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CONVENTION DELEGATES.

Under this title, an article appeared in the December number of The Rainbow which, in a brief and pointed way, expressed the sentiments of presumably a large majority of the Fraters.

The subject has been often referred to at our conventions, but no definite plan worked out, and it is the writer's aim to present and illustrate an easy and natural solution to this problem, provided a majority of the Chapters are willing to equalize the traveling expenses of convention delegates according to the distance traveled, and the active membership of the Chapters.

The following table shows the distance from our Chapters to

| Co | lumbus, Ohio: | |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| | Miles. | Miles. |
| P | Hoboken, N. J 593 | K Hillsdale, Mich 200 |
| r | Troy, N. Y 742 | BB Greencastle, Ind 225 |
| Σ | New York City 594 | BZ Irvington, Ind 220 |
| N | Easton, Pa 506 | Φ Hanover, Ind 216 |
| T | Lancaster, Pa 433 | Ω Nashville, Tenn 413 |
| A | Meadville, Pa 249 | BO Sewanee, Tenn 503 |
| Г | Washington, Pa 166 | BE Oxford, Ga 700 |
| 0 | Bethany, W. Va 164 | П Oxford, Miss 650 |
| B | Athens, Ohio 76 | B△ Athens, Ga 724 |
| X | Gambier, Ohio 50 | BH Minneapolis, Minn 735 |
| Ψ | Wooster, Ohio 116 | BK Boulder, Col |
| M | Delaware, Ohio 24 | Ξ Indianola, Ia |
| H | Akron, Ohio 131 | O Iowa City, Ia 641 |
| Z | Cleveland, Ohio 165 | Ames, Ia 641 |
| 1 | Ann Arbor, Mich 170 | |
| I | Lansing, Mich 230 | Total12,470 |
| E | Albion, Mich 203 | |

Average distance being 4021/4 miles.

The railroad fare for a round trip, at six cents per mile, would make the average fare of one delegate \$24.13. For convenience, we will call the average cost \$25.

On the basis of one delegate for each Chapter, we equalize,-

I - By DISTANCE,

the delegates' mileage expenses according to the following proposi-

- No delegate to be allowed compensation for traveling a distance greater than that between his Chapter and convention city, the actual railroad fare paid to be the basis of settlement.
- 2. Each Chapter located a greater than the average distance from the convention city to receive a sum equal to the excess of the delegate's railroad fare over the average expense (\$25).
- Each Chapter located less than the average distance from convention city to pay into the treasury a sum equal to the average expense, less the railroad fare of its delegate.
- 4. Settlement with Chapters to be made whether represented at convention, or unrepresented.

II - BY ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

By carrying the process of equalization a step further, a far more accurate and just result is reached.

The average distance per Chapter being known, by having the average numerical strength of each Chapter, according to the last annual report preceding convention, the average share per member is ascertained.

Thus, supposing Chapters average ten members each, taking the above table as a basis for distance, we have the average share per member \$2.50. Therefore, the general propositions:

- 1. The average Chapter should bear as delegate's expense a sum being the average share per member, multiplied by a number equal to the membership of the Chapter according to the last annual report.
- 2. Observing the same rules as before, Chapters should receive from, or pay into, the Fraternity Treasury a sum equal to the actual difference between the average delegate's expense (as indicated in preceding paragraph) and the actual expense, as the case may be.

Brief illustrations will plainly show the result. Taking the case of the Alpha, located 249 miles, and the Nu, located 506 miles, from convention city. By Method I the Alpha's account would be:

\$25.00, average expenses, minus (249 miles × 6c.=\$14.94)=\$10.06 due Treasurer. Nu. -506 mi. × 6c.=\$30.36-\$25.00=\$5.36 to be rebated Nu from Treasurer.

By Method II, estimating that the Alpha and the Nu each have thirteen active members:

Alpha.—\$2.50×13=\$32.50, less (249 miles @ 6c.=\$14.94)=\$17.56 due Treasury. Nu.— \$2.50×13=\$32.50, less (506 miles @ 6c.=\$30.36)=\$2.14 " "

While on a basis of say seven members each, we find:

Alpha.—\$2.50×7=\$17.50, less mileage (\$14.94)=\$2.56 due Treasury. Nu.— \$2.50×7=\$17.50, deducted from mileage (\$30.36)=\$12.86 due the Nu.

Thus is shown these facts: The first method is preferable to the present custom of the Fraternity; the second is the more equitable, and in every way preferable to the first.

The natural result to the above methods of reasoning is this easily understood proposition—to assess at the same time and in the same manner as is done with the annual dues, a tax sufficient to meet the railroad expenses of convention delegates, and at convention, rebate to the Chapter delegate the proper amount due him. This tax would be from \$2.50 to \$3.00, and if so assessed by proper means would result in securing:

- 1. Representation at convention of every Chapter, and the doing away with the system of proxy representation.
- 2. An equitable distribution of the burden of delegates' traveling expenses.
- 3. The selection of a city near the geographical centre of our Fraternity for holding conventions for a number of years.

It is hoped that this subject of equalization of delegates' expenses will be freely discussed through the Fraternity's journal.

Jos. B. WARE.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE EAST.

More than fifty members of the Fraternity obeyed the summons of the Rho Chapter to be present at the Fifth Annual Conference of the Grand Division of the East, in New York City, on February 22 (Washington's birthday), and assembled in the morning at the comfortable hall of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, No. 118 East Sixteenth street, which, by special courtesy of the society, had been placed this year, as last, at the disposal of the Conference. No better place can be

imagined than the general assembly room and the numerous convenient committee rooms of the society, and the conference promptly made itself thoroughly at home in such favorable environment.

The first session was called for ten o'clock, but it was deemed well by the committee in charge of the arrangements to devote the first hour to general social intercourse, which would enable the visiting and resident members to renew old acquaintanceships and form new friendships.

At eleven o'clock the Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, Kappa, '73, pastor of the East Twenty-third Street Baptist Church, and President of the New York Alumni Association. He called upon the Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, Mu, '72, pastor of the Eighteenth Street M. E. Church, Brooklyn, who invited the divine blessing upon the Conference and the purposes for which it was called together.

Rev. Crandall then made the formal address in opening the Conference. He pointed to the many benefits to be derived from such gatherings, both to the individual members of the Fraternity and its chapters; congratulated the Division upon the prosperous condition of the Fraternity; drew attention to the rapidly growing interest of the Alumni in the affairs of the Fraternity; recited his own experiences in the Fraternity, which seem to have been of a very satisfactory character. Prof. John L. N. Hunt, Theta, '62, one of the honored founders of Delta Tau Delta, then delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the resident members of the Fraternity. This he did in his usual happy and eloquent vein. He took occasion to define the purposes for which the Fraternity was founded; related the circumstances of its earliest days; expressed his gratification at its present prosperous condition, and its bright prospects for the future. He appealed to the younger members present to educate themselves in the duties of American citizenship. Responses were made in behalf of the visiting brothers by Paul O. Hebert, Upsilon, H. M. Morton, Nu, '88, and C. L. Bowman, Tau.

Rev. Crandall having been called out of town by telegraphic message, necessitated by a sad domestic affliction, Bro. A. P. Trautwein, Rho, '76, First Vice-President, was called to the chair. The Conference then adjourned for a brief recess, to enable the Secretary, Bro. B. E. Gregory, Upsilon, '87, to examine and report upon

the credentials submitted. It was found that all Chapters, except Alpha, Gamma and Theta, were represented by delegates to the number of ten.

The Conference was then formally organized, and the several standing committees appointed. A letter was read from the General Secretary of the Fraternity, Bro. Bruck, suggesting that the Conference take under advisement some plan for securing representation of all Chapters at the general convention through the creation of a transportation fund. This was referred to a special committee of five, with instructions to report some method at the afternoon session. The Conference adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock.

The Conference promptly reassembled at two o'clock, with the Second Vice-President, Orrin Serfass, in the chair. The reports of the several Chapters were read. The Committee on Time and Place of the next Conference reported in favor of New York City, and February 22, 1888, and that the arrangements for the Conference be left with the Rho Chapter, without definite instructions. The Committee on Nominations proposed the following officers for the next Conference, who were unanimously elected: President, Andrew Bryson, Kappa Prime, '67; Vice-Presidents, William Kent, Rho, '76, and Daniel Gibbons, Tau, '78; Secretary, John S. Ensor, ' Nu. '88; Orator, Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, Nu, '72; Poet, Charles M. Snyder, Alpha, '82.

The Conference then listened with the closest attention to the address of the Orator, Bro. William Kent, Rho, '76, on "The Fraternity as an Educator," which will be published in our next issue. The address contained many good suggestions, which should be carefully considered in our Chapter halls.

The Conference then received the report of the Committee on Convention Transportation. After thorough discussion, the matter was submitted to a committee of New York Alumni to put the whole into comprehensive form for presentation to the next Convention.

The Conference then informally discussed such questions as to the best method of enlisting the interest of the Alumni; the tenure of office of the Grand Chapter; the extent to which secrecy is desirable in membership ballots; the formation of Alumni Chapters; the desirability of making The Rainbow a quarterly instead of a monthly journal, and similar topics were informally discussed. A number of resolutions were passed, and plans for legislation made, which cannot, with due regard for the best interests of the Fraternity, be discussed in detail here.

A. P. Trautwein then gave the substance of an incompleted paper on "The Present State of the Alumni Interests of the Fraternity," detailing the movement in the direction of extending the organization of Alumni Chapters in the larger cities.

A group photograph of the Conference was taken by Bro. G. D. Church, Jr., Sigma, '87, and the Conference adjourned at five o'clock P.M.

At seven o'clock there reassembled in the spacious diningrooms of Morelli's, 4 and 6 West Twenty-ninth street, some forty Deltas, all prepared to do what they could to make the Conference banquet a thoroughly successful and enjoyable affair, and to do ample justice to a liberal menu. The menu cards were adorned with a neat steel engraved vignette, en miniature, of the Fraternity's emblems. Bro. William Kent, Rho, '76, presided with dignity and grace, and pleasantly gave out the several toasts, which were as follows:

"The Fourth Annual Conference," Robert M. Anderson, Rho, '87; "The Eastern Division," Orrin Serfass, Nu, '82; "The Alumni of Delta Tau Delta," A. P. Trautwein, Rho, '76; "New York Life," William W. Cook, Delta, '80; "The College Boys," Paul O. Hebert, Upsilon, '89.

Brief replies to toasts to the several Chapters were made as follows: Alpha, F. F. Martinez; Nu, R. K. Morton; Rho, A. L. Shreve; Sigma, A. L. Burns; Tau, C. L. Bowman, and Upsilon, F. C. Gunn.

Bro. Herbert W. Collingwood read an original poem, entitled "The First American Convention," and subsequently, upon request, favored the Conference with a recital of a neat, poetic tribute to "The Ladies," made upon a similar occasion, the Conference of the Third Division, in Albion, Mich., some years ago.

It was a little before midnight when this enjoyable Conference came to its termination. The omission of the customary theater party in the early part of the evening was deemed a wise arrangement, as it gave more time for the banquet.

Thus closed the Fifth Annual Conference, at least as successful

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in point of attendance as any of its predecessors, and certainly not less enjoyable from a social, nor less profitable from a business standpoint. The city papers noticed the Conference fully, both before, during and after the meeting. The following is a list, complete so far as could conveniently be ascertained, of those who were present at the sessions. Noticeable among them is the large number of alumni:

Alpha: Hudson H. Hearn, '70, Erie, Pa.—Delta: William W. Cook, '80, New York City.-Iota: Herbert W. Collingwood, '83, New York City.—Kappa: Rev. Latham A. Crandall, '73, New York City .- Mu: Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, '72, Brooklyn, N. Y .- Nu: J. L. Evans, '88, Berwick, Pa.; Julius D. Earle, '88, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. M. Morton, '88, Taughkenamon, Pa.; R. K. Morton, '88, Taughkenamon, Pa.; Orrin Serfass, '82, Easton, Pa.; E. H. Swindell, '90, Allegheny City, Pa.-Rho: Larz W. Anderson, '88, Cincinnati, O.; Robert M. Anderson, '87, Circleville, O.; Robert N. Bayles, '87, Princeton, N. J.; John A. Bensel, '84, New York City; William S. Chester, '86, New York City; William I. Cooper, '77, Newark, N. J.; Prof. James E. Denton, '75, Jersey City, N. J.; William J. Hamilton, '89, Albany, N. Y.; Nicolai H. Hiller, '89, Hoboken, N. J.; William Kent, '76, Jersey City, N. J.; William L. Lyall, '84, New York City; Louis A. Mathey, '80, New York City; Charles E. Machold, '85, Philadelphia, Pa.; Manuel J. Martinez, '82, Bayonne, N. J.; Charles T. Parker, '84, New York City; George Phipps, '88, Englewood, N. J.; Arthur L. Shreve, '88, Baltimore, Md.; Lemuel W. Serrell, Jr., '87, Plainfield, N. J.; Alfred P. Trautwein, '76, Hoboken, N. J.; Henry Torrance, Jr. '90, Tenafly, N. J.; Kenneth Torrance, '84, Brooklyn, N. Y .- Tau: Charles L. Bowman, '88, Lancaster, Pa.—Sigma: Abraham L. Burns, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.; E. D. Church, Jr., '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John R. Marsh, '87, Muncie, Ind.; Frederick T. Martinez, '82, New York City; Charles B. Rowland, '84, New York City; George Rowland, '84, New York City.-Upsilon: Norman W. Cramp, '90; Philadelphia, Pa.; George C. Dewey, '90, Wheeling, W. Va.; Brainard E. Gregory, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frederick C. Gunn, '87, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul O. Hebert, '89, Marietta, Ga.; C. Augustus Raht, '90, Philadelphia, Pa.; Octavio A. Zayas, '86, New York City.-Psi: Columbus O. Johnson, '83, New York City; J. Calvin Rice, '82, Mattawan, N. J .- Theta: Prof. John L. N. Hunt, '62, New York City. - Kappa Prime: John Salisbury, '66, New York City.

Alumni Associations.

THE CHICAGO ALUMNI.

The second stated meeting of the Chicago Association was held at the Tremont House on the evening of February 5. Dinner was announced promptly at half-past six, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, though the attendance was much smaller than had been expected.

Our worthy President, Milton R. Freshwaters, was called out of the city unexpectedly on the afternoon of the meeting, and our equally worthy Vice-President, Dr. Hurst, had an important case on his hands which would not permit his dividing his attention.

In the absence of both these officers, Bro. Ewen, of Rho, was called to the chair, and filled it with due modesty.

After the dinner, which was well worth the attention bestowed upon it, the subject for the evening's talk was taken up. It was, as had been previously arranged by the Executive Committee, "The Scholar in Politics; his Privileges and his Duties," and was led by Samuel Kerr.

The talk was informal, and was becoming general, when the weighty arguments, pro and con, which were being advanced were suddenly interrupted by the appearance of the ubiquitous reporter. He came, asking whether it was a meeting of the Dental Society, which was then in session.

Having been set right in this direction, he wished to make a report of our proceedings, but to this Bro. Kerr made strenuous objection, claiming that in justice to himself and his official position in the city, the part he was taking in the discussion must be kept out of the papers.

He explained, after the representative of the press had been disposed of, that his reputation among his brother aldermen would be forever lost were it to become noised abroad that he, an alderman of the city of Chicago, knew anything of the culture of scholarship, or took part in anything pertaining to such a matter. We agree with him that his escape had been a narrow one.

The meeting came to a close at half-past ten, all present being satisfied with the results, and commiserating those who had found it impossible to attend. The next meeting will occur on the evening of the first Saturday in April.

THE DELTA TAU DELTA RESORT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Delta Tau Delta Resort Association was held February 21, 1887, at Grand Rapids, Mich. All stock was represented, and the following Directors were elected for the coming year: Rev. Washington Gardner, Jackson, Mich.; J. B. Ware, Grand Rapids; Lucius W. Hoyt, Grand Rapids; Ed. F. Parmelee, Charlevoix, Mich.; Elvin Swarthout, Ovid, Mich. Plans for building, etc., were discussed, and it was decided to have the "Resort House" completed by July 1, 1887.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held later, the following officers were elected: Rev. Washington Gardner, President; J. B. Ware, Secretary; Lucius W. Hoyt, Treasurer. J. B. Ware, L. H. Hoyt and E. F. Parmelee were appointed a building committee.

A full descriptive and historical sketch of the Association will appear in the April number.

Editorial.

WE desire to obtain about thirty copies of the February (1887) number of The Rainbow. Any Delta who does not wish to preserve his files, will confer a favor by forwarding that issue to us at any early date.

WE still have a few copies of Volume I. complete, which we will be glad to dispose of at \$1.50 for the full set. We wish to impress upon the chapters particularly, the necessity of preserving in their records a complete file of the fraternity journal. Sooner or later each chapter will be seized with a desire to accumulate a library of fraternity literature, among which The Rainbow must of course form an indispensable part. Without it no intelligent investigation of our history and development can be pursued. If any of our chapters have heretofore neglected to provide themselves

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with this valuable means of fraternity knowledge and discipline, we earnestly urge them to no longer delay the performance of an unavoidable duty.

The April number will be entirely devoted to literary articles. We hope to publish therein the masterly address of Bro. William Kent, delivered before the last Conference of the Eastern Division; the long-delayed article of Bro. Hoyt on the rise and growth of the Resort Association; an article by Bro. Ed. D. Curtis, the author of the new Ritual, the subject of which is unknown to us, but that it will be able and interesting goes without saying; and poems by Bros. Collingwood, Matthews and Murphy. No chapter letters will be published, and the secretaries may rest from their arduous toils and recuperate their well-nigh exhausted faculties. We desire the chapters to discuss the question of assessing the expenses of Convention delegates, as proposed in Bro. Ware's article published in this number. The results of this discussion may be reported by the secretaries as a part of their letters to the May number of The Rainbow.

We have always been loath to use our space for dunning purposes, but we cannot refrain from gently reminding the brethren that their subscriptions are due and payable. A prompt payment will save us much time, trouble and expense. Address all remittances to Wharton Plummer, 903 Opera House Block, Chicago.

The Greek World.

From the oration delivered at the last Convention of ΣX we quote:

While the Eastern fraternities may, in general, as we have seen, be likened the Universalists, the Western fraternities may be aptly compared with other religious denominations. For example: $B \ominus \Pi$ might be designated as the Catholics of the fraternity world, believing implicitly in the infallibility of Wooglin, and contending that their fraternity is the only true one, and all the rest doomed to disappointment. The $\Phi \varDelta \Theta$ would be the Methodists, who have only to be converted and induced to join and they are safe within the fold. It is needless to add this conversion is often attended with great excitement. Likewise the $\Phi \Gamma \varDelta$ might be called the Baptists, holding that when a neophyte is entirely immersea

into their society, his future happiness is assured, irrespective of any future work of his own. As the Lutherans rejoice over Martin Luther and claim him wholly as their own great representative, so do the Φ K Ψ 's loudly rejoice over a few celebrities among their number, and proclaim them to the world as the incarnation of excellence. * * The Δ T Δ 's, simple, child-like and inoffensive, are the Quakers; and, perhaps, the Σ X would be the Calvanistic Presbyterians, who, exclusive and reserved, believe in the predestination and foreordination of the accepted few.

The Convention of \(\Psi\) T, held in New York, February 24 and 25, was very successful, all the chapters being represented by delegates, and the total attendance being over five hundred. Hon. Andrew D. White delivered a scholarly address on the influences of fraternity life and teachings on the college and world. All the objections against the system were answered, completely and convincingly. About four hundred and forty were present at the banquet, where Charles Dudley Warner presided, and speeches were made by the Hon. Daniel H. Chamberlain, Judge Hooper C. Van Vorst, the Hon. George B. Loring, the Rev. Dr. George D. Baker, the Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, Charles Kendall Adams, Prof. Charles Carroll, the Hon. Andrew D. White, and I. N. Ford.

The definite consolidation is announced of the Δ T Δ and Rainbow fraternies under the name of the former. This is the most significant piece of Greek work accomplished of late, and all concerned are to be congratulated. The Rainbow, whose policy—or lack of one—had doomed it to become extinct if left to itself, has become a part of a thrifty young fraternity, and Δ T Δ , one of the youngest of all the noteworthy Greeks, and needing a better foothold in the South, has secured the support of a numerous and very influential alumni body settled in the South and Southwest. This achievement is a fitting work for the year succeeding that in which vigorous censorship was effectively applied to weak sisters among Δ T Δ chapters.— Δ KE Quarterly.

Delta Tau Delta will hereafter forever totally abstain from the barbarous practice of initiating "preps." A good move. Beta Theta Pi is not so positive in its legislation; vide the following resolution:

That all chapters at which preparatory students are initiated be instructed to make efforts to come to an agreement with their rivals against such initiations, and also to make efforts to induce the college authorities to prohibit such initiations.—

A T \(\Omega \) Palm.

The Fortieth Convention of Δ K E convened at Washington, January 5 and 6. The oration was by Hon. William L. Trenholm, and the poem by Dr. A. C. Kemper, of Cincinnati. About one hundred and fifty were present at the banquet, which was presided over by Gov. J. D. Long. Among those present were Speaker Husted, of New York, Assistant Secretary Fairchild, and Congressmen Milliken, Herbert, Pettibone, Moffatt, Baker and McCreary. The Convention was very successful.

Delta Tau Delta has so legislated as to prohibit forever the contemptible practice of lifting members from other Greek fraternities. All other fraternities should follow in this.— $A T \Omega Palm$.

The Hon. Putnam Darden, Master of the State Grange for the State of Mississippi, and also a candidate for Governor of this State in the last race, is a Δ T Δ .

The University of Virginia chapter of $B\Theta\Pi$, once among the best, is now reduced to one man, and has but small hopes of revival.

Johns-Hopkins would seem to offer a good field for organization, as the fraternities are but three,— Φ K Ψ , B Θ Π , and Δ Φ .

- $B \ \Theta \ II$ has a quasi organization at the University of Denver, which will in time be regularly chartered.
- Φ Γ \varDelta and $\varSigma A$ E have died at the University of Texas, after exceedingly brief careers.
- Σ Φ has entered Lehigh, the new chapter being the only one organized since 1858.
 - $\sum X$, at the University of Iowa, has handed in its charter.
 - $\Phi \triangle \Theta$ has re-established her chapter at Northwestern.

THE following items gleaned from the chapter correspondence of the Greek Press will no doubt prove interesting and profitable:

From the Beta Theta Pi:

Kenyon.—Our rivals are Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi, and Delta Tau Delta; of these, Theta Delta Chi and Delta Tau Delta have never had a vigorous existence, and although they usually have one or two good men they do not rank with the other fraternities, their good men being of those who were not at all prepossessing when they entered college, but who have been polished and developed by their intercourse with the students.

STEVENS.—Our most formidable rival is the new chapter of Chi Phi, which was established here three years ago, and has gradually grown in strength until

now its rank is second. The Chi Phis are not as strong this year as they were last. They very unwisely initiated some undesirable men; and have probably recognized their error before this; they will feel the effects of it more keenly next year than at present. The Theta Xi chapter is small this year, but the class of men very good: they will probably hold their own, as they usually use good judgment in the selection of men, and do not initiate them simply for the sake of numbers. The Delta Tau Delta Chapter was at one time one of the strongest here, at present it is about the weakest. An odd lot are these Delts. The Sigma Chi have one commendable virtue, at least, that is, steadiness; they seem to think it their duty to keep the scales evenly balanced-they would not for the world increase their numbers or initiate any but a certain kind of man. They have remained the same in this respect during the last four years and, for all I know to the contrary, since their establishment here. As they very rarely set their hearts on any man whom we desire, we do not clash and are very good friends. The Chi Psi chapter have quite a large number of men, who are very good fellows in some respects. There is at every college a chapter which might be termed a scavenger, as it lives on the leavings of the other fraternities. There is such a one at Stevens, but it would not be polite to name them, so we will leave them in their ignorance. There is a clique here composed of Delta Tau Delta, Theta Xi and Chi Phi who try to run all the elections. As we cannot enter into any combination of this kind we suffer by it to a certain extent. But whenever the college wants a captain of any kind the Stevens chapter is usually called upon.

ADELBERT. - There are represented at Adelbert six societies for gentlemen and one for ladies. The oldest is the chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, which was established in 1841. Later in the same year Beta, of Beta Theta Pi, was chartered. These two societies had full control of fraternity matters until 1847, when Delta Upsilon placed a chapter here; how long that chapter lived we know not, but it was re-established in 1865. Three years later the Delta Kappa Epsilon entered the college. About this time Beta became "non est," but was re-established in 1881. The year following Delta Tau Delta organized a chapter here, and in 1886 Phi Gamma Delta joined her fortunes with the other societies here. Of the older chapters only two have had a continuous existence. The chapter of Alpha Delta Phi at present consists of ten men. In scholarship it is not above an average. Their stand in society is quite good, and they probably lead in athletics. Their general relation to the other chapters is not one of mutual affection. They will lose two of their best men this year. The chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has six men, and has without doubt reached its lowest point. Its scholarship is far below the average, but its hold on society is excellent. The present tone of this chapter seems to be better than for a few years past. They will lose two men. Delta U. has a good chapter here, consisting of nine men. In scholarship they rank above the average and have a good standing in society. In athletics very low; at our field-day only one entry was made by this chapter and no prize taken. They are well liked in college. Will lose three men this year. Delta Tau Delta is not as strong as one year ago. They lost three men by graduation and one of their best men had to leave on account of poor health. They number six; in athletics low; in scholarship low; in fact the life of the chapter is centered in one man. Phi Gamma Delta is too young to be commented upon. Beta of Beta Theta Pi in scholarship is on a level with Delta U., in athletics next to Alpha Delta Phi, in society an average place. Beta numbers twelve men and will lose two by graduation next June. All of the chapters here rent rooms for chapter halls and meet weekly, except Phi Gamma Delta. Adelbert at present has chapters enough and may not need any more for one-half a century.

From The Sigma Chi:

Mississippi.—Our rivals generally are flourishing. $B\Theta$ II, which used to be the most dashing and the gayest club of the campus, has now become the soberest and quietest of all. Most of its members take an active part in the Y. M. C. A., and we can truly say that no club here stands higher in this respect.

Chapter Letters.

Eta-Buchtel.

ETA is anticipating the pleasure of entertaining the Conference of the Northern Division, to be held this month. Announcements will be given in due time. We were loyally entertained by Zeta, February 5. A fine time was had by all, and our new men had a taste of fraternity life outside the narrow limits of our chapter halls. In the last RAINBOW, in the editorial notes, a new plan, adopted by one of the chapters, for instructing its members in the fundamental facts and principles of the Fraternity was spoken of. In this connection, I wish to say that a plan quite similar has been practiced at Eta for some time, and of its good results we wish to testify. Our initiates are compelled to learn in order, and present at meeting, the names and location of the chapters of each division. After going the rounds, they are given a review of all to freshen their memories. From this they are put on other work connected with the constitution and laws of the fraternity. Not to make the work one-sided in its character, the older members, whose long experience in fraternity life ably qualify them for it, prepare papers on various topics relating to the principles and aims of the fraternity. So far, this year, we have had papers on the following subjects, which will show better than words the character of the work: "Fraternity Rushing," "Our Alumni," "The Relation of a Chapter to the Fraternity," "The Relation of a Fraternity to the College," "The Reciprocal Relations of a Member and his Fraternity," "The Standing

of $\Delta T \Delta$ in the Frat. World," "The attitude of a Frat. man to a Barb." These, with others of a less general nature, are the papers that have been presented, so far, this year. We think our plan has been of incalculable benefit to our new men, and certainly has been a source of profit to us older members. The objection that it gives the chapter the character of a literary society cannot be urged against it, as but one paper is presented at a meeting, and that at the close of the regular routine of business, as a sort of incidental feature. Each chapter, however, has its peculiar temperament. and what is a success at Eta, elsewhere might be impracticable. We give you our plan for what it is worth, not as an experiment on our part, but as an established, well-tested feature of our chapter work. We believe, if some such plan was adopted among the chapters, our new men would sooner learn the character of the institution to which they have pledged themselves, and enter into the spirit of the Fraternity, without the two years of experience generally required.

Upsilon-Rensselaer.

ONE of the most noteworthy occurrences of the last month was examination. Our fellows passed the dread ordeal in very good order. Our seniors are almost sure of graduation. Any one acquainted with the R. P. I. will appreciate the full meaning of the above. Another subject of conversation was Bro. Finney's marriage, which took place on the 25th of last month. We were sorry that no member of Upsilon could be at the ceremony; but it was not possible, as Arkansas is too far from Troy, and examinations in a week. So we did the next best thing, which took the form of a remembrance and all sorts of good wishes. The Juniors, last card night, cremated "Ye dread tyrant, Calculus." The ceremony has not been observed here for thirteen years. The rites were performed with all the solemnity that the occasion required. After the last ember had expired and the last particle of the remains had been blown to the four quarters of the globe, the procession filed down to the "chapel," where those who had received clean cards rejoiced, and those who had been "a little unfortunate" assisted. There have been no initiations among the fraternities of any importance, though the $\Theta\Xi$ has been taking in fresh members at an astonishing rate. They are expecting to run a candidate for Grand

Marshal, and so are somewhat reckless. The gymnasium is finished, and has been thrown open. It is to be hoped that the boys will take a greater interest in athletics after this. Our Athletic Association is in debt to the tune of about \$350, and the noted Sam Jones, who we had here for its benefit, could not lift it out. Bro. M. H. Ranney stayed over in Troy for a day or two on his way to Florida, where he expects to locate. The brothers who were at the Division Conference report a most glorious time.

Beta Beta-De Pauw.

SINCE our last report our ranks have been thinned by the departure of Bro. Norton and Bro. Brooke. Both of these men are royal good fellows, with best interests of Delta Tau Delta at heart, and we are sorry to lose them from our number. At the first of the term we were paid a pleasant call by Bro. Arthur Throop, '8o. The unusually peaceful reign of last term among the seven male fraternities here have merged into a Pan-Hellenic Club, with a banquet to be held yearly. On the evening of the 11th was the first ensemble. Our boys were ably represented by Bro. Keeler as Vice-President of the Club, and Bro. Caylor as the toaster. Bro. Matson responded to a call for a toast, so that our alumni, as well as our actives, participated, each reflecting alike honor on our chapter. This event in fraternity circles will have an effect, it is to be hoped, for all time to come. The laying aside of the individual badge and grip, and the donning and accepting of a universal badge and grip, are surely signs that the millenium of the true aim and idea of fraternity life has been reached at De Pauw. Bro. Stevens, '88, of the Stevens Coal Company, at Terre Haute, Ind., spent a few days with us this month. We have added another name to our chapter roll,-Bro. James E. Cox, '90. This class is said to have brought in more good men than any former class for some years, and we think that we have secured one of its best men in initiating Bro. Cox. We have added another splendid man to our pledged preparatory students, making four pledged men in all. Although our present number of men is small compared with some of the chapters of other fraternities here, yet our boys are pulling as with one stroke, which is bound to tell before the end of the race. Bro. J. W. Paul, formerly of '90, is not in college this term, but is studying medicine under Bro. Evans, '71.

Beta Delta-University of Georgia.

This being our first letter since 1886 has passed away, it is with pleasure that we again undertake to give an account of Beta Delta and her surroundings. After spending our vacation, short but pleasant, we again returned, with renewed energy and high hopes, feeling that 1887 has in store some reward for us. As usual, many failed to return, but others, new to college life, quickly filled up the vacant places. Examinations being close at hand, we were soon brought down to hard study, and those expecting to lead their classes found that there were no idle moments to spend. Bro. J. A. Parks, of '89, failed to return, on account of having a severe case of measles. We take pleasure in introducing our latest initiate, Bro. J. A. Jones, of '89. We have Bro. E. L. Ballard, of Palmetto, with us again. He has entered the law class. We welcome him in our midst, as he is an old Delta and full of energy. Beta Delta now has twelve members, all of whom are zealous and loval Deltas, ever ready to do anything for the prosperity of Deltaism. Bro. Robert L. Nowell acquitted himself admirably in his anniversary speech of the Demosthenian Society, reflecting credit upon himself and his society. Bro. W. A. Davis has been elected editor on the Reporter staff from the Demosthenian Society, and Bro. E. Stewart business manager, from the Phi Kappa. During the month we have had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. O. L. Cloud, of '85, and Bro. W. S. Upshaw, of '86. We enjoyed their stay very much. We are always glad to see our Alumni at any time, and have them take interest in our welfare. We would be pleased to have a visit from more of them now and then, for we need their aid and assistance.

Nu-Lafayette.

The only thing to be heard about college this term is the melodious (?) voice of an oracle faithfully pursuing a few ideas which he hopes to combine in a masterly oration, which, when properly delivered, will make him possessor of the first J. O. prize, the small amount of \$50; and till that time his neighbors must grin and bear. On the 22d the Athletic Association expect to hold their winter contest in the gymnasium. The prizes have been donated by the merchants of Easton, and are very fine. Therefore a good contest is looked for. One more lecture was added to the list of

pleasures this term. This time Prof. Owen was the speaker, and through his kindness the Athletic Association is the better to the extent of \$90. Bro. Dan Campbell ran down and spent a few days with us. The memory of his visits are so pleasant that we wish they would come oftener.

Epsilon-Albion.

SINCE her last letter, Epsilon has endeavored to hold aloft the banner of Deltaism, and has sought to grasp more firmly the good and true principles which form its groundwork. Our meetings are regular, our attendance full, and our interest strong. Many delightful evenings are spent in social pleasantries after we have partaken of the more substantial part of the programme, and all depart with renewed vows to labor more strenuously for the noble precepts of Delta Tau. We were pleased, not long since, to entertain our Bro. Vin Swarthout, '85, who is always welcome to our chapter home. and we very much desire that all our alumnal brothers, as far as possible, will make it a point to visit us more frequently. Through an oversight in writing our last letter we failed to mention a very pleasant event for us, near the close of last term, in the visit of Chapter Kappa en masse. The boys remained over Sunday, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had. We are confident in recommending chapter visits as highly desirable in fraternity life. We bid the boys come again, and any of our sister chapters are always welcome. Epsilon accepts the kind invitation of Chapter Eta to meet with her in convention, and wishes our Division Conference every possible benefit. We were made to smile recently by the gift of a very beautiful hassock from Misses Maude Bartley and Lou Copp. It is neatly worked in "purple and gray," and adds homelike appearance to our hall. Our Delta girls always are remembered by Epsilon. We may say that in all the oratorical contests which have ever taken place in Albion, Epsilon has made an appearance and obtained her share of the honors. In a recent contest of the Eclectic Atheniaedes Society, Bro. H. C. Scripps was the successful contestant, and more than did himself credit. A scheme is now about to become a reality in the form of a Fraternity Annual, the first one in Albion College. We hail this project with delight, and wish nothing to interfere with its completion. We have long felt the need of an Annual, but the small number of fraternities could

not heretofore secure its publication. We are in receipt of the programme of the Division Conference of the Grand Division of the East, and extend good wishes for its success. We have also received an invitation to the Annual Pow-Wow of Alpha Chapter, for which we offer thanks. Bro. H. M. Echlin is now a student of the North-Western University, where he began his studies in January. Bro. Echlin traveled for a Toronto firm through the greater part of Canada during the summer and fall. Bro. Lewis Torrey, '84, is now a member of the firm of Howell & Torrey, attorneys and counsellors at law, Detroit, Mich. Bro. Torrey has a fine law business, and we wish him prosperity.

Lambda-Vanderbilt.

LAMBDA has been progressing, and that in every and the full sense of the word. Bro. H. E. Bemis, although initiated in November, has never been introduced in the Chapter Letters. Bemis is especially an enthusiastic college man, and will make us a true frater. Our latest acquisitions are Bros. Price and Smyser, who were a few nights ago ushered through the mysterious abodes in a very striking manner. Both will make stanch Deltas. We are now eleven strong, and although not at the head, we have reason to feel that Delta Tau Delta at Vanderbilt is on firm ground. At our meetings a subject of much interested discussion has been a scheme for a Chapter house. Bro. Aroni, by the way of an investment, has offered \$500 toward the purchase of a lot, but upon investigation it was found that no desirable property could be obtained for anything like reasonable prices, and with the advice of our Alumni have deemed it best not to purchase during the present boom and uncertainty of the values of real estate in West Nashville. Again, it is the opinion of some of the brothers that ere long, as fraternities here at Vanderbilt come more into recognition and assume larger proportions in their influence, the University. with its seventy-five acres of campus, will allow us to build within their borders, provided the structure be in accordance with the other buildings and the general beauty of the grounds. Our rivals are $\Phi \triangle \Theta$, $X \Phi$, K A, $B \Theta \Pi$, $K \Sigma$, ΣN , $\Sigma A E$. The Phi Delta Thetas number thirty-one, and as they say, "it is rather hazardous to express an opinion of a rival's standing by any other standard than that of number," we infer that this is the only way they wish

to be judged. It was reported not long since that the charter of $\sum A E$ was withdrawn, but we still see men wearing that badge. They are, however, for the most part unknown. Chi Phi has a chapter of twenty-five, composed of a lively set of fellows. Sigma Nu is considered very weak. The Kappa Alphas have a chapter of nineteen, consisting of some strong men. The "K A Journal" is published here in Nashville under their supervision. Kappa Sigma has a chapter of thirteen, composed of quiet men. Beta Theta Pi numbers fifteen, quiet and select. They have quite a representation in the faculty, and are considered strong. Vanderbilt will this year publish an annual, all the fraternities except Z A E having combined for that purpose. Bros. Aroni and Merrick are the representatives from our ranks. Bro. Aroni is chairman of the Editorial Committee. The Rainbow Division is at present interested in our Second Annual Conference of the Grand Division of the South, to be held in April at Chattanooga. The Conference is under the auspices of Lambda, and we assure you everything will be done to make it a success. A letter from Bro. De Camp says that the Alumni will give us a hearty welcome, and everything will be in readiness at Chattanooga.

Chi-Kenyon.

We report everything quiet. We are still three in number. Our attention is now absorbed in consummating what some would think an unreal project, namely, Chi's Chapter house. The site has been chosen, and we have had two offers for the work. About \$150 has been appropriated by our chapter. We have received several orders from our Alumni for the new song-book. Thanks to them for their promptness in answering the paternal call. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel, and give Deltaism such an impetus that it will not stop its onward motion until it shall stand foremost in the paternal race. This progress can only be maintained by each and every one of us subscribing for our fraternity's publications.

Pi-Mississippi.

SINCE our last letter to THE RAINBOW we have passed the ordeal of examinations, and are once more pursuing the even tenor of our way. Although some few were so unfortunate as to miss the rise.

the majority were successful. Foot-ball is the principal sport on the campus now, it being too cold to engage in the national game, base-ball, and some of the boys are getting to be quite expert in the use of their feet. Through the instrumentality of the worthy and popular Chairman of the University we have a post office on the campus, which is quite a convenience, it being some distance to town. Bro. J. B. Eckles, after standing all his examinations, left for his home in Sardis, Miss. We are very sorry, indeed, to lose Bro. Eckles, as he was an efficient and worthy member of Chapter II. His intention is to enter the theological department at Vanderbilt next session, where we feel assured of his success. We are also sorry to lose Bro. Fitzhugh, who did not return to the University after the Christmas holidays. There have been no new happenings in fraternity affairs recently, and all the fraternities seem to be moving on smoothly. We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from Beta Zeta to attend the dedication of her Chapter house, and also one from Alpha to attend her Annual Pow-Wow.

Delta-University of Michigan.

BROTHER WILL CARLETON lectured here just before the Christmas vacation. We all took our best girls to the lecture, and after the lecture we were treated by Bro. Eliott to an oyster supper at the Chapter house in honor of Bro. Carleton. A very pleasant evening was spent. Prof. Olney, whose name is a familiar one to every student, died in this city on Jan. 16. The immediate cause of his death was the degeneration of the arteries which supply the brain with blood. His death, though very sudden, was hardly unexpected, as he has been failing for some time. His funeral was held in University Hall on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20. The students attended in a body. Appropriate resolutions were passed by the different classes and departments, and also by the University Senate. Prof. Olney's work has been divided among the other mathematical professors, and will go on as usual. So far as heard from the Chapters all seem to favor Delta's proposition for a Division Conference, and the prospects are that there will be a large and enthusiastic meeting. We were recently visited by Bro. A. G. Pitts, 85; J. C. Shaw, 86; Fred Guild, '84; also by Messrs. A. J. Rammler, Charles Wynon, and Edward and Oscar Rasch, brothers of Bro. Rasch. As can be imagined, the advent of so many visitors

at once was the occasion for a fine time. The Messrs. Rasch are fine musicians, and entertained us with some splendid piano, violin, and flute trios. Our lately organized Delta orchestra also performed. It consists of a piano, violin, piccolo, flute, cornet, guitar, banjo, and triangle. Our chapter roll has been swelled by the return of Bro. W. W. McNair and the initiation of William R. Cook, a promising member of the Freshmen class. The Junior hop given by nine of the secret societies of the Literary Department came off Friday, Feb. 19. It was, as usual, a very swell affair. The many faces missing at breakfast, or even at dinner, the next day testified to the late hour most of them returned. Examinations are all over; we have got our credits, and are happy. The suggestion in the last RAINBOW, in regard to making some knowledge of the Fraternity a requirement for full admission, is a good one. There is too much ignorance on such matters in even the best of chapters. We are collecting and arranging a chapter library of fraternity literature. We have had lots of material, but most of it was packed away and inaccessible. We are putting it into shape for use, and making what use we can of it in pursuance of a systematic study of the history and constitutional development of our fraternity. We have found the study an interesting and profitable one, and would recommend it to any chapter which has not tried it.

Psi-Wooster.

Our Chapter began work this year with thirteen men and quite favorable prospects. Though there were quite a number of new students, we have made but one addition to our membership thus far in the year. However, we trust we shall have the pleasure of introducing at least one new Delt to the brotherhood in our next letter. Since our last report, both Bro. R. H. Sharpe and Bro. I. A. Wise, have left school on account of ill-health. We are happy to learn, however, that Bro. Sharpe is recovering, and will probably be able to return next term. Bro. Wise has gone west, and will not return. The State oratorical contest was held at Delaware, O., on the 18th. Wooster was represented by Mr. Bradshaw, a Beta. We received a telegram this morning stating that Wooster came out third. We had no men on the contest at all this year,—something rather uncommon for us. But by next year, however, several of our men will have a finger in the oratorical pie. The different

fraternities of our college are meditating the publication of an *Index*. Editors have been elected from the different fraternities, and will hold a consultation in the near future.

Beta Kappa—Colorado.

The bonds of sympathy between this Chapter and the Delta Gammas have been strengthened by the marriage, on Jan. 1, of Bro. R. H. Whiteley, Jr., to Miss Ellen Tyler, of the above-mentioned fraternity. May they live long and prosper. A very enjoyable banquet was held on Jan. 29 at the office of Bro. Whiteley, who acted as toastmaster. W. P. Chase gave an inaugural address, in which he denounced the frauds committed by his predecessor, and promised to confer important trusts on merit alone. Bro. Mason responded to the toast, "The Fraternity," Bro. Sternberg to "Initiation," Bro. Price to "Co-Education," Bro. Thompson to "The University of Colorado," Bro. Pease to "The Alumni." We propose to have another shortly, after which we shall introduce to the readers of The Rainbow another Delta. Bros. Pierce and Mason will probably represent this institution at an oratorical contest in Denver sometime in April.

Zeta-Adelbert.

ZETA has at last reached that stage of her existence when she can proudly throw open the doors of her Chapter home to visiting fraters and alumni. This she did most widely on February 5, throwing them open to welcome Chapter Eta and the Alumni of Cleveland, who were able to attend. It was the occasion of testing the merits and beauty of the new ritual that the twenty-five Deltas gathered to the halls of Zeta, and not one was a whit disappointed, but rather carried away with the grandeur and harmony of the production. After this came one of those good old Delta socials, of which all are so well acquainted, -in which the Alumni are informed of the workings in college and the weekly doings of the Chapter, and in which the active is advised and corrected of the evil of his ways by learning "how we used to do it." During the evening the Chapter was presented, through one of the actives, with a beautiful oil painting, by Miss May Fraser, of this city. It was emblematic in its design and very appropriate for a Delta hall. About 11 o'clock we were summoned to the dining-hall by the announcement

that supper was ready. Well, now, if we didn't get there with large velocity, or rather the Alumni did, for some have lately gone to housekeeping. No ceremony held the brakes to this banquet, for there were no brakes. At the end of each course we all joined in a Delt song, for somebody said that singing was good for digestion. To continue further in telling of that night would be but to repeat the words of many another Delta when speaking of a Chapter feast, and then, too, it isn't just the thing for a host to tell what a glorious time his guests did have. But we flatter ourselves that nobody went away with an empty stomach and down-cast expression. Of the resident Alumni, there were present: J. W. McLane, Z, '83; A. A. Bemis, Z, '82; K. D. Waite, Z, '86; W. S. Arter, Z, '87; W. M. Dav, M, '71; Rev. C. E. Manchester, M, '69; F. N. Carter, H, '78, and J. F. Shellenberger, \Psi, '86. Eta responded to the invitation with her entire number, and it is congratulations that we place upon her in having educated her "Fresh" in the right. We wish to acknowledge the receipt of invitations of Chapters A and B Z to their banquets of recent date, which we were unable to accept through the interference of circumstances. The minutes of the Wooster and Cleveland Conferences are yet in the hands of the printers, but will soon be ready for mailing. In justice to ourselves, it might be well to state that the delay lies not in the hands of Zeta. Our annual, The Reserve, will appear about the 1st of Mav. We would ask of all Chapters who wish this year to exchange to let us know sometime before then.

Xi-Simpson.

COLLEGE and fraternity affairs move along with the customary mid-term quietude. Our membership is identical with that of last term,—eight strong, distributed throughout the classes as follows: Senior, I; Juniors, 2; Sophomores, 2; Freshmen, 3. No initiations have taken place in any of the fraternities thus far this term, and the rush for new men is coming to be carried on with much more conservatism than of recent years. Our rivals seem to be gradually imitating our example of qualifying eligibility with a thorough acquaintance and knowledge of the merits of the candidates, which is the ideal rule for fraternity action. Our weekly convenings on Saturday evenings form a pleasant close to the week's work, and are most enjoyable hours, both socially and intel-

lectually. We are pleased with the interest our Alumnal brethren manifest in our welfare, who so frequently assemble with us. We recognize them as an invaluable aid, both in counsel and influence. We are indebted to Bro. A. F. Jewet, '73, one of our charter members, for an almost complete file of the early volumes of The · Crescent, as well as other fraternity literature for our library. Apropos the editorial in the January number of THE RAINBOW upon "Chapter Examinations," such a law is found among our by-laws. and a year's experience under its workings has accomplished the most satisfactory results. In the oratorical contest for the selection of a representative in the State contest, A. L. Hunt, Phi Kappa Psi, took first honors. Bros. R. C. Harbison and L. L. Van Scov contested. The latter attended the State Convention in capacity of delegate. Among recent Alumnal visitors have been Bro. F. L. Davis, '84, at present engaged in civil engineering in Kansas, and Bro. N. B. Ashby, '85, who has just departed for Jackson, Miss., as a northern representative to the Press Convention to be held at that place. Bro. C. H. Miller, '84, was recently married to Miss Elsie McElroy, Pi Beta Phi.

Alpha-Allegheny.

ALPHA has secured a couple of the honors that the college bestows upon her students, one of which was the election of Bro. I. A. Wakefield as orator of the Allegheny Literary Society on the inter-society contest, which takes place next June, and the other when Bro. N. A. Flood was declared the winner of the annual declamation contest of the Allegheny Literary Society. society is considered to be the best one, and, as there were eleven contestants, we feel justly proud of our brother. The chapter was presented with a beautiful placque on Christmas by three of our lady friends in the college, -Misses Lochard, O'Niel, and Duncan. It is an oil painting of a dog's head, surrounded by a heavy plush frame. It is truly a gift to be proud of; and then to be given to us by the girls makes it very precious to Alpha. Our latest is Bro. J. T. Lafferty, whom we initiated on the evening of the 29th of January, 1887. We can certainly say that no worthier man ever wore the purple and gray. On the evening of February 14, 1887, Alpha was "at home" to the several fraternities at Allegheny College between the hours of 8 and 11. It was a reception to be remembered by the chapter as one of the finest ever given in the city. Our Alumni secured an elegant upright piano for us, and several of our lady friends favored us with selections. The boys were so much pleased that a motion was made to the effect that we give a reception annually to the fraternities of Allegheny College. Bro. J. R. Andrews, '81, was married on the 15th of February to Miss Jennie Hervey. "Jim" is the secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, and the bride is a daughter of Rev. Hervey, of Hartstown, Pa. Bro. Lewis Walker, '77, has been appointed Colonel on Gov. Beaver's staff. Meadville has now three Delta military men. Bro. W. B. Best, '83, is Captain of Company B, N. G. P.; Bro. C. E. Richmond, '82, Major on Gen. Hartrantf's staff, and Bro. Lewis Walker, '77, Colonel on Gov. Beaver's staff. Of the eighth annual Pow-Wow the Meadville Daily Herald, of Feb. 22, says:

In pursuance of the edict of Koshegantz, the great chief, his children, the mighty Choctaws, squatted around their council fire, in their wigwam (in the Richmond block), which is six days' journey from the great water in the salt liek of Meadville, at half-past eleven last evening. The squaws had been left in the wigwams, and the young bucks and old warriors had assembled to eulogize upon the daring feats and traditions of their people. Wanneho proclaimed that all the old braves were present with the exception of those who had been detained in their wigwams by the sickness of their squaws or papooses, and also the object of the Winheszoitn was to serve out venison and government rations to last for the next twelve moons. And now, all the young bucks being attired in the war-paint, feathers, dusters, and moccasins of the departed braves, and the tomahawk flourished in the air and wielded by the strong right arms, such as are known only to the warriors of the Choctaw tribe, young and old, silently filed down the street amid the exclamations of approbation which fell from the lips of many of the lesser tribes in Allegheny whose habitation consists only in a small reservation on the banks of Lake George. Arriving at the great eating-house, the Commercial, they were greeted by the keeper of the wigwam, who ushered them into the presence of the great spirit. The calumet was then passed around, and the warriors, young and old, inhaled the sweet incense which is only opened on this occasion; then, under the guidance of their beloved Wanneho, the outer wigwam was reached, where the rations were found to be in an abundance and of a quality seldom equalled and never excelled. The rations being given out until each and every one of the Choctaws felt that he was able to wait till the next edict of the great spirit before he called for more, there the traditions of the mightiest tribe in the reservation and the conquests over the lesser tribes were told with thrilling effect by the old warriors and young bucks. The chief medicine man, Harry C. Flood, in all the glory of one of the past bucks, stirred up the council in the following manner: C. B. Kistler, Warren, O., "The Boys of '81 and '82;" Maj. C. E. Richmond, "Absent Deltas;" Prof. George I. Wright, Conneautville, Pa., "Delta in

Education; "W. B. Best, "The Ladies;" J. H. Dick, "THE RAINBOW;" J. A. Wakefield, "Recollections;" D. A. Gill, "An Old Red Acorn;" K. Kirk, Conneautville, Pa., "Experience;" J. C. Nash, "Chapter Life." After the fireshad slowly dwindled away, a motion was passed dedicating the twenty-fourth annual banquet to Modoc Jim, a departed brave. Wah! The Great Spirit has spoken, and thus endeth the eighth annual Pow-Wow in the traditional walkaround to the time of Wannehe and Wanneho.

Kappa-Hillsdale.

Kappa continues vigorous and prosperous; her circle has been expanded by the addition of two men, a Senior and a Freshman. Besides, we have some pledged, and an ever-broadening field for selection. Our present number includes six Seniors, three Juniors, and none below the Freshman year. Their average age is twenty-five years. Among our resident Alumni is the Mayor of the city and the Treasurer of the college. Last month a joint initiation was held with Epsilon, which was an occasion long to be remembered—by the candidate. While in point of physical strength Kappa might well envy her rival, $\Phi \triangle \Theta$, yet in point of real magnitude—non corporis sed animi—she would not suffer by comparison. W. W. Spears, K, was married in Chicago last month, and is now "keeping house" in the city. Frank Smith, K, has been elected Professor of Chemistry and Biology in Hillsdale College.

Beta Eta-University of Minnesota.

We have just cleared up another term's work, and now, after the struggle, look back on very creditable and gratifying results. Not only has it been satisfactory because of earnest work done in the University, but from a Delta Tau standpoint it is especially gratifying. At the beginning of the year some of our men were slow about returning, and the other fraternities did some effective work, thus making our opening somewhat dubious, but during the term now at a close we have initiated two as good men as are in the University, both of '89. One is the president of his class and leader of the University Glee Club, and the other active in every college movement, and popular among all his classmates. We are now "rushing" two Freshmen, and have prospects of success. Both have been invited by the other frats, but, we trust, know a good thing when they see it, and will decide accordingly. Of course we are at the disadvantage of not having a chapter

house, a thing we must equalize by extra effort and untiring zeal. The Regents are perfecting the arrangements for a school of mining engineering in connection with the one of civil and mechanical engineering. The demand for such a department here is large and continually increasing. The Regents, seeing this, will put the school on an equal footing with any in the West. It is with pleasure we introduce to our brother Deltas J. P. Goode, of '89. We have had visits from Messrs. Cook, of Tau, and Sailor and Montelius, of Nu. We are always glad to meet Alumni from other chapters, and trust none will come to Minneapolis without giving Beta Eta a call.

Mu-Ohio Wesleyan.

CHAPTER Mu has again had the pleasure of wearing the "purple and gray," and wishes to introduce to the fraternity at large Bro. Henry W. Hargett, '89, Akron, O. Bro. Hargett is in every way an honor to the fraternity. Since our last letter, the Junior class has elected editors of the college Transcript for the coming year. The election passed quietly, and to the apparent satisfaction of all. The first two places fell to two Deltas, Bro. C. W. Evans, editor-in-chief, and Bro. F. D. Tubbs, superintendent of literary department. Feb. 12 brought together the Greeks in their annual Pan-Hellenic banquet at Hotel Donavin, where they were served right royally. The toasts were one each from the several fraternities, and all were excellent. Bro. B. V. Rannells represented Delta Tau. This banquet was considered by all the best yet held. Each year proves better the value of these gatherings as a promoter of union and harmony. This year Delaware was favored by having the inter-collegiate contest. A large number of representatives. from other colleges were present, and general satisfaction was felt over the result. The successful man was C. M. L. Sites. Ohio Weslevan's orator.

Beta Zeta-Butler.

EVERYTHING has been quite serene in fraternity circles in the way of initiations. The Sigs have initiated one, and he's the only innocent who has this term been led so far astray as to join "one of those horrid fraternities." We hope ere long to initiate one of the best of the young men that are now out of a frat. He has for a long time been one of the most vigilant of the "barbs," but at last

we hope to lead him with chains of love. In the Sophomore contest, which came off the latter part of last term, and in which there were eight entries,-three Delts,-Bro. Howe took first place and Bro. Le Miller second place. We were, of course, well satisfied, and testified our approval by presenting Bro. Howe with a nice set of books. I think that by far the greatest event which has occurred in fraternity circles here for several years, probably since the founding of Butler, more than thirty years ago, was the opening of the first fraternity hall in Irvington the evening of February 10. We cannot do better than quote from the Butler Collegian the description of it: "In response to invitations issued by Chapter BZ of Delta Tau Delta, over eighty young ladies and gentlemen, including all the fraternity people of Butler, assembled on Thursday evening in the new Delta hall. A fraternity hall is a novelty here, and it was thought that the most appropriate way to dedicate it would be by the presence and co-operation of all the Greeks. The Deltas have every reason to believe that their motives and efforts were appreciated by reason both of the full attendance and the good-will manifested. Early in the afternoon a beautiful floral design, consisting of the Delta pin made of calla lilies, hyacinths, rosebuds, lilies of the valley, etc., was received from $KK\Gamma$, and latter a handsome platter of flowers from $\Phi \triangle \Theta$. Misses Brause and Butler assisted Messrs. Schell and Clifford to receive. A general social good time was enjoyed, interspersed with short speeches and fraternity songs, rendered by members of the different chapters. E. P. Wise welcomed the company in behalf of Delta Tau Delta. F. Rollin Kautz responded in behalf of Phi Delta Theta, R. D. Blount for Sigma Chi, Miss Mattie Murray for Kappa Kappa Gamma. Mr. Blount, in behalf of his chapter, presented the Delts with a handsome Bible, in which were written the names of Rho Chapter. G. W. Muckley, \(\Theta \) '86, of Cincinnati, made a pointed speech concerning the aims and sphere of fraternity work and usefulness. After an evening thus pleasantly spent, the many guests carried away with them a more vivid idea of the social side of fraternity life. All united in wishing to the Deltas success and happiness in their new home." We wish to acknowledge the receipt of three Rho Chronicles. We think the suggestion in the last number of making tours a very good one. We are so situated that we could visit many places of interest with the co-operation of our Alumni.

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