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NO. I.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

The Twenty-seventh General Convention of the Fraternity, which was held in Louisville, Ky., beginning its sessions on Wednesday, August 25, and continuing for three days, was in many respects one of the most important, and noteworthy, in the history of the Fraternity. While it did not, in point of attendance, attain the magnitude and dignity of the unusually large Conventions of Pittsburgh (1881), Cleveland (1882), and Indianapolis (1883), which were held in cities where the resident membership of the Fraternity is very much larger than that of Louisville, yet it was a truly representative Convention in every sense of the word; it was one of the best working Conventions which the Fraternity has thus far held. Its acts will exercise an important and far reaching influence upon the future welfare of the Fraternity. It was a most harmonious Convention; there was an entire absence of even the slightest evidences of a certain strained feeling, which so many members regretted to see displayed in the past, on the part of a few. The reasons for this welcome change were plainly apparent to those who closely followed, and hence were fully familiar with certain events within the Fraternity, during the past year, and it became the subject of repeated and favorable comment, that these disturbing influences no longer existed. The utmost of harmony, good feeling, and good fellowship, was manifested throughout the sessions, both of the Convention itself and its several committees. The sessions, moreover, were well attended, and closer attention was given the business in hand, and less time was devoted to sight-seeing than usual. Under the prompt guidance of the President, and a general willingness on all sides to dispose promptly of the work to be accomplished, the business was transacted smoothly,

and quickly. Nothing, however, was done hastily, and ill-advisedly ; this has often been the case in previous years, when the Convention sometimes settled down to the task on hand only on the morning of the second day. At this Convention, however, sessions for the transaction of business were held on the evenings of both the first and second days, which materially helped to dispatch the work in hand. Among the constituents of this Convention were a number of veteran Convention-goers, whose judgment may, therefore, be relied upon ; and, in the opinion of these, as well as of those whose experience was more limited, the twenty-seventh Convention was an unqualified success.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, Edward D. Curtis, *M*, '70, and of the Vice-President, Rev. Norman B. Harris, *B* *Θ*, '83, the General Treasurer of the Fraternity, Joseph B. Ware, *I*, '82, was made chairman of the Convention ; by previous appointment, A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, acted as Secretary. The sessions were held in the large parlor of the Galt House, the leading hotel of the city, which was the headquarters of the Convention, and where some forty or more Deltas were registered. The address of welcome, in behalf of the resident members of the Fraternity, was made by Dr. Thomas H. Stucky, *Θ*, '81, Professor of Pathology, in the Louisville College of Medicine. It was responded to in behalf of the delegates and visitors, by Oliver Matson, *B* *B*, '85.

These preliminary exercises having been completed, the Convention heard the report of the Committee on Credentials, which showed that twenty-two of the thirty-one chapters of the Fraternity, were represented by thirty-three delegates. After the appointment of the standing committees, provided for in the Constitution and Laws, the remainder of the morning session was devoted to the reading of reports from individual chapters, and to the discussion of the Alumni interests of the Fraternity, growing out of the report of the New York Alumni Association.

Hoyt | The afternoon session was given up to the statements of the Song-book, Vignette, Color, and Catalogue Agents of the Fraternity. The report of the Song-book Agent, Bro. Lucius W. Hoyt, *I*, '82, was particularly interesting, because it gave evidence of an advanced condition of the work on the proposed book, which few were prepared to expect, considering our many previous futile efforts in this direction ; the plan of publication, as therein proposed, and

as adopted by the Convention, will ensure the financial success of the undertaking; it will distribute, in a most just and equitable manner, the expense of publication upon all of the chapters, and precisely as an enterprise of such general character and importance should be carried out.

The evening session was occupied with the report of the General Treasurer, which showed that the several funds of the Fraternity, including the newly created "Chapter Fund," are in an exceptionally prosperous condition. The report was a voluminous, yet clear and business-like statement, of our financial status; it further showed the defects of our methods in the past, and indicated lines for reform. It is more than likely that, as a consequence, the finances of the Fraternity will, hereafter, receive more thorough attention on the part both of the general officers of the Fraternity, and of the individual chapters as well, which the importance of a sound, financial policy demands. The remainder of this session was taken up by the presentation of further chapter reports, all of which seemed to indicate an exceptionally flourishing condition of the several chapters.

In the morning session of the second day, the reading of reports from chapters was continued, and brought to a close, and the report of the Committee on Constitution, Laws, and Jurisprudence, was taken up. In the afternoon session this was continued; the report of a special Committee on Redistricting the Fraternity, was adopted, and the report of the Committee on Time and Place of the next Convention, was received. It was decided that the Twenty-eighth General Convention be held in Columbus, Ohio, on August 24, 1887, that it continue for three days, and that the arrangements for the same be entrusted to the Mu chapter, under the general care and supervision of the Council. The Committee on Nominations reported at this session, and the following officers were elected: President of Convention, Hon. Joseph Moreland, *I*, '66, of Morgantown, W. Va.; Vice-President, William W. Shilling, *A*, '80, of Sharon, Pa.; Secretary, Oliver Matson, *B B*, '85, of Greencastle, Ind.; Orator, Hon. George C. Sturgiss, *A*¹, '65, of Morgantown, W. Va.; Poet, Dr. James N. Matthews, *T*¹, '72, of Mason, Ills.; Historian, Alfred P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, of Hoboken, N. J.; Members of the Council: Rev. Washington Gardner, *M*, '70, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and John L. Teeters, *Θ*, '86, of Des

Moines, Iowa, for two years; and Walter Cain, *A*, '80, of Nashville, Tenn., for one year. Henry T. Brück, *P*, '78, of Hartford, Conn., was elected General Secretary of the Fraternity, for a term of three years. Rev. Gardner was elected President of the Fraternity, and of the Council; Joseph B. Ware, General Treasurer of the same, and Henry T. Brück, was made Secretary of the Council. The report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters was a thoughtful and candid statement, and will, if carried into effect, do much toward determining a sound policy in the matter of withdrawing and granting charters, of internal improvement and betterment.

The evening session was devoted to the report of the General Secretary, the election of the four Grand Chapters, and the consideration of the report of THE RAINBOW. The Convention, late in the evening, adjourned for the banquet. This, although somewhat hastily arranged for, proved nevertheless a most enjoyable occasion. Dr. Thomas H. Stucky, *Θ*, '81, acted as Toastmaster, and about thirty-five members were in attendance. The following toasts were responded to: "Delta Tau Delta, Among the Fraternities," Oliver Matson, *B B*, '85; "THE RAINBOW, of Delta Tau Delta," Wharton Plummer, *A*, '84; "The Alumni of Delta Tau Delta, A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; "Delta Tau Delta, in the Professions," Dr. T. V. C. Barkley, *Θ*, '77; "Our Prospective Song-Book," L. W. Hoyt, *I*, '83; "Delta Tau Delta, in the South," A. H. Dashiell, Jr., *B Θ*, '87; "Business Methods in Fraternity Work," J. B. Ware, *I*, '82; "The Ladies," Dr. W. A. Pitton, *A*, '84. The college and fraternity songs, rendered from advance sheets of the new song-book, proved that singing had not yet become, as many have feared, one of the lost arts and accomplishments of the Fraternity; and the hope was expressed, that with the early publication of this work, this pleasant feature of fraternity life will be renewed and perpetuated, as it never has been in the past.

The session on Friday morning was continued well on into the afternoon, and enabled the Convention to dispose of a large amount of old and new business, relating largely to matters of routine; and when the Convention adjourned, it could well be said that, while nothing was done hastily and carelessly, nothing was left undone for which the Convention was expected to provide.

The amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity, adopted at this Convention, although somewhat numerous

and lengthy, involve on the other hand but few of the cardinal points of our organic law, and no change of a revolutionary character was made. Many of these modifications are the natural consequences of our recent experiences, under the workings of our new governmental forms, which required the addition of a few rules of procedure, and slight changes in order to adapt them to our new requirements, which experience had developed.

Legislation was adopted, which will henceforth prevent the initiation of active, and even of former members, of other Greek letter fraternities, whether they have chapters at the particular college in question, or not. This action places Delta Tau Delta on record (if indeed such action on its part is necessary at all), as distinctly opposed to the practice of "lifting,"—so common at many of our colleges, and an abominable practice,—which has done so much to cast discredit upon the fraternity system of those colleges. It is but fair and proper, therefore, that, after having assured other fraternities of its good faith toward them, in the matter of individual membership, it adopts legislation to protect its own members against the advances of other fraternities less sensitive of its honor than itself.

The much vexed question of the eligibility of preparatory students, was forever set at rest, so far at least as Delta Tau Delta is concerned, by the act of this Convention, which absolutely prohibits the further initiation of preparatory students, *i. e.*, persons who are members of classes inferior to the Freshman Class.

The mode of procedure, in the case of the necessity for the withdrawal of charters, was amended so as to ensure just and equitable methods, and prevent the hasty action liable under the former rules.

The status of the Alumni, in their relations to the general fraternity, was better defined, and in such a manner that, hereafter, there will be no misunderstanding as to the extent of the jurisdiction of the chapters, and the Council, over the Alumni, under certain contingencies.

The selection of the Division Secretaries was confined to the ranks of the undergraduates, with a view of preserving the relative representation of Alumni, and of undergraduates, in the Council of the Fraternity. The time of tenure of office of the incoming members of the Council, was more properly defined.

A slight change was made in the laws relating to the requirements for ratifying constitutional amendments; and the duties of the General Secretary, in this matter, were clearly defined.

The time for the remittance of the annual dues, and semi-annual reports, in the case of those chapters whose colleges have but two sessions per annum,—one of them occurring during those months when our other colleges are not in session,—was defined by law in such a manner as to avoid, hereafter, the difficulties experienced by the General Fraternity officers in making up their accounts.

The "Chapter Fund," for purposes of extension and internal improvement, already established by the General Treasurer of the Fraternity, under the direction of the Council, was legalized by suitable enactments. A RAINBOW Fund was created for the purpose of defraying the expenses of publication of the journal, and with a view of placing it upon a sounder financial basis than heretofore. Subscription for the same was made compulsory with all active members of the Fraternity, each chapter being made responsible for all such subscriptions. The management of the journal was entrusted to the Council, which elects both the Editor and the Business Manager;—the former has charge of the editorial work, the latter, while managing the general details of the business, is subject to the Council, dealing with the General Treasurer. All payments, on account of THE RAINBOW, are made from THE RAINBOW Fund, on the order of the Council. It is thought that this will introduce strict methods of business in the management of the journal.

Ind. Sec.
The Convention endorsed the plan of the Delta Tau Delta Resort Association, which contemplates the establishment of a summer-resort for members of the Fraternity, at Bay View, near Petoskey, on Little Traverse Bay, Michigan; Rev. Washington Gardner, *M*, '70, is President; J. B. Ware, *I*, '82, Secretary; and L. W. Hoyt, *I*, '82, Treasurer. These, with E. J. Ware, *A*, '85, and Vin Swarthout, *E*, '85, constitute the Board of Directors of the Association, which has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, and has already secured a charming plot of ground for its purposes. Plans, estimates, and specifications of the cottage were exhibited at the Convention, and examined with a great deal of interest, as also were diagrams and views of the

property of the Association. While the undertaking partakes of the nature of a private enterprise, the action of the Convention endows it in a measure, at least, with official sanction, and commends it favorably, as it indeed it well deserves to be, to the attention and good will of the Fraternity. Those at present interested, hope to have the resort fully established by next summer. It will, no doubt, prove a rallying point for the large number of Deltas who annually visit the famous resort region of Northern Michigan; it will bring together, in intimate association, the members especially of our Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan Chapters, and will thus, in large measure, help to unify the men and methods of the Fraternity. Any means which accomplishes this end, deserves all possible encouragement, and this the Convention plainly intended to bestow upon it.

The Convention placed the management of the organized Alumni interests of the Fraternity, into the hands of the New York Alumni Association, whose successful career during the past year has amply demonstrated the feasibility of the plan under which it was organized, and upon which it is still conducted. The Association will co-operate with the Committee of Twelve Alumni, appointed at the Detroit Convention, all representative graduate members of the Fraternity. There is every reason to hope that under such an arrangement the present year will see the formation of a number of alumni chapters, in our larger cities at least, and generally of a marked growth of our Alumni interests.

The Chapter reports, while reflecting a general state of prosperity throughout the Fraternity, were, as a whole, hardly up to the standard, both ideal and actual; very few seemed to have been prepared carefully and deliberately, and many of them gave evidence of having been written during the pressure of the Convention. Aside from the desirability of having these Chapter reports stand, not as the expression of the opinion of a few individual delegates, but rather as that of the Chapter itself, this failure to give due weight to the importance of accurate statements is the more to be regretted, because these reports, if carefully and conscientiously prepared for publication in the minutes of the proceedings of the Convention, form a valuable addition to the current history of the Fraternity. They should throw considerable light upon the methods of work of the several chapters, detailing the best results

of the year's experience of the more successful chapters, for the benefits of those still young in fraternity work. A thorough reform in this direction is sadly needed.

The Convention particularly endorsed the plan of the Chapter Fund, by adopting a series of resolutions, commending the same to the attention of the Alumni of the Fraternity.

The Convention decided to appoint a second official jeweler to the Fraternity, at the request and solicitation of a number of individuals and Chapters, who hope to get better service, than in the past, from the competition thus assured. Messrs. D. Auld & Co., of Columbus, Ohio, were accordingly appointed jewelers to the Fraternity.

These, in general outline, are the acts of the Twenty-seventh Convention. It is not necessary to go into further detail, because we understand that the minutes of the Convention are nearly printed. We reserve for some future occasion the further discussion of several acts of the Convention.

Editorial.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

WHILE, in some respects, not meeting our expectations, taken all in all, the Convention of 1886 was a pronounced success. The attendance, though comparatively small, comprised a large portion of the active, working element, the flower of the fraternity. Even more than at Detroit, the absence of the "silver-greys" was marked, and the Convention will live in our history as emphatically a meeting of young men. If it be true that we must take old men for counsel and young men for war, yet in one instance at least the latter clearly proved their fitness for both field and senate. Evidently the chapters, as if profoundly realizing the importance of the occasion, exercised unusual care in choosing, as delegates, their strongest men. As a result the many grave and urgent questions were discussed with a dignity, breadth and ability that demonstrated a surprising knowledge of the fraternity and her history, condition and requirements. The Convention, in all the proceedings of the three days' session, exhibited a breadth and liberality of opinion, a harmony of spirit, a unity of purpose, and a wisdom in judgment that cannot fail to exercise a vast and permanent influence on the future of Delta Tau. Of substantial value in every way, the work and results of the Convention were essentially of a legislative and constitutional character. Upon the Indianapolis constitution as a basis, with the amendments and additions at Watkins' Glen and Detroit, the legislators at Louisville created and moulded into lasting shape, what will in all probability continue to live as our permanent code of laws. Most of this business was of a secret nature, but we are at liberty to mention the adoption of a law, defining a more just and conservative method of withdrawing charters than that now in vogue; altering the title of the governing body from "The Executive Council" to "The Council;" ratifying the policy of the General Treasurer, and approving the creation of the Chapter Fund; transferring the control of THE RAINBOW to the Council; the adoption of a series of laws relative to the journal,

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one of which makes subscription from active members compulsory ; the division of the Fraternity into the Grand Divisions of the South, West, North and East ; making Newman and Auld the official jewelers ; placing the organization of Alumni Chapters in the hands of the New York Alumni Association, and the adoption of a law, to take effect January 1, 1887, forbidding, under any circumstances, the initiation of preparatory students.

THE COUNCIL.

Gardner
THE opening of the present year brings several noticeable changes in the composition of the Council. Brothers Day and Plummer are retired, leaving Bro. Bruck the sole remaining member of the original body, as organized on January 1, 1884. Bro. Day, who, last year, so acceptably filled the office of President, was compelled, by pressure of private business, to decline a re-election. The new President, Washington Gardner, *M*, '70, is well known in the Fraternity, and brings to the office a skill, enthusiasm and a knowledge of affairs that will make his administration one of vigor and success. Bro. Bruck, *P*, '78, who will fill the office of General Secretary for the next three years, is one of the most widely known men of the Fraternity, and his past work for Delta Tau foreshadows that prompt, methodical and incisive performance of duties, so essential to the well being of the Fraternity. Bro. Ware, *I*, '82, was again elected General Treasurer, and his extensive reforms and valuable innovations in that office will make his present term one of still greater strength and value. Bro. Cain, *II*, '80, was a leading member of the Rainbow Fraternity, and was the founder of the Vanderbilt Chapter. Bro. Teeters, *O*, '86, was, last year, the Secretary of the Fourth Grand Division, and the affairs of his section will be carefully conducted. The Division Secretaries, Merrick, Nichols, Hatch and Flood are chosen from the staunchest material of the respective chapters, and their duties will be discharged with decision. The Council thus offers an array of strong men, and the close of the year will justify our belief that it was never more superbly organized for deliberation and action.

THE RAINBOW FOR 1886-87.

FOR the first time in the life of our journal, we are able to present a letter from each chapter in the Fraternity. For this success we are largely indebted to our able corps of chapter correspondents, and if, during the year, they continue to manifest a like zeal and alacrity, their department will reach a high standard of merit, both in a literary and reportorial sense. With success in chapter reports assured, no efforts will be spared to cultivate the remaining and equally important departments. Especial pains will be exerted to make the "Alumni News" of more general interest, and the chapters are urged to assist us in this purpose. "The Greek World," in which THE RAINBOW has attained an enviable reputation, will, if possible, be made of greater interest than ever before. The Literary Department will be largely devoted to articles on the history of the Fraternity, and to the discussion of the practical questions of the day, which are intimately associated with the every day life, development, and ambitions of Delta Tau. We have been promised articles by Bros. Eversole, Mitchell, Curtis, Locke, Buchanan, Guthrie, Trautwein, Bruce, and others. Songs from our poets, Carleton, Snyder, Matthews, and Collingwood, will appear occasionally, accompanied by original music. In our next number we hope to publish an illustrated article on the " $\Delta T \Delta$ Summer Resort," at Petosky, Mich., by Bro. L. W. Hoyt; a paper on "Our Chapter Genealogy," by the Editor; a timely discussion on "Wearing the Badge," by J. D. Watson, and other articles of general interest to the Fraternity.

Hoyt

Reviews.

SONGS OF PHI DELTA THETA (THIRD EDITION) is the title of a volume recently issued by its Editors, Frank D. Swope and E. H. L. Randolph. It is printed on heavy paper, and bound in blue cloth board. The typography, as a whole, is good, but the music type used was old, and gave inferior results.

One is safe in saying that this edition of songs is a great improvement over the last, and, when we say this, it is hoped that no

one will consider it a compliment. There is much to commend in the work of the present Editors, especially in that they omitted a considerable portion of the former edition. But their pruning process was not carried far enough.

However, there is evidently a growing sentiment in the Fraternity which demands a display of more literary merit in their songs. This is shown in the fact that the present Editors dropped from songs of the previous editions productions of questionable literary worth, such as the following :

“ Once there was a Phi-yi-yi,
Went to see his lady-yi,
Gave he her some taffy-yi-yi,
Cunning he and sly-yi-yi.”

But that this sentiment needs careful development is shown by the appearance of the following in the present edition. There have been greater efforts of mind than is required to arrange, in this manner, words to that musical gem, “ Good Night, Ladies.”

“ Good night, ladies !
Good night, ladies !
Good night, ladies !
We’re going to leave you now ! ”

CHORUS.—“ Cherish still the jolly Phis,
Jolly Phis, jolly Ehis,
Cherish still the jolly Phis,
In fond memory,” etc.

Then to the air “ Bingo ” is arranged this :

“ Hail, Phi Delta Theta !
Drink it down, drink it down,
Hail, Phi Delta Theta !
Drink it down, drink it down,
Hail, Phi Delta Theta !
Than all rivals you are greater !
Drink it down, drink it down,
Drink it down, drink it down.”

The volumes contains over one hundred songs, which number might have been reduced and the book improved had many like the above been eliminated. It also contains original music to fourteen of its songs, some of them being very creditable. This latter is a movement in the right direction, and should the Fraternity persevere and continue to improve as rapidly as in the past, she will yet produce something worthy of her poet's boast :

“ Than all rivals you are greater ! ”

LAUDAMUS.

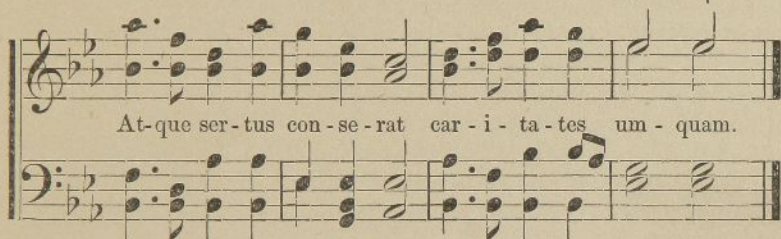
(ETA'S HYMN.)

Words by J. W. McLANE, (Zeta.)

Music by W. A. HOLCOMB, (Eta.)



1. Gem-ma nos-tra can-de-at, ob-seu-ra-tur num-quam,



At-que ser-tus con-se-rat car-i-ta-tes um-quam.

CHORUS.



Del-ta Tau a-ma-mus te, tu re-gi-na pu-ra,



Ca-ra tu me-o cor-di, ca-ra, ca-ra, ca-ra.

2 Stella quaeque scintillet,
Sic omnes aequales
Inter nos, si quilibet,
Sint admitti tales.—CHORUS.

Alumni Associations.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

The New York Alumni Association met for a regular meeting, the first of the present season, on Saturday, October 2, at five o'clock p. m., at Martinelli's, New York City. Like all of the meetings which the Association has heretofore held, it proved to be a most enjoyable reunion, and thus served to worthily inaugurate the series of meetings to be held during the present season. Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67, presided in the unavoidable absence of Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73, and there were present A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; William Kent, *P*, '76; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; T. A. Bense, *P*, '84; W. Lyall, *P*, '84; O. A. Zayas, *T*, '86, and H. R. Asserson, *T*, '86. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67; H. H. Hearn, *A*, '72; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; L. A. Mathey, *P*, '80, and H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83.

The election of Dr. A. E. Osborne, *T*¹, '73, of Media, Pa., as a non-resident member, and of J. A. Bense, *P*, '84, of New York City, as a resident member, was announced.

The Secretary gave an account of the proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh General Convention of the Fraternity, whose acts and legislation so largely affect the alumni and alumni associations of the Fraternity. The Association cheerfully decided to accept the duty imposed upon it by the Convention of supervising the organized alumni interests of the Fraternity; and it was decided to take immediate steps with a view of doing all that lies in its power to aid those, now interested in the foundation of alumni organizations elsewhere, with the best advice which its own experience has developed.

The Association voted unanimously in favor of the propositions embodied in the second and third circulars of the General Secretary of the Fraternity, recently issued.

After dinner, for which a very elaborate menu had been provided, the Association proceeded to the discussion, in accordance

with previous announcement, of the topic of the evening: "The Position of the Classics in the College Curriculum." Eliciting, as it did, an expression of opinion from all present, it well showed the drift of opinion on this important subject. The meeting came to a close at 10 o'clock.

The Association will meet for its second social reunion on Saturday, November 6, at five o'clock, when the subject of the after dinner talk will be as follows: "National Aid to Popular Education,"—a timely topic in view of the fact that the "Blair Bill" and its substitutes will shortly, upon the reassembling of Congress, again engage the attention of all who are interested in following the reasons which can be urged for and against these measures.

All alumni of the Fraternity who may be in New York at the time of the next meeting, are invited to meet with the Association upon that occasion, and are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Association, A. P. Trautwein, Box 24, Station A, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE MICHIGAN ALUMNI.

Two interesting gatherings have taken place among Michigan Deltas during the past summer—one, on July 30 and 31, at Bay View, Mich., and the other on evening of September 24, at Kalama-zoo. The first mentioned was the third annual meeting of resorting Deltas. According to arrangements made by Bro. A. W. Cannoble, on Friday evening, July 30, a boat ride on the beautiful Traverse Bay was indulged in and thoroughly enjoyed by all. After going down the bay to Charlevoix, the party landed and enjoyed the hospitality of that royal-hearted Delta, Bro. Ed. F. Parmelee, editor of the Charlevoix *Sentinel*, being, as he well states, the "Oldest paper in seventeen counties."

After spending a portion of the evening in song and music, all repaired (nearly a pun) to the boat, where a "spread" was in waiting, and an unusual assortment of meats, cakes, creams, etc., was as far as possible disposed of, and the remainder of the moonlight ride spent in music and social conversation. The Misses Reynolds greatly aided in making the evening one of pleasant memory, by their violin solos and duets.

Gardner
Goyt

The Deltas were :

Washington Gardner.....	M, '70...	Jackson, Mich.
Prof. H. A. Mills.....	E, '76...	Greencastle, Ind.
L. W. Hoyt.....	I, '82...	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Jos. B. Ware.....	I, '82...	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Ed. F. Parmelee.....	K, '83...	Charlevoix, Mich.
W. S. Graham.....	E, '83...	Grand Rapids, Mich.
James A. Dart.....	I, '85...	Petoskey, Mich.
Elvin Swartout.....	E, '85...	Ovid, Mich.
Ezra J. Ware.....	A, '85...	Ann Arbor, Mich.
G. G. Scranton.....	E, '86...	Sault Ste. Marie.
S. F. Master.....	E, '88...	Ionia, Mich.
Frank D. McDonnell.....	A, '88...	Bay City, Mich.
Linton B. Sutton.....	E, '88...	Cheboygan, Mich.
Arthur W. Connoble.....	E, '89...	Petoskey, Mich.

The ladies were the

Misses Reynolds, Horton, Mich.
 Mrs. H. A. Mills and Miss E. N. Fallass, *A X O*, Greencastle, Ind.
 Miss Belle Ware and Miss Hattie Graham, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Miss Nettie Gale and Miss Emma L. Weaver, Albion, Mich.
 Miss Nellie Hankey, of Petosky ; Miss Lizzie Master, Ionia, Mich.
 Miss Lillie B. More, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Miss Franc Barnes, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Miss Minnie Scranton and Virginia Lyon, Sault Ste. Marie, and Miss Minnie Faxon, Duplain, Mich.

On Saturday evening the Deltas held their meeting, at which it was arranged to form a stock company under the Laws of Michigan, to be known as the "*Delta Tau Delta Resort Association*," and to purchase some land and build a Resort Cottage for Deltas. It may be as well to state the above Association was incorporated in August, and several acres of land purchased, with fair prospects for the cottage in time to be used during summer of 1887. The Resort Association will, at some future time, explain fully its history and prospects, and name its directors and officers.

The September meeting was held during the week of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kalamazoo.

Arrangements were made by Bro. C. B. Hays—residing at Kalamazoo—who seemed to recognize the weakness of our Ministerial Brothers, for the evening was spent in the "Candy Kitchen," where, besides candies of many colors, shapes and flavors, were an

abundance of ice creams, fruits and cakes. Everything in the plural a superlative!

After we had unanimously cooled our "inner man" the Secretary gave a report of the banquet held last year, the topics discussed, etc., and there then being a general wish expressed for information regarding the Resort House, that the remainder of the evening was spent in examining the plans and discussing the merits of the Resort.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the movement was one of value to all Deltas, especially those accustomed to spend the heated seasons in the northern portions of the state.

Applications were made for building lots, some subscribed for, and a general expression of hearty approval and stock support of the Resort Association. The following brothers were present :

Rev. A. M. Gould, *K*, '73, President of Alumni Organization.

J. B. Ware, *I*, '82, Secretary of Alumni Organization.

Rev. Washington Gardner, *M*, '70. Rev. Thos. Cox, *E*, '84.

Rev. W. A. Hunsberger, *E*, '78. Ezra J. Ware, *A*, '85.

Rev. J. C. Floyd, *A*, '76. Rev. J. C. Beach, *E*, '81.

Bart. A. Nevins, *I*, '75. George E. Breck, *I*, '78.

R. L. Griffin, *E*, '84. C. M. Kimbling, *E*, '87.

John I. Breck, *I*, '83. J. P. McCarthy, *E*, 88.

C. B. Hays, *I*, '86.

The same President and Secretary were re-elected, and Bro. McCarthy elected Treasurer, for 1887.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the same time and place as was held the Michigan Conference for 1887. These meetings are enjoyable, instructive and of benefit to the Fraternity. Dr. J. H. Partridge, *I* prime, '69, a prominent physician of Kalamazoo, expected to be present, but professional duties prevented.

New subscriptions for *THE RAINBOW* and pledges to the "Chapter Fund" were made. It is largely due to these informal Delta gatherings that Michigan Deltas are so enthusiastically loyal.

The Greek World.

THE following important editorial appeared in the *New York Tribune* in June. Though published in our pages somewhat late, it will be read with interest, as illustrating the impulses which led to the Pan Hellenic meeting of '83, and as demonstrating the fact that all college fraternities are members of the same great family ; that they are slowly but surely harmonizing their differences, and that in the near future their power will be thrown as a unit in solving " the vexed questions of college life and discipline."

A movement has originated in Buffalo looking to a convention of the Greek-letter fraternities of our American colleges. It originates in the circulars which they have issued, properly speak of these societies as powerful factors in shaping the character and career of college men, and express the reasonable belief that they may become an instrument of great service in many directions, " notably in supplying a strong bond between the alumni of the colleges." Judge Tourgee, who advocates the holding of such a convention, has written a letter on the subject, in which he argues that a discussion by such a representative body of the fraternity system in its relations to college life, college discipline, civic duty, and post-graduate culture would be of substantial value.

Nothing is to be said against the proposition in question, while several considerations can be urged in its favor. In his famous Phi Beta Kappa oration, Wendell Phillips took college men severely, not to say ferociously, to task for neglecting to meet their public obligations. This failure of the educated class to make itself felt in politics is often dwelt upon, and goes far to explain why politics are not cleaner, and why statesmen of the Jaehne school are so numerous. Rascals who take an interest in public affairs merely for what they can make out of them find their opportunity in the selfish indifference to the common weal of their passively reputable fellow-citizens. A convention which resulted in inducing the members of the college fraternities to give heed to their civic duties would by no means be held in vain.

The value of such a convention in its relation to college life and discipline is obvious. It ought to be possible for the fraternities, acting as a unit, to help mightily in the formation of a healthy public sentiment among undergraduates. If, for instance, a convention made up of representatives of all the leading fraternities should take strong ground against the hazing, or some related piece of stupid and cruel tomfoolery, the chances are that the nuisance would speedily be known no more in American colleges. Undergraduates would be apt to respect the positions taken by the societies on vexed questions of college life and discipline. For they would recognize that the voice of the convention was the voice of sympathetic brethren. On the other hand the college authorities would have nothing to fear,

since the alumni controlling the convention could be counted on to take no action which was not calculated to conserve the welfare of the institutions.

And the convention would have yet another good reason for being. College authorities always like to know what college men out in the world think of college questions that happen to be uppermost for the time being—the part which the classics should play in the curriculum, the propriety of making prayers an elective, the co-education of the sexes, and the like. The convention would furnish an admirable arena for the discussion of such topics, and the college Presidents would doubtless gain many valuable hints from it.

THE Rev. Emory J. Haynes preached a sermon on the subject, "Shall I Join a Fraternity?" in Boston, recently. It was apropos of the visit of the Odd Fellows to that city, and in it he spoke strong words in favor of college secret societies of the right sort. "I pay a debt of gratitude this day," he said. "Years ago when a lad, I came from the State of Vermont and went to college, where I had the companionship of some young men who admitted me to their secret honors, and I pay honor to them. They were my friends, and they rebuked me when I did wrong, and rejoiced with me when I did well. Then they cared for me, and bent over me, and saved my life when I was sick. I have a great respect for these secret societies. I owe as much to the watchfulness and sympathy of that society as I owe to the college itself."

At its recent Commencement the Board of Trustees of the University at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, by a unanimous vote changed the name of the institution to "Bucknell University," in honor of its generous patron, Hon. Wm. Bucknell, of Philadelphia. The alumni will erect a handsome new gymnasium, and many additions will be made to the buildings and endowment. The fraternities represented are ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

DELTA TAU DELTA has done away with the custom of wearing colors when a new man is initiated. Consolidation with W. W. W. is the cause of the change.

The above has been copied in several exchanges, and has thereby assumed an unwarranted prominence. It never has been the custom of $\Delta T \Delta$ to wear her colors upon the initiation of a man. Perhaps the usage has obtained in several chapters, but if so, it was purely local, and not general.

It is said that the Senior Society of the "Ax and Coffins," modeled on the Skull and Bones, is to be revived at Columbia. The membership is limited to fifteen.

THE Convention of ΣN was held at Lexington, Ky., August 4 and 5. Thirteen chapters were present, and the meeting was a notable success. The Convention for 1887 will be held at Birmingham, Ala.

THE ΣN *Delta* is now published by the Kansas Chapter. The journals of $K A \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Pi B \Phi$ are also edited and published by the University of Kansas Chapters.

THE recently published song book of $A T \Omega$ is said to be a very handsome addition to fraternity literature. No copy has as yet been received by us.

$\Phi K \Psi$ it is said, is about to revive at Cornell College, Iowa, and also to establish a new chapter in Iowa College at Grinnell.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has organized at William Jewell College, Missouri, the chapter formerly being a part of the $Z \Phi$ Society.

THE recent ΣX Convention at Columbus emphatically repudiated schemes for further Eastern extension.

ΣX has withdrawn from Hillsdale, and established at Tulane, University of California, and Albion college.

THE $X T$ local society at Adelbert has become a chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

$B \Theta \Pi$ is said to be organizing at the University of Colorado.

THE *Beta Theta Pi* will be published as a quarterly this year.

$Z \Psi$ established a chapter at Brown in the spring of '86.

$\Theta \Delta \Psi$ at Lafayette has shuffled off this mortal coil.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ at Lehigh consists of one man, a senior.

Chapter Letters.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

NO CHAPTER of our fraternity can realize with what pleasure and pride we now send this, our first letter to THE RAINBOW for publication. Pleasure, we say, because we are again associated with the destinies of our fraternity; pride, that we can make it known through such a medium as our paper. During the period of our separation from the fraternity—let us say, separation only in the sense of active participation in its affairs,—we noted the great improvement THE RAINBOW was assuming, not only in its appearance, but in the publication of such articles as best showed the enthusiasm which pervades the fraternity. This enthusiasm created in our boys could be fostered only by means of our paper, and a few, appreciating that fact, used their influence, and succeeded in having all the old members of Tau subscribe for THE RAINBOW. Thus we have been preserved as a chapter to our fraternity by which we hope to be benefited, and which, in turn, to benefit. While the unity of our boys had some effect in preserving our standing in college, yet other influences more persuading and potent came into play, of which principally was the interest shown by our alumni and members of other chapters. Not only did they use their influence at home in our behalf, but we received many visits from them, showing to the college men that there were still those who would champion our cause. Thus we have preserved to ourselves two men who shared at once our anxieties and misfortunes. To the enthusiasm and the fact that our chapter had not depreciated, we joined hard work, without which we would have had but five members.

Theta—Bethany.

THETA, the mother chapter of Delta Tau Delta, begins work this year with five (5) active members. In the class of '86 Theta graduated seven members, among whom were the orator, poet, and valedictorian, as well as first and second honor men of classical course and first honor man of scientific course. Her members this year are Sumner T. Martin, '86; Sherman Kirk, '88; James A. Hopkins, '89; Elmer S. Muckley, '89; and James A. Rice, '89.

They are all inspired with the usual enthusiasm of Delts, and are bent on the promotion of the good of their fraternity. Theta's only rival is *B Θ II* which about equals her in number. Oscar Schmiedel, member of class of '86, is now professor of mathematics in Bethany College. Theta's boys have a fine hall in which to hold their meetings, and are always glad to welcome any of their brothers to the same.

Rho—Stevens.

THE college opened this year on the 22d of September, our first chapter meeting being held soon after. We have met with our usual success in initiating good fraternity men, and we are now able to introduce Bro. Hiller, '89; Bro. Whitney, '90, and Bro. Torrance, '90. The class of '90, by the way, is not only large, but is also an example of the survival of the fittest, since out of nearly one hundred applicants only sixty were admitted to the Institute,—the classrooms not being of sufficient size to accommodate a larger number. Stevens has never been in a better condition than it is at the present time. All the available space in the workshops, and laboratories is fully occupied. The Faculty consists of eleven professors and two instructors, who kindly unite in providing the students with all the work their hearts could wish for. The course in surveying has been transferred from the Senior to the Freshman year; "thus," as a recent article in the New York *Evening Post* aptly expressed it, "giving to the Freshmen a means of instruction at once interesting, pleasant, and healthful." The chief topic of conversation just now is the unveiling of the Bartholdi statue, October 28, on which occasion the Institute men will no doubt take a prominent part. When the Pedestal Fund was being raised we subscribed a sufficient amount to place in position a stone on which was cut the name of the college. For this act of patriotism we have been assigned a place in the grand parade. Rho has been well represented in the recent Athletic Association, and Class Elections. Bro. Bayles is Vice-President, and Bro. L. W. Anderson, Secretary, of the former; Bro. Bayles is also serving in his third year as President of '87. Bro. Hoxie has been elected President of '89 for the second time, and Bro. Hiller is Secretary of the same class. Bro. Torrance is Treasurer of '90. At the June meeting of the Alumni Association Bro. Geo. M. Bond, '80, was elected Presi-

dent, to succeed Bro. A. C. Humphreys, '81. The fraternities have been exceedingly active this year, and we have serious fears that Chi Psi will initiate the entire college, including the janitor and his assistants. Our chapter library, started about two years ago, is rapidly increasing in size. We have recently been presented with a full set of the works of Henry George, now a candidate for Mayor of New York, and we have also a large number of scientific and engineering treatises, together with several works relating to law and political economy, as well as a moderate amount of fiction. If a suggestion is not out of place here, we would like to remark that of all the means which a chapter has at its disposal for the pleasure and the improvement of its members, the formation of a library is the most valuable. It is not, perhaps, very quickly, or very easily, done; but if each chapter were to make an earnest attempt, the fraternity would soon possess no mean collection of books, which would aid, too, in giving greater prominence to the literary characteristics of Delta Tau.

Eta—Buchtel.

AN influx of several very fine men has inspired much animation in fraternity circles at Buchtel, and the respective merits of the different fraternities have been obtruded upon the minds of the "Fresh," with a vigor quite out of the usual line of fraternity rushing. In fact all fraternities have been considerably reduced in numbers, and the one who got the largest amount of cream would take the lead. Of the acknowledged best three of the class of '90, Eta secured two, and it is with great pleasure she introduces Bros. Vernon Andrew and Frank G. Wieland. On the 22d inst. we initiated our two pledged men, Bros. Frank W. Hugill and Allen Fell. This swells our number to ten active, energetic men, and keeps $\Delta T \Delta$ unquestionably in the lead at Buchtel. Our rivals, however, are not weak, and it is not yet time for us to rest on our oars, and say the race is won. The national convention, of *K K I*, was held at Akron, last August, under the auspices of Lambda Chapter, of Buchtel. Eta threw open the doors of her spacious hall, and extended her hospitality to the convention. The offer was gratefully accepted. Bro. Will Carleton lectured here on the evening of the 25th, and at the close of the lecture was tendered a reception by Eta, at the home of Bro. C. S. Bock, '85. We enjoyed a very pleas-

ant time with the poet, and found him a very enthusiastic Delt. Many of our Alumni were with us, and aided in the enjoyment of the evening. Eta has had the pleasure of entertaining several visiting Deltas this fall. Bro. Cherryholmes, of Theta, stopped with us a few days on his way to Ann Arbor. Bro. James Ford, '86, gave us a short visit the first of the month. Bro. H. L. Canfield, an old Eta boy, was with us several days during the National Convention of Universalists in this city. Bro. Canfield is preaching in Stryker, O. Bro. N. A. Stall, '82, has been with us the past week, and thinks of returning to Akron. Bro. Rothrock, '86, is city solicitor of the *Sunday Gazette*, this city. Bro. Grandin, of '85, gave us a call the 29th inst. He is in his father's bank, at Tidioute, Pa. Bro. C. N. Thomas, '88, did not return to Buchtel this fall; he is taking a business course at Poughkeepsie. Bro. George Sieber, an Eta boy, is running for City Solicitor. It is with much sorrow that we announce the death of Bro. W. E. Hugill, July 12. Bro. Hugill entered Cornell in the fall of '85, was elected poet of his class, and graduated from there with honors, last June. He had been home but a few days when taken with a disease to which he soon succumbed. He was about to go South to superintend the construction of a large bridge, in Georgia, for which his father was contractor. Bro. Hugill was one of our best workers, and we sincerely mourn his death.

Sigma—Columbia.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE being one of the last of our collegiate institutions to open its doors after a summer's vacation, it is necessary that Sigma should be about the last chapter of our fraternity to resume her duties. Our prospects for the coming year are bright. By the graduation of the class of '86, we lost two active and energetic workers. We are sorry to announce that sickness has taken from us our much-esteemed brother, James A. Moorcroft, formerly of Omicron, and who is at present situated at Denver, Colo., for the benefit of his health. Any attention shown to him by our brothers in the Colorado University will be deemed a favor and considered as such. This year Sigma starts out with five active and enthusiastic members. By the combined efforts of all we are in hopes of building up a chapter of which both the fraternity and ourselves will not be ashamed. Our prospects for men from the

Freshman class is extremely promising, although the class is not as large as usual. Our motto being "slow and sure" we have not as yet initiated any men out of it, but hope to do so ere long. Sigma has a comfortable home in the vicinity of college, *i. e.*, 135 E. Fifty-eighth street, at which address we would be pleased to welcome all straying Deltas who might happen that way. If the holding of offices is to be considered as an honor we are not destitute. Bros. Burns and Marsh are President and Vice-President, respectively, of both the class of '87, S. of M., and of the Engineering Society. Our next letter will be of a more interesting nature, for by that time the college, as well as the chapter's working year, will have been somewhat advanced, thus enabling the S. A. to gain such news as may prove of a readable character.

Phi—Hanover.

PHI sends greeting to all her sister chapters. The opening of the term found three Deltas back to "fight the good fight," and earnest in their endeavors to persuade others to "flee the wrath to come" and seek safety under the "Purple and Grey." Bro. Lopp, formerly of '87, returned this year and entered Junior class. So Chapter Φ consists of three Juniors at present, against two Sophs last year. Some good men have entered college this year in the Freshman class, but as most all were pledged to other frats before coming, we did not get our quota of them. But we will have our share of the Preps who will become Freshmen next year. As we believe the vitality of any chapter depends *only* upon the standard of the members enrolled, we think it imperative to choose only the best, and unhesitatingly exclude all those who would tend to lower the dignity and good standing of the chapter. During the last one or two years Fraternity work has not been as active as during times previous to that. Comparatively few initiations have taken place in all the frats. The active membership of the different frats here at present is as follows: ΣX , 8; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 10; $B \Theta \Pi$, 9; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 11; $\Delta T \Delta$, 3. But before many days have elapsed we think the condition of several of the frats will be materially changed. The $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ have fixed up a handsome hall over Mr. Rankin's store, and have therein a piano and several other things tending to lend the charm of home-comfort. The other frats will have their same places of meeting, and I suppose there will be no change until

chapter houses come in vogue here, as I hope they will soon. College opened with an increased attendance and almost the first week a very handsome present was bestowed upon the college. Rev. James A. McKee, D. D., member of class of '37, of Cairo, Georgia, gave \$10,000 as half endowment of a new chair to be called the "McKee Professorship of Ethics and Christian Evidences." Baseball and foot-ball have received an impetus never beheld before. Hanover will enter the foot-ball contest for gold medal and championship of Indiana, and is booked for the 30th of October, for her first game. Our base-ball club have beaten everything they have yet "tackled," except in one game, and then they were beaten by a score of 11 to 10. A military company is contemplated being organized in the near future, and then we can boast of the "*brave boys in blue*"; *i. e.*, if they are not called out for duty.

Omicron—University of Iowa.

ELEVEN active members, together with Fred Pomeroy of '85, and now in the Law, crowded around the Delta banner eager to carry it forward into the contests which invariably take place in the beginning of every school-year. The largest class of Freshmen (100 in number) entered this year, and the fraternity war began at once. Omicron is doubly vigorous and enthusiastic this year, as by the action of the late convention she retained the honors of Grand Chapter, honors she so dearly prizes, and once more an opportunity is given her to discharge the duties she has in the past so gladly and punctually fulfilled. Besides this, Omicron is greatly pleased to learn of the election of John L. Teeters to a place in the Executive Council, a place which he is well fitted to fill. Believing, however, Omicron's gratitude for the honors conferred can better be shown by deed than sounding phrase, she presents to the Delta fraternity two young men whose good judgment has been demonstrated by the fact of their preferring to enter the Greek world through the substantial and elaborate gates of Delta Tau Delta,—Theodore Boal, son of one of the most distinguished lawyers Iowa boasts of, Hon. J. G. Boal, is the one; while Charles Hepburn, son of Congressman Hepburn, is the other. Their acquisition registers a stinging defeat for our rival fraternities. Besides the two mentioned our prospects for new additions are very promising. The Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, the Phi Delta Theta, with two initia-

tions each ; while the Sigma Chi, with three new members, comprises our rivals' increase in number. Were numbers the criterion, the gain would seem to be equal throughout. But as the desirableness of new initiates can be judged only by the contest waged for them, Omicron's new men are the only ones, save with one exception, whose worth was attested by the severe struggle encountered. Omicron is anxiously awaiting the publication of the minutes of the late convention, so that she might more clearly understand some of the radical reforms entered upon at Louisville, Ky. She heartily approves of the tenor of the report of Committee on Chapters and Charters, fully believing that by making strong the weak chapters, and then entering upon a vigorous extension policy is the best and safest way to success.

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Beta Delta—University of Georgia.

THE University opened on October 6, with a large number of new students, among them were much excellent material for the Greeks. *B Δ* has been so fortunate as to obtain four of the number,—Bros. A. C. Wilcox, J. A. Parks, Edwin Stewart and A. M. Hartsfield. We now have ten active members who are ever ready to advance the cause of Deltaism. We will probably take off our share of the college honors this term. Six of our men graduated this summer; one of them, Bro. A. L. Franklin, has returned to take a post-graduate course, and we are truly glad to have him with us. One addition has been made to the Faculty. Dr. Jones, of Atlanta, has been elected to the chair of Natural History. He is a specialist in that department of knowledge, and is in every way a competent instructor. The state will soon have a Technological School. If it is located at Athens it will greatly increase the number of students at the University. Our alumni of '86 have obtained lucrative and honorable positions. They are all excellent and deserving men, and will be an honor to *Δ T Δ* wherever they go.

Beta—Ohio University.

BETA is at present in a better condition than it has been for a long time at the beginning of a college year. We graduated two last year,—Bros. White and Kirkendall. Also Bro. Hunter has staid out to teach. But we have pledged three other good men,

the best who are not already Greeks, and they will be initiated in the near future. By the spring term of this year we are confident that Beta will be in excellent condition. Our other fraternities are doing well, but as the record clearly shows, are not keeping up with Delta Taus. We take the highest grades each term, and our two Deltas took the highest grade at the annual contest last June, although they were opposed by the best men from the other fraternities. A brother Delta has delivered the Master's oration annually for the last six years, and during the last twenty years we have graduated nearly 50 per cent. of the whole number of graduates. The Ohio University has a better equipped faculty than it ever had before, and more students than it has had since 1866. With this condition of things Beta will more than maintain its standing.

Beta Epsilon—Emory.

As college opened on October 13, at the present writing we are not prepared to make any precise and detailed statement concerning the college or chapter. The number of students has slightly fallen off, but the quality, if anything, is better than ever before, and the outlook for a year of solid work is very promising. We opened the year with nine old men and were strengthened by the initiation of Bro. J. L. Brown of Social Circle, Ga. As the year is early yet, we confidently expect a number of last year's chapter to join us in our work. We expect to hold our own with our numerous rivals during the year, and will gain our share of the honors the college bestows on her most deserving sons.

Psi—Wooster.

OUR University opened on the fifteenth day of September. About one hundred and twenty new students have matriculated. The University has never been in a more prosperous condition. The course of studies is being gradually extended, and thus the usefulness of the institution increased. Our Delta boys here have been mindful of their best interests, and have all returned to college. Psi chapter opened this term with thirteen good men. Let us introduce to you our new initiate, Bro. W. W. Hartman, of Wooster, Ohio. We number now fourteen. Their classification is, one Senior, three Juniors, seven Sophomores and three Fresh-

men. Our future strength is almost assured from the fact that most of our boys are in the lower classes. Among the new students who entered the University this term, there were few good fraternity men. Our chapter graduated five good men last year, five loyal Deltas. They are now located as follows: Bro. Allan Krichbaum is teaching in Newberry, Mich.; Bro. Shallenberger is reading law in Wooster; Bro. Bowman is at the Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa.; Bro. McMillan is at the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.; Bro. Crabbe is teaching in the Shady Side Academy, Pittsburg, Pa. Bro. John Waddell, who graduated at Princeton this year, is teaching in the Shady Side Academy. Also Bro. J. C. Sharpe, Psi, '83, is teaching in the same Academy. Bro. Walter Rockey, who was with us last year, is now in business at 497 Tenth Avenue, New York. Bro. C. O. Johnson, Psi, '83, is reading law in New York.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

THE Ohio Wesleyan University opened this year with a larger influx of new students than has ever been known before in her history. Consequently our six fraternities have had ample material from which to elect the men respectively suited to them. Mu began operations this year with eleven men, distributed thus in classes: Seniors, 3; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 3; Freshmen, 1. So that although there is an abundant crop of new students, Mu has felt justified in pursuing her usual conservative course on men, waiting patiently until time shall have pointed out to us men of the highest ability. This policy we have found to be the wisest, and we earnestly recommend a like *modus operandi* to other chapters. All the fraternities here began with respectable numbers, and all have had opportunity to air their colors once and some have worn the ribbons twice. Mu has already had the great pleasure of flaunting the purple and grey once. As a result we desire to introduce to Delta Tau at large, Bro. Ben. U. Rannells, '89, a man whom we won from the hands of other Greeks and who brings to us no little honor. Bro. H. P. Brownell, '90, was initiated by us last commencement season, and as he has never had a formal introduction to the general fraternity, we present him as another addition of whom we are justly proud. We note with pleasure among the fraternity men here a general feeling of respect and friendship for

one another. The members of Mu will not be at all slow to return all friendly advances from other fraternities. Our cause is a common one, and we should discover in our hearts, in addition to our special fraternal feelings, a general friendship for all other Greeks. Mu anticipating a successful year and a grand wind-up in the Columbus Convention wishes the same for all the other chapters of Delta Tau Delta.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

GAMMA opens the year with but six men, our ranks being reduced by the loss of five brothers through sickness and graduation. Several good men will, however, be enrolled soon, and the chapter placed on its old time substantial footing. The remaining five fraternities are in good shape for the year's work. In the elections for the college annual, *The Pandora*, Bro. Ross, the only Delta in the class, was chosen to fill one of the highest offices. In the Senior class, Bro. Garrison was elected Master of Ceremonies, and Bro. Alexander, Historian on Class Day. Prof. Schmitz, formerly of Wooster, occupies the chair of Modern Languages during the absence of Prof. Simonton in Europe.

Nu—Lafayette.

A LONG and pleasant vacation has drawn to a close, and one which Nu will not soon forget, for the boys have met more brother Deltas this summer than ever before, and in that way have become better acquainted with the boys of other chapters. The year opens with the brightest prospects in every way. A thoroughly renovated chapter room awaited our return, and so pleased were we with the look of things that we decided to further add to the appearance of our new rooms by the purchase of a set of new chairs, the gift of Bro. Craven. The number of new men is above last year's number and contains some very promising men. The fraternities have been very quick this year to take in new men. This, I suppose, is partly owing to the good material in '90, and also to the low ebb which some of the frats had reached. A few changes have been made about the college,—the most important being the lighting of M'Keen Hall (one of the dormitories) with gas. It becomes our duty to number one of our old friends, Theta Delta Chi, as one of the chapters of the past. After a hard fight she has at

length given up her existence at Lafayette. Phi Kappa Psi have given up their old quarters on the square for the rooms left vacant by Theta Delta Chi. Bro. Trautwein saw some of the boys as he passed through here a short time ago. It is with much pleasure that I present to the Delta world the names of Bros. Gray, '89, of Easton, Pa.; English, '90, of Elizabeth, N. J., both brothers of Deltas; also Swindell, '90, of Alleghany, Pa., and Gallaher, '90, of Moundsville, W. Va.

Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

THE University of Colorado begins its tenth year with an encouraging attendance and the prospect of a profitable year. The place of Bro. P. H. Hanus, Δ , '78, late Professor of Mathematics, is now filled by W. W. Campbell, University of Michigan, '86, who is very well liked. Bros. Mason, Sternberg, Blake, Chase and Thompson made their appearance at the opening of school, and Bro. Pierce returned September 29. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Bro. R. H. Whiteley, Jr., our latest, and probably for this year our only, initiate. He is taking a post-graduate course here and will add to the enthusiasm and influence of the chapter. Shortly after commencement last summer the Delta Gammas organized a chapter here, initiating eight or ten young ladies. They have fitted up a room in the basement of the University building, while the $\Pi B \Phi$'s, formerly known as the I. C.'s, occupy a very pleasant room in the third story. All we want now in order to have things lively is another male fraternity. Our interest in the fraternity and all that pertains to it is greater than ever, and any reader of THE RAINBOW who may come to this western country for the health, either of his body or his pocket-book, may be sure of a hearty welcome in the Beta Kappa.

Delta—University of Michigan.

CHAPTER DELTA commences the work of another year with renewed energy, inspired by the confidence the fraternity has again shown her by selecting her as grand chapter, and stimulated by the responsibility resting on her to be even more than before a fitting representative of our fraternity. We commenced this year's work under unusually difficult circumstances. Of our last year's chapter of seventeen we lost seven by graduation and two by leaving

college. In spite of this, however, our prospects are most encouraging. Bro. Ezra J. Ware is with us again, and his wise experience and thorough knowledge of fraternity matters will be of great service to us. Bro. James G. Hays, who graduated last year, has unexpectedly returned to enter the Law Department. Bro. C. C. Cherryholmes, of Θ , has entered the Dental Department, and has been elected to membership in our chapter. Two new men, Bro. N. S. McArthur, of Cheboygan, and Bro. John Kempf, of Ann Arbor, have already been initiated, and we are expecting more soon. Bros. Pitts, '85, and Coburn, '88, were with us a few days to assist in beginning the college year. The Freshman class this year is a very promising one, both as to quality and quantity. It contains much excellent material, and as it is early yet, the good men have by no means all been taken by the fraternities. Already 312 new students have entered the Literary Department, and there will possibly be at least fifteen or twenty more before the work has fairly commenced. The whole number of students in the University is likely to exceed fifteen hundred. It is a year of unprecedented prosperity for the University, and we expect it to be for the fraternity also. On account of the great number of fraternities here it is a difficult matter to keep a chapter up to the high standard naturally expected of one located in such an institution, but having been more or less successful in the past, by hard work we hope to approach more nearly our ideal.

Zeta—Adelbert.

DESPITE the prophecies made last year and the year before by our rivals that $\Delta T \Delta$ at Adelbert would die with the graduation of the class of '86, Zeta still lives. Our victories over them last fall was but an eye-opener when we took two of their choice from them; and when it was repeated this year without the aid of those who left us last June, it certainly must give them the pointer that we are founded not upon a sandy spot, but that we are here to stay; so it is that Zeta has now passed her crisis. Greatly do we feel, however, the loss of our three Seniors, Waite, Pettibone and Arter; yet their places are filled by the same number of Freshmen, two being already initiated and another wearing the colors: therefore, let us introduce to you Bros. R. E. Ruedy and C. L. Reason. Our chances for two others are equal to those of our rivals, and although

we now number seven, which is a good-sized chapter for Adelbert, we hope to increase the list before another issue of THE RAINBOW. A Freshman class of twenty-eight entered this fall, there being, however, eight of these, "co-eds." From the desirable fraternity men $\Delta K E$ has taken two, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ three, ΔT three and $B \Theta \Pi$ six—the last being somewhat questionable as regards eligibility to other fraternities represented here. Finding that five miles to the city was altogether too far from the college to have our chapter hall, we have rented a suite of rooms but a short distance from the buildings, and by the generous aid of the fraternity and our alumni, have furnished them in a way that would do proud to any chapter at Adelbert. Our meetings there are weekly. What better encouragement can a chapter receive than the personal advice and good word of the officers and active workers of the fraternity. Zeta at least recognizes this, and looks to the time when more of our *active* alumni will take it upon themselves to visit the chapter, as did the Ware brothers, while passing through the city a short time since. It is just what a chapter needs, and is worth a score of letters to her. Owing to the late appearance of our publication last year, we were unable to send copies to all of those with whom we are accustomed to exchange, and in consequence have received but one or two. We are now prepared, however, to fill all orders.

Lambda—Vanderbilt.

ALTHOUGH the term of 1886 witnessed the enrollment of the Rainbow under the banner of purple and grey, the semi-chaotic state of affairs which necessarily ensued was such that the new strongholds of $\Delta T \Delta$ could not be expected to present a firm and unbroken line of strong chapters to the fraternity at large. Having always worked under the disadvantage of the parent chapter system, and having no journal, our knowledge of each other was in most cases vague and indefinite, and hearty, intelligent co-operation in our new work was a matter of impossibility. For these reasons we ask the indulgence of the fraternity for our past sins of omission or commission, but for our past sins alone. We feel that, by the fruits of this year's labor, the wisdom of the step taken by $\Delta T \Delta$ will be tested, and we are willing to stand the test. Lambda, in particular, is fully conscious of the great responsibility which

rests upon her, and no exertion will be spared to place the Southern Division upon the high plane already attained by our fraternity in the North, East and West. It is a source of deep regret to us that we were not represented at Louisville. We were ignorant of the date and place of the convention until after the close of our college year; letters addressed to our delegates failed to reach their destination, and fate itself seemed resolved to frustrate our satisfaction at the successful event of the long work of consolidation, and assure them of our sincere and devoted fealty to $\Delta T \Delta$. We fear that many of the fraters construed this unfortunate occurrence as the outcome of willful negligence on our part, but if their minds are not disabused of that impression by this year's work in the Southern Division, they will be convinced of their error by the enthusiastic band of loyal brothers who will march northward to our next convention, to do homage to our Delta Queen. The new year opens at Vanderbilt with fair indications for Lambda's success. We have initiated one man so far—Bro. David Jennings, Law, '88, of Nashville, Tenn. He is the brother of one of our oldest alumni, Bro. Robert Jennings, at present in the Civil Service at Washington, D. C., and this fact makes him doubly welcome among us. Another strong addition to our chapter roll is Bro. Ernest Merrick, formerly of Alpha. His aid to us has been and is almost invaluable. His long experience in the fraternity, and his thorough knowledge of its workings, have assisted us materially, and without him it would have been long before the affairs of Lambda would have fallen into the steady and business-like groove in which they are now working. At present we number seven men, and though this is fewer than we generally start with, they are men of such a character that success is assured, and we are confident that our size will be nearly doubled by next spring. Our men all stand high in their respective classes, and at the annual meeting of the Athletic Association the elections gave proof of our ability in that line of work. Bro. F. B. Fogg, as Captain of the Field Sports, and Bro. E. L. Aroni, as Captain of the University Foot-Ball Team, received the unanimous vote of the Association for their positions, and as we have only three Delta members we think that we have at least our share of the athletic honors. Bro. Dashiell, of $B \Theta$, was with us two days recently and gave good accounts of our Sewanee chapter. We enjoyed his visit exceedingly,

and extend a hearty welcome, at any and all times, to him and our other brethren of Beta Theta. So with bright hopes for the future and hearty greetings to all our brethren, far and near, Lambda enters upon her first year of $\Delta T \Delta$ existence at Vanderbilt.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

KAPPA opens this fall with her full crew on deck. Our older *adelphoi* are now in school, and with their experience strengthened with the enthusiasm of our later fraters, we are rallying under the banner of Unity. Our number is a dozen. The opportunities for increasing are many; but we choose to be conservative in the matter of additions. This has always been our plan, and it is to a judicious exercise of it that we owe our present good name in the college. The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s are in about the same condition as last year. The ΣX 's have been deprived of their charter since our last letter. For a few weeks we have spent a portion of our time in extemporaneous debating and speaking. The results are gratifying. Hon. G. F. Mosher, the new President, is liked by all. With about four hundred students, three Delta professors, and no obstacles to overcome, we see no reason to falter.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

WE were an even dozen at the beginning of the term, but Bro. Le Miller returning, made our number thirteen,—an unlucky number,—so we had an initiation to make our number even, you know. We have, therefore, to introduce to the brethren, Bro. Charles M. Fillmore, whom we persuaded to forego the pleasures of sin for a while, and become a royal, loyal Delt. Bro. Fillmore is a member of the well-known family of Fillmore, of Cincinnati. He has organized a choral class here, and now the music promises to be placed on a firm footing. Though it seemed at the first part of the term as if none of the fraternities were busy, later developments have shown facts to have been otherwise. The initiations have been as follows: ΣX , 3; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 2; $\Delta T \Delta$, 1; KKI , 2; making the total for the Sigs, 10; for the Phis, 15; for the Delts, 14; for the Kappas, 9. We have several good men in view whom we think we shall have the pleasure of introducing to the Fraternity by the time of our next letter. Very little strife has been manifested by the various frats so far this term.

The bulldozing, fighting, and various other forms of intimidation which used to be so often resorted to, have been boycotted, so that now the fraternities have become important factors in maintaining the peace of the college. The new year has begun quite prosperously for the University. The attendance is, we believe, larger than ever before at this period in the term; and the prospects are that more will be in by the last of the term. Finances are better than for several years. The influence of our new President, A. R. Benton, formerly Professor of Mental Science, Church History and Homiletics, can be seen in the greater cordiality existing between the students. He has offered the Junior class prizes for oratory, the contest to take place next term. Similar prizes have been offered the Sophs by some of the Board, the contest to take place the latter end of this term. Bro. Stone, '84, called on us at our first meeting this term and enlivened us by the recital of some of his college pranks. We were sorry that *B Z* was not better represented at the convention, but the majority of our boys were so situated that they could not go. Bro. Gans brought back glowing reports which enthused us very much. The resolution not to admit Preps was, we think, a good one.

Omega—Iowa State College.

WHILE with most chapters this season of the year sees the beginning of a new college year, with us it is the close. We complete our school year November 11. In the retrospection of the past year Omega's boys derive much satisfaction. The first of this term saw us fairly established in our new quarters which are nicely furnished, and will, in all human probability, be a "joy forever" to Omega. The possibility of ever again being outlawed is little, as we have steadily gained and are still gaining strength with the Faculty. The institution welcomed a new executive this term in the person of Hon. W. I. Chamberlain of Ohio. If not favorably disposed toward college fraternities he is at least neutral. As a consequence of favorable auspices mentioned, this term has seen new life and vigor infused into chapter work, and uniform success has marked all our literary and social undertakings. Omega will be well represented on the oratorical contest (which occurs in a few weeks) in persons of Bros. J. E. Durkee, winner of last year's contest, and C. F. Curtiss. No less than five Δ boys out of the twelve

contestants were on originally, but of these Bros. Andrews and Corbett have left school, and Yates resigned on account of pressure of other work. Omega has welcomed two new brothers this term in persons of N. Spencer and F. L. Dobbin, both of '88, and representative men whom we take great pleasure in introducing to our fraternal world. We suffer a great loss, however, in Bro. F. M. Andrews who goes to Cornell. A number of visiting alumni have been welcomed this term. Among them were Bros. C. B. Martin, of Cedar Rapids; C. H. Lee, Des Moines, Iowa; and E. A. McDonald, of Omaha, Neb. Bro. Teeters, of the Executive Council, and Bro. Rawson, passed a Sunday with us a few weeks since.

Xi—Simpson.

EIGHT actives returned to resume their work; among whom are Bros. A. S. Bussell, W. S. Kelly and E. P. Wright, who have remained out for a time. Bros. Murphy, '87, and Franklin, '89, are teaching; and Meech, '88, and Osborne, '89, will join us later in the year. Our policy of late years has been to maintain a moderately small chapter of select men, and at no time has our active force exceeded ten in number. So, in selecting our small quota of new members, we feel justified in using extreme care. Thus far we have brought one neophyte to the shrine, W. D. Trimble, '88, whom we proudly introduce to the fraternity. A larger number of new students than usual have entered, the attendance exceeding that of any previous term in the history of the college. The authorities are using great care in the choice of a new president to fill the place vacated last spring by the resignation of President E. L. Parks. Encouraging financial assistance recently received also guarantees the erection soon of more commodious buildings. In the bestowment of college honors we have received our usual distinction. Bro. E. P. Wright presides over the Philomathean Society. N. B. Ashby, '85, is alumnaal editor of the *Simpsonian*; W. D. Trimble, business manager; and S. L. Van Scoy, associate editor. Bros. Bussell, Harbison, Kelly, Trimble and Wright are members of the college nine. The annual convention of the Pi Beta Phi (better known as the I. C.) Sorosis will convene in our Chapter Hall in the Buxton Block, on the 19th inst., under the auspices of the Lambda Chapter, at Simpson. I. S. Smith, ex-'85, of Fairplay, Colo., was recently married to Miss Mae Waggoner, of Pueblo, Colo. Bro.

E. W. Oneal, '85, is taking a theological course at Garrett Biblical Institute. Bro. C. W. Johnson, '85, is continuing his course at Rush Medical College.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

THE college opened September 30, with 150 students, including a half dozen ladies. Nearly half of the attendants are new comers, and a large part of the available material has already been appropriated by the various fraternities. During vacation the college dormitories were renovated and improved, much to the delight of the inhabitants thereof. At the last annual meeting the Trustees relieved five of the professors, but at a later meeting they were reinstated, and are now actively fulfilling their duties. The office of chancellor is vacant, the position being now temporarily held by the professor of law. Pi opened the year with eight men, four Juniors, three Sophs and one Freshman; and we have since initiated four, one Soph, two Freshmen and a sub-Freshman. We can truly claim that the chapter is in good condition. The coming session promises to be a bright one for chapter Pi. All her men are heartily interested in the fraternity work, and are determined to do all in their power to further the interests of Delta Tau Delta, and especially to see that chapter Pi does not lower her standard.

Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

EVERYTHING is prosperous with us here at the University of Minnesota. The year starts in with over two hundred new students, and one or two additions to the Faculty. A new building also has been added to the campus—a fine brick structure for the mechanical and engineering departments. Another building for the exclusive use of the natural sciences, is to be shortly in the course of construction. The prospects of Beta Eta for the ensuing year, though not perhaps brilliant, may be said to be promising. Our members are somewhat slow in arriving upon the field, several being still absent upon the work of the summer vacation. One addition, however, has already been made to our number this year, in spite of the shortness of time allowed, and fewness of workers present. The collegiate positions which Beta Eta fraters will hold for the year are, as thus far determined,—Managing Editor of the College Journal, President of the Junior class, and President of the State Oratorical As-

sociation. Last spring closed a year of fair, but substantial success for Beta Eta. It was not a year of great increase in membership, but of good work done by those already members. We held two editorial positions on the *Ariel*, were Manager of the Base Ball Club, and President of the Home Oratorical Association. Two presidents of the leading literary society were Beta Etas. Our representative obtained first place on the home oratorical contest, and second place on the State contest; while both the valedictorian and orator of the graduating class were $\Delta T \Delta$'s. Commencement week lost us two able men by graduation, J. W. Bennett and W. F. Webster, but gained us three other good men by initiation. The names of the three new members are B. Bierbauer, of the Junior class, C. C. Rollit, Specialist, and K. C. Babcock, of the Sophomores. The enormous development of this swift-rising metropolis of the Northwest, has been drawing together here, besides great wealth and great works, a large number of $\Delta T \Delta$ alumni, of whom we are justly proud. We will devote a letter to them in the near future.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

BETA THETA sends greetings and kind wishes to all fraters in the Delta world. To all but ourselves this is, perhaps, the beginning of another college year. We have two new brothers to introduce to the Fraternity,—Bro. H. H. Graham, Tennessee, and Bro. M. C. Roberts, Texas. We have now fifteen good, enthusiastic men. Bro. Louis Butt left a few days ago to engage in business at Augusta, Ga. Our commencement in August brought to Beta Theta her share of honors. For the second time Bro. Crocket, in a contest for the best essayist between the two literary societies, won the Brown cup. Bro. F. H. Mills was awarded a silver cup for the best debates in the Sigma Epsilon society. Both of these brothers distinguished themselves again by securing the medals offered in German and French departments. Another Delta represented the Pi Omega society in the annual oratorical contest, and as orator on the recent anniversary, and also delivered the Latin salutatory on Commencement Day. We deeply mourn the loss of Bros. Tucker, Smith, G. G. Miller, and Richmond. Bro. Tucker was one of our best writers and speakers. Your correspondent recently paid the Lambda boys a visit. He received a royal reception from a small,

but strong, loyal and spirited chapter. The alumni in the city are composed of some of the most prominent men there. Lambda and Beta Theta will doubtless see much of one another hereafter. On the 29th of last month the Fraternities here gathered together to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the Alpha Tau Omega chapter house. It will be a beautiful stone building when completed. Each Fraternity was invited to send a delegate to take a part in the exercises, but only two were represented, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and ourselves. Bro. Crocket was our representative. The Sigma Alpha Epsilons are also building a stone chapter house. This speaks well for Sewanee. It is perhaps the only university in the South in which four out of the six Fraternities represented own their own halls. So far this year, three hundred (300) students have registered, showing a large increase over last year. Our gymnasium, which when completed will cost \$20,000, is rapidly going up.

Chi—Kenyon.

THE new college year has opened very pleasantly for us at Kenyon. We feel very much encouraged, although our number is but small, and are determined that this year shall behold the advance of $\Delta T \Delta$ at Kenyon. Our long felt and distressing want has been a chapter house. But with the assurance of aid from the general Fraternity, and the generous response of our alumni, we eagerly look for the realization of our hopes at no distant day. With a good, substantial building, we have no fears for the future. We are negotiating for suitable ground, but such transactions are anything but rapid. Brother W. A. Child, '83, returned last June and took his M. A. degree. Bros. Franks, '81, and Harris, '85, were also present. Brother H. H. Critchfield is practicing medicine in Hunter, Cass County, Dakota Ter. Brother Chas. S. Crawford is practicing law at Pittsburg, Pa. Bros. M. B. Lambert, '82, and M. T. Hines, '85, both of Mu, are here at Gambier as tutors in the Grammar School. The chapter house of $\Theta \Delta X$ has been forcibly entered and injured. They are negotiating for a new one.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

THE class of '90 entered the Institute about sixty strong; after having passed a few of their entrance examinations they next proceeded to win the cane rush by a score of 19 to 10, and the next

week won a ball game from '89. Out of this doughty class we have selected two men we are pleased to introduce,—Bro. Norman Cramp, of Philadelphia, and Bro. G. Chauncey Dewey, of Wheeling, West Virginia. It is unnecessary to add that they are the right sort. The class of '86 withdrew many good Fraternity men. At the time of the opening of the college year, $\Theta \Xi$ had seven men, have initiated two this season; $\Delta \Phi$ returned eight, no new members; $Z \Psi$ has five, no initiates this year; $\Delta K E$ six, no new men; $X \Phi$ ten, two initiates; $\Delta T \Delta$ eight, two; $\Theta \Delta X$ five, two. The above is a nearly perfect list up to date. Though of late years some of the Freshmen do not wear pins, they get in their work of proselyting among their classmates with greater effect than they could if it were known that they were frat men. Our own Fraternity stands on very friendly terms with all the Greeks here, with the possible exception of the two last on the above list; the lines of political demarkation being very clearly drawn here. There has been not a little disappointment shown at the resignation of Prof. Whitman, (from the chair of physics), who goes to Adelbert College, and the nomination of a younger man, Parks, to fill the position. Our \$15,000 gymnasium is not far from done; that is to say, the class of '90 may, perhaps, be able to use it before they graduate. The officers which we have at present are: Manager of the Athletic Association, W. F. Smith; Sophomore Editor on the *Polytechnic*, Paul Bigelow; Freshman Editor on the *Polytechnic*, G. C. Dewey; President of the Glee Club, W. F. Smith; Athletic Director from '88, V. T. Price; Captaincy of two class base ball teams, and some minor class offices.

Alpha—Allegheny College.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE opened on September 23, with about three hundred students enrolled. At the last meeting the Board of Trustees accepted the resignations of Prof. G. W. Haskins, chair of Latin and Modern Languages; Prof. J. Tingley, chair of Physics; Prof. C. W. Reid, chair of Greek and Literature; and Miss Louise McClintock, preceptress of Huling's Hall and teacher of French. These vacancies caused the Faculty to be reorganized, and to-day we find that body in much better condition than ever before. The new members of the Faculty are Prof. Stilwell, Ph. D., chair of Mathematics; Prof. Colgrove, assistant teacher of Latin; Miss Emily Wheeler, preceptress of Huling's Hall and teacher of French;

and Miss Crook, assistant preceptress and teacher of German. The change in the Faculty had a beneficial effect on Alpha as well as the college, and in addition to the five old Delta Taus who opened the year we now have three new ones whom we beg leave to introduce to the fraternity,—Bros. Jno. C. Nash, '89, W. C. Deming and W. G. Heiser, both of '90. While we regret exceedingly that Bros. Fulton, Armstrong, Smith and Krick are not with us, we firmly believe that Alpha's future is a bright one, and that she will, as she has in the past, reflect great credit on the fraternity. Our rivals are $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi I' \Delta$, all of whom are in excellent condition and will give each other a tussle for second place in the college. A new local fraternity has been established here. The chapter is composed of three Sophomores, two Freshmen and one Prep. Rumor says that they will get a charter from a prominent Southern fraternity.

Epsilon—Albion.

WITH the beginning of this year Albion College enters upon the second quarter century of its existence, and wheels into line a larger number of students than in any preceding year. Among these the college classes proper are unusually large, thus affording a better opportunity for the election of first-class men. Epsilon's fireside glowed with Delta enthusiasm at her first meeting, as eleven of her loyal sons gathered round to participate in its cheery pleasantries, and to scrutinize the prospects for the year. We very much regret that Bro. G. G. Scranton, '87, is not to be with us this year, and in our meetings his absence is deeply felt. At our second meeting we initiated two sterling men of '90,—James H. Delbridge, and Palmer M. Dearing—making our number thirteen. Bros. George Jocelyn and Dr. John Encke, were present and heartily engaged in the initiatory service. These brothers also favored us with very fitting speeches, in which they spoke of the by-gone times of Epsilon and their hearty interest in our good old Delta Tau. We hope these, and all our brothers, will feel welcome to visit us. Our latch string is always out, and we bid you come. We now have healthy rivalry in the Alpha Pi chapter of Sigma Chi, which was instituted in our midst last June. Alpha Pi began the year with eleven strong men, and they are evidently well equipped for the battle. We are represented on the editorial staff of our college journal, *The Pleiad*, by the editor-in-chief and business manager. In the campaign—

the Pleiad election—of last spring, political aspirations ran high ; but by quiet, cool-headed, manly action, Epsilon gloriously won the spoils. We are planning some entertainments for the near future, by which we hope to better our financial condition. Although we are not wholly free from debt, our prospects are bright, our courage good, and our hearts warm with Delta zeal ; under which circumstances no chapter ought to suffer, but rather in the spirit of noble men, our colors freely flying, we will march on to conquest. Our chapter house scheme, which was chronicled last year, is not just at present what we desire it. However, at our last meeting in June several of our alumni being present, an excellent plan for a permanent chapter house was devised and a committee appointed, composed of alumni and actives, to carry it into effect. The meeting was one of unusual interest, and, while our alumnae brothers exchanged kind greetings as they expressed in brotherly accents their love for Delta Tau, many plausible suggestions were made respecting Epsilon's welfare and prosperity.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

BETA BETA again sends greeting to her sister chapters. We commenced the year with our ranks somewhat thinned, but with strong workers, and our prospects seem bright. The outlook for the University is flattering, there being a large increase in the number of students. A few changes have been made in the Faculty. Dr. J. E. Earp has accepted the presidency of South Kansas College, and Dr. H. A. Gobin, the presidency of Butler University, Kansas. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Roy O. West, of Georgetown, Ills.; John B. Brooke, of Valparaiso, Ind.; C. Bert Coggs, of Williamsburg, Ind.; and Stephen S. Stratton, Jr., of Richmond, Ind. Also we are exceedingly glad to welcome back Judson W. Paul, of Burrton, Kas. Bro. Paul is one of those jovial, big-hearted, handsome fellows of which any chapter might be proud. Bro. Keith has been elected fraternity editor on the *De Pauw Monthly*. Bros. Blackstock, Crose, Keith and Matson report a grand time at the Louisville convention. On Sunday morning, August 15, 1886, Bro. Frank D. Wimmer died of typhoid fever, at his home in Mt. Vernon, Ind. He had elicited from his fraters the warmest love, from all who knew him the highest esteem, and his death proved a heavy blow to Beta Beta.

Iota—Michigan State College.

SINCE Iota's last letter was written, her members have been increased by five ; and we present the names of Bros. Priest, Seibert, Van Devoort, and Rossman, '89, and Lockwood, '90, hoping to add to the list at our next meeting two more of the class of '90. Iota has now twelve active members. Each of the societies in college has its quota of good men, and all are strong and doing good work. Shortly before commencement came trouble in college, and the term closed gloomily. No society in college held its usual banquet, and all were depressed. The fall term opened August 25, and a large class entered, which has crowded the accommodations at M. A. C., to an extent that will necessitate the erection of a new hall before another class enters. Everything is most prosperous in college and in the chapter. Three weeks after the opening of the term, we were called upon to mourn the loss of Bro. Priest, '89, who went from college sick, and died, after a few days of illness, at his home in Corunna. Bro. Priest was a boy so universally loved and respected by all who knew him, and to us so true and beloved a brother, that his death was very deeply felt, and Chapter Iota truly mourns a man who gave every promise of a bright and useful life. We are glad to have with us this term Bros. Fritz, '77, and Snyder, '82, who are taking post-graduate courses, and aid us greatly by their interest and advice. We will close this term's work with a banquet, which we hope to make the pleasure to Iota and her friends that such occasions have always proved in the past.

Alumni News.

Beta Kappa—Colorado.

- '86. G. B. Blake, M. D., left on September 29 for New Orleans, to take a six months' course in the Medical Department Tulane University, of Louisiana.
- '82. Stanton is still in the State Library at Denver.
- '86. Noxon is in business at Idaho Springs.
- '86. Pease is with a surveying party at Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Nu—Lafayette.

- '82. L. G. Schultz, of the United States Signal Service, is pursuing a course of study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.
- '82. M. B. Lambert, late of the United States Geological Survey, is now instructor in Physics at Kenyon Grammar School, Gambier, Ohio. Bro. Hines, Nu '85, is instructor in Greek at the same institution.
- '82. W. A. Seibert, M. D., recently wedded Miss Rosa A. Werkheiser, of Easton. Bro. Seibert is located in Easton and is gaining a nice practice.
- '84. H. L. Odenwalder has recently bought out a large drug establishment in Easton and is continuing the business.
- '84. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lida J. Young and A. R. Niles, of Wellsboro, Pa.
- '84. "A. B. Camp has just begun the practice of law at 115 Monroe street, having lately graduated from the law course of the Chicago University. He graduated, too, with flying colors. A prize of fifty dollars was offered to the best orator, and Camp was the man. Among his competitors in the contest there were several who had been, like himself, J. O. prize men at their respective colleges. Among them also a A. M. of Dartmouth, an A. M. of Williams, an A. M. of the Chicago University and other favorites of the colleges, eight in all."—*From the Lafayette Journal of September, 1886.*
- '88. R. F. Stewart will attend a business college in Philadelphia the coming winter.

Zeta—Adelbert.

- '83. J. W. McLane has accepted the Chair of Mathematics at the West High School, Cleveland, Ohio.
- '86. K. B. Waite is attending the Homeœopathic Medical College, at Cleveland, Ohio.
- '83. J. Hood is situated at Louisville, Ky., in the drug business.
- W. S. Arter is studying law with Bro. Bemis at the Cleveland Law Library.
- W. S. Pettibone's address is Solon, Ohio. He expects soon to start for the West.

Epsilon—Albion.

- '76. Prof. Samuel Dickie is candidate for Governor of Michigan on the Prohibition ticket. He is also Professor of Astronomy and Applied Mathematics in Albion College.

'83. W. O. Carrier, also of the Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., in 1886, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Shortsville, N. Y.

'84. L. J. Knapp is Principa' of the Public Schools of Dillon, Montana.

'85. M. O. Reed is Principal of the Training School of East Saginaw, Mich.

'85. H. C. Morris, who was successful as Principal of the Public Schools at Marlette, Mich., is studying law at Ann Arbor.

'85. Vin Swarthout is a senior in the Law Department at Ann Arbor, Mich.

'86. Married, August 23, 1886, at the house of the bride's parents at Albion, Mich., Miss Kittie Mae Babcock, formerly '86, to Mr. Ben Bennett, of Albion, Mich. They are now located at Harrisville, Mich., where Mr. Bennett is Principal of the Schools.

'86. E. F. Abernethy is Principal of the Public Schools of Norway, Mich.

'86. George W. Healy is Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Edwardsburg, Mich.

'86. C. H. Gordon is Professor of Mathematics in the High School of Keokuk, Iowa.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

M. O'Connor holds a responsible position with J. F. Kirk & Co., Chicago.

A. L. Baer is city salesman for the wholesale drug house of Robt. Stevenson & Co., Chicago.

King is teaching near Richmond, Ind.

Lucas is attending Wabash College this year.

H. L. Wilson is teaching at Baker's Corners, Ind.

Clarence Boyle is engaged in the lumber business in Chicago.

'83. J. F. Stone is teaching in West Indianapolis.

'84. Harry Allen has moved from Chicago to Pittsburg.

'82. Joseph N. Kelsey is now in Indianapolis.

'84. Elmer I. Phillips is practicing law at his home, Newcastle, Pa.

Alpha—Allegheny.

'73. Walter H. Butler, A. B., University of Minnesota, '73; L. L. B., University of Wisconsin, '75; Editor *Fayette County Union*, West Union, Iowa; United States Mail Agent, Dubuque to Sioux City; Chairman Fayette County Democratic Committee, and also of Fourth Iowa Democratic Congressional Committee, has been prominently mentioned for Congress.

'83. W. B. Best is Captain of the Meadville Company National Guard of Pennsylvania.

'84. W. J. Guthrie was recently elected Mayor of Apollo, Pa.

'84. E. E. Baldwin is a member of the legal firm of Hatfield & Baldwin, No. 15 Case Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

'84. J. C. White is practising Dentistry at Sewickley, Pa.

'87. J. Harry Dick is a Freshman at Yale.

'88. J. Barlow Cullum has entered the Freshman class at Lehigh.

'86. J. B. Stewart is studying Medicine in Cincinnati.

'87. Ernest Merrick is at Vanderbilt.

'79. Rev. C. B. Mitchell is now preaching in Pittsburg, having been transferred from the Kansas to the Pittsburg M. E. Conference.

'87. W. J. Bryan is employed in the office of the National Tube Works Co., at McKeesport, Pa.

'83. F. M. White is the Physician to the Riverside Penitentiary, Pittsburg, and is located at 169 Pennsylvania avenue.

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