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THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE NORTH.

THE Sixth Annual Conference of the Grand Division of the North was held at Akron, O., March 24 and 25, under the auspices of the Eta Chapter. About thirty members attended the sessions. In point of attendance and efficient work done the Conference was eminently successful, while the social features formed no small portion of the enjoyment of the occasion. The sessions were held in the elegant chapter rooms of Eta, and were characterized throughout by earnest and close application to business. Much important matter was discussed and acted upon, which, for the best interests of the Fraternity, cannot be made public.

The Conference was called to order by Bro. W. S. Arter, of Zeta, at 3.15 P. M., March 24. Prayer was offered by Bro. C. E. Miesse, of Mu. The address of welcome was given by Bro. E. F. Voris, of Eta, and responded to by Bro. J. H. Eberth, of Chi. Bro. C. H. Hatch, of Delta, was elected Secretary, and Bro. E. J. Felt, V. P. The Committee on Credentials having been appointed reported the following delegates: Delta, E. Swarthout, C. H. Hatch; Epsilon, C. M. Kimball; Chi, H. J. Ebertle; Psi, T. L. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Park; Mu, C. E. Miesse; Eta, E. J. Felt, F. H. Stuart; Zeta, R. E. Ruedy, S. S. Wilson.

The usual committees having been appointed the Conference listened to the chapter reports. At 5 P. M. the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in the evening.

At 8.10 P. M. Conference was called to order, and then listened to the following very interesting papers: "Extension," by Bro. C. H. Hatch, of Delta, and "The Studying of Delta Tau Delta in the Fraternity World," by Bro. S. S. Wilson, of Zeta. A paper on "Division Conferences," by Bro. C. E. Miesse, of Mu, was laid over to the morning session.

The advisability of adopting a constitution and perfecting a somewhat more permanent organization was discussed, and a committee of three was appointed to revise a copy of the Constitution of the Eastern Division, and report at the last session.

The lack of some convenient and universal method of transferring members from one chapter to another was next argued, and a system of blanks was presented by Chapter Delta. Chapter Delta was appointed a committee to prepare a set of blanks for the transference of members from one chapter to another, and present them at the next General Convention.

Bro. E. T. Swarthout presented the general plans of the Delta Tau Delta Summer Resort Association, giving a detailed and interesting description of the grounds and scenery at Bay View. Plans and designs of the building were also exhibited, displaying much earnest work done, and good judgment used by the Resort Committee. Much enthusiasm was manifested in the scheme, and some stock was taken. Conference adjourned at 10.30 to convene at 9 o'clock next morning.

At 9.50 A. M., March 25, Conference reassembled, W. P. Bro. Arter presiding. The meeting was opened with a song. The paper on "Division Conferences," by Bro. Miesse, was listened to with the closest attention. Bro. Meisse gave some excellent ideas regarding Division Conferences, which received the hearty approval of the Conference. The reports of committees were listened to. The Committee on Time and Place of Holding Next Conference reported in favor of holding the next Conference at Cleveland, O., on Thursday and Friday, March 29 and 30, 1888, under the auspices of Chapter Zeta. By motion the place and date were fixed as recommended by the committee. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was next heard, as follows :

WHEREAS, The plans for an equalization fund, proposed by Bros. E. J. and J. B. Ware seem to the Conference to be incomplete ;

Resolved, That while recognizing the needs of such a fund the Conference make the following suggestions : 1st. That the equalization be on the basis of the actual amount necessary to be spent by the delegates in traveling from their homes. 2d. That the apportionment be *per capita* and not *per chapter*.

Resolved, That the Conference heartily approves the plans of the Delta Tau Delta Resort Association, and does all in its power to further its efforts.

WHEREAS, Questions of constitutional interpretation are constantly arising, for the decision of which there is no authorized tribunal ;

Resolved, That the Conference recommend that a tribunal be established for the decision of such questions.

WHEREAS, Chapter Beta has shown her inactivity, as we believe, in the general interests of the Fraternity by sending no delegate to either Convention or Conference for the past few years ;

Resolved, That the Conference express a hope of seeing her represented at the next Conference by a delegate.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Conference that the Division Conference should be recognized by the Constitution, and such local legislative power given it as would not interfere with the sphere of the Convention.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Division be extended to Chapter Eta for the liberal and hospitable manner in which the Conference has been entertained ; and that a committee of one be appointed to extend the thanks of the Division to the press and the Hotel Buchtel.

The report was taken up, resolution by resolution, and, with the exception of No. 5, which was postponed, was adopted.

At 12 o'clock the Conference adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M. At that hour Conference was called to order by W. P. Bro. Arter. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the next Conference. A letter was read from Bro. Hoyt concerning the song book, and urging subscriptions to it. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the Northern Division do all in its power to increase the subscription list of the song book.

The Committee on Officers of the Next Conference recommended that the office of W. P. be given to Delta ; P., to Eta ; S., to Mu. The report was adopted. The Committee on Constitution being unable to do its work, owing to the departure from the city of its chairman, Chapter Psi was appointed a committee to draw up a constitution for the Northern Division, and send copies to each chapter of the Division, to be voted upon, the affirmative vote of six chapters being required for the ratification of the constitution. A recess was taken to enable all members present to be initiated under the new Ritual. The oath was administered to each member, after which the Ritual was gone through, with improvised paraphernalia. Its merits and demerits were thoroughly discussed, and the Northern Division will go into convention prepared to vote intelligently upon this important matter.

After the recess the Conference was called to order and adjourned *sine die*.

In the evening Chapter Eta gave her seventh annual banquet

and reception, to which nearly all the visiting Deltas remained. The reception was held in the elegant ball room of MacPherson Lodge K. of P., where brave Delta Knights and fair Delta Ladies kept time to the entrancing strains of Lantz's full orchestra. At 11.30 o'clock the gay party adjourned to the Hotel Buchtel, and regaled themselves with the delicious viands for which the Buchtel is noted. The tables were arranged in Oriental style, forming an immense square, with seats placed on the outside. The following tastes were responded to, with G. W. Leiber, Eta, '82, as *Magister Epularum*:

"Delta Tau Delta"—J. C. Park, Psi.

"The Conference"—R. E. Ruedy, Zeta.

"Our Legal Brothers"—J. A. Motz, Eta.

"Our Graduates"—A. E. Hyre, Eta.

"Our Visitors"—C. S. Bock, Eta.

"The Reorganized Northern Division"—C. H. Rowell, Delta.

"The Northern Division in the 28th General Convention"—

E. T. Swarthout, Delta.

"The Ladies"—E. J. Felt, Eta.

At two o'clock the banquet closed, and the company broke up, thoroughly imbued with Delta Tau Delta. This closed the Sixth Annual Conference of the Northern Division. The following are the names of those who were present at the various sessions and the banquet:

S. W. Parshall.....	Eta, '77	Frank Hugill.....	Eta, '91
A. E. Hyre.....	" '84	Allen Fell.....	" '91
O. C. Herrick.....	" '82	W. S. Arter.....	Zeta, '86
E. F. Voris.....	" '75	S. S. Willson.....	" '88
C. S. Bock.....	" '85	G. F. Smith.....	" '89
J. A. Motz.....	" '82	R. E. Ruedy.....	" '90
P. R. Miller.....	" '81	Chas. Reason.....	" '90
H. T. Willson.....	" '80	Will Ford.....	" '90
G. W. Leiber.....	" '82	C. H. Hatch.....	Delta, '87
W. S. Ford.....	" '87	C. H. Rowell.....	" '88
F. H. Stuart.....	" '87	C. Cherryholmes.....	" '87
E. J. Felt.....	" '87	E. T. Swarthout.....	" '87
W. A. Holcomb.....	" '89	C. M. Kimball.....	" '87
Frank Wieland.....	" '90	J. C. Parks.....	Psi, '88
Vernon Andrew.....	" '90	T. L. Aughinbaugh.....	" '89
J. A. Botzum.....	" '90	C. E. Miesse.....	Mu, '90
Arthur Rowley.....	" '90	H. J. Eberth.....	Chi, '89

THE DELTA TAU DELTA RESORT ASSOCIATION.

ITS HISTORY AND PROSPECTS—PLAN OF ITS PROPOSED RESORT HOUSE—SKETCHES BY PROF. H. A. MILLS, OF DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

EVERY summer finds a largely increasing number of pleasure and health seekers taking advantage of the diversified attractions, the salubrious climate and the health-giving lake breezes of the resorts of the Traverse Bay Region of Northern Michigan. These resorts are, without doubt, the best known and most extensively patronized of any summer retreats west of New York.

Foremost of the Northern Michigan Resorts is Bay View, near Petoskey, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, its two hundred cottages commanding a view of one of the fairest bodies of water in America—Little Traverse Bay.

Adjoining the Bay View resort to the west is Hughart or Delta Hill, comprising about four acres, long reserved by the President of the G. R. & I. R. R. as a location for a summer residence. By a rare stroke of good fortune this superior location was secured last fall as a site for the proposed Resort House of the association. From its summit a view of surpassing beauty is obtained. Looking out over the bay, dotted with pleasure boats and yachts, you catch sight of the busy commerce of the lakes, coming from or nearing the Straits of Mackinaw. The Beaver Islands and Seven-Mile Point, calling to mind the early Jesuit and Indian traditions and Mormon history, are easily discernable. To the northeast extend the long avenues of the Western Chautauqua,—Bay View. At the east side a gradual descent leads to the level of the resort grounds. To the west is Petoskey, the G. R. & I. R. R., leading to which, passes at the base of this Delta Gibraltar.

In the summer of 1884 several Deltas met in Northern Michigan, and in the discussion of fraternity matters it was suggested that the "Delta Resorters" be brought together at a banquet or reception. Through the active instrumentality of Bros. Ed. F. Parmelee and W. F. Hoyt this was accomplished on the 29th of August. The following Deltas and their ladies assembled at the Bridge Street House, Charlevoix (a neighboring resort): L. W. Hoyt, Iowa, '82, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ed. F. Parmelee, Kappa,

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'83, Charlevoix, Mich.; Wilbur F. Hoyt, Iota, '83, Columbus, Ohio; Oscar Upright, Epsilon, '83, Charlevoix, Mich.; Hoyt P. Parmelee, Kappa, '86, Reading, Mich.; Arthur W. Connable, Epsilon, '86, Petoskey, Mich.; J. Norris Estabrook, Iota, '88, East Saginaw, Mich. The parlors of the Bridge Street House were resonant with college songs and fraternity anecdotes. In the dining rooms, decorated with the symbols of the Fraternity, the guests partook of the most elaborate banquet ever served at the resort. The occasion proved so enjoyable that the fraters present unanimously resolved to make the annual gathering a permanent feature of the resorting season, but when an enthusiastic Delta modestly suggested that we might some day build a cottage, the others only cast scornful and pitying glances in his direction. Bros. E. F. Parmelee, Connable, Upright and Estabrook were appointed a committee to arrange for the next meeting.

The meeting in 1885 was arranged for August 10th, and "Ivy Cottage," Bay View, was selected as the place. Everything conspired to make the meeting a success. The cottage, one of the oldest at the famous resort, that night had its picturesque beauty revealed and heightened by a beautiful night and brilliant illumination. The Italian string band from "The Arlington" was there, and the evening quickly passed amid their music and the songs of all Deltas and ladies assembled.

The register of the evening was: Sigler W. Mauck, Kappa, '74, Columbus, Ohio; L. W. Hoyt, Iota, '82, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ed. F. Parmelee, Kappa, '83, Charlevoix, Mich.; Wilbur F. Hoyt, Iota, '83, Columbus, Ohio; E. J. Ware, Delta, '85, Grand Rapids, Vin Swarthout, Epsilon, '85, Ovid, Mich.; A. W. Connable, Epsilon, '86, Petoskey, Mich.; Gill G. Scranton, Epsilon, '87, Sault St. Marie, Mich.; S. F. Masters, Epsilon, '88, Ionia, Mich.

A permanent organization was resolved upon, and the prospect of building a cottage discussed. Rev. Washington Gardner was elected President and Ed. F. Parmelee, Secretary. Ezra J. Ware was appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of renting or building a cottage. The latter did his work vigorously, and, at the meeting in 1886, had fully matured plans to lay before the Deltas. On the night of July 30 the steamer "Thomas Friant" was chartered by the Delta Resorters for a moonlight ride to Charlevoix, sixteen miles distant and return. To those only who have taken

such a ride on Little Traverse Bay is it even imaginable, and we refrain from attempting description. On the arrival at Charlevoix Bro. Ed. F. Parmelee entertained the party at Breezy Point Cottage with his characteristic hospitality, and the return ride to Petoskey was enlivened by the songs and jests so usual with college men. The party was made up of the following Deltas and their ladies: Rev. Washington Gardner, Mu, '70, Jackson, Mich.; Prof. Henry A. Mills, Epsilon, '76, Greencastle, Ind.; Lucius W. Hoyt, Iota, '82, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ed. F. Parmelee, Kappa, '83, Charlevoix, Mich.; W. S. Graham, Epsilon, '83, Grand Rapids, Mich.; James A. Dart, Iota, '85, Petoskey, Mich.; Vin Swarthout, Epsilon, '85, Ovid, Mich.; E. J. Ware, Delta, '85, Grand Rapids, Mich.; G. G. Scranton, Epsilon, '86, Sault St. Marie, Mich.; S. F. Master, Epsilon, '88, Ionia, Mich.; Frank D. McDonell, Delta, '88, Bay City, Mich.; L. B. Sutton, Epsilon, '88, Cheboygan, Mich.; A. W. Connable, Epsilon, '89, Petoskey, Mich. The next day the "Delta Tau Delta Resort Association" was incorporated, with Washington Gardner, E. J. Ware, J. B. Ware, Lucius W. Hoyt, H. W. Mosher, W. S. Graham, H. A. Mills and Vin Swarthout as charter members. Washington Gardner was elected President, J. B. Ware, Secretary, and Lucius W. Hoyt, Treasurer. These, with E. J. Ware and Elvin Swarthout, formed the Board of Directors.

At the annual meeting held in Grand Rapids, Mich., February 21, 1887, the same Board of Directors and officers were elected, with the exception of E. J. Ware, who, declining on account of other duties, was succeeded by Ed. F. Parmelee. It was decided to have the Resort House completed by July 1, 1887, and the Directors have since decided on building plans. A prospective view of the house appears with this article. On the lower floor will be a parlor, reception room, kitchen, ladies' toilet and gentlemen's toilet, bath and baggage rooms. On the second floor will be a library and reading room and nine chambers. The lookout from the tower is about 130 feet above the bay, and commands a view that cannot be excelled. The inside will be finished in the natural wood, and fire places will adorn the parlor, reception room and library.

The library will be one relating largely to Greek letter fraternities. To this the Association hopes to add contributions, from their respective authors, of all books written by members of our

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Fraternity. Among the papers and magazines will be the journals of other fraternities and college annuals.

It is expected that the decorations of the house will be largely donated by our fraters. In fact, even now, Bros. H. A. Mills, Dean of the Art School of De Pauw University, and W. S. Holdsworth, Professor of Free-hand Drawing at Lansing, Mich., say that we shall not be without pictures for our walls. It is hoped to make here an attractive home where Deltas may find rest, pleasure and renewed health when they leave their business, profession or studies. The delights of a sojourn in this region are too well known to need description, and the Camp Meeting and Chautauquan Course at Bay View make it possible to mix improvement with pleasure during his stay. The Association expects to have a boat house, bowling alley and tennis court in connection with its Resort House. "The Arlington," Petoskey's well known summer hotel, is near, and passing trains carry one to the bath houses or inland route to Oden; to the resort on Mackinaw Island; to the resorts at Harbor Point, Harbor Springs or We-que-ton-sing, and to Marquette and the iron and copper region of Michigan. By boat we have short rides to Charlevoix and Pine Lake, to that famous trout stream, the Jordon River; to Gross Village, with its Indians and St. Francis Convent and Hospital; to Beaver Island, with its recollections of King Strang and Mormonism, and to Sault Ste. Marie, with its rapids and ship canal.

At present the following are stockholders in the Association: Washington Gardner, James B. Ware, E. J. Ware, Lucius W. Hoyt, N. W. Mosher, James A. Dart, W. S. Graham, H. A. Mills, Ed. F. Parmelee, Elvin Swarthout, G. G. Scranton, F. D. McDonell, A. W. Connable, A. P. Trautwein, L. E. Dow, Frank Rasch, N. S. McArthur, Wilbur F. Hoyt, Lynn Bonham and T. L. Aughinbaugh.

Reduced rates were promised the members of the Association by the G. R. & I. R.R., but their interpretation of the Inter-State Commerce Bill is such that the Association may be deprived of these advantages. Unless this difficulty is overcome, the stockholders may think it best to temporarily postpone the erection of the building.

Alumni Associations.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

THE ninth regular meeting of the New York Alumni Association, and fifth social reunion of the present season, was held at Martinelli's, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, on Saturday, March 19. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors, the following being present: John Salisbury, *K*¹, '66; Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67; Rev. S. L. Beiler, *M*, '72; Prof. J. E. Denton, *P*, '75; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; W. W. Cook, *Δ*, '80; L. A. Mathey, *P*, '80; Prof. John C. Rice, *Ψ*, '82; F. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82; C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83; John A. Bense, *P*, '84; W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84, and O. A. Zayas, *T*, '86.

Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67, occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73. The Secretary read a letter from C. F. Parker, *P*, '84, accepting his election to membership; and, from R. H. Olmstead, *Φ*, '85, asking for instructions in behalf of the proposed Cincinnati Alumni Association.

The annual Report of the Secretary and Treasurer showed that the membership of the Association had grown from fourteen resident and one non-resident to twenty-six resident and four non-resident members, representing thirteen chapters; that seven ballot lists were circulated, and that all propositions for membership had been favorably acted upon; that eight regular meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of fourteen, and that ten members of the Fraternity, not then or now members of the Association, were present at the various meetings; the report showed the Association to be financially prosperous.

The Committee on Alumni Organization reported through W. W. Cook, *Δ*, '80, who outlined a general scheme for the formation of a society of alumni, of which the local associations shall be subsidiary chapters. The report was necessarily incomplete, owing to the magnitude of the subject, and the committee was instructed to continue its work and report at the next regular meeting.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; Vice-President, Henry T. Bruck, *P*, '78; Secretary and Treasurer, Alfred P. Trautwein, *P*, '76. Executive Committee, James E. Denton, *P*, '75; F. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82, and Frank E. Idell, *P*, '77. Committee on Elections, William Kent, *P*, '76; William Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67, and C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83.

The Association then discussed the subject of "Railroading as a Profession," in which Bros. Cook, Denton, Beiler, Bryson, Marthey and Bensel participated.

NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The tenth regular meeting of the Association, being its sixth of the present season, was held on Saturday, April 16, at Martinelli's, New York City. The following members were present: John Salisbury, Jr., *K*¹, '66; Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; Will Carleton, *K*, '69; Prof. James E. Denton, *P*, '75; William Kent, *P*, '76; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Henry T. Bruck, *P*, '78; William W. Cook, *Δ*, '80; Prof. J. Calvin Rice, *Ψ*, '82; C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83; O. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '83, and John R. Bensel, *P*, '84; A. L. Burns, *Σ*, '87; H. C. Folger, *Σ*, '87, John R. Morse, *Σ*, '87, and George Rowland, *Σ*, '87, were present by special invitation. Andrew Bryson presided at the dinner and the business meeting.

The election of the following members was announced: Rev. S. L. Beiler, *M*, '72, pastor of the Eighteenth Street M. E. Church, Brooklyn, and John Salisbury, Jr., *K*¹, '67, merchant, of New York City, in the resident, and Prof. J. Calvin Rice, *Ψ*, '82, principal of the Elmwood Collegiate Institute, Matawan, N. J., in the non-resident class. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '67; A. G. Brinkerhoff, *P*, '77; William J. Cooper, *P*, '77, and Rev. S. L. Beiler, *Γ*, '72. A letter was also read from W. L. McClurg, secretary of the Chicago Alumni Association, giving a statement of its affairs. George M. Bond, *P*, '80, mechanical engineer with the Pratt & Whitney Co., Hartford, Ct., was elected a non-resident member.

The Committee on Alumni Organization made its report, which proved satisfactory, and the committee was instructed to bring to the notice of the next Convention certain resolutions upon this subject.

The Association then took up the discussion of the subject of the evening: "The Scholar in Politics; his Privileges and his Duties," in which Bros. Cook, Denton, Johnson, Salisbury, Carleton, Rice and Kent participated.

The next regular meeting will be held at Martinelli's on Saturday, May 14, when the following will be the subject for the after-dinner talk: "Is an Academic Course in Journalism Feasible and Advisable?" which will prove an interesting topic in view of the action of several of the colleges in establishing such courses.

THE CHICAGO ALUMNI.

THE third regular meeting of the Chicago Alumni Association was held at the Tremont House on the evening of the 2d of April, and the members were all on hand when dinner was announced at half after six,—an improvement on previous meetings.

Our Vice-President and Medical Adviser, Dr. N. N. Hurst, *T*, '69, was again prevented from attending, but fortunately our other representative in the profession, Dr. M. J. Bliem, *N*, '82, was with us, so that the Association felt no qualms of fear when the cucumber salad was placed before it, and the attack was courageously and successfully made. The other members present were—President Freshwaters, *O*, '65; W. M. Keenan, *K*, '72; John M. Ewen, *P*, '80; H. C. Alexander, *A*, '82; Charles M. Blair, *A*, '82; Clarence Boyle, *Z B*, '80, Augustus Ziesing, *T*¹, '78; Wharton Plummer, *A*, '84; A. L. Bair, *Z B*, '84, and W. Lowrie McClurg, *A*, '79.

The set topic for the evening's discussion was "Our Duty as Citizens of Chicago in the approaching Municipal Election." At the time the Executive Committee chose this question the Democrats had a candidate in the field, but at the time the meeting was held the contest had narrowed to a choice between the Republican and Socialistic candidates. Of course none of us championed the latter, although we are by no means all members of the former party. The subject of the election was discussed during the dinner instead of afterward, as is usually the case, and in spite of the changes in the political field proved to be one of great interest.

After dinner the business session was held, and the Committee on Elections announced the admission to active membership in the Association of Samuel Kerr, *A*¹, '69, and James R. Mann, *T*¹, '76, both lawyers in this city.

This meeting, while not so large in attendance as some others, was the most successful held thus far, from a social point of view, and reminded the members of the old chapter meetings, held while we were in college.

The next meeting in the regular order of things will be held on the first Saturday in June, and any member of the Fraternity visiting the city at that time is invited to let the Secretary know of his presence in the city.

REPORT OF SONG-BOOK AGENT.

MATERIAL for "The First Song Book of Delta Tau Delta" is now all in the hands of the printer, and the plates are being rapidly completed. The work of the typographer, F. H. Gilson, of Boston, is equal to anything we have ever seen, and is far ahead of that in any fraternity song book yet published.

Of the contents, each frater must judge when he sees the book, but it can be safely said that some of its music is of a high order.

Subscriptions are coming in rapidly, but from sources from which least was expected. Chapters with large, active and alumni membership have done little or nothing to support the enterprise. Only one Grand Chapter has even *replied* to the committee's letters, and that reply contained but seven subscriptions.

The following are the number of pledges of each chapter, in addition to the number of "chapter copies": Tau, 14; Rho, 14; Zeta, 12; Iota, 12; Epsilon, 10; Beta Beta, 9; Beta Kappa, 7; Delta, 7; Beta Zeta, 5; Phi, 3; Mu, 2; Beta Delta, 1.

The chapters whose names do not appear above should take this as a gentle reminder that they are neglecting a duty, and those which do appear should be encouraged to further effort.

Chapter Letters.

Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

BETA ETA greets her sisters this month with a happy heart, and wishes to say that "congratulations are now in order." In our last letter we said we were "working" two men, members of '90, and now we are happy to inform you all that we have them both pledged, and will initiate them at the end of this term. But this fact does not mean merely an increase of two members to our list,—it means that we are now firmly established; that we have stepped upon the top round of the fraternity ladder here. Our annual banquet was held March 25. It was in the form of a theatre party and banquet at the West Hotel. Twenty Deltas with their ladies were present; many more had been expected, but could not be present (there are about twenty-five Deltas located in this city, from outside chapters, and Beta Eta numbers ten active members). After enjoying Barrett's "Rienzi," we repaired to the West Hotel, where an elegant spread awaited us. Full justice done to this, Bro. R. G. Evans, the toastmaster of the evening, announced that Bro. W. B. Augir, of Kappa, would respond to "Delta Tau Delta," which was done in a very pleasant speech. Bro. J. P. Goode, of Beta Eta, then responded to "Chapter Beta Eta." "Absent Deltas" was responded to by F. C. Cook, of Tau; "Our Alumni," by Bro. K. C. Babcock, of Beta Eta; "Our Hellenic Sisters," by Bro. F. C. Stacy, Beta Eta. Col. R. G. Evans, the toastmaster, was then called upon, and, in a very happy vein, he recounted some of his college experiences, and also gave us some hints that will prove valuable. As it was by this time nearly 2 A. M., there was not time for making everybody thoroughly acquainted with everybody else, so this was left for another occasion. Music was furnished by Danz's orchestra; all in all, it was a very pleasant affair; the ladies, of one accord, say it was "the event of the season," and they know. During the evening several of the most influential members mentioned "Chapter House," and it is quite probable that Beta Eta may have a chapter house in the not very distant future. In this connection we also wish to ask those of our brothers living in Minneapolis and

St. Paul, with whom we have not yet become acquainted, to send their name and address to C. H. Webster, University, Minneapolis. Out-door sports, tennis, base-ball, foot-ball, etc., are flourishing. We have a fine base-ball nine this year, and expect to capture the league pennant. Several new buildings are to be erected during this year, a science hall, museum and library building among them.

Omega—Iowa State College.

OUR college year began with the spring term and found the $\Delta T \Delta$ ranks somewhat diminished. Bros. Myers, Rich and Farwell graduated with honors at the close of last term, and Bro. Wallace left college life for his rural retreat at Orient, Ia., where he will conduct the business of the stock firm of Henry Wallace & Son. Bro. Myers has been attending the law department of the State University for some time, and Bros. Farwell and Locke expect to join him there soon. Bro. Durkee will be absent this term, but will return in the fall; in the meantime he will prospect in Dakota. Bro. Coe is regaining his lost flesh at the paternal homestead. Bro. Corbett, one of the brilliant lights, both of the institution and of the fraternity, is principal of the Hardy, Neb., schools. He will return in the fall and take a front rank in his class, and will receive a hearty welcome from the fraternity. Bro. Curtiss is also absent this spring, but will return in July. He favored the boys with a visit recently. The above departures left Omega with but four workers. We have since added to our number Mr. W. H. Wright, a young man of ability and influence, and will be a credit to the fraternity. Our rival fraternities which were to shop their colors this term, failed to materialize, presumably on account of failure to get their charters. Mr. Archer, Phi Kappa Psi from Simpson College, Indianola, Ia., looked over the field in the interests of his society but found little encouragement. The $\Delta T \Delta$ will have an open field for some time to come. During last term the Delta quarters were nicely fitted up and we now have a very pleasant place to hold our meetings. As it required considerable effort to provide the fixtures the boys are correspondingly gratified and will appreciate the Δ sanctum. Though few in numbers, we all pull together and are in excellent growing condition. Our initiation policy is to get the best men or none at all, and we expect to chronicle several of that class on the Delta roll this term.

Sigma—Columbia.

WE take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. Matthew H. Folger, of Kingston, Canada, who was initiated into our chapter, at a meeting of the New York Alumni Association of Delta Tau Delta, held at Martinelli's on the evening of April 16, 1887. Among the brothers present was Bro. Will Carleton, who was on hand to participate in the initiatory services, our new brother being one of his intimate friends. After the services were over we sat down to an enjoyable dinner, which was followed by an informal discussion upon one of the questions of the day. Bro. Folger is in the law school, and by his initiation we are satisfied that Sigma has made one step in advance toward permanent success, and that he will prove a true and enthusiastic Delta.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

WE have not before had an opportunity to make our appearance in *THE RAINBOW* this year, and we seize the present, first of all, to send our heartfelt greetings to our sister chapters; secondly, we wish to give an account of ourselves. Beta Theta opened the year with a membership of fifteen men. Two of our brothers are not back yet, but are expected soon. Besides these we have initiated two men, making our membership, when the errant ones return, nineteen men, and a more enthusiastic chapter has never assembled since the memorable day of our first establishment. I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. Beverly Wilford Wrenn, of Tennessee, and Bro. Hardin Wickes Adams, of Texas, both of whom have been advanced from the Grammar school, and were immediately captured by $\Delta T \Delta$. They are solid fellows, and in every way worthy of the brotherhood. Bro. Dashiell has been detained on account of ill health, but, most probably, will have rejoined us before this letter is in print. We are anxious to have him back because we miss him very much. Bro. Garland, for whom also we are anxiously waiting, is still at work in Memphis, Tenn. We had our lot enclosed during the winter and hope to have the yard in front of the hall laid out in good order this year, as A. W. Butt, our landscape gardener, has invented an elaborate design incorporating the shape of the badge, which we have joyfully adopted. Our rival chapters here are fairly good this year.

$\Sigma A E$ has a very large chapter, which would be improved by some wholesale pruning, while $K A$ boasts of a peculiar set of geniuses. Bros. Noll and Craig were our delegates to the Chattanooga Conference, and were accompanied by Bros. Doggett, Mattair and Adams. They bring back most encouraging reports of the conference, which was, they say, in every way a success. The highest praise is due to Chapter Lambda for the very complete arrangements which she made, and for the energetic way in which the preparations were carried out and the chapters worked up to secure a full attendance. This is the first time we have been able to attend a division conference, and we feel as if we were no longer among the out-posts of $\Delta T \Delta$, but in the midst of a vigorous fraternity life. Much also of the success is attributable to the hospitable manner in which the alumni residents in Chattanooga gave their time and attention to the entertainment of the delegates. All honor, we say, to the alumni in Chattanooga. The university still keeps up its steady and healthy growth. The attendance is larger than ever before at this season of the year, and two additions have been made to the Faculty, viz: Dr. Pigott, late of Johns Hopkins University, Professor of Chemistry and Geology; Bro. Arthur H. Noll, Professor of Commercial Law. Dr. Pigott has been initiated into $\Sigma A E$, which still persists in going outside of college students to recruit its ranks.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

UPSILON is now enjoying a sweet recuperation, freed from the ponderous weight of long courses and difficult subjects, smiling complacently at the closing of the smaller interstices that go to form the solid scientific course. The ruggedness of reviews to come, yet stares us in the face; only softened by the anticipations of what ensues—one more year of labor and study being relegated to the shades of the past, with a beautiful avenue of freedom and ease to traverse ere another springs into existence. Everybody is on the *qui vive* as regards this year's election of a Grand Marshal, one candidate having boldly declared himself, with the other lurking apparently peacefully in the defiles of doubt and evident hesitation. As we are the children of a grand and glorious republic, the pleasures of button-holing, wire-pulling and gulling are by no means distasteful to our fraternity palates. The much mooted question:

"Shall we have a director and a president, or the two combined in a single gigantic genius," has assumed a definite shape by the decree of a bit of recent legislation. So now our worthy director, plus the legislature president is "rex" once more; even though the bickerings and wranglings of graduates, alumni and trustees seem proud to circumscribe his length of reign into the space of an attenuated filament. Our gymnasium is the feature of the place. Morning, noon and night witness the gradual development of the student into the brawny athlete. Though the idea of making yourself more capable of starving, trudging, in a word, engineering is less visionary and glorious than that of stroke on the crew and the cock of the walk on a field day.

Zeta—Adelbert.

ZETA has hardly settled back into the hum-drum work of college since the conference at Akron, and though the time has been some three weeks, yet the enthusiasm she received has increased rather than diminished as the questions and proceedings have been discussed in our weekly meetings. In our humble opinion (and we have distinctly in mind the conference of last year) we hold that no previous meeting of the kind in the old second division (and we almost dare to say any other division) combined so completely the three great requisites for complete success—enthusiasm, earnest work and sociability. Eta is to be congratulated upon the successful efforts she put forth for the entertainment of the division, and it is but the hope of Zeta that next year the latter may not disappoint the brothers, who were in attendance at Akron, in expecting a repetition of the times never to be forgotten. The "Convention Delegate" article in the March number has been freely discussed by this chapter, and, although we may never be benefited directly by it, yet we recognize the need and worth of such a move. The second method would by all means be our choice, yet not without some change, for inasmuch as a delegate seldom starts (at the time we now hold our conventions) from his college residence, but rather from his home which may be one or two hundred miles nearer the place of convention as was the case last summer with a number of the delegates. It would at once become necessary to take the average distance from where the delegates start in order to keep equity on top. It would take but a very little work at

each convention to find this average, and if we adopt anything of this kind for the sake of equal expenses, we must expect a slightly complicated and changeable schedule. The clipping from the Adelbert letter of $B \Theta II$, which appeared in the March RAINBOW, gave the oft repeated history of the fraternities at the Western Reserve, but cunningly omitted how $\Delta K E$ entered by lifting to a man the whole chapter of $B \Theta II$, and then went on to give the condition (?) of her rivals, which is so ridiculously absurd, that we would not take the trouble to refute the remarks, but simply let them go like a "bark from the bags."

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

AN event, in which the interest and anxiety of the entire University were centered, occurred at Indianapolis, April 14,—the Indiana Oratorical contest. De Pauw, contrary to custom, did not take first place, but had to be satisfied with second, as Wabash College secured the prize. It was said by many throughout the state that if our university had taken place, the Indiana Oratorical Association would have undoubtedly been broken up, as the other colleges were tired of sending representatives to no avail. Almost all our entire chapter were there. Bro. Wise, $B Z$, represented Butler University; Bro. Gans, of $B Z$, was elected president of the Association; Bro. Williamson, of Φ , presided during the evening. We had the pleasure of meeting all of $B Z$'s men. Since the above has been settled, the next all-absorbing topic is base-ball. We are fully represented in this movement, Bro. Cox being one of the directors, Bro. Caylor, captain, and Bro. Keeler one of the players in the university nine. On March 10th we received cards announcing the wedding of Bro. Horace S. Norton and Miss Lulu E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Martin, Lemont, Ill. Also we have received cards announcing the same happy event of Bro. John J. Collins and Miss Mollie Calhoun, April 5, Madison, Ind. On the evening of April 2, De Pauw Chapter of ΔT was founded. This chapter starts out with eleven active men. We now meet here $\Delta K E$, ΣX , $B \Theta II$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, ΔT . Bro. Will A. Morrow, '80, City Attorney at Somerset, Ky., spent a few days with us this term. Bro. Coggeshall is not in college this term, but is teaching at Indianola, Ill. We have had our chapter photographed, and if our lady friends are sincere, we have come to the conclusion that we are a pretty tolerably handsome set of fellows.

Xi—Simpson.

THE spring term of our college opened the 6th ult., bringing with it a slight change in our active membership. Bros. Youtz, '89, and Smith, '90, are remaining out, but their places are filled by Bros. Meech, '88, and Morris, '90, after a year's absence. Few events of fraternity interest have taken place of late, the several fraternities having made their selection of new men for the year, and the excitement of its last election being over. The interest now begins to be centered in the contests to occur commencement week, in which we expect to gain our usual distinction. We heartily endorse the proposed plan of equalizing convention expenses as set forth in the March number of THE RAINBOW, and hope the Columbus convention will give it favorable legislation. Bro. J. L. Teeters, Omicron, paid us a pleasant visit when in the city on business, recently. A. S. Busselle, formerly '87, left recently for Wichita, Kan., to engage in civil engineering in company with F. S. Davis, '84. We are just on the eve of the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of our chapter, and we expect to celebrate the event in customary manner.

Rho—Stevens.

THOUGH it is now nearly three months since our last conference was held, the echoes of its success have hardly yet died away. We were pleasurably reminded of it by the publication in the last RAINBOW of Bro. Kent's admirable oration—a very masterpiece of thought on fraternity problems. His address should settle forever the frequent question, "What is the good of a Fraternity?" Those who were not fortunate enough to hear the answer will be far from wasting their time if they give it more than one careful reading. The only noteworthy incident which has occurred since our last letter, has been the taking of the chapter's photograph, the result after two trials being fairly satisfactory. The relations between the rival fraternities at Stevens remains the same, *i. e.*, both parties are friends, individually, but enemies collectively. The voices from the wilderness of $B \Theta II$'s correspondence referring to $\Delta T \Delta$, and quoted in the March RAINBOW, were received with all the respect they deserve. It may be advisable also to point out the stray grain of truth which was carelessly inserted. That the "Delts are odd fellows" is true, for they certainly are odd in their startling contrast, both in manners and scholarship to several members of $B \Theta II$.

Chi—Kenyon.

THE last term of the college year has opened and gives promise of much profitable work. Moreover there are signs significant of progress in the sky. The foundations for a female seminary, now long prospected, are in actual process of construction here at Gambier. The new building is to be four stories in height and is to stand beside old Harcourt Place school, which will be entirely remodeled and improved. Of course the new institution will be entirely independent of the college, so far as a mental instruction is concerned. Not only is this addition to Gambier an established fact, but another building for the use of the Kenyon Military Academy has also become necessary, and the contemplated addition will accommodate fifty more boys. The Academy is prospering finely under its able and efficient management. Fraternity spirit, as always, is quite high and this was plainly manifested recently in the heat of college politics. $\Delta K E$ has lost three men during the course of the year and ΨT has lost one. $\Theta \Delta X$ has purchased a lot in the village and is probably making preparations for the erection of a chapter house. Other than this, in spite of the intense feeling, nothing of great importance has occurred among the Greeks of Kenyon.

Eta—Buchtel.

SINCE our last letter to THE RAINBOW Eta has entertained the northern division in annual conference. The most sanguine expectations on the part of Eta were reached and passed in the success of the conference, and the secret of its success was in the attendance; all chapters but three being represented, the majority by two delegates. The delegates, together with the large number of visitors, made exceedingly lively and interesting sessions. On the evening of the last day Eta gave her second annual banquet and reception, at which nearly all the Deltas from abroad were present. We congratulate ourselves on having enjoyed with our Delta brothers one of the most pleasant occasions in the history of the chapter. Matters are resting very quietly here in fraternity circles. Delta Gamma, represented at Buchtel, held a national convention at Cleveland last month. Some radical changes were made, we understand, in the constitution and management of the fraternity. The local chapter was present *en masse*. Buchtel will have no annual

"pub" this year. A scheme on the part of the fraternities to publish one was all but successful, and disagreements in the ranks of '88 prevent her from undertaking the work. It is probable that by another year the fraternities will combine for publishing an Annual. The equipment of Buchtel, as one of the state meteorological stations, necessitated the erection of a signal staff on the main building. This was an irresistible invitation to the different classes (senior excepted) to display their flag. The fracas which ensued resulted rather disastrously to college property and senior dignity,—the latter being sacrificed in aiding the Sophomores to maintain their position. Bro. E. S. Rothrock, '86, has entered the theological department of Oberlin College. Bro. C. U. Thomas, of '88, is engaged in the Register and Recorder's office of Manatee County, Fla. Bro. M. E. Bourne, '82, is real estate agent at Wichita, Kan.

Beta Kappa—Colorado.

WE are happy to announce the initiation of Bro. Bayley, resident of Greeley, Colo., and a good student. After his initiation we all enjoyed a banquet enlivened with songs and stories. Our chapter hall has been newly papered and painted. The ceiling is decorated with fraternity monograms in the corners, and a handsome centerpiece containing the fraternity emblems. These, with new brass chandeliers, have wrought a wonderful change in the appearance of the hall, adding to the interest and regularity of our meetings. On April 9, Bros. Stanton and Moorcraft came up from Denver, and in honor of their presence we had another banquet, surpassing the former both in architectural and intellectual beauty. Bro. Whiteley acted as toastmaster, and Brother Mason made an address of welcome. Bro. Pease read an interesting sketch of the history of the Beta Kappa, of which he was the first initiate. Bro. Pierce read the official record of Bro. Bayley's initiation, and Bro. Willis Stidger spoke on the "Value of Fraternity Life." A delightful letter was read from Bro. G. B. Blake, who has just been graduated from the Medical Department of the Tulane University of Louisiana. He will be with us again before many days. Bros. Pierce and Mason represented this University at the State Oratorical contest at Denver, April 15. It was the finest and most exciting contest yet held. Of the four speakers, Bro. Pierce was awarded second place and Bro. Mason third.

Beta—Ohio University.

THE spring term began Tuesday, March 29, with a great increase in the number of students. The college is now in a better condition than it has been in for years. Four new instructors have been added to the list within the year. Ohio University was admitted into Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association in February. Chapter Beta commences the work of the term with renewed energy, determined to stand at the front in college work. We have succeeded in initiating good men this year, and are now able to introduce to the fraternity Bros. Hoffman, '89, McGleuen, '89, Russell, '90, and Bingham, '90. We have also pledged one other man who will be initiated in the near future. Bro. White, class of '86, is now pastor of the M. E. Church at Commercial Point, O. Bro. Williams is now studying law at Macon, Miss. Our rivals, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $B \Theta II$, have initiated three men each. Both these chapters still continue to initiate Preps.

Epsilon—Albion.

SOME of our brothers have gone out to enter into the more immediate preparation for work in their chosen professions, and in consequence, our number is somewhat reduced. Bro. T. J. Martin has begun the study of law in the office of Hon. E. S. B. Sutton, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Bro. H. M. Weed is studying medicine in Colon, Mich., preparatory to a medical course in college, and Bro. H. N. Ott, on account of ill-health, is in business with his father in Albion. While we regret to lose our brothers, nevertheless we bid them godspeed in their work, wish them all possible success and prosperity, and join our intentions more forcibly by the bonds of Delta love to supply their absence with men as loyal to the cause for which we labor. It was with a great degree of interest that we listened to the report of our Conference delegate, Bro. C. M. Kimball, and by another year we hope to be able to send a much larger delegation. Three of our brothers, Lovejoy, Kimball and McCarthy, have been elected as orators for the society exhibitions at commencement. These exhibitions are an important feature of our commencement exercises, and thus far Epsilon has always been well represented. We extend to our sister chapters good wishes for their prosperity.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

OUR orators, Bro. Noll, of the Goethean Society, and Bro. Bowman, one of five contestants for the Junior gold medal, are hard at work, and will, without doubt, reflect credit upon themselves and the fraternity. The college annual, "The Oriflamme," is being prepared by the editors from the Junior class, and will appear by the last of May. This coming June is the hundredth of the existence of Franklin College, and the fiftieth of Marshall College, and it will be celebrated as the centennial of the joint institution. The faculty is busy, also the alumni association, and everybody connected with the institution has been thrown into a state of activity. So much for the good of our college. It will have the effect of enlivening some of the trustees, who seem to think that no "blow" should be made in behalf of the college; that it can live without drawing life from the opinions and plans of other institutions. Some of the notable men in literary matters will make addresses, while the alumni representations will be very great. As quite a number of Tau's men will be here, preparations will be made, looking to an enjoyable time, as well as one of benefit to Chapter.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

THE crescent of Beta Zeta is ever on the increase. This chapter is not composed of cane-danglers, who are at school for sport only. Every man is here for a good purpose, and is attaining it. Beta Zeta has set before her a high standard in all things. We are not attaining it in every particular, but are progressing at an encouraging pace. A generous feeling and rivalry exists between us and the other fraternities at Butler. We are being equalled in numbers. As to other things, we will not say, but we do not in the least fear comparison. We aim to keep Delta Tau Delta ahead. Our new hall has already become invaluable to us. It is a real Delta home. Once each month our lady friends are invited and entertained in our home. These socials are pleasant events in our college life. We shall be glad at any time to entertain our active or alumni brothers from abroad. Since our last letter, Beta Zeta won some victories. Of the four important places to be taken in the primary oratorical contest, we secured three. There were eight strong men in the field. First, second and fourth honors were

taken respectively by Bros. Wise, Smith and Gans. In the elections of the State Oratorical Association, Bro. Gans was elected president for the ensuing year. The boys are quite active in the college games, especially in base ball. The manager and three men in the college team are members of Delta Tau Delta. They are there sustaining their reputation of doing all things well. We are constantly on the lookout for fine men, so as to secure the future prosperity of our chapter; nor are we failing in this. We have the pleasure of introducing three new men,—Bros. L. J. Morgan, of '88; J. R. Morgan, of '89, and F. D. Muse, of '90. We are confident that these are valuable additions to our ranks.

Theta—Bethany.

EACH of the classes has crowned itself with a peculiar and distinctive hat, the increase of dignity manifested is simply appalling. This is a new move among the Bethany boys, and one which is worthy of survival. Theta continues to thrive and holds her distinctive place in the college and in society generally. We have lately organized a glee club, which from time to time gratifies the students and citizens with their sweetest strains. F. M. Dowling, '85, was with us recently as Anniversarian of the Neotrophian Society.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

FROM sickness and other causes, Mu is slightly reduced in number at this time, having at present active members distributed by classes as follows: two Seniors, two Juniors, three Sophomores and three Freshmen, including two recent initiates of whom I hasten to speak. These are Bros. Earl S. Davis and Victor K. McElhenny, both of '90. In these brothers we gain men of the right stamp to faithfully help in maintaining our high rank and making fraternity all its means of pleasure and profit. In securing Bro. McElhenny especially, we learned what careful and patient working will do in spite of the earnest efforts of several other fraternities to secure him. Passing to general college news—The Ohio Wesleyan opens this spring term with a much larger attendance than the same term a year ago, and giving it for the year the largest number in its history since co-education was adopted. Perhaps the event that has created most interest of late in our institution is the Junior Contest

which the enterprise of that class has just introduced into our literary workings. The contest was in orations, essays and declamations, and three speakers were chosen for each. Four out of the nine were ladies, and the result told most favorably for them, since the prize oration and prize essay were awarded to two of them. The importance of such a contest for the purpose of increasing interest in literary work is very apparent, and it is to be hoped that the succeeding classes will continue this kind of a contest.

Kappa — Hillsdale.

KAPPA extends a hearty greeting to her sister chapters, and wishes them bountiful prosperity. Since our last letter we have initiated two worthy young men, and have others to follow. A joint initiation with Epsilon is being arranged, which promises a mutually pleasant time. The organ of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, in a recent issue, prints the following under the Hillsdale correspondence: "—— $\Delta T \Delta$ has a membership of about ten ——". The Delta Taus had it all their own way for about twelve years, but *I think* there must be a 'coldness over de meetin'' in their *counsels* of late. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has secured every man she has 'spiked' for over two years, the Delta Taus and Sigs having sought every man of them." Those acquainted with the two fraternities, and especially the relation they bear to each other in this college, would certainly detect the characteristic Ego even in this chiplet. The paragraph was written either by one wholly ignorant of fraternities, or in a boastful spirit. In either case it is of little weight, since it is not only untrue, but grossly misleading. It might be added that Kappa does not hold *counsels*. Neither the object of the fraternity nor the policy of the chapter demands counsels. The statement that all the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ candidates had been sought by $\Delta T \Delta$ is a complete fabrication; there is not one atom of truth in it. The policies of the two fraternities, or rather chapters, are so diametrically opposed, that students sought for the one would be as diligently excluded from the other. For our friendly rival to say she has obtained every *man* "spiked," is not an exaggeration; for we know that a large number of their initiates are from two to three years below the Freshman year. Our constitution forbids us to initiate preparatory students, or those under fourteen years of age. Then the question might pertinently be asked, How many has she "spiked?" We believe the assertion would suffer by the addition of figures.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

AFFAIRS are gliding along with the mildness and sweetness characteristic of the season. In the tender and felicitous language of one of Pi most melodious bards :

The breath of Spring-time at this evening hour,
Comes thro' the gathering glooms,
And bears the stolen fruits of many a flower,
Into these Dormitory rooms !

Chasing the festive base-ball over the campus is among the lost arts here, but the boys seem inspired with most ardent zeal in the chase after the illusive sheepskin. February 18th the anniversary of the Hermean Society was fittingly and impressively observed. The oration was a success. Our Chapter meetings are full and interesting, many inquiries concerning the welfare of $\Delta T \Delta$ continue to come from our Alumni. Bro. J. M. Sullivan who was with us last year is now teaching in Centenary College at Jackson. Bro. J. A. Chancellor who was also with us last year is now book-keeper for his uncle in Okalona, Miss.

The Greek World.

WITHIN the last six or eight years, New York City seems to have become the center of college societies of all kinds. No first-class college in the country is without its alumni association, and the same may be said of secret societies. No less than six general conventions have been held in that city, besides chapter dinners and division conferences. The following are the more important Greek events that have taken place so far: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, general convention, Grand Central Hotel, Oct. 19-22, 1886. $\Delta \Phi$, general convention, Club House on 27th street, Nov. 24-27, 1886; banquet at the Hotel Brunswick. Union dinner of Chapters N and B of $\Delta K E$, Nov. 24, at Mazzetti's, and two social receptions later on by Chapter B at private houses, at which ladies were present. $\Sigma \Phi$, general convention, Murray Hill Hotel, Jan. 6 and 7, 1887; banquet at Delmonico's. $\Sigma \Phi$, general convention at the Hotel Brunswick, January 7 and 8, 1887, at which a new chapter was founded at Lehigh University. $\Theta \Delta X$, alumni dinner at Murray Hill Hotel, Jan. 27. $B \Theta \Pi$, dinner at the Hotel Brunswick, Feb. 18. $\Delta T \Delta$, conference of Eastern Division at Mechanics' Hall, and dinner at Morrello's, Feb. 22. ΨT , general convention, Feb. 24-26, at Masonic Temple, with public exercises and banquet at the Metropolitan Opera House. $B \Theta \Pi$, alumni dinner to ex-Gov. Hoadley, of Ohio, at Delmonico's, March 29. $X \Psi$, general convention at Fifth Avenue Hotel, on April 6, 7 and 8, and banquet at Brunswick's. There have been, also, a memorial meeting of the ΨT alumni, in honor of ex-President Chester A. Arthur, and receptions by the $\Delta K E$ Club, at their respective club houses. The $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$ and $\Sigma \Phi$ alumni associations occupy houses, though only the first two have houses of their own.

IN March the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club, of New York City, took a five-years lease of the Hargans mansion, No. 435 Fifth Avenue. The club was organized about two years ago, and heretofore occupied the house No. 36 West Thirty-fourth street. It now requires larger quarters.

$\Omega K \Phi$, a legal fraternity modeled after $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, was organized February 25, 1887, at the Union College of Law, Chicago.

ΣX , at Iowa State University, has surrendered her charter.

ΔT has established a chapter at De Pauw.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has entered Syracuse and Lehigh.

$\Sigma A E$ has entered Allegheny.

WE hoped to have published in this number an account of the conference of the Grand Division of the South, but Chapter Lamba, to whom, we understand, the matter was referred, has failed to forward a report, although we both wrote and telegraphed for it. We judge from private advices that the conference was a notable success, all the chapters being represented by large and enthusiastic delegations. A full report of the meeting will appear in our June number.

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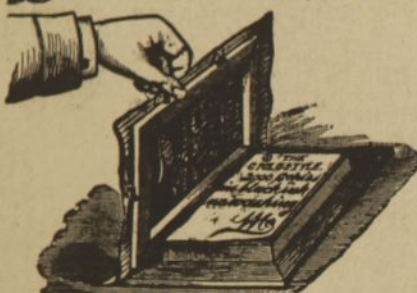
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