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are given out, a great crowd of collegians—some hoping for election and the greater some simply present as spectators—is assembled in the quadrangle in front of Durfee, the principal building of the Academic department. The windows are filled with students and their lady friends, invited to see the customary procedure. At length two men—members of the two societies—come in absolute silence into the quadrangle and mingle with the crowd, each seeking his man. Their solemn visages are not moved by the facetious remarks made by the spectators in order to break their solemnity. When each has found his man, he claps him on the shoulder and follows him at once to his room. Arrived there, after the usual question and reply—"Are we alone?" "We are"—the Senior informs the Junior that he has been elected to the "Bones" or "Keys." If he accepts, the member at once returns to his hall to inform his society of the result. After them in order come two other men into the crowd and take with them their men—and so on until each member of the society has taken his man, and the fifteen are made up. All this is conducted on the part of the Senior society men with unbroken silence, while the crowd in the quadrangle cheers or expresses quiet dissatisfaction as the men elected happen to be considered worthy or unworthy. It is said the "Keys" men know previous to their coming into the quadrangle that they will be selected; but the aspirant to "Bones" is in painful and expectant doubt until he is made certain one way or the other on that afternoon. The initiation takes place a few days afterward.

An amusing reverence is possessed by society men for anything appertaining in any way to their society or its customs. When at the door of their hall or within the shadow of its sacred walls, a member will not speak to his best friend. The badge worn conspicuously on the neck-tie, often causes remark by persons not understanding its significance; but a "Bones" or "Keys" man is affected with sudden deafness when addressed on such a point, and hastens to quit the uncomfortable presence of such enquirers. Instances are given of their ministering to sick brothers without noticing by slightest sign or signal the presence of his room-mate, who was not a member of the society.

No allusion is ever made to the society when in the hearing of anybody not a member, and absolute secrecy is maintained on all its actions. A third Senior society, known as the Wolf's Head, was founded in 1883, but has not attained much prominence as yet. It possesses a hall of its own, and the membership is also limited to fifteen.

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### FRATERNITIES IN OHIO.

#### *Phi Delta Theta Scroll.*

IN 1835 the fraternity system was introduced into Ohio, when  $A \Delta \Phi$  placed her second chapter at Miami. Prior to 1833 Greek letter societies were unknown outside of Union and Hamilton colleges, N. Y. In that year  $K \Lambda$  entered Williams, in Mass., followed in 1834 by  $\Sigma \Phi$ . Ohio was the third State to shelter the Greeks, and at the time there were but a total of eight chapters in existence.\*

Thus we see the fraternity system is more venerable in the Buckeye than in most Eastern States.

For four years the Miami of  $A \Delta \Phi$ , which had been established under the personal supervision of Samuel Eels, the original founder of that fraternity at Hamilton College, N. Y., was lone pioneer in the State. In 1839 it met a rival by the founding of  $B \Theta \Pi$ . This was the first of the fraternities of western origin, and its organization was suggested to its founders by the presence of Alpha Delta Phi. Since that time extension and multiplication have gone on until now there has been established in the State a total of over seventy chapters.

Ohio is the third State in the Union as to population; she was the third one in whose borders fraternities established themselves; so also she stands third as to numbers of chapters established, New York and Pennsylvania surpassing her in the order named.

\* This does not include the  $I K A$  (Roman letter society) at Trinity, Conn. (1829), or the Williams chapter of  $\Delta \Gamma$  (1834), which did not go under a Greek name until 1858, although an anti-secret confederation was formed in 1847.



Two other fraternities were founded in the State; and they too sprang up at Miami, the mother of the system in the West. These were  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , in 1848; and later, in 1855,  $\Sigma X$ , whose founders, six in number, withdrew from the chapter of  $\Delta K E$ , which had been established there in '52.

In 1854 and 1860,  $\Theta \Delta X$  and  $\Psi \Gamma$ , respectively, entered Kenyon. Until the opening of the war these were the only fraternities represented in the State, although in '55  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , founded at Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College, Pennsylvania, placed her fifth chapter at Marietta College; but it suspended almost immediately, and was not revived until '79.

During and since the war others have entered the field and garrisoned themselves in the different institutions. Of the seventy chapters established, nearly sixty are active. Among these are seven chapters representing the ladies fraternities,  $K K \Gamma$  (2),  $K A \Theta$  (2), and  $\Delta \Gamma$  (3); two prosperous locals,  $A \Sigma \Phi$  and  $A F$ , at Marietta, and two chapters of the sophomore society  $\Theta N E$ .

Of western fraternities all are represented save  $\Phi K \Sigma$ . Of these  $B \Theta H$  has seven chapters,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  six,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  six,  $\Delta T \Delta$  six,  $\Sigma X$  four, and  $\Phi K \Psi$  four; of eastern,  $A \Delta \Phi$  has two,  $\Delta K E$  two,  $\Theta \Delta X$  one,  $\Psi \Gamma$  one,  $Z \Psi$  one;  $X \Phi$ , of mingled northern, eastern and southern origin, two; from the south,  $A T \Omega$  two,  $\Sigma A E$  one.

The closing of the Miami brought death in the midst of life to the chapters there, but since the re-opening of the University  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has returned a chapter to the college which gave her birth, and others will probably follow. Her Wittenburg chapter existed only from '52 to '54, and chances to revive have recently been discarded. The parent chapter of  $\Sigma X$  expired after a short existence of three years, while her Gamma (now Alpha), placed in the same year of her birth at Ohio Wesleyan, was last year killed by a decree of the faculty. It had a brilliant career of over twenty years, but is now more honorable in its death than in the character it bore during the last few years of its existence. Western Reserve is not congenial to  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , and after a four years existence there the chapter became defunct in '80. Franklin College, at New Athens, is the unmarked, and

almost equally unknown, grave of an early chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , while in '84 she withdrew from Mount Union:  $X \Phi$ , established at Kenyon in '61, has, since '66, existed there only as a tradition. At Ohio Wesleyan  $K K \Gamma$  and  $K \Lambda \Theta$ , while flourishing, were compelled by an opposing faculty to surrender their charters.

Of the chapters living, most of them are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and seem bound to perpetuate themselves through all the coming generations of students. A few of the recently established chapters, however, have been placed in schools, while perhaps of good standing, yet where most available material had been used, and make it difficult to build up a strong chapter.

At Kenyon one or two of the chapters own lodges in which they meet, while at other schools, some of the chapters which have attained sufficient age are beginning to whisper about chapter houses as not far off things, and we would not be surprised if a move was made in that direction before long. Should any take action it would certainly add a degree of permanence to the chapter that would be commendable, and move others to take active measures towards the establishment of a chapter house fund looking forward ultimately to the same end.

At only one institution are anti-fraternity laws in force, and this at Oberlin, a college of such standing that, were it not for her prejudices, would be a desirable location for a chapter of any fraternity. With this one exception the relation between faculty and fraternities seems to be one of mutual interest. The Utopia has not been reached, but many old jealousies have been dropped, and the chapters in the Buckeye State are as near a state of inter-fraternity and fraternito-collegiate amity as any of their sisters in the East, West, North or South.



## SOCIETIES AT HARVARD.

*From the New York Times.*

THERE are four societies at Harvard which are entitled to special mention, both from the size of their membership and from the lapse of years since they were founded. These four societies are the Hasty Pudding Club, the Pi Eta Society, the Institute of 1770, and the Everett Athenæum. The former two are Senior societies; the latter two are Sophomore societies. The Sophomore societies are regarded as stepping-stones to the societies of the Senior year—the Institute of 1770 to the Hasty Pudding, and the Athenæum to the Pi Eta.

Within the Institute, as in all controlling inner circles in the *Δ K E*, familiarly known at Harvard as the “Dickey,” the members are elected in squads of ten men at a time. The first ten is chosen by the society at the close of the Freshman year, and great is the honor to be one of these ten men, as the start then afforded them makes them prominent for the rest of the college course. When the “first ten” is elected from the Freshman class the election of the rest of the society from their class passes into their hands. At the beginning of the Sophomore year more tens are elected until the membership of the society reaches nearly a hundred. The first four or five tens, by virtue of their election into the Institute, become members of the *Δ K E*.

The initiation which these men have to undergo is more curious than any other at Harvard. For five days the members of each ten are dressed up in fancy costumes of the most absurd variety, and are made subject to the beck and call of all members of the “Dickey,” past or present. The trials and tribulations which befall them during this brief period of time can well be imagined. A son of a prominent Boston clergyman recently might have been seen slowly wending his way across the athletic field toward the college yard, dressed as an old and decrepit soldier, who, from his appearance, might have been mistaken for a veteran who had gone with Napoleon from Toulon to Waterloo, and lived to the present day to boast of the exploits

of the "Little Corporal." His left arm was in a sling; his right side was supported by a crutch; a huge piece of court plaster adorned his face; his right leg was wound up in innumerable folds of red flannel; his clothes were in tatters, and his whole appearance was sufficient to terrify a small child. Another neophyte was seen a few days ago running through Harvard square followed by a howling mob of children. On his back were imitation wings, which flapped and waved as he sped through the crowded streets. A third neophyte was crossing the yard dressed as a lady, with long skirts and flowing hair, surrounded by an admiring crowd of youngsters. A fourth was dressed to represent a coachman; a fifth to represent an old clothes man, and so on as the ingenuity of the members of the society suggested.

Besides this open initiation there is a still more severe secret initiation, in which, among other things, each neophyte is branded a certain number of times on his left arm. The scar of this branding remains for years, and often for a lifetime. It is no uncommon sight to see a number of the oarsmen when stripped for work marked with the six little scars of this lasting memorial of their initiation into the  $\Delta K E$ .

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### BANQUET OF MICHIGAN DELTA TAUS.

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AMONG the benefits of a collegiate education, our American system of Greek letter fraternities, with its incident pleasures, will ever be prominent. So, at least, thought a group of Delta Tau Deltas Monday evening, July 10, 1885, as they gathered at the Connable Cottage at Bay View to enjoy reminiscences of college and chapter life. Among both ladies and gentlemen a number of different colleges were represented; the fraternity boys hailed from the chapters at Ann Arbor, Hillsdale, Albion and Lansing.

Everything conspired to make the meeting memorable to those participating. The evening was beautiful; the cottage,



always notable for its beauty, was brilliantly illuminated, and presented a striking appearance ; the Italian string band, of the Arlington, outdid themselves, and their excellent selections were greeted with warm appreciation. Refreshments, college songs and stories made the evening pass only too rapidly. At 2 A. M. the party dispersed, after having extended Mr. and Mrs. Connable a hearty vote of thanks.

The following is the register of the evening :

*Fraters*—Ezra J. Ware, Grand Rapids ; L. W. Hoyt, Grand Rapids ; S. W. Mauck, Columbus, O. ; E. F. Parmelee, Charlevoix ; S. F. Master, Ionia ; A. W. Connable, Petoskey ; G. G. Scranton, Sault St. Marie ; Vin Swarthout, Ovid ; Wilbur F. Hoyt, Columbus, O.

*Ladies*—Lizzie Master, Ionia ; Kate Martin, Albion ; Antha DeCamp, Ovid ; Mrs. S. W. Mauck, Columbus, O. ; Jennie Ninde, Ft. Wayne ; Belle Ware, Grand Rapids ; Rose M. Berkey, Grand Rapids ; Mary C. Atwater, Grand Rapids ; Essie J. Butters, Charlevoix ; Chella Ninde, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

This is the second annual entertainment that the Delta resorters have given, the former one having been given at Charlevoix last year. The fraternity is so strong in the north central States that it was decided to effect a permanent organization, with the object of building a fraternity cottage at some point, for the use of resorting Deltas ; and of making the annual meeting a permanent affair.

Rev. Washington Gardner, of Jackson, was chosen president for the ensuing year ; Mr. Ed. F. Parmelee, of Charlevoix, secretary ; Mr. E. J. Ware, of Grand Rapids, committee on cottage. It is to be hoped that the plan of building a cottage will succeed, and doubtless it will, for every year brings many representatives of the fraternity into this region, and a home would be most welcome to them.

ALUMNUS.

## GOOD-NIGHT, AND JOY BE WITH YOU ALL.

*A T A Parting Song.*

The wind blows east, the wind blows west,  
The last dead leaf is on the tree ;  
Farewell the merry wine and jest,  
And all good fellows dear to me ;  
Those raptur'd hours with feather'd feet,  
My aching heart would fain recall,—  
But ah ! 'tis ours no more to meet,  
Good-night, and joy be with you all.

The weary world spins 'round and 'round,  
And friends must part as friends have met ;  
There is no spot of hallowed ground,  
If not where friendship's board is set ;  
The wind blows west, the wind blows east,  
Our last bright cup is mixed with gall,—  
A death-head glimmers at the feast,  
Good-night, and joy be with you all.

To-morrow comes, to-morrow goes,  
But yesterday returns no more ;  
We meet with these, we part with those,  
And eyes are dim, and hearts are sore ;  
A blinding mist obscures my sight,  
My senses with their burden pall,—  
Time halts not his rapid flight,  
Good-night, and joy be with you all.

JAMES NEWTON MATTHEWS..



## Editorial.

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OUR genial friend and contemporary, the *Beta Theta Pi* is suffering from an aggravated attack of the prep. question,—this in spite of an authoritative announcement of her complete recovery from the dread disease. If we remember rightly, a few years ago it was blazoned to the world that *Beta Theta Pi* had adopted a constitutional amendment which sternly forbade the initiation of preps., and that the aforesaid fraternity would abide by such enactment, live or die, sink or swim. The Greek Press, without a dissenting voice, agreed that the prep. question had received a staggering, blinding blow; had, in fact, been shattered beyond hope of recognition or recovery. Alas for the permanent effects of *Beta Theta Pi* constitutional amendments! It has dawned upon the divinities who preside over the *Beta Theta Pi* that the prep. question, though slightly disfigured, is still in the field; that it is not a dead but a living issue, and while not so stalwart as formerly, is still healthy enough to cause a vast deal of trouble, even to a national fraternity. Experience has clearly taught that one non-prep.-initiating fraternity cannot hope to successfully contend with two or more prep.-initiating fraternities in colleges where public opinion sanctions such initiations. Prep. initiations must yield to advancing light. But no fraternity can single-handed cope with the difficulty; it demands concerted action. On this basis the solution of the problem is easy; all that is necessary is a simple, practical application of the principle of co-operation. *Beta Theta Pi*, *Sigma Chi*, *Phi Kappa Psi*, *Phi Delta Theta*, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Alpha Tau Omega* and *Delta Tau Delta* are the only fraternities of any consequence who find it necessary, in some colleges, to indulge in the barbarous and undignified practice. All these fraternities, with the exception of *Phi Kappa Psi* (who soon adopts a new constitution with all the modern improvements), are governed by Executive Councils, whose influence in shaping legislation is practically unlimited. Let these Councils adopt a joint

resolution, pledging themselves to introduce at the next conventions of their respective fraternities, and push to a successful issue, a constitutional amendment absolutely prohibiting the initiation of any man below the grade of Freshman. As Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta hold conventions during the present year, it could be provided that upon the adoption of such an enactment by the above-named fraternities, such aforesaid enactment should go into full force and effect on the first day of January, 1887. In this easy, simple and practical method the nefarious practice would be totally annihilated and the Greek Fraternities relieved of an annoyance and a disgrace. Delta Tau Delta stands willing and ready to co-operate in any plan which will bring complete and final relief from further discussion of an unpleasant and unprofitable subject.

To hundreds of Deltas who have worn the Purple and Gray, and in fact to the great majority of the brotherhood, the story of these, our colors, is either a mystery or a legend. Such universal ignorance on a subject intimately connected with the rise and growth of the Delta Tau is not marvelous when one realizes that the archives of the fraternity are practically barren of accurate and reliable data whereby the history of our emblematic colors can be traced. A rigid examination of the printed documents of the fraternity previous to the year 1879 reveals little that is valuable and trustworthy. A written constitution of '64, granted to Alpha in that year, mentions neither colors nor regalia. A constitution, printed by the Delaware Alpha in 1870, contains no reference to colors, but decrees that the regalia of the fraternity shall consist of a purple sash, fringed with gold for officers, and with silver for other members of the chapter. Upon this as a basis we erected our personal theory that the only recognized color at that time was purple, and that through familiarity with that section of the constitution relating to the silver fringe, the fraternity gradually came to join the silver gray to the purple, and without any official action adopted the Royal Purple and the Silver Gray as the standard colors. Reasoning from these premises, it must be evident, however, that the fraternity would have more naturally and logically adopted Purple and Gold. The constitution of 1879 contains the first official promulgation of our present colors. We take great pleasure in laying before the fraternity the following interesting correspondence, which



we believe will materially assist in writing the history of our colors. We will say in passing that the correspondence is, to a great extent, the result of a recent investigation, incited by the assertion that Emerald Green was at one time the official color of the fraternity. Not one particle of evidence, substantiating this assertion in the slightest degree, has been obtained.

First, from the Sage of Odessa, Father Cunningham, comes this letter :

It gives me pleasure to answer your questions concerning the original color of  $\Delta T \Delta$ . I well remember when Brother A. C. Earle came to me one evening and said that Brother J. L. N. Hunt had proposed Emerald Green as the most suitable color, but, said Brother Earle, that would never do, for our opponents would interpret it forsaken. I agreed with him, and promised that I would consult with Brother Hunt concerning the matter. At the next meeting of the brethren the matter was brought up for consideration, and the green was dropped and the purple adopted. The gray was not connected with it prior to the war, and it has always been my opinion that it was added to the purple after the war, because so many of the original members were during that unhappy period connected with the gray of the South.

From an interesting discussion of fraternity colors in general, by Brother Ed. D. Curtis, the gifted author of our new Ritual, we quote :

"The idea (as I understand it) which caused the adoption of the *gray* in the first place, was to indicate our fraternity's Southern origin,—a very good idea, too, for the gray became very dear to the Southern people, for it was the color of the uniforms in which their 'heroes were buried.' The change, or rather the adoption of the gray, occurred, if I mistake not, under the authority of the Mu while she was the Alpha some time in the seventies. I know very well that 'Royal Purple' was our fraternity's solitary standard color when I was initiated in November, 1866."

The letters of Brothers Cunningham and Curtis are most satisfactory and conclusive evidence that the Royal Purple was adopted at the very birth of the fraternity ; that it was still our only color in 1866, and continued so for several years after. It is certainly most remarkable that Brother Cunningham and Brother Curtis, who belonged to different chapters, were never personally acquainted, and probably never exchanged letters, should adopt the same theory concerning the adoption of the gray. It is with a feeling somewhat akin to remorse that, in the interests of historic truth, we are compelled to destroy this most beautiful and touching legend, which, no doubt, in time would become one of the most treasured traditions of the

fraternity. The following letter from Brother W. L. McClurg will explain itself:

"In the year 1878-79, during my term as General Secretary, the Alpha became dissatisfied with the Royal Purple, at that time the fraternity's only color. This dissatisfaction arose from the fact that many other fraternities wore the purple. So a committee was appointed to select another color which in combination with the purple would present a pleasing appearance. In pursuance of their instructions the committee gathered unto themselves many ribbons of divers colors and shades, and at last came to the conclusion that Royal Purple and Silver Gray made a very pretty and charming combination. The chapter thought so, too, adopted them, and ordered her delegates to the next convention at Put-in-Bay to present them to said convention for consideration. The said convention adopted these colors as standard, and in the revised constitution of 1879 such action was officially announced to the fraternity. In this wise the Purple and the Gray became the colors of Delta Tau Delta, and such they have continued even unto the present day."

*The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, in the December number, vigorously criticizes the weak, vacillating and inglorious policy of Beta Theta Pi, in regard to the decapitation of weak chapters in stagnant colleges; and in commenting on the course of Delta Tau Delta under similar circumstances, draws the following interesting comparison:

"One very curious result followed the agitation of the chapter-killing question. THE CRESCENT of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , taking its cue from the *Beta Theta Pi* in 1883-4, also pronounced in favor of an extermination of weak chapters and chapters in insignificant institutions. Strangely enough, while the courage of  $B \Theta \Pi$  failed,  $\Delta T \Delta$  had the nerve to apply the knife, and that vigorously. Chapters at Franklin and Marshall College, Pa., Mount Union College, Ohio, Lombard University, Ill., and at some other institutions, have had their charters annulled.  $\Delta T \Delta$  will really be stronger by this heroic piece of work.

What *The Scroll* calls heroic work was not suggested or inspired by the editorials of the *Beta Theta Pi*, however brilliant, vigorous and admirable they certainly were; nor did THE CRESCENT take its cue from the *Beta Theta Pi*, however commendable an example it set. Far from being influenced by a sister fraternity, the actions of THE CRESCENT sprang from impulses and motives that lay imbedded in the very heart and brain of Delta Tau Delta. The vigorous and courageous policy of the fraternity was not a sudden, capricious and tremulous flame of irresponsible passion, to be snuffed out by the first passing breeze of resistance; it was and is the manly, sincere and



honest outward manifestation of a steady, silent and irresistible growth of opinion within the fraternity. For several years the line of progressive thought had swept onward grandly yet almost imperceptibly, except to a few grave, thoughtful and determined men, who have ever kept a sensitive finger on the fraternity pulse, and who appreciated to its profoundest depths the gravity of the movement, and realized the force and temper of the weapon it placed in their hands. The first palpable and important result was the adoption of the Constitution of 1883 and the creation of an Executive Council endowed with extraordinary powers and responsibilities. A thorough survey of the situation demonstrated, by evidence most positive and convincing, that the fraternity, if not eager, was at least well prepared to take a long step forward, a step which would, on the one hand, overthrow all precedents, revolutionize her methods of thought and action and destroy the traditions of years; but which, on the other hand, would strengthen and invigorate her *morale*, elevate and dignify her character, increase her prestige, influence and reputation in the Greek world. Resistance to a line of action so utterly contrary to tradition and precedent could not fail to arise: its force and power were anticipated and accurately measured. As public failure in so supreme an effort would inevitably weaken and dishearten the fraternity and excite the derision and ridicule of rival societies, final action was not taken until the tone of the fraternity was sounded and its mettle carefully tested. Then THE CRESCENT spoke in no uncertain language: the forces were silently arrayed for a short, sharp and decisive conflict: and if the policy of Delta Tau Delta was strong, determined and victorious, it was because the thought and sentiment, the hopes and aspirations of her sons, upheld, strengthened and sustained the arms of her chosen leaders.

## The Greek World.

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GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE, Governor of Virginia, is a  $\Psi \Gamma$ ; the late Professor James Craig Watson, the astronomer, who graduated at the University of Michigan in 1857, was not a fraternity man in his college life, but was initiated into  $B \Theta \Pi$  as an honorary member in 1858 by the University of Michigan chapter, and that chapter of  $B \Theta \Pi$  having deserted to  $\Psi \Gamma$  in 1865, he was initiated into  $\Psi \Gamma$  as an honorary member in 1869; John Bach McMaster, the historian, is a  $\Delta K E$ ; Professor Moses Coit Tyler, of Cornell, is an  $A \Delta \Phi$ ; Mr. Justice Stephen J. Field, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is a  $\Psi \Gamma$ ; General Horatio C. King, the Secretary of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, is a  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ; the Rev. Dr. Francis S. Hoyt, formerly a professor in the Ohio Wesleyan, and ex-editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, and his brother, the late Professor Benjamin T. Hoyt, of DePauw, are numbered among  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's honorary members, but during their college life at Wesleyan both were members of  $\Psi \Gamma$ , and have so continued.

News of decided interest to fraternity men comes from the city of Portland, Oregon. A movement, started by W. T. Hume ( $B \Theta \Pi$ ) and E. D. Curtis ( $\Delta T \Delta$ ), prominent business men, is on foot to organize the Greeks of the city into a Pan-Hellenic chapter, admitting all Greeks who stand well in the front of life, of whatever fraternity who wish to join it. From the *Portland Gazette*, of January 15, we clip the following:

For some time past there has been a movement on foot among some of the gentlemen of this city who are members of different fraternities to organize an association for social purposes. There is quite a number of "Greeks" resident in Portland, among whom are Messrs. W. M. Ladd, C. E. Ladd and C. R. Darling, of the Alpha Delta Phi; Fred Holman and Colonel L. L. Hawkins, of the Zeta Psi; Professor L. F. Henderson, G. W. Freeman and R. G. Morrow, of the Delta Upsilon; L. B. Cox, Charles H. Carey, W. T. Hume, A. S. Frank and Walton Thayer, of the Beta Theta Pi; E. D. Curtis, of Delta Tau Delta, and John Effinger, of Sigma Chi. A meeting



will be had next Monday evening, the 18th, at the law office of Mr. Charles H. Carey, in the Mulkey Block, on the corner of Second and Morrison streets, to which a general invitation is extended to all Greek letter society men.

OF the fraternities located here (University of Iowa)  $\Delta T \Delta$  is our strongest rival and best friend.  $B \Theta \Pi$  has quite a strong chapter, but its strength is entirely lodged in its Seniors, and when they graduate in June the chapter will be left in a very weak condition.  $\Phi K \Psi$  is the youngest fraternity in school, being about a year old. It has had a fair amount of success, but has frequently been mistaken in its initiates, a mistake quite natural in a new chapter.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is decidedly weak, having lost heavily by graduation last year. Its initiates this year are very inferior, and its future prospects are not very bright.—*Sigma Chi*.

THE event that created the most stir in Greek circles (at Wooster), was the lifting of T. B. Berry,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , by the Betas. The sentiment of the college has always been opposed to lifting, and the action of the Betas has lowered them in the estimation of all fraternity men. Individually the Betas contain many good men, but as a fraternity they are undoubtedly guilty of conduct which at least is not in accordance with the golden rule. The Delta Tau Deltas do not seem to be prostrated by the shock.—*Sigma Chi*.

THE Annual Convention of the I. C. Sorosis was held at Lawrence, Kansas, in the Art League Rooms, November 24, 25, 26. Some important changes were made, the most noticeable being the adding of a chain and pin to the wing of their arrow, the pin bearing the Greek letters  $\Pi B \Phi$ . The next Convention will meet at Indianola, Iowa, October 21, 22, 33, 1886.

OF the one hundred and fifty new students at the University of Wisconsin, only twelve had become Greeks at the close of the fall term of 1885, though seven fraternities are represented.

THE Sigma chapter of  $\Delta \Psi$  at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College is just completing a beautiful brown-stone chapter house. Because of the resemblance of the St. Anthony cross

of the badge to the letter T, the chapter is popularly known in New Haven as the "Tea Company."

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  intends in the near future to publish a manual containing a general sketch of fraternities, an account of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  with a list of her chapters, undergraduate statistics and prominent members, and a short description of the college at which she has chapters.

REV. CHARLES H. DICKINSON, a  $\Psi T$ , was recently ordained pastor of the Congregational Church at Wallingford, Conn., which, during the 210 years of its existence, has had but six pastors.

PROF. A. H. WELSH of the Ohio State University, author of "The Development of English Literature," and of several well-known educational works, is a  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

REV. ARTHUR S. HOYT, recently elected Professor of Logic, Rhetoric and Elocution at Hamilton, is a graduate of that college in 1871, and is a  $\Psi T$ .

THE  $\Gamma \Phi B$  Sorority has founded its third chapter at the University of Wisconsin, the others being in the Universities of Syracuse and Michigan.

HON. A. J. HOPKINS, who represents the Fifth Illinois District in Congress, is a  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

$A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$  and  $\Delta K E$  have chapters in Harvard College.

$\Theta \Xi$  has recently entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

$\Theta \Xi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$  and  $X \Phi$  have chapters in the Sheffield Scientific School.

$\Delta \Phi$  recently organized at Johns Hopkins.

$\Delta T$  has entered Lehigh.



## Chapter Letters.

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### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

The winter term at the O. W. U. opened with about the usual number in attendance. About 40 new students have been enrolled, and some old ones have returned. The number in attendance last term was 600. The sixty-two students who were suspended for breaking the rules of the college, in going to "Richard III," have most all returned. Eight Seniors who were suspended until the beginning of this term, having refused to sign the "apologies" necessary for their re-admittance, have not returned. Most of them have entered De Pauw University, where they expect to graduate this year. The most of them are men of considerable ability as students. Five of them were members of the *Transcript* corps. Seven of them are fraternity men. From their number  $B \Theta \Pi$  loses four men;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  two, and  $\Phi K \Psi$  one. Much has been said *for* and *against* the Faculty in their just enforcement of the laws of the college. The rule, whether good or bad, was openly violated, and had its violation been unheeded, college rules would be worthless at the O. W. U. The vacancies which were made in the *Transcript* corps have all been filled by other members of the Senior Class.

The Oratorical Contest was held in the city opera house, on the evening of December 17. There were in all eight contestants—six gentlemen and two ladies. J. L. Hillman received first honor, and Miss Mattie Shankland second honor. Mr. Hillman will now represent our college in the Inter-State Contest, to be held in Granville, O., in February. Bro. C. E. Miess, formerly of *B*, has received college rank, and now becomes an active member of our chapter. On the evening of November 25 we initiated Will. P. Winter, '87, and near the end of the term, Chas. W. Evans, '88. We now number 15 men. Bro. C. L. Ketcham has returned to complete his course. We are sorry to lose from

our number Bro. Ed. H. Hughes, who has entered the Iowa University at Grinnell, Iowa, where he expects to reside hereafter. Bro. Hughes has proved an active and devoted member of our chapter, and we recommend him to all Western Deltas who may chance to meet him as a congenial friend, and a warm advocate of *Δ T Δ*.

#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

The new year has begun favorably for us. We have our full attendance, and have just refurnished our chapter hall with a complete set of heavy walnut furniture, upholstered in red leather, and its appearance is greatly improved. Our library has received several very handsome additions from several of the members, among which is a complete set of Chambers' Encyclopedia presented by Bro. Raht. If our library continues to grow at the present rate it will soon be one of the features of our chapter. Bro. Trautwein sends us the "Transactions of the American Society of Engineers," which are of great practical value to the upper class men in their studies. Within the last two months two of our alumni have been married. Bro. Ruple, '81, was married on Dec. 10 to Miss Mary McCulloch, at Cottonwood Plantation, La., and Bro. Spearman, '84, was married on Thanksgiving at Steubenville, Ohio. We have had the pleasure of receiving visits lately from several of our former members. Bro. Zeiley, '86, spent a week with us; he came to stay a day or two, but found old Troy and the boys so attractive that he staid a week. Bro. Asserson, '87, ran up from New York and spent a few days with us during Thanksgiving holidays. We enjoyed their visits very much, and only wish that we had more of our alumni near us than we have. Bro. Quintana was in town for a few days during the holidays. We are having reviews now and in about a week come the semi-annual examinations, which are quite interesting. We are looking forward to the Division Conference, and expect to send a large delegation, as over two-thirds of the boys have signified their intention of going, for the remembrances of the past conferences are so pleasant that we could not think of missing one.



**Beta Theta—University of the South.**

Our University has closed for its long winter vacation, and most of "the boys" are rollicking in the freedom of their respective homes until March comes and brings us back again. Of the Grammar School boys who were advanced to the dignity of University students at the end of last term, Delta Tau Delta got one; let me introduce him to you—Roman E. Richmond, of Memphis, Tenn. When we have well drilled the principles of Deltaism into him we think that Bro. Richmond will make a worthy frater, and we feel proud of having gotten him. He is at present in Memphis with Bros. Overton, Ensley, Snowden and Scales.

Bro. G. G. Smith is at work as a missionary in Winchester. I believe he has nothing to do with the girls' school situated there. Bro. Dashiell is spending the winter at Sewanee, and dividing his attention between his studies and his plug. Bro. Miller is captivating the fair sex in Augusta, Ga., where he has just made his *debut*, and your correspondent is enjoying his vacation in a visit to Bro. Tucker, at Mobile, Ala.

**Kappa—Hillsdale.**

New Year's Day Bro. H. R. Parmelee invited a number of his college friends to visit his house in Reading, Mich. The three fraternities were represented, and fraternity issues were entirely overlooked in the general good time that followed. The presence of out-in-the-world fraters, F. W. Corbit and Ed. F. Parmelee, added to the pleasure of the occasion. Bro. S. S. Avery, of Angola, Ind., at one time a member of the class of '85, has written an able article on the "Cause of the Tides," which has received very favorable comment from the *Scientific American*. On account of his father's protracted absence on legal business at the beginning of the term, Bro. Macomber is not with us this winter; in the spring, however, he expects to return. Bro. W. W. Cook called on friends in this city during the holidays, but we did not have the pleasure of meeting him.

We have eight sterling men at present, which is less by far

than the  $\phi \Delta \Theta$ s, and slightly less than the  $\Sigma X$ s. We intend, however, to add to our number in a few days some of the best men of '89. Having finished a series of readings in Poe, we have lately taken up the works of O. W. Holmes, purposing to form a more intimate acquaintance with our American authors. Bro. F. N. Dewey, beside his regular college work, has charge of the history classes in the city schools. A short time since Bro. W. M. Spears spent a few days among us. He hopes to be with us again next term.

#### Zeta—Adelbert.

Allow us to introduce to the fraternity two sterling fraters, Charles S. Clark, '89, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Lyman A. Ford, '89, of Cleveland. Our Annual will soon make its appearance. We will be glad to exchange with any of the chapters. On December 12, Zeta was the guest of Eta. After a union meeting an elegant banquet was indulged in, followed by the war dance. Eta as usual did herself proud, and we will go again if we get an invitation. On account of ill-health Bro. Brew was compelled to leave school temporarily. We hope to have him with us in the spring.

#### Alpha—Allegheny.

The opening of a new year finds us in a prosperous condition. We certainly feel it a very great pleasure to again assemble in our halls, the countenance of each being brightened by a short vacation. At the stroke of the gavel silence reigned, and then to business promptly. We cannot help but think that our efforts of last term were crowned with success. The interest in fraternity work now manifested by the different members of our chapter shows that a greater work may be accomplished during the present term. We are sorry to state that K. Karl Kreek, whom we initiated last term, will not be able to be with us longer, he having determined upon entering an Eastern college. We extend to him our best wishes for success. Since writing last, the Alpha has given two more of her parties, which are looked forward to as among the recognized events in Meadville society. Both were



very successful and enjoyable, particularly the one held New Years Eve. Several more of the series will be given during the present term. It would be particularly gratifying to the Alpha Choctaws if the brothers of other chapters would favor us with their presence on these occasions of social pleasure and recreation.

The college enrollment has been increased by quite a number of new students. More life and energy is now shown in the college work, both by the students and faculty, than has been for some time. Should this continue, we predict a bright future for the college. A new musical organization has lately been effected, which will afford an opportunity to all those interested in that work to become proficient.

#### Beta Beta—De Pauw.

At the beginning of the second term college opened under favorable circumstances. Quite a number of new students were enrolled in the various classes. The Senior Class received an addition of six students from the Ohio Wesleyan University, caused by the bigoted action of the President and Faculty of that institution. Of the six gentlemen, two are members of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and three of  $B \Theta H$ . Mr. De Pauw has presented to the University several beautiful pieces of alabastine marble statuary, which make a valuable addition to the art collection. Valuable additions to the museum have been purchased of Professor Ward, of Rochester, N. Y. Miss Rena A. Michaels, A. M., Ph.D., having resigned her position as Professor of Italian and Spanish and Preceptress of the Ladies' Hall to accept a similar position in the Northwestern University, is succeeded by Mrs. Belle A. Mansfield. We regret the departure of Prof. Michaels, because she was ever a professed friend of  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

After the holidays all the boys except Brothers Friedley and Stevens returned, and are filled with more zeal for fraternity work. Our last two initiates, whom we now have the honor to introduce to the fraternity, are Brothers Carleton J. Shaffer, of Windsor, Ill., and Francis M. Sinsabaugh, of Mattoon, Ill. Our Saturday evening chapter meetings are quite interesting and

profitable. Every one of us leaves the hall feeling that we have been benefitted by our attendance. Prof. Mills, the genial Dean of the School of Fine Arts, has signified his intention of becoming a regular attendant at our meetings and taking an active part in them. While at Butler University recently I was pleased to see the great change in the condition of Beta Theta. That chapter is now booming. Since our last chapter letter we have had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Hamilton and Jett of Phi, and Brothers Jackson and McNutt of Beta Theta. All of our chapter attended the funeral of the late Vice-President Hendricks, and had the pleasure of meeting many Deltas from other chapters. We acknowledge the receipt of the Rho *Chronicle*, which is quite a readable paper.

#### Epsilon—Albion.

Eighteen eighty-six finds thirteen active, energetic members in Epsilon chapter. In taking a review of the past term, we are able to announce that it was a prosperous one. Thirteen meetings were held with an average attendance of 82 per cent. A lecture by Rev. Washington Gardner, under the auspices of Epsilon, presented a welcome increase to our treasury, and our annual Thanksgiving banquet, at which time we had the pleasure of meeting several of our alumni, gave us a rich Delta treat. Epsilon has no indebtedness outside of that assumed for the repairing of her hall, and that, through the unremitting efforts of her members and the kind assistance rendered to her by her alumni, has been nearly reduced to one-half its original amount. Our financial outlook, though upon the whole still involving incessant attention, is promising. Our list of initiates for the term numbers only one, yet in a quiet way our work in that line has been eminently satisfactory.

#### Beta Epsilon—Emory.

We are sorry to announce that Bros. Strozier and Johnson have left college. This leaves us with seventeen active members. Our chapter is in a sound condition, and bids fair to continue on its road of prosperity. The elections for champion



debater's places, held in the Phi Tau and Few literary societies, resulted as follows: In the Few, one  $KA$ , one  $AT\Omega$  and one  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; in the Phi Tau, one  $KA$ , one  $AT\Omega$  and one  $\Sigma AE$ . Bro. Morgan is our representative in the Few. Although being a Junior, he received more votes than any other candidate. He is the only Junior on the debate. Bro. Benton was elected on the spring term debate. Bro. J. L. Hendry recently attended the Florida Conference. Bro. J. M. Stuart, Boynton medalist of class '84, who has been teaching school in Apopka, Fla., was married Dec. 25, 1885, to Miss Nonie Hough, of Oxford, Ga., at the residence of the bride's mother. We would have been glad to have had Bro. Stuart remain with us for a while, but he saw fit to return at once with his bride to his home in Florida. The fall term reports will be read out in a few days, and we anticipate a creditable showing for the boys of Beta Epsilon.

#### Delta—University of Michigan.

ON December 10, Thursday evening, the Seniors held their annual Social at the Delta Chapter House. A large crowd was in attendance, and all pronounced it a success. December 17 we enjoyed our chapter hop at the House, and danced all night to good music furnished by a full string orchestra. Much of the music was composed by Bro. McAndrew, '86, who was highly complimented for his charming  $\Delta T \Delta$  waltzes. Bro. McNair, lately of  $BH$ , has recently joined our ranks. This year starts with its usual number of births into the Greek society of the U. of M. Dec. 5 the Delta Gammas swung out here to the number of seven, among whom are found some of our most esteemed young ladies. Three days later eleven diamond-shaped pins, bearing the letters  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , announced that there was another chapter that wished to be acknowledged. We wish them well, but still the fact asserts itself that the last few years have brought as many deaths as births.

## Initiates.

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### BETA BETA—DEPAUW.

35. Frederic Finley Friedley, '89, Madison, Ind.
36. David Amos Stevens, '89, Terre Haute, Ind.
37. Carleton Jacob Shaffer, '91, Windsor, Ill.
38. Francis Marion Sinsabaugh, '91, Mattoon, Ill.

### SIGMA—COLUMBIA.

28. John Rollin Marsh, '87, Muncie, Ind.
29. Abraham Lincoln Burns, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.

### NU—LAFAYETTE.

44. Howard McIlvane Morton, '88, Tough Kenamon, Pa.
45. Rush Kelsey Morton, '88, Tough Kenamon, Pa.
46. William Malcolm McKeen, '88, Easton, Pa.

### ZETA—ADELBERT.

10. Gabriel Fullard Smith, '88, Cleveland, Ohio.
11. Charles Spencer Clark, '89, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
12. Lyman Albert Ford, '85, Cleveland, Ohio.

### OMICRON—IOWA.

40. Julius Lischer, '88, Davenport, Iowa.
41. Charles Rollin Keyes, '87, Des Moines, Iowa.
42. Ernest Verni Mills, '88, Elkader, Iowa.
43. Ernest Ruben Nichols, '87, Luana, Iowa.
44. Will Thomas Summers, '89, Ottumwa, Iowa.
45. Harry Stanton Marquardt, '89, Iowa City, Iowa.
46. Horace Greeley Clark, '89, Iowa City, Iowa.

### XI—SIMPSON.

87. Waitman T. W. Morris, '88, Liberty, Iowa.
88. Herbert Alden Youty, '89, Commerce, Iowa.
89. Ernest Hugh Thornbrue, '90, Dennison, Iowa.
90. Thomas Nelson Franklin, '89, Manteno, Iowa.

### RHO—STEVENS.

68. Arthur Lee Shreve, '89, Baltimore, Md.
69. Alfred Cary Peck, '89, Brooklyn, N. Y.

### BETA KAPPA—COLORADO.

10. Charles Herbert Pierce, '87, Boulder, Colo.
11. Lambert Sternberg, '87, Boulder, Colo.



## BETA ZETA—BUTLER.

- 38. Charles Everett Higbee, '90, Elizaville, Ind.
- 39. Walter Scott King, '88, Richmond, Ind.
- 40. William Jefferson Armstrong, '88, Kenton, Ohio.
- 41. James Challen Smith, '88, Veedersburg, Ind.
- 42. Antony J. LeMiller, '89, New Liberty, Ohio.
- 43. Walter Howard Shortridge, Indianapolis, Ind.

## PSI—WOOSTER.

- 43. Charles Hodge Elliott, '90, Rittman, Ohio.
- 44. Winfield Scott Bowman, '89, Irwin Station, Pa.
- 45. Thomas Lee Aughinbaugh, '89, East Pittsburgh, Pa.

## BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

- 146. James Aaron Fremont Kukendall, '86, Dawkins Mills, Ohio.
- 147. Johnson Sherman Hunter, '89, Cove, Ohio.
- 148. Daniel Webster Williams, '89, Oak Hill, Ohio.

## UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

- 30. Bernard Elmore Gregory, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 31. Techamer Finny, '88, Memphis, Tenn. (Transf'd from *B*  $\Theta$ .)
- 32. Charles Augustus Raht, '89, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 33. Paul Bigelow, '89, New Haven, Conn.
- 34. Allan McLane Mowry, '89, New York, N. Y.
- 35. Paul Octave Hibert, '89, Marietta, Ga.
- 36. Lawrence Mains Marten, '89, St. John Baptist Parish, La.

## OMEGA.

- 101. Sherman Yates, '88, Tipton, Iowa.
- 102. Henry Richmond Corbett, '88, Nelson, Neb.

## GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

- Samuel Ott Laughlin, '89, Wheeling, W. Va.
- Robert Sherrard Elliott, '90, Jersey City Heights, N. J.

## BETA DELTA—GEORGIA.

- 36. Robert Lee Nowell, '87, Monroe, Ga.

## BETA EPSILON—EMORY.

- 33. William Joseph Peed, '90, Enterprise, Ga.
- 34. Rowland Bird Daniel, '90, Darlot, Ga.
- 35. Elias McLeod Landrum, '90, Vinita, Indian Territory.

## EPSILON—ALBION.

- 88. Linton Beach Sutton, '88, Cheboygan, Mich.
- 89. Edgar J. Townsend, '88, Litchfield, Mich.
- 90. Sheridan Fried Master, '88, Ionia, Mich.
- 91. Henry Magiford Echlin, Jr., '89, Albion, Mich.
- 92. Joseph Patrick McCarthy, '88, Albion, Mich.
- 93. John William Arney, '89, Albion, Mich.

## BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

15. Teschamer de Graffenrud Finney, '85, Memphis, Tenn.
16. Robert Brinkley Snowden, '86, Memphis, Tenn.
17. Sam Watkins Overton, '86, Memphis, Tenn.
18. Martin Ensley, '86, Memphis, Tenn.
19. John L. Doggett, '87, Jacksonville, Fla.
20. Henry Minor Scales, '86, Hernando, Miss.
21. Gross Robert Scruggs, '86, Dallas, Texas.
22. Harry Eugene Stafford, '86, Meridian, Miss.
23. Louis David Weiss, '86, Greenville, Miss.
24. Lewis Ford Butt, '87, Sewanee, Tenn.
25. Lewis Henry Mattair, '87, Jacksonville, Fla.
26. Frank Eli Cole, San Antonio, Texas.
27. Robert Lee Craig, Henderson, Ky.

## KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

148. Charles Ward Macomber, '90, Bremen, Ind.

## MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

108. William Garfield Homell, '89, Oakland, Ohio.
109. Arthur Lincoln Bauker, '86, Cardington, Ohio.
110. Will Phillips Winter, '87, Delaware, Ohio.

## IOTA—MICHIGAN STATE.

133. Jay Trumble Burnham, Jr., '89, Saginaw, Mich.
134. Glenn Dexter Perrigs, '88, Portland, Mich.
135. Lloyd Cummins Bartmess, '89, Buchanan, Mich.
136. Fred George Hubbard, '89, Monroe, Mich.
137. William David McDonald, '89, Port Huron, Mich.
138. George Gladden, '89, Columbus, Ohio.

## DELTA—MICHIGAN.

84. Frank Albin Roach, '88, Detroit, Mich.

## ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

187. Ned Arder Flood, '89, Meadville, Pa.
188. James Anderson McClurg, '89, Meadville, Pa.
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190. John Charles Armstrong, '89, Brownsville, Pa.
191. George Leonard Bumgarner, '89, Millsboro, Pa.
192. Charles Scott Herbert Smith, '89, Buffalo, N. Y.
193. Allen Isaiah Warren, '89, Wheeling, W. Va.



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