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THE RAINBOW

*Τίς διανοεῖται ἂν ἄλλοι τῇ ἀρετῇ
Καταπραΰνῃσι, τούτων ἰσομοιρεῖν;*

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THE RELATION OF "THE RAINBOW" TO THE FRATERNITY.

Fraternity journalism is as yet in its infancy. It presents, however, to the student of its various phases, a field for investigation by no means barren. For, from its very inception, its necessity and importance have been so patent that many have been led to wonder that successful fraternity publications were so long deferred. In the birth of the fraternity journal necessity and invention stood in their usual relation. For, as the field occupied by Greek-letter societies extended, the work devolving upon the general secretaries became so onerous that it appeared necessary to institute a means of communication and discussion more satisfactory than mere correspondence. It was this necessity that led to the first attempt to found a journal devoted to fraternity interests. That it was successful is attested by the almost universal adoption of the plan by other fraternities. While our discussion is limited by our subject to our own fraternity, it will at least show that our remarkable advancement has been largely due to the influence of our journal, if in other fraternities it is seen that, since the publication of their journals, unusual advancement has also been made. Observation of the progress of other fraternities can extend only to their outward improvements. So we can regard this question in connection with our contemporaries only in the line of their apparent advancement, which is manifested mainly in extension. Observe first of all the "Miami Triad." Beta Theta Pi was founded in 1839. Her journal was instituted in 1872. In the *thirty-three* years,

from 1839 to 1872, Beta Theta Pi had built up a chapter-roll of *twenty-four*. In the *fifteen* years, from 1872 to 1887, during which time the journal has been published, she has added *twenty-four* new chapters to her roll. Phi Delta Theta was founded in 1848. Her journal was founded in 1876. In *twenty-eight* years, without a journal, Phi Delta Theta had established chapters in *twenty-seven* colleges. In *eleven* years, with a journal, she has founded *thirty-eight* new chapters. Sigma Chi was founded in 1855. Her journal began publication in 1881. In *twenty-six* years, without a journal, she had obtained a chapter-roll of *twenty-three*. In *six* years, with a journal, she has added *fifteen* new chapters. Phi Gamma Delta was established in 1848. She first issued her journal in 1879. In *thirty-one* years, without a journal, she had established in *seventeen* colleges. In *eight* years, with a journal, she has established *fifteen* chapters. Alpha Tau Omega was founded in 1865. She commenced to publish her journal in 1880. In *fifteen* years, without a journal, she had built up a roll of *nine* chapters. In *seven* years, with a journal, she has added *eighteen* new chapters. That this rapid extension was not produced in any of these cases because of any period of general fraternity activity, is evident from the fact that the journals were founded at widely different times. Delta Tau Delta shows a record equally remarkable. In *eighteen* years previous to the establishment of the fraternity organ, she had added to her list *twenty-four* chapters, nine of which have since had their charters withdrawn. In the *ten* years succeeding the establishment of the journal, *sixteen* chapters have been added. These figures certainly indicate the vital relation that our journal has sustained to our extension. Examine that initial issue of 1877 and you find in its pages such expressions of devotion and enthusiasm as were harbingers of its ultimate success. Matters of vital import are at once placed before the fraternity. Even in the first number, we find notice of the appointment of Extension Committees for East and West, coupled with earnest exhortation to the fraternity to work for the increase of the chapter-roll. In the ninth and last number of the first volume, we discover an article on the "Location of Chapters," which advocates the reclamation of lost and the establishment of new chapters in Eastern and Southern institutions. In this same issue also, a correspondent of Tau grows eloquent while contemplating "the grand field" for Eastern extension. And the influence of these timely exhortations was soon to be seen in that remarkably successful effort to place upon the Delta chapter-roll the names of institutions that have ever since been an

honor to Deltaism. But in the sixth number of this first volume we find an advocate of "Lopping off the branches." In fact, so vividly impressed with this necessity does this correspondent become, that even from the stores of Biblical literature he draws an argument for his conclusion. Here we find the dawning of that idea that in a few years has wrought such a transformation in the general fraternity, namely: that no institution should remain upon the chapter-roll whose position or, at least, whose prospects are not such as to bestow or promise dignity to the fraternity. The sentiment had from the very birth of Deltaism prevailed, that only *men* of quality and sterling worth could advance the interests of chapters. Now there arose the analogous sentiment that only *institutions* of quality and sterling worth could advance the interests of the general fraternity. And the discussion of this important matter continued until several chapters located in inferior colleges had become victims of the "pruning knife."

For six years the pleas for judicious extension continued. The effect is best learned by an examination of the history of the fraternity from 1877 to 1883, during which time fifteen chapters were established, among them being some of our strongest and most enthusiastic. The ideas of extending and pruning were prominently treated in the second volume. Judicious extension is warmly advocated. Intense indignation is expressed by correspondents because a charter had been granted to an institution of comparatively low grade. Thus for several years the pleas for these two ideas were dominant in the management of the organ, and consequently in the management of the fraternity.

The success that has attended our various conventions has been undoubtedly due to the interest aroused by our journal's hortatory remarks upon this subject. Read the fourth volume and note the stirring, enthusiastic articles urging attendance upon the following convention. Go soon afterward to Pittsburg and look upon that body of more than one hundred Deltas, and discover the result of our journal's words. The wonderful success as to attendance, enthusiasm, and aggressive work that attended the Pittsburg, Indianapolis, and Cleveland Conventions, and the moulding influence of measures there adopted, speak eloquently of our journal's influence in this line of fraternity work. Since the establishment of our journal, the old method of government has been placed aside and our present more satisfactory method has been substituted. Since the establishment of our journal, Alumni Associations have been established upon

a firm basis, and serve in their workings to arouse among the alumni their "not dead but sleeping" enthusiasm. Since the establishment of our journal, Delta Tau Delta, originally Southern, has entered in full strength her old home. Turn to Vol. V and read in No. VII an editorial urging Southern extension; also in Vol. VIII a literary article advocating a re-entrance of the South-land. Within a short time two fine chapters were established in Southern institutions of high standing, and before a year had gone by another Southern college had been added, and Delta Tau Delta was firmly established in the South.

Since the establishment of our organ, our fraternity has taken the initiative in the discussion and decision of the perplexing "prep. question." The Cleveland Convention had advocated the expediency of this new fraternity reform, and had passed a mild resolution relative to it. The journal takes up the question, and in earnest general discussion presents to the fraternity the pros and cons. And this timely discussion has since led Delta Tau Delta to dignify herself, and set a worthy example, by forbidding the initiation of preparatory students. For several years the journal has been a persistent advocate of internal improvement. The work accomplished in this line certainly repays all efforts made. Thus it has been in all the directions of our activity. The results that we have mentioned are only the apparent. But our journal's silent and unconscious influence has, perhaps, been equally patent in the development of the fraternity. Imagine our country deprived of our daily, weekly, and monthly papers and you see her bereft of the connection that binds town to town, and state to state. The fraternity without a journal would occupy a similar position. Enthusiasm is seldom born of ignorance; intelligent enthusiasm, certainly never. Information alone creates within our hearts a love for country, society or organization. And the fact that for years the different fraternities maintained active organizations, without possessing representative organs, indicates an enthusiasm that could have been begotten only by the utility of the system. The journal became a source of constant information, and the intelligent enthusiasm created by a perusal of its pages becomes an element of strength to individual chapters and to the general fraternity. The journal stands as our representative before friends and rivals. It pleads our cause in the home of the actives. Its manly sentiments pierce the armor of ignorant opponents, put to shame the ill-considered objections of jealous enemies, turn the minds of doubters to more impartial consideration, and strengthen the already

enthusiastic friend and advocate of the fraternity system. It brings to the alumnus reminders of college days and warms his heart with awakened love for "our good old Delta Tau" as the tender memories that cluster round the chapter room, and the remembrance of the rollicking actives from whom years before he had parted, renew his interest in his fraternity's prosperity and advancement. It binds the different chapters so closely together as to bring about a uniform standard of membership, a result of high value. But still, we must not forget that although our journal stands in such a vital relation to our success, and is the real exponent of our order, yet its relation is also that of dependence. And in the face of these evident facts which have from time to time been presented in regard to our journal's direct influence upon and vital connection with the brotherhood, it sounds satirical for us to ask what is the duty of individual members and of chapters in the line of mental and financial aid. And, certainly, a strange anomaly does that chapter become, which refuses to give hearty and prompt assistance to its various enterprises. Let sentiment and resolutions be crystalized and petrified into substantial aid. Our journal is now one of which we may well be proud, and with the flush of pride we may display it before friends and foes. If our various chapters are true to their interests, our journal shall soon "attain the very zenith of the fraternity firmament" and shall become the "handsome, beautiful queen, the Venus of all fraternity organs."

ED. H. HUGHES, *Mu*, '89.

CHAPTER TRUSTEESHIPS.

In a circular letter issued by Chapter Nu a few months ago, and addressed to the Chapter's alumni and former members, was contained the following paragraph: "To provide for the permanent ownership and control of this property," referring to the personal property of the chapter, "as well as the more nearly to unite the interests of the growing body of alumni to the active membership, it has been resolved by the Chapter to organize a Board of Trustees, who shall represent the whole membership, alumni and active, be a permanent body with succession of members, shall have title to all property of the Chapter, and shall be a constant guardian of the Chapter's permanent interests."

Those words express the objects of a Chapter Trusteeship, which

it is the purpose of the writer further to explain and commend to the attention of the chapters of the fraternity.

The trusteeship established by Chapter Nu is based upon the following provisions of her By-Laws :

"SEC. 1. The title and ownership of all personal property purchased or donated for the chapter and in possession of the active members of the chapter, as well as such personal property as shall, prior to the adoption of this section, have been in the use, possession and control of the active members, as of such personal property as shall hereafter be purchased or donated for the use of the active membership, shall be and remain in a Board of Trustees, constituted as provided in the next section.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees shall be five in number, of whom one shall be an active member of the chapter ; two shall be alumni resident in Easton, and two shall be alumni resident elsewhere.

SEC. 3. The active member trustee shall be chosen by a majority vote of the active members of the chapter. He shall hold office for the term of one year. Any vacancy occurring therein shall be filled at the first regular meeting of the active members thereafter.

SEC. 4. The alumni trustees shall be chosen by vote of all the members of the chapter, alumni and active—a plurality of votes cast being sufficient for a choice. On the first election, one non-resident alumni trustee shall be chosen for one year and one for three years ; one resident alumni trustee for two years and one for four years. Their successors shall be chosen for four years. Vacancies therein shall be filled by the Board for the remainder of the term.

SEC. 5. The terms of the Board chosen at the first election shall begin on the first day of the first calendar month thereafter. The office of any trustee, who shall lose the character of the class for which he was elected, shall be deemed vacant.

SEC. 6. The active members of the chapter at the date of the adoption of this section shall provide for holding the first election. Subsequent elections shall be held as provided for by the Board."

The first section fixes the title to the chapter property in a body which represents the real owners. In the absence of such a provision, who owns your chapter's property? Such property is usually the accumulation of several years. However created, its creators part with it, trusting that it will always remain and increase for the benefit of their chapter. From the charter members to the existing membership, each man contributes his portion ; but, with the con-

stant succession of active members, the possession constantly changes. Perhaps, in law, this process of abandonment and assumption of possession would carry with it the legal title, as by implied gift, so that the ownership, with power of disposition, would always be with the existing active membership. Suppose, then, a departing member, or one resigning or expelled, or an otherwise disloyal man, should demand his share of the common goods; suppose this happen when the actives were few in number, or even when reduced to one. In the last instance what is to prevent such an one from walking off with the whole; or, indeed, what is to hinder the active members at any time from selling out and pocketing the proceeds. It is no answer to say that this is only the dark side, and that it is not likely that any of such evils would ever occur. It must be remembered that the last and most flagrant example has actually occurred once in the history of our fraternity. It is enough that any of them are possible. Or, suppose a charter be withdrawn, or a chapter resign, or becomes defunct from any cause—such things have happened and will happen—where go the gifts of such a chapter's founders and upbuilders, who, perchance, remain loyal, but are miles away, uninformed and without a representative? Of course complaint could not be made if the proceeds went back to the givers, where they must go if the givers retain the title through representatives who keep them informed of things.

Again, a Board of Trustees, with alumni and active representation, is in itself a source of strength. The trustees represent a constituency, especially so the alumni constituency, which is apt to stray away, become disinterested, and, soon, personally strange to the active members. But provide a method which will enable the alumni to hold on to their chapter organization, and how ready they will be found to do so; let that method allow the actives to hold on to the alumni, and that chapter is going to be strong and progressive. By providing a body constituted with alumni and active member representatives, you unify the plans and sympathies of both, their interest in and loyalty to their common chapter. There is a constant means of inter-communication. Is an appeal to the alumni required for any purpose, you have a body, their own selection, who can speak to them and be heard. Does the chapter desire to establish a sinking fund, or other permanent fund, which shall by gradual increase develop into an endowment—you have a proper custodian for it. Would not the alumni be more apt to contribute to their chapter, knowing where and how their contributions will be vested? In fact, the Board would be a visible connection, not only between the actives

and the alumni, but between the alumni themselves. They would feel that they are still organized, and intimately associated with their chapter. By the By-Laws above quoted, an election for trustee takes place once a year. A communication goes out to all the alumni from the Board and from the chapter, which may include reports and other information; there may even develop a generous rivalry among candidates for the honor of the office; the ballots are collected; letters to the Board or the chapter may accompany the ballot; all tending to enliven the interest of the alumni, and bind them closer to each other, and to the boys in college. Chapter Nu can attest this as a result of the first ballot, collected in December, which met with a hearty response and endorsement. It will usually happen that those alumni will be elected who are remembered to have been "workers" while in college. Will this not be an inducement to the boys in college to be, all of them, "workers"? so that they may in time secure the endorsement of their fellows.

But I have said enough. The scheme is worth establishing on the part of every chapter. It does not, and need not, go as far as incorporation, but it can not fail to "be a constant guardian of the chapter's permanent interests."

ORRIN SERFASS.

[Nu's election for trustees resulted in the selection of the following Board:

Alumni Trustee (resident),	4 years,	Orrin Serfass.
" " "	2 years,	H. L. Odenwelder.
" " (non-resident),	3 years,	A. B. Camp,	Chicago, Ill.
" " "	1 year,	A. R. Niles,	Wellsboro, Pa.
Active Member Trustee,	1 year,	E. B. Camp, '89.]

"THE FRATERNITY."

[Response to a toast at the Banquet following the Conference of the Northern Division, at Cleveland, March 28, 29 and 30, 1888.]

To-night my mind runs back to the time when our country was in its infancy, when its fate hung in the balance, and when true Americanism meant unity and brotherly interest.

At that time old Virginia was at the height of her power, and the grandeur of her noble sentiments was a light to our weakly nation. There, in viewing her many accomplishments, in beholding the many emblems which she has placed in the Temple of Fame, I find that

not only did she nourish and protect the noble son that gave utterance to the first revolutionary sentiment, but also her parental love nourished this grand system which has become so important an adjunct to the college world. We know not what mind first conceived the college Fraternity System, but we do know that we, as members of a Greek-letter Fraternity, owe our existence as such to the united and unceasing efforts of five young men of old William-and-Mary College, where the system was first established.

Those were perilous times, and the principle that actuated the founding of our mother Fraternity was indicative of the spirit of the times.

Our country, tender in years, was oppressed by its parent. The war cloud hung over us, there was no kind word from our sister nations. One common danger seemed to affect all classes, in the college and out of it, and to bind them more closely together. In this condition of affairs *Φ B K* was founded, having for her standard "Mutual Sympathy and Common Friendship." As a standard around which all could rally, destined to mould the future of fraternities, none could have been more aptly chosen. From the first this motto has been that of all the Greek Fraternity world. Although with advanced years, with increased interests, with the growth of our country, with the extension of the educational system, our standards have broadened and deepened, yet beneath the surface we still see engraved the words "Mutual Sympathy and Common Friendship." One of the symptoms of the healthfulness and usefulness of the Greek Fraternities is their continued and even growth.

During the past century, colleges and universities have sprung up on all sides, and along with this great addition in numbers quality has never been lost sight of. The same story can be told of the Greek Fraternities. From one they have increased until now they are almost as numerous as there are conceivable euphonious combinations of the Greek Alphabet. Eastward the star of this empire wended its way, and sister chapters were established in Yale and Harvard. Classic New England can boast of the culture and refinement of her people, of her grand institutions of learning, but in the fraternity world she has been compelled to step aside and make way for the zeal and industry of Virginia's youth.

Along with this great increase in numbers, broader views have been taken, and it is no remarkable coincidence that many of our most distinguished men, statesmen, scholars or philanthropists, have been members of Greek-letter Fraternities. Ever since the storm of

denunciation burst upon the Masons, in 1827, fraternities of all kinds have been under a cloud. "Like a plank of driftwood tossed on the sea of time" have our college fraternities been buffeted and beaten by waves of opposition. On all quarters have they been attacked with all the armament of argumentative warfare. But, as the oak gains strength by battling with the rain and wind, the blighting frosts of winter, and the withering heat of summer, so the fraternity system has survived and been benefited by these storms of opposition, it has profited by its past mistakes, it has strengthened its weak points, and to-day the question is no longer "Must the Fraternity go?" but, "How shall we better it as an established system?" The benefits arising from this system can be estimated only by those who understand its inner life. How many of those who are hostile to this system have ever been members of a college fraternity? No defense can be offered where, in certain instances, the system becomes degraded. We are sorry to say such cases occur. But does it not happen with the church itself? Was there not a Judas among the apostles of Christ? Was there not an Alcibiades among the pupils of the ancient philosopher? Where the system has its perfect work, its tendencies are decidedly moral. No mortal has greater influence over his fellow mortal than fraternity brother over fraternity brother. Owing to the close relations under which students are brought by these organizations are we enabled to see the blemishes in each others characters. Mutual sympathy and admonition, kindly received, help us to eradicate these, and the love which we have for our fraternity keeps us from error. None the less is the fraternity an educator. The college develops us intellectually, disciplines our minds, fills us with facts and figures which we are to digest and use in life's conflicts. Passing to and fro and in the class-room we meet our fellow students, but we do not come into intimate connection with them, we do not understand their nature, their purposes, their ambitions. In the fraternity we receive the best opportunity for studying our own natures, we meet in close relations the mathematician, the linguist, the scientist. We receive their help. We understand their success, and we receive inspirations which enable us better to perform our daily work. More and more is the fraternity considered a valuable adjunct of the college. With pleasure we notice the increased interest exhibited in its welfare by the heads of colleges, by eminent scholars, and by all men who understand the governing of youth. Would such words of encouragement and advice be offered, and that voluntarily, were the system *ruinous* in its tendencies? Witness the able defense

by ex-President White, of Cornell, from whom we learn that through the fraternities he was better enabled to attend to the interests of the students. When a member of a fraternity erred, President White, by consulting with the older members of the same fraternity, prevented a repetition of the offense. Would that other colleges of this fair land might adopt this plan and treat members of the fraternities as members of the human family, rather than regarding them as agents with no other purpose in life than to corrupt morals and degrade scholarship.

From President Seelye we learn that Amherst is better off to-day because of the fraternities, and on this authority we understand that the venerable Doctor McCosh, that great opponent of fraternities, has of late been inquiring into the workings of the fraternities at Amherst.

In the Iowa State University the faculty take an interest in the social workings of the fraternities, and attend entertainments given under the auspices of the different chapters. Thus we see that wherever the fraternity system is inquired into, and cared for, it is defended. The fraternity system is the only system that can and will break down the great enmity now existing between colleges. Besides the honorable pride which it is the duty of every student to have in his *Alma Mater*, there seems to be an ancient tradition that along with this pride must exist intense hatred; but of late this condition of affairs has changed. The old structure, under the convention plan of the fraternities, has begun to tremble, and we behold its entire destruction in the scheme that Judge Tourgee and others have presented—that of a national convention of all the Greek Fraternities. Let us hasten the day.

V. K. McELHENY, JR., *Mu*, '90.

THE SYMPOSIUM.

THE AMELIORATION OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

I.

The forces that are to work out the future of our fraternity must come from within. Outside influences may help to mould and direct those forces, but the life and energy that must pervade our whole organism, if we hope to progress, must be generated and fostered by ourselves.

We have fallen into the common error of looking to our alumni for assistance, believing them to be the source from which any advancement must come.

Older fraternities point to the long list of honored names upon their chapter-rolls, yet how many of their members could tell you anything of the principles of the organization to which they belong?

To be a useful member of any fraternity, a man must have pursued a regular course of fraternity study, which he would do well to make as much a part of his general education as a knowledge of Latin. Thorough familiarity is a necessity to anything more than passive interest. Many of our alumni are deficient in this respect, and it is too late now to attempt educational reform with them. It is misdirected energy to endeavor to train men who are no longer surrounded with college influences. To this deficiency in the knowledge of what our fraternity really is, and what it teaches, we may attribute the lack of lively interest on the part of our alumni.

It is to the young men just initiated that we must look, for better things. We must teach them the broad principles upon which Delta Tau Delta is founded; inspire them with love for the fraternity, as well as for the chapter; and, especially, tell them our history, that it may serve as a guide to present duties.

Let every one feel, on entering our fraternity, that he is becoming a member of a great national organization, with noble purposes. This work well done, our future is assured and in another generation we shall have a body of alumni that will need no resurrection.

Fraternity education should be our present aim, and our policy should be didactic. Delta Tau Delta needs no new principles, her teachings are faultless. Let us see to it that we no longer graduate men with an imperfect knowledge of our fraternity. A. A. B.

II.

There is no need of adopting a new policy. There is no need of a change in our methods. What we want is effective carrying out of what we have. The fraternity reached its present prominence through the work of individuals; it can retain its position only by the continuance of individual effort. When active Deltas become more active, and when indifferent ones become awakened, the amelioration of the fraternity will follow "as the night the day," and not a minute before. New men must know more of our past; chapters must care more for the general welfare; officials must look solely to the conscientious discharge of duty. We shall grow more rapidly

toward our destined place among college societies only as these things are noticed and practiced.

One thing more. We must plan. Work should be laid out now that shall look years ahead, into our future. We seem to be drifting aimlessly now. Elaborate plan, exact and unselfish execution—these are the sources of our amelioration. L.

III.

Any attempt to better our condition is indeed commendable. But we have accomplished nearly all that can be accomplished with existing methods. Were I required to sum up my views of the surest means of bettering $\Delta T \Delta$, I should say, *spend more money upon $\Delta T \Delta$* . Other means may avail—this one must avail. Money will find wide-awake officials, will make successful conferences and conventions, will provide elegant chapter halls, will build beautiful chapter houses. Under its magic touch activity will replace indifference, and zeal will drive out sloth. We shall be sought, we shall be honored, we shall become powerful beyond our wildest dreams. Whence shall come this new source of strength? From your pocket, and from mine, and from the pockets of "millions yet to be." No, I'm perfectly sane. I am a business man, and look at $\Delta T \Delta$ and her amelioration from a business point of view. And I stop where I began—the amelioration of $\Delta T \Delta$ must come from the spending of money in judicious extension and in internal development. The future will prove me right. S. A.

IV.

Delta Tau Delta has now arrived at an age where she needs to make use of her alumni. The fraternity has struggled along for a quarter of a century against mighty odds—with only the unaided efforts of her actives. Her growth has been marvelous, but there is still room for further progress. We need chapter houses—summer resorts and other luxuries, which only our alumni can give us.

The boys who labored so faithfully for the fraternity in its infancy are still as loyal and ready to promote the interests of our cause as they were ten and twenty years ago.

Aside from financial aid, we need their counsel and experience. Effective work comes from well directed energies, and our fraternity has shown great wisdom, in placing a part of its government in the hands of its alumni.

This secures an active co-operation, not to be had in any other way. What we now need is still further effort in this same direction.

Let every active make this a feature of fraternity work. Show our alumni what the fraternity has done since they were in college, and that it now needs their assistance as much as ever.

Our allegiance to Delta Tau Delta is not to be laid aside on leaving college, and our progress will be slow if we continue to demand but four years' work of our members, and then forget them. Let the fraternity take an interest in its alumni and the alumni will renew their interest in the fraternity. Concerted action is what is needed. A new live alumni chapter should be as valuable as a new active chapter.

In no way can the work of building up and strengthening the fraternity be better accomplished, than by more closely uniting our actives and alumni.

C. S. C.

V.

Delta Tau Delta is as secret as the average American fraternity. To ameliorate her condition, she must be made much more so; in this respect we should be second to none. The most secret fraternity is the most successful, and since the authorities of colleges no longer look upon the fraternities as whited sepulchers, this will be more true in years to follow. But, even if I were able to write a philosophical treatise upon secrecy, it would be out of place in this symposium. I ask for a word on one matter. *Let the chapter hall be secret.* There should be an unwritten law in every chapter, saying: "Let none but the initiated enter herein." No college community is devoid of facilities for entertainment infinitely superior to those of a chapter hall. There are three classes of people who can be entertained in a chapter hall: Non-college people, barbs and rivals, and candidates for initiation. To entertain non-college people is the least compromising. They have a vague idea of having been in a suite of rooms more or less elegantly furnished. Candidates for initiation see more, but are unable to grasp the situation, and are enabled to appreciate to some extent the mystery that surrounds it all. But why entertain him in the chapter hall? Is it not an easy task to convince him that the hall is a much more important place, by never showing it to him? Nothing escapes the eyes of the rival and the barb. The one looks to see how little there is, the other to see what it is that inspires so much awe in the mind of the outsider. The one looks to ridicule what displeases and to imitate what pleases, the other to wonder if it be worth all the trouble and expense necessary to be one of The Chosen. No one thinks any more of any secret organization from

having learned something of its secrets. Let not all be appearance and outside. There must be a substance and an inside, a something unknown which shall command respect. In this secrecy is a means of our betterment. I urge it, with all the emphasis at my command, as the one thing now most needful in Delta Tau Delta.

W. S. A.

VI.

[Extract from a private letter to the Editor from an old friend, a member of another fraternity.]

" * * * * * You will remember that when I learned that you had taken charge of your fraternity journal, I felt it a duty to say you were a fool. I learned long years ago, from an associate whose enthusiasm for my fraternity overbalanced his common sense to such a degree that he accepted our editorship, that the task is always hopeless and generally thankless. * * * I must be equally frank in commending the choice of the subject of the symposium. It is a big theme, and may provoke discussion. But I can see no real reason to hope for further improvement in your society or in my own, until members care enough about their journal to subscribe for it and contribute to it. There can never be amelioration where there is no interest. * * * I think it would be an excellent plan to squelch the journals of these societies for a term of five years, until the members wake up to a sense of what they owe them—that is, if there is any chance of having any members left by that time, which I doubt, * * * * and the amelioration of the society is at once a cause and an effect of the betterment of the journal. * * * "

VII.

I find the improvement of $\Delta T \Delta$ in a means which has been discussed so often in the old Crescent that I hesitate even to name it, na'th'less it must out, and here you are—*Extension*. This theme, venerable though it be, has not of late received the attention it deserves. Has the fraternity forgotten that there are colleges, especially in the West, toward which we should now be looking? What certain way have we of reaching the high place we aspire to, unless it be in the bold, prompt occupation of those institutions which, though now in their infancy, are destined to be great educational centers in the next quarter of a century? We have chapters now in institutions not even so good as some of these. What logic lies back of this refusal, or neglect, to increase our chapter-roll? Let the old work of extending

our boundaries be pushed with great heartiness. We can improve and extend simultaneously. I hope that a committee will be appointed pretty soon, by the proper authority, to look closely into the possibilities of the great West especially, and then of the South, some of whose colleges have been improving wonderfully in the last few years. To this means I look for the amelioration of $\Delta T \Delta$. W.

VIII.

As an alumnus who has always been interested in his society, and as a graduate still in sympathy with the work of students, I am very glad to express an opinion of the best way of helping the society which took up much of my time and thoughts in years now gone by. I see that there has been in all societies of a secret nature, a strong tendency toward centralization of governmental power, and I believe this to be a significant fact. Centralization affords the only method of securing the performance of duties. Doubtless the experiment will at first receive little support, for students are jealous of their assignment of powers. But once tried, I am sure the outcome must be for good. Irresponsible men can not accomplish much in Delta Tau Delta, nor out of it. To put powers into the hands of a few men, and then to insist upon the discharge of these offices, is the method adopted by the old, historical fraternities, and must be equally effective with us. Certainly men can be found who will be glad to exercise so important functions. Work under such a system would be done, not merely talked about. Enterprises could be carried to successful termination, and a sense of enthusiasm and renewed interest would be experienced in all the society. Other fraternities have demonstrated this beyond a doubt.

I believe, moreover, in putting these enlarged powers into the hands of the older students who are still in college, and filled with present enthusiasm. Alumni seldom possess sufficient interest to exercise such powers with the earnestness that is a distinctive mark of young men in college. Centralize, therefore, and let the active members be the active agents in pushing this system to its successful issue.

M.

[Continued in June number.]

"OUR FRIENDS, THE ENEMY."

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for February is an unusually good number. An article headed "Our Fraternity" is followed by an elaborate essay based on Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero Worship," and this by an article entitled "Our New Chapters." The editorials are brief, but pointed. Liberal extracts from the Greek Press, and courteous comments thereon, precede the list of well-prepared chapter-letters. These comments are especially worthy of notice:

"There is such a difference between fraternity publications! Take up one and it is vainglorious, boastful and sometimes impudent; take up the one lying next to it, and lo, every page beams with a human fellowship, and sympathy! Ah, humanity transcends fraternity; and these columns shall never cease to scourge that man, or fraternity of men, who forgets all in admiration of self; nor shall they ever fail to uphold that one who speaks forth for the good of all."

"Verily, the man who delivered the address at the Sigma Nu banquet, held in Birmingham, Ala., and published in the December number of the *Sigma Nu Delta*, is a poet, or ought to be. Ye gods! how he loves the daisies, the dells, the daisied dells, the flowery dells, the sunny meadows, the myrtles, the willows, the girls, the grays, the bees, of the smiling, laughing, chivalrous, loyal, loving South; and how he goes for the wind-sneering, blast-biting, ice-bound, oak-covered North, the land of perpetual snow, of beauty's tombstone, of the sun's icy sepulchre—Kansas! *Poeta non nascitur*, but he had a *fit*."

The Beta Theta Pi shows the results of an infusion of new blood into its editorial system. The associate editors write well, and the journal improves accordingly. An article on "The Chicago Betas" and one on "Extension and the Great West" bear the well-known stamp of Beta enthusiasm—sometimes called by the profane "Beta brag." A short article entitled "A Plea for Small Chapters," is among the best things in the current number. We quote approvingly:

"Now if Beta Theta Pi wishes to retain these peculiar characteristics which are her points of superiority, she cannot afford to increase the size of her active chapters.

"This increase may possibly indicate that our standard of membership has been lowered. If this is true, if any chapter has been so ill-advised as to initiate unworthy men, her name will doubtless be promptly and relentlessly stricken from our roll. But it may only indicate a fortunate or rather an unfortunate addition to the number of men worthy of initiation. In this case it would be equally dangerous; for, however excellent the individual members of a society may be, to transform that society into a brotherhood, there must exist between its members a bond stronger than formal vows and a common name. There must exist between them a sociability, and an intimacy of association, which will be prevented or at least seriously impeded by a large membership. If Beta Theta Pi were merely a select literary society, an aristocratic boxing-club, or an exclusive Y. M. C. A., each of her chapters could contain fifty men with as much safety as a dozen. But she is none of these; she is an intensely social organization—a fraternity in the liberal sense of the word, and therefore her safety demands small chapters. The existence of large chapters clearly explains the total failure of the fraternity system in some of our greatest institutions of learning. I say failure, for no society is a true fraternity unless there exists between its members a mutual sympathy and a mutual love which can only be present in completeness among the few. But it may be justly claimed that in large colleges small chapters can possess no decided political influence. This we admit, but a glance at our constitution will show that our fraternity is no political combination, and the aspiring youth who has joined us merely to secure for himself a certain number of voters will find himself sadly disappointed.

"The only condition under which we should allow a large chapter to exist is when it possesses a chapter-house, which serves to bring about the necessary affiliation between its members."

"The pruning business is a pretty important one. A good many names were lopped off by the last catalogue editors, and there are lots of Betas in the country, initiated under the free and easy customs of early days, who are not now recognized. I know of an Ohio instance of this kind. Fifteen years ago the Betas in a certain college were apprised of the intention of a student to enter college. Thinking to get the advantage of the other fraternities, it was voted that two of the chapter go up to his home and initiate him. And so one of them fished for an invitation to deliver an address at the closing exercises of the Academy from which the candidate was to

graduate. The plan was a success. After a learned lecture on the "Duty of Young Men to the State," the candidate was solemnly invested with the mysteries of the order, and, on his statement that the principal of the school was desirous of membership, he, also, was admitted. Neither of them ever went to the college at which the chapter was located. Now, then, in the last catalogue, the name of the prospective student is given, but the principal's is not. Both were enthusiastic Betas, and until recent years were subscribers to the fraternity magazine. That initiation would be called irregular now, and yet I read this instance in the last issue: "We initiated —, of the incoming Freshman class, June 19th. * * * All our brethren but — returned;" in other words, the only difference in the cases is this, in the latter the Beta attended the preparatory department, and intended to enter college, and in the other the Beta had attended an academy and intended to enter college. The principals in this affair are all prominent Ohio Betas, and their names would cause surprise.

"The old initiation was a "one-man" institution. The Chicago University Beta, before mentioned, once revived a Beta chapter, he himself doing all the work, asking if all were willing to receive the new candidate, and then replying in deep sepulchral tones "Hos leggo Eggo," (as I have seen it written out.) And it is reasonable to believe that in the early days, before the strict scrutiny of the present system was in vogue, many a case of irregular initiation was winked at. Nor is it a long time since a prominent Beta knocked at the door of a western chapter, saying, 'I've got a fellow here I want you to initiate.'"

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, for March, contains the following significant dig at the unfortunate chapter correspondent. The time approaches when these gentlemen will need to be guarded as carefully as base-ball umpires:

"What makes up the ideal chapter-letter? We don't know, and have carefully refrained, during our career as Editor, from trying to tell; but we feel sure that we possess that subtle sense of knowing when a thing suits its surroundings—when it "fits"—and just as no one can tell what makes Charles Lamb's letters charming, so no one can define what a good chapter-letter ought to be.

"We might tell what a chapter-letter ought not to be; we have done that before, but we do not care to dwell on that feature of the

most important department of our journal, but pass to consider some figures that do not lie.

"In the ten issues of this volume every chapter has had ten opportunities to speak, and a brief survey of the back numbers will show each chapter its condition:

District I., out of a possible 118 chances, has accepted 60, or 51 per cent. District II., out of 70 chances accepted 19, or 27.1 per cent. District III., out of 70 chances accepted 34, or 48.5 per cent. District IV., out of 100 chances accepted 37, or 37 per cent. The entire membership out of 360 chances accepted 150, or 41.6 per cent."

The February *Shield* had this seasonable paragraph on convention delegates:

"Are you going to send your brilliant student, boys? Don't do it. Will you send your bookish man, who knows more than all of you together, and to whom you look up as a wonderful fellow? Don't do it. Shall it be the prize-winner of last year, the especially bright boy in his own particular line? Don't send him. Are you thinking of sending the jolly good fellow who will impress the boys with your companionable spirit? No, no, don't. Will the pretty man be your choice? I hope not. Who then?

"One of the brothers struck the answer to this question exactly when he wrote in his January chapter-letter that a new brother was one of the 'best all-round men' to be found. That's what you want, boys, the best all-round men. After all, you must be your own judges in the matter of the choice of delegates, but be careful that you select the very best men you have, even if both be freshmen. Don't think because a man has been long in the chapter that you owe him an election. I have known cases of seniors after four years in college being more unfit for delegates than some enthusiastic sophomore. What constitutes delegatory timber, then? Your senior may be the best rusher in the chapter, you may consider him as most necessary to the success of your work, but he may be most lamentably unfit to represent you in the councils of our fraternity."

The following item from the *Anchora*, for April, can not fail to interest our members, and may even be instructive:

"Delta Tau Delta publishes a double journal, one secret, one open paper. The former excites our curiosity. Fancy pictures all

sorts of mysteries revealed therein. Perhaps Delta Tau Delta has discovered the whereabouts of the Niebelungen treasure or the history of the mound-builders; perhaps has found a passage to the north pole, or an economical way of fertilizing the Sahara; perhaps the Delta Tau Deltas know what to do with the "surplus," or have settled the Shakespearean-Baconian controversy. They really must have a secret of grave importance, and on the whole we are glad of it, for it makes us believe that there may after all be something tangible in fraternity bonds."

And the cheerful fraternity liar is thus airily wiped off the face of the earth:

"An examination of the available fraternity journals has led us to the following generalization: it is absolutely impossible for a fraternity to tell the truth about itself. The reckless perversions are amusing. A man, honorable and honest in his dealings with other men, will, in writing for his fraternity paper, tell the most marvelous tales with perfect equanimity. From every statement made by a Greek, in praise of his own fraternity, twenty-five per cent. can safely be deducted on the score of jealousy of other societies, thirty per cent. more on account of natural vanity, and unconscious exaggeration; then take away another twenty-five per cent. because of the desire to make one's own chapter appear well in the eyes of the other chapters, and there will be left exactly twenty per cent. of genuine, unsullied truth. On the other hand, if, through any miraculous influence, a member is induced to criticise or censure his fraternity, the process must be reversed; instead of subtraction, use multiplication; increase the criticism and blame ten-fold, and perhaps the golden truth will again be approximated. But it is a disgrace to every fraternity, chapter and individual member, that such reservations must be made. In the long run the effect cannot be otherwise than degenerating. It not only makes us ridiculous in the eyes of others, but it does more than any other one thing to foster the general suspicion with which secret societies are regarded, and to strengthen the open opposition with which they are met in many colleges. If for no higher motive than self-preservation, this contemptible habit, (we hope and believe that it is only habit) should be suppressed, and we think it would be a most praise-worthy undertaking if the fraternities would unite in a crusade against this evil, and exterminate it before it increases to proportions so great that resistance is useless."

With the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* THE RAINBOW has no quarrel. But the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* expresses exactly our sentiments in the following paragraph. A great deal of praise has been bestowed upon the $\Delta K E$ journal by itself and by those who suppose external attractiveness to be a certain indication of internal superiority. After impartial examination, we must side with the *Shield*, the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* and other Greek journals, in the conclusion that the excellence of the $\Delta K E$ journal begins and ends in its typographical and mechanical "get up."

"The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly*, though it often pats its own back and endeavors to persuade itself and others that it is the best fraternity magazine, is far from occupying that enviable and distinguished position. A pompous demeanor, voluminous articles, heavy editorials, and a large number of pages, do not go entirely to make up a magazine that is at once attractive, interesting and valuable. Such a publication, through its glossiness, may catch the eye or please the fancy for an instant, but if it does not possess that charm and true ring which gives the desire for possession and perusal, it makes no lasting impression, and fails in attaining its highest aim. A number of the editors of the Greek-letter press seem at times to be somewhat discouraged by the knowledge that they have not the support and capital to make as successful a showing as the publications of the older and more powerful fraternities. They forget, however, that it is not the name, size, or appearance—but the contents—that gives character and value to a paper. Ten pages of carefully prepared matter, containing good thoughts and clear ideas well expressed, are far preferable to a hundred or more pages of stuff that smacks largely of sawdust."—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* contained, some time ago, the following in an article bearing the significant title "What is a Fraternity to me?"

"But to give our best efforts to any work, we must believe in and appreciate it. The best workers in the hive of human society are those who have the highest estimate of what it should be, and of what is possible to be attained by it. The great reformers of the world were men who believed in human nature, and who felt that social development was a possibility. There are so many men who feel that man is corrupt and groveling, and that all efforts to uplift him are unavailing. We do not believe it is due to selfishness that

so few men work for the upbuilding of their fellows. It is because they want faith in mankind. Not that they do not care to labor, but that they cannot feel that effort would accomplish anything. It is indeed this matter of faith that makes the reformer appear a fanatic in the eyes of ordinary men. His faith permits him to see possibilities which are to others vague and intangible. Hence he is called a dreamer. But has not everything great and good in human development been reached through the efforts of the world's great dreamers?

"Again, this work will not only give to you the appreciation of the fraternity referred to, but it will do something more. A study of your fraternity, and an active participation in its management, will be to you an intellectual developing force, inasmuch as it will give you a practical knowledge of the workings of an extended organization. To the young man who purposes entering public life, such experience would be valuable—just the training best suited to prepare him for his future field of labor. But every man in this country of ours must have something to do with public affairs; it is a duty we cannot escape. We need therefore to be trained, that we may be prepared for the part which we shall be called upon to act. And, if fraternity work will assist in this preparation, and we believe that it will, then it must be of great benefit to every one, no matter what line of work he proposes to follow in after life.

"To recapitulate, then, the fraternity is to you first a means of cultivating the higher social instincts of your nature, at the same time exhibiting to you the finer characteristics of your fellows; secondly, an additional influence, fortifying your aspirations and purposes to become a true man; thirdly, a field in which you may gain a practical knowledge of organized human effort over an extended territory."

CAUGHT CIRCULATING.

If the reporters who grace the *Herald*, *World*, *Sun*, and other metropolitan dailies, have not reduced college-reporting to a fine art, then we quote to no purpose the following :

COLLEGE SPORTS.

THE BOWL FIGHT.

"The sophomore class of the University of Pennsylvania, in January last, revived the bowl fight, which until last winter was the annual midwinter fight between the sophomore and freshman classes. The faculty and trustees have always been opposed to the custom, and last year the class of '89 passed resolutions against the continuance of the annual fight. This year the class of '90 resolved to revive the time-honored fight, and thereby cast reflections on their natural enemy, the class of '89.

"The bowl fight is peculiar to the University of Pennsylvania. The fight is held annually, at the close of the first term of the winter session. The lowest third honor man on the science side is selected as bowl man. The freshmen surround their man and try to prevent the sophs from putting him in the bowl. The bounds are set, and if the bowl man is gotten out of bounds within fifteen minutes he is free, and the freshmen win half the fight. The other half is in the struggle to break the immense "wooden bowl," which is about two feet in diameter and made of inch-and-a-half material. In case the freshman is placed in the bowl, it is given to him as a souvenir of the fight. If not, and the bowl is not broken, the sophomore class intrust it to a member who is considered the best fighter, and in the senior year it is presented by vote of the class to one of the popular men.

"Recently the course of affairs took a unique turn. An element which heretofore has not entered the fight appeared and gained the supremacy and the bowl. It was the medical contingent.

"When Professor Jackson read out 'Starr and Tracy' as the last honor men there was a loud hum, and when it was learned that Tracy was not in college all eyes were turned toward the freshman

corner, and audible questions of 'which is Starr?' much annoyed the venerable Dean Kendall.

"At a quarter past eleven the sophomore class, bearing the beautiful bowl, which is of hard wood, having the fraternity badge on the inside, neatly entwined with 'U. of P.,' gathered at the east door of the basement hall, and the freshmen, surrounding their man, assembled in the centre of the hall. Starr was led forward, between two men, to be shown to the sophs, so that they could put the right man in the bowl. Then, with great cheers, the freshmen advanced to the door to get their man outside the university fence. The sophs met them and, after a sharp struggle, let them through the door. Here the freshmen, assisted by the juniors, divided. Part of the number fell upon the bowl and succeeded in getting it down upon the snow, and the other half rushed the bowl man out of the gate. The sophs fought hard, but Starr, at the end of five minutes, was outside the fence and safe.

"Ninety-one cheered for their success and then fell *en masse* upon the bowl. After a sharp struggle the juniors and freshmen raised the bowl and, by gallant work, pushed it across the campus to the gate. But here the seniors took a hand and the bowl went down and over it. The fight raged hot for a full half hour, when some 'meds' at length came, and the freshmen invited them to assist in getting the bowl into the street. After a sharp struggle, at the expiration of the hour the 'meds' reinforcement appeared and the college united—sophomore and freshman fighting side by side, but being greatly wearied. The freshness and superiority in numbers of the 'meds' told the tale, and after considerable good fighting the bowl was lodged in the dissecting-room, on the top of the medical building. Two or three sophs, by a back door, succeeded in entering the dissecting-room, but before they could secure the bowl were discovered and made to 'kiss the stiffs,' which they did, but not without fighting with all their strength. 'Ninety-one is greatly elated, and intend having a supper to celebrate their success.

THEY COULDN'T SAY 'TIGER.'

"There are some 'fly' freshmen in Stevens Institute, which is the pride of Hoboken, and just now because of those same 'fly' freshmen there are some very angry, disgusted sophomores in that same Institute.

"The sophomores, the proud class of '90, would have a class dinner, with toasts and all that sort of thing, at which they say pretty

things about themselves, and witty things, so-called, about the freshmen. It was to be at Morelli's, in Twenty-eighth street, at half past seven o'clock.

"But the freshmen were fly.

"When they learned of the dinner the sophomores were preparing, their mouths watered and they dropped trigonometry to think. Then they sent over a 'committee of arrangements,' represented themselves as sophomores and blandly told the *restauranteur* that they wished the dinner served at six o'clock iustead of half-past seven, and that to avoid the undesired presence of outsiders no one was to be admitted without the password, 'Tiger.'

"Punctually at the appointed hour the whole freshman class filed into the restaurant and said 'Tiger!' like one man.

"Stolen fruit may be sweet, but it would be insipid compared with the delicious flavor which that sophomore class dinner had to the freshmen. They were hilarious and happy when at seven o'clock came the sophomore 'committee of arrangements' to see 'if everything was all right.' Everything was all right, for the freshmen; the sophomores couldn't say 'Tiger' and were quietly escorted to the door by the waiters. By half-past seven all the sophomore class had arrived, very hungry and very thirsty, and mad to their toes. They could not say 'Tiger.' But as they cooled their heels outside while holding an indignation meeting on the sidewalk, they could hear the freshmen vigorously whoop up 'Boom rah, boom rah, boom rah, '91!' within. They didn't see the joke, and went home real mad.

"But the freshmen were tickled to death. Mr. F. A. L. Snecker was presiding and calling on the boys for toasts right and left from the list which Mr. A. R. Whitney, Jr., and Mr. W. Carlton, of '90, had prepared. Mr. Pearce 'chucked ojum' on the sophs in responding to 'Bristol's Favor,' and Mr. Field and others helped him on. And they politely gave '90 a vote of thanks for the dinner."—*New York Herald*.

COLLEGES.

The Inter-State Oratorical Contest will occur at Greencastle, Md., on May 7th.

One million dollars are well invested in college gymnasiums in the United States.—*Ex.*

Buchtel College is enjoying a healthy boom, and is coming rapidly to the front as a progressive institution.

The endowment fund of the Kansas Agricultural College now amounts to \$500,000 and yields an income of \$32,000.

Ex-President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, will soon publish his book on "The Warfare of Science." He is now visiting Southern colleges.

The faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have issued a circular to the younger alumni, asking if they were overworked during the course.

It is announced that President and Mrs. Cleveland will attend the commencement at Cornell the coming June, unless the long session of Congress should prevent.

Of thirty-two young men of New York, lately examined for cadetships at West Point, only nine were accepted as physically sound. The majority of those rejected are said to have the "cigarette heart."

Yale College has received from Alexander Duncan, of London, Eng., a member of the class of '25, a gift of \$20,000, "to be used for its best interests, as the authorities of the University may determine."

Of the 365 universities and colleges in the United States, 87 are non-sectarian; of the 278 denominational institutions, the Episcopalians have 12, the Methodists 56, the Presbyterians 41, and the Congregationalist 28.

It is somewhat probable that Johns Hopkins University will be removed to Clifton, a suburb of Baltimore, in accordance with the wish of its founder. The inducement offered is a permanent sum of \$35,000, for the maintenance of a School of Science.

Out of eleven of our best colleges, Princeton devotes the largest number of hours to the study of Greek and Latin during the freshmen and sophomore years; Columbia to mathematics; Yale and Columbia to English; Yale to German and French.

President Eliot, of Harvard, told a college conference meeting recently that the governing body of the college was comparatively powerless to form a high moral standard among the undergraduates unless its efforts were seconded by undergraduate opinion.

The Sophomores of Columbia propose to celebrate their annual "Triumph over Legendre" by getting up a steamboat excursion for the whole college, and have a burial of Legendre at sea, instead of a cremation or theatre party, as has been the custom in former years.

Cornell is prohibited by law from holding an endowment of more than \$3,000,000. When the wife of Professor Fiske made her bequest of \$1,500,000, the University became richer than the law provided, and the entire bequest has been lost by a recent decision of the courts.

More than one hundred Cornell students have signed a paper asserting that they will not give the Ithaca merchants their patronage any further than necessary because of the laws of the town and recent decisions of the police magistrate, which prohibited giving the Cornell yell on the streets.—*Ex.*

The researches of the late Dr. Asa Gray were of material assistance to Chas. Darwin in his endeavors to solve the great problem of the Origin of Species. Prof. Gray was a firm believer in evolution, which doctrine, he always maintained, did not in any way interfere with the truths of the Christian religion.

Bethany College is making arrangements to celebrate, at commencement, the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of its founder, Alexander Campbell. Prominent speakers are to be present, and it is expected that this will be the most interesting commencement that has been held in the history of the college.

Harvard College is to have a new building, an addition to the museum of comparative zoology, with laboratories expressly suited for the study of cryptogamic and phenogamic botany. The funds for this building have been raised chiefly through the efforts of Professor Goodale. Work will begin on construction in the Spring.

President Eliot, of Harvard University, says that during his extended tour of Europe he was surprised and pleased at finding the English language widely spoken and understood, not only in France and Germany, but also in Austria, Spain, Italy and Greece. It is considered pre-eminently the language of commerce, he discovered, and it is fast gaining favor in other respects.

The restrictions placed upon Amherst students who receive scholarships are as follows: Every recipient must sign a document saying that he has not entered a billiard room, except in our gymnasium, during the term, nor used tobacco, nor drank liquor as a beverage, nor paid any money as tuition for dancing, and must also send in a signed account of his expenses during the year just passed. —*Era.*

One peculiar feature in the system of re-examinations at Lehigh, is that of requiring a man to pay five dollars before he can have his second re-examination in any department. If a man has a term average of over 8.5 in any study and no unexcused absences, he is excused from examination; each excused absence, however, lowers his average one-tenth. This rule has served to make the attendance at college much more regular than in former years. —*Ex.*

The Colorado State University is in a flourishing condition; there is a much larger attendance than ever before; the boarding cottages are full. The courses have been considerably modified, and in such a way as to afford greater opportunity for the study of science. A normal course, covering four years, has been provided; graduates for the normal department will be qualified to teach in any public school of the State, of whatever grade.

The introduction of a bill in the House of Representatives providing for an increase in the number of United States army officers detailed as college professors of military science and tactics from forty to fifty is of interest to educators and college people. Ohio has two colleges now provided for in this way, Wooster University and the State University. In both institutions military instruction has been attended with excellent results. Two field pieces and the requisite number of stands of arms are furnished by the United States Government, the college trustees giving bond for their safe keeping. Ohio Wesleyan University and Buchtel College maintain military organizations very successfully, but receive no government aid.

The Royal University of Bologna, which celebrates its eighth centenary next May, has some title to being the oldest university in Europe, for it is said to have been originally established by the Emperor Theodosius the younger in 425. But its present legal existence dates from the end of the eleventh century, when it began to become well-known for its excellent law schools, although the great Irnerius did not flourish until the middle of the twelfth century. At any rate, it is the university where the Roman law was first properly explained; where Dante and Petrarch studied, and where in late times Cardinal Mezzofanti was librarian, and Galvani made his discoveries.—*Ex.*

The recent action of the trustees of Adelbert College, of Western Reserve University, by which co-education at that institution is practically done away with, is not only creating lively discussion among the good people of Cleveland, but also is attracting the attention of college people throughout the East and West. The doors of the college were opened to young ladies, after a somewhat bitter controversy in 1876, since which time there have been ladies in most of the classes. The sentiment against co-education, however, has been strong, not only among the students, who, until recently, have been especially denunciatory of the system, but also among the faculty, where the President—the Rev. Dr. Cutler, recently resigned—has stood almost alone as the young ladies' champion. The board of trustees, in taking action against their further admission, by no means declares opposition to the system generally, but pronounce against it only so far as this college is concerned. Just how much tradition has had to do with this judgment it would be difficult to state. The simple truth is, that the young ladies have invariably taken high rank as students, in a course of study quite as severe as that at Yale, and have been in every way sensible and discreet. The discussion now awakened may be productive of great good, not only to Adelbert, but even to the cause of co-education. It must be admitted, however, that the friends of co-education stand on a broader ground than their opponents, and that tradition and custom have much to do with moulding and coloring the arguments brought against the system as a whole. Popular sentiment in Cleveland is decidedly against the action taken.

GREEK WORLD.

Phi Kappa Psi has lately entered the University of Minnesota.

Eight men constitute the new chapter of Theta Delta Chi at Yale.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has graced Allegheny with one of her chapters.

ΣX made some efforts to enter Rose Polytechnic School this year, but upon petitioning the faculty they were refused.

Phi Beta Kappa seems to have begun a new career. Lafayette College is to have a chapter, to consist of men chosen from the senior society—the Sigma Gamma.

At the opening of the college year at the Indiana State University there was found not to be a member of $K \Sigma$ present, and consequently the charter has been returned.

There are now in existence in the United States seven Greek-letter ladies' societies, aggregating about fifty chapters, and between two and three thousand members. The oldest of these societies, Kappa Alpha Theta, started at Asbury University.—*Ex.*

Each fraternity has its characteristic style of chapter-letter. Chapter correspondents seem invariably to fall into line. The only difference in the letters published is that of time, place and a few names; the rest is all the same—either high-sounding hallelujahs, loud-mouthed boasts or gentle dew-drops of fraternal love—depending upon the fraternity. Why can't correspondents say what they have to say in a straightforward, business-like way, without so much grandiloquent foolishness?—*De Pauw Monthly*.

The new Psi Upsilon club-house, at No. 33 West Forty-second street, has been opened. The club was started about a year and a half ago and rented the house at No. 49 West Forty-eighth street, but soon found that it needed larger quarters. The new club-house is handsomely fitted up and contains all the conveniences of a first-class club. A portion of the house is sublet to Lambda Chapter, Psi Upsilon, of Columbia College. The club has about 175 members and is rapidly growing.—*Tribune*.

"A short time since another fraternity sprang into existence at Indiana University—this time a senior fraternity consisting of seven men from the class. The motto of the organization is indicated by the Greek letters Tau Epsilon Pi. It will be permanent at Indiana University, the graduating members selecting seven men from the junior class each commencement as successors. The badge of the fraternity represents a human jaw-bone in gold, with seven silver teeth and the letters Tau Epsilon Pi stamped in black enamel. It is worn as a scarf-pin. The colors comprise the seven shades of the rainbow, each member having a separate color. The organization is after the plan of eastern class-societies, and we are glad to see it come to Indiana University. It is strictly a class fraternity and does not conflict with college fraternities in general, as all its members are in other fraternities."—*Indiana Student*.

The address of President Eliot on "Public Opinion," to the students at Harvard, produced a profound effect. The president clearly brought out the evils that exist at Harvard and the means of doing away with them. It can only be accomplished, he claimed, by creating a sound public opinion among the students. The faculty can only deal with the outer life of the students, the inner life being entirely in the hands of the students themselves. The faculty and president are strongly in favor of doing away with proctors at the examinations and leave the students to themselves. If a high sense of honor should prevail among the students, a cheating student would be at once ostracized from the society of his fellows and would be compelled to leave college. The president is strongly in favor of doing away with the barbarous and childish initiation of D. K. E. He expressed himself so emphatically that some radical change is expected in the organization of that society.

The Delta Upsilon Club, of New York, held the formal opening of its club-house at No. 7 East Forty-seventh street, recently. In New York and its vicinity there are about 250 members of the fraternity. The object of the club is to bring these members together socially and to advance the general interests of the fraternity. It was chartered December 17, 1887, and was organized with the following board of officers: President, Samuel B. Duryea; first vice-president, Charles D. Baker; second vice-president, Don Alonzo Hulett; secretary, John Q. Mitchell; treasurer, Frederick M. Crossett; trustees, William F. Campbell, Samuel B. Duryea, Don Alonzo Hulett, Alonzo M. Murphy, Charles D. Baker, Eugene D. Bagen, J. Chester Cham-

berlain, John Q. Mitchell, Frederick M. Crossett, Otto M. Eidlitz, Charles E. Hughes, Chauncey B. Stone. They have leased the four-story brownstone house at No. 7 East Forty-seventh street, and formally opened it last night. About 150 members were present. Addresses were made by the president, Mr. Duryea, the Rev. John C. Allen, of Brooklyn, Rossiter Johnson and Charles D. Baker." —*Tribune*.

EDITORIAL.

This is the season at which fraternity journals begin that annual prodding which is intended to result in better attendance at the Convention.

Now, all that has been said of the beneficial results of going to Convention is just as true this year as it was last year, or the year before. This next assembly of well-greaved Greeks will arouse old-time interest and enthusiasm; will strengthen the ties that bind us to our old allegiance; will brighten up old friendships and open the way to new ones; will bring together all the different elements of our organization; will afford opportunity for free and full discussion of whatever interests us; will do away with prejudice, and promote good-fellowship; will give us all a renewed determination to labor for the good old fraternity, and in general, will redound to the permanent good of individual, chapter, and Delta Tau. All these results have flowed naturally from conventions in the past, and will continue to result from them so long as our chapters continue to send to this annual gathering their clearest-headed and most sensible men.

We refrain, therefore, from any extended encomium of the Convention as an institution, and confine ourselves to urging with even more than the usual earnestness, that every effort be made by our membership to make this next Convention solidly successful. And it is time *now* to begin preparations. Not a day should be lost. Delegates should be chosen, and from sturdy material. Correspondence should be begun relative to what is to be done, and how it shall best be done, when Greek again meets Greek. So much should be discussed, and with so great heartiness, that the chapter delegate shall know exactly how to represent his chapter upon every important topic brought up for discussion. Thus shall the work of the

Convention be made systematic and effective, and the highest interests of $\Delta T \Delta$ be accordingly promoted.

It will indeed be strange if younger members of the fraternity have not already determined to go to the Convention in full armor, and with waving crests; or at least supplied with the more modern gleaming tomahawk, and a basket for scalps. For your freshman is an aggressive animal, and is anxious, at his first convention, to wallow in the gore of his fraternal foes. Sit upon this young man and his tendency, and sit very solidly and heavily. Let us bring rather the peace-pipe; and a disposition to find in every fellow there a good, square Delt, who means the fraternity just as much good as we do. There will be much to discuss, but big hearts and clear heads will direct all discussions. Let us throw aside, once and for all, any narrow or selfish plans we may have formed, and come upon the Convention floor with breadth of views, and with manliness of purpose; with the fraternity in the foreground, and chapter and personal interests in their proper places. To do the right thing toward Delta Tau Delta, in full view of her present needs and future well-being—here is our simple duty.

THE CONFERENCES.

The Conferences of the Western, Eastern and Northern Divisions have been held at Iowa City, New York and Cleveland, respectively, and we are glad, indeed, to give in this number reports of their proceedings. All were successful, even beyond the expectations of the chapters which participated; and the Conference has clearly come to stay, in the Deltaic institution.

CONFERENCE OF THE EASTERN DIVISION.

HALL OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MECHANICS AND TRADESMEN OF NEW YORK CITY, 18 EAST-SIXTEENTH STREET,
February, 22, 1888. }

This Conference proved the most pleasant and interesting of that now prominent feature of the Eastern Division. In matter presented, and in business transacted, it fully accomplished its object—that of strengthening all present. We believe this meeting to be one full of value for closer communication in a social and business view, and one towards which all Deltas look with pleasure. Forty-three were in attendance.

FIRST SESSION.

Conference convened at 11:35 A. M., with Bro. J. Calvin Rice, *P* '82, elected to the Chair *pro tem*. Bro. Rev. W. T. Anderson, *M* '84, offered the opening prayer. Then Bro. A. P. Trautwein delivered the address of welcome, after which responses from chapters were in order. All were doing well, with the exception of Sigma, which, at present, needs earnest aid. Reports from Rho, Tau, Nu, Upsilon and Sigma were presented by delegates, and Gamma through letter. First session then adjourned, at 12:25, until 2 P. M. A photograph was taken immediately after adjournment by Bro. E. D. Church, Jr., *S* '87.

SECOND SESSION—2:30 P. M.

Bro. William Kent, *P* '76, being present, called the Conference to order.

Report of alumni of New York was most encouraging, followed by reports of committees. The officers for the next Conference are: President, W. W. Cook, *A* '80, New York City.

First vice-president, M. B. Lambert, *N* '82, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Second vice-president, J. E. Denton, *P* '75, Hoboken, N. J.

Secretary, Alfred R. Whitney, Jr., *P* '90, New York City.

Orator, Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K* '73, New York City.

Poet, H. W. Collingwood, *I* '83, New York City.

Bro. Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, *M* '72, then addressed the Convention on the subject of "A Study of Our Civilization." His discourse was highly appreciated by all.

The following topics were then brought up and thoroughly discussed:

Is the present management of THE RAINBOW satisfactory?

What new chapter enterprises have been undertaken?

What has been done in the direction of chapter libraries within the Eastern Division?

What are the best modes of electioneering?

How do the chapters attempt to interest their alumni in their work?

Would it be desirable to have the General Convention only once in two years?

What material improvements have been made at our colleges?

How can our chapter halls be made more attractive?

Who are the strongest rivals of our several chapters?

Resolved, That it is contrary to the best interests of our fraternity to patronize the local class fraternities.

In regard to extension, the Lehigh chapter continues under the auspices of Nu. The Conference recommended that the chapter loan be extended to Lehigh chapter, whose progress was very favorably considered. Further recommended that Upsilon be instructed to establish a chapter at Massachusetts School of Technology. Sigma was put under the direction of Chapter Rho and New York alumni, who are to act as a committee to rebuild that chapter.

A vote of thanks was then extended to the Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of New York City, for the use of their rooms, and the greetings of the Conference being voted to the Fifth Annual Conference of the Grand Division of the West, our meeting adjourned at 6:15 P. M., to meet in the banquet hall at 7:30.

All were satisfied. All felt benefited, and believed more strongly in the future success of our fraternity.

J. S. ENSOR, Sec., *Nu* '88.

CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN DIVISION.

The Iowa City *Republican* presents the following account of this Conference:

"The Western Division Conference of this strong fraternity closed with an elegant reception, dance and entertainment given by Omicron Chapter and its lady friends to the visiting Delts. On Thursday evening, the Delts, 40 strong, attended the Opera House in a body and there, after the contest was ended, enlivened the scene and electrified the audience by terrific Delta yells. They had their section draped with their colors, and above, in golden letters, were the initials of their fraternity. After the contest, they repaired to the St. James, and there partook of a splendid banquet. Landlord Munger excelled himself in preparing the sumptuous repast and the Delts testified to this in the united and determined charge they made.

"The following toasts were briefly and happily responded to, as the toast-master, Prof. E. C. Nichols, introduced the speakers:

Address of Welcome,	Chas. E. Pickett.
Response,	Sherm. Yates, Ames.
Delta Girls,	B. Bierbauer, Minneapolis.
Delta Boys,	T. D. Murphy, Indianola.
Western Div. Conf.,	W. H. Wright, Des Moines.
Our Friends, the Enemy,	E. P. Wright, Indianola.
Delta Tau Delta,	Jul. Lischer.

"During Friday, the morning and afternoon business sessions engaged the attention of the boys, and some of the immediate results of these meetings will soon be disclosed. Alumni Chapters have been organized at Minneapolis, Minn., and Des Moines, Iowa. The mat-

ter of internal improvement and external development consumed most of the time of the conference.

"Reports of every chapter in the Division show it to be in an excellent condition and prove that Western clime and college sphere are very friendly to the Delta Taus. The next place of meeting will be either at Des Moines or Minneapolis. These conferences are fountains of strength to the division and to the fraternity.

"The business sessions were five in number and the entertainment of the delegates consisted in the banquet noticed above and the reception tendered them last evening. The elegant halls never looked lovelier, and when the guests had assembled nothing seemed to be wanting to make it a complete success.

"Among the ladies were the Misses Mack, of Grinnel; Dean, of Tipton; McClellan, Cornell; Farwell, Monticello; Mills, Cedar Rapids; Stone, from Clinton; Haller and Miller, Davenport; Spielman, Fairfield, Bills, of Vinton. Iowa City ladies were the following: Misses Culver, Clench, Morrow, Whiting, Wales, Morse, Hoering, W. Morrison, Cox, Peery, Impey, Calvin, Lloyd, Shepherd, Morse, Hess, Williams, Slatterbeck, Close.

"The Deltas from abroad were Messrs. Blake and Sternberg, Boulder, Colorado; W. H. Wright, Des Moines; S. Yates and Phillips, Des Moines; Bierbauer, Minneapolis; E. P. Wright, Meech, Murphy, Harbison from Indianola; Morgridge, Keokuk; Dobbin, Des Moines; Spielman, Fairfield; Tilden, Ames; Felt, Des Moines; and from Iowa City, Messrs. Farwell, Hicks, Clarke, Pickett, Price, Lloyd, Rawson, Ingalls, C. Coldren, Geo. Coldren, Burton, Grimm, Lischer, Boal, Nichols, Meyers, Lischer, Kennedy, Finch, F. Carson, German. To-day the delegates leave for their respective homes, more enthusiastic than ever in the cause of Deltaism."

DIVISION CONFERENCE OF THE NORTH.

That this was an unusually pleasant and profitable conclave may be seen from the following account of it, contributed by one of the visitors:

"The Seventh Annual Conference of the Northern Division came, was glorious, ended. In its coming, it brought a new meaning of the word "fraternity;" in its going, it left memories of a season of pleasure, and of enthusiastic work.

It was a success in every way. The papers were carefully prepared; the boys were interested and attentive; the discussions were warm and profitable; all exercises were well attended, and the enter-

tainments were of the highest order. The Zeta boys proved themselves royal entertainers, and in every way worthy the high esteem in which they are held.

On Wednesday, March 28th, the delegates began to arrive, and were met promptly at the depot, and escorted to their places of entertainment. In the evening they attended the Junior exhibition in the magnificent new buildings of Adelbert College. Bro. M. J. Hole, of Zeta, was one of the speakers, and reflected credit upon the chapter and the conference in a solid, scholarly, and well-delivered oration. By Thursday noon all but three chapters of the division were represented. The first meeting on Thursday was held, with Bro. C. H. Rowell, of Delta, in the presidential chair, and Bro. V. K. McElheny, of Mu, as secretary. The Committee on Credentials was appointed, after which there was an adjournment. After dinner, we listened to a rousing speech of welcome by Bro. Arter, of Zeta, to which Bro. Eberth, of Chi, made fitting response. Committees were then appointed and chapter reports heard. These reports indicate a season of great prosperity throughout the division, and were encouraging in the extreme. Regrets of inability to be present were received from Omicron and from Beta Alpha, and a similar message came from Upsilon the next day.

Bro. Rowell received from our excellent treasurer, Bro. Ware, a letter in which he also regretted his unavoidable absence, and urged all chapters to attend promptly, without any unnecessary delay, to all matters of a financial character, and made particular mention of RAINBOW dues as requiring speedy settlement.

On Thursday evening, we listened with pleasure to a strong paper by Bro. Hughes, of Mu, on "The Relation of THE RAINBOW to the Fraternity." Bro. Hughes and his entire chapter have "practiced what they preach" in the support of THE RAINBOW, and the paper was listened to attentively and loudly applauded. Bro. McLane was then called out, and a most cordial greeting was accorded him. He urged the strong support of the fraternity journal, and a more liberal contribution of articles of fraternity interest. Bro. Bemis was then called for, and in a brief and pointed speech reminded the boys of their duty to the financial support of our journal. Bro. Master, of Epsilon, read an excellent paper on "College Life," reflecting credit upon himself and his chapter. At the close of the regular session a social meeting was held until a late hour, which was all the more pleasant from the "environments" afforded in Zeta's beautiful and

tasteful chapter-hall, a model of comfort and good taste. This in formal gathering was one of the pleasantest features of the Conference.

On Friday morning the boys were naturally a little slow in gathering, but considerable business was done, and our proposed Division Constitution was read and adopted. In the afternoon the report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted. Among the resolutions passed was one earnestly advising that the place of the next convention be changed from Cincinnati to some other place, on account of the difficulty of securing accommodations there at the time of the exposition. Adjournment was then made until ten P. M., when the boys assembled at the banquet at The Stillman, on Euclid avenue.

The banquet was superb. The courses were elegant in appointment and service, and the toasts and responses were of unusual excellence. The genial, big-hearted business manager of THE RAINBOW, Bro. Alton A. Bemis, presided gracefully as *magister epularum*, and his ready wit and tact contributed greatly to the success of the banquet.

It was "the next day" when we separated, but no mere matter of hours and minutes could crowd out the Wah-ne-hee-n-a-Wah-ne-ho "walk-around," led by Bro. Arter, a picture of perfect bliss in this his favorite exercise. The Conference was voted a success, and the boys declared their intention of conferring again at the earliest opportunity.

The following were in attendance:

H. J. Eberth,	X '89.	M. T. Hines,	N '82.
V. K. McElheny,	M '90.	L. M. Bonner,	H '90.
Ed. H. Hughes,	M '89.	Harris G. Sherman,	H '76.
V. R. Andrew,	H '90.	C. H. Prescott, Jr.,	A '87.
W. A. Holcomb,	H '89.	W. M. Day,	M '71.
John A. Botzum,	H '89.	J. W. McLane,	Z '83.
Allen W. Fell,	H '91.	A. A. Bemis,	Z '83.
E. J. Felt,	H '87.	K. B. Waite,	Z '86.
W. T. Bushman,	T '88.	W. S. Arter,	Z '86.
H. F. Herrick,	T '91.	M. J. Hole,	Z '89.
J. M. McKee,	T '89.	G. F. Smith,	Z '88.
Chas. B. Warren,	E '91.	S. S. Wilson,	Z '88.
S. F. Master,	E '89.	G. W. Tryon,	Z '89.
W. J. Leverett,	K '90.	R. E. Rudy,	Z '89.
Chester H. Rowell,	A '88.	J. E. Thomas,	Z '90.
E. J. Ware,	A '88.	Chas. L. Reason,	Z '89.
Will Rynard,	H '91.	F. O. Brew,	Z '88.

CONVENTION AND BANQUET OF THE INDIANA CHAPTERS.

Admirably

The first annual banquet of the Indiana chapters of Delta Tau Delta, on the night of April 13th, passed away as a marked success. The honor of the idea belongs to Phi; the honors of perfect arrangement, and consequent success, are due to Beta Zeta; the large attendance and the happy fellowship arise in the love of "Good old Delta Tau." After the meeting of the State Oratorical Association at English's Opera House, Indianapolis, the Delta Tau Deltas gathered together at Schaffner's for the feast. Capt. James B. Curtis, *B Z*, '80, presided well over the banqueting board. Toasts were offered and responded to as follows: "The Thirty-Third Degree," Alan I. Warren, *B B*; "The Ideal Delt," W. C. McCollough, *B Z*; "Our Future," W. A. Millis, *B A*. A number of impromptu toasts being presented, happy replies were made by Brothers Howe, Smith, Huddleson, West, and others. Unfortunately, Bro. Williamson, who had come as delegate from Phi, was unable to be present. Eating, drinking, talking and laughing having been thoroughly indulged in, it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that the assemblage be resolved into a convention, which was accordingly done, Bro. Curtis in the chair. An alumni chapter at Indianapolis will probably be one of the outcomes of this convention, and many other matters of considerable importance were debated and decided, which will soon become manifest to all. Having decided upon a permanent organization, with an annual banquet and convention as one of the features, Capt. Curtis was elected president, and W. E. Caylor, secretary, for the ensuing year. An Executive Committee, consisting of one from each chapter, was also appointed. With general delight at the success of the meeting, the convention adjourned with a "Choctaw walk-around."

WORTH E. CAYLOR, Secretary.

THE CHAPTER SECRETARIES.

Several changes having been made recently in the list of S. A.'s, we give below the list corrected to date. Accuracy in the make-up of this list is especially necessary at this time, when inter-correspondence is, or should be, unusually lively:

Alpha—John C. Nash. *Beta*—L. W. Hoffman. *Gamma*—R. S. Elliott. *Delta*—C. K. Eddy. *Epsilon*—C. M. Kimball. *Zeta*—G. Fullard Smith, 152 Lawrence street, Cleveland. *Eta*—Willard Holcomb. *Theta*—J. A. Hopkins. *Iota*—Justus N. Estabrook. *Kappa*—

Fred. V. Hawley. *Lambda*—Bro. Merrick's successor is not yet reported. *Mu*—Ben. U. Rannells. *Nu*—G. E. Varney. *Xi*—T. D. Murphy. *Omicron*—John M. Grimm. *Pi*—W. D. Williams. *Rho*—N. H. Hiller. *Sigma*—E. D. Church, Jr. *Tau*—C. C. Herr. *Upsilon*—Norman W. Cramp, 23 Times Building, Troy, N. Y. *Phi*—Dan E. Williamson. *Chi*—Henry J. Eberth. *Psi*—W. S. Bowman. *Omega*—Sherman Yates. *Beta Alpha*—Wm. A. Millis. *Beta Beta*—Worth E. Caylor. *Beta Delta*—W. M. Glass. *Beta Epsilon*—E. M. Landrum. *Beta Zeta*—J. C. Smith. *Beta Theta*—R. M. W. Black (at last report). *Beta Eta*—Kendric C. Babcock. *Beta Kappa*—Dr. G. B. Blake.

THE CHICAGO DELTS.

The Chicago Alumni Association held the fourth regular meeting of the season at the Tremont House, on the evening of April 7th.

The usual routine was followed, a *table d' hote* dinner being served at half after six.

Two names were added to our roll of membership, viz: M. O. Naramore, *B Z* '86, and H. E. Alexander, *I* '87. We now have an active membership of twenty-seven, and are gradually working in our Alumni brothers of the city. We think we have the most representative Alumni Association in the fraternity, Alpha being represented by three members, Beta by one, Gamma two, Delta three, Epsilon one, Theta one, Iota two, Kappa three, Phi one, Nu two, Rho one, Beta Zeta four, and Upsilon Prime three.

Our member from Rho, Jno. M. Ewen, regretted exceedingly his inability to be present at this meeting, but, as he was off on his wedding trip, we concluded he was excusable, though we don't expect him to allow it to happen again.

W. LOWRIE MCCLURG,

Secretary.

THE SYMPOSIUM.

In presenting for discussion the broad subject, "The Amelioration of $\Delta T \Delta$," we have disregarded that well-known rule of rhetoric, which directs close examination of a limited and circumscribed field. But what is here presented is merely a summing up of much that has been urged before in our journal, and is intended to provoke discussion rather than to settle finally the points under consideration. All present planning, and all the labor of the conferences and the convention, should of course be directed toward the betterment of

our organization. And that we have not yet arrived at unanimity here is proven beyond dispute in the varied contributions thus far received. We shall be glad to continue the discussion in the next number, confident that one could be chosen which would bring better results in its train at this particular time. We wish to make this number and the next one contribute in keeping before the fraternity the coming CONVENTION, and the vital importance of planning and laboring *now* to make the next the most profitable Convention in all our history. Unite in this work, brethren, and leave no duty unfinished. Take hold vigorously of all that concerns this meeting and its work, so that the Convention current may flow steadily and smoothly from the first hour.

THE COMMITTEE OF REVISION.

Among the first official acts of the new President of the Council was the appointment of a committee to revise the present constitution. The following brethren were appointed to this work: Wharton Plummer, of Alpha, chairman; Ezra J. Ware, of Delta; W. M. Day, of Mu; J. M. Phillips, of Lambda; J. A. Wakefield, of Alpha; J. W. McLane, of Zeta; Julius Lischer, of Omicron; A. P. Trautwein, of Rho, and a member to be chosen by Chapter Pi for the Southern Division.

Help this committee all you can. Discuss thoroughly and exhaustively the whole subject of the constitution, and send to Bro. Plummer the results of your deliberations, that the committee may better know what the chapters want and what they do not want. It will be the aim of this committee to present for adoption at the Convention a constitution that shall be as free from objectionable features as it is possible to produce. We hope that each chapter will feel it a duty to decide upon points that have at any time been under discussion, and to communicate with some member of this committee as soon as a decision is reached. Take hold, boys; here is a chance to show your real interest, and the soundness of your views of fraternity welfare.

SHALL IT BE CINCINNATI, OR CLEVELAND?

The impression seems to be gaining ground that Cincinnati is not the proper place for our next Convention. The Exposition, it is argued, will detract from the interest of the exercises, and the hotels will be crowded to their utmost capacity.

We should be conservative here. No change like the one suggested should be made but for the best of reasons. And we wish to mention, particularly, the importance of doing all that can be done to enable our Southern chapters to be represented in the next Convention. Their delegates, and those of many other chapters, must come a long distance; and Cincinnati is, perhaps, as centrally located, in view of our distribution, as any city that could be chosen. As no committee was appointed to take charge of this important matter, the Council must probably decide upon it, and to the President of the Council, therefore, should be addressed any correspondence bearing upon the subject.

The circular issued by the President of the Council, and received since the above was written, states the objections to Cincinnati as a place of meeting, and the Council will vote on Cleveland as an alternative. Perhaps we can not speak impartially on this topic; but it will afford Zeta and all Cleveland Delts great pleasure to welcome here the representatives of our chapters, "in convention assembled."

"MACTE VIRTUTE."

Deltaic vim and intelligence are plainly manifest in all the college journals that have reached us. Besides the publications mentioned in the last number, we have received the Hillsdale *Herald*, the Stevens *Indicator*, the Kenyon *Collegian*, the Bethany *Collegian*, the University (Mississippi) *Literary Magazine*, and the Delaware *Bijou*, in each of which Delta Tau is well represented. The same earnestness and zeal that have marked the fraternity from its foundation, serve to make its chapters active in the various interests of their respective institutions. Power, and increase of power, should mark Deltaism everywhere. That is a correct view of the fraternity system which sees in it a means of concentrating energy and common-sense upon the various activities of college-life. It is, therefore, a pleasure to know that our chapters are active and interested in what is done at their respective homes, and that proofs of successful endeavor are always accessible when *Δ T Δ*, or the system of which she is a part, is assailed. That is the best chapter which scores most successes, at home or elsewhere. We have no sympathy with any affectation of indifference to successes which are "merely local." If some student undertaking is to be carried through, take hold with a will. If a prize is to be won, go in and take it, if it can be done squarely. Let the soul

of the fraternity shine through the work of the chapter, so that the fraternity name may be favorably known wherever college or student welfare is valued. If your chapter is not prominent in local affairs, find out the reason, and try constantly to secure a better standing. The fraternity shares in every conquest its representatives make, and can be powerful only from their labors and victories.

FRATERNITY HISTORY.

In one of the early volumes of the *Crescent* was published a carefully-prepared history of the fraternity, which probably has not been read, or even heard of, by one-tenth of the actives of this year. Much time was devoted by Bro. J. S. Eaton, Alpha, '77, to the compilation of that history, and we believe that it should now be published in some form for the general use of members of Delta Tau Delta. In simple justice to its author, and to the labor bestowed upon it by him and by his helpers, this work should be published; and the present welfare of the order requires a knowledge of its past by each member. Let this publication be demanded soon, with such additions and corrections as the labor of the past few years has made necessary. We are confident that the undertaking will be productive of excellent results.

Moreover, the history of individual chapters should at this time receive attention. Other fraternities are busily at work, assorting and arranging material for chapter histories. $\Delta T \Delta$ should not be behind-hand in this movement. We are glad to see that some chapters are already at work. All documents that can throw light on a chapter's growth should be carefully preserved. Correspondence with alumni will bring to light many an official document and personal letter that will prove of inestimable service in this undertaking.

From the February number of the *Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta, we select the following paragraphs which bear directly upon this subject. They are worthy of careful perusal:

"Each chapter history should give:

(1.) "A full account of the efforts made to secure a charter; and of the foundation of the chapter, including date of charter, names and classes of charter-members, and the body by which said charter was granted.

(2.) A sketch of the chapter's life, embracing a succinct record of its vicissitudes, and of its peculiar manners, policy and workings,

and especially mentioning faculty opposition and how it was overcome.

(3.) All additional matter that would probably be of general interest or throw side lights upon the history of the fraternity at large.

The histories should be written on one side of legal cap paper inside the line, and should range from six to twelve pages in length."

START LIBRARIES.

A very significant feature of chapter activity, more especially within the last two years, is the establishment of chapter libraries. A goodly number of the chapters have not only made careful collections of college catalogues, periodicals, and annuals, but have also placed upon the shelves well-bound volumes of standard and popular authors. The leading magazines are taken, and the Century, Harper's, Scribner's, Outing, the North American Review, Popular Science, and other educators, serve both to make the hall a place of pleasant rest, and to develop that taste for refined literature so indispensable to the broadening process. That young fellow who lives out his four years at college without reading any of the standard magazines, and who confines himself strictly to the books prescribed for his course, makes a tremendous mistake. The reading of good English is a *sine qua non* to broad or accurate scholarship—a fact which is persistently making itself known in these later days.

We commend the good sense of those college men who surround themselves as far as they possibly can do, with influences which act powerfully, tho' silently, to give breadth and solidity to scholarship, and which give new beauty and grace to that strong character without which no man is truly educated.

The only objection that can be made to the acquisition of a good working library by each of Delta Tau Delta's children, is that books cost money. This objection, however valid elsewhere, can have little weight when applied to book-getting. This, the century of electricity, is also the century of cheap books. If the desire is earnest, the books will be obtained; and if used aright, they will amply repay the effort which secured them. Boys, start libraries.

CHAPTER PHOTOGRAPHS.

We had the good fortune recently to see a photograph of Chapter Iota, and a series of views of the buildings and grounds wherein

the Delts of the M. A. C. disport themselves. Those Knights of the Purple and Gold will pardon our directness in declaring that the photographs represent as fine-appearing a set of young fellows as are often seen in a college chapter, and that they seem to be entirely in harmony with the magnificent buildings and beautiful grounds which form their college home.

Probably nothing short of personal inspection can serve to give a good idea of the *personnel* of our chapters, and a more correct notion of their environments, than such photographs as these. We should like to see a general interchange of chapter photographs, as well as of views of the grounds and buildings where our chapters are located. Should this seem to be too expensive an undertaking, we must at any rate insist that THE RAINBOW office should possess and be adorned with these pictures. And we hasten to add that we speak here for the office, and not exclusively for the editor.

THE LIST OF INITIATES AGAIN.

But two or three chapters having sent in the names of this year's initiates, as requested in the January number, we conclude that the matter is not one of general interest; and apologize for our well-meant appeals.

PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Again we must ask our alumni and actives to send to us promptly their subscription dues, and spare us the annoyance of continued dunning. There can be no good reason for delay in sending so small a sum. Send it immediately. Send it at once. Send it to-day. Please do not neglect this matter, but transmit now, to

ALTON A. BEMIS, Business Manager,
Cleveland Law Library.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Before going home at the close of the term, be sure that you have sent your Summer address to the business manager, so that the July number may reach you in due season. If chapter letters are received ON TIME—we say, IF they are received on time—the next number should appear on the 1st of July. Do not neglect this matter.

FROM THE CHAPTERS.

The editor disclaims all responsibility for the non-representation of so many of our chapters in this department. In spite of persistent urging, chapter letters are not forthcoming. The fraternity has a right to demand a clear explanation of this delinquency. From Phi and Beta Epsilon not a word has yet been received for publication, and Omega and Beta Theta have not even sent for their RAINBOWS. This is truly disgraceful, and unworthy any chapter in such an organization as ours. If the fault lies with the S. A., we recommend his immediate removal; if with the chapter as a whole, we advise a few minutes' sober reflection on its vows and its duties. Our urging is ended.

BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

"The spring term opened March 24th with the largest number of students of any time since the war.

Two new professors have been added to the faculty: A. D. Morrill, a graduate of Dartmouth, professor of biology, and Mrs. Townsend, a graduate of a French provincial school, instructor in modern languages.

At the recent election of the Oratorical Association Bro. L. W. Hoffman was elected president, and Bro. D. W. McGlenen secretary for the coming year.

Bro. D. W. McGlenen is business manager of the *College Current*, and Bros. L. W. Hoffman and A. P. Russell are managing editors.

Bro. E. A. Bingham is out of college this term, helping in his father's law office.

Bro. W. E. Hamilton leaves us to take a special course in electricity at the State University at Columbus.

Bro. W. A. Hunter, of '85, will deliver the master's oration at the coming commencement.

Beta has invaded the ranks of the "preps," and culled therefrom three of the best, whom we hope to take into full membership within a year. Allow us to present our brothers prospective, Edward Cobb, George and John Ginn.

We have no 'gush' to offer."

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

"Our Spring term began Wednesday, April 4, 1888, with a large increase in the number of students. We have in our senior class twenty-five men, all but seven of whom are fraternity men. There are five in $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, four in $\Phi \Delta \theta$, four in $\Phi K \Psi$, three in $\beta \theta \Pi$, one in $\Phi K \Sigma$, and one in $\Delta T \Delta$. All but two belong to the literary societies. On March 28th the annual contest was held between the Franklin and Washington and Philo and Union Societies. Philo and Union came out victorious, taking six out of ten points. One of the most pleasant events of the near future is a hop to be given by the Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, and Delta Tau Delta fraternities. A committee of three from each fraternity have the management of the hop. We are sorry to announce that Bro. Charles Ross, of the class of '88, has left college and returned to his home in Clarion, Pa. "Charlie" is a strong Delta, and has our highest esteem."

EPSILON.

"Epsilon still holds her own. During the quarter we have secured two men, whom we are proud to introduce to the fraternity—J. E. Armstrong and J. F. Austin, both of Detroit and of '91. In social matters we seem to have found especial favor. Epsilon's recent 'at home,' given the young ladies and faculty of the college, was a decided success.

A short time since $\Delta \Pi$ of ΣX banqueted the boys of $E S S$ and $\Delta T \Delta$, an event which clearly indicates the friendly feeling existing between the chapters. We hope in our next issue to report $E S S$ merged in a healthy chapter of a good fraternity. Sigma Chi has initiated one '91 man this year and $E S S$ two from '92. The membership of the several chapters now is:

	Fourth Prep.	Fresh- men.	Soph.	Jun.	Sen.
Delta Tau Delta	0	5	3	3	2
Sigma Chi	0	4	3	3	2
$E S S$	2	0	6	2	2

During the quarter occurred the death of Bro. Dearing's mother, one of the most popular and cultivated ladies of this city. The college is surely prospering: There are nearly one-fourth more students this year than last, which bespeaks its growing reputation."

ZETA—ADELBERT COLLEGE.

"Zeta's prospects for next year are much better than she expected. Since the last RAINBOW she has heard of three fine men who expect to enter next fall. This year having been such a poor one for the fraternities, each seems bent on getting the finest and the most to start with

next year. Consequently the fight is pretty desperate, and it seems as if it were going to be a long one. Zeta hopes to come out of it as well as any.

The arrangements in the library have all been completed, and we can now boast of as choice a library as any in the West. Several large additions have been made, especially in the archaeological and scientific alcoves.

One of Zeta's men (Bro. S. S. Wilson, of '88), will carry off the highest honor this year, viz: the valedictory.

A lecture course has been established, and seems to be appreciated, not only by the students, but by all the city, if attendance proves anything.

The gymnasium is well on its way; so is the annex. From the former we expect great results in the way of attendance next year.

Zeta wishes to thank the chapters in the northern division for their hearty co-operation at the Conference. Usually after such a time of dissipation, one hopes it will be a long time before another comes, but at this one the boys seemed to take right hold and helped themselves, so that it required little or no exertion on Zeta's part to entertain. We hope the boys that were present feel as much benefited as we do."

THETA—BETHANY.

"Theta has now thirteen men: Seniors, 3; juniors, 5, and freshmen, 5. One of our men of the senior class, Bro. T. W. Freeman, is from Milton, Nova Scotia. We graduate three members this year, Sherman Kirk, G. M. Guy, and T. W. Freeman. Some of our men hold prominent positions in the performances of the different classes and societies. Bro. Kirk is first orator in the commencement performance of the American Literary Institute, and J. H. Strickling is president. E. R. Black is president of the junior class, and Henry Miller is first orator of the freshman class. G. M. Guy leads his class in Greek, and Bro. Moore in teaching phonography in the college. Theta is enjoying a pleasant term.

The balmy Spring evenings entice the boys out for an occasional serenade, and the peaceful slumbers of the 'sleeping fair' are disturbed by the songs of Delta Tau.

We contemplate an entertainment and banquet for our boys and their lady friends in the near future."

IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

"Iota's Spring term ends May 11th.

Bro. Northway, who has been absent this term, will be with us again for the summer, and make our number sixteen—five seniors, five juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen.

Bros. McCurdy, '81, and C. B. Collingwood and Thomas, '85, have made us visits this term. Bro. Jim Wheeler also came to say good-bye before leaving for Colorado.

The annual board of the sophomore class has Bro. Frank Clark for business manager. They will issue *The Harrow* in August.

Bro. Estabrook is captain of company A of the college battalion and president of the senior class.

The armory has been fitted up with complete apparatus, and makes a very good gymnasium. It has become a popular place of resort for the boys. Lieutenant Simpson will soon organize regular classes in gymnastics.

Professor Bailey has been made a fine offer to become professor of horticulture at Cornell University. We fear we must lose him.

A street-car line will soon connect the college with Lansing. It will be a great convenience for the students and their friends.

The dates for field day have been set—May 31, June 1 and 2.

Albion College, Hillsdale College, Olivet College and the Agricultural College have formed a State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, and this is the first inter-collegiate field day. No effort will be spared to make it a grand success."

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

"The Spring term opened encouragingly for Kappa, with six old members to respond to the roll call. Since then three new men have been added to our number—Bros. Idleman, Reynolds, and Hawley, with more to follow in the near future.

Hillsdale College is constantly receiving additions to her endowment fund, and has an agent in the field working to this end. A donation has lately been received sufficient to establish a new professorship. *Δ T Δ* captured the presidencies and several other offices of two of the college societies. The antagonism between the fraternities here, while in a friendly spirit, is very animated, especially in the Spring elections.

Bro. W. J. Leverett, who has been one of Kappa's most faithful workers, has left college to engage in business at Sioux Falls, Dak. Bro. Mark Norman, another excellent worker, has also left college, and will be succeeded in the S. A.'s chair by Fred. V. Hawley."

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

"Mu rejoices in a firm, vigorous growth. In a college where she meets seven of the strongest western fraternities, she occupies a position second to none. Her membership is composed of strong, energetic, persistent men, every one of whom reflects honor upon the chapter. It is but just and true to say that the boys of Mu are recognized as the foremost men of the college. In the class-room, in the society

halls, in the social circles, on the campus, in the street and everywhere, the 'Delts' sustain high rank.

In the distribution of class honors and society preferments, Mu has received more than her share. Although there has been but one initiation this year, her growth and stability are by no means imperiled.

Prepdom has been invaded, and two little 'giants' have been triumphantly 'spiked.' We are in a winning condition, and believe that this state of affairs has been largely induced by a conservative spirit in the selection of men.

Bros. E. D. H. Hughes, '89, and Victor K. McElheny, Jr., '90, returned from the Northern Division Conference at Cleveland, bearing reports of a grand time. They speak in the very highest terms of their cordial reception by Zeta and the boys from the other chapters; but they hope to get even with them next year, when Mu will play the part of hostess. Let it be understood right here that we want every Delt within the limits of the northern division, and without the division, to make a personal draft on Mu's hospitality at the next Division Conference. We have your names, and expect you to be here to say 'aye' when the long roll's called.

Bro. Dave H. Holmes, '85, met a warm reception by the boys on his return to college at the beginning of the term. He teaches two classes in the college, and is 'brushing up' a little preparatory to his entrance at John Hopkins' next fall.

We take it all back about Bro. N. A. Morjickian. He prefers the O. W. U. to the University of Colorado, and hence will graduate from here next June. All are glad to have him back again, and to note his improved physical condition.

Our boys will occupy the following posts on the *College Transcript* for next year: Editor-in-chief, Ben. U. Rannells; exchange, Wm. G. Hormell; foreign business, Mgr. Herman L. Amiss; city and students' B. M., Henry W. Hargett.

Bro. Ed. H. Hughes was elected chairman of the lecture committee.

With four elegant new badges to adorn the breasts of so many braves, with the history of the past, and hopes and promises of the future for our inspiration, we think we are on the highway to conquest.

Sigma Chi, after an absence, or, perhaps, banishment of about four years, has been re-established here under favorable auspices. This fraternity once had a vigorous, high-toned chapter, but it took its departure under circumstances best known to the faculty. Ever since then efforts have been repeatedly made to re-enter the school, but all have met with failure except the recent one, which seems to have been strengthened as if for a final conflict. But four men comprise her present chapter, one senior, one sophomore, and two freshmen. This makes fraternity No. 8 for the O. W. U., with 'room for more.'

There is a fair prospect that the present senior class, which num-

bers about sixty-five members, will be somewhat increased by recruits from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. When the recent trouble occurred at the latter place, and it was found to be impossible for the class and faculty to come to an agreement, quite a number of the class asked to be admitted here. By action of the faculty, the doors of the O. W. U. have been thrown open to all of them who can present an honorable dismissal.

One of the very freshest rumors is that the trustees are thinking of moving the college to some other city in Ohio. Springfield, it is said, wants it, and offers large inducements. Toledo is also mentioned as making advances, which no doubt will make Springfield ashamed of herself, and Fostoria presents herself as a rival for the honor, offering \$300,000 and twenty acres of choice land, besides every other advantage, natural and acquired, to be found anywhere. Whatever truth there may be in these various reports, there is no immediate danger that either Springfield, Toledo or Fostoria will become the seat of this university, but that Delaware, the beautiful little 'City of Churches,' will lay foremost and strongest claim to the gratitude of the managers if ever the question of removal comes up for serious consideration. The fact, however, that preparations for building the new gymnasium have been ordered discontinued may have more significance in it than is generally known.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church, which will be held in New York City during the month of May, is looked forward to with unusual interest by the students, as well as the patrons of the O. W. U. The opinion is becoming quite prevalent that President Payne will be honored by an election to the office of Bishop. While all acknowledge his eminent fitness for the high position, it must be conceded, in the event of his election, that the university will suffer an almost irreparable loss."

NU—LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

"All of the college institutions, except the fraternities, are in a state of unusual activity. The aggressive and lively time in the fraternity life is reserved for the Fall, when it is a struggle for the 'survival of the fittest.' A fraternity, like any institution in the outside world, must have competition as an incentive. This most of the chapters at our college have. I say *most* of the chapters, because some of them take what is left after the others have had their say. We have $\Delta K E$, $Z \Psi$, $X \Phi$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \theta$, $\Delta \Upsilon$ represented at Lafayette, the first four of whom are our rivals. A very large percentage of our college men are Greeks, as most of the men find a frat. to suit them. Nu has fifteen men who are at the top of the heap, both in mental and physical prowess.

Our base ball team bids fair to do as well as the foot ball team of last Fall, when we won for ourselves the title of 'Champions of Pennsylvania,' which means we stand next to Yale, Harvard and Princeton.

Bro. Ensor is captain and plays short-stop; Bro. Robinson is pitcher; Bro. Ridgway substitute and general utility man. It is very likely Lehigh, Cornell and Lafayette will, at an early day, hold a joint field meeting. We eastern college men are surprised that our western brothers don't do more to promote inter-collegiate athletics. It is the greatest promoter of good-fellowship among the men of different colleges, and at the same time makes friendly rivalry. Start the ball rolling out there!

We were sorry to find on returning this term that Bro. John T. Gallaher was unable to be with us, being confined to his home at Moundsville, W. Va., with a severe attack of sickness. We hope to have 'Jack' with us soon.

Our meetings are held regularly, and are a source of much pleasure and instruction to our actives and resident alumni. At our last meeting the following officers were elected: Morton, W. P.; Camp, P.; Varney, S. A.; Elder, T.; Ridgway, S.; Marshall, O."

PI—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

"Spring has come again, and has clothed our campus beautifully. Probably we have the advantage of our northern brethren in delightful climate and semi-tropical vegetation.

Base ball seems to be all the rage now; a league has been organized comprising nines from each of the collegiate classes. A series of games have been arranged, lasting until commencement, when the nine coming off victorious will receive the penant. There are some excellent players here and several fine games have been played.

April 13th was Hermean Society's anniversary. The students had holiday, and were treated to a fine oration by a senior, orator of the day. It was followed by a grand ball at night, when the devotees of Terpsichore 'tripped it' merrily.

Bro. Kidd took his departure for home shortly after examinations. We were sorry to lose this loyal Delta. Two more of our men speak of leaving soon, as they are in rather delicate health.

Bro. Savage, catcher for the Sophs, who took his departure lately, will be greatly missed here.

There will be contests for medals, places, etc., from now until commencement. We will have some men in nearly every contest, and hope to get our share of medals and other distinctions. We are well represented in the base ball league, as some of the best players are Deltas. We had a group picture taken of our men not long since.

Our chapter has not been in a more prosperous condition for many years, and we feel assured that it will continue to prosper as long as the old University of Mississippi stands. We rank high among the other fraternities here. No doubt we will have a banquet some time during commencement. Come and see us."

RHO—STEVENS.

"Since our last communication various things have transpired at the Institute which may be of interest.

Mr. Coleman Sellers, a distinguished mechanical engineer, late of the firm of William Sellers & Co. of Philadelphia, the well-known builders of mechanics' tools, has been appointed professor of engineering practice, a newly created chair, from which the students will derive a great deal of practical information, and will supplement the course in theoretical instruction.

Several books have lately been published by members of our Faculty—all the direct result of their work in the Institute. Prof. Wood has put his lectures on the mechanical theory of heat into the form of a book entitled "Thermodynamics." Prof. McCord has published his "Hints for Draughtsmen," and Prof. Kroch has now in press a book which will be used in his course of instruction in Spanish.

The study of Spanish will supersede that of French at the beginning of the next college year; a knowledge of the French language will form one of the requirements of admission to the Institute.

The new high school building is completed and has been occupied by the preparatory department. The Stevens Engineering Society has the large assembly room for the purpose of the special evening sessions, and the Social Society holds its german in the same room.

Among the lectures before the Engineering Society was that of Bro. William Kent, Rho, '76, on the "Growth and condition of the Steel and Iron Industry of the United States," and was a very interesting talk.

Coming now to our Chapter affairs, we announce with deep regret the serious illness of Bro. A. C. Peck, '89, which has compelled his retirement from the Institute at least for some time. His absence is a serious loss to both the chapter and college, as he represented us on the College annual, the *Eccentric*, and his class on the Institute quarterly, the *Stevens Indicator*.

Bros. Larz Anderson and A. L. Shreve, both of '88, have also left us, both to enter upon positions in Cincinnati. They will return, however, for the graduation exercises in June. Our chapter library is growing constantly and quite rapidly.

We have received a copy of the *Choctaw Pow Wow* from Alpha; its enterprise is commendable, and it is hoped that the other chapters will follow its example."

UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

"The advances at the R. P. I. close in a few days, and a month of reviews ensue, then examinations, and finally vacation.

Our worthy director feels greatly chagrined over the necessary retraction he was forced into concerning his conduct in attempting to

make men swear fealty to keeping free from laughter and carry a straight face during recitations in botany.

Prof. Parks will give a course in electricity this Summer.

Notices are up for Summer courses in assaying, qualitative analysis, and general chemistry.

The director will soon have the seniors on the field in railroad practice, demonstrating his celebrated 'Railroad Spiral,' published a year or so ago in the *Polytechnic*.

The chapter is now in heated canvass amid the strenuous efforts to carry its candidate for the highest office in the Institute.

Bro. Dewey has severed his connection with the *Polytechnic*.

Bro. Ranny is now filling the position of assistant engineer of the Albany water-works.

Bro. Finney is now located at Birmingham, Ala.

Bro. Frederick Rosenberg, Upsilon, '82, is supervisor of the seventh sub-division of the Harrisburg-Altoona division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He received recently the \$100 prize for the general excellence of the track and permanent way on his division, covering thirty-five miles, as the result of the last annual inspection. He also received a complimentary letter from the board of directors."

CHI—KENYON.

"The prospects for freshman class are better than they have been for some time. The military academy will send in a good delegation next year, among whom will be some Delts, if the fates fail not. Chi was so unfortunate as to lose by his leaving school a *prospective* Delt, one of the most popular boys in the military department and the best tennis player within the vicinity.

Bro. Leon E. Stricker, '90, was compelled to leave college also this term on account of sickness, but will return again refreshed next year.

At the annual election of officers of the athletic association Chi carried off high honors. There had been a scheme prepared by one crowd to carry the election, but that very mysteriously (?) failed, and $\Delta T \Delta$ carried off the only office about which there was any hard struggling: captain of ball nine.

For 'ways that are dark,' Kenyon has no superior. Since last issue of RAINBOW two more men have been lifted from $\theta \Delta X$; this time by ΨY . The action is not generally regarded with disfavor, however; circumstances were such as almost to justify the deed.

Fraternity spirit at last is becoming better. The one discordant crowd has finally brought disaster on its own head: $\Delta K E$ has been taught a lesson.

BETA ALPHA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

"Our energy and enthusiasm have in no way abated, and as an outward and general expression of our activity we boast still the steady rise of our men in class, literary, and social circles, and the occasional addition of a new man.

We have pleasure in introducing to the fraternity the worthy Bros. Chas. W. Stewart, '90, and Jos. P. Ward, '91.

The Greeks, to the number of one hundred and thirty, held their first Pan-Hellenic banquet in 'Old College Chapel,' on the evening of March 9th. The company was brilliantly dressed—the ladies beautiful, and the gentlemen courtly. The festal boards were richly laden; the toasts crowded with life, dignity and culture. The success of this first attempt indexes an era of better feeling between the factions which formerly so materially injured fraternity work in the university. Bro. Wilson ably represented Beta Alpha with the toast 'Delta Tau Delta.'

Bro. Homer B. Dibell, '89, took first honors and the prize of twenty-five dollars offered by Judge Baldwin for best essay on 'Indiana and Her Needs.'

'Our Friends, the Enemy' are prospering. Fraternity relations are more amicable than last year. As a result, the membership is larger and stronger. With few exceptions, all the solid men of the university are now Greeks.

The five members who attended the State Convention at Indianapolis, April 13th, report a brilliant time, and a glowing future for the Indiana chapters.

Our faculty are growing men. Dr. Dabney has recently issued a text on the 'Causes of the French Revolution.' Dr. Van Nuys has out a new medical work representing some years of faithful study. Dr. Kirkwood, of some renown in astronomical circles for important discoveries and observations, has written a work on 'Asteroids.' Under men of such energy our university must be, and is growing."

BETA BETA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

"The third term finds us in exuberant spirits, although we regret that Bro. J. E. Cox will not enter until next year. Beta Beta is happy to announce that, after untiring and unceasing efforts, arrangements have been made whereby the fraternity will have colors in about eight weeks. 'Tis a victory to be proud of. Bro. Caylor was elected vice-president of the State Oratorical Association. Much interest is manifested over the coming Inter-State Oratorical Contest, to be held here May 3rd, and a number of visiting Delta Tau Deltas is expected. Our outlook is promising."

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

"Two of our men have been called home recently on sad missions. Bro. W. A. Davis, as his sister is expected to live but a short time, and Bro. Upshaw, on account of his father's ill health. It is not probable that Bro. Upshaw will return this term. Our sympathies are with these loyal brothers.

Few noteworthy events in fraternity circles have transpired recently. There seems to be quite an athletic spirit prevailing among the boys of late. The field-day exercises, which are held the first Monday in May, bid fair to excel any we have had before, and, judging by the amount of practice the boys are taking, the records of last year will be surpassed by far.

Five Junior speakers' places have been won by our Juniors. Hartsfield, the one on composition, from the Demosthenean Society, and one on class-rank; Stewart and Barnett on class-rank, and Willcoxon on declamation, from the Phi Kappa Society. Willcoxon was also selected as one of the three champion debaters from the Phi Kappa Society."

BETA ZETA—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

The condition of Beta Zeta continues to improve. The membership of the chapter is fifteen. It would appear that such a large membership could not be wisely maintained at this college, where two rival fraternities exist. But we have constantly maintained the principle of 'justice and equity' in all questions pertaining to college politics, although, lately, we have been accused by the $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s of combining with the ΣX 's in order to 'scoop' the election. We have been sustained, however, in our denial of these assertions by the public opinion of the college.

The condition of our rivals is not flattering. The $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s graduate five men this year, leaving the chapter with few good men to support it, while the membership of the ΣX 's is only five.

The Primary Oratorical Contest resulted in Hugh Th. Miller, $\Phi \Delta \theta$, being first orator; A. M. Hall, $\Delta T \Delta$, second; T. C. Howe, $\Delta T \Delta$, third; J. C. Morrison, $\Phi \Delta \theta$, fourth. It is undoubtedly proper here to state that Bro. Hall should have received first place. The faculty, students, friends and even rival fraternity men accredited him with it.

To *B Z* was given the management of the 'First Annual Banquet and Conference' of the chapters of $\Delta T \Delta$ of Indiana. Accordingly it was arranged that we should meet at Schaffner's Hall, Friday evening, April 13, 1888. A most enjoyable time was spent by all. A more complete report will be given in *THE RAINBOW* by our Conference Sec'y, Bro. Worth E. Caylor, of *B B*."

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

“Fourteen of our chapters failed to send letters for this number.’ Such is the editorial introduction to the department devoted to chapter-letters in the March RAINBOW. Bro. McLane says ‘This is discouraging.’ It is more; it is DISGRACEFUL. Beta Kappa is located in the weakest university, in point of members, which $\Delta T \Delta$ graces with a chapter. We have no rivals, and even the ‘barbs.’ offer but feeble opposition to us. If, under these conditions, we can write something (tho’ it may be as feeble as the ‘barb.’ opposition) for each number of THE RAINBOW, why can not the fourteen ‘black sheep’ do likewise?

One of the notably pleasant evenings in the history of *B K* was spent Saturday, March 31st. On that evening Mrs. Barker invited the chapter to take tea at her home, with the ΔI ’s. With such an hostess a pleasant evening was assured, and the boys showed their appreciation by turning out ‘a hundred thousand strong’—or as near that number as circumstances would permit.

Bro. H. N. Wilson, recently elected President of the Freshman class, was called home to Brighton, Colo., on account of the serious illness of his father. We hope to have him with us again at an early day.

April 3rd, the Regents held their regular quarterly meeting, at which much business of advantage to the university was transacted. An appropriation was made for erecting, during the coming Summer, a dissecting and anatomical lecture room. A committee was appointed to make proper provisions for an alumni banquet to be given during commencement week. A schedule of salaries was adopted and, in accordance therewith, each Prof.’s heart was gladdened by a ‘raise.’ Hereafter new professors are to receive \$1,600 the first year, and \$100 additional each year until \$2,000, which is the limit, is reached. Only one exception was made to this rule, and that, of course, was on account of sex. Miss Rippon, the very capable professor of German and French, was debarred from the benefits of the annual increase in salary as above given. The students, generally, feel that, as this lady does fully as much work as any prof., she should be paid accordingly. Much to the delight of the students, it was decided to fill, if possible, the chair of History and Political Economy, vacated by Dr. Jas. W. Bell.

The fifth annual contest of the Colorado Oratorical Association was held in Boulder, Friday evening, April 13th. Four orators competed—two from the University of Denver and two from the State University. *B K* was represented by Bro’ L. Sternberg, ’88, who got third place. This morning the University of Colorado has inscribed on her banner the touching legend, ‘*We have met the enemy, and we are theirs.*’

The coveted honor of representing Colorado at the Inter-State Contest, to be held May 3rd, at Greencastle, Ind., was gained by Mr. A. T. Moore, of the Denver University.

Arbor day, April 27th, is to be observed at the university, and President Hale has invited *J T J* to take part in the chapel exercises. We shall make an effort to provide either music or 'eloquence' for the occasion.

If any frater is coming to Colorado during the approaching Summer, Beta Kappa would be delighted to do all in her power to entertain him. There is no pleasanter town in the State for a Summer residence than Boulder."

THE BOYS OF OLD.

In the March number we endeavored to call to mind those old-time members to whose labors we are indebted for much of our present prosperity—'The boys of old.' We should like to see this department of *THE RAINBOW* filled to the brim with news of those men. We should like to see something besides the brief notice that they live somewhere and are doing something—glad as we are to catch even these brief glimpses of their post-collegiate lives.

You boys of the olden time, what have you been doing, and better still, what have you been thinking, during these years of silence? As college-trained men, what has been your experience? Was your college course the right thing, or the wrong one? Have you 'increased in power thro' the habits formed and influences encountered' in the days when 'classic halls' echoed to your footsteps and your voices? It is the old fraternity that questions thus—will you hear and answer?

That fraternity has been progressing since your labors ceased, and its progress, as we have said, is traceable to those very labors. It has widened, and strengthened, and deepened, and is more of a power to-day than it has ever been before. It is more closely organized, and better equipped. The improvements 'on the inside' have been marvelous within the last few years, and we promise you grateful surprises therein when you return to your activity and interest. Many of the old-timers are with us yet, and their zeal seems only to increase as the years go by us. These things indicate no merely transient or ephemeral prosperity, but a genuine health that promises to Deltaism a long career.

Here is a department of the fraternity journal that belongs to you. The boys of '88 want to hear from the Boys of those early

years when Delta Tau Delta was only a name and a dream. The actives of the present want to hear from the actives of the past—in bits of personal reminiscence, in sketches of chapter struggles, in tales of battles now fought o'er again, in letters of advice, of encouragement, of admonition—in articles that shall indicate how your time has been occupied since you left the study of the dim past and engaged in the work of the clear present. You will find the Delta of these days a capital listener, and as full of vim, and of cordial appreciation and lofty purposes as were those whose Choctaw yells and midnight pranks set honest people all agog in the years when your class graced the campus and the hall.

Boys of the present, *THE RAINBOW*, with its best bow, has the honor to introduce to you, in this department, some of the boys of old. And first on the list—well-known to many of us already—with a promptness that does him credit, Bro. John D. Watson, Alpha, '81, acknowledges your salutation :

ABOUT AS I SEE IT.

May I have a few words with you all? I have just finished reading the last number of *THE RAINBOW*, and as I am "one of us," feel that I have a right to speak here.

The alumni and chapter news in the last *RAINBOW* are good, and from them I hear of the "boys" at college and the "boys" out in the world. *THE RAINBOW* is my letter from you all; and that brings me to my principal reason for writing. Give me—give us "old boys" more college and fraternity news. I read with relish each article on such topics; and—pardon me—I skip with unchristian haste all other matter. I can give credit, and every article before me is one that shows thought worth thinking, aspirations worth keeping, and purposes of very noble bent; but I want to read—not what you think as men looking out upon the world, but of what you see and have learned of your life in this brotherhood. The fraternity magazine is ours, and we want it to tell all it can of our life and thoughts and deeds in Delta Tau and the Greek world.

Six years' work on newspapers found for me many who "knew how to run a newspaper," but don't believe me dictatorial. I merely ask—write more fraternity articles; let every Delt take the *RAINBOW*, and then he will not feel lonesome, no matter where his isolation from his chapter may occur—in a college where there is no Delta chapter, or in the world. Every week—Saturdays—in my law office, several of us old Delts meet to sing the songs of olden times, and talk about you boys. Give us more to think and talk about.

It seems to me it is the duty of all of us to send to *THE RAINBOW* news of interest to the fraternity. The chapters should assign correspondence to its members, and let them "drum up" the sleeping

alumni, and prod up separate actives. Let there be correspondents for THE RAINBOW in every State—better, every city.

Come, let us take a hand, you old and new boys; let us boom our paper; let us keep the silver crescent of dear old Delta Tau high in the heavens, free from clouds and comfortless mists; in fact, let us get to know each other *better*. How are you all, my brothers?

JACK D. WATSON, A, '81.

BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

'61. Hon. Chas. Townsend, ex-Secretary of State, has just finished a session in the Ohio Senate, to which he was elected last Fall as a Republican from a Democratic district.

'61. B. F. Miesse is a prominent physician at Chillicothe.

'64. John R. Scott is teaching elocution at St. Louis.

'70. Hon. S. H. Bright is Common Pleas Judge at Logan, O., and gives great satisfaction.

'71. D. J. Evans is Professor of Latin at Ohio University.

'72. W. W. Gist is Professor of English Literature at Coe College, Iowa.

'82. W. G. Junod edits and owns the Athens *Herald*.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

'86. George McElroy is at Gordonsville, Va.

'87. H. E. Alexander is a valued assistant on the staff of the Chicago *Herald*.

'87. C. C. Garrison is cashier of the First National Bank of Alamosa, Colorado, and thoroughly interested in the welfare of *Δ T Δ*.

ZETA—ADELBERT.

'83. John C., *alias* "Jock" Hood is a doctor in Louisville, Ky.

'86. Kent Waite graduated in March with the valedictory, from the Cleveland Homoeopathic College, and occupies an elegant suite of rooms on Euclid avenue in this city.

'90. Charles S. Clark is an attorney at Larned, Kansas, and is coming rapidly to the front as an orator.

'89. Lyman Ford is at the Boston School of Technology, and wins many of the prizes in drawing that are offered there.

THETA—BETHANY.

Herbert L. Willet, the first honor man of the class of '86, was married to Miss Gussie Price, of Kenton, Ohio, on Jan. 4, '88. Miss Price is a graduate of the class of '85, and was a loyal Delta. Bro.

Willet is preaching successfully in Dayton, O., where they have been "at home" since their marriage. Theta wishes them much joy.

Bros. W. J. McLure and J. R. Wilson, the former of Mansfield, and the latter of Portland, O., both graduates of '86, showed their smiling faces in Bethany not long ago.

IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL.

'76. J. D. Stannard has sold his farm in Wisconsin and gone to Colorado to engage in the same occupation.

'77. W. O. Fritz was married during the winter.

'88. Eugene Davenport is to take a special course in Botany at the college, and assist in the experiments in that department during the Summer.

'81. Herbert Bamber has charge of one of the U. S. light house districts, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

'83. H. W. Collingwood was married April 5th to Miss Lulie D. Sullivan, of Chicago.

'84. E. C. Banks, assistant superintendent of the Reform School, rejoices over a son and heir.

'85. C. B. Collingwood has gone to Arkansas as chemist under the Hatch Experiment Station bill. He taught at Howard City during the Winter.

E. A. Bartmess resigned his position in the Tippecanoe schools, and started about the first of January for Lowell, Mass., where he intends to engage in the real estate business.

'86. E. A. Brown is in the Chicago Medical College.

'88. D. L. Davison is studying law in Chicago.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

'74. S. W. Mauck is principal of the Rochester Seminary, Rochester, Wis.

'77. Fred. H. Stone is engaged in the book business in this city.

'83. Ed. F. Parmelee is on the staff of the San Diego, Cal., *Daily Bee*.

'84. C. E. Root has a position on the staff of the Nebraska *State Journal*, Lincoln, Neb.

'86. Hoyt Parmelee has removed his business to Des Moines, Iowa.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Adjutant General H. A. Axline, '72, Mu, is a typical Delt. He is proud of his fraternity, and tries to keep up an intelligent interest in all it does. On Tuesday evening, April 3rd, he organized a "Home Alumni Association" of the graduates of the O. W. U. at Delaware. The organization consists of 60 members, whose principal object is to put the College Literary in better shape, so as to meet the growing demands made by the largely increased attendance.

Rev. Washington Gardner, '70, is Grand Commander of the Michigan G. A. R. He is not only efficient among his comrades in the Grand Army, but he is exceedingly successful in the work of the Ministry. He is about to build a new church, for which, in a short time, some weeks since, he took subscriptions amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars.—*College Transcript.*

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

'83. W. S. Cheney is an attorney at Marietta, Ga.

'83. J. A. Howard is a member of the R. W. Laird & Co. Mining Company of Georgia, recently organized in Gainesville, Ga.

'86. E. P. Upshaw is principal of Social Circle Academy, at Social Circle, Ga.

'85. H. M. Holden is a prominent lawyer at Crawfordsville, Ga.

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Bros. Pierce, Stanton, Pearce, Thomas, Noxon and Glover will probably all be present at the alumni banquet during commencement.

DELTA TAU DELTA IN LITERATURE.

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

W. W. COOK, DELTA, '80.

TRUSTS.—Bro. Cook has taken up an undeveloped branch of the law, which at present is demanding a great deal of attention, and treated it, in a little monograph of 70 pp. In it he attempts to give all the decisions upon this subject, which in his opinion are opposed to this species of monopolies. The pamphlet has already reached a second edition, in which the author has made some slight additions.

ROLLA C. CARPENTER, IOTA, '73.

THE PERFECT BRICK, AS REGARDS FORM AND SIZE.—The *Clay Worker*, Indianapolis, Ind., Nov., 1887. A paper read at the second annual meeting of the National Brick Manufacturers' Association, which adopted, as a result, a standard size of brick for general use.

GEORGE M. BOND, RHO, '80.

STANDARDS OF LENGTH AND THEIR SUB-DIVISION. STANDARDS OF LENGTH AS APPLIED TO GAUGE DIMENSIONS.—Two lectures, delivered before the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, in 1884. Hartford, Conn.: The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, Printers, 1887; 8vo. pamphlet; 50 pp. Illustrated.

HENRY A. AXLINE, MU, '72.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL to the Governor of the State of Ohio for the year 1886.—Columbus, O.: The Westbote Company, State Printers, 1887. 8vo. 336 pp.

CHARLES L. EDWARDS, LAMBDA PRIME, '84.

THE INFLUENCE OF WARMTH UPON THE IRRITABILITY OF FROG'S MUSCLE AND NERVE.—Studies from the Biological Laboratory of John Hopkins University, Vol. IV, 1887. With plate.

ALESANDE C. HUMPHREYS, RHO, '81.

ILLUMINATION VS. CANDLE POWER.—A paper read before the American Gas Light Association, Oct., 1887. *Heat, Light and Power*, Philadelphia, Nov., 1887.

HERBERT W. COLLINGWOOD, IOTA, '83.

ANDERSONVILLE VIOLETS.—*The Rural New Yorker*, Sept. 3, 1887. *Et seq.* A story of the South during the civil war, which when completed in *The Rural New Yorker*, is to be republished in book form.

GUFF.

A book agent went into the surf at Long Branch and encountered a huge shark. Their eyes met for an instant, when the shark blushed and swam out.

Irate student: "Don't you ever sweep under the bed, I'd like to know?"

Calm "Goody": "I always do; I prefer it to the dust-pan.—*Ex.*

Lynching party (apologetically): "We've come to tell yer, ma'am, that we've lynched yer husband. We admit that we got the wrong man, but yer got the laugh on us."

"I swear by those tall elms in yonder park—" he commenced; but she interrupted him. "Swear not by them," she said imploringly. "Why not?" "Because those trees are slippery elms," she said simply.—*Merchant Traveler.*

Miss Templefaim (to Major Korcher, a war veteran): "Oh, here comes Mr. Sapps! You *will* excuse me, won't you, if I give the next waltz to him? He made a wonderful record in the cane rush yesterday, and we can't make too much of him!"—*Puck.*

"And that is silver ore, is it?" said Mrs. Snaggs, as she examined a piece of curious-looking mineral. "Yes, my dear," replied her husband. "And how do they get the silver out?" "They smelt it." "Well, that's queer," she added, after applying her nose to the ore. "I smelt it, too, but didn't get any silver."—*Methodist Journal.*

He: "And so you are really attending a cooking-school, Miss Clara?" She (brightly): "Yes, and it's such fun." He: "I suppose you can make nice bread already?" She: "No, I have nothing to do with making bread; but I can make lovely angel's food. I'm only taking the classical course."

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THE MODERN DISTRIBUTIVE PROCESS.—By Clark & Giddings. In addition to this heading, the work before us bears on its title page the following: "Studies of Competition and its Limits; of the Nature and Amount of Profits, and of the Determination of Wages in the Industrial Society of to-day." This gives us a hint of the timeliness of the work, which treats concisely, in seven essays, a subject of living interest. The essays were originally published in the *Political Science Quarterly*. The authors have written with great logical force and directness, and yet with perfect clearness and simplicity, and have accordingly accomplished the design stated in the

preface, "to analyze the natural group system of modern industry; to determine where within it competition is possible, and where combination is naturally invited; to ascertain the extent to which this movement checks individual rivalry; and to determine the nature and scope of that residual competition which is the controlling principle of the new regime."

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A COMPLETE RHETORIC.—By C. W. Bardeen. The author of this treatise has cut loose from old-time methods, and has given us a text book based on modern ideas, and therefore totally unlike what we have had drilled into us in the class-room. Wherever he has "seen a good thing" he has not hesitated to make use of it, and our leading newspapers, not excluding those made famous by "paragraphers," have been made to serve the new purpose of assisting in the study of good English. We have not seen a work from which more practical results must follow. The author considers rhetoric "as an art, not like trigonometry which he *may* use, but like arithmetic which he *must* use," and has written accordingly. All the illustrations are excellent, and given in so great variety and with so careful selection that we forget that this is a text-book on a subject not remarkable for attracting and holding interested attention. The entire work is fairly, and we suspect intentionally, a running commentary on English literature, and therefore a valuable aid in any course of English reading. It has all that is good in the old-time rhetoric, and a large amount of new matter, which attracts us first and instructs us immediately thereafter. Mr. Bardeen has given us a strong work—one which will do a great deal for college men and others who wish to win the ability to command good, forcible English. Send for this work, and mention the RAINBOW.

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