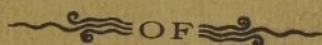


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NOBLES OF HEART AND HEAD.

A new order of honor is needed,
And 'tis time that the old passed away,
For it must and it will be conceded
That the gods we have now are all clay.
Then hurrah for the man with the hammer!
Let him smite, in the dust let him tread,
The builders and molders are busy,
Give us nobles of heart and of head.

"His Majesty"—words without meaning,
For the monarch possesses it not;
"His highness"—the man has a leaning
To the gutter, in fact is a sot;
"Most Noble"—Alas! He is famous
As a soiler of virtue instead.
Ah, God, give us soon, give us only
The nobles of heart and of head!

Is an ape, although gilded with riches,
Worth more than an image of Christ?
Take the old idols down from the niches,
Too long has their worship sufficed.
Let us bow to the man—he's our hero,
Though he toil like a slave for his bread;
Let us honor the world's only great ones,
The nobles of heart and of head.

Hear the prophets with awe, though with wonder;
Say not, "It is dark," with a sneer;
From blackest of skies bellows thunder,
And the heavens then suddenly clear.
It is coming, the day that we long for,
(Oh, speed it before we are sped),
When earth shall pay homage alone to
The nobles of heart and of head!

George Horton, 4 '78.

SYMPOSIUM.

FRATERNITY AND MORALITY.

The argument against the moral influence of the fraternity system is of equal age with the system itself, and it is likely to be of equal duration. To the minds of many the black enamel that adorns the badge is typical of social corruption. We once heard the word Panhellenic thus dissected: "Pan" means "all"; the second syllable needs no elucidation; "Enic" has not been translated. It is indeed a fact that "All h—I" seems with some to summarize the influence of the Grecian organizations. The mistake has been that of assigning to the general the immorality of the particular. If special instances, which are the exceptions, and not the rules, were allowed a place on the list of legitimate arguments, all of our presidents would be deposed, all of our senators be impeached, all of our colleges be closed, all our churches razed to the ground and wide-spread anarchy would soon be the order of the day. The fact that there is one Judas should not attract more attention than the fact that there are eleven who are loyal.

We do not write this article, therefore, because we believe that the general influence of the secret society system is evil. If we believed this to be true we should place aside badge and colors and make our article a phillippic on Fraternity vs. Morality. In spite of the protests of collegians and alumni, the fact stands, that the fraternities largely gain their moral color from the colleges. For there can be no element represented in Greek circles that does not have among the students a corresponding element from which it draws its supplies. There are certain general characteristics that are fostered and increased by all organizations. If one may say that fraternities create a narrow spirit, let it be known that the

same objection may be urged against Catholicism, Presbyterianism, or Methodism. Love for one's own is the life of every organization of whatever sort. Without this building force every society becomes a loose sandbank.

Everybody will accept the following as an invariable rule: Organization increases the power of the elements possessed by the component parts of the organization. If those elements be evil, the evil influence is necessarily increased; if the elements be good, the good influence must be increased. This fact is axiomatic. No anti-fraternity philosophy can gainsay it.

What follows from this general principle? Evidently the conclusion is, that since fraternities must exercise a moral influence, it should be the aim of every chapter to make that influence the best possible. There are some causes producing shades of fraternity morality which are now irremediable. The man who hopes too see the same fixed standard of morality adopted by all the chapters of his fraternity is the Bellamy of Greekdom. The external cause probably most influential in producing and modifying the moral standard of chapters is the morality of the college community in which the chapter is located.

Upon the chapter roll of all fraternities are found three classes of colleges: (1) denominational colleges; (2) privately endowed institutions; and (3) State Universities. These three classes will give birth to three general standards. But even in the first-named class there will be different grades. Denominational beliefs and rules are different and will consequently give a different color to the moral life of the college. In the second class there will be grades too. The conditions imposed by the founder, the policy of the trustees and the object of the institution will greatly affect the moral life of the student. In the third class, the interests of the State, whether manufacturing or agricultural, the moral complexion of the location of the University and the opinions and lives of the faculty will produce clearly marked degrees of moral life. It is only a baseless fervor that would lead one to write out a detailed ritual of moral etiquette and then demand that every chap-

ter, no matter where chartered, shall rigidly adhere to the provisions therein set forth.

Shall we then have no absolute moral standard of membership? The answer is that the moral standard of any fraternity must be expressed in general terms. There are certain things which are to be condemned by the broad consensus of trustworthy opinion and which even the guilty will place in the catalogue of immoralities. Let no man who is known to be a violator of the common conscience ever enter the DELTAIC portal. The chapter that knowingly initiates a man who ever becomes intoxicated is worthy of the severest censure. We want men, not idiots. The chapter that wilfully initiates a libertine is worthy of an immediate application of the pruning knife. We want men, not beasts. A sober spirit will dictate the sentiment that it is a far better policy to rid the roll of immoral chapters in institutions of high standing, than to rid it of moral chapters in less conspicuous colleges. When excellent men represent the fraternity in our excellent institutions, so much the better. Too often we forget that the strength of a fraternity lies in men, not in colleges. Let us place the premium where it belongs. Let our requirements be two-fold—institutions of high standing and men of high standing. It should be the climax of every man's ambition for his fraternity to have the standard so high and so generally observed, that none but good men, in none but good colleges, should be the representative of that fraternity.

Perhaps it might well be said that a false idea of fraternity life has in many cases been destructive of fraternity morality. "Mutual fun" has been the complete motto of many a chapter, and the chapter that does not cultivate hearty, hale fellowship does not enjoy a full-orbed existence. A good time is a part, but it is only a part of the fraternity idea. Some men seem to think that sturdy morality is incompatible with true fraternity. And so when they speak of a chapter of men who are strict and conscientious, scorn curls the lip and it is said slightly—"A Y. M. C. A." Strange to say, too, many seem to think that, when the men composing a chapter are striving to fulfil the purpose for which they came to

college, they fail to reach up to the fraternity ideal and so it is whispered—"A literary society." It seems to be the general tax that is laid upon every Greek Letter Society that it must endure the presence of chapters whose standard demands only the possession of certain merry social qualities. Wherever such a body of men have in their unholy grasp a charter, the only way to save the repute of the fraternity is to apply the pruner. Let no DELTA pose as the DELTAIC conscience-keeper, but let all DELTAS demand that our silken-cord of union be composed of three strands—Intellectuality, Congeniality and MORALITY.

E. H. HUGHES, M '89.

II.

When any action or instruction is brought to our attention we apply to that action or instruction a sort of qualitative analysis, the nature of which is known to the mind alone, and speedily decide to which of the two great classes, the good or the bad, it belongs. In applying our test to things, we take into consideration the known results and products of what we are passing judgment upon, thus carrying out a worthy saying of the most skillful and discerning of all analyzers of human instructions—namely, that "by their fruits ye shall know them."

To no class or organization has this test been more bitterly and stringently applied than to the fraternity. Meeting as it always has the most violent opposition, it has had to fight its way against the heaviest odds. Yet in the face of all that has been said and done to root out the fraternity, it has continued to thrive and grow in strength both numerical and otherwise. It must have in it some great worthy foundation principle; it must be useful and good, else so many conscientious, noble men and women would not enter so heartily into the work of furthering its best interests. Yet we believe that too often a fraternity as a whole is brought into disrepute by the want on the part of individual chapters of a sense of what a fraternity's real end and aim is. The fraternity is not, as we understand it, simply a place to have a "jolly good time" without taking time to stop and consider what a "jolly good time" really is. Many a "lad or lassie," for that matter, seems

to think that one of the chief glories, if not the whole purpose, of the fraternity is to wear a badge such as can grace only the select few and to have mysterious secrets that belong again to the "select few." Is this the object of a fraternity? With too many chapters and fraternity men it is to be feared that such is the case. This is what oftentimes renders fraternities so odious to our "barb" brethren—the fact of their objects seeming to consist in things slight and trivial and tending only to produce false caste among college men. Outsiders, applying the old test of knowledge by the fruits of the thing tested, find that in reality the pretended superiority of fraternity men is an empty one.

For this reason it becomes necessary that individual chapters give the closest of attention to the character of the work done in the chapter hall. Instead of making the fraternity meeting the time for a general carousal or a period of gossip and self gratulation growing out of disparaging comparisons with neighbors and rivals, it should and can be made a time of sensible converse and kindly criticism,—of outsiders faults? Oh no; of *our own*. It is in this last point that one great moral value of the secret element of the fraternity comes in. The different members of the chapters have abundant opportunity of learning from various sources what their mutual faults are, and there is no better place than the fraternity hall for the correction of them. Not a correction in a harsh repellant manner, but a kindly brotherly criticism that makes the offender fill with gratitude toward his critic.

The true work of the fraternity is to make noble men and women of its members, and it is this bringing together in a bond of sympathetic mutual interest that renders the attainment of the end more possible in a fraternity than elsewhere. Yet on the other hand it is just this closeness of fellowship that makes it possible for a fraternity to become so very bad when the bad element gets the ascendancy. Nowhere else, we repeat it, is the power of association so strong as it is in a fraternity. Then keep the fountain pure and the stream that cometh forth therefrom will also be pure. We feel ourselves that we owe to the fraternity some of the best effects ever produced in our lives, and many another can say the

same. Yet many a man can say, we fear, that to this same source he may trace his ruin. Let every chapter, then, be eternally vigilant as to the character of the men it selects and the kind of influence it exerts within its own circle; yet by the character of the men it sends forth, the chapter, nay, the whole fraternity, will be measured.

T. C. H., B Z, '89.

III.

If it were, asked "Is it the mission of a fraternity through its chapters to try to reform its members?", the majority of answers would probably be in the negative. And while no one will for a moment deny that the fraternity is a reforming institution, it is claimed that this should be largely a matter of incident and association rather than of conscious and systematic effort. It seems to me the latter is the conception of fraternity held by DELTA TAU DELTA. It is not a missionary society, going out to seek and to reclaim the most wayward, and yet this is often a profitable move for her, though fraught with danger. It may be adding a spark to an otherwise homogeneous and inoffensive compound; it may be picking up a piece of fine polished marble, and it may be finding only a chunk of coarse sandstone. The fraternity is not a hospital for moral cripples, or an asylum for incurable mediocrity to sport itself. Yet it is a place where the bright intellect, without dimming its brilliancy, should add a glow to the duller mind; where the confident aspiring soul without losing an iota of its confidence or lowering its aspiration, should encourage its more timid companion; where the strong should beget strength in the weaker and where the whole atmosphere is so charged with joyous fidelity to lofty principles, sincerity of purpose, and impressible cheerfulness, that seeing shall be *becoming*, and becoming shall end in *being*.

K. C. B., B E, '89.

IV.

[A paper read at a recent meeting of Psi Chapter.]

"The proper study of mankind is man," and since DELTA TAU's ideal is a high type of manhood, it is but fitting that we should study that ideal.

Our fraternity rejoices in its sturdy youth, hoping great and

glorious things from the future, because of its lofty ideal and its persistent efforts toward its practical attainment.

The world is constantly calling for strong, earnest men of principle; men who will do something toward the uplifting and betterment of their fellows. We ask, where can a better place be found for the symmetrical development of head and heart, of intellectuality and morality than at DELTA's shrine?

In the category of requisites to the making of an ideal DELTA, we should place first,—not because it is the most important, but because it is one of the prime external qualities—a manly, frank, gentlemanly bearing. We are judged, often harshly, by the outside world, from the standpoint of surface qualities, hence the importance of creating a friendly and natural impression, by a persistent yet unpretentious kindness of heart (for that is true politeness) toward all.

This same social quality should of course be more free and unreserved when we are together in the fraternity hall, yet we should never be anything to one another but gentlemen and brothers, having a common interest in DELTA's welfare and a personal interest in one another.

The second quality of our ideal brother to possess is, a lively yet balanced interest in physical culture. If he is not an athlete, and even if he never had any commendable ambition in that direction, there is no excuse for his not improving every possible opportunity to build up his bodily powers if they are not strong, to add to and increase them if they are backed up by a moderately strong constitution. The vital relations of health to mental ability demand all this with a reasonableness no one should question for a moment.

The third requisite is an intellectual basis strong enough to sustain creditably the burdens of a good college education, and later on, the burdens and responsibilities of an honorable profession or other vocation.

The fraternity should foster intellectual progress along with good fellowship, and the "literary exercises" of the meeting should be faithfully guarded against any attempt to pass them over. They

should be entered into with spirit and the determination to get real benefit from them. A fraternity that meets promptly and devotes the proper time to intellectual effort has taken a long stride toward the true standard.

If we expect $\Delta T \Delta$ to hold an honorable place in athletics, oratory, or any other branch of college life, the necessary harmony of action must be fostered by regular and enthusiastic meetings.

Again, the "ideal DELTA," must possess strong moral character and conscientiousness in the discharge of duty. College life has its full quota of temptations, and it often takes a strong purpose to resist the inviting opportunities for pleasure. If there were a stronger realization that, to do $\Delta T \Delta$ or ourselves full credit, there must be untiring effort, there would be stronger and more sincere striving for steadiness of purpose.

The last and most essential quality of a true DELTA is a realization of his responsibility to God and his fellowman,—in other words, to let his spiritual inclinations and the promptings of his his higher nature have the mastery. This is to be moral in the deepest sense. Amid all our social pleasures and good fellowship, let every candid mind realize that those solemn and beautiful words of our ritual are based upon high and lofty principles that originate only in the source of all just law. Let every DELTA strive toward the ideal, ever mindful of his opportunities and privileges, and ever seeking to wield his influence on the side of the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

W. H. SHIELDS, '92.

V.

If a fraternity or any chapter of it, were to set up as its prime requirement for admission, membership in some orthodox church, or any church for that matter, I am pretty sure failure would be the result. It would become what too many of our churches already are—one-day-in-the-week-fraternities. It would be just as absurd and as far from the fraternity ideal to expect a man to show that he has regularly attended religious services four times a week for a year prior to his initiation, as to demand that his pantaloons shall not vary in "wideness" one-half inch from the most approved width. Altogether too many chapters of nearly every fraternity

go to one extreme or the other. In the smaller denominational institutions, where a really brilliant "tough" is never heard of, the former tendency often rules. On the other hand, in one of our larger state universities in the West, the social and convivial ideal has so strongly dominated the fraternity life, that an active church member can scarcely be found on the roll of the five "upper" fraternities of the seven, and, to quote a remark of a senior of that institution, himself not a Y. M. C. A. man, "a Y. M. C. A. man is practically ineligible to membership in them!" These are only cases of abnormal development of one phase of the fraternity. It would seem that the loftiest ideal of fraternity is a triune one, the three parts of equal value and equal necessity; and are not these essentials, CULTURE (intellectual and social), CONGENIALITY and MORALITY.

B.

LITERARY AND FRATERNITY.

DELTA TAU DELTA AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

No better inspiration can be found for the ambitious student than in the meeting of the alumni of the years gone by; in the friendships renewed; in the recounting of the old song and story of class room and campus; in the glistening teardrop that gathers in the eye at the mention of some dear companion who has gone to join the mighty host beyond the river.

At our banquets, our re-unions and our Karneas we may often behold these scenes, and who of the DELTA brotherhood, after meeting some brother of another chapter, has not been enthused with a deeper and nobler feeling of fraternity spirit and felt himself prouder than ever of his membership in DELTA TAU DELTA?

But at our general meetings and conferences, only the few are favored with attendance, while the mass of the students never realize the greatness or breadth of their fraternity. Their acquaintance while in college seldom reaches beyond the brothers of their own chapters. To the mind of a *B K* brother, the influence of *H*, *A* or *M*, is more imaginary than real, and he has no familiarity with his brothers situated in a distant college, except through THE RAINBOW and the annals of the fraternity. Acquaintance seems a forbidden fruit of which he seldom partakes.

What joy it always brings to the boys at our "DELTA" house when they are visited by a brother from another chapter. He leaves a kind remembrance that makes us all more enthusiastic fraternity men. When our alumni, whose places we have the honor to have taken, gladden our quarters with their presence, it ever seems a lesson of loyalty and devotion. Listening to their

advice and earnest talk enhanced by the wisdom gained by the experience of their years, our hearts beat with a new and more fervid zeal for "good old DELTA TAU." Some are in distant states and we seldom see them, but their memories remain as cherished legacies. We look at their portraits, made familiar by the stories of their life among us and all fondly hope that some day we may seize their hands in a grasp of brotherly love.

What a boon it would be to every member of the active Fraternity if he could meet his brother DELTAS from the thirty-nine chapters! What appreciation of fraternity it would bring about!

All America is looking forward to the celebration in Chicago of the fourth centennial of the landing of Columbus on the shores of San Salvador. Last June, five members of Alpha left the active membership of the chapter, promising to meet at the World's Fair, by oaths as staunch and strong as the pure pledges of DELTAISM. And following their example every member of Alpha has promised to be at the great carnival in the metropolis of the West, one enthusiastic alumnus declaring that he would be with "the boys" if he had to count railroad ties in order to reach his destination.

Brothers in DELTA TAU DELTA, why not widen this re-union from Alpha to include the whole fraternity, from Tuft's Hill Massachusetts, to the mountain home of Beta Kappa in Colorado? It is some years ahead, but so much the more surely can the plans be laid.

It would not be a difficult matter to secure headquarters or a lodge where all DELTAS coming to the fair might congregate; where old ties could be reunited and new ones formed among the alumni and members of the several chapters. A space might be taken up as reception room in one of the corporation buildings, while some good hostelry could be entirely monopolized by the members of *J T J*. Or we could even erect a building at small expense.

There are but few educated Americans who will not be there, and undoubtedly a large share of our (2,000) members will be present. It offers the most splendid opportunity in our history for such a meeting. It would be the grandest re-union of Greeks

ever known. Think of such a congregation of loyal DELTAS bringing into the association the conservatism of the East, the dash of the western collegian, and the brilliancy of our southern brothers, all united in the mystic bonds of DELTA TAU! How joyous and how profitable would be such a meeting. A meeting in which association and acquaintance would beget fraternal interest and admiration, for a DELTA is the same wherever you find him.

FREDERICK PALMER, A, '92.

A CHAPTER HOME.

Every chapter ought to have a home. In no other place can the fraternal bond be so firmly knit as at the fireside in the chapter home. A hall is good, but a home is better.

By far the larger number of boys in college are away from home, and must have a place to stay. A room, or a boarding-house, is not a home. There is a spirit of freedom, of ownership, of independence in a home, that is not to be found in a boarding-house or a lonely room.

By a home, I mean more than a place to eat and sleep. The eating house is not necessarily included in it. In fact, the cosiest chapter house I know of is totally without cook or steward,—meals being taken elsewhere. But there is a common parlor, with piano and large fire-place, a generous hall and library, a place of rendezvous for the whole chapter, where the books and pictures, and relics of past days accumulate, where there are remembrances of all past classes, and where the old boys when they return, feel at home as of yore, and find the home still full of life, activity and brotherly cheer.

A hall is too apt to be a cold place, with a public feel, and lacking in the warm and sunny atmosphere of home. And it is this home atmosphere which is most valuable to the college boy, and too often lacking. There is a power for good in the close, brotherly association about the home fireside, not to be supplied by any other influence in college.

A boy's development is more in the hands of his fraternity,

depends more upon the influences, restraints and ambitions of his confreres, than upon any other power. There is a unity of purpose and influence developed in this fireside circle, which is not to be found in a hall. The chapter type may here be developed and a strength gained, the true fraternity spirit may here be found and felt, which is out of the question in a large chapter with no such bond. Too often in a large chapter the true fraternity spirit is lost or misinterpreted, and in its place a sort of clique for college politics and the capture of honors is found. The chapter becomes, not a band of brothers, but a band of favor hunters, and honor brokers—log-rollers for political preference.

One knows by the study of the men of a chapter, what the chapter influence is—what the ruling spirit is. It comes to be taken for granted that, this chapter has an eye solely to scholarship; that one for social qualities; and may be another for riotous living. Of necessity, the larger the chapter the fewer the ties that bind man to man, until we are sure, in certain cases, that the only tie which binds is that political bond which insures a solid vote on certain candidates, and in place of one chapter type, there are cliques within a clique.

There is no reason why there should not be a large chapter, twenty men and over, but to be a fraternity, more than a hall and a large number of men is needed. The home spirit, in which all are brothers, must be developed. And the red letter days, the times which form the bright spots in the memory, the hours on which we love to think, will be those days and evenings when the sofas and chairs and rugs were full all round the blazing fire, and jokes went round and songs were sung, and tales were told. No ballroom hall can take the place of this open fire and home cheer.

When all our boys think over carefully the advantages of a home, to the chapter and to the individuals of a chapter, there will be but one conclusion—they will have a home. Own it if possible, but have it at any rate. Establish a building fund—every alumnus will gladly give a dollar or so each year, and in no great time every chapter will be able to own a home.

G., B H, '89.

DIVISION CONFERENCE REPORTS.

CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN DIVISION.

The Conference met according to call on the afternoon of Friday, February 28, in the chapter halls of Chapter Omicron, Iowa City, Iowa, with V. T. Price, *θ*, presiding. The address of welcome was delivered by Julius Lischer of Omicron, and responded to by F. H. Gilman of Beta Eta. In the absence of the conference secretary, H. A. Youtz, *Ξ*, Murray Campbell, *θ*, was elected, and the conference began its work, which, besides its routine business and reports, consisted of discussions upon such topics as "The Chapter Meeting," "Unwritten Law," "THE RAINBOW," etc. Sessions were held Saturday morning, afternoon and evening, when the final adjournment was made. The next conference will be held with *B E*, at Minneapolis. Fred L. Kennedy of Omicron was elected Secretary of the Western Division. *B K* and *B F* were represented by proxy, *B E*, by Fred H. Gilman and K. C. Babcock, *θ*, by Herbert Peery and S. S. Wright, *Ξ*, by H. H. Hartman, and *Ω*, by J. S. Chamberlain. The attendance of the members of Omicron and resident members was large, and the discussions spirited and interesting. The chapter reports showed the chapters in better condition than a year ago, and with good prospects of continued success.

The reception and banquet given by Omicron to the delegates, resident members and lady friends, occurred Friday evening in Omicron's spacious chapter parlors. After a short informal reception, dancing and card playing were indulged in until a late hour, and then the entire company adjourned to a banquet. After justice was done to this, Julius Lischer in his characteristic humorous manner, acted as *magister epularum*, and in a few well chosen words called upon the following DELTAS who responded impromptu to the subjects given them. Kendric C. Babcock, editor of THE RAINBOW, treated "Our Fraternity," in his usual witty but concise way. J. M. Grimm paid a deserving tribute to the "Girls, Dear Girls." C. E. Pickett allowed his imagination to roam in a short speech, and S. S. Wright closed the oratory of the evening in an enthusiastic speech, predicting ever increasing power for DELTAISM.

Taking it all together, the conference, the reception and the royal hospitality of Omicron,—the delegates voted it a great success, and it will be remembered by all as one of those occasions that cements closer our fraternal bonds.

FRED H. GILMAN, *B E*, '90.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.

The Eighth Annual Conference of the Grand Division of the East, of the DELTA TAU DELTA Fraternity, was held at the Hotel Marlborough, New York City, on February 22. All the chapters of the Division were represented, excepting Alpha, her delegate being unfortunately detained at the last moment, by sickness. The morning session was called to order at 11.05 by the President, Rev. S. L. Bieler, *M*, '73, and opened with prayer by the Rev. C. B. Mitchell, *A*, '79, followed by an address of welcome by the president and responses by the delegates, after which the conference was organized for business. The afternoon session was called to order at 2.45 by the president, when the reports of the chapters and committees were read and the business of the conference transacted. In the evening, that pleasant feature of these annual conferences which causes them to be remembered with pleasure, the banquet, was held in the parlors of the hotel. Brother Orrin Serfass, *N*, '82, acted as toast master and the various toasts were ably responded to by Brothers W. W. Cook, *A*, '80, A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, J. C. Rice, *T*, '82, and others. The conference was in every way a most successful affair, there being in all fifty-one present, including delegates and alumni. The following officers were elected for the next year: President, J. C. Rice, *T*, '82; Secretary, C. C. Dickinson, *B O*, '91; Orator, W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; Historian, G. W. Geiser, *T*, '79; Division secretary, C. M. Case, Beta Lambda, '92.

J. A. McCLURG, Sec'y.

PITTSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

[As no other notice has come to us of the founding of the Association we print the following letter.—Ed.]

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 17th, 1890.

K. C. BABCOCK,

EDITOR RAINBOW:—

It gives me great pleasure to inform you and DELTAS every where that on last Saturday evening, Feb. 15th, 1890, twenty-eight old DELTA TAU DELTA members met at the Seventh Avenue Hotel in this city, and subscribed their names to an article of agreement, binding themselves as "The Pittsburg Alumni Association of DELTA TAU DELTA."

We also "devoured a feed"—on the bills a "banquet" was had; twenty-seven alumni and three undergraduates from Washington-Jefferson, Chapter *I*, were in attendance. Hon. John C. Newmeyer, State Senator and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, could not banquet, but left in good standing as to dues.

Our toastmaster was Dr. R. S. Sutton, founder of Gamma, who was in a similar position at the annual convention banquet of 1881. To-day ten more names have been added to the "Articles of Association," and many more are yet to be seen when we get time and opportunity. If the fraternity will help us in the way of furnishing us with the information as to names and locations of DELTA members in, and within one hundred miles of, Pittsburg, (that's a short distance here), and if the members living now within said radius will report themselves to me so that I can get their names on my roll, the fraternity will know some day soon that this alumni chapter numbers many souls. I write this as a notice at large, merely, and by the time your next edition is ready for press, it will contain a full report of the banquet and founding of the "Pittsburg Alumni Association."

Another thing, we want no suggestions how to run this affair. We mortals here, among furnaces, workshops and mines, have our own way of doing business. We are all on the same level, our officers are only such in name—we have no exalted personages among us and our constitution and by-laws are "the faith that's strong within us," and the simple and easily observed rules that

make all DELTAS "worthy to hear without reproach, the grand name of gentlemen." The committee for one year are Dr. R. S. Sutton, President; Dr. E. W. Day, Treasurer, and your very humble servant,

JOHN D. WATSON, Secretary.

THE UNEXPECTED.

When clouds are black, and rain has long been chilling,
The sudden sun will oftentimes struggle through,
Anon with splendor all the prospect filling,
From jeweled trees to skies of deepest blue.

When lives are dark, and hope has ceased beguiling,
Some unexpected gleam may glad the sight,
And after years, in fortune's perfect smiling,
Be filled with naught save honor, love, and light.

George Horton, 4, 78.

EDITORIAL.

A few words anent that ever fruitful subject—the chapter home, and we commend to the special attention of every undergraduate reader of *THE RAINBOW*, the article in this number entitled, “A Chapter Home.” We are glad to see so many of our chapters moving toward the establishment of such a home. Two at least, we feel sure, will be housed inside homes owned and builded by themselves and their alumni, inside of eighteen months. Their *modus operandi* is simply that of a stock company, and it was a surprise to those having these enterprises in charge to see how readily and generously their plans were aided. But to those who are still too modest, too weak, or too young, to aspire to the ownership of a home, we say, “Brothers, you must make an effort,” and by some means manage to get together. If you can not get a whole house, furnished or unfurnished, get rooms in the same house or block. Nothing shows more plainly the progressive, enterprising, enthusiastic spirit of *DELTA TAUS* in these latter days, than the establishing of Beta Omicron at Cornell. We are proud of the men, and their energy as shown in the fact that, without going through the chrysalis stage of two or three years as a local society, they held their installation in their own house. Now is the time of year to begin operations. It is no small task to find a suitable house, especially in some of the smaller college towns; it is a place where experience counts for a great deal, but we hope no chapter will be deterred by lack of experience from a thorough investigation of the pros and cons of its situation and resources. If the editor, who with the writer of the article referred to, has been actively instrumental in placing Chapter Beta Eta in the

home she now occupies, can be of any assistance to chapters contemplating like steps, he will be only too glad to do so.

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The account of the establishment of our new chapter, Beta Omicron, at Cornell University, will be read by DELTAS everywhere with unmixed satisfaction. For some years DELTA TAU DELTA has been ambitious to place a chapter at this great institution, but her ambition has not led her to take any hasty or inadvisable steps. In an institution of the size of Cornell, it is not a difficult matter to establish a chapter, so far as finding men to make the chapter, goes. But it was not merely the name of Cornell upon our college chapter list that we wanted; we could have had that long ago. We shall not stop to elaborate upon what we wanted all these years. The whole thing in a nutshell, is: we found what we wanted, and it is ours. We are proud to enter Cornell, and proud of the men who represent DELTA TAU DELTA there. Their energy, enthusiasm and loyalty are worthy of imitation by any chapter. The whole atmosphere of Cornell is charged with the spirit of energy and progress and we shall look for great things from the long life and success that we wish Beta Omicron.

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The change in the arrangement of the contents of this number is, not an experiment, but simply a necessity, due to the fact, that the editor-in-chief was out from the city for some weeks, and returned too late to attend to the preparation of such matter as usually appears first, until after the date set for sending in such copy, and so the copy at hand and ready had to go in first.

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We hope every chapter has received a copy of both *The Peg* and *The Psi*, and has looked them over carefully. The former coming from Chapter Xi and the latter, as its name indicates, from Psi, reflects great credit upon those chapters, and undoubtedly no better means could be found for keeping the alumni informed as to the chapter and its doings. These little sheets fill a place that THE RAINBOW can not and ought not to fill, and it is hoped other

chapters will follow the example of Xi and Psi. The *Pow Wow* and the *Chronicle*, which were published some years have not been heard from this year, so far, but we hope to see at least one copy before July. Every chapter should send some kind of a paper, a circular, or a letter to every one of its alumni whose address is known, at least once a year. If a quarterly like the two mentioned be too much of an undertaking, do as did *M* in 1888, and issue a Chapter Annual. It will be profitable all around.

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At least two of the Divisions have held their annual conferences, at the time of writing this, and we are glad to hear such good reports of them. There is a tendency to underestimate the value of these meetings, especially on the part of those chapters which are seldom or never represented. There are chapters that have been established for some years that for one reason and another have never had a delegate at any of the conferences. We regret that such is a fact, and take this opportunity to emphasize the value of these meetings. They are smaller and more informal than the Karnea, which at best now comes only once in two years, and are therefore especially helpful to the delegates as members of the chapters. More minute details of the Fraternity's workings are discussed, and if at all feasible every chapter should send a lower-class man. Some of the chapters of the Eastern Division did nobly in the number of delegates sent to their last conference at New York. We commend the example of the "young 'uns" in this matter to some of the older chapters. The triangular initiation banquets which the Massachusetts chapters held early in the college year, was the sort of gatherings we like to hear about—sort of a state conference. Surely such a gathering was an auspicious occasion for the newly initiated freshmen. Let it be repeated.

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The next number of *THE RAINBOW* will not be issued until after all the colleges are closed, and chapter letters should embody some account of the "features" of commencement, and a little summary of the year's work. Don't be afraid to tell of honors taken by members of other fraternities; it is of interest to all to know

who are taking the honors in our different colleges. Further directions will be embodied in a circular letter, and prompt attention should be given to it. We also hoped to make specially prominent in the July number, the alumni department, "The Boys of Old," and the co-operation of all who read this editorial, is earnestly requested.

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The College Annual season has arrived, and some of the colleges and universities have already published their regular annuals. THE RAINBOW has always been well remembered by the chapters in this respect in the past, and we hope to be the recipients of even a greater number than usual. One of the features which we expect to make prominent in the July number of THE RAINBOW, will be a review of those annuals that reach us before the middle of June. We want one from every institution where we have a chapter and where an annual is published; and wherever a DELTA is upon the board we shall expect one. The hearty and liberal response to our request for college papers makes us bold and confident in making this new request.

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William R. Baird, author of *American College Fraternities*, wishes to secure the following numbers of THE RAINBOW. Who can supply them? Vol. ix. of No. 6; Vol. x. of No. 1; Vol. xi. entire; Vol. xii., Nos. 1 and 2.

FROM THE CHAPTERS.

[This department this year is in charge of the assistant editor,
MAX WEST.—Editor.]

ALPHA—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

We have had the misfortune through a misunderstanding of not appearing in either Nos. 1 or 2 of Vol. xiii., so there has been, until the present issue, no news from Alpha for the current collegiate year in *THE RAINBOW*.

We are enjoying a prosperous year both as regards numbers and success in the securing of prizes; we entered the year with eight men, and our roll numbers seventeen at the present time. Our last initiates were Bros. Geo. Shryock and Eagleson, both of whom are residents of the city; their initiation occurred on the night of March 8th.

We hold the places of president, ladder-orator, and prophet, in the class of '90, in the persons of Bros. Deming, Russell and McClure; Bros. Deming and Russell are members of the board of editors on the annual, the *Kaldron*; we have a representative on the inter-society team and one on the college paper, the *Campus*. Bro. Shryock, '91, is manager of the foot-ball team, and in all *ΔΤΔ* has her full quota of honors at Allegheny.

The annual reception of the chapter to its sister fraternities and friends in the city on February 12th, was one of the principal social events of the season. There were two hundred and fifty guests present.

Our present membership is apportioned among the several classes as follows: senior, 5; junior, 1; sophomore, 5; freshmen, 6. We deeply regretted our inability to be present at the recent Division Conference, but "La Grippe" held our representatives at home. We rejoice in the fact that our fraternity is making such rapid strides toward the pinnacle of college fraternities; certainly *ΔΤΔ*'s star is in the ascendant and if the present systematic management is continued with the conservative policy of extension exercised as heretofore, that star will reach its zenith at no distant day.

By April 1st we shall have lived in a chapter house one year, and a delightful year it has been to us all; the chapter house mode of living far surpasses anything we have ever tried, and as one alumnus said to another at our recent reception, concerning our home: "Well, Chip, this beats the log-hut."

T. E. RUSSELL.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

The winter term at Washington and Jefferson has passed quickly by, characterized mainly by long lessons and hard work. The spirit of lawlessness that seems so prevalent in our colleges this year did not escape Washington and Jefferson and became manifest in several acts. The freshmen and sophomores were the first offenders, engaging in a cane rush early in the term, in direct violation of the laws of the college. The cane rush was not a violent one by any means, and the sophomores won. The juniors were the next to follow suit, their offence being the cremation of physiology. The act was not in direct violation of any commands of the faculty, but the faculty's permission was hedged about with many conditions as to the manner of the burning, which the class disregarded. Equilibrium has at length again been regained and it is to be hoped will be maintained for some time to come.

The play of Julius Cæsar was presented by the members of the two literary societies on February 21st. Although a difficult play to render, the performance of it was very creditable indeed. Two weeks later a burlesque on the play was given for the benefit of the Athletic Association. The annual contest between the literary societies took place the last night of the term. The result was a clean sweep for the Franklin and Washington Society. Its members felt very jubilant over the result, as this year is the first time they have shut out their rivals.

There is little activity at present in fraternity circles. We have made no initiations since our last communication. An effort was made this winter to hold a Pan-Hellenic banquet, but it fell through owing to disagreements in the particulars.

ROBERT LINTON.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Delta chapter has no great triumphs to chronicle save that she is living with a good degree of prosperity. For a locality where so much of opposition goes to make peaceful and steady assimilation of the best material an impossibility for any fraternity, to report that here we have a chapter of this kind, is no insignificant fact in itself.

Since our last letter, Bro. Geo. Mansfield, '93, has left to spend the remainder of the season in Washington. W. J. Hinck-

son, 1, '88, has entered the junior class of the university, and has strengthened our ranks by one more loyal DELTA.

We were surprised, pleased and benefited by a recent visit of two days from Bro. Babcock. The zeal of this efficient officer can do much toward instilling into a chapter more of the extract of real fraternity spirit, and his advice, always friendly, is wholesome. DELTAS look forward to the coming conference in the hope of participating in a successful meeting. It is regretted that the dates decided upon, coming at the time of Easter vacations, will prevent the sending of a large delegation. The news annual of the independents, the *Castalian*, appeared during the month. The work, although a new undertaking, reflects great credit upon the editors and upon the student body. The independents, who have brought counter plans to oppose every undertaking of the fraternities, have, by reason of their superior numbers, captured most of the class elections and the leading officers of the various organizations.

The annual catalogue of the university has been issued and contains the names of 2,153 students. Harvard prints 74 less.

CHAS. B. WARREN.

ZETA—ADELBERT COLLEGE.

Since our last letter there has been little or no change in fraternity circles at Adelbert, except that the charter of the $\theta F \Delta$ chapter has been withdrawn. There are still, however, five fraternities represented here; $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, $B \theta H$, $\Delta \Gamma$, $\Delta T \Delta$.

The *Reserve*, the annual published by the junior class, will appear in a few days. Zeta has one representative on the literary board.

A new departure in the literary work of the college has been taken within the last few weeks. A twenty-four page paper, to be known as the *Adelbert*, is to be issued monthly. It will contain letters from those members of the faculty who are now abroad, original contributions from the students, besides university notes of general interest. Bro. Tryon is on the literary board, and Bro. Thomas is in the business department.

The Adelbert Glee Club gave its annual city concert at Case Hall March 19th, and created quite a sensation. It was conceded by all who had the pleasure of hearing it, to be the finest concert of its kind given here for many years. Bro. Williams, of '89, who is now attending the medical department of the university, is the very efficient leader of the club. Two other DELTAS are also members.

We had a royal old DELTA time, a few evenings ago, when we had the pleasure of greeting a few of the old stagers; Bros. McLane, Waite, Bemis, Reason and Williams. Nothing arouses so much enthusiasm as a visit from these old DELTAS, except, of

course, the Convention. We frequently receive interesting letters from Bro. Arter now traveling with Prof. C. R. Bolton.

G. W. TRYON.

THETA—BETHANY COLLEGE.

Bethany College was never in a more prosperous condition than at present. Our chapter began the year with nine members. Our only rival, *B H H*, is about equal numerically to our own chapter. They have several excellent men, one who is likely to take first honors in the classical course at the commencement. They have three seniors; we have four.

On the evening of December 19th, we had quite an enjoyable social in our chapter hall, at which quite a number of our lady friends were present. Miss Emily Hayes, a warm sympathizer of *J T J* and a teacher of elocution in this college, favored us with several fine declamations.

We have initiated seven men during the year, and have pledged another whose name we hope to report soon. He has acquired quite a reputation as an orator, although he is but a freshman and has been in college but a short time. Those whom we have already initiated are O. P. and O. K. Muckley, M. V. Danford, (Ohio); W. H. Hanna, (Pa.); B. S. Ferral, (Ind.); H. W. Allen, (Tenn.), and S. M. Wagaman, (Md.) All of our new initiates are high in class standing and several of them will undoubtedly be honor men. Bro. Ferral is a senior, having entered the junior class when he first came to Bethany College in 1888.

Theta is in an excellent condition; she owns her own chapter hall and delights in the morality and loyalty of her members.

Bro. Willett, one of Theta's alumni, will probably be elected to succeed Prof. Woolery in the chair of Greek.

VICTOR HEDGPETH.

ETA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Right in the midst of our preparations for our elegant banquet and ball, surrounded by "regrets" and letters accepting our invitations, we take a few moments for THE RAINBOW letter. We expect many DELTA guests; Eta's receptions are historical, and we intend this to outshine all others.

Fraternity affairs have been quiet of late. We have initiated no new members this term. We have, however, added one name to our pledged chapter, Victor Herrick of Akron, Ohio, a senior prep. During commencement week we shall initiate four of our pledglings, who need only the initiation to make them stalwart DELTAS. They now have a regular organization, have weekly meetings, and in outside matters are well up on the fraternity.

One of their number, John Eddy of Bay City, Mich., was seriously injured March 14th, by a fall from a wheel. He was preparing to do some fancy riding at the gymnasium exhibition.

Bro. Frank Hugill was buried February 19th. The news of his death will be a sad blow to his many friends as indeed it was to us. He had been absent from home only a week, having gone to Colorado for his health. He was a very enthusiastic man.

Bro. Rowley was elected president of the Athletic Association. We anticipate some good ball games with other colleges in the association.

F. G. WIELAND.

IOTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The second term of our college year began February 24th, with eight loyal DELTAS gathered round our standard. Though buoyed up by hopes of the future, our first meeting was still a sad one, as four of our numbers have departed from us. Since then we have initiated two new men, one a junior who stands at the head of his class, and the other a very promising freshman.

In regard to our rivals, the Phi Delta Theta is about on an equal footing with us; they have initiated one man this term. They have dropped their aggressive tactics almost entirely and appear to be very quiet and submissive.

The local fraternities, or literary societies, as they call themselves, are as usual very strong in numbers.

No changes have been made in the college since last fall, though the new agricultural laboratory has been completed and is a model of its kind; the cost was \$8,000.

On the night of March 23rd, the college suffered a serious loss in the destruction by fire of the botanical laboratory, its fine museum and herbarium being a total loss. This laboratory was the first of its kind built in America and for a long time was the only one. The museum was one of the best in America and can not be easily replaced, as it was the result of many years of labor in collecting specimens. The college intends to rebuild as soon as an appropriation can be obtained. The total loss is estimated at \$15,000.

Fraternally, B. K. BENTLEY.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The term now ending has been prosperous. Our membership has been strengthened by the addition of one new man, J. S. Parker. With two worthy candidates awaiting initiation, the outlook is good, though we shall lose two members by graduation.

Effort has been made to make every meeting interesting and helpful. Yet the exercises have been nothing if not informal. Several evenings were spent in unveiled confessions, the subject

being suggested by the experiences of the week. After the oratorical contest, what could be more helpful than to confess, "How I wrote my Oration?" Sometimes an evening was passed in conversing on some topic, the different phases of which were assigned to the members. This plan of allotment served to keep the conversation from turning into vaporous vagaries. But from these exercises there has been enough deviation to escape monotony.

Early in March a reception was tendered Rev. Washington Gardner, one of Kappa's charter members. One hardly knows which was the more stimulating, the man or his words; but fortunately the distinction is needless. It is expected that a similar greeting will be given Will Carleton, who is to lecture here early in April. Nor were these the only departures from the more usual order of exercises. Kappa's resident alumni, about a dozen, retain active interest. They like to visit us and recite the struggles and successes of the chapter's early days. Even some of the professors are somewhat addicted to this pleasant habit. It is to be hoped that Hillsdale will soon report an Alumni Association.

Kappa is having her share of college honors. At the Freshman Oratorical Contest of the Amphictyon Society, C. P. Hulce, a pledged man, was victor. In arranging a course of five lectures, the college selected three of our initiates; Rev. J. T. Ward, Rev. L. A. Crandall, and Will Carleton.

ULYSSES G. B. PIERCE.

OMICRON—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Chapter Omicron has not been heard from for some time owing to the fact that the last letter missed the train; however, we are, unfortunately for our rivals, on top of the wave. The Western Division Conference met here the first of the month and I believe enjoyed a very profitable meeting. Omicron also enjoyed herself.

The chapter reports showed Omicron to be as strong numerically, intellectually, physically, and socially, as any of the other chapters. Our halls were complimented, our musical talent was praised, as was also our ability to act as hosts; and all fully commend us that with all Omicron's faults we might well love her still.

Bro. Herbert Peery has been elected to be President of Irving Institute for the spring term. The election was very hotly contested, 18 ballots being necessary for a choice. Bros. Campbell, Bannister and Gorriell, the lawn tennis cranks of the chapter, have been practicing during the winter months in our spacious dance-hall, and expect to start out next June to conquer the world.

Bro. H. H. Carson's bright and smiling countenance frequently appears at our chapter meetings to rival the brilliancy of our incandescent lights.

There has been about \$24,000 subscribed for a Y. M. C. A. building to be erected upon the campus. The site has been selected and work will be commenced upon it early next month. This new improvement will be of inestimable value.

XI—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Fraternity life is passing quietly this year, and there is an unusual freedom from hard feeling between the members of the different fraternities. As stated in the *Record*, a Pan-Hellenic League was formed by Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and DELTA TAU DELTA. The first meeting was held at the Delta hall March 15th. At this meeting Alpha Tau Omega withdrew from the organization, giving as her reasons that there was no need for it, and that it would have a tendency to produce discord.

It has been thought best not to publish the *Tangent* this year, but to get out one more complete next year.

Material is being gathered for a college song book, to be published in May.

There have been but four initiations by the fraternities so far this year; two of these by DELTA TAU DELTA. There is much good material in the prep. department, and there may be some among the new students next term. We have just pledged two more men from '94, making four this year, and will consider two more at our next meeting.

The soroses have prospered, having had an average of four initiates each. The Kappas lost their charter during the term, although they had an excellent chapter. This leaves us with Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Tri-Delta.

We intend keeping a good watch over the pansy beds this year. Of course, any black and gold pansies will be shared with Kappa Alpha Theta.

The next state oratorical contest will be held at Simpson. Bro. H. A. Youtz was one of the delegates to the last contest, having received second place on the home contest.

Many improvements will be made about the college this year. We shall soon have one of the best ball-grounds in the state. The indications are that many new students will register for the spring term.

Bro. L. W. Haworth will probably be active in the chapter next term.

Several important additions have recently been made to our chapter library. Great benefit is derived from it by the members.

H. H. HARTMAN.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Our chapter is still in a progressive condition. Numerically our chapter is not as strong as some of our rivals, but in merit and

real worth she stands on an equal footing with any.

A thorough test of our new members has proved our chapter to be stronger than we really thought it was. A few examples will suffice to show this point. Bro. W. H. Carter, a member of the sophomore class, has from the beginning of the session stood at the head of his classes; and on general examination made a mark of 100 per cent. in most of his studies, and not under 95 per cent. in the remainder. Not only this, but Bro. Carter has proved himself to be a faithful and earnest DELTA—always active in discharging his fraternal duties, and diligent in promoting the interests of the fraternity.

Bro. J. E. Pope, a member of the junior literary class, and a loyal DELTA, never fails to send home excellencies at the end of each month. Bro. Pope is the oldest active DELTA of our chapter. His interest in the fraternity never lags. It might be truly said that Pro. Pope is the main stake of our chapter. All things unite to show that our chapter is in a prosperous condition and will win her share of honors in June.

Our rivals are the *J K Es*, Beta Theta Pis, Chi Psis, Delta Psis, and Phi Delta Thetas. *J K Es* are stronger in number than any fraternity in the university, and are composed of good material, but they are too conscious of the fact to be popular with the other fraternities. Being strong in both quality and quantity, the brilliancy with which they ought to shine, is greatly obscured by their extreme conceit. They are of the opinion that every honor that the university offers belongs to them, and persuade themselves to believe that they deserve them.

Outside of this, the *J K Es* are a good set of fellows. The Beta Theta Pis are not so strong in numbers, but are of the best quality. They are a social, genial, set of boys, and have none of the selfishness that characterizes some of our other rivals. The Chi Psis are in a very good condition. They are stronger, however, in numbers than in quality. The Delta Psis are a social and intellectual set of boys, and seem to be in a prosperous condition. They have, in process of structure, a chapter house which bids fair to be quite handsome when finished. Our relation with all our rivals is of a friendly nature.

Bros. A. T. Stavell and C. B. Williams have been appointed to represent Chapter Pi at the annual conference which meets at Chattanooga, Tenn.

RHO—STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Rho is going on in the even straight road which, I hope, leads to fraternity success. We take pleasure in announcing the initiation of Bro. Frank L. Parker, '93. The subject which at present most agitates our men is "the house question." Rho has at last

gotten herself a home, but she has a good one. $\theta \Xi$, $X T$ and $X \phi$ have all gone into houses; but $\Delta T \Delta$ will eclipse all, we think, in size and furnishings. We will be in possession on May 1st where every Delt will be welcome, as we have a spare room at his disposal.

Rho sent over quite a number of men to the conference which from all accounts was a success. All the new chapters were represented. Our chapter has little news; next time we will send a description of the house.

NICHOLAS S. HILL, JR.

TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

Amidst the closing scenes of another term, which are generally marked by a great many examinations at Franklin and Marshall, Tau's scribe pauses to pen a few lines for THE RAINBOW.

Tau began the term with eleven men, all of whom have shown themselves true, loyal DELTAS.

All of the students at Franklin and Marshall are anxiously looking forward to the approaching Easter vacation, when we are to have almost a week off.

Tau still holds her own in the distribution of honors. Bro. Hall has been elected anniversarian and Bro. Harnish, orator, by the Diognothian Literary Society, for its coming anniversary; while Bro. Lampe has been chosen mantle orator of the senior class.

We have at present, three men under consideration, one of the class of '90, one of '92 and another of '93. They are all good men and we hope to present them to you, with a recommendation to your fraternal interest, in the next issue of THE RAINBOW.

L. T. LAMPE.

UPSILON—RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Our chapter has but little to report since the last issue of THE RAINBOW, and as we do not wish to manufacture news our letter will necessarily be brief.

A number attended the Division Conference in New York on the 22nd of February, and evidently enjoyed the festivities of that fraternal gathering.

No new men have been added to our roll, but we are zealously watching a good '93 specimen to see that no other Greek brotherhood picks him up.

Our dearly beloved brother Slagle, of '92 has recently gone from us, but will return in the autumn of the coming year as a gray and reverend junior.

We have now exhausted our fund of news, and with a cordial greeting to our brethren in $\Delta T \Delta$ we subside.

PERCY W. SHEDD.

PHI—HANOVER COLLEGE.

Since the last time we were permitted to communicate with our sister chapters through the pages of *THE RAINBOW*, Phi has met with a disaster in being deprived of her old home. The building in which our hall was situated was burned down soon after the Christmas vacation. This will, no doubt, be sad news to our alumni, as the old hall was the scene of many pleasant recollections. For a short time after this calamity Chapter Phi seemed to be in a state of perplexity. Soon however, her characteristic spirit returned, and it was not long before we had procured another hall and had our property placed in it. The hall which we now occupy is a very neat one and on the whole is better adapted to our purpose; still it does not feel like home. We are now engaged in furnishing it, as the furniture we had was damaged by the fire. We hope to have the furnishing completed by the coming Commencement in order to hold a reunion at that time. We wish to extend an invitation to all DELTAS and we earnestly request the presence of our alumni at this reunion. We hope to have a good old DELTA TAU meeting.

For the last three or four days, Mr. Warner of Cleveland, Ohio, has been engaged in placing the telescope in our new observatory. The instrument is the finest in the state and one of the finest in the west. This is an improvement of which their present Hanover College has long been in need of. The next thing we hope to see is a gymnasium.

The Greek world of our college was slightly startled some time ago by the intelligence that the barb element had come to the conclusion that fraternities were getting too many honors in the literary societies. There was a barb meeting called, and from reports we judge that they met with but little success. Their strongest men refused to pledge themselves to their demands. What will be the final outcome of the movement we are not as yet able to predict. The only perceptible effect is, that it has drawn the fraternities closer together. We think we are safe in saying that under their present "general," an all-knowing man, their efforts will not be crowned with much success and their brow will be adorned with but few diadems.

Our chapter is in good condition. All of our members have done good work both in college and in fraternity. We regret to announce that we shall lose two of our most worthy members next term; Bros. Gamble and P. Carroll. Bro. Carroll is going home to prepare for examination for admission to West Point. We all predict success for him as he is a very persevering young man.

Bro. Peckinpough, '91, captured second delegateship on the local oratorical contest here on the 17th inst.

Bro. Ryker, '92, has a place on the spring exhibition of the

Union Literary Society, and Bro. Peckinpaugh, '91, is one of the orators on the Philal exhibition.

Bro. Gamble, '92, is the victim of the prevailing disease, the measles. He is progressing as well as could be expected and hopes to be out in a couple of weeks.

Bro. Montford, '93, represents Chapter Phi at the annual Conference at Albion, Mich.

Bro. Gamble represents the interests of Phi at the annual banquet at Indianapolis on the 11th of April.

CHI—KENYON COLLEGE.

Chi has played in hard luck and still continues to do so. We started last term with six pledged men and three actives. Mr. A. E. Duerr, who entered this year, has secured an appointment to West Point and has left college to prepare for his examination. We are sorry to lose such a valuable member, but are glad that he has better prospects.

The fraternities at Kenyon feel the reaction from last year's bitter enmity and this year perfect harmony exists among us. The *T I*'s are still our best friends and the *J K E*'s have treated us as they have not been wont to do.

In athletics we have a splendid standing. Both of us are on the Ball Nine and in tennis we make a good showing. In athletics generally we are among the foremost both in college and at the hall. We have the secretary of the executive committee of our Athletic Association. Kenyon several years stood first in the state in athletics and her records are high. But now, beyond the three or four tennis and base-ball men, no general interest is taken in athletics.

The "barbs" are to have a field day May 20th, and the entry books are already out, but what success has followed I have not been able to ascertain. A "spring meeting," as it were, will be held by the college men and the successful contestants will go to Wooster to the field day of the Ohio Intercollegiate Athletic Association, of which Kenyon is a member.

The faculty has made some important changes in the curriculum; and it is thought more students will come here by adding a higher English course to our rigid classical one. This has not been agreed upon, but has simply been proposed.

We took great delight in the last issue of *THE RAINBOW* and hope that the next will eclipse it. CHAS. T. WALKLEY.

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

The opening of another college year finds nine true DELTAS in Omega, including Bro. Thornburg, '89, who has returned to

pursue a post-graduate course. We have all had a good rest and are now ready for another of year study.

The college is now in a very prosperous condition, the number of students in attendance being slightly above the average at this time of the year. The college is pretty sure to get quite a large appropriation from the State Legislature this year in order to increase its accommodations, as a preparatory department is to be opened next fall.

Numerically our chapter is the weakest it has been for some years, but we do not expect it to remain so very long. We have had two good meetings thus far this term, but our work as a chapter has just fully commenced, as our last member has just returned.

In the battalion we have two captains and three lieutenants in the six companies.

We are at present endeavoring to get trace of some of our lost alumni and secure their closer interest in the chapter, and we hope that with their aid we shall be able before long to greet our sister chapters with a chapter paper like the *Peg* or the *Psi*.

Somewhat contrary to our expectations we have seen no rival chapter enter the college this spring. J. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

BETA ALPHA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

While Beta Alpha was unsuccessful in getting a letter into the last issue of THE RAINBOW, she congratulates herself on the favorable report which she is enabled to make in the present issue. Our chapter is in a more prosperous condition than she has ever been before. We open for work this term with fifteen enthusiastic members. We have been particularly fortunate in all our undertakings during the past term, and have begun this term by the initiation of Grant Koons, of the class of '93, at the first regular meeting of the chapter, and before this passes from the press the name of Mr. Hammel will have been added to our list. Our initiates at last term were Rice Holtzman, of the class of '91, and Bruce Wylie and Chas. Brandon, both of '93. All three are men of excellent ability.

In our initiates of this year we have been particularly fortunate in obtaining resident members, a thing which we have long felt the need of.

In the list of college honors we have been tendered, together with one faction of the non-fraternity element, the management of the *Indiana Student* for the ensuing college year.

Our forces have been strengthened this term by the arrival of P. B. Monical and C. W. Stewart of the class of '90, and of E. Inman and Walter Freudenberg of '92. But while we have been greatly reinforced by the arrival of these men, we have lost, for the term, three of our most efficient workers, Bros. Jones, Hartloff and E. Stewart.

We have introduced, this term, a new movement in the form of a Parliamentary Law club, which promises to bring no small returns.

Our boys this term are entering into their work with an enthusiasm which insures satisfactory results.

Our rivals, on the whole, are in a fairly good condition, and we find ourselves on friendly terms with all of them, which friendship seems to increase as we grow in strength and position.

The university is in a more prosperous condition than it has ever been before. The corps of instructors far surpasses any which the university has ever before mustered. The new library building, under rapid course of construction, will vastly improve the advantages for library work, besides greatly beautifying the college grounds.

Indiana University has obtained the presidency of the State Athletic Association, and in consequence athletic sports are fairly booming.

Beta Alpha extends greetings to all her sister chapters.

A. M. HADLEY.

BETA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Beta Gamma is still alive. This may seem quite remarkable, as the correspondent for the local chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ prophesied our early death. How we have managed to survive the amount of invectives leveled at us by that fraternity organ, will never cease to be a source of wonder. For should that journal, or rather its correspondent, square himself for one of his nonpareil roasts, without a doubt the whole $\Delta T \Delta$ fraternity would disband, or if not reduced to this extremity, would hang its head and seek some sequestered spot wherein to hide its riddled body.

The local chapter of $\Pi \Theta \Pi$ endeavored to inaugurate the custom of giving an annual Pan-Hellenic banquet, but the bond of interfraternity friendship was not strong enough to stand the strain and the effort met with no success.

Our number was lessened by two, owing to failure of Bros. Johnson and Trucks to return this term. Notwithstanding this loss we are making strides forward; we have secured a new suite of rooms, centrally located and in every way more desirable than our old ones. We haven't them fitted up as we would like, but time and perseverance work many changes, and before the lapse of many months we hope to have them completely furnished.

Kendric C. Babcock, the genial and energetic editor of THE RAINBOW, favored us with a brief visit. Full of enthusiasm himself, he naturally renewed our zeal and spurred us on to new endeavors.

At present the topic of interest in university circles is the pro-

spective trip of the banjo and glee clubs. This is a new combination and will give concerts in Chicago, Minneapolis, Ann Arbor, and other points. The boys are doing good work and will doubtless receive the hearty welcome they deserve.

C. M. ROSECRANTZ.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

We think it becoming that, at this writing, Beta Delta should commend the efforts of the editors of *THE RAINBOW* in their endeavors to issue good numbers of our quarterly. In this they have have been eminently successful.

Since our last letter our chapter has been moving quietly and harmoniously. Nothing of especial interest has happened in the fraternity world. The late trouble between the faculty and some of the fraternities here has been satisfactorily adjusted.

It is with much pleasure that we introduce to our general Fraternity Mr. M. A. Lewis, of Eatonton, Ga., who has enlisted under the banner of the purple, white, and gold. Bro. Z. C. Hayes is business manager of our college journal, the *University Reporter* of which Bro. G. D. Pollock is one of the associate editors. Several of our members have been elected to different positions of honor in their respective literary societies. Bro. Stallings will represent us on our fraternity annual, the *Pandora*.

It is rumored that a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi will soon appear upon the fraternity field at the University of Georgia.

We look forward with much pleasure to our Division Conference. Bro. Pollock will be our representative.

Fraternally,

A. C. WILLCOXON.

BETA EPSILON—EMORY COLLEGE.

As most of the best boys that entered college this term have become Greeks, Beta Epsilon is apparently quiet, but she is doing good work with those whom she has chosen to bear the colors of DELTA TAU.

We are in the midst of our examinations, so little time is given to matters relating to the fraternity just now, as we consider that we are honoring her only when we are at the post of duty.

An apparatus has been ordered for the gymnasium, and it will be ready for use in a few weeks. Considerable money has been subscribed for this purpose, and no doubt Emory's gymnasium will equal any in the South. There is no reason now why this college should not develop physical as well as mental giants.

Bros. Landrum and Kelley will represent the Few and Phi Gamma societies respectively on the champion debate. This is the highest honor that the societies confer. Three representatives are

elected by each society. Four-fifths of the students are connected with one or the other of these societies.

The good feeling still exists between the fraternities at Emory. All meritorious men are honored, regardless of the fraternity they represent. It is to be hoped that fraternities and politics will never be mixed again as they have in the past.

Bros. Kelley, Landrum and Daniel will attend the Division Conference at Chattanooga.

We take pleasure in presenting to the general fraternity, Leslie Jasper Steele, initiated shortly after the opening of this session.

R. B. DANIEL.

BETA ZETA—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

The winter term of '90 is now a thing of the past. Its history as far as Beta Zeta is concerned is not altogether satisfactory. Though short, this term offers ample opportunity for improvement. Beta Zeta has been prevented from properly improving opportunities, by sickness among her members, and by an excess of entertainments and lectures to the students.

Some progress has, however, been made. The boys have come to realize more fully the benefits which can be derived from live, active fraternity work. Hence, a better course will be pursued during the coming term, and we anticipate agreeable results.

The chapter takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Bro. Wilson E. Davis, of Indianapolis. We congratulate ourselves on having secured one of the prize men of the Sophomore class.

The one thing of general interest which has happened this term is the primary oratorical contest which occurred on the 18th of March. First honors were fairly won by a barb. The delegations were taken by a $\phi \Delta \theta$ and two $\Delta T \Delta$ s.

Base-ball enthusiasm is now rife. The prospects are that Butler will have a winning team, enthusiastically supported. $\Delta T \Delta$ will probably have two or three men on the team.

Upon the whole, Beta Zeta is in a prosperous condition. She prides herself particularly upon being financially square with the fraternity. Her rivals are both doing nicely. "The Greeks" sustain amicable relations with one another. $\phi \Delta \theta$ is especially encouraged and aided by having in her midst, the general secretary of the fraternity. $\Sigma \Lambda$ numbers only six men, but these are a harmonious unit. She is gaining some prestige by the scientific investigations of a member of her chapter. She can also boast of one of the best athletes in college. But one of the most remarkable and striking features of the fraternities at Butler, is the fact that out of thirty-five Greeks who are in college, thirty-two are members of some Christian church.

H. S. SCHELL.

BETA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The spring term has opened at the University of Minnesota and the one thousand mark has been passed. Last year President Northrup said that he expected one thousand students would be enrolled in all departments before the end of the year, and his expectations have been realized. This ranks us second in the matter of attendance among the state universities, Ann Arbor only leading us.

As the spring opens, interest in athletics is reviving. Nearly \$700 has been subscribed as a guarantee fund for the support of the foot-ball team next fall. This makes it possible for us to enter the Northwestern Association, which will consist of clubs from Ann Arbor, Northwestern, Wisconsin State and our own university. Base-ball is also booming. An organization has been formed for the purpose of putting a strong team in the field to combat with all comers. An inter-fraternity base-ball league has also been organized and a schedule of games to be played this spring arranged. So far Chi Psi, Theta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Chi and DELTA TAU DELTA have joined the league, and it is expected that Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi will also be represented. Bro. Head has been elected president.

For some time there have been various rumors afloat to the effect that Delta Upsilon, Phi Gamma Delta and other fraternities were about to establish chapters here, but at the present writing they have not made their appearance.

The most exciting college election of the year took place Saturday evening, March 22. It was the annual election of editors for the college paper, the *Ariel*. There was a larger number of voters than ever before and the interest was in proportion.

Since my last writing, Bro. Warnock, of '93, has been forced to leave school on account of sickness, and is recuperating in California. Bro. Hogeland, also of '93, is running a level in Montana for the Great Northern Railway. They both expect to return to the university in the fall.

We have added another member to our freshman delegation by making Harry Batchelder one of our number.

Bro. West is one of the final ten selected to compete for the Pillsbury prize given annually in the rhetorical department.

We were pleasantly surprised on the evening of March 12th, by a visit from Sherman Arter of Zeta chapter.

We were represented at the Western Division Conference by Bros. Babcock and Gilman, who report an enjoyable visit with our brothers of Omicron. After the conference, Bro. Babcock visited our chapters at Ann Arbor, Albion, and Madison, and spent a few days with President McClurg in Chicago.

JOHN F. HAYDEN.

BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

After a vacation of three months the University of the South is again the scene of student action. Our Lent term opened on March 20th.

Beta Theta has at present an even dozen men; but we shall be reinforced shortly by the return of three of our brothers, who are detained at their homes.

We suffer a great loss in the departure from the university of three of those who last year were of our number. Bro. A. W. Butt, one of the earliest members of this chapter, after having been for a number of years identified with it, has gone into that broader field of action,—the world. Being now on the staff of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, he is, we learn, fast acquiring a worthy name and fame.

Another member whom an unkind fate severs from us, is Louis H. Mattair of Jacksonville, Fla. He was faithful and zealous in the long service he gave to Sewanee, and tireless in zeal for DELTA TAU DELTA. To the performance of these services he brought many noble qualities of head and heart, leaving behind a name that might well be the envy and emulation of the many who knew him and loved him.

Bro. Allen R. Wrenn, one of our youngest Delts, and a most popular student, whose work for Beta Theta has been splendid, has left college. With sincere regret *B Θ* sees him depart.

Our delegates to the Conference which meets at Chattanooga, are Bros. H. H. Graham and Will Nichol.

Our latest initiate, who is of bright promise and well worthy of Deltaic confidence, is John Brown Cannon, of Franklin, Tenn.

Bro. Hudson Stuck is editor-in-chief of the *University of the South Magazine*, a new 64 pp. monthly which reflects great credit upon our brother, and is indicative of that high position which this university holds, and will continue to hold—we say it with modesty—among the great educational centres.

Bro. John Fearnley, formerly of Cambridge University, England, one of *B Θ*'s brightest ornaments, is assistant professor of Latin and Greek, and occupies, also, the chair of rhetoric.

Beta Theta is the happy step-mother and possessor of a cat,—a real, live one, in the tender charge of Bro. Stuck.

Fraternally,

R. M. W. BLACK.

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the general fraternity our latest initiate, Arthur Durward, '93.

The oratorical contest was held in the university chapel on Friday evening, March 21st, to select two orators to represent our

institution in the state contest at Denver. Bro. H. N. Wilson received first honor, Mr. A. L. Mumper a close second.

Under the auspices of the ladies of the Delta Gamma fraternity, Bill Nye and his company of musical stars appeared before a very large and appreciative audience on the 26th of February.

Our long hoped for and much needed improvements in the line of new buildings have at last been realized. Work has begun on a new dormitory to be built out of stone, three stories above the basement, to cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000; and additions are to be put on the cottages already on the campus. The institution is enjoying a boom such as it has never before experienced.

Bro. F. C. Dobbins, Ω '89, paid us a short visit the 16th of March.

HARRY N. WILSON.

BETA LAMBDA—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Beta Lambda has very little to report, nothing of interest having taken place either in fraternity or college life. The chapter is in good condition, though rather low in numbers, the membership still standing at seven; we have been unable to increase it as we had hoped at the beginning of the year. However, we lose but one man this year and will have a good foundation to build upon next year. The present freshman class has the reputation of being the largest class that ever entered the university, and at the same time the poorest class in regard to fraternity material. Very few of our rivals have done any better than we have, and some are in a very bad way indeed, especially *A T \Omega* and *\Sigma X*, each of these having but four members.

In regard to athletics, Lehigh's prospects are very bright. Last fall was the most successful season our foot-ball team has ever had, winning again the championship of Pennsylvania and fourth place among the foot-ball teams of the country. Bro. Cullum, who managed the team this year, has won for himself a great deal of praise by the way in which he conducted its business, and has been offered the position again for next year if he will return to college. In base-ball there is material in college for a much better team than we had last year, and the management is doing everything in its power to develop it. In lacrosse, though our team may not be quite as strong as it was last year, yet it will give the other colleges of the association a hard fight for first place.

JAS. A. McCLURG.

BETA NU—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Beta Nu has survived the "Semies" and continues its life along the same lines that it has followed since its organization. It has gained, during the last few months, two valuable additions to its

membership, and looks forward with high hopes toward the future.

Our annual dinner occurred on the 2d of April at the Parker House, and was a very pleasant affair.

Four of our members were sent as delegates to the annual conference of the Grand Division of the East, held in New York on the 22d of February. All the delegates speak very highly of the affair; and their report of it has given us renewed enthusiasm for our Fraternity.

Although our chapter will lose a number of men at the end of this college term, yet there will remain a good sized nucleus around which new men will gather next year. There is hardly a doubt now that Beta Nu will be well housed next year in quarters of its own, and a committee already has the chapter house matter in hand and is making all the arrangements possible in regard to securing a home for the chapter.

The Tech. is very prosperous and next year it will probably have many more students in its courses than now. A new building has just been put up which accommodates all the engineering courses, the other students occupying the two older buildings of the Institute.

Faternally,

FRANCIS GILMAN HOWARD.

BETA OMICRON—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Beta Omicron sends greeting to each and every one of the other thirty-eight chapters in the Fraternity. Although only a few months have passed over our heads since our birth into the Fraternity as a chapter, it is safe to say that every member of Beta Omicron has already imbibed something of that true fraternity spirit which characterizes DELTAS wherever found. Doubtless, it would be of interest to DELTAS to know something of the personnel of the chapter, but as it would be necessary to verge on the boastful to enumerate the good qualities of Beta Omicron's men to make as good an impression as we would wish, we will keep silent and try to make our record indicative of the members. However, we shall be glad at any time to welcome any loyal DELTA to our abode and at least prove to him our hospitality. Our meetings are held every Saturday night, all other evenings of the week seeming inconvenient for one reason or another, and even on that evening we are compelled to make the hour late owing to the attendance of several of our men of a political turn of mind at the "Mock Congress." This, by the way, has the effect of carrying into our meetings a spirit of attentiveness to parliamentary usage.

Dickinson, French, and Chamberlain were present at the Division Conference in New York, and there met representatives of nearly all the chapters in the division, and also many DELTAS who have for some time been out in the active world. The only

regret is that every member of every chapter cannot attend these congregations and see what kind of men our Fraternity has assisted in making, and who in turn have assisted in making our Fraternity what it is.

Relative to the chapters of other fraternities which Beta Omicron meets at Cornell, it may be said that they are all in a flourishing condition; to be sure there are various standards which seem to characterize each, but as a general thing fraternities flourish here. There are those whom we envy the established good standing which years and good management have wrought, we may not in the sense of wishing them otherwise but that we would be likewise, and we have it in our ambition to have that justifiable conceit which characterizes so many chapters, judging from their letters, of being as near first as possibilities will permit.

While there are older chapters here that we admire, there are also those which we have not the slightest desire to emulate, but as there seems to be nothing to gain by discussing their frailties at the present time, we will defer it until there shall seem occasion to profit by pointing out usages to be avoided.

In addition to the charter members who doubtless are introduced elsewhere in *THE RAINBOW*, Beta Omicron would introduce to the Fraternity her first born, twins, Mr. James McCormick Denny of Harrisburg, P., and Mr. Guy Webster of Sparrow's Point, Mo., the former, being of the class of '90, and the latter, of '93. Our greatest concern at the present time is to enlarge our "delegations" from the classes of '92 and '93, and to that end we are paying our attentions and energies.

Fraternity news and fraternity literature in general are eagerly devoured by our boys, and should any of our brothers in *DELTA TAU DELTA*, actives or alumni, possess such of the latter, for which they have no further use it will be very acceptable to us.

The ordinary routine of university life was recently broken by the supposed kidnapping of the Freshman president, a few days before the banquet of that class. Great excitement prevailed and many were the opinions relative to the probability of recovery, the fate of the kidnappers on discovery, etc., etc. The president appeared on the day of the banquet but the release, kidnapping, and all was still shrouded in mystery which was to be partially explained at the banquet. Bro. Malvern, who was chairman of the banquet committee, reports a most successful affair, and it is rumored that the whole matter was for the purpose of advertising the banquet; at least it has leaked out that the sophomores were not instrumental in the abduction of the Freshman president, but that the whole matter was a ruse and that the lost president was a willing actor in his disappearance for a short time from the public eye.

Hoping that all times brother *DELTAS* will make it their con-

venience to make us a call, we will for the present close, with the sincerest wish for the prosperity of sister chapters.

Very fraternally,

PAUL M. CHAMBERLAIN.

BETA XI—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

It is one of the prime principles of philosophy that the becoming is the essence of the being, that mutation is the very basis of life, or—to remove ourselves from the pale of the sacred lustre of Socratic expression—that the vital cause of all men and all things sublunary, planetary, or otherwise, is the mighty doctrine of, “Now you see it and now you don’t.” Strange, miraculous, this all-comprising metamorphosis! Sometimes it moves with all the sluggishness of the meanest snail, or, to speak in the language of the bard, it shames in its majestic, awe-inspiring stride even the sky-tinted guardian of the law; at others, it has the unbridled velocity of the heaven-born meteor, it is the very type (once more to my aid, O ye Muse!) of the inspired seeker after Canadian shores. Aphoristically speaking, examples of these two kinds are as numerous as politicians. There is no exception; all is change, be it slow or rapid, for the better or for the worse. But this very fact, let us add, is the consolation, the base-line, as it were, to the thought of him who has undergone the inevitable transmutation.

And now let us out with the terrible truth,—Beta Xi has had her day! Nay, nay, wipe away your tears,—what would you have? is it not inevitable? Her metamorphosis was an unconscious and sudden one, like the birth of a mighty storm from the merest speck in the blue ether above, or better still, like the subtle insinuating influence of a few invisible molecules of cayenne pepper on a son of Adam. We said “unconscious”—aye, probe the word,—and what is strangest of all, she would even now, at this very moment be groping in the darkness of ignorance, had it not been for a noble sacrifice made by a friend. * * * It was this friend that opened Beta Xi’s eyes, and how gentle was the touch! As tender as the first kiss stolen from the still sleeping earth by the golden dawn! Ah! Phi Delta Theta, who can measure the debt of gratitude owed to you? And now the truth stared Beta Xi in the face in all its grim nakedness. She had once been all meekness and innocence, not a suspicion of anything that was false or arrogant lurked in her bosom, she had radiated nothing but peace and good-will to all men. But now horrors and reptiles! what a Medusa-like change! An all-devouring creature, greedy, pitiless—a personified epidemic that spares neither flesh, fish, nor fowl! How came it all about? Ah! Beta Xi would give much to know. That it *is* so she knows; for did not Phi Delta Theta say so? and who was the first victim to the blizzard of her wrath? Poor, poor Kappa Alpha! How it must have touched Beta Xi’s dear friend to the quick; how tears

of pity must have saturated and salted the letter he sent to the *Scroll*, telling the blood-curdling tale! But yet, but yet it was for Beta Xi's good that he thus sacrificed himself. And see how the pain is softened by the chloroform of rhetoric, how the tale is cushioned on the softest of words, when we are told that Beta Xi in her RAINBOW letter (the medium through which her cruelty found vent) was "very spiteful," and that her attack on Kappa Alpha "was, to say the least, a foolish one!" Thanks, thanks, Phi Delta Theta! May you ever stand under a Niagara of bliss, and may the dearest wish in our Mongolian brother's heart be fulfilled in you; "May the devil never get you!"

Beta Xi has finished. Lying prostrate on the ground with the mountain of her guilt quietly squatting on her back, she *can* say no more. It is true that she managed, snail-like, to creep out to the base-ball park, and with the aid of her $\Lambda \Lambda$ victims, win a match game from her $\Lambda T \Omega$ friends. But this is of no moment. As the Ossa of her guilt presses on her harder and harder, she has only time to ejaculate between her gasps that—she—is—a—little—squeezed—but—otherwise—feels—pretty—well—thank—you!

BETA SIGMA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Our initiation of March 5th, gave us Frank Ingersoll, '92, an ex-member of our old local society, Sigma Beta, and Arthur E. Hartwell, '93. This addition makes our active membership thirteen. The presence of good material tempts to further increase of numbers, while conservative feeling warns us of the possible danger of a larger roll, unless the closeness of the bond be correspondingly increased. We realize that a chapter's real strength must lie in the well-informed, zealous, united members; others can be additions in name only.

Our meetings held every week have been well attended, several members living in the suburbs have made themselves considerable trouble always to be present. Oh for a chapter house!

Our conventional "enemies" are not especially hostile at present. In fact, a Pan-Hellenic alliance is proposed, to include $\theta \Delta \chi$, $B \theta \Gamma$ and $\Delta T \Delta$, with the four fair soroses. A social meeting and a set of campaign regulations are among the measures suggested. Besides this movement, the various organizations represented in '91, are working as a unit in the publication of our college annual, *The Hub*. Much hard work has been done, and Bro. Hale, who represents $\Delta T \Delta$ on the board of editors, promises us a good thing. This will be the second annual published by students of the college.

GEO. B. FISKE.

THE BOYS OF OLD.

I.

'87 and '89.—Henry and James Alexander, lately connected with the *Wheeling Register*, have assumed the management of the *Washington Review and Examiner*.

'90.—Philip H. Close, who has been for nearly two years at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, has returned to the United States.

J.

'72.—Rev. J. C. Floyd is the popular pastor of the Central M. E. church at Albion, Mich.

'81.—W. W. Cook is practicing law with marked success in New York City.

'86.—J. C. Shaw is a lawyer at Sault St. Marie, Mich.

'86.—N. E. Degan is reading the law to the wicked of Ottawa, Ill.

'87.—W. A. McAndrew is principal of the Hyde Park, Illinois, public schools.

'87.—F. A. Rasch is practicing law at Detroit, and was candidate for city attorney at the last election.

'88.—C. H. Hatch is studying law with Hatch & Cooley, the leading law firm of Bay City, Mich.

'88.—Chas. F. Lawson may be found at the Peninsula Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich.

'88.—O. A. Leuschner is Assistant Professor at the Lick Observatory.

'88.—F. D. McDonald is a member of the hardware firm of Bailey & McDonald, Bay City, Mich.

'88.—C. H. Rowell is secretary of the committee on election in the national House of Representatives.

'89.—Jules Hegler is with Mattieson & Hegler, LaSalle, Ill.

'89.—C. K. Eddy is manager of the Michigan Dairy Salt Co., at East Saginaw, Mich.

'90.—W. S. McArthur, formerly of '90, was recently married to Miss Lizzie Lewis of Whitehall, Mich. They will make their home in Cheboygan, Mich.

K

'68.—S. A. Kennedy is a member of the South Dakota Senate.

'70.—J. T. Ward succeeds R. M. Lawrence K '73, as editor of the *Free Baptist*. Bro. Ward is also joint author of the "Free Baptist Cyclopedia," a work of permanent value.

'72.—Levi French is a member of the South Dakota House.

'72.—L. V. Dodge, formerly professor of Latin at Hillside, is chairman of the faculty of Berea (Ky.) College.

'73.—B. S. Hunting is principal of the preparatory department in the same institution.

'74.—S. W. Mauck has been elected president of Keuka, (N. Y.) College.

'74.—Wesley Sears is superintendent of the Hillsdale schools.

'76.—M. J. Coldren, missionary to India, returns to Hillsdale for rest after ten years' service.

'82.—Frederick Betts is a member of the Colorado Senate.

'83.—M. J. Davis is city clerk of Hillsdale.

'86.—S. B. Harvey is president of Grand Travers College, Benzonia, Mich.

O.

H. W. Morgridge graduated from the Keokuk Medical College last month. He will be located at Muscatine for the present.

W. T. Summers is employed in the S. B. C. Nat'l Bank, Santa Barbara, Cal.

L. B. Hix is postmaster at Monticello, Iowa.

Penney & Rawson are practicing law at Seattle, Wash.

'82.—A. J. Craven is an attorney at Helena, Mont.

M. Z. Farwell is an attorney at Trespiedras, New Mexico.

C. H. Burton is with a surveying party on the Kansas City, Watkins & Gulf Railway. His headquarters are at Lake Charles, La.

J. A. Lloyd is with geologist Webster at Demming, New Mexico.

'88.—Wm. Myers, took the fatal step on Wednesday evening March 19th, and embarked upon the uncertain sea of matrimony. Bro. Myers was fortunate enough to secure the fair sister of an old DELTA.

Φ.

'82.—J. N. Ryker recently spent several days at his home in this place. Bro. Ryker is in the employ of the government and is stationed at Lynchburg, Va.

'85.—Lum Melcher was met by several members of Phi in Madison a few weeks ago, to consider matters relating to the chapter.

'88.—Dwight Harrison is now a Professor in the Portsmouth

Military Academy at Portsmouth, Ohio, and bears the title of Major.

B A.

'85.—J. L. Gross is one of the most prominent members of the Cedartown, Ga., bar.

'85.—P. S. Willcoxon is one of the shining legal lights at Newnan, Ga.

'86.—E. T. Whately is professor at Hearn Institute, Cave Springs, Ga.

'86.—W. S. Upshaw is a prominent railroad attorney at Atlanta, Ga.

'86.—N. L. Ballard is mining engineer of the Alabama Land Improvement Co.

'87.—E. L. Ballard is practicing law in Birmingham, Ala.

'87.—R. L. Nowell is merchandising in Monroe, Ga.

'86-'88.—Prof. A. L. Franklin has resigned his position in the University of Georgia, and has turned his attention to the study of law. Prof. Franklin was graduated in the literary course in '86, and in the scientific course in '88, and was then at the age of eighteen made adjunct professor of Latin and Greek which position he has held ever since. He is considered one of the best Greek scholars in the state. A remunerative partnership awaits him in Jackson as soon as he is admitted to the bar.

B B.

R. Brinkley Snowden is vice-president of the "Southern Society" formed recently at Princeton College by the Southern boys there.

A. W. Butt is on the staff of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*.

Allen Wrenn, who has just left college, is enjoying the breezes of Mexico. His father who is the well-known Superintendent of the E. T. V. & G. railway system, is conducting a special party through Mexico.

Edward C. Tucker, founder of Chapter Beta Iota at the University of Virginia, is a successful attorney-at-law in Mobile, Ala.

Rev. C. T. Wright, one of *B B*'s charter members, is the popular rector of a large church in Pulaski, Tenn.

Rev. W. S. S. Atmore, of Marianna, Fla., was last year united in marriage to a lady whom report says is "the prettiest woman in Florida."

B C.

'89.—A. D. Hammitt is studying theology at Denver University.

'88.—W. E. Soule is teaching at Harwich, Mass.

T.

'78.—Daniel Gibbons who is managing editor of the *Evening*

Herald and *Sunday Mercury*, was a Democratic candidate for the common council of Philadelphia. Says the *Times*, he is a good looking and bright young man, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, 1878, then went to the shops of Pusey & Jones Co., at Wilmington, Del., where he learned the trade of a machinist. In 1883 he was sent out as one of the crew of the steamer "Apurinan," built for the Amazon river trade. When he came back from Brazil near the close of 1884, he began to study up law and graduated from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in June 1887.

'83.—Lieutenant Ed. McCaskey spent his thirty days vacation in Lancaster.

'86.—W. J. Blackwood has entered Jefferson Medical College.

'86.—Daniel Albright has been elected one of the six representatives of the graduating class who read their theses at the Commencement exercises of the Theological Seminary in May.

'87.—N. H. Saxman is a member of the graduating class in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

IN MEMORIAM—FRANK WELLS HUGILL.

Once again the sacred fold of Eta chapter has been entered and the voice of the beloved Frank Wells Hugill answers to the roll call no more. Once again the sombre drapery above our charter checks our glad spirits with a realization of our loss. Out of thirteen happy DELTAS who have banqueted together in Eta hall—scarcely eighteen months since, three have joined the great majority above.

Three years ago, two weeks after graduating from Cornell, Bro. Will Hugill died. The grief stricken parents found their only consolation in their remaining son, Frank, upon whom was lavished every indulgence.

Frank Hugill was born in 1870, being thus twenty years old. He entered the preparatory department of Buchtel, and was initiated while a middle prep., special permission having been obtained to do this as he was pledged before legislation against initiating preps had begun. After two years membership with Eta he went to the Case School of Applied Sciences. He remained active with the chapter, however, coming down every Saturday night to the meetings. He completed his freshman year at Case, but left it in poor health. During the summer he became worse, and gradually failed until his death. His ailment was peculiar, and much resembled consumption. February 5, 1890, he went to Denver, Col., thinking that a change of climate would benefit him. For a few days he seemed improved. But a sudden change in the atmosphere, occasioned by a blizzard, caused a relapse from which he never rallied. He died February 13.

Not long before he left he said, "If I could only be up in the fraternity hall once again and see the new men I should be perfectly happy." He was true to his fraternity principles to the last, and the massive silver plate upon his casket bore the simple, yet to us, most pathetic inscription, Frank Wells Hugill, J T J.

He was a fine student, characterized by a depth of mind which won for him the honorary scholarship of his class. He was universally beloved. His manly physique and handsome face, with his happy disposition, made him the pride of his fraternity, and the admiration of all the students. The several fraternities attended his funeral in a body.

By Bros. Hugill's death, we lose a most estimable man. The wound caused by the death of Bros. Motz and Bock is torn anew. Our only consolation is in the thought that they have joined the great Fraternity above.

F. G. WIELAND.

COLLEGE WORLD.

Iowa City, Iowa, thoroughly appreciates the benefits of the location of the State University of Iowa, in her midst, and demonstrates her appreciation in a substantial manner, as witness the appended resolution. The square thus given is one of the most valuable in the city, beautifully ornamented with fine old trees, and located only one block away from the university campus. Iowa University long ago outgrew her present equipment, and this attempt of Iowa City to supplement the niggardliness of the State Legislature is commendable as it is generous. This is the resolution:—

WHEREAS, The citizens of Iowa City appreciate the benefits derived from the location of the State University of Iowa in our city, and desire to aid in providing for its permanent prosperity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Ordinances be and is hereby instructed to prepare an ordinance granting the use of the City Park and Linn street, between Iowa avenue and Jefferson street, to the State of Iowa for university purposes.

Williams College is about to erect a memorial to the venerable Dr. Mark Hopkins, so many years its president. It will take the form of a recitation building, the estimated cost being about \$105,000.

The value of the grounds and buildings of nine state universities where Beta Theta Pi has chapters, are: University of California, \$685,000.00; University of Kansas, \$540,000.00; University of Wisconsin, \$620,000.00; University of Michigan, \$1,000,000.00; University of Minnesota, \$1,000,000.00; University of

Texas, \$630,322.00; Ohio State University, \$800,000.00; Harvard University, \$4,750,000.00; State University of Iowa, \$400,000.00.
—*Beta Theta Pi* for February.

Toronto University was visited by a most disastrous fire, February 14th, which destroyed nearly the whole plant. The total loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. The library valued at \$100,000 and all its belongings, together with records, historical documents, and valuable papers of Sir D. Wilson, the president, were also burned.

The growth of the University of Virginia since 1874 has been such as greatly to encourage the friends of that famous institution. The faculty has been enlarged from sixteen professors and two instructors to twenty-one professors and nine instructors. New chairs have been established in natural history and geology, in practical astronomy, in English, and in biology and agriculture. The library has grown from 35,000 to more than 50,000 volumes. The number of students has increased from 298 to 440. The aggregate of gifts received by the university since 1874 amounts to \$205,000 in money, and in gifts of buildings, apparatus and books, to an estimated value of \$180,000, besides the remainder of an estate valued at \$430,000.—*Beta Theta Pi* for January.

The Rev. Chas. F. Thwing, D.D., of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, a graduate of Harvard, is prominently mentioned for the presidency of Oberlin College, and also for the Chancellorship of the University of Kansas. He was offered the presidency of Grinnell College in 1885, but declined it. He is the author of "American Colleges," and is one of the best informed men in the country, on colleges, college life, and college work.

Wesleyan University has recently received from Dan Ayres, M.D. LL.D., a gift of \$250,000, which is the largest gift for the year 1889, in the United States. The amount is given with no restrictions except that it be devoted to science. The trustees of

the university have agreed to raise an additional \$250,000, of which \$60,000 has been already raised. After these gifts have been added to her endowment fund, Wesleyan will rank third among the New England colleges in the amount of interest-bearing funds.—*Beta Theta Pi* for January.

THE GREEK WORLD.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ has reorganized its chapter at Northwestern University on what seems a promising basis.

$\Sigma A E$ has organized a chapter in a school of technology situated in Atlanta. It has also chartered a chapter in the University of Cincinnati with eight charter members, and hopes soon to announce the organization of a chapter in an Indiana college called Franklin, where $\Phi \Delta \theta$ has had a chapter for many years.

Robt. Tucker, a member of the $\Phi \Delta \theta$ chapter at Buchtel College, will represent the state of Ohio in the Interstate Oratorical contest.

One great event in fraternity circles at Wabash is the establishment of a new fraternity, $A \Delta \phi$ (sic.) Failing to get a charter from $\Delta K E$ they decided to start one of their own.— ΣX correspondent from Wabash College.

According to the $\Phi \Delta \theta$ correspondent from the University of Missouri, $B \theta \Pi$ is attempting to enter that institution by absorbing the loyal society of $Z \phi$.

$\theta \Delta X$ is supposed to be making arrangements for the reorganization of its University of Virginia chapter, and also the one at Union College, both of which have been in a state of inactivity for a number of years. It organized a chapter with seven charter members at the University of Michigan in December. Its chapter at Boston University has a membership of about thirty-five.

$\phi K \Psi$ is the first of the fraternities represented at De Pauw to enter a chapter house, its chapter having on the first of January rented a house nicely situated near the university. The official

reports of this fraternity show an active membership of 618 in its 32 chapters, 180 having been initiated this year. Only 3 of this number are "preps," which shows that $\Phi K \Psi$ is feeling the drift of Greek ideas on this subject.

It is rumored that ΣN is about to enter Westminster College, Mo., by absorbing a local society now existing there.

Judging $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ by the names of her officers, it might be supposed that this fraternity made it a point to secure men of German lineage. Eighteen of her present officers, including chapter secretaries, are shown by their names to be of that nationality. This fraternity has some half-a-dozen "preps" on its present active list. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ is said to be about to enter the University of Minnesota, and $\Delta \Gamma$ does not expect to be far behind in the race.

ΣX has revived its chapter at the University of Texas, which has been in moribund state for two years past. Its chapter at Tulane University, which has been without rooms since the close of last year, has moved into new ones fitted up by the local alumni. "They are in the central portion of the city, and afford a convenient lounging place for the idle members." The chapter at the University of Wisconsin has recently entered a house conveniently situated.

The Greek world breathes freely once more. $A T \Omega$'s Mount Union correspondent says he was wrong in prophesying $A \Delta \Psi$'s advent in that college, but says he meant $\theta \Delta X$. Guess again, friend, and look southward, for no fraternity with any knowledge of Northern colleges would grant a charter to petitioners from that place.

$A T \Omega$ has revived its chapter at Washington and Lee University, has recently chartered one at Vanderbilt with seven charter members, six of whom are initiates from other chapters, and expects soon to be able to announce the founding of one at Michigan Agricultural College.

The Beta Theta Pi's of New England enjoyed an elaborate *menu* at the Vendome, on March 28, and initiated several of the old members of Sigma Delta Pi of Dartmouth; the society recently

absorbed by Beta Theta Pi. This Dartmouth chapter is working for a \$15,000 chapter house, and plans of it were exhibited on this occasion.—*Boston Herald*.

The annual meeting of the Pi Beta Phi sorosis was begun in Galesburg yesterday with seventy-five delegates in attendance. This convention is one of great importance to the society, since the committees that have been working for two years upon the constitution, history, and ritual and will make reports, and from them the future policy of the society will be decided upon. It will also order the publishing of a new song book and take steps toward compiling complete statistics in catalogue form.—*Minneapolis Journal*, April 2.

The Grand Council of Phi Kappa Psi was held in Chicago, April 2-4. Among matters considered was a petition from the University of West Virginia which was approved but final action left to the individual chapters. Chapters were refused to the Yale Law School and Baker University. A fraternity yell was reported and adopted. Cincinnati was chosen as the place for the next meeting, in 1892. Judge John P. Rea of Minneapolis, ex-commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., was elected president, and C. L. VanCleve was re-elected editor of the *Shield*.

A Δ Φ has initiated more than one hundred honorary members during her existence of fifty-eight years. This fact accounts for the many names of college presidents and of other persons of renown which embellish her catalogue.—*Φ Γ Δ Quarterly* for March.

The local society of *I K A* at Trinity has been absorbed by *Δ Φ*. The organization was founded in 1829 and has the names of many prominent men upon its roll. It has a membership of over 300 and the alumni are protesting against the action of the active membership.—*Φ Γ Δ Quarterly* for January.

Abram and Irwin, two sons of the late President James A. Garfield, entered the freshman class at Williams College, last fall. Both play in the class foot-ball team. President Garfield graduated at Williams in '56. Two sons, James A. and Harry, in '85. President Garfield was a member of *Δ Γ*. The sons are all members of *A Δ Φ*.—*Φ Δ Θ Scroll*.

"There are six chapters houses at Cornell, representing the various college societies. One of them attracted our special interest. We believe these societies are capable of doing very much toward holding the students together, and inspiring them for better work while in college, and in attracting some of them back for a post-graduate course. College presidents and professors are wise in utilizing these societies for the best interests of the young men, and the good of the college as a whole. In this respect President Adams follows the example of Dr. M. B. Anderson. It is folly, pure and simple, to oppose these societies. It is not inappropriate in this connection, in view of the fears some have expressed, to remark that the writer never saw so large an attendance at the religious services, or the religious interest so marked as on this occasion. The religious atmosphere is much warmer and more evangelical than in former years. This fact gives sincere joy to earnest Christians everywhere."—Dr. R. S. McArthur in the *Christian Inquirer*.

Theta Delta Chi has advanced a claim recently to being the first fraternity which has ever displayed a flag peculiar to the fraternity. The claim is founded upon the floating of Theta Delta Chi's colors over the Astor House, in New York City, at the annual convention in 1870. So many of the chapters of the different fraternities have entered and are entering chapter houses, that it has become almost a necessity for every fraternity to adopt a flag for the use of chapters occupying houses.—*Σ X Quarterly*.

EXCHANGES.

The exchanges furnish one of the pleasant features of fraternity journalistic life, but we sometimes wonder how great the value of the exchange department may be to the average member of the fraternity at large. *Φ K Ψ Shield* has evidently decided that an exchange department does not pay, for it has none; some other journals as those of *B Θ H*, *Δ K E*, and *Σ X* devote a good deal of space to reviews of other magazines. To one who can read the various fraternity publications, the opportunity to check up statements of one by another is very valuable. It seems to be impossible to subdue and cover up the inordinate conceit and self complacency of the average fraternity correspondent, and contributor. It is a rare occurrence that both sides of the tale are rehearsed, the victory and the defeat, the success and the failure, the honors won in one's own circle and those won by others. Some of the journals succeed fairly well in dispossessing their matter of these disagreeable characteristics, while others are reeking with them. They all bear close checking up by a rigid double entry system. We propose to inaugurate a departure from the stereotyped exchange paragraph and occasionally insert a bunch of clippings under the heading, "As Others See Us," which will contain the comments of correspondents of other communities upon our chapters, their membership and condition. Many of them will doubtless be unfavorable and unpalatable, while others can but be favorable. Let it be distinctly understood that this section of *THE RAINBOW* is not to be a fighting corner, where rival correspondents are to try lances, and our own chapter correspondents are warned that they may often find the editor's blue pencil more fatal to this sarcasm, than the lance of their adversary. We do not believe in making *THE*

RAINBOW a battle-ground, though it may be sometimes necessary as it is in the present number, to say, and say plainly and without varnish, very unpleasant things concerning a contemporary. We shall be as ready to commend as to criticize, to quote creditable paragraphs as to insert "dreadful and awful examples of what never ought to be said." Ours may not always truthfully be described as a bow for peace, for we shall not go about crying, "Peace, peace," when there ought to be neither peace nor truce. There are certain evils in the fraternity system, certain tendencies in our midst, and certain tendencies of our neighbors that may at any time creep over the wall into our garden, to our hurt. Against these we shall direct our pen, upon these we shall use our sharpest instruments, wherever they may rise. Let no one accuse us of malice, of spite, of jealousy, or of wilful distortion of facts. Such a spirit of fairness as nature has given us, and such culture as education may have given it, we shall use. DELTA TAU DELTA may not be one of the *great* fraternities (we shall not quarrel with any one about that), but we are fully persuaded that she is one of the *best*, and that judging by her present spirit and tendencies, no less than by her fruits, she will stand the test. Great names on one's record of the past are good, but "nobles of heart and of head" for the present and future, are far better. Upon this conviction shall we act.

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The January *Chi Phi Quarterly* is a very interesting number. The *Quarterly* is always welcome, and this one like some of its predecessors has some very spicy reading. But we may as well begin at that new cover, which makes the first impression. Dainty, artistic, suggestive and appropriate, it is the most pleasing one that comes to us, a rare and choice contrast to some of the conglomerations that bedeck other exteriors. Following this is an engraving of the late Henry W. Grady, whose loss a nation mourns in common with $\chi \phi$. In the latter part of the number, is an excellent and interesting sketch of Mr. Grady by J. D. Adams. Mr. Grady was at one time Grand Alpha of $\chi \phi$ and in many ways has she reaped of the sowing of his loyal and generous hand. "Chi Phi

in the Civil War," is continued. The "Initiation of Non-Collegians," filling more than six pages, and containing the elaborate and judicially comprehensive circular of Chancellor Boggs of the University of Georgia, ought to forever end the matter. It would be hard to tell which of the two principal chapters engaged in the squabble made the greater display of puerility and bad blood. We have no desire to try.

We quote with hearty endorsement the last editorial paragraph, and lay aside the *Quarterly*:—

The management has formed a New Year resolution. Not the first one formed during its tempestuous career, but one to which it intends to give most religious adherence. It believes that the time has come to ring down the curtain on "our festive billy," "rode our William goat," "was goated," and the like, expressions that frequently adorn the epistolary efforts of our chapter correspondents. It is not denied that a certain friskiness is popularly attributed to the goat, but the management firmly believes that Mr. Capricornus has been the victim of a gross libel for many years, in the connection supposed to exist between him and certain initiation ceremonies. The *Quarterly* desires to no longer participate in that libelous assertion, and the luckless correspondent who has embellished his letter with this prohibited matter, should he overhear the remarks of the editor as he viciously sharpens his blue pencil, will have reason to think that the Sunday-school training of his chief has been temporarily laid aside.

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The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* for February displays some of the excellencies we have learned to look for in it, to a marked degree, but we are disappointed to find seventeen pages (more than a quarter) of it given up to so foreign a topic as the symposium on "The Proper Study of the Law." To be sure, the contributions to this symposium are from men of experience and not from theorizers and much of them are well written, but we would have been less surprised to see this symposium in the Phi Delta Phi *Brief* than in our valued contemporary. The first article has some good things, and some rank things. We submit paragraphs from it:—

The denominational colleges, by reason of their origin, are limited in their field and their work. They were founded to shade and color knowledge. They were to abridge the right of private judgment. They were to propagate special opinions. They were

to mould religious opinion on the lines of catechisms and confessions; to bias and cause to be favorably received ancestral thought; hence to destroy freedom of inquiry and consequently predestinate the religious opinions of their students.

Does the writer forget the foundation of Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Syracuse and Northwestern? The next two articles are both good and from the latter, a sensible and delightful discussion of "Fraternity Life" as the writer saw it, we clip our closing paragraph:—

The Western chapters had from ten to twenty members, the Virginia chapters from five to ten. With the view we had of fraternity life, eight was a full chapter and ten was full to overflowing. We did not feel that a man could distribute himself around among twenty members and know all of them, and enjoy the society of all of them as we thought we ought to know and enjoy our White Cross brothers. The *sine qua non* to entrance was not brilliancy of attainments in society or athletics, in the class-room, or on the rostrum. The magic touchstone was congeniality of thought and feeling, and we believed the chapter was usually composed of those few men who would have gone with each other without the chapter bond. We thought ourselves the best fellows in college. We knew there were many with stronger minds and stronger arms and legs, and we knew there were many men in college to whom it would not be pleasant to have us for associates, but we thought we had in our fraternity the very elements needed to make association enjoyable and helpful.

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The January and February numbers of *Beta Theta Pi* have reached us since our last writing. *Beta Theta Pi* is always interesting, and some articles in these numbers, especially the historial sketch of the Mystical Seven in the January number, and that of *Sigma Delta Pi* in the February number, are unusually interesting. We find that the Mystical Seven was founded at Wesleyan University in 1837; that chapters or "temples" were established (so tradition says) at Emory College, Franklin College, Georgia, and Centenary College, Louisiana, before 1850; that others were established at the University of Mississippi, University of Virginia, Cumberland University; that "in 1871 the active members of the Temple of the Scroll and Pen at the University of Syracuse, deserted the order and accepted a charter from *Δ K E*, in spite of the

protests and expostulations of the graduate members who, with one exception, refused proffered membership in the new chapter." (It would seem by this that *Δ K E* is not a novice in dealing in second-hand fraternity men.) At the time of the consolidation, the Mystical Seven contributed three chapters, viz., at University of Virginia, Davidson College, North Carolina, and at University of North Carolina. The Sigma Delta Pi of Dartmouth was founded in 1858.

For some reasons we are very glad that *Beta Theta Pi* comes monthly, for if the same amount of conceit, self-laudation, and claim-the-world-spirit had to be compressed into a quarterly, heaven only knows what the effect would be upon even the Betas themselves. Rare indeed it is that a fraternity goes before the Hellenic world wrapped in such a halo of glory caught in the seventh heaven of self satisfaction and self admiration. O, *Beta Theta Pi*, O, Wooglin, O, "dorg," O, all of you, are you really on and of this world or no? From the following collection we can not say:—

It is admitted by all well informed fraternity men that Beta Pi holds the vantage ground of all American college fraternities.

What is there in college fraternity life worth the naming that Beta Theta Pi has not instituted? What fraternity holds in mind such pleasant traditions that add an especial zest to confidential brotherhood as does that of our order? Other fraternities possess the shadow of these pleasures, but Beta Theta Pi holds the substance of them.

In coming years the decades will grow only as our chapter list increases.

In the individual minds, hearts, and souls of the Betas of the twentieth century will be found the sources of the nation's regeneration. Beta Theta Pi will then form an ideal of religion so high, so noble, that God himself will say, "It is very good." She will form an ideal of science, philosophy, literature and art worthy the beloved fraternity; and thus will the material elements ascend to their true position, powerful for good, impotent for evil.

Considering the fact that the Kenyon chapter has only one member, this quotation from his letter needs to be labeled "joke," for it is a good bit of humor:—

Harmony is the watchword which breathes through all of Beta Alpha's actions. Our chapter meetings are regularly attended by

all and enthusiasm is the order of the day. Though small, we do not let that interfere with our enjoyment of life, and while we do not wish to boast yet we think we can say that no chapter sends as large a *pro rata* delegation as Beta Alpha to reunions and on visits to other chapters. One feature of our chapter life is, we believe, peculiar to us. Not only do all the chapter dine together at one table, but we always proceed to and from the dining hall in a body. We think that beneficial results flow from this practice, and would recommend it to other chapters.

In view of the recent wholesale absorption and extension of *B Θ II*, we can not refrain from congratulating her upon her success in rivaling *Φ Δ Θ* in the length of her chapter roll. She will soon stand at the head of the list in this particular, and then—will she be completely happy? We hope so.

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The April number of the *Δ K E Quarterly* is a model of elegance in typography. The regularity which our friend has shown this year is surprising and pleasing. We wish we might speak as highly of its contents, taken as a whole, as of its appearance. The number opens with a portrait and sketch of Col. George Foot Chester, to whom "more than others is due the founding of *Δ K E*." *Δ K E* and *Δ Υ* have both chronicled the death of a founder since our last writing. The editorial on "The Graduate's Debt to the Chapter," the "Graduate Personals," and "Alumni Association Correspondence," are the most excellent features of this number.

In the last number of *THE RAINBOW*, in common with most other fraternity journals appearing at that time and since, we had occasion to say something about the establishment of the Phi Epsilon chapter of *Δ K E*, but we hardly were guilty of devoting "six out of seventy-five pages of reading matter" to *Δ K E*. It may be that we mentioned her on that number of pages. Does she regularly assume to claim the whole, when a part, even a very small part, is given her? Perhaps she shares the claim—everything-in-sight spirit with *B Θ II*.

The case of Phi Epsilon receives a good deal of space, nearly eight pages, and purports to be the exact facts of that *Φ Δ Θ*—*Δ K E* transformation. It certainly reads very smoothly, but, "As Josh

Billings would say, "Some of these statements are some of the facts that ain't so." The *Quarterly* finds in our remarks, "something of gratuitous assumption and inclination to impute unworthy motives on very slender evidence," all of which means very much or very little. We printed nothing, that, in the light of any further developments, we would care to change, unless it be the sentence in the *B H* chapter letter regarding President Northrup. The *Quarterly* should remember that the whole affair took place under our very noses, that we did not get our information from "the pages of a daily newspaper," that we did interview Prof. McMillan, the $\Phi \Delta \theta$ province president, a $\Delta K E$ professor, and others who knew. It may be that "Only by hypercriticism can such a course (as $\Delta K E$ pursued) be regarded as a case of 'lifting,'" but with the very best face on, it comes most extremely near to it. As to the nucleus of "students who were from $\Delta K E$ families," which was to form the new chapter and also the correspondence of an "entirely disinterested party" (?), quoted in an editorial, we will politely refrain from comment. With these statements we are done with the whole matter.

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For the February number of the Delta Upsilon Quarterly which comes as we write, we have on the whole, only high praise to offer in the few words we have room for. Portraits and biographical sketches of Atty. General Miller, president of ΔY ; the Rev. W. H. P. Faunce; late Solicitor General O. W. Chapman; President E. B. Andrews, of Brown University, and one of ΔY 's founders, Hon. William Bross, form a very attractive feature of this excellent number. The *Greek Letter Gossip* is good on the whole, though some of it is a little older than ΔY usually inserts. It seems too a little stale to read a review of our October RAINBOW in the February *Quarterly* which comes in April, when the January RAINBOW must have been in the editor's hands, as the clippings from its chapter letters show. Would it not have been a trifle more just to THE RAINBOW, friend *Quarterly*, to have noticed the better number, a little more in accord with your remark on *K A \theta Quarterly*, "This is the first issue of the new editorial

board, and comment may well be reserved for the present"? Or was this remark pure gallantry?

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SOME CHARACTERISTIC QUOTATIONS FROM "THE SCROLL."

1. The DELTA TAU DELTAS have a goodly number, but they were injured by their recent RAINBOW letter, which was from all accounts of it, very spiteful. Its attack upon Kappa Alpha, was, to say the least, a foolish one.—*Correspondent from Tulane University.*

2. Our rival fraternity here, DELTA TAU DELTA, is in good shape, but not so much so but that we got every man we worked for last term.—*Correspondent Mich. Agt. College.*

3. The last RAINBOW of DELTA TAU DELTA has two editorials and one special article attacking Phi-Delta Theta. If the DELTA TAU DELTA Fraternity has the high sense of honor which these editorials claim, then let it examine into the outrage recently perpetrated by its chapter here upon one of its charter members, and whether they be actuated by a high sense of honor or of only common decency even, unless there be graver reasons for the chapter's conduct than have been given out, they will wipe it from their roll. Never, so long as any of its present members remain in it, unless their conduct can be satisfactorily explained, will it ever hold an honorable position, and if the combined force of the fraternities, sororities and neutrals could do it, the chapter would close its existence within a week. * * * DELTA TAU DELTA will probably be numbered among the things that were. A rumor is afloat that the DELTA TAU DELTA Fraternity is about to withdraw the charter of this chapter. They deserve to be congratulated on this step. After all, a bad chapter in a good institution is no credit to a fraternity, and as the different fraternities here are preparing accounts of the conduct of the DELTA TAU DELTA for publication in their magazines, and as the daily papers have twice noticed the affair in the strongest terms, DELTA TAU DELTA will find that they have relieved themselves of a bad spiking argument by expunging Beta Gamma from its roll.—*Correspondent from University of Wisconsin.*

Phi Delta Theta is called the "white society" by the neutrals, and enjoys a popularity which the other societies all acknowledge. Every society here has its characteristics and ours is that of kindness and politeness toward our fellow students. The principle of *noblesse oblige* is early impressed upon our freshmen.—*Ibid.*

4. It is claimed by some that the list of chapters at Wabash College is to be increased by one in a short time—one rumor referring the increase to Δ T Δ. Δ T Δ was represented there at one time, but the chapter deserted to θ Δ X in 1880.—*Scroll for February.*

5. The October RAINBOW, commenting upon the note of Phi Delta Theta's refusal of Pennsylvania State College applicants, candidly asks, "Can it be possible that Phi Delta Theta does sometimes refuse a charter?" To which we as candidly reply, yes. The same number of THE RAINBOW announces a new chapter whose members were unsuccessful applicants for a Phi Delta Theta chapter but a few months before.—*Scroll for February.*

This very remarkable collection of quotations is not made up of selections from several numbers of the *Scroll*, but is all taken from the February number of that journal. No officer of $\Delta T \Delta$ can find fault with any just criticism of his fraternity; like all other fraternities it is made up of college students who make mistakes just as do their fellows, but it is time for $\Delta T \Delta$ to call a halt on this $\phi \Delta \theta$ style of criticism which consists either in making untrue statements or misstating facts; every one of the above quotations fall under one or the other of these heads, and even $\phi \Delta \theta$ should make some attempt at coming near the truth. Now, as to the first quotation: Our Tulane chapter has had but a short existence, and has published but two letters in THE RAINBOW. In neither of them has it attacked either $K \Lambda$ nor any other fraternity. $\phi \Delta \theta$'s correspondent manufactured the spiteful attack out of whole cloth.

In No. 2 the *Scroll's* writer creates the impression that the chapter at the college in question took its men from $\Delta T \Delta$. Come out frankly and tell us just how many men, if any, were taken.

No. 3 is peculiarly flagrant. All sorts of insinuations are indulged in, our chapter is dishonorable, and bad, yet a statement as to what it has done is carefully avoided. Now I do not believe in twitting any one on account of misfortunes, but $\phi \Delta \theta$ has recently been making some wholesale expulsions at the University of Minnesota, does it consider that it has been doing anything disreputable? The *Scroll* has been silent as to the real cause of these expulsions but all fraternity men know that they were made because the quondam $\phi \Delta \theta$'s had been wooed and won by $\Delta K E$. Now all this tempest has been raised by the "white society" of the University of Wisconsin which teaches its freshmen the principles of *noblesse oblige*, because our chapter has seen fit to expel one of its own members from the chapter, a matter which might be considered

to be none of $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s concern. The gentleman in question was Mr. Geo. O. Warren, who as a charter member of our chapter was under peculiar obligations to it, and to the fraternity; he had become uncongenial to the other members of the chapter and about the middle of December it took the action so severely criticized by $\Phi \Delta \theta$. Of course it could never be suspected that this very honorable "white" society had anything whatever to do with bringing about this state of affairs, yet I have in my possession documentary evidence that $\Phi \Delta \theta$ made an attempt to lift Mr. Warren so long ago as 1889, and it is since that time that our chapter's internal troubles began. This may be in perfect keeping with $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s idea of an honorable fraternity, it is not $\Delta T \Delta$'s. I have other evidence in the case of even greater interest to $\Phi \Delta \theta$, which that fraternity may have under certain contingencies.

No. 4. is a misstatement of facts. $\Delta T \Delta$ did have a chapter at Wabash and it ceased to exist in 1880, but it did not desert to $\theta \Delta X$. It had fallen behind in its dues, and showing no inclination to square up, it was ordered to do so or else return its charter; it did the latter, and shortly after it blossomed out as a chapter of $\theta \Delta X$, which fraternity seems to have regretted its haste to enter there, as it does not carry the name of Wabash among the list of its colleges.

As regards the assertion in No. 5, I will content myself with saying that $\Phi \Delta \theta$ there makes an assertion which it is unable to prove. It is very easy to make general assertions of this kind, and $\Phi \Delta \theta$ is an adept at it. I shall expect that fraternity to make a detailed assertion in the *Scroll* as to the institution from which this petition came, and the date of its refusal of the same. The reasons for the refusal will be of no moment to $\Delta T \Delta$; we do not seek the same class of men as members, and it is sufficient so far as we are concerned that these petitioners pleased us, but I want if possible, to put an end to these loose statements and malicious attacks which the officials of $\theta \Delta \phi$ allow to be made against this fraternity.

I should be glad to know, too, why $\Phi \Delta \theta$ has singled out $\Delta T \Delta$, surely that fraternity does not suppose that we are attempting to

rival it. I will hasten to deny this emphatically. $\Delta T \Delta$ is not a "National Fraternity" and has no ambition to become such; as a fraternity we do not seek the same class of students for members, and if by chance some individual chapter is doing this, if $\Phi \Delta \theta$ will kindly notify me I will have that chapter disciplined.

Now a word as to Mr. Palmer and his historical articles. In the October *Scroll* in "The Development of the Fraternity System," he made the following assertion respecting the Rainbow Fraternity:—

In 1886, when the number of chapters was seven, the society disintegrated. Three chapters combined with $\Delta T \Delta$, one of which died in a short time. Two others refused to go into the coalition, and upon application were received into $\Phi \Delta \theta$. The two remaining chapters either did not desire to join $\Delta T \Delta$, or were not acceptable, and soon passed out of existence.

For this statement of the disintegration of the Rainbow Fraternity he was called to account in the October RAINBOW. In the February *Scroll* he has a long article purporting to be an answer to THE RAINBOW criticism in which he avoids entirely the point under discussion and seems to feel aggrieved because the article in question was not signed, seeming to be entirely unaware that THE RAINBOW is the official and responsible organ of $\Delta T \Delta$. I had not the honor to write that article, but I am ready to endorse the leading statements made in it. Mr. Palmer's article on "Our Ex-Rainbow Affiliates," is interesting but not to the point. I trust that in the future the proper officers will see to it, that the writers for the *Scroll* confine themselves to the truth when they wish to spur up $\Delta T \Delta$.

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