \Phi$; Mr. Justice Stephen J. Field is a ΔT , and not a ΨT as the type made us say in our last number; William G. Goodloe, ex-Minister to Belgium, is a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; the late B. Gratz Brown, candidate for Vice

President on the Greeley ticket in 1872, was a $B \Theta \Pi$; Professors Julia Druley, Lida Duis, Emma S. Howe and Rosa M. Redding, of De Pauw University, are members of $K A \Theta$, and Professor Ella G. Earp, of the same University, is an $A X \Omega$; the late Godlove S. Orth, ex-Minister to Austria, and a member of Congress at the time of his death, was a $\Delta T \Delta$; Judge Albion W. Tourgee, the author and lecturer, is a ΨT ; Abraham D. Hazen, Third Assistant Postmaster General, is a $Z \Psi$; the Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, the rector of Trinity Church, Boston, is an $A \Delta \Phi$; Thomas H. Nelson, ex-Minister to Chili and Mexico, is a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Colonel Walter B. Hill, the Georgian statesman, is a $X \Phi$; Bishop Charles E. Cheney, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, is a $\Sigma \Phi$; the Presidents of Harvard, Hamilton, Rutgers, Bowdoin, Johns Hopkins and Madison are members of $A \Delta \Phi$, and the Presidents of Cornell, Amherst, the Ohio Wesleyan and the University of Michigan are members of ΨT .

THE Seventh Annual Reunion and Banquet of the Zeta Psi Fraternity Central Association was held on February 12 at Clark's, New York City. Covers were laid for sixty. The colleges represented were Columbia, the University of the City of New York, Rutgers, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Williams, Lafayette, and Universities of Michigan and California. The toast, "Our Fraternity," was responded to by Judge Augustus Van Wyck; that of "The Bench" by Judge R. L. Larremore. Among those present were Judge Henry W. Bookstaver and Surrogate Latt, of Brooklyn.

THE Sixteenth Anniversary of the founding of $K A \Theta$ was celebrated by the Alpha Chapter of De Pauw University at the home of Professor De Motte on the evening of January 27, 1886. About fifty couples were present, all of the gentlemen fraternities of the University being represented among the guests. The invitations were printed in gold on black satin and elegantly hand-painted in the former color, thus combining with the beauty of art the colors of $K A \Theta$ —black and gold.

"PHI DELTA THETA and Sigma Alpha Epsilon continue to initiate all the college professors who are kind enough to humor

them in their ridiculous fancy. It is becoming almost impossible to separate the honorary from the collegiate members in some fraternities. Alpha Tau Omega allows each chapter to initiate one 'big man' a year. Some fraternities, however, need 'big guns' with which to defend themselves. They are not able to stand alone, but must be bolstered up by outside help."—*Kappa Alpha Journal for January*.

THE fraternity circles here were greatly surprised to hear the misfortune of the Tau Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta. They stood well here, and were our only rivals. From the whisperings gathered, we are led to believe rather that they "bolted" the fraternity than that the general fraternity had any reason to take any such action as they did. Nevertheless, this will be a great advantage to us with no worthy opposition.—*Franklin and Marshall Cor. Chi Phi Quarterly*.

FRATERNITY circles are considerably wrought up just now over the prospect of $A \Delta \Phi$ establishing a chapter here. Professors Allen and Freeman in the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Sheldon in the city, all alumni of the fraternity, are deeply interested in the work. But, inasmuch as there are already six fraternities established here, it is a matter of wonder that $A \Delta \Phi$ would listen to her new petitioners for a moment.—*U. of Wis. Correspondent X \Psi Purple and Gold*.

THE Alpha Province of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity held its annual banquet on February 12, 1886, at Morelli's, New York city. Sixty-one members, representing twenty-three chapters, were present. Carroll P. Bassett acted as toast-master.

$\Sigma A E$ recently created a council of five members to whom is entrusted the entire executive power formerly vested in an undergraduate chapter.

THE First Convention of the Fourth Province of ΣX was held with the Xi Chapter of De Pauw University January 29, 1886.

THE next Annual Convention of $X \Phi$ will meet in Louisville on the third Wednesday in November, 1886.

CHI PSI is represented in the present (49th) Congress by one Senator and four Representatives.

It is said that the charter of the University of Chicago Chapter of ΨT has been withdrawn.

EX-PRESIDENT ARTHUR has been elected President of the New York Psi Upsilon Association.

ONLY four men have been initiated by the fraternities at Hanover College this year.

THE Convention of the Fifth Province of Sigma Chi met in Chicago on January 4.

CHI PSI at Williams expects to break ground soon for a new chapter house.

$\Sigma A E$ has established a chapter at Wofford College.

$K \Sigma$ has entered Perdue University.

Chapter Letters.

Beta Epsilon — Emory.

WE are moving along smoothly at Emory, and there is nothing very interesting occurring. Since the last number of THE CRESCENT came out, the reports of the relative standing of the students were read in the Chapel. The "Delta Taus" shared the third mark in the junior class; the first, second and third in the soph.; the third in the freshman, and the first in the sub-freshman. All of our boys came out well—none were low in class-standing.

Our chapter is in a good condition, and is moving steadily onward in her progress. Although it seemed that the fates were against us for awhile, we are now hopeful that our chapter ere long will be unexcelled in Emory. We greatly feel the lack of Delta Taus in the South. There are so few in the South that it is quite a rare thing ever to meet one. We plead for Southern extension.

Psi — Wooster.

MISS A. B. IRISH, Ph. D., Prof. of German Language and Literature in the University, died of scarlet fever, February 12. The school has not received so severe a shock since its establishment. Miss Irish was esteemed by all, and especially by those who were privileged to be in her classes. But what is our loss, we have reason to believe, is her gain.

Wooster's Preliminary Oratorical Contest was won again by a Delt—Bro. J. M. Shallenberger. He took for his subject, "Liberty Enlightening the World." It was treated in a masterly manner, and fairly captivated the audience. Bro. Shelly will represent Wooster at the Inter-Collegiate Contest, to be held at Granville, February 18. Expect to hear from it. Nothing special is happening here among the frats. The $\Phi K \Psi$ s bring out a man every now and then, but the other frats. are holding off.

Zeta — Adelbert.

THE past month has been unusually quiet in fraternity circles. We have held our regular meetings, and they have been very profitable. On December 3, the College sustained a great loss in the death of Professor Spencer M. Freeman, who filled the Chair of Physics and Astronomy. Professor Freeman was a graduate of the University of Rochester and Johns Hopkins, and had a future of great promise before him, he being only thirty-two years of age. We enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Bro. George A. Reid, of Chi, last week. Bro. H. G. Sherman has been compelled to give up his practice, and go South for his health. The last Conference of the Second Division left it undecided where this year's Conference should be held, leaving the decision to the Division at large. Zeta feels that she is in a position where she is able to entertain the Division, and probably with as much benefit to the chapter as ever. Several of the chapters have already expressed their willingness to come to Cleveland. The picture called the Case School of Applied Science, in *Harpers Monthly* for March, is a very good picture of our college. We have received the *Chronicle* and the *Choctaw Pow-Wow*, for which the chapters will please accept thanks. If the chapters are as good as their papers, the fraternity may well feel proud of them. May the *Pow-Wow* prosper.

Eta — Buchtel.

As the time for holding the Second Division Conference draws near, Eta begins to question the place of meeting. As it is advisable that as many Delts as possible should be present—delegates, actives and alumni—we think it would be well to select some place that would be most likely to allow of the assembling of the most members and alumni. We have a number of alumni at Cleveland who always attend Delta gatherings, beside Zeta, who would entertain royally. We suggest that the committee on time and place consider Cleveland and Zeta.

Buchtel rejoices in an observatory, well equipped, with a good 4½-inch telescope, transit circle with 3-inch glass, sidereal clock,

chronograph and sextant. A mean clock will soon be added. Professor Howe hopes to give time to the cities of Northern Ohio.

The Juniors are to publish an annual, of which Bro. Stuart is editor-in-chief. Everything bids fair for the success of the journal. The contest of our local association resulted in Mr. Page, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, first; Mr. Thompson, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, second; Mr. Roth-roch, $\Delta T \Delta$, third. Mr. Page received fifth place at the State Oratorical Contest.

Omicron—State University of Iowa.

THE new year opens favorably with us. Brothers Hedrick and Rufus Clark are not with us this term. Herbert Perry, '88, is with us once more. The $\Delta T \Delta$ s closed '85 with a german, in which seventeen couples took part. It will be remembered as one of the pleasantest social events in the history of Omicron. Brother J. L. Teeters took second honors in the Home Oratorical Contest. Professor T. H. McBride, '69, of Zeta Prime, has written some interesting articles for the *North American Review* lately. Rev. A. J. Beavis, '78, Beta Epsilon, Monmouth, Illinois, has recently taken charge of the Unitarian Church of this city. Omicron extends a hearty welcome to Bro. Beavis. Our rival fraternities are in flourishing condition. The Beta Theta Pi initiated six men this term. The Sigma Chis have fully regained their position, partially lost last year. They are now in good working condition; one initiate this term. The Phi Delta Thetas have not recovered their position lost by the graduation of '85. The Phi Kappa Psis have improved their time this year by initiating four members.

Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

AGAIN we appear to introduce to Delta Tau Delta two new brothers, — Lambert Sternberg, '88, of Boulder; and G. B. Blake, '86 (Medical Department), of Louisiana. With these we feel content to close our roll for '85-6. Brothers Sternberg and Blake increase our number of active members to ten,—“good men and true.”

Our work this year has united in Beta Kappa the best element in the College. We feel that our roll of members can not be bettered. All are active and interested in the progress of Beta Kappa Chapter, and the fraternity in general. The alumni in this State are active with us also, and have aided us in making some very substantial improvements.

Phi—Hanover.

FRATERNITY news is very scarce at Hanover just now ; none of the frats. seem to be doing anything. This has been a very poor year all round for new fraternity men — only three or four new men have been taken in by all the fraternities here. They all seem to have hopes for the future, and $\Delta T \Delta$ joins with them in this desire. Bro. Ryker, class '82, of the Signal Service, stationed at Indianapolis, is here on a visit to his home. He is looking well, and seems to be in the very best of spirits. We don't know anything about it, but we suspect that Bro. R. is getting tired of the oneness of the life he is leading just now, and is contemplating a change, which is a little out of the order of a weather prophet. The coming Oratorical Contest for the choosing of a speaker to represent the college in the State Oratorical Contest next April, promises to be the most exciting Hanover has ever had, there being six or seven contestants. $\Delta T \Delta$ having no seniors is out of the ring, so will take a back seat, and divide her hopes and good wishes among all the contestants. Phi is in good working order now ; everything moves smoothly along. Two of our men had the honor places on the 22nd of February exhibition.

Rho—Stevens.

IMMEDIATELY after the Christmas holidays, the Chapter signalized its return to college duties and pleasures by holding, on January 8, 1886, an informal re-union,—the occasion of the first meeting of the new term. It was designed to bring together for a pleasant evening the undergraduates and the alumni of Rho, and also to present to the latter our Freshman delegation, to which we hoped to have been able to make an addition of two on

that occasion. Unforeseen circumstances, however, delayed these initiations until one or two weeks afterward ; nevertheless our alumni were able to meet with two of our Freshmen. Among the eighteen alumni present were several who graduated many years ago, in the early history of the chapter. It is needless to say that all the undergraduates were on hand. We also had the pleasure of having with us Brothers W. W. Cook, Δ , '80, H. R. Asseron, Γ , '87, and F. F. Martinez, Σ , '82. Arrangements had been made for an appropriate collation, and the resources of the lately-established chapter culinary department were for the first time tried. Speeches were made by several of the alumni and undergraduates,—college matters being chiefly the topic of the remarks. In the judgment of those present it was a decided success, lessening, by an appreciable extent, the gap between the chapter and the alumni, which time tends to widen, and which must be checked by such occasional reunions. We have since initiated the two freshmen whom we had hoped to present to our alumni at the reunion. Mr. Wm. J. Hamilton, of Albany, N. Y., was initiated on January 15, and Mr. Wm. Dixie Hoxie, on January 29. We had quite a number of alumni with us at Bro. Hoxie's initiation, and our china was again tried.

On the whole, the last Conference held in New York, February 22, under the auspices of the Chapter Sigma, was quite a success, some very important topics being discussed. The performance witnessed by the theater party and the banquet might have been better, the latter, however, was very enjoyable. We hope to make a great success of next year's Conference, which will be held under our auspices. Our chapter library, which is now being catalogued by Bro. Peck, has grown to be quite an important factor. Though yet young, it now contains over 500 volumes, which are of great interest and use to us. In our next communication we hope to be able to present a statement of the Fraternity System at Stevens, regarded from a statistical and historical standpoint, and which we hope may prove interesting.

Beta Zeta — Butler.

THIS term has proved a very prosperous one for the college. In the classes and societies the students have shown an unusual devotion to their work. Almost nothing of a sensational nature has occurred. At the first of the term the ladies of the "Demia Butler" literary society, a society excluding fraternity members, appeared each with a neatly devised badge. The first impression among the students was that another fraternity had been introduced. Our chapter, which, after struggling so long for existence, experienced such a sudden growth last term, is still holding its own. Our ranks have lately been strengthened by one of the best members of the freshman class. This addition, H. L. Wilson, we take the pleasure to introduce to the Delta world. Bro. Wise, who was obliged to stay out last term, is welcomed back by us all; now we are thirteen.

Alpha — Allegheny.

PERMIT us to introduce to you Bros. C. S. H. Smith, '89, Buffalo, N. Y.; Allen I. Warren, '89, Wheeling, W. Va., both of whom we initiated since our last communication to THE CRESCENT. These are two of the finest men, to say the least, that entered college this year. Our chapter feels proud of having made this accession. This swells our numbers to nine active members, although we were one at the beginning of the collegiate year. This will show the hold that Alpha has upon our college. Our numbers may fall away, but the spirit will always remain. There are one or two men in college we are now looking up. We only hope they may prove to possess the requisites of a loyal Delta. Alpha has finally commenced the publication of a chapter paper called the *Choctaw Pow-Wow*, the first number of which she mailed recently. This is something that our chapter has long needed. We will endeavor to make it an interesting sheet,—one full of college note, alumni news, etc. We hope by this means to recall to the minds of our alumni the pleasant times spent while actives. Our annual Choctaw Pow-Wow and Walk Around will take place on Friday, February 26, at the

Commercial Hotel. We look upon this as one of the many pleasant features of the chapter. We all look forward to it with many happy anticipations, as it has always proven to be most enjoyable. Bros. Baldwin and Kistler made us a very pleasant call, and gave us many kind words of encouragement. May they come often.

Xi—Simpson.

OUR goat has again performed its official duty, and we chronicle the birth of a new frater. Samuel M. Fegthy, '90, of Nevada, Iowa, was initiated on the evening of January 28, who makes the eighth active member who assembles at the regular Saturday evening meetings. We are pleased to note the reanimated prosperity of Simpson College. She enrolls more students this term than ever before in her history. With an enlarged faculty and additional financial encouragement recently received, guaranteeing more surely the erection of another new building during the coming summer season, her outlook never appeared more promising. Our active force enjoyed a pleasant little mid-winter "diversion" the evening of January 21. After convening in the chapter rooms to spend a short time with their ladies, they adjourned *en masse* to listen to the entertainment given by the Schubert Quartette at the Opera Hall, then repaired to the Central House, where an informal supper was partaken of and the other pleasantries unavoidable upon such occasions were enjoyed till a late hour. We continue to adorn our chapter hall from time to time with an additional article of furniture or other convenience, the latest of which is a large and most elegantly bound copy of the Holy Scriptures. We have recently adopted and are now working under a thoroughly revised and improved code of chapter by-laws, and have ameliorated our internal condition by introducing other innovations. Rev. C. C. Calhoun, alumnus of a defunct eastern chapter, but whose name unfortunately does not occur in the new catalogue, is pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Indianola.

Alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

'73. Dr. J. S. Stewart has a good practice at Homestead, Pa., near Pittsburgh.

'75. C. M. Carnahan is partner in the Linden Iron Works, at Pittsburgh.

'70. James E. Duncan, of Pittsburgh, is a member of the firm of Duncan & Sons, glass manufacturers, Pittsburgh.

'78. L. L. Davis, J. N. White and W. H. White, are rising attorneys of Pittsburgh.

'83. F. Mc K. White is Physician to the Work House of Allegheny county, Pa.

'83. E. Q. Whistle is with Bissel & Co., wholesale stoves, &c., Pittsburgh.

'78. H. H. Marcy, attorney at law, Pittsburgh.

'84. J. C. White is attending the Dental College of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He is president of the senior class.

'74. Wm. H. Brown and "Sam" Brown, Gamma, '62, are leading coal producers of Pittsburgh.

'82. J. D. Watson is studying law with his father in Pittsburgh.

'78. C. E. Mills is traveling in Europe, pursuing his art studies.

'83. J. M. McCready is attending lectures at Bellevue medical school, New York.

'85. J. M. Thompson took his degree of M. D. from Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, on Feb. 25, 1886.

'84. E. W. Day, of the U. S. Signal Corps, has been ordered to Washington for promotion.

'80. P. Y. Kimball is general advertising agent for P., C. & St. L. R. R., and P., F. W. & C. R. R.

'83. Irvine Watson is general agent of the Merrick Thread Company west of the Missouri river, with headquarters at Lincoln, Neb.

'84. Will A. Pitton, M. D., has accepted a position in the Tennessee Insane Hospital at Knoxville.

'77. W. C. Bear is becoming prominent as a criminal lawyer at Newcastle, Pa.

'71. Rev. D. H. Geissinger of Easton, Pa., was present as guest of the Martin Luther Society, upon the occasion of its third annual meeting, on February 9, 1886; he responded to the toast "The Layman's Part in Church Duty."

KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

'69. Will Carleton contributed an article on "A Grandson of Robert Burns" to James Parton's new book entitled "Some Noted Princes, Authors and Statesmen of our Time."

'70. The Hon. Albert J. Hopkins represents the Fifth District of Illinois in the Forty-ninth Congress. He was a Presidential Elector for Illinois, on the Blaine and Logan ticket in 1884.

'69. Prof. Copp, a founder of the Kappa, spent the holiday vacation in Boston, attending the sessions of the Modern Language Association.

'75. Otto Fowle is a banker at Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

'75. Professor A. E. Haynes was elected a member of the London Mathematical Society on December 10, 1885.

'83. Married.—At Reading, Mich., Jan. 14, Bion J. Arnold to Miss Stella Berry. They at once took their departure to their new home in Milwaukee, Wis., where B. J. is in the employ of E. P. Allis, engine manufacturers. This firm designed the famous Corliss engine at the Philadelphia Centennial.

'73. A. M. Gould is president of the Michigan Alumni Association of Delta Tau Delta.

BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

'71. Harvey B. Fatout, at the meeting of the Association of Surveyors and Civil Engineers of Indiana, held in Indianapolis, Jan. 19, 1886, read a paper on "Fees of County Surveyors," in which he called attention to the inconsistencies and ambiguities of the Indiana Fee-Bill, which was enacted years ago, when the principal work to be done was land surveying, while now that is the smaller part; at present it is a great hindrance to the adjustment of charges. The paper certainly revealed a very bad state of affairs and was very generally discussed by the Association. Bro. Fatout was elected Recording Secretary of the society for the ensuing year.

'81. Thomas Edward Rowan, son of the Hon. John and Sarah F. Rowan, was born near Livermore, McLean County, Kentucky, October 1, 1859; entered the Freshman class of DePauw University in September, 1877; initiated into Delta Tau Delta November 29, 1879; graduated with the degree of B. A. in June,

1881; his chosen profession was the law, but he devoted himself to farming in hopes of recovering his falling health; died of pneumonic phthisis at his home in Livermore, November 19, 1885, and was buried at Pleasant Hill M. E. Church, in McLean County, the following day.

EPSILON—ALBION.

'72. R. E. Clark, now of Jackson, Mich., contemplates moving to Chicago, whence he will take the road in the employ of a wholesale hardware house.

'76. H. A. Mills is making a grand success of his work as Dean of the School of Fine Arts at De Pauw University.

'78. C. H. Chase has solved a problem on which opticians have heretofore labored unsuccessfully. He has invented an apparatus for grinding telescope lenses. The process has heretofore been accomplished only by hand and at great expense.

'80. C. C. Brown and C. R. Welch with their wives have left Dakota and come home to roost for the winter.

'81. "Weighing the baby" was a scene at Z. A. Clough's home, Chesoming, Mich., one day recently. It is a girl.

'82. J. W. Davids is pastor of the M. E. Church, at Lowell, Mich. He writes that he is meeting with great success in his work.

'83. W. O. Carrier will graduate from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., this spring. He now fills a pulpit near Auburn.

'84. G. E. Willits is interested in a book publishing house, in Chicago.

'85. H. C. Morris is principal of the Marleth, Mich., high school. He is reported to be doing nobly in his efforts to teach the young idea how to shoot.

'85. G. H. Hicks is station agent at Grayling, Mich., on the M. C. R. R. It is a good position and no one deserves it more richly than does Bert.

'85. A. D. Niskun will graduate from West Point this year.

'85. M. O. Reed is showing the people at Cassville, Mich., what a live man can do at teaching school.

'87. J. T. Docking is attending the M. E. Theological School at Boston, Mass. He is also assistant librarian of the institution.

'87. Tom Cox is the deservedly popular pastor of the M. E. Church at Nashville, Mich.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

'84. Albert W. Kennon is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

'84. Elmer F. Frasher is studying medicine at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

'83. Charles C. B. Reid will complete his law course at Columbia this year.

'83. M. H. Stevenson has been admitted to the Washington County bar.

'72. Prof. J. F. Ray, occupying the chair of Physics and Chemistry of Washington and Jefferson College, was highly complimented at the meeting of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, November 29.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

'78. The Rev. Dr. Albert W. Ryan is the rector of Trinity Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, Warren, Penn.

'82. J. F. Gallagher is practicing law at Michigan City, Ind.

'82. H. C. Alexander is a civil engineer in the Dep't of Public Works of the City of Chicago.

'83. C. D. Willard, who has been dangerously ill of typhoid fever, is now in California for his health.

'84. J. S. Callard, C. E., is now constructing a bridge for the Spring Valley Coal Co., of Spring Valley, Ill. He is Supervising Engineer of a division of the Chicago & N.-W. R. R., with office at De Kalb, Ill.

'78. Paul H. Hanus, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Colorado, has a mathematical work, "Determinants," coming from the press of Ginn & Co., Boston, early this spring.

NU—LAFAYETTE.

'82. L. G. Schultz, of the U. S. Signal Service, has been assigned by the government to a post-graduate course of study at Harvard University.

'84. W. E. Schoch is now attending the Medical Department of the University of Pa.

'84. Geo. A. Chase is traveling in the West.

'84. A. R. Niles is in partnership with his father, Hon. J. B. Niles, attorneys at law, Wellsboro, Pa.

'87. J. B. Hanna, at last accounts, was still in business in Denison, Texas.

'88. R. F. Stewart is teaching school in Center Co., Penn.

'88. R. C. Montelius has not returned to college on account of the death of his father. He is now connected with the firm of which his father was a member, at Mount Carmel, Pa.

XI—SIMPSON.

'73. Hon. W. F. Powell, member of State Legislature, '81 and '82, is the present city attorney of Indianola.

'73. C. W. Honnold is a prosperous merchant of Indianola.

'76. F. B. Taylor, late editor of the *Advocate-Tribune*, has been added to the reportorial staff of the *Iowa Daily State Leader*.

'77. R. P. Anderson is practicing law at Seward, Neb.

'79. J. T. McClure, attorney at law, is located at Beaver City, Neb.

'78. Ira M. DeLong has resigned his professorship at Iowa Central University, and is engaged in educational work elsewhere at present.

'84. C. H. Miller, traveling agent, visited his home in Indianola and the chapter recently.

'84. I. S. Smith is the recent county superintendent elect of Park Co., Colorado.

'86. Rob't Thomson is attending business college at Quincy, Ill.

UPSILON PRIME—ILLINOIS STATE.

'72. Dr. James N. Matthews has a poem, "The Doctor to his Horse," in the *Current*, of Chicago, for January 23, 1886.

'72. Prof. Ira O. Baker has an article entitled "To Find the True Meridian," in *Engineering News*, New York, for December 12, 1885. He is the regular Illinois correspondent for that journal. He is the prime mover of a proposed Association of Civil Engineers and Surveyors, of Illinois, having issued a call in *Engineering News*, November 28, 1885, for a meeting to be held February 10, 1886. He was present at the meeting of the Association of Surveyors and Civil Engineers, of Indiana, in Indianapolis, on January 19, 1886, and was elected an honorary member of the same.

RHO—STEVENS.

'76. William Kent was elected a member of the Board of Managers of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, at their Boston meeting in November.

'75. James E. Denton has recently been granted letters patent for several improvements in rock drills.

'77. William I. Cooper is receiving teller of the National State Bank, Newark, N. J.

'77. Edward A. Uehling is now superintendent of Sharpsville Furnace, Sharpsville, Pa. He has received letters patent for improvements in blast furnace details; also a patent for improvements in burning gas fuel.

'80. George M. Bond read a paper entitled, "Standards for Pipe Threads," at the Boston meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. His lecture before the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, on "Standards of Length as applied to Gauge Dimensions," is now being published in London *Engineering*.

'77. John Rapelje was, on November 1st, appointed General Roadmaster of the Colorado Division of the Union Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Denver.

'81. Chas. A. Gifford has one of thirteen designs for stables in Part III, of Architectural Studies, edited by F. A. Wright, and recently published by Wm. T. Comstock, No. 6 Astor Place, New York. He had a design for a city house facade and an "interior" on exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, New York.

'82. Chas. E. Machold has a position with the D., L. & W. R. R. at East Buffalo, N. Y.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Speaker Carlisle has honored Gen. Thomas M. Browne (University of Indiana) with a place on the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Rev. Clarence E. Brandt (Phi, '81) is a student at the Western Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Chicago.

W. S. Payne (Theta) is preaching for the Christian Church in Savannah, Ga. Address, 184 Bolton Street.

Hon. A. M. Post (Beta, '69) is Presiding Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska. He resides at Columbus, Neb.

William Griffith (Pi, '76) is a civil and mining engineer at Pittston, Pa. He is loyal to "our good old Delta Tau."

S. G. Smith (Beta Theta, '83) is a foreign stamp importer at Heckatoo, Ark.

Timothy Stanton (Beta Kappa, '83) is with the State Superintendent of Schools, Denver, Col.

O. R. Snyder (F. & M. '82), has been admitted to the bar at Westmoreland Co., Pa.

Rev. G. W. Martin (Beta, '75), is a Presbyterian Missionary at Manti, Utah.

J. D. Hedland (Mt. Union, '84), is located in Charleston, S. C.

J. W. McLean (Theta, '83), is head master of the Porter Institute, Charleston, S. C.

Maurice O'Connor (Beta Zeta, '82), is shipping clerk for J. S. Kirk & Co., Chicago.

L. W. Hoyt (Iota, '82), was recently elected president of the Schubert Club of Grand Rapids, Mich., a chorus of sixteen male voices. The club is well known in this State, and the honor to Bro. Hoyt was deserved by him. He was treasurer of the Club for two years.

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