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## INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

It is amusing to note in fraternity journals—our own not excepted—the ease with which contributors use the strong words *ought* and *should* and *must*. The impossible is advised, and with the utmost gravity. The unattainable is reached after, and with the serenest confidence. We are reminded of Byron's

“Men must serve their time to every trade  
Save censure—critics all are ready made.”

—whenever we see Juventus soberly advising Senectus upon the narrow path which he shall tread. But we respect the earnest spirit of the adviser, even when we smile at his failure to see the obstacles which render his counsel of no avail. In these pages have always been given the free expression and discussion of sound principles, and the effect has been excellent. But abuses still exist, wrongs go unrighted, necessary changes are unmade; so that sincere workers among our younger men become disheartened, and finally swell the number of our Uninterested Alumni. They cannot see why wholesome changes should come so slowly. They fail to observe the strong undercurrent of zeal and good-will that really exists, and to remember what bold advances Delta Tau Delta has made in the last few years. Mindful of all these facts, we venture to set down here some thoughts upon a subject of living interest to us all.

Prominent among our present needs seems to be that of a Delta dictionary which shall define closely the terms in most common use in our debates upon fraternity questions. Whately somewhere says, in substance, that much of the world's wrangling would be prevented if men would only begin with a clear definition of terms. This was brought vividly to mind not long ago, when, in chapter conclave, we had ventured beyond chapter needs to fraternity welfare. Our infant was waxing somewhat rhetorical upon the subject

whose title heads these remarks, when, from his ambush in the corner, Old Solidity winged him with the blunt query, "What does internal improvement mean?" Although no concise answer was given, I think the question adjusted the thinking cap of more than one there present.

By a natural logic, the whole subject of fraternity well-being may be included under *extension* and *internal improvement*, if the meaning of each of these terms be made sufficiently broad and clear at the outset. The former has more than a geographical meaning, and the latter more than purely local significance. Rightly interpreted, extension may sometimes mean contraction; and internal improvement may result from close attention to matters apparently external.

Speaking generally, internal improvement means any change in the machinery or in the use of the machinery of this organization, as at present constituted, which shall tend to promote its plans and purposes. But such a definition is of no practical value, for it may be wickedly asked whether we actually have such plans and purposes, and if we have, what they are; for there is clearly a lack, even at this distance from the date of our origin, of a settled plan of action throughout the order. Internal improvement means internal growth toward the better; and the question before us is, What is to be done to make this a better society for those who wear its badge?

I submit, in all humility, that the essence of Deltaic philosophy at this time is embodied in the word *centralization*. The concentration of energies that are now either latent or dissipated, the harmonization of purposes now apparently at variance, the unification of our fraternal interests—are but different expressions of this one idea. I believe, moreover, that we practically agree upon this as a means, but differ either upon the purpose or upon the method of its application.

Somebody has soundly told us that he alone reads history who sees in past events a guide to present duties. If our members could keep this fact in view, a new and methodical history of Delta Tau Delta would come to us now as a gift from the gods. The most pronounced pessimist among us would become a vigorous optimist from a careful comparison of our present with our past. Such a history would be valuable if it should only give the names and a



recital of the labors of those men to whom we owe so much for the solidity of our foundation and the startling rapidity of our growth. We owe a real debt to-day to our founders, to our historians, to our song-writers, to our editors, and to the officials of the fraternity, both past and present, whose unselfish labors are not even yet fully appreciated. Our chapters should know, better than they do, the men who to-day form a tower of strength, and who have made it unnecessary at this time to demand a new and better system of government. An outpouring of the *spirit of appreciation* for these men and their work, is one of our most pressing needs to-day.

The creation and adoption of our new ritual mark an important era in our history. No work more worthy our regard will come to us for many a year. It is a manifestation of an undercurrent of Deltaic thought and growth, whose strength and steadiness we should scarcely have known without it. It is a monument of fraternal interest and devotion, and well deserves the enthusiastic praise already accorded it. In the faithful and conscientious practice of this ritual lies one of the means of our internal improvement which will be better understood as the years go by us. That it is entirely without defect not even its talented author claims; but it calls at once for kindest criticism and our warmest gratitude. Let us give these, conscious that its beauty, harmony, and strength can not be surpassed in the inner treasures of any other college society. And then, parting regretfully with the old, let us rise cheerfully and proudly to the higher plane of the new.

The instruction of new members in the past of Delta Tau is not the whole of our duty. Chapters, new or old, will always be grateful for sensible and well-meant counsel. But we stand now in a period when this need is especially urgent. The union with our system of another, with different history, different methods, and different traditions, is, to the thinker, pregnant with meaning. With the reception of these new chapters have come new duties, new relations, new possibilities. If we are to act consistently with our pledges to them, we must know of their wants, their needs, and their capabilities. If they are to form part and parcel in our brotherhood, they must be instructed in their new duties, and encouraged and supported in these first years of their new experience. How many letters of brotherly counsel, of hearty encouragement, have the Rainbow chapters received thus far? How many chapters have taken formal

action to welcome and assist them? They have made no complaint; possibly the questions are not pertinent. But over and over again has the mistake been made of leaving new or small chapters entirely to their own devices, to stand or to fall as their destiny might be. Brothers, think of the personal sacrifice and effort that underlie the beginnings of these chapters—consider the hardships they must endure through their devotion to what must seem at times only an abstract idea. True, some of our best chapters have come up through difficulties. But, granting that trials are inevitable, let us at least remember that the work of these brothers is our work, their success our success; and that we are responsible for failures in the exact measure of our neglect to counsel and to cheer them.

Logically connected with these considerations is that of the chapter home,—the only real and satisfying substitute for *home* in the collegian's life. In the systematic help of smaller chapters suggested above, no more sensible step can be taken than to see that they have a suitable place in which to assemble. I speak here from a heart brim-full of happy experience, and for a chapter that has done its best work for Delta Tau Delta since such help was kindly furnished it. A neatly decorated, well-equipped and comfortable hall for each chapter we possess, will be a real help in our inner growth,—a fact to be kept in mind by our brethren who are blessed in the present enjoyment of such advantages. It is a wise investment—one which pays good returns in loyalty, zeal, and work. We need a fund for this and for kindred purposes, and shall display hard common sense in directing our thoughts to securing it. The difficulties in the way are indeed many; but are they insuperable? Are we, or any of us, giving time, energy, or money to objects less worthy? Is not a grain of internal improvement possible here? The questions are at least suggestive.

In no spirit of fault-finding, we deplore the laxness that now prevails in almost all kinds of fraternity reports. We display nowhere greater lack of system and method—a fact of which our older rivals seem to be fully conscious. Why may we not have regular, accurate, and formal reports of all chapter business to the Grand Chapters, and from the Grand Chapters to the Council?—so that those who do our planning may have whereon to build. Why should we not have from each chapter, every month, some item for this journal,—not necessarily in the form of the much-derided chapter



letter,—to assist in making up that occasional picture of our activities which all of us enjoy? We really do not seem to understand that the apparent indifference to the welfare of this journal reflects great discredit upon the body of men in whose interest it is conducted. This same looseness crops out again in non-representation at the division conference—whose vital import is not yet realized—and at the annual convention. Delta Tau has a right to *demand* of every chapter representation at these assemblies, and it is to be hoped that the power that be will in future exercise a vigorous censorship over such delinquents. Let fraternity business be conducted on sound business principles; let punctuality and accuracy take the place of this laxness, and another move will have been made toward that inner development for which we labor.

It is said that one's enemies are one's most candid critics. Be that as it may, we can at least draw many a lesson from the success as well as from the failure of our rivals. And we shall make more of our internal resources when we do more of that anticipative planning and working which characterizes some of our older associates in the Hellenic world. I mean by this, the preparation and planning for the work of the next college year, the next division conference, and especially the next general convention. More and better work can be done if we anticipate by chapter debate, inter-chapter correspondence, and discussion in *THE RAINBOW*, whatever takes time and energy that might be consecrated to higher and more effective work. We have as good a right to look ahead two years as to look ahead two days; and only in this way can we avoid that "drifting" which has been too apparent of late, and come at last to a united plan and settled purposes. When the chapters begin to plan for the work of two years, the fraternity will begin to

"Look into the future as far as human eye can see,"

—a consummation for which let our prayers be loud and long; our delegates will then voice chapter sentiment as well as individual opinion; our conferences will then do thoroughly much of the detail work that the convention must now do hastily; and the convention, which has always been to us a source of pride, will lend greater dignity to the order from the more business-like performance of its work, and from the higher character of its general and special exercises.

So much has been said, and at so many different times, of making high scholarship a distinctive mark of our membership, that I hesitate to revert to it here. But this hesitation is wrong. However old these truths, there are yet many who need to have them presented again and again to their notice ; and it deserves mention whenever we are discussing, as here, the ways and means of an internal amelioration. This is not the place to speak of its worth to the individual ; but to an organization it is at once an aggressive weapon, an ornament, and a means of defence. It is a power, simply because it adds solidity, dignity, and weight to the society which it pervades. Our men so often say, in reply to these appeals, "Scholarship is not the only requisite : we must attend to the social make-up of our number." This is mere evasion. The question comes straight to each man, "What credit does *your* class-rank reflect upon the body of which you are a member ? Are you doing well the work for which you are in college ? I believe that there are intellectual victories which we cannot afford to win ; there are others which we cannot afford to lose. Let us be reasonable here. The college cannot make scholars ; its work is well done if it sends forth solid students. It is not claimed, moreover, that eminence in college exercises will offset moral baseness or defects of personal character ; but that we shall do well to esteem it properly in our elections to membership, and urge our initiates to see in it a source of personal gratification as well as of corporate strength. All of us rejoice at that spirit, wherever it is found, which prompts a man to throw himself, heart and soul, into all the activities that his college affords him—in the class room, the ball ground, the literary society, or the fraternity hall. And that is the best society for the individual, for the college, and for the community, which most highly prizes that spirit, and most carefully cultivates it.

Though it should be for the hundredth time in these pages, I should speak of the imperative need of making dynamic, wherever possible, the power now latent in that body of men, whom, as they really are not dead, we must reverentially call our Sleeping Brethren,—the Uninterested Alumni before mentioned. For years it has seemed impossible to raise them from their fraternal lethargy, but at last there is in our sky a bow of promise. The methods of the New York Alumni Association have stood the test well, and it is to be hoped that similar associations in other places will share in the



same measure of success. The *how* of winning back the alumnus is indeed not clear. The periodical and abrupt demand for money seems, strange to say, of not much practical value in luring him back into the fold. It appears we must begin to train the alumnus while he is yet an under-graduate; for the work of reclaiming him seems to be painful and uncertain. Eternal honor awaits that Delt who shall show us how to bring back to their allegiance not only those members resident in large cities, but also that comparatively neglected band who live in the smaller towns and in the country.

It may appear a mere platitude to say that the whole theory of our internal upbuilding rest on the expenditure of energy and money upon the chapters now on our roll, and upon the conference and the convention. Yet, all sentiment aside, this is practically what it reduces to. A hundred other charges might be mentioned, for scarcely any two of us agree exactly upon the *how* and the *when* of charges; but most of them follow naturally from some of the principles of action already given. Let me emphasize again the imperative call for more unanimous and centralized effort, for more anticipative watching and working, for more enthusiasm backed by a willingness to spend money on our development, for more promptness in the discharge of our individual duties, and for more care in the scholarship of our chapters. Let me repeat that we owe much to the unselfish fidelity of those who fill our offices; and that, though much work is before us, there is every reason for hope in our future.

ZETA.

## Alumni Associations.

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### THE NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

THE eleventh regular meeting of the New York Alumni, the sixth of the present season, was held on Saturday, May 16, at 6 o'clock P. M., at Martinelli's, New York.

The following members were present: Andrew Bryson, *K*<sup>1</sup>, '67; Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, *M*, '72; Prof. James E. Denton, *P*, '75; Alfred P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Frank E. Idell, *P*, '77; Lewis H. Nash, *P*, '77; George M. Bond, *P*, '80; Prof. J. Calvin Rice, *Ψ*, '82; Frederick F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82, and John R. Bensel, *P*, '84. Bro. Bryson presided. Letters regretting their inability to be present were read from William Kent, *P*, '76; William W. Cook, *Δ*, '80; Herbert W. Collingwood, *I*, '83; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; L. A. Matley, *P*, '80. Thos. G. Buddington, *II*, '76, mechanical engineer, Washington, D. C., was elected to membership in the non-resident class. The By-Laws of the Association were amended in several minor particulars adopted from those of the Chicago Alumni Association.

The Association then discussed as the topic of the after-dinner talk the subject of "Is an Academic Course in Journalism Feasible and Advisable," in which Bros. Bryson, Beiler, Bond, Rice, Trautwein and Denton participated.

The Association decided to meet again on Saturday, June 11, and have its last monthly meeting of the present year take the form of an informal reception, at which a number of members not yet identified with the Association and some of the younger alumni would be asked to be present.

In accordance with this plan, no less than twenty-four alumni assembled in the parlors of Martinelli's on Saturday, June 11, at 8 o'clock P. M., and spent three or four hours in social intercourse and conversation, forming little groups as occasion demanded, and discussing the many interests common to all to a greater or lesser extent. A collation served to add to the general comfort and pleasure. The following members were present: Andrew Bryson, *K*<sup>1</sup>, '67; John Salisbury, Jr., *K*<sup>1</sup>, '67; William Kent, *P*, '76; Alfred



P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Alexander G. Brinkerhoff, *P*, '77; Frank E. Idell, *P*, '77; Lewis H. Nash, *P*, '77; Henry T. Bruck, *P*, '78; Prof. J. Calvin Rice, *Ψ*, '82; Columbus O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83; Frederick F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82; John R. Bense, *P*, '84; and William L. Lyall, *P*, '84. The guests present were: James B. Pierce, *P*, '77, and Edward A. Uhling, *P*, '77, of Sharpsville, Pa.; Theodore F. Koezly, *P*, '75; C. R. Carter, *Σ*, '84; Edward O. Self, *P*, '86; Julius D. Earle, *N*, '87; George Phipps, *P*, '88; E. D. Church, *Σ*, '87; Lemuel W. Serrell, Jr., *P*, '87; Robert M. Anderson, *P*, '87; and Robert N. Bayles, *P*, '87.

This meeting worthily closed a most successful year; for it can truly be said that the New York Alumni Association is a prosperous body which will continue a permanent feature of Delta Tau Delta's work in the East.

The Association will resume its meetings early in October, and will then doubtless enter upon its third year quite as auspiciously as it did last fall.

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## Delta Tau Delta in Literature.

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

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EXPERIENCES OF A PUBLIC LECTURER. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). *Lippincott's Monthly Magazine*, April, 1887.

It is not frequently that Bro. Carleton falls into prose; but when he does, as in the present instance, it is seen at once that he is quite as entertaining as in the field of literature with which his name is so generally and favorably connected.

HINTS TO STUDENTS ON THE EDUCATION OF AN ENGINEER. By Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72), Professor of Engineering in State University of Illinois. Forming a part of the *Selected Papers of the Civil Engineers Club of the University of Illinois*, 1886-7.

THE PASTOR'S FAREWELL. A Poem. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). *The Morning Star*, Boston, April 7, 1887.

This poem, treating in delicate and tender thought and language one of the most touching incidents in the life of Brooklyn's great pastor, will find the permanent place which it deserves in the "Beecher Memorial Volume," about to be published.

DEFLECTION OF A BEAM. By Prof. Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72), Professor of Civil Engineering, State University of Illinois. An article in *Engineering News*, June 18, 1887.

FARMER STEBBINS' TOBOGGANS; a Poem. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). *Harper's Weekly*, April 16, 1887; illustrated.

THE CYCLONES OF NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN. By Lieut. John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Signal Service, U. S. A. An article in the *New York Maritime Register*, November 2, 1886.

THE PRAYER; a Poem. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). *Harper's Bazar*, April 16, 1887; illustrated.

SELECTIONS FROM THE WRITINGS OF BANCROFT. By Rev. William W. Gist (Beta, '72). 100 pp.; 12mo. Chicago: Sherwood & Co., 1886.

In the author's LESSONS IN ENGLISH COMPOSITION, GRAMMAR AND RHETORIC COMBINED, which was reviewed recently at some length in these pages, attention was drawn to the extensive use of selections from the best authors in illustrating the fundamental laws of the language. The present book carries out this plan on a more extended scale, and we find here some of the most polished gems from Bancroft's works. They have been carefully selected, and the book is therefore a most useful manual for use in the high schools, colleges, and reading circles. A brief biographical sketch of George Bancroft accompanies these selections, and gives evidence that the author is a close student and ardent admirer of the great historian.

WORRIED ABOUT KATHARINE and LADY BEAUTIFUL'S TRIUMPH; two Poems. By Will Carleton (Kappa), '69. *The Lady's Home Journal*, for April and July, 1887, respectively; illustrated.

ALONE AT THE FARM; a Poem. By James M. Matthews (Upsilon Prime, '72). *The Current*, Chicago, April 9, 1887.

TORNADOES: WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW TO OBSERVE THEM; with Practical Suggestions for the Protection of Life and Property. By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Lieutenant Signal Corps, U. S. A. New York: *Insurance Monitor*, 1887. Cloth, 12mo.

We reserve for a future occasion an extended notice of this valuable contribution to meteorological science.

POWER REQUIRED IN ELECTRIC LIGHTING. By Franklin Van Winkle (Rho, '77). An article in *Light, Heat and Power*, July 1, 1887.

MCFLUFEEY'S CANOE; a Poem. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). *Harper's Weekly*, June 11, 1887.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES. By Prof. A. J. Cook (Iota, '62). An article in the *Rural New Yorker*, May 7, 1887.



HORSE POWER OF STEAM ENGINES. By Rolla C. Carpenter (Iota, '73), Professor of Civil Engineering in Michigan State College. An article in the *Rural New Yorker*, May 7, 1887.

THE HEART AS WELL AS THE HEAD IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL. By Rev. Charles E. Locke (Alpha, '80). An article in the *New York Christian Advocate*, June 9, 1887.

THE FOUR TRAVELERS; a Poem. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). *New York Christian Advocate*, May 12, 1887.

FEAST DAYS IN MEXICO. By Arthur Howard Noll (Beta Theta). An illustrated article published in the *American Architect*, April 7, 1887.

Bro. Noll will, we understand, furnish other articles to the *American Architect*. It is to be hoped that he will write up his copious observations, taken during a protracted residence in the City of Mexico, in book form and publish them.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING AS MODIFYING TRAITS OF CHARACTER IN THE STUDENT. By Rev. Latham A. Crandall (Kappa, '73). An article in the *Baptist Review* for July, 1886.

THE CYCLONES OF THE GULF OF MEXICO. By Lieut. John P. Finley, (Iota, '73), Signal Service, U. S. A. An article in the *New York Maritime Register*, March 2, 1887; with chart.

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## THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION.

THE XXVIIIth Annual Convention of Delta Tau Delta will convene on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 24, 25 and 26, 1887, at Columbus, Ohio. The headquarters will be at the Neil House, the leading hotel of the city, where accommodations have been offered the delegates at largely reduced rates. All the business meetings and social gatherings of the Convention will be held in the large parlors and committee rooms of the hotel, which is most admirably adapted to the purposes of the Convention. Chapter Mu, under whose management all our arrangements have been made, has appointed committees of reception who will meet the delegates at the depot and direct them to their headquarters.

Of Columbus, but few words of description are necessary. A city of a hundred thousand, it is charmingly situated in a remarkably rich and highly developed country, of which it is the manufacturing and commercial metropolis. One of the great railroad centres of the country, Columbus is easily accessible by numerous railway lines radiating in all directions. Within its limits are found many objects of interest and instruction to the casual visitor, among which we may mention the State Capitol, the State Peniten-

tiary, and numerous institutions for the amelioration of the ills that flesh is heir to.

The committee in charge deeply deplore their inability to promise cool weather during the progress of the Convention. But while King Mercury may enthrone himself on the roof of the thermometer, there is every prospect, judging from past records, that cool and refreshing breezes will greet the visiting brethren. Those who survived the simoons of that alleged summer resort at Watkin's Glens, and whose reeking brows were scorched by the blistering sun at Louisville, will appreciate this announcement.

Reduced rates to the Convention have been secured on all the railroads between the Allegheny Mountains and the Mississippi River. The conditions attached are simple. Fifty persons must be in attendance, and of this fact the Secretary must certify to the local agents in Columbus. The purchaser buys a full-fare, first-class ticket, to Columbus at his starting point, and at the same time secures from the ticket agent a return certificate. This certificate, when countersigned by the Secretary of the Convention and presented to the local agents at Columbus, will entitle the holder to a first-class return ticket over the same road or roads by which he came, at the rate of one cent per mile. Certificates will not be honored if issued more than three days before the assembling of the Convention, or if presented later than three days after its adjournment. Fuller information can be obtained by any one who desires it, by addressing (with stamp) Bro. C. W. Evans, New Holland, Ohio.

We are glad to announce that the meetings of the Convention will be presided over by Hon. Joseph Moreland, one of those stalwarts who rocked the cradle of Deltaism. Though removed from the centre of fraternity life, Bro. Moreland has always shown an active and material interest in the affairs of Delta Tau. Perhaps his persuasive eloquence will convince the Fraternity that the decision on the revival of the University of West Virginia Chapter should be reconsidered and reversed. Bro. Moreland's letter of acceptance is as follows :

MORGANTOWN, WEST VA., September 25, 1886.

MR. A. P. TRAUTWEIN, Secretary of  $\Delta T \Delta$  Fraternity :

*My Dear Sir and Bro.*,—Your recent letter informing me of my election as President of the next General Convention of our Fraternity was received, and to



you, as the representative of the Convention that elected me, I desire to express my appreciation of the honor and to return my sincere thanks.

I accept the honorable position, and, if my life and health are spared, will endeavor to be present at Columbus, Ohio, on the 26th of August next.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH MORELAND.

Bro. W. W. Shilling, the Vice President-elect, in accepting the honor, writes :

SHARON, PA., September 30, 1886.

MR. A. TRAUTWEIN, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

*My Dear Brother*,—Your letter of September 11, notifying me of my election as Vice President of the twenty-eighth Convention of the Delta Fraternity, is at hand. I feel highly flattered by the honor which my brothers have conferred upon me by this election. The college fraternity is one of the greatest factors at work in college life, and surely a fraternity convention, wherein its laws and plans of work are amended and approved, must be of great importance. Appreciating this importance, I promise my brothers, in accepting this election, that I will be present at the twenty-eighth General Convention of our beloved brotherhood, and will render any assistance and perform any duty in my power which will further the interest of the fraternity.

Yours very fraternally,

W. W. SHILLING.

Bro. Oliver Matson accepts the position of Secretary, which he will occupy with a grace, dignity and ease peculiarly his own. He writes :

GREENCASTLE, IND., September 18, 1886.

*Dear Brother Delta*,—Your letter informing me of my election as Secretary of the twenty-eighth General Convention of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, which meets in Columbus, Ohio, August 24, 25 and 26, 1887, is received. I highly appreciate the honor which the Louisville Convention conferred upon me. I accept the position, and will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

Fraternally yours,

OLIVER MATSON.

MR. ALFRED P. TRAUTWEIN, Hoboken, N. J.

Bro. Matthews, the Poet-elect, was compelled, with much regret, to decline the proffered honor. We are unable to say whether or not Bro. G. C. Sturgiss will be present to deliver the usual oration. If the brother is in attendance the delegates will enjoy the privilege of hearing an address worthy the national reputation of Bro. Sturgiss as a scholar and orator.

All that is necessary to make the Convention a most glorious success is a full turn out of the members of Delta Tau, and of this there is every indication. Situated in the midst of the strongest division of the fraternity and surrounded by numerous chapters, the city of Columbus will, in August, see a great throng of Delta Taus.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Alpha—Allegheny.

THE college year closed at Allegheny on Thursday, June 30, 1887, after a very exciting week. On Monday afternoon the field-day exercises were held on the diamond. On Monday night the contest between Allegheny and Philo Franklin Societies came off, Allegheny carrying off the pennant. Tuesday afternoon the four societies held their anniversary in the stone church, and that evening the class day exercises were held at the same place. At ten o'clock at night the Opera House was opened for the Freshman play. Five of the energetic Freshies had dramatized "Capt. Dutton's escapade" in this town last winter. The Opera House was never so full before, and the universal opinion is that it was the best play ever produced here by local talent. Wednesday evening the Philharmonic Society of the Conservatory of Music gave "Stabat Mater" in the Opera House to a large and appreciative audience. After that the Frats met at their respective hotels and held their banquet. Alpha had one of the most brilliant banquets in her history. Forty were present at the feast which was served at the Commercial. Music was furnished by the Northwestern Orchestra. Thursday afternoon the actives were at home to their friends, in their beautiful rooms in the Richmond Block. About two hundred persons called, who were treated to music by the Northwestern Orchestra, ice cream, lemonade and cake. Thursday night the annual hop came off, which was a complete success. No changes were made in the faculty or the government of the college, except the removal of Lieut. A. M. Fuller and the placing in his stead Lieut. Kreps. Every indication points to a successful coming year. Alpha will start the year with eight loyal braves and five pledged members. In the last year she has taken more honors than any other fraternity in college. Bro. Flood carried off the recitation contest, and Bro. Wakefield the alumni essay prize of \$25, and the oratorship of Allegheny in the Allegheny Philo Franklin Contest. All the boys left feeling happy and proud of the success of Alpha.



Our relations with the other fraternities are the very best, and with the town we hold the old-time prestige above all other Frats.

### Sigma—Columbia.

THE commencement exercises of the Schools of Art, Political Science, and Mines of Columbia College was held at the Academy of Music on the 8th ultimo. Everything passed off as pleasantly as could be desired, save that we could not help realizing the fact that by the exercises the college lives of Bros. Burns, Marsh and Rowland were brought to a close. Bro. Church also graduated, but he contemplates returning to college as a post-graduate student, so his college career remains unfinished, and we will have the pleasure of having him with us again. At the exercises we listened to an oration, delivered by Bro. Burns, entitled "True Workers in Science." We consider his election, as one of the two speakers from the "Mines," something of an honor, although he has always held a foremost position in his class. The commencement of the Columbia Law School was held a few days previous to that of the "Arts," "Mines" and "Political Science," and by this event we also lost Bro. Folger. Although he was initiated into our mysteries recently, we found him a most congenial Delta, and with him, as the others, we were sorry to part. Thus another year in the history of the existence of Sigma has been brought to a close, and we are sure that the work of her members has not been in vain. And now that the work is over until fall, her members have separated for their respective vacations, Bro. Burns having gone to Europe, and Bros. Marsh and Folger to Muncie, Ind., and Kingston, Canada, their respective homes.

### Rho—Stevens.

ON the 20th of May our annual reunion to celebrate the founding of our chapter occurred. We spent a most enjoyable evening, having with us Bros. Denton, '75; Idell, '77; Martinez, '82; Brinkerhoff, '77; Lyall, '84; Parker, '84; Bensel, '84; Chester, '86; Self, '86; Phipps, '88, and Bro. Zayas, '86, of Upsilon. Letters of regret were read from Bros. Kent, Bruck, and Stahl, '76, and from Bros. Cooke, '79; Pope, '82; and Breath, '82. The *Eccentric* made its appearance rather later than was expected this year, but it was acknowledged by all to be the finest looking book that the col-

lege has yet produced. Our commencement, on the 16th of June, took place for the first time at Wareing's Theatre—a vast improvement on the small-sized, ill-ventilated halls of the German Club, where heretofore it has been held. Several of the fraternities occupied boxes on the occasion, and it was originally the intention of Rho to secure one, but as we could not obtain the best in the theatre (and we wished the best or none), we seated ourselves, together with our alumni, who were present in full force, in various parts of the house. Next fall will probably see an important change in the appearance of the Institute. The Stevens High School is to be given a separate building, and the vacated rooms are to be used by the college. The outlook for next year's fraternity work is very promising. We lose three men by graduation; have two Seniors, four Juniors, four Sophomores, and the windward side of several prospective Freshmen. Our library has increased so rapidly that we have purchased a new book-case, which is already nearly filled. Our money matters are in the hands of a competent financier; our standing at college is better than that of the majority of the other fraternities; our alumni are faithful, and our prospects in general are unusually bright.

### Nu—Lafayette.

WITH the end of June came the close of another year in the history of Chapter Nu, and as she looks back and views her record for the year, she cannot help feel that it has been one of which she can well be proud. Commencing the year with nine, she increased her number to a dozen by the addition of three good "Freshmen." However, the number was not to remain, for a tempting position on the P. R. R. service robbed us of one member—Bro. R. K. Morton, '88. At the division conference the chapter was represented by a larger delegation than ever before, and all returned well pleased. The internal workings of the chapter have been in perfect harmony, —a fact that cannot be said of all our rivals. Our meetings have been regularly held and generally well attended, some of them being very spirited, many of the questions or motions being very well debated. With improvement going on everywhere our treasury has fared well, and "money's what makes the mare go." It has never been our aim to fish after the college honors, but somehow we have always had our share, and this year they seem to have rather



avored us in that respect. True it is that "fields look green far off," but we hardly think this will hold in regard to our prospects for the coming year. Already more have registered in the coming class than ever before at this time of the year. Besides, a watchful eye has been kept by our alumni, and we will in all probability reap much good from this assistance. The commencement which closed on the 28th was the equal of any of the past, and perhaps better than most. The weather was all that could be asked for, and, as a result, our athletic meeting and other outside exercises passed off very nicely. Reunions were held by a great many of the classes, bringing together more of the alumni than is generally the case. As an appropriate way to close the doings of the year, Chapter Nu sat down to a good old feast on the night of the 27th. Covers had been set for twenty-eight, the chapter being favored by visitors from a great many of the alumni. After all had partaken in a manner that showed much enjoyment, responses were made at the call of A. C. Campbell, '84, by the following brothers: Delta Tau Delta—A. B. Camp, '84. Fraters in Urbe—G. W. Geiser, Franklin and Marshall, '75. Nu, J. S. Ensor, '88; Alumni, J. D. Earle, '87; Nu's Lawyers, Orrin Serfass, '82; W. Va., J. T. Gallaher, '90; Our M.D.'s, W. A. Seibert, '82; Bachelors, H. L. Odenwelder, '84; Easton Society, J. H. Palmer, '88; Athletics, H. M. Morton, '88.

### Theta—Bethany.

THETA has just passed through a year of prosperity and enjoyment. The regular meetings of her members were of a pleasant and interesting nature, and were always fully attended. A number of our alumni visited us during the year, and always had a pleasing account to give of themselves. Several banquets were given during the session. The grandest thing of the season was a banquet given in Chapel Hall by our Delta ladies. The ladies and gentlemen of our only rival, the Beta Theta Pi, were invited to attend and enjoy the feast prepared. We feel the more proud of our Delta girls, and trust they may always favor us with their esteem, as they have done the past year. Some of our boys filled the most responsible positions during commencement, and we are proud of our writers and speakers. Theta sends her best wishes to all other chapters, hoping to hear good reports from them next year.

### Beta Alpha—Indiana University.

OUR chapter was organized June 4, 1887, with eight charter members, consisting of two Freshmen, three Sophomores, two Juniors and one Senior. J. A. Mitchell, of '87, was appointed instructor in the preparatory department of the University, and will be with us next year. David A. Cox, '88, and J. A. Mitchell were appointed delegates to the Convention at Columbus. We meet here six rival fraternities, the  $\Sigma X$ , with a membership of 19;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 21;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 18;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 14;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 15;  $K \Sigma$ , 3. Our reception by each of these has been most cordial and sincere. We will be established in a chapter hall early in next college year, which opens September 8. Our commencement was held June 8. The boys parted in the best of spirits, and are ready for an aggressive campaign next year.

### Beta Beta—De Pauw.

WITH this communication Beta Beta closes another successful year of chapter existence. It occurs to the writer that each college year with a chapter is the same glorious old song repeating itself, yet with each repetition an additional stanza is added. We began with six men, and have added six to our number, besides affiliating four more, during the year. In the class room, in the literary halls, in the field sports, and in the commingling of the students during the year, Beta Beta has made a record that she may have reason to look back upon with a feeling of pride and satisfaction. The delegates-elect from Beta Beta to the Columbus Convention are Bros. J. E. Cox, '90, of Terre Haute, Ind., and S. S. Strattan, '92, of Richmond, Ind. Bro. Worth E. Caylor, of Greencastle, Ind., will be our S. A. next year. All of our boys will be back next year, except Bro. E. R. Keith, who will enter the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., next fall. During the year we have had the very great pleasure of assisting in the founding of *B A* Chapter at the State University, Bloomington, Ind. We feel assured that this is one of the best pieces of work, and will bring forth more good fruit hereafter than any other move made during the year. Our University having received its endowment of over a million and a half, now offers inducements that will surely bring a class of students hitherto unknown in our rolls, hence making us feel that we are to



have a broader field to labor in next fall. A commencement hop, the first for several years, was given at the Grand Central. This was deemed *the* feature of commencement. Among the most prominent speakers during commencement were ex-Senator Harlan, of Iowa, and Bishop Thomas Bowman, senior Bishop of M. E. Church. The addresses of both of these gentlemen were pronounced the most scholarly ever produced here. It is our desire and intention as a chapter to meet all of our fraters at our next Convention, and there gain a new inspiration which will cause us to renew our energies, and to place, with renewed force, our shoulders to the great wheel of Deltaism.

### Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

THE closing act of Beta Eta's most prosperous year was the initiation of Bro. John F. Hayden, '90, of Fargo, Dakota, whom we take pleasure in introducing to all Deltas. Though ours is the smallest and youngest chapter established here, it is by no means second in the number of her men who have been called to places of honor and trust during the last half year. Being too small numerically to figure very largely in University politics, we flatter ourselves that our honors are rather rewards of merit than of political methods. Two of our men, Bro. F. S. Abernethy and Bro. K. C. Babcock, will take part in the next oratorical contest; two will represent the chapter and University at the State Oratorical Association, one as member of the Executive Committee, and one as delegate. Bro. J. F. Goode is President of the Students' Liberal Association, and Bro. K. C. Babcock is President of the Students' Christian Association. The latter Association will begin the erection of a fine building, costing about \$12,000, as soon as the plans can be completed by the architect. The University is also building a new science hall, to cost about \$100,000. The Class of '87 numbered twenty-six, only one of them a Delta. Bro. Stacy, who expected to graduate, was obliged to leave on account of ill-health. Field-day was a great success, and for the students the great day of commencement. Beta Eta carried off her full share of honors and prizes. Our prospects for next year are very pleasing. We shall have seven men at the beginning of the year, and hope to "have a goodly tale to tell" ere the close of the year 1887-8.

### Kappa—Hillsdale.

THE year ends pleasantly for Kappa. Among the alumni she was pleased to welcome were Bro. Washington Gardner, a charter member, living at Jackson; Bro. Crandall, of Brooklyn, and Bro. Lord, of New York. Like all other chapters, Kappa is pleased at the recognition of her members. The latest occasion was the election of Bros. Will Carleton and Wallace Heckman as Trustees, and recommendation of Bro. Lord for a professorship of Hillsdale College. The Deltas have had their share of the honors this spring. Bros. Harvey and Kitchen were presidents of the Senior and Junior classes respectively. Bro. Parker delivered the Senior class day oration, and Bro. Dewey had charge of arrangements on this occasion and at commencement. In addition to those mentioned, Bros. Clark, Dow and Mills were changed by the the thirty-first commencement to alumni. Kappa is proud of these six men, and from the record they have made in college is confident that their work in the world will be to the honor of Delta Tau Delta.

### Epsilon—Albion.

ANOTHER commencement of Albion College has come and gone, and, all things considered, it is safe to say that she has enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity than during any year of her existence. Among the points of evidence to support our statement we would mention a more complete course of study, a larger Board of Instruction, a larger number of students, and an increased endowment fund. With this progress, Epsilon Chapter has not counteracted, but in co-operation has nobly kept pace. Financially we have not been as successful; in fact, all our efforts in the direction of finance have increased Epsilon's treasury very little. But by the help of our alumni, to whom we are thankful, and our own efforts we are again enabled to show a clean balance sheet with the fraternity. We have recently initiated three excellent men of '91, whom we gladly introduce to the fraternity, as follows: O. A. Leonard, C. B. Warren and O. R. Lovejoy. Our eleventh annual banquet was held on the evening of June 21, and, although it is natural to call each succeeding one *the best*, we can confidently give *this* one such a title. At about 11 o'clock sixty-three brother and sister Deltas were seated around the banquet board, which was most



beautifully and bountifully spread. Among this happy number were Bro. E. J. Ware and sister, and Bros. McArthur and Swarthout, of the University of Michigan. We were indeed glad to have these brothers with us, and Epsilon always has a standing invitation to all her sister chapters. After all had partaken to their hearts' content of the good things of the table, they joined in a social hour of toasts and Delta song with a degree of enjoyment which only kindred minds can do. The Epsilon Quartette rendered a very pleasing selection, which was happily received. A goodly number of toasts, among which we would especially mention the poem, "The Delta Boys," by Mrs. Minnie Brooks Griffen, were well responded to. We take pleasure in announcing that Bro. H. C. Scripps will represent Epsilon at the next Convention.

### Psi—Wooster.

ANOTHER year has rolled by, and the seventeenth annual commencement of Wooster University is a thing of the past. For thirteen weeks to come there will be nothing to break the silence of our classic halls, save the re-echoing tread of "Andy," our janitor, as he goes methodically about inspecting the damages and the accumulated dust of the past year. The Class Day of '87 was held on the 20th of June. The exercises were about up to the average. Many spicy things were said, and the usual opportunity of playfully reminding our honored Faculty of their supposed shortcomings and long-goings was taken advantage of in the "Laudamus." The honors of the class were distributed as follows: F. A. Wagner, 1st, 98.53 %; 2d, Miss Della McCortle, 96.69 %; S. S. Palmer, 95.67 %; F. D. Conrad, 95.48 %; A. F. Keener, 95.35 %. The honor roll has been considerably decimated from the fact that Deportment and Attendance are no longer reckoned among the grades for honor. In the contests at the close of this year Delta Taus have borne off the palms of victory. Bro. Grafton won first place in both the Junior Contest and in the Annual Essay Contest of Athenæan Literary Society. Bro. Pomerene gained the declamation in the Inter-Society contest. Psi is beginning to get under headway again, though she sadly felt the loss of the five loyal Delts who left in the Class of '86. We have "had our eye" on several very desirable men for some time, and after some most exciting competitive rushing we triumphantly bring before you for a Fraternal welcome three

new fraters : Bro. McBane of the Freshman Class, and Bros. Heron and Herrick, Jr., both entering Freshman. Psi has a splendid outlook for the coming year, and will begin it with a membership which, both in numbers and ability, will be inferior to no other fraternity in the institution. Bros. Kinley McMillan and Lee Crabbe are spending their vacations in Wooster—the former from Princeton Seminary and the latter from Shady Side Academy. Bro. Pomerene, our only Senior this year, will study medicine.

### **Tau—Franklin and Marshall.**

ONE of the most notable events in the history of Franklin and Marshall College—in the Centennial Anniversary of Franklin College, of which it was originally constituted, and the semi-centennial of Franklin College—has come to an end, and that it has been successful in every point of view, no one will dispute. The subscriptions for the erection of a scientific building were liberal beyond expectation, and in the general interest manifested in the affairs of the college must redound to the prosperity and well-being of our college. The good effects are beginning to show themselves already in the Freshmen Class, which is expected to be larger than any for many years past. The next thing to the banquet in interest to the Fraternities here was the oratorical contest which came off on the evening of the 13th. There were only two Fraternity men of the five contestants—a  $\Phi K \Psi$  and a  $\Delta T \Delta$ —and that one of these would get the prize, being generally conceded, the decision was awaited with much anxiety. Imagine the rejoicing in our circles when it was announced that, “while all the speakers acquitted themselves well, the judges thought the prize belonged to Mr. Bowman.” The  $\Phi K \Psi$  immediately set up a howl, but the judges decided in favor of our man, and we rejoiced feeling very proud of the result, as this is the third time out of five contests that the prize has fallen to our men—first, Bro. Heisler, then Bro. Albright, and finally Bro. Bowman. We held our eleventh annual symposium at Miller’s Restaurant on Wednesday evening. When the President called order, there were seated around the festive board thirty loyal Deltas, among whom were two charter members, Bro. Rowling and Bro. Geiser. The others, besides the active members, were: Laury, ’76; Dreisbach, ’77; Gibbons, ’78; B. F. Bausman, ’80;



F. S. Elliot, '80; C. W. Levan, '80; Miller, '80; Rieser, '80; Lawfer, '81; Walter J. Bausman, '82; Cobb, '82; Snyder, '82; Foltz, '84; Wanner, '84; Albright, '85; David Levan, '85; Blackwood, '86; Gerhart, '86; Sensenig, '86; and H. Grossman, of '89. The time was spent in relating past events of the chapter, singing Fraternity songs, and considering the needs of the chapter, and, all in all, it was voted to have been one of the most enjoyable occasions of the chapter, as well as the best attended. We hope that we will have the pleasure hereafter to have those with us who were unable to be present on this occasion.

### Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

THE exercises of commencement week at this institution were this year exceptionally interesting. There were two graduates from the college, fourteen from the preparatory department. Two candidates received the degree of A.M., one that of M.D. Beta Kappa was represented by C. H. Pierce, who received the degree of A.B., and by R. H. Whitely, Jr., upon whom was conferred the degree of A.M. Upon the evening before commencement day this chapter indulged in an elaborate banquet, enjoying on this occasion the presence of its lady friends. There were fruits and flowers in abundance, and, with Bro. Whitely presiding as toastmaster in his usual happy vein, the following toasts were responded to: "Our Guests," C. H. Pierce; "Fraternity Spirit," F. L. Chase; "Quid Nunc," V. I. Noxon; "President Sewall," E. C. Mason; "Delta Tau Delta in Colorado," G. V. Thompson; "Co-education," L. Sternberg. We were glad to have Bros. Noxon, '86, and Stanton, '83, with us, as well as the Bros. Stidger, and but for a railroad accident Bro. Thomas would have graced our festal board. We hope to be fitly represented at Columbus by one of our number, who will be able to bring us an abundant supply of fraternity spirit, inspiring each of us with new life, and making us realize more strongly than we have our connection with the fraternity as a whole.

### Lambda—Vanderbilt.

NEVER before in the history of Lambda at Vanderbilt has it been in a more prosperous condition. Our weekly meetings throughout the session have been very interesting, and many sub-

jects of interest and importance have been discussed. Since our last, one new brother has been added to our list—Bro. Chinski—who some weeks ago was ushered along the mysterious paths in a most striking manner. Our membership is very good and strong at present, and we have excellent prospects for a good and prosperous chapter next year, although many of our best men will graduate this year, and will not be in our midst. The Brothers of '87 are Chas. Anderson, E. L. Aroni, Preston Vaughn, and F. B. Fogg, all in the Law Department. The scheme for a chapter house is still on foot, but unless there be a change in real estate at an early date, some time will elapse before very much can be accomplished; we expect, however, to procure a suite of rooms in the city, in which the alumni have promised to aid us, for a chapter house until more can be done. On May 7, we were the recipients of a very pleasant visit from a number of our Brothers from Beta Theta—University of the South, and by Bro. Philips, of Chattanooga, and, from their reports, everything is progressing nicely with the Delta Taus. At present Bros. Long and Compton, from California, are in the city. Our alumni brothers drop in to see us occasionally, and leave many pleasant remembrances. Our brothers who attended the conference at Chattanooga report a very interesting meeting and a most glorious time on the mountains. Bros. Merrick and Aroni have been elected to represent us at the Convention this summer, and many others of our chapter expect to attend. As the session is drawing to a close, after another meeting we will doubtless suspend until next fall. Of the members of the Greek letters at Vanderbilt, none have been more fortunate in taking the prizes and honors of the University than our boys. Of the four Moot Court speakers this year, three of our boys have been appointed—a very unusual occurrence. The annual, which promises to be a success, and which is now in press, owes very much of its existence to the work of Bros. Aroni and Merrick, the former, chairman of the editorial committee, the latter, one of the business committee. Of the six declaimers in the annual contest of the Dialectic Literary Society, three were of our boys, and Bro. Vaughn was the winner of the medal. Bro. Price, our only representative in the Philosophic Literary Society, was one of their declaimers. At present, Bro. Aroni is President of the Dialectic Society, and Bro. Price is Vice President of the Philosophic. In athletics, as well as in literary attain-



ments, our boys are by no means in the rear, but stand in the lead. At our last annual field day, on May 6, our boys, three in number, were the winners of ten gold medals out of seventeen offered. Our field day proved a grand success, and the sports were witnessed by a large audience, very many of which were the beautiful and attractive ladies of Nashville and vicinity. Bro. Fogg was the winner of *only* five medals, respectively for putting sixteen pound shot, running long jump, running hop, step and jump, running high jump, and running high kick, of which he holds the world's record. Bro. Bemis was the winner of medals for hurdle race, two hundred and twenty yard dash. The last was nobly won by Bro. Bemis, after being very much fatigued by a long game of tennis in the forenoon and two preceding races in the afternoon, against a fresh man from the Southwestern Presbyterian University; and it proved to be the most exciting contest of the day. Bro. Price took the medals for throwing fifty-six pound weight, and for throwing sixteen pound hammer. At our gymnasium exhibition, on May 27, our boys were among the best gymnasts. One of the important factors of the exhibition was the high kicking done by Bro. Fogg, trying to break his world's record, in which he beautifully succeeded, kicking nine feet three and a half inches. He also broke the Nashville record in the high jump, by jumping five feet seven and a half inches. Bro. Fogg won his world's record in the high kick, at Harvard, in 1885, and has held it ever since. His recent beating the world's record is quite an important event for Vanderbilt, as it will soon be known in all parts of the world. From these important facts our brothers can readily see that Lambda, although small in numbers, has achieved very much and still holds an honor becoming Delta Tau Delta.

#### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

THE commencement exercises of the Ohio Wesleyan University took place June 16-23 with the usual attractions of orators, concerts, field-day sports, but above all with the old-time privilege of listening to an oration from each member of the graduating class, and as this class numbers sixty-three it is easily imagined with what pleasure the patient auditors await the last sentence of the sixty-third orator. Alumni day is expected to be unusually interesting this year on account of the number of class reunions. Our warm-

est grasp is extended to any brothers who may visit us during these days. This year the six fraternities of the Ohio Wesleyan University undertook the publication of an annual, "The Bijou," and an unusually interesting paper is anticipated as the result. It will be ready for circulation in a few days, and Chapter Mu will be very glad to exchange with all other colleges where such annuals are published. Let us hear soon from the various chapters who may desire such an exchange. Our chapter has well maintained its standing in all respects during this year. Although we lost six by graduation in '86, and then two more by "lifting," and three have been compelled to drop out for a term or more, we close the year with ten active members, of whom two graduate with '87. But with the return of absent members we expect to start in strong next fall with eleven or twelve actives.

#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

THE subfreshmen of the Class of '91 were examined for admission to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on June 2. To judge from present appearances the class will be small. There was a great scramble among the fraternities to get hold of desirable men. As usual Epsilon takes the lead, having pledged two of the best men; both received clean cards. We expect to return six men next year, and do some hard work. We are in the best of position as to finance. The other day we received a note from the Pi Chapter of  $Z \Psi$  informing us that one of their men had proven himself unworthy and had been expelled. No reason was stated, but there are some very discreditable rumors concerning the actions of the expelled one. The commencement passed off very pleasantly, there being many more events this year than ever—the directors' reception, the glee club concert, a reception by one of the professors, banquets by nearly all the fraternities, the alumni dinner, the hop and the commencement exercises at Music Hall. Our three Seniors *graduated*. This is the highest honor at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Our banquet was without doubt the finest thing of its kind ever given by Upsilon. The spread was delectable, the company in the best of spirits, and the spirits in the best of company. Eight of Upsilon's alumni were present, and our only sorrow was that such a number were prevented by business from attending. However, the men who were here all agreed that if they



were anywhere on this footstool at the time of the next reunion of Upsilon, nothing should keep them away from the festivities. Bro. Ensor, of Nu, spent two days with us when the Lafayette base-ball team was playing with the R. P. I. We enjoyed his visit immensely, and only wish that he could have stayed over to be present at our reunion. Since my last letter we have been visited by Bros. Martinez of Sigma, and Earle of Nu; they say that they will come again. There has been a chapter of the new scientific society, the Sigma Xi, established at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute within the last month. It is to bear the relation to scientific schools that Phi Beta Kappa bears to classical colleges. The new society starts with a good list of men; some of the Profs. hold the more important offices.

### Xi — Simpson.

OUR twentieth commencement occurred June 30, and our active corps is now scattered to the four winds. One member, S. L. Van Scoy, was lost by graduation, the others are distributed throughout the classes, as follows: R. C. Harbison, F. E. Meech, W. D. Trimble, Juniors; E. P. Wright, Sophomore; S. M. Feghtly, W. T. Morris, E. H. Thornbrue, Freshmen. The places of two or three of these who do not expect to return in the fall will be filled by old members who will rejoin us then; and still others are on the "string." The pleasantest event of the year was our closing annual banquet, the evening of June 27. Literary exercises, consisting of an oration, poem and declamation, were held in the chapter hall. The banquet was served at the Madison House, and was followed up with an equally agreeable diet of toasts. A dozen or more of our alumni, among whom were two of our charter members, were present with us. Bro. H. Parmelee, Kappa, Des Moines, also made this an occasion to spend a few days with us. We sustained our usual literary prestige in the contests of commencement week. At this time four prizes are offered: two are given for excellencies in the graduating class of the Preparatory school, where we have no competitors. Of the remaining two, one is given to the best essayist of the Junior Class, and the other to the champion orator from a number of contestants elected from the several literary societies. Both come to us this year; and Bro. R. C. Harbison is the fortunate possessor of the two. Bro. E. P. Wright is captain of the college

nine, and has managed it very successfully. Bros. Harbison and Trimble are also members. At a recent session of the Board of Trustees, Prof. William E. Hamilton, A.M., for the past year acting president of the college, was elected permanent executive. Bro. E. M. Holmes, A.M., B.D., '80, was retained as Professor of Greek and Hebrew; and Bro. E. H. Thornbrue, for the past two years Instructor in Penmanship, was made Principal of the Business School. S. L. Van Scoy, '87, has been elected to represent the chapter at the Columbus Convention. His summer address is St. Charles, Iowa, where he can be addressed on any matter of chapter business.

#### **Beta Delta—University of Georgia.**

At the close of another collegiate year we find Beta Delta enjoying her past labors. We have had a successful year. While we have not won as many honors as were won by our men last year, our chapter is in a far better condition. Our commencement passed off very pleasant indeed. Four of our men won speakers' places—J. W. Barnett, A. C. Willcoxon, E. C. Stewart and J. P. Upshaw; all did credit to themselves and Beta Delta. A. C. Willcoxon won the medal for declamation. E. L. Ballard delivered the address of welcome before the alumni of the Demosthenean Society. We have engaged a couple of rooms that are much more desirable than our old hall, and we expect to have them in elegant style by the time college opens again. We have a building fund established, and hope ere many years pass to have a house of our own. No fraternity has a chapter house here, so we can be somewhat contented at present with a couple of rooms. We lose only two men by graduation this year—E. L. Ballard in Law, and R. L. Nowell in the Classical Course. S. Chase will not return next term; so we will begin the work with nine men—three Seniors and six Juniors.

#### **Beta Zeta—Butler.**

THE past year has been one of growth and enjoyment to our chapter. In point of numbers we were strong. Beginning with thirteen we added during the year seven men. Not one of the new men lowered the standard of the chapter, but, on the contrary, each one helped to raise it. With these new men came new blood and a variety of elements which in themselves were an education to us.



The standard of Beta Zeta was certainly elevated. In the class room our boys stood second to none. By way of prizes we left little to be desired. Socially we were progressive, and made some decided records in our favor. Our new hall—the first chapter hall at Butler,—the Pan-Hellenic, and the monthly socials were some important factors in our social life. Individually there were some remarkable growths. It cheers any noble Delta's heart to see how some men yield to the higher influences of the fraternity. Laudable ambitions were aroused, the value and necessity of hard work emphasized, and the methods and spirit of real fraternity work pretty clearly apprehended. In many ways our views were enlarged, and the affections and sympathies of the brothers were closely knit together. It was a good year, and the minds of the members of Beta Zeta will many times revert with pleasure to the year 1886-7. The events of the commencement season were of the usual kind, spiced here and there with a little novelty. The chief events, especially interesting to Beta Zeta, were the musicale and the banquet. The former was given in our hall Tuesday afternoon of commencement week. The programme contained a variety of excellent music rendered by members of Beta Zeta, handsomely assisted by some of our musical friends. The many friends invited to enjoy the entertainment expressed their pleasure in its success. The banquet was held Wednesday night, and was an elaborate affair. Nineteen couples sat down to the tables, most elegantly and abundantly furnished by Schaffner, the leading caterer of Indianapolis. It is doubtful whether students at Butler ever sat down to a finer spread. Toasts were given by Bros. Gans, Smith and Hall, of Beta Zeta, and Bro. G. W. Muckley, of Theta, all of which were spicy and enjoyable. After a season of social intercourse we went to our homes gratified at the success of the event. One thought pains us: we cannot all return as active members of Beta Zeta; but she will always furnish us pleasant memories. Our best wishes are for her success. May her crescent increase, and her stars shine with undimmed lustre.

#### Zeta — Adelbert.

THE sixty-first commencement of Adelbert College has passed, and it can be truly said that it was by far the most pleasant of any yet held in Cleveland. The class was large, but contained no

Deltas. This, however, we consider a lucky thing for Zeta at the present state of affairs, although we fully recognize the advantage of being represented in every class. The fifth annual banquet of Zeta and the Cleveland alumni was held at Hotel Hallenden, June 9, but was by no means a banquet that we wish to boast of in respect to the support that we received from the resident Deltas, although we are proud to say that every Adelbert Delta was in attendance. The time seemed to be rather an unfortunate one, as all but three of our brave Cleveland Choctaws found refuge in that excuse. We must, however, be somewhat sparing of our criticisms, as during the year we have received a great amount of aid from them in fitting up the chapter rooms. Despite the scarcity of members of the Alumni Association, the banquet was a decided success, and one long to be remembered as bringing the graduates and actives of Zeta into still closer relations. Besides the actives, there were present Bros. J. W. McLane, Z, '83; A. A. Bemis, Z, '83; W. S. Arter, Z, '86; F. O. Brew, Z, '88; L. I. Pope, H, '73; Dr. H. G. Sherman, H, '77; and C. H. Prescott, A, '87. A goodly number of witty and pointed toasts were responded to at the call of the toastmaster, Bro. J. W. McLane. Among the many schemes of the Zeta boys for recreation during the vacation was one for a week's camp in some secluded spot. Such was the plan and such was the carrying out thereof. On June 30, about twenty-five miles east of Cleveland, on the shores of Lake Erie and at the mouth of the Chagrin River, there floated for the first (*but not for the last*) time a purple and gray flag bearing the letters "Zeta." Here was the whole chapter encamped with the exception of one whose place was taken by Bro. Arter, '86. Two large and commodious tents were necessary for our accommodations, and no pains were spared in procuring provisions and conveniences. The time was spent in boating, fishing and hunting. In the evening we all gathered about the large camp-fire in forming plans for the fall campaign, telling the good old stories, and making the woods echo with the fraternity and college songs. Probably nothing has, during the past year, done more to bind us one to one in the true Delta spirit than did that one week's camp, and it is the unanimous voice that not another year shall pass without our annual camp. We received no less than thirty visitors during the week, and on the Fourth the Delta girls came with their well filled baskets to make a no small event in the



history of the seven days' sport. We take great pleasure in announcing that Bro. M. J. Hole, formerly of '86, will return next fall to graduate with '89. This is indeed a happy surprise, and one that gives encouragement to the chapter, as in him we have a brother wholly zealous to the interests of Deltaism. We wish to acknowledge the receipt of publications from Troy, Stevens, Kenyon, Lafayette, University of Georgia, and Delaware. Publications are due us for the '88 Reserve from a number of other chapters, and if there are others wishing to exchange we should be glad to do so.

### Beta Theta—University of the South.

THE last month has witnessed two notable assemblies of the boys of Beta Theta. Whit Monday holiday was celebrated with a picnic at Winston's Cascade. There beneath the heaving branches of the whispering pines and the graceful hemlocks, under the shadow of a huge wall of stone rising to the height of one hundred and twenty-five feet, with the clear blue Southern sky above and below the rippling waters—all hearts felt the powerful bond wrought and the happy influences produced by the principles of Deltaism. We are beginning to realize that unmeasured benefits are contained in such gatherings. The weekly meetings and the casual conversation of the day are not sufficient to make every member acquainted with the character and purposes of the others. With a banquet suitable to the importance of the event, we commemorated on the evening of the 23d of June the fourth anniversary of the founding of our chapter. The occasion recalled many happy and cherished associations of the past, and made plainly evident the strong sweet ties of the present. Speeches full of true Fraternity spirit and ringing with sentiments of loyal devotion to our Delta Queen were the prominent events of the evening. The Juniors and Gownsmen of the University were recently organized into class associations. In the election of officers and representatives we received three important positions. Bros. Adams and Dashiell have been chosen delegates to the Columbus Convention. In all probability Bros. Wrenn and Cole will also be present. Bros. Hale and Richmond visited us for several days during the first of the month. The following alumni will be with us in August: Bros. Tucker, Harris, Hale, Richmond, Black, Smith, G. G. Mathews and Finney. Bro.

Black will re-enter the University and pursue the course of theology. Beta Theta wishes that the many members of her sister chapters may be blessed with a peaceful and delightful vacation, and that they may return in the autumn embued with the strong purpose of laboring with unceasing zeal for the prosperity and advancement of the whole fraternity.

### **Omega—Iowa State College.**

OUR spring term closed with the Junior exhibition on the evening of June 22. Omega was well represented on this occasion, three of her four Juniors being upon the programme. The affair was a marked success, and our boys carried off a fair share of the evening's honors. A very pleasant social event, occurring during the later part of term, was our semi-annual joint session and banquet with the I. C.'s in the Delta hall. The usual programme incident to such occasions was enacted, and all unite in voting it an occasion to be remembered. Since our last communication we have had with us Bros. Cole, McDonald, Rich and Curtiss. Much more interest was taken in athletics here the past term than formerly, and our men here also took prominent. Bro. Felt captained the Senior ball nine, and Yates filled similar position in the Junior nine. An endeavor to arrange a game of ball between the college nine here and the club at Indianola during commencement week there failed owing to a number of our men leaving for home earlier than usual. As the club there is largely composed of Deltas, as well as ours, it would doubtless have proved a very pleasant affair, giving us an opportunity to become acquainted with our Xi brothers, etc. An effort will be made to arrange a game soon as their fall term opens. Our fall term commences July 20, and shortly thereafter a meeting of the college alumni occurs here. Among those attending will doubtless be a large number of Deltas, and Omega proposes to make the occasion a memorable one.

### **Delta—University of Michigan.**

Our college year closed June 30. This being the semi-centennial year of the University, the exercises of commencement week were unusually elaborate. We had our share of the honors in the social event of the week, the Senior Reception. Our one Senior, Bro. Kiefer, was a member of the committee on arrangements.



Delta held her banquet the evening of the 30th. Besides our active members present we had with us Bros. Ripley, Waite, Gallaher, Garvin, Coburn, Prescott, Guild, Al McDonald, Pitts, McAndrews, Saunders, and Bro. Martin from Kappa, who is one of the medical faculty here. We have had a successful year, and anticipate another. We shall occupy a house on the corner of Williams and Fourth streets, where we shall be pleased to see any Delts who may be in Ann Arbor. Our delegates to convention are Bros. Hatch and Rowell; alternates, Bros. Kiefer and Ware. We hope to have all the delegates named at convention, and several members of our chapter besides. We lost several professional members by graduation, Bros. Swartout, McNair, Hays and Rasch graduating from the Law School. Bro. Kiefer, who graduated from the Literary Department, expects to return next year for "past" work. Bro. McDonell is considering the matter of going east to finish his course. We hope he may decide to remain with us.

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## Alumni News.

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### Alpha—Allegheny.

'78. Dr. John A. Bolard has removed from Millville, N. J., to 837 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, where he continues in the practice of dentistry.

'82. Charles M. Snyder is engaged with J. Amory Knox as associate editor of *Texas Siftings*, published in New York City.

### Pi Prime.

'76. Thomas W. Frederick died in Para, Brazil, of yellow fever, on October 3, 1886. He was always a loyal Delta.

'76. Thomas O'Reilly is employed in the Southern Division of the U. S. Pension Office at Washington, D. C.

'80. James B. Thomas is general foreman of the L. E. & W. R. R. at Indianapolis, Ind.

'76. William B. Baldy is still in Danville, Pa., and is editing the *Montour American*.

'76. William L. Raeder is practicing law and prospering in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

### Phi—Hanover.

'81. Clarence E. Brandt is assistant rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, North 48th Street and Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Tau—Franklin and Marshall.**

'82. Julius A. Herald is pastor of the Green Hill Presbyterian Church, Gerard Avenue, above 16th Street, Philadelphia.

**Kappa—Hillsdale.**

'73. Rev. L. A. Crandall is on the staff of reviewers for the *Examiner*, a Baptist journal, published in New York. He was present at the Annual Convention of this Church in Minneapolis, Minn., in May.

'69. *The Ladies' Home Journal*, of Philadelphia, contains in the number for July, 1887, a well written biographical sketch of Will Carleton, and an excellent portrait after Sarony. Bro. Carleton is a frequent contributor to this magazine. A revised edition of his "Farm Legends" has recently been published; it contains several new poems, including several college lyrics.

**Iota—Michigan State.**

'83. Herbert W. Collingwood delivered the address at the memorial exercises on Decoration Day at Plymouth, Mass., the subject being—"How the Son of a Soldier Should Look at the War."

'73. Prof. R. C. Carpenter had an article entitled "Horse-power of Steam Engines" in *The Rural New Yorker* of May 7, 1887.

**Sigma—Columbia.**

'87. Matthew H. Folger, Jr., on June 18, before the general term of the Supreme Court of New York State, passed his examination, entitling him to admission to the bar.

'84. C. R. Carter is with the firm of Disosway & Henderson, 165 Greenwich Street, New York.

**Epsilon—Albion.**

Albert D. Niskern, on June 8, resigned his commission as Second Lieutenant, United States Army. Since his graduation from the Military Academy he had been connected with the 20th Regiment of Infantry.

**Beta Eta Prime.**

'78. Thomas G. Boyle represents the firm of Strobel, Gordon & Laurean, contractors for blast furnace and metallurgical work, of Philadelphia, in Pittsburgh. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

'80. James M. Camp is a chemist in Carnegie, Phipps & Co.'s Iron and Steel Works, Pittsburgh. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

**Rho—Stevens.**

'85. Chas. E. Machold is an electrician in the employ of the Mutual Electric Manufacturing Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

'85. Richard H. Rice was married on April 6, at the residence of the bride's parents, to Miss Mary Sue Durgin, daughter of William B. Durgin, Esq., of Concord, N. H.



'86. William S. Chester is with the Curtis & Crocker Electric Motor Company, New York.

'86. William W. Thomas, Jr., is with Siddell & Co., Manufacturers of Machinery, Charlotte, N. C.

'82. M. J. Martinez, for many years with the Babcock & Wilcox Company, of New York, has opened an office in that city, and will henceforth devote himself to designing and supplying machinery for the Cuba trade. He is at present in Cuba.

'84. S. P. Bush was one of the representatives of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis R. R., at the brake trials on the C. B. & Q. R. R., at Aurora, Ill.

'84. William L. Lyall has become a junior member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'80. George M. Bond has recently been elected to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

'80. John M. Ewen, constructing engineer for Messrs. Burnham & Root, architects, Chicago, has joined the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'81. James B. Ladd has accepted the position of constructing engineer for the Pennsylvania Steel Company, of Steelton, Pa., which is building a large blast furnace plant at Swallow's Point, Baltimore, and where he is now located.

'77. Alexander G. Brinckerhoff has been elected to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

'88. George Phipps is a member of the firm of Bauersfield & Phipps, brokers, 52 Broadway, N. Y.

'76. William Kent has recently been granted the following patents: No. 357606, February 15, 1887, for a Machine for Flanging and Bending Sheet Metal; No. 357716, February 15, 1887, for a Machine for Flanging and Bending Sheet Metal.

'85. Edward D. Self is with the Electrical Accumulator Company, at its factory in Newark, N. J.

'83. Joseph E. Steward is draughting at the Dennison, O., shops of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis R. R.

'76. Theo. F. Koezly has charge of the records of the Department of Tests connected with the Stevens Institute of Technology.

'76. William Kent, at the Washington meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in May, read a paper entitled "A Problem in Profit Sharing." He has removed to Passaic, N. J.

'76. Albert W. Stahl, since 1883 Prof. of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University, where he was stationed on special duty as Assistant Engineer, U. S. A. was, on June 1st, ordered to the Delaware River Iron Shipbuilding Co.'s works, at Chester, Pa., on duty in connection with the cruiser "Chicago."

'78. Henry T. Brück has accepted a position with the United States Torsion Balance and Scale Company, New York, of which William Kent, P, '76, is Secretary and General Manager.

'78. Louis J. Brück is a member of the firm of Guthmann, Milliken & Co., 70 Broadway, New York, and represents his firm on the New York Produce Exchange.

**Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.**

'72. Rev. Samuel L. Beiler is pastor of the Seventeenth Street M. E. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and resides at 229 Prospect Avenue. He is a member of the New York Alumni Association. By invitation of J. Calvin Rice, Ψ, '82, he delivers the Commencement Address at the Glenwood Collegiate Institute, Matawan, N. J., in June.

'72. Rev. Elijah Hedding Dissette died of pneumonia, on Saturday, November 13, 1886, at Nashville, Mich. He was born in Portsmouth, near Kingston, Ont., Canada, April 11th, 1848. He was pastor successively of the following charges: Vermillion, O., 1872-73; La Porte and Grafton, O., 1873-74; Avon, O., 1874-77; Medina, O., 1877-79; Keene, O., 1879-81; Iberia, O., 1881-82; Sycamore, O., 1882-83; Grand Haven, Mich., 1883-84; Maple Rapids, 1884-85. In 1885 he was appointed temperance agent of the Michigan Conference, and in 1886 became pastor of the church at Nashville, Mich., where death closed his honorable career. In 1873 he married Miss Etta Farwell, of Ashland, Ohio, who, with four children, mourns his loss. He was a close student, a fine scholar, and a brilliant preacher.

'85. Alpheus B. Austin and James W. Magruder, graduated in March at Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J., and will enter the Methodist ministry.

**Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.**

'62. Capt. S. S. Brown, the millionaire coal king of Pittsburgh, is one of the best known owners of race horses in this country. He has a fine winter stable at the Bascombe Course, Mobile, Ala., where he has some sixty horses. He has a large stock farm in Kentucky. His best known horse is "Troubadour," which last year earned the title of the "King of the Turf;" others are Bob Fischer, Lizzie Kreps, O'Fallon, Mona; Blue Wing—all famous for victories won last year. His horses this year are entered for the races at New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Brooklyn, and elsewhere.

**Beta Kappa—Colorado.**

W. J. Thomas was recently elected Superintendent of Schools in Gilpin County; not in Central City, as stated in our last letter.

V. I. Noxon, '86, has been engaged in mining near Idaho Springs, this winter.

C. H. Pease, '86, now teaching in Boulder, is a regular attendant on the meetings of *B K*.

**Psi—Wooster.**

'82. J. Calvin Rice is principal of the Glenwood Collegiate Institute, Matawan, N. J. He is a non-resident member of the New York Alumni Association.

'83. C. O. Johnson is with Henry Bracken, president of the Julien Electric Company, 120 Broadway, New York.

**Kappa Prime.**

'66. John Salisbury, Jr., is a broker and contractor in building material, at 437-439 East 61st Street, New York. He is a good Delta and a member of the New York Alumni Association.



'67. Andrew Bryson is a member of the firm of Shunk & Bryson, civil engineers, Room 160 Broadway, New York, which makes a specialty of railroad and rapid transit work. Bro. Bryson is the President of the New York Delta Tau Delta Alumni Association.

'65. Augustus Klesick is in the real estate business at 475 Eighth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### Nu—Lafayette.

'85. B. V. Somerville is connected with the Pennsylvania R. R. Engineer Corps, and located in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'84. George A. Chase is in the office of the Mutual Benefit Association, Easton, Pa.

'83. Myer Strouse is practising law at Pottsville, Pa.

'82. Dr. R. D. Walter has located permanently at Buztown, Pa.

'84. W. H. Woodring is engaged in business at Newburg, Pa.

'83. Charles M. Sandt will finish his course at the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., next June.

'84. M. B. Hutchison is teller in the Ottumwa National Bank, Ottumwa, Iowa.

'86. E. F. Gray has severed his connection with the Lehigh Valley R. R. Engineer Corps at Hazleton, Pa., and is now for a short time at Easton, Pa.

'88. H. S. Saylor and R. C. Montelius, for the past few years located in Minneapolis, Minn., visited the Chapter at Easton in February. Saylor returns to Minneapolis, where he is dealing in lumber. Montelius has become interested in coal in the Kenawhaw Valley, W. Va., and is now located there.

Julius D. Earle is bookkeeper for Smith, Dunseith & Co., 360 Broadway, New York.

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