

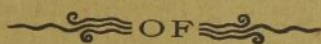
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## EDITORIAL.

By the time this number of the RAINBOW reaches the chapters, the most of the contests for new men will be over. The year will be half gone; and the tendency to enjoy in quiet and freedom from exertion, the fruits of the first term's campaign, will be strong. To a good degree this is desirable, giving as it does the chance for the chapter to devote its energies to building itself up, to training the new members in the way they should go to make better men as well as loyal Greeks. But no sense of complacency and satisfaction ought to blind any chapter to the fact that all the good or even all the best men become fraternity men in the first or even the second term. Many a brilliant high-soaring rocket of the first term comes tumbling down in the third term, a mere ordinary stick. The most brilliant flowering often appears on some plant that has been transplanted. Scan the non-fraternity men repeatedly, closely, and with an eye to possibilities. Because a man has once been dropped, need not preclude all future consideration of him. Indeed some of the members who have done the most credit to the chapter and fraternity, have been men initiated in the sophomore or even junior year—men who in the earlier years were barely mentioned. Eternal vigilance and unremitting activity are the greatest elements in fraternity success. A chapter should not become a missionary society, or hot-house for tender plants; but it needs to watch lest it be too late in appreciating the sterling worth of some fellow, who by virtue of changed environment, rapidly steps into the front rank.

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A word, too, about the men who have been asked to join DELTA TAU DELTA, and who have seen fit to ally themselves with some other fraternity. First or last, every chapter of every frater-



nity loses some man to one of its rivals. All too often he is utterly ignored, after his initiation by that rival, and the ardent liking of hopeful "working" days turns into positive dislike or even worse. Any man, who after due consideration by the members of any chapter has been judged worthy of an invitation to join that chapter, is worthy at least of the place of friend, even though his ways be not the chapter's ways. Some of the warmest college friendships are of this very sort. Not only are they valuable as friendships, but they promote good feeling between rival chapters. Life is too short for nursing grudges or for trying to prove that sweet grapes have suddenly begun souring when they fall into a rival's basket. The man after being for some time a member of a rival fraternity, may, and in all probability will, change and perhaps for the worse, but till then let him occupy an honorable place on the list of friends.

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Like No. 1, this number of the THE RAINBOW will reach many a former member of DELTA TAU DELTA who has not seen a copy for some years. In fact, in mailing our first number, we adopted a scheme, (which we have since found *The Sigma Chi Quarterly* tried last year), of sending a copy to every former member whose address we were reasonably sure of. We are encouraged to see in the November *ΣΧ Quarterly*, which has come since we began writing, that it succeeded so well that the same scheme is being tried this year. Lists of alumni members were furnished us by a good many chapters and late in November the old mailing list was forwarded from Chattanooga by a brother of our late Brother Philips, and from these our new list was made up. If this number reaches any who did not receive the first one, we will gladly forward it upon notice. We hope by thus scattering our journal broadcast among our alumni to renew their interest and enthusiasm for DELTA TAU DELTA as they read of her recent achievements, as they again find themselves in touch with the old college and the "boys of old," letting their thoughts wander as they list among days spent at college.

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The intelligence of the deaths of our brothers, J. M. Philips,

A '85, and Prof. A. H. Welsh, H '73, will sadden all hearts throughout the length and breadth of the DELTA world. It is rarely that we are called upon to chronicle in one number, the loss of two such beloved and honored members. Those of us who met Brother Philips at the Cleveland Convention of 1888, could add an appreciation of his high personal and social worth, to those brilliant qualities of mind and that loyalty to DELTAISM, which made his two issues of the RAINBOW so successful. We are glad to add to our sketch of his life, a tribute from the pen of Mr. Walter B. Palmer, the historian of Phi Delta Theta, which appeared in the Nashville *Herald*, November 3, and which we publish with the permission of Mr. Palmer, who writes: "He was my personal friend but I have said nothing too eulogistic of him. He was held in the highest estimation by all who knew him and his death is greatly to be deplored." The life sketch of Prof. Welsh we abridge from an article in the December *Buchtelite*, written by Brother A. E. Hyre of Buchtel College, where Prof. Welsh became a member of Eta chapter and where for some years he was professor. We will not mar the beauty and completeness of Brother Hyre's tribute by any further praise of a man whose worth was so widely appreciated.

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By the kindness of Brother W. W. Lowry, a former member of Chi chapter, we are possessed of volumes I. and II., of *The Crescent*, and also copies of the first and second General Catalogues of the DELTA TAU DELTA Fraternity. These are interesting, as well as valuable, and we hope to demonstrate our thanks by a more extended use of them in some future issue.

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We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of so many copies of college journals sent in response to our request in the last number. Some of the chapters have sent us copies of every number, while others have sent only one or two. We hope to receive a copy of every number from every chapter—a copy at least of every number that contains any interesting item of Δ T Δ, or general fraternity, news. The list is a good one, a very good one, and we are duly thankful, but like *Oliver Twist* we make bold to stand up and say,



"more." Did time and space permit we would be glad to notice particularly the many excellent things these journals have brought to our table. We have, as it is, ventured to take one article almost bodily from the *Buchtelite*. The following make up the list:—The DePauw Adz., of DePauw Univ.; The Emory Phoenix, of Emory College; The Current, of Ohio Univ.; The Pleiad, of Albion College; The Portfolio, of Univ. of Colorado; The Buchtelite, of Buchtel College; The Wooster Collegian of Univ. of Wooster; The Speculum, Michigan Agricultural College; The Ariel, of Univ. of Minnesota; The Chironian, of the New York Homœopathic Medical College.

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There are two topics which are very properly never failing sources of interest to every loyal fraternity man, and especially to the editors of fraternity journals—Fraternity honor, or morality, and extension. In the discussion of the former topic, it is customary to treat it as applying to the individual or to the chapter, and seldom, if ever, has it been necessary to call attention to an official or "conventional" act of a general fraternity as a "dreadful and awful example of what never ought to be." The offender is none other than the great, the conservative, the "favorite," the high and mighty Delta Kappa Epsilon. The fact is, that in September last, there existed at the University of Minnesota, the Phi Delta Theta, Minnesota Alpha, and by some evolution in the following months, the same men became members of Phi Epsilon of Delta Kappa Epsilon. As to the exact facts, few will ever know. We submit some evidence of competent witnesses and hope some proverbial Philadelphia Dutch lawyer employed by  $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$  may make the crooked straight:

Notice is hereby given that, (here are inserted twenty-two names), all of the Minnesota Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, whose resignations were presented to the Fraternity, were by unanimous vote of the National Convention expelled from Phi Delta Theta, for actions dishonorable as men, and disloyal and treasonable to the Fraternity.

By order of the Convention.

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 18, 1889.

Phi Delta Theta Scroil for December.



Among the many petitions for the establishment of new chapters, received by the convention, was one from certain students in the University of Minnesota. This flourishing institution, situated in the very best portion of the rapidly developing Northwest, with a  $\Lambda K E$  President, and our fraternity otherwise represented in the faculty, and with petitioners amply vouched for in every respect, commended itself to the judgment of both council and convention. We believe that at no other point could  $\Lambda K E$  be more advantageously established. \* \* \* We have made no mistake in unfurling the banner of  $\Lambda K E$  at the University of Minnesota. Health, long life and prosperity to Phi Epsilon of  $\Lambda K E$ !

$\Lambda K E$  Quarterly for January, 1890.

A prominent  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  man said last evening: "When it is considered that this chapter has been built up by the assistance of many who are not among the seceders, and that the young men have taken the results of others' work and money into the camp of a rival fraternity, and in doing so have violated their voluntary and solemn pledges to each other, to their former associates and to their fraternity, without excuse or provocation, it would seem that the act was a trifle questionable. \* \* \* The fact that members of the faculty added their influence to carry on the secession aggravates the case."—*St. Paul Globe*.

We will put our largest mantle of charity over the matter, and suppose for the present that the  $\Lambda K E$  Council and convention were cleverly hood-winked by their strong desire to enter the University of Minnesota, coupled with the "ample vouching" (?) of certain hyper-zealous professors and members of the Northwestern Alumni Association.

Some older fraternities as  $\Lambda K E$  and  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , on awakening from their long lethargy of imagined conservatism and self-satisfaction, seem to have found themselves morally dazed by the progress of certain other fraternities and certain institutions in the crude West. Not many years ago, overtures were made by representatives of  $\Psi \Upsilon$  to one of our prominent chapters in a large western university, and to the shame of  $\Psi \Upsilon$  and the honor of that chapter, the proposition was not for a moment entertained. If fraternity honor or morality means anything, it means that a general fraternity is as much bound by it in founding new chapters, as the chapter is in seeking new men, or the men themselves in dealing with other men. It means that there is temptation in extension policy for the general fraternity, as well as in wine, gambling, etc., for the indi-

vidual chapter. Recent events at the University of Georgia, in which the chapters of  $\chi \phi$ ,  $\kappa \lambda$ , and  $\Sigma \lambda \epsilon$  were involved, seem to offer a good chance for those general fraternities to exercise a little wholesome parental restraint and teach them an improved code of ethics. Whatever the true state of affairs, certain it is, that any fraternity should have its standard on certain matters so well defined and understood that such a disgraceful row as took place at the University of Georgia, would call down not only the suppressive forces of the University authorities, but those of the fraternity. But perhaps it has in the above cases; we hope so. We are glad that  $\Delta T \Delta$  has removed all temptation to transgress in the matter of "preps." We are proud to declare that the "lifting" of a man into  $\Delta T \Delta$  has long been a matter of memory. We lay no claims to perfection, but simply claim that in putting far from us the practice of "lifting," in ceasing to be accessories to oath breaking we have taken a goodly step in the right direction.

## LITERARY AND FRATERNITY.

*OUR CHAPTER GENEALOGY.*

Almost invariably the mother chapters of the various Greek letter fraternities have been the most persistent, enthusiastic and effective agents in disseminating their principles, in founding new chapters and establishing their respective societies upon a secure and substantial basis. As a rule in each fraternity, a large number of chapters spring directly from the mother chapter. To this rule, DELTA TAU DELTA affords a unique and peculiar exception. It is a singular fact in our history, that not one of our existing chapters was founded through the direct and individual efforts of our mother chapter at Bethany. Each chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$  traces its ancestry not only to the Bethany chapter, but also to our honored mother's first offspring—the Jefferson Alpha.\*

The blood of both these chapters flows in the veins of every one of our living chapters. Bearing this condition of affairs in mind, would it be incongruous to call Jefferson our "mother chapter" and Bethany our "grandmother chapter"?

The Jefferson chapter was founded on the night of February 22, 1861, by Brothers Brown and Sutton, who rode on horseback from Canonsburg to Bethany and were there initiated. How these men became acquainted with the existence of  $\Delta T \Delta$  at Bethany, or why it was necessary for them to go to Bethany for initiation, is unknown to the writer. What part the mother chapter took in shaping this vital move, still remains vague and misty. Tradition has it that at

\*It is this peculiar fact that leads a recent writer in the Phi Delta Theta Scroll to place DELTA TAU DELTA in the Jefferson Triad of Western fraternities, the others being Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi, the former being founded at Jefferson in 1848, the latter at the same place in 1852. The active impulse in DELTA TAU DELTA originated at the same college in 1861, almost ten years later. The three other Western fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta, were all founded at Miami University.



this time she had but a nominal existence. Trautwein, in his admirable history, (catalogue, page 10), says that, "In the early part of 1861, chiefly by the efforts of Henry K. Bell, the active work was again resumed, and a Beta chapter of the fraternity placed at Jefferson College," etc. The evidence upon which this statement is based has never been published, and would prove interesting reading. Soon after this, probably during the spring term of '61, the mother chapter passed away, and the reins of government were promptly assumed by the Jefferson Alpha. The actual life of *J T J* here begins, with a policy of vigorous extension, inaugurated by the Jefferson Alpha, immediately upon its accession to the executive. As we have above stated, every present chapter, including even the re-established mother chapter, traces its descent back to this common origin.

The *Beta*, at Ohio University, was founded by J. J. K. Warren (Jefferson), on June 21, 1862, and the *Alpha* at Allegheny College, by R. G. Heiner (Jefferson), in June, 1863. With seven exceptions\* all our chapters are descendants of the *Alpha* and the *Beta*.

The *Tau* at Franklin and Marshall was founded in May, 1874, by G. M. Zacharias, of Washington and Jefferson. Through the efforts of G. W. Geiser, a *Tau* man, the *Nu*, at Lafayette, was founded in October, 1878. The *Omicron* at the University of Iowa was established in October, 1880, principally through the efforts of S. W. Fairall, of Washington and Jefferson. The *Phi*, at Hanover, and the *Beta Zeta* at Butler, spring from the Washington and Jefferson chapter, through a singularly fatal line. David Nichol founded at Monmouth in '65, the *Zeta Prime*, (now dead); a Monmouth man in December, 1870, founded at Indiana University the *Nu Prime* (defunct)†; the *Phi* was established in February, 1872, by E. G. Henry, (*Nu Prime*); in February, 1877, H. S. Slaughter (*Phi*) re-founded at Wabash, the *Psi Prime*, (deceased); and one of the Wabash petitioners, J. H. Holliday, founded the *Beta Zeta* at Butler in the spring of '77. It would seem that both the *Phi* and *Beta Zeta* were cradled in the shadow of death.

\* Bethany, Franklin and Marshall, Lafayette, University of Iowa, Hanover, Butler, and Washington and Jefferson.

† Re-established in '87 as the *Beta Alpha*.

The remaining chapters of the fraternity range themselves into two groups: the ALPHA group of nine chapters and the BETA group of twenty-two chapters.

First, let us consider the former of these two groups. *Alpha* men founded in 1875 the *Sigma Prime* (now dead), at Mt. Union, and from this chapter were born two others—the *Chi*, at Kenyon, founded in '81 by C. S. Crawford (Mt. Union '83) and the *Beta Sigma*, at Boston University, founded in '89 by I. T. Headland (Mt. Union '84). The movement which led to the establishment of the *Beta Theta* at the university of the South in '83, originated in a communication addressed to the writer of this article, then the editor of the *Crescent*, at Alpha, by Rowland Hale. After a short, but animated correspondence, the matter was turned over to W. L. McClurg (*Alpha* '79), chairman of the executive council. With the *Beta Theta* originated the Rainbow movement which resulted in the admission of the *Lambda*, at Vanderbilt University, and the *Pi* at the University of Mississippi, in 1886. In 1889, a member of the *Beta Theta* organized the *Beta Iota* at the University of Virginia. In 1889, the *Beta Lambda*, was organized at Lehigh by three *Alpha* men, Cullum, Jas. McClurg and Zahnizer. In the same year the *Beta Xi* was established at Tulane through W. L. McClurg, (*Alpha* '79), the President of the Arch chapter, to whom the original communications from Tulane were addressed. This closes the generation of the children of ALPHA.

Of the twenty-two chapters comprising the BETA group, the Psi at Wooster was founded by W. S. Eversole (Beta '69) in '80. Of the origin of the movement which led to the simultaneous founding of the Beta Delta at the University of Georgia and the Beta Epsilon at Emory, in 1882, we have no knowledge. As the actual ceremony of initiation was performed by Wilber Calvin Beta, '80, they are placed in the BETA group. The remaining chapters in this group fall into two divisions, which we shall designate the OHIO WESLEYAN division, consisting of seven chapters, and the LOMBARD division, comprising eleven chapters. The Mu at Ohio Wesleyan, was founded in '66 by W. S. Eversole, Beta '69, and re-established in '79 by J. H. Grove (Mu '70); the Kappa was founded at Hills-



dale in '67 by E. D. Curtis, a Mu man. From Hillsdale sprang the Michigan State chapter, Iota, established in 1872, by G. W. Smith, (Kappa '74) and the Delta at the University of Michigan, founded by the same brother in 1874. The Delta was re-established in '80 by W. W. Cook, Kappa '78. The one sole heir of Delta is the Epsilon founded at Albion in 1876, by J. J. Reed and J. C. Floyd, both Delta men. The De Pauw chapter was re-instituted as the Beta Beta, in '82 by J. N. Study, Mu '71. The Beta Gamma, established at Wisconsin University in '88, is placed among Mu's daughters, inasmuch as the correspondence that lead to the founding the chapter was directed to her alumni and the movement encouraged by them.

In 1869, Columbia Downing Jr., Beta '69, founded the Lambda Prime (now dead), at Lombard. From her have come some of our strongest and best chapters. C. R. Knight (Lombard '75) established the Eta at Buchtel in '73; H. E. Allen (Lombard '75) established the Xi at Simpson in '73; and Charles L. Edwards (Lombard '84) instituted the Beta Eta at the University of Minnesota in '82 and the Beta Alpha at Indiana University in '87. The Eta at Buchtel decks her brow with three radiant jewels. The Rho at Stevens, founded in '74 by J. B. Prince (Eta '73). The Zeta, at Adelbert in '82, and the Beta Mu, established at Tufts in '89 by Elmer Felt, Eta '87. The Upsilon at Rensselaer was founded in '79 by Frederick Rosenberg, a son of the Rho. Zeta, one of our youngest chapters, has already shown her vigor by presenting the fraternity with the Beta Nu, founded in '89 at the Mass. Institute of Technology by L. A. Ford, Zeta. The Xi at Simpson has founded two chapters—the Omega at Iowa State in '75 and the Beta Kappa at Colorado University in '83.\*

The month of December, '89 closed the third decade of our history. The following table showing the work accomplished in each decade, may prove interesting:—

1860-69,—Bethany, '60; Washington and Jefferson, '61; Ohio University, '62; Allegheny, '63; Ohio Wesleyan, '66; Hillsdale, '66.

1870-79,—Michigan State College, '72; Hanover, '72; Simpson, '73; Buchtel, '73; University of Michigan, '74; Stevens, '74; Franklin and Marshall, '74; Iowa State College, '74; Albion, '76;

\*See Appendix for diagram of chapter development.



Butler, '76; Lafayette, '78. Rensselaer, '79,  
 1880-89,—Iowa University, '80; Wooster, '80; DePauw, '81;  
 Kenyon, '81; Minnesota, '82; Georgia, '82; Emory, '82; Adelbert,  
 '82; Colorado, '83; University of the South, '83; Vanderbilt, '86-  
 Mississippi, '86; Indiana, '87; Wisconsin, '88; Lehigh, '89; Boston,  
 '89; Tufts, '89; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, '89; Vir-  
 ginia, '89; Tulane, '89.

The missionary work done by the various chapters is shown in  
 this table:—

$\theta$ , Bethany,— $I, \theta$ .....	2
$I$ , Washington and Jefferson,— $A, T, B, \theta$ .....	4
$A$ , Allegheny,— $B \theta, B A, B E$ .....	3
$T$ , Franklin and Marshall,— $N$ .....	1
$\Xi$ , (Mt. Union),— $X, B E$ .....	2
$B\theta$ , University of the South— $H, A, B T$ .....	3
$B$ , Ohio University,— $M, \mathcal{T}, B A, B E$ .....	4
$M$ , Ohio Wesleyan,— $K, B B, B F$ .....	3
$A$ , (Lombard),— $H, \Sigma, B H, B A$ .....	4
$H$ , Buchtel,— $P \Sigma, B M$ .....	3
$P$ , Stevens,— $\mathcal{T} \Sigma$ .....	1
$\Sigma$ , Adelbert,— $B N$ .....	1
$E$ , Simpson— $\Omega, B K$ .....	2
$N$ , (Indiana),— $\phi$ .....	1
$\mathcal{T}$ , (Wabash),— $B Z$ .....	1
$A$ , University of Michigan,— $E$ .....	1
$K$ , Hillsdale,— $J, I$ .....	2
Total,.....	38

The existing chapters were founded by States as follows:—

By chapters in Pennsylvania.....	8
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“ “ “ West Virginia.....	2
“ “ “ Tennessee.....	3
“ “ “ Illinois.....	4
“ “ “ New Jersey.....	1
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Total,.....	38

WHARTON PLUMMER,  
*Alpha*, '84.

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*ALFRED HIX WELSH\*.*

But a few months ago, I noticed in the telegraphic brevities of the daily press that "the author, A. H. Welsh, of Columbus, Ohio, was dead." Although I had never personally met this distinguished man, yet I had had the pleasure of a correspondence with him in my capacity as editor of *The Buchtel Record*, and thereby obtained some information which now becomes valuable. I have been unable to obtain the data necessary for a comprehensive biographical sketch and can only give such facts as have come to hand from time to time.

He was born in 1851, in Fostoria, Ohio. His father was a lawyer, but died when Alfred was but eleven years old. By hard manual labor he contributed to the support of his widowed mother and three sisters. He was by turns a dry goods clerk and then a farmer, but by frugality, he managed to secure funds which enabled him to enter Baldwin University, situated in Berea, Ohio. Here he distinguished himself as a student, and in 1872, graduated valedictorian of his class and with the degree of A. B. He designed to enter the legal profession but never carried out his purpose. Three years later, he took the A. M. degree from Baldwin University. It was in 1872 that he became a member of the Buchtel College faculty, and occupied the chair of mathematics until 1874. During the year '74-'75, he occupied the chair of Natural Sciences. This year closed his connection with the College and he accepted a position in the Columbus (Ohio) High School, as professor of English Literature and Language, which he held from 1876 to 1881. At this time, his literary labors so engrossed his attention that he devoted his entire time and energy to that work.

His works published prior to 1884, are as follows:

"Essentials of Geometry;" "Essentials of Trigonometry;" "Plane Trigonometry and Functional Analysis;" "Plane and Solid Geometry;" "Essentials of English Idiom and Usage;" "English Literature in the Eighteenth Century;" "Development of the English Literature and Language;" "Inductive Rhetoric."

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At the time of the publication of his greatest work, "The Development of English Literature and Language," I was publishing *The Buchtel Record* and took a lively interest in the ferocious assaults, which were made at that time by certain disgruntled critics, upon his work, claiming that he had been guilty of the grossest and most palpable case of plagiarism ever known in the world of letters. The controversy was short and bitter. The deadly parallel column was called into use by one critic and the *Atlantic Monthly* made a particularly violent attack upon the work. But the warfare made by the critics failed, for his work had already received the highest encomiums of the best critics in America, while in England it won for him a membership in the Victoria Institute and in the Philosophical Society of Great Britain. The work was translated into various languages and won for its author almost universal fame. About the time of the *Atlantic's* severe criticism, I received, from the author, a complimentary copy of the work. A review of the work, as well as a review of the *Atlantic's* review, was published. Desirous of telling the readers of *The Buchtel Record* something about the man, as well as his work, I addressed a letter to the author asking for a "sketch." He replied very courteously with very little biography but a reference to the *Atlantic's* attack. Prof. Welsh said that the animus of the assault was apparent to him, for he had committed the mortal offense of not recognizing in his work Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the editor of the *Atlantic*, as one of the American poets!

Wishing to know more about this former Buchtel professor, I had several interviews with Prof. Elias Fraunfelter upon the subject, as he had been a warm friend of Prof. Welsh. Among other things I learned that the distinguished author was possessed of a most wonderful and retentive memory. He had but to read a poem or selection of prose and it was his. His reading while at Buchtel was wide and varied, as indeed it must have been at all times, for no less than 170 authorities are quoted in his great work. While at Buchtel, and at all other places so far as can be known, he always preserved a cheery disposition and was foremost in the sports of the field.



In May, 1883, I received a second and final communication from Prof. Welsh, and it now serves as a key to throw back the bolts and reveal the mystery of life and death as he saw and believed it. After reference to Prof. Fraunfelter's share in reading the proof sheets of his geometry and a high compliment to him as a critic, he says:—

"You once asked me for a contribution. Allow me to suggest that I can write nothing better than you will find in my history—all born of conviction and love. To my way of thinking, my best performance, in brief, is the philosophy of *Thanatopsis*, commencing 'From the beginning.' From boyhood this poem has had for me a peculiar fascination, and when I came to the discussion of it, my soul was in it. Nor do I remember to have ever seen or heard any analysis of it. No more representative selection could be made."

The following is the selection he refers to:—

"From the beginning, a deep, sad thought has weighed upon the restless spirit of man—the troubled dream—the unknown goal—the valley of the shadow—the infinite obscurity—the black sea of oblivion that swallows up the grace and loveliness, the thoughts and acts, of so many million beings whom no eye shall ever see again. The instinctive dread is upon all men, and in a thousand ways they seek to fortify themselves against the terrors of dissolution, that they may meet their fate serenely. 'When I am dead,' said an expiring chief at Washington, 'let the big guns be fired over me.' It were easier to die, if buried in state. Saladin, in his last illness, ordered his shroud to be uplifted as a flag, and the herald was commanded to cry: 'Behold! this is all which Saladin, the vanquisher of the east, carries away of all his conquests.' To pass from the world in a striking antithesis was not barren comfort! The humblest desires at least a simple stone—that he may pretend to live by the proof of his last sleep. It is this overshadowing idea of the death-doom which the author of *Thanatopsis* has rendered imperishably articulate for every fearful and longing soul, with a voice so gentle, so wise and so winning, as to mitigate what cannot be remedied and consecrate what before was painful. With what thoughtful tenderness he asks 'us to seek the healing sympathy of nature, to receive bravely her mild and gentle lesson that we must die, to bring our conduct up to her loftiness, to contemplate our fate with that resignation which leadeth to wisdom:—

"When thoughts

Of the last bitter hour come like a blight  
Over thy spirit, and sad images  
Of thy stern agony, and shroud, and pall,  
And breathless darkness, and the narrow house,

Make thee to shudder, and grow sick at heart,  
 Go forth under the open sky, and list  
 To nature's teachings, while from around—  
 Earth and her waters, and the depth of the air—  
 Comes a still voice:—Yet a few days, and thee  
 The all-beholding sun shall see no more  
 In all his course; nor yet in the cold ground,  
 Where thy pale form was laid, with many tears,  
 Nor in the embrace of ocean, shall exist  
 Thy image. Earth, that nourished thee, shall claim  
 Thy growth, to be resolved to earth again;  
 And, lost each human trace, surrendering up  
 Thine individual being, shalt thou go  
 To mix forever with the elements;  
 To be a brother to the insensible rock,  
 And to the sluggish clod which the rude swain  
 Turns with his share, and treads upon. The oak  
 Shall send his roots abroad, and pierce thy mould.”

What consolation is offered? Not the Christian idea of a heaven with its chrysolite splendors and harping angels, but the pagan idea of a nameless multitude vanished into the great drowned regions of the past, where the least may in some sort share the awful and shadowy unconsciousness of kings and seers.

“Yet not to thine eternal resting place  
 Shalt thou return alone—nor couldst thou wish  
 Couch more magnificent. Thou shalt lie down  
 With patriarchs of the infant world—with kings  
 The powerful of the earth—the wise, the good  
 Fair forms, and hoary seers of ages past,  
 All in one mighty sepulchre.”

Visible glories are but dying mementos. Beauty and grandeur do but embellish the universal grave.

“The hills,

Rock-ribbed, and ancient as the sun; the vales  
 Stretching in pensive quietness between;  
 The venerable woods; rivers that move  
 In majesty, and the complaining brooks,  
 That make the meadows green; and poured around all,  
 Old ocean's gray and melancholy waste—  
 Are but the solemn decorations all  
 Of the great tomb of man!”

Since the memory of creation the recorded names contain not half a century, and the living are as vaporous phantasms on the peaks of a submerged continent. On no spot of earth may you plant your foot, and affirm that none sleeps beneath.

“All that tread

The globe are but a handful to the tribes



That slumber in its bosom. Take the wings  
 Of morning, pierce the Barcan wilderness,  
 Or lose thyself in the continuous woods  
 Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound  
 Save his own dashings—yet the dead are there!  
 And millions in those solitudes, since first  
 The flight of years began, have laid them down  
 In their last sleep—the dead reign there alone!"

It is related of Buddha that there came to him one day a woman who had lost her only child. She called frantically on the prophet to give back her little one to life. "Go, my daughter," said he, "get me a mustard-seed from a house into which death has never entered, and I will do as thou hast bidden me." From house to house she went saying, "Give me a mustard-seed, kind folk, for the prophet to revive my child." But far as she wandered, in the crowded thoroughfare, and by the lonely roadside, she found not the home on whose door the shadow had not settled. Gradually the prophet's meaning dawned upon her mind. She saw the broader grief of her race, and her passion was merged in pity. Forget yourself in the common sorrow, be reconciled to destiny. Why hesitate to enter the darkness where so vast a company have gone,—where all must go? Yet a few days, and the rest will follow. The brave and the fair, the bright and the joyous shall—like you who depart in silence and alone—have their light in ashes:

"All that breathe  
 Will share thy destiny. The gay will laugh  
 When thou art gone, the solemn brood of care  
 Plod on, and each one, as before, will chase  
 His favorite phantom; yet all these shall leave  
 Their mirth and their employments, and shall come  
 And make their bed with thee. As the long train  
 Of ages glide away, the songs of men—  
 The youth of life's green spring, and he who goes  
 In the full strength of years, matron and maid,  
 And the sweet babe, and the gray-headed man—  
 Shall, one by one, be gathered to thy side  
 By those who in their turn shall follow them."

"Be fortified by these considerations. If other solace is needed, seek it in the performance of duty. Above all, be conscience-clear; think nobly, act nobly, hope well":

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
 The innumerable caravan that moves  
 To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take  
 His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
 Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,  
 Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed  
 By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave



Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

From the foregoing lengthy quotation from Prof. Welsh's work, and in the light of the communication already given, the views entertained by the late author upon the great problem of life, how to live it and how to leave it, seem to be clearly enough set forth. He perhaps realized, when he wrote that letter in May of 1883, that sometime it might answer the very purpose for which it is now used, and tell the world in his own language the views of Alfred Welsh upon the unknown and unknowable. A. E. HYRE, Eta '84.

### JACKSON MORGAN PHILLIPS, A '85.

Jackson Morgan Phillips entered Emory and Henry College, Virginia, in the fall of 1878, and obtained his literary education there. He graduated in 1882 with first honor, taking two degrees, B. A. and B. S. During his undergraduate course his manly conduct won for him many life long friends, and unusual ability and diligence brought him many honors, among them being the Byars prize medal in natural science. From the same institution in June, 1886, he received the degree of M. A., *honoris causa*.

He determined to make law his profession, and in September, 1884, entered Vanderbilt University, where he joined the Vanderbilt chapter of the Rainbow (W. W. W.) Fraternity. He immediately became a leading member of the chapter, for he was of just the kind of material on which a good fraternity thrives. He was at Vanderbilt University only one year, doing two year's work in one, taking the degree of L.L.B. in 1885. During this year he took many honors for a one year man. He was on the Thanksgiving debate, being elected by the Philosophic Society. He was also one of the four moot court speakers at the Commencement in June, '85, chosen by the faculty from the senior class. After graduating from Vanderbilt University, he went to Chattanooga, and began the practice of law, competing very favorably with some of the older lawyers there. He was chairman of the committee from Rainbow to negotiate with  $\Delta T \Delta$  for a consolidation, and was active in bringing the negotiations to a successful end in 1886. He attended the twenty-ninth convention of  $\Delta T \Delta$  at Cleveland in August, 1888, and was there elected editor of THE RAINBOW for the following

year. He started out in his new work with his accustomed vigor, enthusiasm and promptness, and produced two most admirable numbers; but owing to a series of *unprecedented* and *unparalleled misfortunes*—partial blindness and fever, among other things—he was at last compelled to give up in despair. A cruel fate seemed to pursue him to the last, when his death Oct. 28, 1889, resulted from a terrible fall in the dark, by which his skull was crushed. Peace be to him! He was Lambda's most beloved of all.

H. E. BEMIS, A.

WHEREAS death in removing our late friend and brother, Jackson Morgan Phillips, has broken a strong and binding link in our fraternal chain; be it

*Resolved* that we, the members of Lambda chapter, have lost a friend, faithful, loving and true, and one, who on many occasions proved himself Lambda's mainstay and support. Of an artless and confiding nature, he quickly endeared himself to the hearts of all who knew him. His life was a blessing and example to all with whom he was thrown in contact. His influence was always on the side of rectitude and honor, yet on account of his retiring and unobtrusive nature, it required an intimate friend to recognize his true worth.

RESOLVED, that, dying as he did in the vigor of his young manhood, while just entering upon the active duties of life, we are forcibly reminded that some day we shall be called on to tread the path that his feet have already trod, and we trust that our lives may be as useful as his has been. It is with hearts heavy and sad that we offer this small tribute to the memory of our brother.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Lambda chapter, and that they be published in THE RAINBOW.

H. M. SCALES,	} Committee.
H. E. BEMIS,	
R. H. DANA,	

He graduated at Emory and Henry College, Virginia, with the highest honors ever received by a student in that institution. He was so diligent a student that he seriously affected his eyesight, and he was ever afterwards more or less afflicted. He came to Vanderbilt and graduated in the law department several years ago. His commencement moot court speech was considered by many to be the finest they had ever heard delivered on a similar occasion. He then became a member of the bar in Chattanooga. Taking a high



rank in the beginning, he rose rapidly in his profession. Apparently many honors awaited him. He was possessed of a brilliant order of mind. He was remarkably well read for his age, but never made an ostentatious show of his scholarship. He was in every way a polished gentleman. His person was handsome, and he had a charm of manner that won him many friends wherever he lived. The Chattanooga papers have published a number of tributes of respect, all testifying to his exceptional ability and exemplary character. \* \* \* He organized a very enthusiastic Pan-Hellenic association in Chattanooga, and for the last year he had been the editor of the RAINBOW, the official organ of Delta Tau Delta. —Walter B. Palmer, Historian of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ , in the Nashville Herald, Nov. 3, '89.

J. M. Phillips, was a young man of high social standing in this community, and one of the leaders in social circles. He was a sober, industrious and ambitious young man, generous and energetic, and having an extensive acquaintance among business men. Probably no death has occurred in this city for years which scattered so deep gloom over all portions of the city. The legal fraternity loses an honored member; the community at large have cause to feel bereaved, and the parents and relatives suffer a loss far too sacred to be mentioned in public print.—Chattanooga Times, Oct. 28.

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### HER EYES.

I do not know if they were brown or blue;  
 They were not dark but yet the dusky hue  
 Of evening's shadows hovered 'neath the lash,  
 And ever from their mystic depths a flash,  
 Like sunbeam glancing in a woodland pool  
 Seemed to discover wondrous depths below.  
 I only know they thrilled me through and through  
 As when sweet music stirs mine inmost soul.

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As I said before,  
 I do not know what color they were;  
 But the eye her big brother gave me,  
 For winking at her on the car,  
 Was most uncompromisingly—

BLACK.

W. A. Holcomb, H, '89, in *Time*.

### A MARITAL FAILURE.

My lady's noes oft vexed me sore  
 Our happy married days before;

## THE RAINBOW.

Each little favor I would pray,  
 She'd pout, and sweetly answer nay.  
 "No, no, 'tis useless to implore,  
 No, no," her pretty lips would say,  
 Until I dreaded more each day,  
 Because each day they vexed me more,  
                     My lady's noes.

And now she's promised to obey,  
 And yields her will like potter's clay,  
 Yet still she vexes as of yore—  
 Alas ! alas ! why will she snore ?  
 I suffer now another way  
                     My lady's nose.

Geo. Horton, J, '78.

## COLLEGE HOPES.

AT THE BEGINNING.

The Freshman bright, with pure delight,  
 Surveys our classic hall,  
 With pictures fair and drawings rare  
 He decorates the wall.  
 With hopes most high and beaming eye,  
 He greets us when we call.  
 What grades he'll make ? Which honors take ?  
 He'll win the first of all.

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AT THE END.

The Senior sad, with record bad,  
 In sorrow says "Farewell."  
 For the last time he hears the chime  
 Of the good old college bell.  
 With eyes all tears, with heart all fears,  
 He hears us wish him well.  
 What now he'll do ? What course pursue ?  
 No man on earth can tell.

V. R. Andrew, H, '91, in *The Buchtelite*.



## SYMPOSIUM.

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### *THE FRATERNITY IN COLLEGE POLITICS.*

Theoretically, a *fraternity* should have no part or lot in college *politics*. There is nothing fraternal in politics, and when a chapter enters the field of politics it does so, not because it is a fraternity but because it is composed of men and not angels. At present the discussing of this question is not so much to try to purify college politics as to better the chapters themselves, which by a free discussion may be led to see some of the errors of their ways if they are so far political as to prevent that progress which they are in duty bound to make. So long as a college is in a normal state, it will have more or less of those "annexes," appurtenances and belongings that appear in every normal social body, and just so long as the fraternity man is in this college world he must be of it as well as in it, advancing the interests of its student body and aiding in maintaining the college organizations.

It may be laid down as a general rule, however vigorously certain elements may protest, that sooner or later the best men become fraternity men, and further more that among the best men of the several better chapters of an institution,—best when compared man for man, along particular lines of excellence,—there is generally no great difference. Given this fact it is no cause for scandal that a large part of each chapter, believing its man to possess the advantage if there be any, should use all *honorable* and *dignified* means to secure his attaining the desired position. The standard of honorable and dignified means will vary with the fraternity and with the college. There is in the mind of the writer a certain State university where the customary thing was for the fraternities before every important election, to bargain for votes in the most outrageous fashion, even signing contracts to vote thus and so; but in other

institutions such a thing is never for a moment thought of. Two things are essential to being honorable and dignified as personal factors in college politics, a sincere and honest conviction that the person proposed is worthy of the place and best fitted for it, and the frank open avowal of that conviction and the reasons for it. So far and no farther may the individual members of a chapter safely enter college politics. Any further step is toward the temptation to attain the desired end by means at best questionable, and likely at any time to degenerate into methods worthy only of a New York "ward boss." There is a place for fraternity men in college politics, just as there is a place for church men in national and state politics, not because the chapter is, or should be in politics, but because the man is a man in the college world, and not because he is a fraternity man.

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Little thought the founders of the first Greek letter fraternity as they met in that historic old hall in Williamsburg, how far-reaching and permanent would be the results of their union. They could not foresee the fraternity system of the nineteenth century. If the future had been revealed to them, perhaps Phi Beta Kappa would never have been founded. They would have seen their own fraternity succumb to the crusade against secret societies, and its secrets revealed, while at the same time a host of similar organizations were springing up to be criticised and condemned by faculties, parents, and the great army of the uninitiated. They would have seen them grow in numbers and extent until they became an important factor in American college life, and denounced as the cause of all the sins and follies that beset college students. If they could have seen all this they would have hesitated before taking the awful step of banding themselves together under a Greek name.

The fraternities have been accused of clannishness, narrowness, extravagance, big-head and a multitude of sins, but none of the charges against them is more serious than that of mixing in college politics. The fact is undeniable. Fraternities have entered the political arena, pulled wires, and formed combinations. In the struggle for honors they have not always stopped to consider the



merits of the candidates. The honors boasted of in chapter letters are too often won by methods which reflect no credit upon the fraternity. Is it more honorable to exchange votes than to buy and sell them? The combinations and intrigues of college politics cannot be condemned too severely, but it is a mistake to suppose that the fraternities are entirely responsible. If there were no fraternities there would still be cliques, factions and political squabbles. Rival literary societies would wage political war. Freshman classes, because they have no better excuse for splitting, divide into geographical factions. I have in mind a certain college eating club, which, from the bond of sympathy between the members, grew into a formidable political power. Man is a political animal, and college students are in this respect exceedingly human. It is part of their nature to scheme and pull wires. "It seems a result of our American atmosphere."

The history of anti-fraternity organizations bears witness that political schemes are not confined to fraternities alone. When the "anti-frats" organize for the purpose of defeating the fraternities, they are often more unreasonable in their demands and more artful in their intrigues than the fraternities themselves. They commit the very sins they have so strongly condemned in the fraternities, and often end by becoming fraternity men themselves. So ended the famous Anti-Secret Confederation of 1847, and so ended the less famed but more modern Haut-Beau club. Delta Upsilon, from an anti-secret society came to be a "non-secret" but "private" fraternity, and now it is said she has some thoughts of removing even this microscopic distinction.

The fact remains that the fraternities will be accused of being political organizations, and with reason; for often they figure in politics only too prominently. If literary societies, classes, eating clubs and such loose organizations stand together, what is more natural than that members of the same fraternity, who are bound together by much closer ties, should carry their sympathies into politics? It is a frailty of human nature. Fraternity feeling, as well as personal friendship, ought to be utterly disregarded at election times. And if this is too much to expect, the fraternities can at least

refrain from entering combinations.

But the beginnings of such a reform must be at a sacrifice of offices and honors. Be it so. The generality of college offices are accompanied with more work than honor, and seem much more desirable during the excitement of the election than when they begin to demand precious time and hard labor. Many a successful candidate, after receiving the congratulations of his friends and spending his last dollar to treat the crowd, has changed his mind and resigned his office before the work has fairly begun; and many a defeated candidate, when hard pressed for time, has thanked his stars that he was not elected. And college offices are doubtful honors so long as they are gained by wire-pulling. In college, if nowhere else, office should be the reward of merit; this it can never be while combinations and political schemers control the elections. The corruptness of college politics has made it necessary for faculties to take the most important honors out of the hands of the students and base them upon scholarship alone, a course which tends to discourage all but text book work and to make high marks the chief end of college life.

Though the fraternities are not altogether responsible for the corruptness of college politics, they might do much toward reforming it. They can, if they will, establish the ethics of politics, and show to the outside world that fraternities are good for something. It is true that anti-fraternity organizations often go farther than the fraternities themselves, but it is also true that they usually have their *raison d'être* or at least their *excuse* for being in the political methods of the fraternities. If the Greek world could be brought to look with disfavor upon combinations, the abominable practice would soon be discontinued by Greek and barbarian alike. In some colleges there is a growing sentiment against combinations and all manner of political intrigues. Some chapters of  $\Delta T \Delta$  are known in their own colleges to discountenance combinations. Shall not this reputation extend to the entire fraternity? Let  $\Delta T \Delta$  be known in the college world as a fraternity which does not enter combinations, and she will have done her part toward the attainment of the ideal in college politics.—Max West, *B E*.



*THE SPIRIT WHICH CHARACTERIZES US.*

The name of organization is legion. This is an epoch of fraternities. Like minds seek like minds. Nor are they content to simply possess a passing acquaintance, but in genial society their aspirations and frailties intertwine themselves together for mutual friendship and support. College fraternities offer no exception. Those notably society boys clique together, those immoral are bound by the same oath of secrecy, poor students find reciprocal consolation among brethren of the same class, fine students emulate each other to secure laurels, religious boys find sympathy with those who are like minded, that strange anomaly, the mixed crowd, each one differing from the other in scholarship, morals and general tact, commingle in harmony (?), the boys possessing a union of two cardinal virtues, as morals and scholarship, but lacking in society, usually appear in a strong fraternity, but the most influential, useful and substantial combination of characters, wearing the colors of any fraternity whatever, stands forth eminently in the class room, in society circles and in the church. As varied as are the natures of men, so varied and profuse are the aims of Greek letter societies. For this very reason epithets often hurled against these organizations are misdirected. When men of scheming natures are found together, their natural offspring is a scheme. Happily disposed boys create pleasures. The flaws supposably discovered against the system really exist in the natures of the men. The same men would be intriguers or merry makers, within a fraternity or without. Fraternity is simply organization. Organization of evil makes evil more vicious. Organization of good renders good more potent.

Were all men equally trustworthy, similar in disposition, compeers in intellect, then the different societies would be but chapters of a universal fraternity. But this is not the state of society. There is great wisdom, however, in unifying this diversity, in uniting as one, all persons who have similar characteristics. This classification of people is the science of fraternity. And the organization of men according to this science is in accordance with God's laws, and therefore right. If right it might be an instrument to

aid us to higher position.

Fraternity, as a wall of defense, is all powerful; as a means of condolence, is most sympathetic; as a promoter of friendship is never failing. The affinity of kindred minds, whether among working men in their local combinations and secret orders, or among literary men in their clubs and scientific societies, is a bulwark to their wages and emoluments, and an out-stretched arm of assistance. The single-handed man is at great disadvantage; the man surrounded by numberless friends is borne along not only by the force of his own oars, but by the current of good feeling from the higher positions, perchance, of the harmonious company about him. What is true in the world is likewise true in college. College is a miniature world of its own, where in an initiatory form the student experiences realities about to be.

We are not bonded together as a cabal against those not with us; we are united to lift each other up. Do not call this bond a girdle to bind us in a great cloak of selfishness apart from the world. Call it rather that strong cord, which tied around the bodies, holds each one that he may not slip and fall, as we a genial company climb together the uncertain Alpine paths of learning.

W. L. Y. DAVIS, M.

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### *THE CHAPTER AND THE GENERAL FRATERNITY.*

Our every chapter is under great obligations to our Fraternity. Do we sufficiently realize this and extend to the Fraternity our hearty support? Are we ever ready to do faithfully all duties devolving upon us, and ever watchful and quick in grasping every opportunity to promote the welfare of our Fraternity?

In the chapter meetings there must be harmony and unity, and a realization of the fraternal love which one brother should bear to another. Are we fully informed in regard to the history and government of the Fraternity, and are we cognizant of the condition of our sister chapters, and of the college where they are located? By too many is the Fraternity regarded as composed of ninety-nine per cent. of individual chapter and one per cent. of general fra-



ternity. Do we lack enthusiasm? Then we lack knowledge of Delta Tau Delta, our thoughts are limited and our enthusiasm, what there is of it, is vented upon our individual chapter. "Enthusiasm is the product of knowledge ; success is the product of intelligent enthusiasm."

No organization of this kind can attain the best results without cultivating that generous spirit which forms the basis of true brotherhood. Let us be prompt in the discharge of duties, ready in the advancement of all just measures to benefit the Fraternity, and enthusiastic in the support of individual action for the general good. Thus shall we fortify and strengthen our present condition. Individual jealousy, or chapter jealousy, can have no stronghold in any fraternal organization. As faction waxes hot, enthusiasm for the progress of the organization itself grows cold, and without desire for progress there can be none. If progress is wanting, retrogression takes place, for in this world there is no middle ground, no standing still.

E. R. L., *E* '92.

## FROM THE CHAPTERS.

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

### BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Beta continues prosperous. Since our last letter, Bro. Hunter has returned after a three years' absence. Our chapter library has received several donations from actives, and some new furniture has been purchased for our hall. During the term just closed we have received more than our share of college honors and the work done by members has been of a very satisfactory character. This is the third successive year that a Delta has been chosen as editor-in-chief of our college journal. Merit has given us four (4) out of ten (10) places of honor in our literary societies. We have the presidencies of the gymnasium and oratorical associations. In the local oratorical contest Bros. Hoffman and McGlenen tied for first place, defeating *B Θ II* by 37 points and *Φ Δ Θ* brought up the rear, defeated by 99 points. Bro. Hoffman will represent the university in the State contest.

There is no marked change in the condition of our rivals. They have made no initiations this year. *B Θ II* is numerically the strongest fraternity here. They surpass in athletics, have a very pleasant chapter hall, and are a whole-souled, genial set of fellows. *Φ Δ Θ* is not so strong numerically or otherwise as last year.

The Greeks of Ohio University were very agreeably surprised on the morning of the 17th by the appearance in our midst of Ohio Alpha chapter of the Pi Beta Phi Sorosis, seven members of Omega Gamma Chi having been initiated on the previous evening into the mysteries of this organization. The members of which the new chapter is composed would be an honor to any organization and *II B Φ* is to be congratulated upon securing such material for her Ohio Alpha. The reception given by the new chapter to the O. U. Greeks and faculty at the residence of Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Jones, was the social event of the year.

Mrs. C. D. Norris and Miss Adda Davis have been added to our faculty as instructors in vocal and instrumental music. The



legislature will be asked to make a special appropriation for increasing the size and efficiency of our chemical laboratory. There are more students in college now than any corresponding time since the war and everything which will increase the efficiency of our school, is being attended to. It is very gratifying to the friends of our institution to note the progress being made and to know that we are keeping pace with the times. Fraternally,

D. W. MCGLENEN.

#### GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

The opening of Washington and Jefferson found eight of last year's chapter of thirteen back again. Good fraternity material was scarce among the new men, but we have initiated two, whom we take pride in introducing to the Fraternity: W. S. Langfitt, '91, of Allegheny, Pa., and Lewis M. Sutton, '93, of St. Clairsville, O. With ten men our prospects for the year are very good.

As usual, Gamma has her share of college honors. Bro. Nolin is on the editorial staff of the *Washington Jeffersonian*. Bro. Orr is president and Bro. Sweeney vice-president of the Athletic Association. Bros. Sweeney and Sherrard are on the cast of the play of Julius Cæsar, to be given by the students on February 22d. In the fall inter-class tennis tournament, Bro. Sweeney, '91, and Bro. Cunningham, '93, represented their respective classes. We are also represented in the foot-ball and base-ball teams and in the guitar club.

The general standing of most of our rivals is good, though there is a tendency among some of them to keep up their membership by lowering their standards of qualification.

We have received short visits this year from Bro. Hyser, of Alpha, and Bro. Sherman Arter, of Cleveland. We are always glad to see any Deltas, who are in our vicinity.

The outlook of the college for the coming year is good. The attendance is about the same as last year. Some improvements have been made in our buildings, and we are now anticipating a gymnasium to be built in the near future.

ROBERT LINTON.

PERSONALS.—'82.—M. H. Stevenson was prohibition candidate for District Attorney in Washington Co. and ran far ahead of his ticket.

'87.—C. C. Garrison is in the Fidelity Title and Trust Co. of Pittsburgh.

'89.—J. R. Alexander is commercial editor of the *Wheeling Register*.

'90.—W. W. Cowen is reading law in St. Clairsville, O.

## DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Delta thus late submits her first report and sends greeting among the chapters, not because of any negligence of her own, nor has she been evading notice for the sake of peaceful existence, but on account of the lateness of the University in awakening from the summer vacation.

Nine of Delta's men assembled at the first call of roll. Since then the chapter has added one by initiation, and Bros. Baird and Colby of Iota and Warren of Epsilon having entered the University and our chapter, have helped swell our numbers and enthusiasm. We purpose not to be satisfied with what we *are*, but to make the present an earnest for a vigorous policy and rich conquests in the future.

Delta meets here as rivals Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Zeta Psi, Sigma Phi, Chi Psi. These chapters are nearly every one in some way strong. Chi Psi, however, which was first established here, relies mainly now on past reputation and an elaborate system of transportation from other chapters. Psi Upsilon is now in bad odor for carrying such large numbers. Besides these chapters, Delta Upsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and since the evening of Dec. 14th, Theta Delta Chi are represented; but since they are not admitted to the Palladium Board, their "recruiting ground" does not interfere with that of the above chapters, which with ourselves compose that board. The University of Michigan now claims the honor of being the most populous university on this continent and will print in her catalogue this year the names of 2,200 students. But not only in numbers is the U. of M. advancing; also from her position among the foremost of educational institutions is she taking rapid strides forward. The remoteness of her needs augurs nothing against the potency of her efforts in the present.

The death of Dr. Frieze, the head of the Latin department, took from our midst one of the brightest minds and one of the best of Christian teachers. His death has thrown a spell of sadness not only among university circles, but among scholars everywhere.

C. B. WARREN.

## EPSILON—ALBION COLLEGE.

Viewed from a numerical standpoint Epsilon is the strongest men's fraternity in college, and we think, and we believe modestly, that she will bear comparison with any chapter here.

Our chapter life is characterized by a unity that is most gratifying. Fifteen fellows with the one purpose of attaining the true, the beautiful and the good are bound together under our purple, white and golden standard.



Thanksgiving was duly observed by Epsilon in an old-time fashion. Besides our actives, there surrounded our board, and sang the praises of Delta Tau, Rev. Washington Gardner, *M*, Rev. J. C. Floyd, *J* '76, and our old boys Bros. John Brown, Parmeter, Clark and Mosher of this city; J. C. Graham and C. A. Phelps of Grand Rapids; Dr. Marsh of Quincy and S. F. Master of Kalamazoo.

Bro. J. H. Delbridge, '91, left college at the close of the fall term to accept a position with Bro. E. A. Edmunds, *E* '89, at Kaukauna, Wis.

With our rivals, the *Σ X*'s and *Δ T Ω*'s, we are on friendly terms. *Σ X* has a strong chapter—13 men, the majority of whom stand well in college society. *Δ T Ω* initiates preparatory students—always an indication of weakness—though she has *some* good men.

*Σ X* has the foundation completed for a fraternity hall which she expects to build in the spring. It will be built of stone, and will have ante-room and hall on the ground floor with a gymnasium (?) in the basement.

Those interested in the prosperity of Albion College have cause for gratulation. The standard of scholarship is constantly advancing, and the class of students improving.

A public lecture-ship has been established, the like of which does not exist in connection with any other institution of learning in the country. "It is not an agency. \* \* \* Our purpose is to project the life and spirit of the college outward, carrying the educational benefits to multitudes of homes. \* \* \* The educational work is the main factor of the work to which Dr. Gardner has been called." (*Dr. Fiske in the Dec. PLEIAD.*)

Washington Gardner, *M*, was called from the pastorate of St. Paul's M. E. church, Cincinnati, O., to fill this office.

With a deal of interest Epsilon looks forward to entertaining, in the spring, the conference or the northern division.

Allow us to introduce our latest, the result of Thanksgiving eve's "work," Bro. C. B. Allen, '92.

E. A. ARMSTRONG.

PERSONALS.—E. L. Parmeter practices medicine in Albion.

'85.—A. D. Niskern owns and edits the *Maristee* (Mich.) *Advertiser*.

'88.—H. C. Scripps takes a theological course at Boston University.

'80.—Chas. C. Brown is head bookkeeper of the Wabash, at Chicago.

'88.—J. P. McCarthy is practicing law with Judge Lewis at Greenville, Mich.

'72.—Prof. Samuel Dickie is chairman of the National Prohibition committee.

'87.—Thos. Martin has been admitted to the bar at Sault Ste

Marie, Mich.

'83.—W. O. Cavier is the popular pastor of the Presbyterian church at Wausau, Wis.

'91.—J. L. Austin is making a fortune in Tacoma, Wash., and expects to be in school, again, next year.

'88.—C. M. Kimball is the southern manager for a Chicago publishing house, and has his headquarters at Dallas, Tex.

'90.—L. B. Sutton has recently been appointed assistant superintendent of harbor construction for Michigan.

'87.—Harry Weed, recently graduated at the Chicago Medical College, practices at Oshkosh, Wis.

'78.—Rev. W. A. Hunsberger, pastor of the M. E. church at Coldwater, Mich., was sent to Europe last summer by his congregation.

'77.—C. M. Ranger and W. D. Farley, '79, who are in partnership in the furniture business at Battle Creek, Mich., have been elected, by the society of the Alumni, trustees of Albion college.

#### ETA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Eta gave the last RAINBOW a hearty welcome. To our view a fraternity journal should devote itself to fraternity news, and this the RAINBOW has done.

Soon after our last letter followed the fair dance. Upon this occasion, the fraternities bring out their new men, and colors fly in profusion loud enough to drown out an average orchestra. Harry B. Gregory of Ashtabula, Ohio, and John H. Simpson, Attica, Ohio, the acknowledged cream of the freshman class, sported DELTA colors for the first time. After three months of hard rustling, we have made a valuable addition to our pledged chapter in the person of Phil Merrill of Williamsport, Pa. Our nursery of DELTAISM now numbers four: J. W. Eddy, '94, Bay City, Michigan; Phil Merrill, '94, Chas. Mignin, '94, Bryan, Ohio; and Frank H. Stow of Girard, Pennsylvania, son of the well known Chas. Stow, Barnum's advance agent. To convince these "DELTAS in embryo" that DELTA TAU DELTA is not the best fraternity in existence, and that its principal virtue is not in having them pledged to it, would be a more Herculean task than the Eta would care to attempt. We are strong disciples of the pledging system and our preps are invaluable for rushing in the lower classes.

We very nearly lost our elegant quarters recently by fire. Being in the fourth story of the Arcade, our case seemed hopeless, and you can imagine how we hugged our insurance policy. However, twice the value of our hall would not replace it to us. In the oratorical contest, held Dec. 11th, Bro. V. R. Andrew took second place, and Bro. Rowley third. The first place was captured by a popular  $\phi \perp \theta$ , who bids fair to raise Buchtel's standard in the inter-



collegiate contest. In oratory,  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  is unusually strong. The standard of the chapter is excellent and is a great credit to the fraternity. It was a source of satisfaction to us to get a man from them right in the flush of their triumph in the contest. The local society,  $\Pi \kappa \theta$ , is in good condition, but its men are not such as are desired by the other fraternities. We get two men from them this fall.

The college this year has the largest attendance ever registered, and is in excellent shape. The battalion drills once a week. Bro. A. P. Matthews is second lieutenant. As the officers are chosen from the higher classes, it was a great compliment to Bro. Matthews, a sophomore, to be elected to this position. The gymnasium drill, which is compulsory, is conducted on the Amherst plan. We have a fine instructor in heavy gymnastics, and shall give an exhibition next term. The Glee Club made its first appearance recently. Bro. F. G. Wieland is secretary and treasurer. The Buchtel College orchestra, managed by Bro. Matthews, has a wide reputation in the towns about Akron, and the only thing which mars the pleasure of the numerous excursions it takes, is the thought of the many broken, bleeding hearts, which the irresistible college boys leave in every town.

Eta sends greetings to her sister chapters.

F. G. WIELAND.

PERSONALS.—John R. Buchtel, the worthy founder of our college, and one of Eta's first members, never tires of telling of the first chapter-meeting, held in the college chapel. He is in a very poor state of health.

'75—Chas. Baird is Akron's most successful lawyer.

George A. Peckham is Professor of Languages at Hiram College.

The late Prof. A. H. Walsh, formerly Professor of Mathematics in Buchtel College, later Professor of Literature in Ohio State University, was a member of this chapter.

A. B. Tinker is secretary of Buchtel College.

'76.—Newt. Chiswell was at last report with the Corinne Opera Company.

George Lieber is prosecuting attorney of Akron, O., having been re-elected by the highest majority ever given.

O. C. Herrick is with his father in the largest wholesale and retail china house in Akron. "Oakey" comes around to see us often, and our hall has many tokens of his loyalty to his fraternity.

A. E. Hyre, whose enthusiasm and radicalism on the subject of  $\Delta T \Delta$  is well known as editor of the *Cuyahogan* at Cleveland.

'86.—Jim Ford, '86, is taking care of his mammoth farm at Milbridgeville.

'86.—Bro. W. S. Ford is practising law in St. Paul, Minn.

'82.—Frank A. Taylor was married last June to Miss Clara

Slade of Columbus. They are keeping house in New York city.

Elmer Gelt, founder of Beta Mu, stirs us up with a good letter frequently. He is delighted with the outlook in the east.

'87.—Fred H. Stuart was not long since admitted to the bar, and now practices with his father in Akron.

Willard A. Holcomb, whose long and cheery letters threaten to furnish us all with his own proverbial grin, is studying law in Binghampton, N. Y. He reports for the *Elmira Telegram* and writes for the *Times*. As "Hokey's" vocabulary is such that an account of the most obscure death is simply heart-rending, while a marriage becomes a veritable poem in his hands, and as he goes into everything with the expectation of being dynamited, he will probably succeed as a reporter.

'92.—Bro. Frank Hugill is dangerously ill at his home in Akron.

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#### IOTA—MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE.

Iota's letter in this number of the *RAINBOW* will be in the main a repetition of that in the first number, owing to the fact that we were in session but a short time after that number was published. The chapter at present is in a very flourishing condition, and promises to continue so for some time. We will begin the spring term with twelve active members, and will probably increase the number during the spring term. Some of our number hold the highest positions in the military department and on the editing boards, and all are united in making every effort to promote the welfare of the chapter and of the General Fraternity. Financially we are in good condition, being wholly up in dues to the Fraternity and having quite a sum in the treasury, which we intend to increase for the purpose of finishing and furnishing another of our suite of rooms.

Our rivals are, first, Phi Delta Theta, which is ahead of us in point of numbers, but is not united in itself. The rivalry between this chapter and Iota is strong but friendly. Our other rivals are so-called literary societies, but in reality are local fraternities. There are four of these: The Union Literary, Eclectic, Olympic, and Hesperon. These are all strong in numbers and their members work well together, but they do not follow as high a standard in choosing their men as the Greek Fraternity.

The college has undergone many changes during the past year. The vacancies in the literary department, caused by the resignations of Prof. Mac Ewan and Prof. Pattengill, were filled by Dr. Anderson and Prof. Noble. Also the chair of practical agriculture, left vacant by the resignation of Prof. Johnson, was filled by Prof. Davenport, one of Iota's graduates in the class of '84. But perhaps the greatest change and the one most felt by the college was the resignation, last May, of President Edwin Willits, who for four



years was very successful as president of the college and who did more than any other man to elevate the college to its present position. He went to Washington to fill the office of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and his place was filled by Hon. Oscar Clute. During the year '89, the grounds of the college have been much improved and several new buildings erected, the principal one being a new agricultural laboratory. The gymnasium has also been much improved by the addition of new apparatus. Military drill has been made compulsory, so that at present this department makes a fine showing with four companies and the expectation of having six in the spring.

B. K. BENTLEY.

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LAMBDA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Lambda joins with her sister chapters in wishing for the RAINBOW a year of success.

Our rivals this year are the  $K A$ ,  $\phi \Delta \theta$ ,  $B \theta H$ ,  $\Xi A E$ ,  $X \phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$  and  $A T \Omega$ . They all seem to be in a healthy condition and are getting along together without any contentions.

The  $\Delta K E$  and  $A T \Omega$  fraternities are among the last to enter the university. Their strength is about thirteen and eight men respectively; and so far as the writer can judge, they seem to be a splendid set of young men. As all the chapters are on quite friendly terms, Lambda does not anticipate any trouble in vying with them for honors.

Bro. Bemis is still with us and is a member of the class of '91. Bro. H. M. Scales, who was in the literary department last year, is now taking the course in law. Bro. Conkwright, also in the literary last year, is now in the medical department. Altogether we have six men. Fraternally,

R. H. C. DANA.

PERSONALS.—W. P. Thompson is practicing law out in Muscogee, Ind. Ter., and has been quite successful.

W. W. Hastings is the principal of the asylum for the deaf and dumb, and is also the attorney for the same. He is located at Salina, Ind. Ter.

A. B. Hall is reading law under his father at Batesville, Ark. He expects to return to the university next year, and complete his studies in the law school.

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MU—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Examinations over, the term's work completed, the pleasurable feeling of success pervading our bosoms, the last regular chapter meeting held, the last tap of the gavel sounded, a brief time for retrospection comes before we must seize our grips and hie away home.

Our associations have been intimate and characterized by fra-

ternal love. Had our chapter hall a tongue, it could tell a lively story. Even the faces of Deltas long since departed looked down from their frames on the wall as though wanting to frisk in the witch dances with us. But the prose as well as poetry must be told. Bro. Brownell has been very ill for six weeks at his home at Washington Court House, Ohio. Bro. Doane, being afflicted with rheumatism, also missed three weeks of school. Other contingencies also at times dampened our ardor.

Although the table in the centre of our hall could recount, perhaps, if questioned, how many times it has been thumped by the fists of energetic brethren, enthusiastic for men in college, who looked like Deltas, nevertheless we have had no more initiates since our last letter.

In honor our boys are being preferred. Bro. McElheny has been elected general business manager of the college *Bijou* to be issued this year. This in addition to his editorial duties on the *Transcript* keeps him hard pressed. In the absence of Prof. Nelson upon a scientific expedition to Florida, Bro. Barnes organizes the physiology classes for the winter term. Of the four speakers in a joint debate between the Republican and Prohibition clubs, Bro. McElheny, Republican, and Bro. Keating, Prohibitionist, thundered upon the Delaware forum a few days before the Ohio election. Bro. Keating has also been elected salutatorian on the program for the Zetagathean annual, occurring in the winter term. Bro. Doane is major of all the military forces of the O. W. U.

Bro. Porter, '86, Columbus, visited us Dec. 14th. Bro. Basquin will not enter the winter term, but will be back in the spring.

The other fraternities are all in good standing and enthusiastic. The Pan-Hellenic banquet will be held in the winter term.  $\Sigma A E$  took the first honors and  $\phi K \psi$  the second honors in the home oratorical contest.

Prospects are bright for a new chapel to be built next summer. Prosperity in our school means prosperity in our chapter. So mote it be.

W. L. Y. DAVIS.

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#### NU—LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

In the profundity of that unpleasant duty of our lives—examinations—we tear ourselves from the abstrusities of psychology and the others to tell our tale of—I was about to say woe—but why? We thank the powers that be that we are permitted to struggle along on this urbane sphere, picking up some knowledge, making vain endeavor to keep our absences below the maximum limit, and now and then enjoying a few social evenings “down town.”

Foot ball for '89 is, alas, a thing of memory. We were unsuccessful, is the brief way of summing up our campaign. The question naturally arises, Why were we not otherwise? The best team



undoubtedly ever put forth from Lafayette, was yet the most unsuccessful. The Athletic Association proposes to have an alumni advisory committee, which we think will see to it in the future that our teams do better work.

We have received a call from genial Sherman Arter, Z, who succeeded most admirably in enlightening us on the fraternity at large. Bro. Camp, '89, has been with us most of the time playing foot ball in his old position as "half-back."

The Juniors have already appointed their hop committee, of which Bros. Varney, Ridgway and Clymer, will represent Nu.

With an anticipation of lively pleasure do we wait for the 22d of February to arrive. We hope to meet the Eastern Division in New York on that day. We would add that we are prepared to meet the whole Fraternity in the same place under more auspicious circumstances; in other words, the convention should come east. If we may have the attention of the Fraternity for a moment, we will present to it Bros. Thomas Creigh McCune of Pennsylvania and William Gaston Caperton of West Virginia, both of '93.

F. H. CLYMER.

PERSONALS.—'82.—Dr. N. J. Bliem is now located at San Antonio, Tex., having moved from Chicago a year ago.

'84.—Geo. A. Chase is engaged in insurance in Baltimore.

'88.—R. F. Stewart is now at Tacoma, Wash.—J. L. Evans is in business in Shenandoah, Penn.—J. S. Ensor is attending the Law University at Baltimore.—M. McKeen is a law student at Easton, Penn.

'90.—E. H. Swindell has formed a partnership with his father, Wm. Swindell, dealers in iron furnaces, 548 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh.

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#### XI—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The fall term came to a close December 18th, and we dispersed to our various homes to enjoy the Christmas holidays. In looking backward over the three months of school life just past, and noting the progress made by Xi, her members can justly yield to pride and indulge in a few self-congratulations. At the beginning of term when only four assembled in her sacred hall, her prospects were anything but promising. These four, however, determined to keep up the honor of the chapter and maintain the high standard of former years, went to work with such vim and vigor that things soon assumed much brighter and clearer aspect. As a result of their earnest and zealous endeavors we now find Xi at the summit of her greatness.

We hold our share of college honors—such as business manager of college journal and other important offices both in classes and literary societies. Two men were initiated during the term and

are now bearing the standards of a true Delt, while two more are anxiously waiting for the time to roll round when they, too, can be among the "chosen few." About the middle of the term Bro. Youtz arrived and greatly strengthened our forces. Our chapter library, to which we have devoted much care and time, is rapidly growing, thanks to the valuable aid extended by our alumni and friends. We have now a fine collection of books besides many college papers, periodicals and fraternity journals. A handsome antique oak book-case has been purchased and placed in our hall. It adds much to the homelike and comfortable appearance of the rooms. We intend also by the end of the next term to purchase a new set of furniture.

We have been paying much attention and care lately to our internal development, and feel highly elated over our success. The song books are used frequently during the sessions and add much to the enjoyment of the evenings.

We had our chapter incorporated during the term with the following trustees: W. H. Berry, A. V. Proudfoot, W. F. Powell, J. F. Samson and A. F. Jewett.

Our relations with our rivals are friendly. These are two in number, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, as the charter has been withdrawn from the chapter of Phi Kappa Psi here. The Alpha Taus are seven in number and are enjoying great prosperity. They have added one man to their list this term. They hold several important offices in classes and literary societies. The Sigma Epsilons are seven in number. For a new chapter they are doing well and will make a strong rival.

School opened the fall term with a larger attendance than it has had for many years. A larger number of bright and intelligent faces could be seen among the new students than usual. Two fine large buildings grace the campus now, while material has been purchased and delivered on the grounds, and the foundation constructed for a third. Bro. E. M. Holmes, although a young man for the place, is meeting with remarkable success as president. He is well liked by all the students and has "rustled" during his administration.

Let this letter introduce to the Fraternity, Bros. Stahl and Henderson.

J. M. JAMIESON.

PERSONALS.—'78.—Ira M. De Long still fills the chair of mathematics in the university of Colorado. He spent the summer vacation traveling and looking after real estate interests throughout the state. His brother, H. T. Delong, was engaged in a similar manner.

'88.—R. C. Harlison is principal of the Coryden schools.

'89.—E. P. Wright is teaching school near his home.

'89.—O. A. Kennedy is now engaged in editorial work for the *Ogden Daily Commercial*, of Ogden, Utah. He expects to participate in the commencement festivities of '90.

'91.—L. W. Haworth is teaching at Van Wert, Ia.

'88.—W. D. Trimble is President of the Young People's So-



ciety and leader of the choir, at Tonawanda, N. Y.

'77.—C. C. Stiffler is cashier for Corey Bros., railway contractors, Ogden, Utah.

'87.—H. F. Sigler is employed in the Los Angeles county bank.

'73.—C. K. Kenned has been appointed postmaster at Villisca, Ia. His appointment gave universal satisfaction, as he has been one of the most prominent men in that neck of the woods for several years, during which time he has ably edited the *Villisca Review*.

'75.—S. M. Cart has purchased the furniture store formerly owned by Richey Bros. A. F. Jewitt, '73, manages the store as Mr. Cart still holds his position as principal of the Indianola public schools.

'89.—N. C. Field is studying for the degree of A.B., at Ann Arbor.

#### PI—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Our chapter is in an unusually prosperous condition. We have been particularly fortunate this year in securing so many able, earnest and active members. We have been very careful in selecting our men, and we feel that we are on a more substantial basis than ever before.

The university opened this year with an enrollment of more than two hundred and fifty students, and is in a more flourishing condition than it has been for some time. There have been several changes in the faculty, which have proven highly satisfactory. A handsome library building is under construction, and the gymnasium is being repaired and refitted with every possible instrument for exercise. The university boasts especially of her superior laboratory.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our new members, W. H. Carter, C. R. Bush, G. B. Neville and C. B. Williams.

#### RHO—STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

You find our chapter numerically not so strong as usual, but in good feeling, I think you could ask for no improvement. We have as yet taken in no men, but we do not feel discouraged, for as things have turned out the class of men taken in this fall is not particularly strong. Our attendance at meetings is not quite so large as I should like to see it, but this can be accounted for to some extent by the fact that a number of our men live out of town. Whatever may be said, Rho has certainly a great deal of fraternity feeling and I think will always keep it.

Our rivals, with the exception of  $\chi\psi$  and  $B\theta\parallel$ , have done no better in obtaining men than we have; the former taking in four, the latter three, making both these chapters very strong numerically.  $\chi\psi$  has a great many foot-ball men, but outside of this nothing can be said for the chapter.  $B\theta\parallel$  has a very good chapter at Stevens;

they rather tend toward athletics, but have some very capable men intellectually and usually win their due quota of college honors.  $X\phi$  has a very fair chapter, but there seems to be one or two among them who think for the entire chapter. I do not remember a single occasion on which any  $X\phi$  dissented from the voice of these great moguls. They carry their fraternity feeling to such an extent that everything is made to suffer for it.  $X\phi$  at Stevens could act in a much more manly way than at present. The men, too, as incongruous as it may seem, are genial fellows and have very much of the gentleman about them.  $\theta E$  unless something unforeseen occurs, will start next year with two men, and as they are not particularly energetic, I do not know what will become of the chapter.

The college is in a flourishing condition and we have a larger number of students than ever before. We go along on the same regular beaten way. Some years ago the six rival fraternities which published the *Eccentric* divided, three publishing a new book called the *Bolt*. For the past two years there has been a movement for reunion and this was consummated this fall, the two annuals combining under the name of the *Link*. Stevens has not done so well as usual in foot-ball this year but we will brace ourselves for next season. Rho wishes all the other chapters a happy new year and success in all their undertakings.

N. S. HILL, JR.

PERSONALS.—Bro. Hoxie, '89, has been in to see us several times and given us points on how to act when graduated.

A. P. Trautwein paid us a flying visit not long ago. It seemed very natural to have him back with us. He is now situated at Carbondale, Pa., and has with him there Bros. Hamilton and Hiller, both Rhos, '89. They are thinking of establishing a chapter at the works.

Bro. Anderson, '87, frequently comes in to see us. Of course he is always welcome.

On the annual we are represented by J. A. Norcross, '91. Bro. Whitney is president of the Photographic society and Bro. Frazer, secretary. Bro. Sanborn is secretary of the Glee Club. Bro. Frazer is also on the Indicator board.

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#### TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

At the beginning of the new year Tau sends greetings to the general Fraternity.

Tau is progressing finely. We have succeeded in initiating four new men. We now have a jolly band of eleven, all of whom have shown themselves to be loyal DELTAS, and ever true to the purple, white and gold.

Not only have we met with success in bringing the "barb" into the inner light from outer darkness, but have had our full share



of the honors of the year thus far. We have two men on the editorial staff of the *College Student*, six in the college glee club and two on the foot-ball team.

Bro. Harnish, '91, was assistant teacher in the preparatory department last term.

The general conditions of our rivals is good, and our relations with them are all of a pleasant nature. Phi Kappa Psi now has nine members, having initiated only one man this year. Her strong point seems to be athletics. Four men represented her on the foot-ball team. Phi Kappa Sigma has seven members and prides herself on scholarship. One of her men leads his class and is one of the best men in the institution. Chi Phi has six men and is weaker in some respects than ever before.

Franklin and Marshall seems to have entered upon a new era. Measures have been taken for building a gymnasium, and by the end of this year another new building will adorn our campus.

Dr. John S. Stahr now graces the chair of our presidency, recently made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Thos. G. Apple.

LEWIS T. LAMPE.

PERSONALS.—'76.—David C. Lichliter is practicing medicine at Dayton, Ohio.

'86.—N. J. Blackwood was in Lancaster on Thanksgiving Day, to witness the game of foot-ball between Dickinson and Franklin and Marshall.

'76.—S. F. Lowry has accepted a call from the Broadheads-ville pastorate of the Reformed church.

'88.—C. L. Bowman is leader of the orchestra in Proctor's Theater, Lancaster.

'88.—C. C. Herr is second violinist in same orchestra.

Geo. Merle Zacharias, founder of Tau, who recently returned from Europe, paid Lancaster a visit a few days ago. His address is Harrisburg, Pa.

'82.—O. R. Snyder paid his Alma Mater a visit a short time ago. He now is a prominent young lawyer of Greensburg, Pa.

#### UPSILON—RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Upsilon has little to report at this time. The general condition of the chapter is excellent. The boys have done hard studying with successful results this fall. Upsilon has initiated only one man, —the best of '93, and now has about as many as she generally carries—nine.

As to the institute, we expect to break ground for a new building to be used as a library next, or rather this, spring. Our Prof. Nason, chemistry, is away in hopes of recovering completely from a stroke of paralysis.

W. C. H. SLAGLE.

PERSONALS.—'89.—Paul O. Hebert is working electric light plants on the unenlightened South.

'91.—C. Aug. Raht is toasting himself and others in Chattanooga.

'91.—James M. Lapeyre is in New Orleans attending the marriage of his sister.

'91.—Arthur W. Thompson and S. J. Chapleau spent their vacation in Ottawa, Can.

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PHI—HANOVER COLLEGE.

With this number of the RAINBOW, Phi again sends fraternal greetings to her sister chapters. We are glad to say that after diligent work the chapter has regained almost her former standing. Only two years ago she could report but two men; now she stands among the first "frats." in Hanover College, and feels able to cope with them on any ground. Our experience has taught us to deal secretly but uprightly with our rivals; consequently we have gained their favor and respect. This kind of dealing has placed us in a good social position without marring our loyalty to our own chapter in the least, the boys being imbued with loyal spirit have worked unitedly for our own welfare.

All the fraternities here are doing good work, taking into consideration the number of different fraternities and the size of the college. The Beta Theta Pis have a good force of men working cautiously to accomplish their desired end. They hold their share of honors. The Sigma Chis seem to be maintaining their old numerical standard. They are now erecting a chapter house which they expect to occupy some time this year. It is a neat structure and built after the most modern style. We are very glad to see this improvement springing up in our midst. It has been a question in the minds of many, whether or not chapter houses could be supported properly in Hanover College. We will not predict what will be the outcome of this movement, but we are safe in saying that all the fraternities are watching this action with eager eyes, so that they can profit by others' experience. The Phi Gamma Deltas have had the honor of showing up a strong force of boys who labored diligently both in and out of their fraternity. This year, however, they will lose six of their most experienced men at commencement, which will leave them in a very weak condition, unless they get some new men. The Phi Delta Theta chapter is living under the guidance of numerically strong and energetic men. This year, however, there seems to be a lack of uniformity in the chapter, as well as only a moderate degree of discretion used in "pledging."

As to ourselves, we will just say this: Some years ago, a certain one of our rivals said something to the effect that he would kill



Chapter Phi if it took him his life-time. As yet we are heartily glad to say that this is the most *live dead* chapter in existence.

This term of college closed with general satisfaction to both students and faculty. In addition to the college property is the building of an observatory. This has been a long felt want, and after a considerate investigation the very best instruments have been purchased. The students are well pleased, and fully appreciate the advantages given them.

G. A. GAMBLE.

PERSONALS.—James Woodward was called home, some time ago, to his home at Corydon, Ind., on account of the sickness of his father, which finally resulted in death. Bro. Woodward will again join us next term.

W. E. Kampe and H. M. Peckinpaugh are honored with places on the Junior exhibition. Clifton Ryker has secured a place in the Sophomore exhibition on which G. A. Gamble is the salutatorian.

U. T. Price of Upsilon visited our chapter a number of times during this term. He is by nature a fraternity worker. The service that he rendered us will always be remembered with gratitude.

J. A. Breckinridge, the champion athlete of this college, received an injury sometime ago, while playing foot-ball. He is now able to walk about.

W. T. Lopp, '87, has secured the principalship of the schools at New Amsterdam, Ind.

D. W. Williamson, '87, is a student of McCornish Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

Dwight Harrison, '87, is at his home in Higginsport, O., attending to his father's business during his illness.

Sam. Melcher is superintendent of the schools at Carrollton, Ky. Will Stratford held the same position in the schools at Vevay, Ind., and also controls the Vevay normal school.

R. Omstead is a lawyer in Omaha.

Oxal. Hamilton has gone to Europe on an extended tour.

E. G. Henry, the founder of this chapter, is a lawyer in New Albany, Ind. He has been recently elected a member of the General Assembly of this state. D. A. Stopp, a chapter member with Bro. Henry and the prime mover in the foundation of this chapter, is a lawyer in Aurora, Ind.

Cy. A. Smith is representing Parke, Davis and Co., Detroit, Mich.

Frank and J. P. S. Weems, W. C. Cullop and Scott Emerson are engaged in business in Vincennes, Ind.

Newton Ryker is in the Signal Service at Lynchburg, Va.

J. R. Ramsay is a physician at Walcotte, Ind.

Geo. Trow is in Madison engaged there milling in the flour mill business. He will go to Europe in the spring.

Henry McEnery, formerly of this chapter, but afterwards affiliated to Beta Beta is practicing medicine in New Orleans, La.

## CHI—KENYON COLLEGE.

Chapter Chi was never in a healthier condition. It is true we have lost a strong and loyal member in Bro. Eberth, but we are already feeling the results of his hard labor. Almost ten years ago our chapter received its charter. Never were men compelled to struggle so hard for a foothold. Our first members were worthy of their "frat" and fought long and fiercely. The result is that today we acknowledge no superior except in numbers, and can hold our own with any of the Kenyon chapters of five strong eastern fraternities. The fraternities at Kenyon seem to have taken turns at holding the first place. We have worked hard for it, and now that we have it we intend to hold it and break this long established custom. Our rivals are  $\Psi \Upsilon$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $B \Theta H$  and  $\Theta \Delta \lambda$ .  $\Psi \Upsilon$  has at present seven members. Last year she lost about one-half of her number and has gained two.  $A \Delta \Phi$  has lost five and gained one.  $\Delta K E$  has lost eight and gained two.  $B \Theta H$  has remained at a standstill, and  $\Theta \Delta \lambda$  lost her only man.  $\Psi \Upsilon$ 's strong point is the social standing of her fellows.  $A \Delta \Phi$ 's and  $\Delta K E$ 's strong point this year is not a very complimentary one, so we omit it.  $B \Theta H$ 's is her ability to keep her number (one) the same throughout so many years. Our institution is in very good condition at present and judging from present prospects we have a pleasant and prosperous year before us.

ALVAN E. DUERR.

PERSONALS.—W. W. Long, once of '87, is traveling through the South this winter.

'85.—O. B. Harris is deputy district attorney at Sullivan, Ind.

'87.—Harry Murphy is of the firm of Murphy, Hibben & Co., wholesale dry goods, at Indianapolis.

'83.—A. L. Herrlinger is practicing law in Cincinnati.

'77.—Dr. T. H. Stucky is professor in the Louisville Medical College.

## PSI—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Wooster University flourishes. The attendance is equal to if not greater than that of previous years, and never in the history of the institution has there been so much spirit and life among the students. Fraternity spirit is high, class spirit is high, college spirit generally is high and Wooster holds such a place as she has not held, lo, these many years.

Wooster had a foot-ball team in the field. It was a good foot-ball team and came off victorious in two games with Denison University, the only institution she could find willing to match men with her. The first game was played in Wooster, resulting in a score of 48 to 0; the second in Granville, with a score of 50 to 0.

The Wooster boys turned out en masse, with band and banners to welcome their war scarred brothers home from the field of honor,



and escort them from the station to the Opera House. Rarely does a company meet such an enthusiastic an audience as "The Two Old Cronies" played to that night, in Wooster. The boys were in the spirit to enjoy almost anything and make all manner of noise about; and that is what they did,—so everybody decided. When the "Professor" and others of his company appeared in university colors, the racket was something tremendous. "The boys" also indulged in a "stag dance" to while away a few weary hours, break the monotony of college life, and sit on the faculty, all at the same time. The scheme worked to a charm.

Not the least interesting of the events of the year was the series of inter-fraternity base-ball games played early in the fall.  $\Delta T \Delta$  is the champion base-ball fraternity of Wooster. These ball games, tennis tournaments, etc., are, we think, worthy of encouragement. They result in an advance of fraternity friendship between sister organizations, and promote good fellowship generally. The fraternities of Wooster University are on the very best of terms, a state of affairs greatly to be desired.

Chapter *W* of  $\Delta T \Delta$  possess, we believe, the respect and friendship of every brother fraternity in Wooster; and we hope the same shall be merited in the future.

Five  $\Delta T$ s graduated last year, and three from the class of '91 left for other institutions; Bro. Mansfield to Cornell, and Bros. Austin and Herrick to Williams. Only nine of last year's men were present at the opening of this year's campaign. This number was swelled to ten by the sudden appearance of Bro. Elliott, formerly of '90, but now of '92. Since then we have added four names to our roll, and great strength to our force. Bros. McAfee, King, Crane and Graham, have all been tried by one goat and rescued to the mysteries of  $\Delta T \Delta$  since September. We are sorry to lose Bro. Kennedy who will remain at his home in New Philadelphia, O., and teach in the public schools during the winter term. Bro. Kennedy sang first tenor in the university quartette and his absence will be noticed and regretted by more than his  $\Delta T \Delta$  brothers.

The boys are all enthusiastic and earnest in all they do and what they do, and the way they do it would satisfy the most exacting. The places of honor and responsibility connected with student life of Wooster University are filled by  $\Delta T \Delta$ s.

Bro. McBane is busy with the *Psi*, a chapter paper, which will soon be forwarded to our sister chapter. With best wishes for the success of the RAINBOW in the future and commendation for the last issue, I close. Fraternally,

R. H. HERRON.

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OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

While our brothers are hard at work with their studies, we are enjoying a long vacation and a rest from college duties. Our col-

lege year which closed Nov. 13th, has been a very prosperous one. The graduating class numbered forty-five, the largest in the history of the college. We hope to secure new appropriations from the legislature this winter, as the college needs new buildings and increased accommodations for students.

With chapter Omega the year has also been successful. We feel sure that we have triumphed over the "barbarians," for the feeling against fraternities which was so strong at the beginning of the year has gradually died out and will soon cease to be.

During the year, in spite of "barbarians," we have succeeded in securing five good men. By graduation we lose five men: Bros. H. W. Chamberlain, J. E. Durkee, C. W. Lamborn, P. W. Starr, and M. W. Thornburg. Our ranks will thus be reduced to eight, but we have two good men in view to fill the vacancies. All the boys expect to be back next term and we hope to make the next year even more successful than the last.

A great loss has come upon our chapter by the death of Bro. Edgar Hugh Porter, who was thrown from his horse and died at Woodbine, Ia., Oct. 17th. His death seemed particularly sad and untimely, he being but twenty-two years of age and having but just fairly commenced his college work. He was one of the most honored and respected of our brothers and his will ever be remembered as an example of a true and manly life.

J. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

PERSONALS.—'76.—J. F. Hardin is a prominent lawyer at Eldora, Ia.

'79.—J. S. Dewell is successfully practicing law at Missouri Valley, Ia., and is the mayor of the city.

'87.—C. F. Curtis is running a farm in Story county, Ia., and is State statistical agent for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

'88.—Nat Spencer is principle of the schools at Caliope, Ia.

'88.—F. L. Dobbin is banking at Holdridge, Neb.

'88.—L. C. Tilden is in successful dry goods business in Ames, Ia.

'89.—H. W. Chamberlain is drafting for Burnham and Root, architects, Chicago.

'89.—J. E. Durkee is principal of the school at Sioux Rapids, Ia.

'89.—C. W. Lamborn is teaching at Elliott, Ia.

'89.—P. W. Starr is teaching at Carson, Ia.

'89.—M. W. Thornburg is attending the medical college of Ia.

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#### BETA BETA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta has just closed one of the most prosperous terms in her history. All of her men have taken a prominent part in college



life, a deep interest in the welfare of the chapter and in each other. The chapter will be in excellent working shape for the remainder of the year.

Our rivals seem to be prospering, although they did not initiate as many men as usual this year. The Phi Kappa Psis have leased a fine new chapter house and have already moved into it. Other fraternities must soon follow her example.  $\Delta K E$  is as strong as ever—in scholarship. Numerically  $\Delta \Gamma$  and  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  are quite strong, but  $\Sigma X$  is rather weak in this respect.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $B \theta H$  are going along at their usual pace. Fraternity relations have been very pleasant this year, although there was hard fighting over some new men.

The university was never in better shape than at present. Dr. J. P. D. John, who has been the Vice-president for some time, was elected President. The students gave him a rousing reception which exceeded every thing of the kind that ever occurred in Greencastle. The new President is beloved by the faculty and students, and all may be expected to work in harmony. Phi Beta Kappa has granted a charter to De Pauw and initiated nine alumni.

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#### BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

We regret very much that Beta Delta was not represented by letters in the last number of the RAINBOW.

The opening of the last term of the University found five loyal Deltas here assembled ready and willing to do battle for the cause of Deltaism; and, as the result of our crusade, we have to introduce to the Fraternity the five following Bros.: H. H. Smith, G. D. Pollock, Greene Johnson, Troy Kelley and Geo. Jarrett, who are in every sense worthy of the high honor thus conferred upon them.

Although the loss of a number of splendid men by graduation last commencement seemed for a time to cripple us, still I am happy to state that Beta Delta is more than holding her own.

A cloud has risen upon the horizon of the Fraternity world of our University which seems destined to assume gigantic proportions. The cloud referred to was caused by the interference of the Chancellor and Faculty of the University in a fraternity quarrel, which ended by the suspension until next commencement of all fraternity meetings of the fraternities involved. [We understand these suspended fraternities are  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  and  $K A$ .—ED] This we think, is but the first step toward the abolishing of all the fraternities at the university. It is an open secret in fraternity circles that our new Chancellor, Dr. Boggs, is an avowed enemy to fraternities. Yet the fraternities will make a determined stand ere they surrender their rights. Beta Delta sends greetings to all her sisters, and bids them God-speed in their endeavors to promote the cause of Deltaism.

A. C. WILLCOXON.

PERSONALS.—'89.—A. M. Hartfield is principal of the high schools of Eatonton, Ga.

'89.—J. W. Barnett has the position of city engineer, Athens, Ga.

'89.—E. C. Stewart has been engaged with the surveying corps on the Macon and Birmingham railroad since graduation.

'88.—W. A. Davis is principal of Bufort, Ga., high schools.

'89.—A. C. Willcoxon is studying law at the University of Ga.

#### BETA EPSILON—EMORY.

At this writing most of the boys of Beta Epsilon are at their respective homes enjoying the Christmas holidays. We began work at the opening of the fall term, with nine men, but Bros. Sharpe and Landrum have since returned. Since our last communication we have initiated four men, as follows: R. E. Bailey, F. B. Shipp, J. H. Jolley of Georgia and J. H. Moore of Texas.

Bro. Kelley is editor-in-chief of the Emory *Phoenix*, and is also "dux" of the Senior class. Bro. Landrum will represent us in the *Seney*, our annual. This has been a prosperous session for Beta Epsilon; she has shared successfully the honors of the literary societies, and has made a good record in the class room.

There has been less animosity existing between the fraternities during the past session than ever before. Many of our rivals have increased considerably their already large number.  $\psi \chi \theta$  is now thirty-four strong, and  $A T \Omega$  is not far behind, numbering twenty-three.

Sixty-five per cent. of the students of Emory are Greeks. It is a rare institution that has so much good material for the Greek world.

We have been a little conservative in initiating, and it has proven good policy. We would rather miss a good man, than secure one that would not be an honor to Delta Tau.

Emory College has made many rapid strides during Dr. Candler's administration. She is being placed on a fine financial basis, and we trust it will not be long before she can declare free tuition. Prof. W. T. Reed fills the chair of mathematics, made vacant by the death of Dr. Stone, who had so ably filled it for the past forty years. The number of students has increased considerably, being greater than the number attending during any corresponding session in several years.

Bros. Hunnicutt, Davis and Bergstrom have visited us recently. We are always glad to welcome any of our old boys. Come again.

PERSONALS.—'86.—Rev. J. L. Hendry has been sent as a missionary to China, by the M. E. church South.

'87.—Prof. W. A. Morgan is principal of Nannie Lou Warthen Institute, Wrightsville, Ga.



## BETA ZETA—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta is happy to report continued prosperity. Upon all sides success has crowned her efforts. The days of her reconstruction have long since past, and to-day she presents a more uniformly solid front, a more aggressive, hard-working set of boys, and in all a more harmonious and enthusiastic chapter-roll than perhaps ever before in her history. "Numbers" is not her aim. If ever she needed a large chapter that time is past. She now proposes to devote her best energies to internal improvement, while at the same time she will not be indifferent to the cries of the "goat."

Beta Zeta begs leave to introduce to the fraternity Bros. W. D. Howe and J. L. Thompson, both of Irvington, Ind., and of the class of '93. She takes pleasure in recommending these brothers to the esteem of the fraternity.

But one thing has detracted from our work this term. That is the unflinching devotion which our boys have paid to foot-ball. Beta Zeta contributed six men to the Butler eleven, among whom were its captain and manager. We point with pardonable pride to the eleven's record; first game 4-0; second game 32-0; third game 14-0. The last game was played on Thanksgiving day between Butler and Purdue University before a large crowd of excited and enthusiastic spectators. As a consequence of the above score, Butler was awarded the state championship. Competent judges remarked that the Thanksgiving game was the finest ever played in the west, and by all accounts equal to the Yale-Princeton game. The enthusiasm of the college over the result of the foot-ball games knew no bounds. Never within our knowledge has Butler been so wrought up over any event. We judge this victory to be a good indication of the animus which enlivens our chapter.

The condition of our rivals is very fair. Both  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  and  $\Sigma X$  have followed  $\Delta T \Delta$ 's example in entertaining their lady friends. The affair of each was very successful.  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  is doing some good work within her chapter; we understand she is making a careful study of some great author's works.  $\Sigma X$  lacks wise and careful leadership. Her improvement is neither surprising nor threatening.

The prospects of the college are excellent. Its improvement is regular and solid. Our new observatory with its telescope having an eight inch object glass, (Clark), will be ready for the winter term's astronomy class. The foundation for the building of the preparatory department is completed, and the superstructure will be finished next spring.

This year's senior class is next to the largest the college has ever had. It contains six Deltas.

H. S. SCHELL.

'87.—Omar Wilson has been elected Professor of Greek at Oskaloosa College, Oskaloosa, Ia.

'87.—E. W. Gans with the Aultman-Taylor Co., of Mansfield,

O., has recently been made general agent of the company at a largely increased salary.

'88.—G. W. Redman this winter graduates from a Cleveland medical college.

'88.—J. B. Percy, principal of the high school at Anderson, Ind., was married Dec. 25, to Miss Wiles of Anderson.

'88.—W. C. McCollough will this year complete his post graduate course at Ann Arbor, Mich.

'88.—L. J. Morgan is at the Yale Divinity School.

'89.—T. C. Howe is a tutor in Latin and German, at Butler.

'89.—P. H. Clifford is with the Hide, Leather and Belting Co., 125 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

'89.—J. R. Morgan is in attendance at the Yale Law school.

'88.—J. L. Key is practising law in Atlanta.

'88.—M. M. Black is connected with a college at Bumisville, Miss.

'88.—W. W. Carroll is merchandising with his father in Monticello, Fla.

'89.—J. F. Davis has joined the North Georgia Conference of the M. E. church, and is preaching near Augusta, Ga.

'88.—Prof. J. B. Clark is professor of ancient languages in a college at Altas, Ark.

#### BETA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since the first number of the RAINBOW made its appearance the University of Minnesota has witnessed some queer evolutions. In my last letter I made mention of the anti-Greek element which had made its appearance in our college politics. It was supposed to be strongly united under the name of the Haut Beau (Ho-bo) Club. Only a few short weeks had passed when those who had been strongest in their opposition to the terrible sins and short-comings of all fraternity men, struck their colors, and Beta Theta Pi blossomed out with seven Seniors and three Juniors. The remainder of the antis were, for a time, paralyzed by this desertion from their ranks, and claimed that their confidence had been betrayed.

Another affair has occurred which, from all appearances, bears the ear-marks of a clear case of theft. Delta Kappa Epsilon is accused of having purloined a whole chapter from Phi Delta Theta. It is said that this was brought about mainly by the efforts of two prominent professors and the President of the University who are "Dekes." To the noses of the larger portion of the other fraternities here represented, the whole affair bears an unsavory smell. The alumni members of Phi Delta Theta resident in and about the city, to whose aid the chapter here owed in great part its existence and growth, are much exercised over the matter. It has been the custom among the Greeks here, whenever a new fraternity has made



its appearance, to "bounce" each member ; but the distaste for "lifting" in general and the cloudiness of their right to be considered as legitimate-born Greeks, insured for the new chapter of D. K. E. a cold reception on the morning of their debut. The bouncing they expected never came.

The evening of December 20 was the occasion of a very pleasant party at our chapter house, at which there were gathered about twenty Deltas and their lady friends.

We were visited during the holidays by three of our old boys: Frank Webster, '86, Dow Smith, '88, and J. Paul Goode, '89.

Since my last letter we have succeeded in disappointing one of our rival fraternities by pledging another man from '93, and will soon have the name of Frank Barney on our chapter roll.

On the evening of December 11, an organization known as the Twin City Alumni Association of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity was effected. We have been wishing for this for some time and are confident that it will be of profit to us as well as to its members.

October 25, Beta Eta turned out in force to the wedding of Bro. Frank N. Stacy, '88, editor of the Howard Lake HERALD and publisher of the RAINBOW, who was on that date married to Miss Ima C. Winchell, also of '88, and formerly editor of the Delta Gamma *Anchora*.

JOHN F. HAYDEN.

#### BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Beta Kappa is glad to have the opportunity to greet again her sister chapters, and to wish them the greatest success in all their undertakings. Although we are far distant from any other chapter, still we are all thoroughly in earnest and at work for the good of the chapter and the Fraternity. We rejoice with you in the bright prospects which are opening up before our chosen Fraternity and feel proud of the conquests already made.

On the evening of Oct. 12th we initiated Delos Holden of Pueblo, Col., the "promising Freshman" spoken of in our last chapter letter, and a loyal Delta he is. Our "William" not being exhausted by this exercise we set him at work again, and on the morning of Dec. 7th the "Barbs" were surprised to see Wesley Putnam and John Nixon, both of Greely, Col., and both of '93, wearing the square badge. We take pride in introducing these three brothers to the Fraternity, as they are men who are worthy in all respects to wear the "purple, white and gold."

Having no rivals, we felt it to be better this year to gain the goodwill of all by entering into no combinations in political matters, and the result has shown that we have pursued the right course. There is little of that hostility on the part of the "Barbs" that formerly existed, and we have lost nothing in the way of political honors by so doing. We have the presidency of the college literary society ; Bros. Burger, Stenberg and Holden are on the *Portfolio*

staff ; Bro. Bayley has been re-elected president of the State Oratorical Association.

On the evening of Nov. 22, we had the pleasure of meeting in our chapter hall Bro. Wm. B. Hough,  $\theta$ '60, one of the first initiates of DELTA TAU DELTA. Bro. Hough was one of the men who first considered the advisability of organizing a secret society at Bethany in opposition to  $\phi K \Psi$ ; he was not in college when the organization actually took place, but returning in January, 1860, was then initiated. It was a great privilege and pleasure to hear one who had been an active participant in the "Genesis" speak of the old times.

The university is in excellent condition this year, having a larger attendance than ever before. The faculty now numbers twenty-four. The requirements for graduation have been raised from twenty-four to twenty-six courses; rhetoric and oratory have been added to the prescribed work. Prof. Dunham, formerly professor of Latin in Denver University, is now assistant to the chair of Latin.

The chapters of Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi located here appear to be in excellent condition. H. N. WILSON.

PERSONALS.—'86.—F. L. Chase is continuing his post-graduate studies at Yale University.

'87.—C. H. Pierce is attending the Ann Arbor Law School.

'88.—Edward C. Mason will return to the University of Michigan after the holidays and enter the Senior law class.

#### BETA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Beta Iota sends greeting to the rest of the DELTA world. The chapter is in a most flourishing condition, and everything points to prosperity and success. We have secured a very fine chapter hall, with all the necessary equipments, and we feel quite at home. Only one visiting Delta Tau has honored us with his presence—Bro. Cul-lum of Beta Lambda. We welcome every DELTA with a hearty greeting. We are now thirteen loyal DELTA Taus, ready and eager to uphold our standard among the long established fraternities. Fortune has smiled upon us, and has answered all our prayers and wishes.

Our rivals seem to be flourishing and in a good condition, with the exception of  $\Sigma X$ , which seems this year to be rather weak. Our relations with the other Greek fraternities are very friendly. Rumor has it that Theta Delta Chi and Sigma Nu are about to establish chapters here. Success to them.

The University of Virginia opened this session with an increased attendance over last year. Many changes have taken place. Owing to the increase of the number of students, several adjunct professors and instructors have been added. The gymnasium has



been refitted and the bath-rooms replenished. The new athletic grounds are being leveled, and will be used for the spring games.

J. M. McCracken.

PERSONALS.—E. C. Tucker is practising law in Mobile, Ala.

Walter Lafferty is in Richmond, Va., attending lectures at the Richmond Medical College.

#### BETA MU—TUFTS COLLEGE.

These are busy days at Tufts, and the boys of Beta Mu are not laggards. But in spite of the rush and plug of college life, we manage to have some good meetings. We have not as yet settled on a chapter home. Many plans are rife among us, and until January is over we shall be at sea as to where and how we shall locate. We want to come together under the best possible circumstances, and we believe our desires will be met before many days. Our rivals are concerned with their own interests, and as nothing that excites fraternity competition has yet arisen, they have not troubled us nor have we been in their way. We suppose we ought to say in this letter, that the Delta Upsilon chapter here induced one of our pledged men to break his pledge to us and unite with them. We wonder if this is fraternity tactics? Delta Upsilon has a good reputation elsewhere, but this recent action has lowered her in the estimation of all the fraternities on College Hill, and it has put us on our guard so that we shall know how to act next fall.

Good old Tufts is in prosperous condition and before the year is out we look to a considerable increase in the funds for scholarships. Prof. Michael gave up the chair of chemistry to Prof. Coomys of Harvard. In Prof. Michael we lose a renowned chemist. He was not, however, a skillful teacher and the loss is not so great as it appears to outsiders.

Beta Mu is now thirteen strong. The boys are very congenial, able and studious, and are looking forward to a worthy career at Tufts.

HENRY R. ROSE.

#### BETA NU—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Beta Nu lives, and not only lives but grows. Grows in numbers, in experience, and in influence, not like some varieties of weeds, with great rapidity, but more like a young oak with great firmness and increasing strength.

We twelve men, who constitute Beta Nu chapter inside Tech's walls, might be fitly called the twelve apostles of Deltaism at the Institute. Not that we are dyed in Deltaic principles very thoroughly, for we are as yet quite vague in our own minds regarding the correct meaning of those words. But increasing knowledge will come with increasing time, and by another year Beta Nu

hopes to graduate from the primer of Deltaic learning and be received according to her deserts into an atmosphere of somewhat more advanced thought on this subject.

The only fraternities represented at Tech. that can be regarded as anything at all when compared with  $\Delta T \Delta$ , are Sigma Chi and Theta Xi. These fraternities have been represented at Tech. for a number of years and are composed of good men with a few exceptions. Both these chapters are social and athletic in character. They are strong and generally conservative about letting in new men, although they have some men that Beta Nu would not care for.

Without a doubt, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the greatest institution of its kind in America. Scientific investigation, scientific advances,—these are the watchwords of our time. Nine hundred keen, practical men fill the Tech. every year, and each year a class of men are graduated who, from the moment they enter life, are sure to have a marked prestige from this one fact, that they have learned their profession in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

FRANCIS GILMAN HOWARD.

PERSONALS.—Lyman A. Ford, who finished his course at Tech. last year, received the prize of fifty dollars in books given by the Boston Society of Architects for the finest work in the Architectural Department for the year.

Henry B. Pennell also finished last year and is one of the most talented young artists on the excellent staff of the *American Architect*, a paper known by every architect to be the best affair of its kind in America.

Edward W. Donn, B. N., '91, is vice-president of the Architectural Society of Tech., and also artistic editor of *Technique*, our junior annual.

Clifford M. Tyler, B. N., '91, is vice-president of Tech.'s famous Glee club (20 men.)

#### BETA XI—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Our whole career has been as a cloudless day with only gentle winds to vary its being. We have made no enemies; our relations to rival brotherhoods are most friendly, and the sweet concord bids fair to continue.  $\Delta T \Omega$ ,  $K \Lambda$ ,  $K \Sigma$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ , and  $\Sigma N$  all flaunt the white flag of peace, and proudly proclaim the unity of harmony a success. Nearly all began the year with valuable additions, and "real gentleman" seems to have been the motto that weighed the conscience of each.

Beta Xi is proud to number among her happy harvesters Bros. Buck and Kittridge; two fine acquisitions, ever anxious to preserve the integrity of our sweet union. We reluctantly sustain the loss of Bro. Willie Richardson who has departed to attend Virginia



Military Institute. Bro. Vaughan occupies the chair of physics at Mt. Lebanon College.

Our rooms are gradually assuming a musical aspect, and ere long will the immediate community conjecture on the sanity of our madness without method. The music book has as an opening, Beta Xi waltz, dedicated to Thos. Wayland Vaughan and published in New Orleans. We feel proud to number among us a poet, as the disorganizing element, and also several orators to juggle with truth.

The college opened this session with the usual corps of affable, just and efficient boy-loving professors, presided over by our honored president, Col. Wm. Preston Johnston, whose presence inspires respect and whose absence ever quickens the feelings of affection we have for him.

Beta Xi was installed June 8th, '89, instead of June 10th, by the late Bro. J. M. Phillips of Lambda, assisted by Dr. Henry McEnery of Phi and Lawrence Martin of Epsilon, at one of the leading hotels.

On June 17th, our first initiation and spread took place. Charles F. Buck and Ivy G. Kittridge were put through.

Delta Tau Delta can boast of having her sons at the head of both literary societies at Tulane University. Bro. Rapp rules the Glendy Burke Literary Society and Bro. Churchill presides over the Tulane Literary Society.

We were recently favored with a visit from Bro. Lapyre of Upsilon. He is here spending the holidays with his folks.

Among the events of the year to be recalled as a most pleasant association, is a visit from Bro. J. M. Sullivan, formerly of Pi, and now Professor of English at Centenary College, Louisiana. He is a most genial companion and left a good impression that reflection ever betters.

E. C. PARKHAM.

PERSONALS.—The name of W. S. Richardson was omitted from the list of charter members.

C. Robert Churchill is not taking a post-graduate course, but accepted a position on the day following Commencement, as chemist at the sugar refinery.

Jos. L. Airey through unforeseen circumstances has left college and entered commercial life with his father T. L. Airey.

John S. Richardson is employed at the general offices of Morgan's Louisiana and Texas R. R. His father is an official of this road. His brother W. S. Richardson is attending the Virginia Military Institute, and though separated from his Delta brothers is still a red hot Delta.

T. W. Vaughan, who is at present teaching at Mt. Lebanon, La., will be again with his chapter next year. He intends to enter the medical department. His father who is now a prominent physician, graduated at the college many years ago.

Bros. Churchill and Vaughan are anxious to work up the history and mysteries of the RAINBOW brotherhood and solicit correspondence on the subject.

Beta Nu, a few weeks since, was favored with a visit from Bro. J. W. Sullivan, a former member of Pi chapter. He was looking hale and hearty and was very enthusiastic.

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BETA SIGMA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

We are now fairly under way on our first year of chapter life. During the process of breaking in, the presence and help of several resident members, graduates of older chapters, has been of great value to us. Our campaign was especially successful, resulting in the addition of five new men, many of whom were not won over without much hard work and balancing of arguments. Our new brothers have become enthusiastic Deltas from the first; some of them are already planning to help on the next campaign. Our rivals of  $\theta \Delta X$  and  $B \theta H$  have also for the most part, obtained good delegations, numbering ten and five respectively. But even they admit that ours is at least not at all inferior. There is certainly no lack of good material, and no external reason can be found why all should not secure plenty of strong men. The entering classes of the college are comfortably growing larger and present accommodations are beginning to be overcrowded. There is much talk of removal or enlargement, but as yet nothing definite has been made public. Another topic for discussion just now is the proposed employment of a woman as professor of history. By popular vote a majority of the students expressed themselves as opposed to the innovation. No decisive step will be taken by the faculty for the present.

GEO. B. FISKE.



## COLLEGE WORLD.

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By the will of the late J. Warren Merrill, of Cambridge, Mass., Colby University, Brown University and Vassar College each receive \$10,000. Mr. Merrill had previously given his valuable collection of ferns and works relating to them to the Library and Museum of Natural History, to Vassar.

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Dr. Wheeler was president of Allegheny College for the five years '82-87. Under him the college doubled her usefulness. Preferring the quiet of the class-room to the irksome duties of president, he in '88 resigned, and Dr. Williams took his place. Dr. Wheeler now takes up anew the presidency, with an unusually strong faculty.—Mail and Express.

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The University of Michigan has entirely done away with the marking system and has abolished all prize competitions and class honors. The experiment will be watched with interest by other large universities, which have for some years been discussing its feasibility.

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“Rah for old Bowdoin! Score another point for the white! Hon. Thomas B. Reed, of '60, has triumphed in the speakership contest, and brought another honor to the little eastern college of a little Eastern State. With Melville W. Fuller at the head of the judiciary department and Mr. Reed at the head of the legislative department, Bowdoin ought to be willing to let the rest of the country have a show at the executive. We do not believe in monopolies in a republican nation. The day of Longfellow, Hawthorne, Fessenden and Pierce is giving way to the day of Fuller, Reed, Frye and Smythe. Pretty vigorous dotage for an institution which

is "going on its past record," especially when viewed in the light of the fact that the number of students has increased 60 per cent. within the past five years. And yet, while, as an eminent foreigner has said, men go about 'like roaring lions seeking what they may endow,' Bowdoin remains in financial straits! Where are our wealthy alumni?"—Bowdoin Orient.

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Charles F. McKim, of the well-known firm of architects, McKim, Mead and White, of New York, has given to Columbia College \$20,000 for the purpose of establishing there a traveling fellowship in architecture.

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Mr. Peter Graff of Worthington, Pa., has given \$25,000 to endow the chair of hygiene and physical culture in Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg. The funds come out of the estate of his son, Dr. Charles H. Graff, late of Duluth, Minn., and the professorship is to bear his name. Dr. Graff graduated at Pennsylvania College in 1876.

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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania last week the co-education system in a modified form was adopted. The move toward co-education was the acceptance of an offer of Joseph M. Bennett to give properties adjoining the university buildings for a college for women in connection with the University of Pennsylvania.—Ex.

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Archdeacon Farrar says that civil engineering in England is twenty-five years behind that of America. He demonstrates the sincerity of his belief by sending his son to Lehigh University for his training in civil engineering. His son is a member of  $\Sigma \Phi$  there.

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There are more college students from Connecticut, in proportion to the population, than from any other State. One in every 549 is the proportion.

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Lehigh University is one of the very few colleges which have never conferred any honorary degrees whatever. The only higher



degree it ever conferred is M. A., and this is only conferred in cases where the recipient deserves it and passes a rigid examination. The University of Minnesota has also never conferred honorary degrees.

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According to the last report of the Education Bureau there are 361 colleges for men in the United States, having 43,474 students, and fifteen colleges for women, with 20,772 students.

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The University of Mississippi opened September 26 with a total registration of 210, a considerable gain over that of last year. Since last year French and German have been changed from one to two years' courses. A handsome library building in the Elizabethan style of architecture is in course of construction, and will be an ornament to the campus.

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The John Hopkins University on Saturday received one of the most liberal gifts in its history, being a check for the sum of \$100,000 from Mrs. Caroline Donovan, for the foundation of a chair of English literature. Other than that one condition the gift was a free and perfect one. The trustees are allowed to invest the money as they think best. Acting President Ira Remsen laughingly said he thought the trustees would put the money in Baltimore and Ohio stock. The university has been very fortunate during the past few months in a financial way. The emergency fund of \$100,000 given last spring by several generous Baltimoreans set the precedent and placed the university on a sound financial basis. Then followed the handsome check of Mr. Eugene Levering for \$20,000 to the Christian Association which is used in erecting a handsome new building, now nearly completed; Mr. John W. McCoy gave the university upon his death more than \$100,000, a magnificent art library of 10,000 volumes and a handsome collection of engravings and etchings, and made the university the residuary legatee of a princely estate from which it will realize another large sum. The gift of \$20,000 to found the Turnbull lectureship of English poetry preceded the bequest of Mr. McCoy and filled a long-felt want in

the English department. In all, during the past six months, the university has been the recipient of considerably more than \$400,000, including the amount that will probably be realized from the residum of the McCoy estate, not including the library and art collection, in themselves worth a small fortune.—Mail and Express.

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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lake Forest University, held October 8, President Roberts' report was full of good news, showing that affairs are now in a highly encouraging state. The number of students at the college this year is unprecedented in the college's history. Every available dormitory is full. The standards in scholarship throughout the university have been raised, tending to discourage "special" students, of which there are only two in the college now.

The Chicago College of Dental Surgery was unanimously received into the university system. This college is one of the best of its kind, East or West. It has 220 students. On the application of Judges Bailey and Moran, the Chicago College of Law was annexed to the university. Though the school is still young it has 150 students.

The university system is now complete, excepting a theological department, which is soon to be met by the McCormick Theological Seminary. The undergraduate and philosophical departments are at Lake Forest. Rush Medical College, the dental department, and the law school are in Chicago.—Mail and Express.



## THE GREEK WORLD.

At the beginning of the new year a new fraternity was founded at Cornell. It is called the Alpha Zeta, and is intended solely for the benefit of persons born in the Western hemisphere and who speak either Spanish or Portugese, but exclude all Europeans. The fraternity is established on the same general plan as the other Greek letter societies, and intends to establish other chapters before long. The local Alpha Chapter has at present eight members and seems to be in a thriving condition.—Cornell Daily Sun.

At the National Convention of *K A θ* it was decided that the journal should be published by the *Γ* chapter at the University of Minnesota. This is the third fraternity journal that has come here; the others being *Δ T Anchora* and *RAINBOW* of *Δ T Δ*.—U. of M., correspondent in the Shield.

The only "breeze" at Indiana State University this spring was furnished by *φ Δ θ*. They expelled one of their members, and another resigned. They were both immediately taken in by *B θ II*.—*Σ X Quarterly*. We should rather say the "breeze" was furnished by *B θ II*, who seems to be distinguishing herself in her own peculiar manner at that university. Last year they initiated an expelled *φ K Ψ* and the year before an ex-*φ Γ Δ*, and this summer we were informed by one of their own chapter that they had pledged a *Σ X. φ Γ Δ Quarterly*. A sort of Pan-Hellenic chapter, it seems. Last year the Betas had a man in their ranks who was expelled from *K Σ* for gross deception and fraud.—*K Σ Quarterly* for November.

Really now! we have quite a symposium on fraternity standards and methods. Does *B θ II* aspire to be the great asylum for the outcast of other orders? We knew her absorptive capacity was very large but this does surprise us a very little. We shall soon need a clearing-house for the fraternity world if this practice extends.

$\Sigma X$  is dying by inches at Bucknell University. The chapter numbers at present  $1\frac{1}{2}$  men—a sophomore and a prep., and perpetuation of the Chapter alone holds them there. Verily, Pennsylvania will become a  $\Sigma X$  cemetery.— $\phi I \Delta$  Quarterly for November.

It rather looks as though  $\Sigma X$ , instead of making a study of extension just now, was taking a course in contraction. The chapter at Hampden Sidney is a thing of memory, while its chapter at Roanoke when last heard from had one man, and the one at Stevens Institute two. Perhaps there is a method in this inaction.

$\phi K \Psi$  is at work reviving its chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, and hopes also to organize soon at the University of Texas.

$\phi I \Delta$  is taking measures for the reorganizing of its chapter at the University of Virginia.

$\phi \Delta \theta$  Convention was held at Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 14 to 18, and was largely attended. A new ritual was adopted provisionally, and if satisfactory to the fraternity during the next two years, will be made a part of the organic law of the fraternity. The *Scroll* will be published as a bi-monthly for the future. At present its headquarters are at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Walter M. Palmer has written a history of the fraternity, which it does not feel financially able to publish. If it is no more correct historically than the article in the October *Scroll*, by the same gentleman on the "Development of the Fraternity System," it already needs revision.  $X \phi$ 's *Quarterly* has found occasion to criticise that article as severely as did our RAINBOW.

$\phi \Delta \theta$  has at length concluded to refrain from initiating preps, and now if  $\phi I \Delta$  and  $\Sigma X$  will do the same the prep question will be practically solved.  $\phi I \Delta$  had 56 sub freshmen last year out of an active membership of less than 600, and judging by the reports from our chapters  $\phi \Delta \theta$  was a much greater sinner, while  $\Sigma X$  for the last college year reported over one-third of her chapters initiating sub-freshmen, and out of a total membership of 428, 27 sub-freshmen members.

$\Sigma X$ 's chapter at Hanover College is building a handsome frame chapter house. It is under roof and is expected to be ready



for occupancy by the 1st of May.

*E N* establishes new chapters by giving full power to any member who enters a college where it has no organization. He is allowed to use his own judgment and initiate the men. Rather a dangerous method.

Unjustly deprived of her charter, Chapter Sigma of Delta Tau Delta, on the 5th of April, 1885, was merged into Chapter Ohio Sigma, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and many of the old Delta Tau Deltas have become wearers of the "purple and gold."—*Σ A E* Record for November.

*Δ T Δ* withdrew from Mt. Union College entirely because the standing of the college was little better than a high school, and she has since seen no indications that it will ever be of any importance in the college world. Our fraternity should never have entered the college, and our few years of experience at that time may be pleaded as an excuse. As to whether the charter was withdrawn unjustly or not, we are probably better judges than *Σ A E*, which of course wishes some excuse for entering a college of so low a grade as Mt. Union, particularly as it has another college on its roll from which we withdrew, viz: Adrian College.

"*Δ T Δ* last year chartered chapters at Boston University, Tufts College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Tulane University, and revived at Lehigh and Virginia." *Φ Δ Θ Scroll* and others. The statement regarding the University of Virginia is wrong, *Δ T Δ* never had a dead chapter at that institution to revive; our organization there is the first we have had.

"We are to have a new fraternity here soon, and rumor has it the *Δ T Δ*s. It will be organized by a branch of barb organization. They will start with sixteen new men."—*Φ K Ψ* cor. from Wabash College.

All of which is very circumstantial, but lacking in truth nevertheless. *Δ T Δ* withdrew from Wabash a number of years ago, and has no expectation of ever going back.

The Amherst Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, which recently erected a \$30,000 lodge, has founded a fellowship of \$5,000 in history and political science. This marks a new advance in the policy

of Greek-letter societies and happily continues the work begun when a chapter offers to its active members a home and the advantages of congenial and helpful associates.—*N Φ* Quarterly for November.

*A T Ω* has established a chapter at Vanderbilt with five charter members.

*B Θ H* has absorbed the Mystic Seven fraternity having chapters at the universities of Virginia and North Carolina, thus putting its chapter at the former place in good condition again. It also attempted to enter the University of Minnesota by pledging high school men before their entrance to the university, but failed in that, and took in ten men from the anti-fraternity organization known as the Haut Beaux Club. This seems to be another of their "provisional" or "dispensation" chapters. This fraternity's last convention adopted the rose in all its varieties as its representative flower.

*Δ K E* is going into the extension policy with a vengeance. Its late convention which was held in Boston, October 15 to 17, having granted charters to the Universities of Minnesota and Vanderbilt and to Miami College, sometimes also called university. *Δ K E* did wisely when it decided to enter the two institutions first named, though its method of entering Minnesota was rather dishonorable, but why it should revive its Miami chapter rather passes comprehension. The Miami of to-day as an institution bears no resemblance to that of twenty years ago save in name, and a dozen institutions in Ohio of real worth, could be named who are far ahead of Miami. There are very good reasons why *B Θ H* and *Φ Δ Θ* should desire to regain their foothold there as it was their birthplace, and a fraternity naturally desires to cherish its mother chapter, but the college is beneath notice on any other grounds.

We must take exception, however, to the assumption on the part of Phi Gamma Delta to the name and title of "Delta." The pages of the *Quarterly* are full of references to the Deltas, Delta gossip, Deltaism, etc., just as though it had a sort of patent or copyright on the title. Now, Delta is only a third of the fraternity title, and that too the last. Other fraternities make use of this letter in combination with others, and it is most unfair in Phi Gamma Delta to endeavor to get up a corner on this much-used letter.



We have no desire ourselves to be known as "Deltas." We much prefer "Dekes" or "Delta Kaps," either of which designation is specific and does not trench upon the titles of other fraternities. If Phi Gamma Delta must shorten her somewhat lengthy title, she might with propriety speak of her sons as Phi Gamma's or as Gamma Delta's. To speak of them as "Delta's" is, to say at the least, misleading. Concerning this whole matter of abbreviated designations we may have more to say in a future number of the *Quarterly*.— $\Delta K E$  Quarterly for January.

We have noticed this peculiarity in  $\phi \Gamma \Delta$  and wondered at it, for it had used the name Delta very little in its *Quarterly* prior to the removal of that publication to Allegheny College, and at that institution the name Delta never means  $\phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

We will be glad to learn from that fraternity the grounds on which it bases its claim on that name.  $\Delta T \Delta$  may be said to have a one-third greater claim on the name and the claim is generally recognized. However we have no objection to  $\phi \Gamma \Delta$  using it, if she likes it better than the one which would naturally belong to her.

Meanwhile here at Knox there was a local organization known as the Phi Omega Tau Fraternity. The members were excellent men in every way, leaders in their various departments, and, between them and the "Feejees" there had always existed the warmest good fellowship. Here was what the Phi Gamma Delta needed, good men, and on the other hand all that this local organization wanted was the name, a membership in a strong national fraternity. Nothing was easier than a mutual agreement, by which both sides were gainers, and as a result all the members of the local fraternity except two men were duly initiated into Phi Gamma Delta.— $\phi \Gamma \Delta$  Quarterly for November.

We congratulate  $\phi \Gamma \Delta$  on gaining these men: they are excellent. They petitioned  $\Delta T \Delta$  and on examination we found them the best in the college, but the college,—really we couldn't. Therefore, they are to-day  $\phi T \Delta$ s rather than  $\Delta T \Delta$ s. The  $\phi \Omega T$  society was first organized for the purpose of gaining a charter for  $\phi K \Psi$ , but failing after two years waiting, it petitioned us, but it will be some years before Knox College will be in a position to successfully woo  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

The Phi Delta Theta held her National Convention in Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 14-18. Delegates from sixty of the sixty-six college chapters were in attendance, and many delegates from alumni

chapters, including one of the founders, Rev. Robert Morrison. Many things of interest to the Greek world were done. The *Scroll* was made a bi-monthly instead of a monthly: Dr. J. E. Brown of Columbus, Ohio, made editor and given a salary. The editors of the catalogue were continued and promises made for publishing the catalogue and properly compensating the editors. An elaborate ritual which has been ten years in preparation was ordered to be used until the next convention when a final vote on it will be taken.

A charter was granted for a chapter at Tulane and refused to petitioners from Perdue University, Indiana, and Washburn College, Kansas. An amendment was adopted forbidding the initiation of preparatory students and honorary members.

A committee was appointed to raise a fund to build a national fraternity house at Miami University, Ohio, the birthplace of the fraternity. It is intended to be fire proof, and to be used, among other purposes, as a library and a storehouse for archives.

The next National Convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga., October 1891.

The regulation that keeps the fraternities out of Princeton and permits the secret societies, "American Whig" and "Clisophic" to thrive is thus stated in the catalogue:

"We, the undersigned, do individually for ourselves promise, without any mental reservation, that we will have no connection whatever with any secret society, nor be present at the meetings of any secret society in this or any other college so long as we are members of the College of New Jersey; it being understood that this promise has no reference to the American Whig and Clisophic Societies. We also declare that we regard ourselves bound to keep this promise, and on no account whatever to violate it."

This pledge is required by the Board of Trustees.—Delta Upsilon Quarterly for December.

All seven of the men who founded the Amherst chapter of Delta Upsilon, on July 29, 1847, are living.—Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The average chapter membership of Psi Upsilon is 27.3, Delta Kappa Epsilon 25, and Delta Upsilon 22.—Delta Upsilon.

Who will figure out  $B \theta H$  and  $\phi \perp \theta$  for us?



## EXCHANGES.

We are greatly pleased to find *The Beta Theta Pi* again on our table, and judging from the editorial corps of our edition—six associate editors, a business manager and fourteen business agents—our friend is prepared to undergo the rude gaze of the world for at least one year. We can not refrain from expressing the hope that so good a magazine has forever done with its “now you see it, and now you don’t policy.” It opens with a marvelously voluminous directory, and follows with a very interesting article on “Fraternity Journalism.” It is somewhat similar to Mr. Palmer’s article on “Fraternity History” in the October *Scroll*, only being spiced with free, but in the main just, criticism, it is more entertaining. In speaking of the *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta, it fails to give the date of establishment. A copy of the *Crescent* Vol. I. No. 1, lying before us, bears the date Sept. 15, 1877. A few quotations from the article, will best give an idea of its merit aside from statistics.

“Its [*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*] editorials were noted for their vigor and candor, and it has maintained as it always advocated the most courteous tone toward other fraternities.”

Of the RAINBOW and its predecessor, the *Crescent*, it has the following:

The *Crescent*, the organ of Delta Tau Delta, was established through the enthusiasm of W. C. Buchanan and J. P. L. Weems, and at their own expense. It started as a fourteen-paged monthly. It has always been a thoroughly “newsy” journal and it has successfully aimed to keep Delta Tau Delta informed of the doings of the Greek world, both inside and outside of her own territory. In 1878 the Alpha chapter assumed the control of the *Crescent*, with Vol. IV., a purple cover was added embodying one of the fraternity’s colors. In February, 1886, its name was changed to the RAINBOW, perpetuating the name of the southern fraternity, which was united with Delta Tau Delta at that time. It has changed little

since then and has maintained its position of general excellence.

Of the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* it well says:

It has also practically remained under the control of one man, Frederick M. Crosett, of the New York chapter. It has maintained an even tone of general excellence, and its news and opinions have been unusually accurate. It is handsomely supported.

While for the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* it gives "some jam and a pill," both equally deserved:

It has usually had three numbers a year, instead of four, and has in many respects stood *facile princeps* in the Greek press. It has published some notable articles upon topics of general fraternity interest, and among others one relating the true origin of the Phi Beta Kappa. \* \* \* Its typography was and is excellent, and altogether the "Dekes" should be proud of their journal. One feature mars its symmetry. Its chapter letters, though full, are persistently inaccurate and misleading, and their statements have been refuted again and again by its rival journals. It has not met with the support it deserves.

The remainder of the number is largely of interest to Beta only. In "College Notes" is a modest (?) but interesting item, concerning a new college added to Syracuse University:

The new college and the Beta Epsilon chapter of Beta Theta Pi are sure to be strong attractions for drawing new students to Syracuse.

Where was the editor's blue pencil?

The heading of a chapter letter "University of Cincinnati (Dispensation)," and the fact that Beta Theta Pi's foundling at the University of Minnesota at last interview did not know its name, point to queer methods.

The *Δ K E Quarterly* which reached us about the middle of December, though bearing the date "January, 1890," has been the source of some profit, an immense amount of amusement and considerable disgust. Concerning the cause of the last we have freely expressed ourselves elsewhere, and shall say no more here. Typographically this number is a most admirable one, and the cut of the Wesleyan chapter house fittingly completes it as to printer's art, save the cover. Doubtless that cover is "weighty with glorious significance and dear to the heart of every "Deke," but we cannot help quoting, with slight modifications, the editor's comment on the *Key* in this very same number:



"When will you change that—cover? Give us something, please, indicative of the taste and dignity that we associate with the cultured 'Deke' mind." It is altogether too much of a conglomeration of a considerable to be either aesthetic or deeply significant to the "Dekes" themselves, unless they are given a pretty thorough course in heraldry and kindred mysteries, or are built differently from the ordinary college mortal.

Following the cover and the engraving are three articles on the birth, the founders, and the home of Gamma Phi, the Wesleyan chapter. These articles are finely written and we have enjoyed them, even though we are not "Dekes." The thirty pages of convention speeches, etc., make this number pre-eminently a convention number. To avoid all comparison, we will re-echo our brother editor's paraphrase of Phillips Brooks, and say, "Well, those *are* speeches." The editorials are thoughtful and well written, in themselves, and illustrate the editor's remark upon the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*: "The editorial pages should be devoted to the expression of well-matured thought upon topics of importance to Phi Kappa Psi or to the Greek fraternity in general." The editorial on "Extension by Subsidy" reads smoothly, but it would have come a little more gracefully and fittingly from another journal or at another time. We give two quotations, and if we were to write "University of Minnesota and Phi Delta Theta" across both, and "University of California" across the second, no further comment would be necessary:

Have we come to a point in fraternity extension where it is necessary to pay, not to say bribe, young men into joining our organizations? It certainly looks as if some of our rivals were trying hard to buy chapters. "It requires money to extend," we are told. We naturally inquire why? and how much? What price do these would-be initiates set upon their precious heads? Are they more expensive in New England than in the West? Is the South more exorbitant in its demands than the North? Are you going to present each of them with a chromo or with a series of resolutions expressive of your deep obligation to them for condescending to favor your society with their august presence? Do it, ye who may, *ΔΚΕ* is not yet reduced to such pitiable straits. She has never yet found it difficult to provide stationary and stamps for her own use, nor has she ever found it necessary to ask any set

of men to receive her—for a consideration. Δ K E is proud of the records of chapter establishment as found scattered through the pages of the *Quarterly*. They all point one way. In the thought of the charter members Δ K E was the highest goal:

Oh, to be a Δ K E!  
 Oh, to be a Δ K E!  
 The world and life were naught to me  
 If I were not a Δ K E.

It was their thought by day and their dream by night, and toward its attainment they worked with a patient persistency that ultimately overcame every obstacle.

The chapter letters are unusually interesting. Seventeen of the thirty-one chapters are represented.

The *ATΩ Palm* for October is almost entirely given up to statistical tables showing in detail the active membership for last year, which foots up 477, and numerically comparing the fraternities met by *ATΩ*. "Expulsions" is the significant title which appears at the head of one of the departments.

The December *Scroll* is essentially a convention number, containing, besides an elaborate account of the convention and several convention editorials, the poem and oration delivered at the public literary exercises. The history and prophecy are announced to follow in the next number. By no means the least interesting part of the convention proceedings was the presentation of badges: there were no less than three of these tokens of fraternal love given and received, to say nothing of Sunday gold-headed canes. The third Wednesday in February was made the alumni day, upon which the alumni chapters are to hold their banquets and discuss some common topic of fraternity interest. The *Scroll* in its wanderings has moved westward, and is now published at Columbus, Ohio.

We always take up the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* with a feeling of assurance that our time spent on it will not be wasted. The November number, while not quite so elegant typographically, is a very neat number. We heartily advise every chapter of DELTA TAU DELTA to send a dollar to The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, Box 2887, New York, and take the journal for a year. Its pages of Greek letter gossip are exceedingly valuable, and its editorials



always pointed and sensible. In this last number, every one of its twenty-five chapters were represented by chapter letters. The Delta University *News Items*, and *Alumni* of Delta University are about as nearly perfect as anything of the sort we have seen in any journal. The opening article, on "Wax Wings or Sails,—a Chat with Fresh Graduates," by Wm. E. Griffis, D.D., the celebrated author, is bright and thoroughly enjoyable. Let every DELTA TAU ponder well the following extract, reading DELTA TAU instead of Delta Upsilon:

Brothers in Delta Upsilon, let us get out of the labyrinth into which conceit, indolence, habit, mistaken ideas, bad advisers, even outrageous fortune, have led us. Let us make no deep valley between commencement day and the next autumn. We must keep in line with the best thought, and take courage from the best actions of our fellow-men. Every man in the Delta Upsilon fraternity should keep in touch with his brethren, like a soldier with his file. He should welcome all her literature. As fascinating as a volume of Plutarch should be our faaternity catalogue rightly used and studied. Every man who has taken the vows of Delta Upsilon, worn her colors or badge, or, best of all, entered into her true spirit, ought to keep sympathetic grip upon her contemporaneous history and look eagerly at her future prospects. He should walk hand in hand with his brothers. No better means of culture in this line do I know of than regular reading of the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*. It will keep a man from silly contempt of the college boy. It will save him from cynicism, hold him fresh and full of warm-heartedness. It will stimulate him to honest ambitions, and often enrich him with valuable hints which he can coin into success.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for November is a delightful number—broadminded, dignified and fresh. We feel like advising our chapters, as we did in the case of the  $\Delta \Gamma$  *Quarterly* to take the magazine regularly, or, any way, where the two fraternities have chapters, institute a regular local exchange.

An excellent editorial on "The Scientific Spirit and the Fraternity," contains this paragraph, in which the writer ignores the fact that at such institutions as Rensselaer, Polytechnic, and Stevens Institute, such fraternities as  $Z \Psi$ ,  $\Theta \Delta \chi$ ,  $\chi \Psi$ , and  $\Delta K E$ , as well as those mentioned, have been established for years:

As the fraternity has grown more practical, the character of its active membership has grown likewise. College boys talk less of their "dear brother" and of "love of their sister chapters," and

are now planning methods for building chapter houses and discussing the government policy of their organization. It is by this silent and increasing process that prejudice against students whose college training is not classical has begun to disappear. Five years ago, Sigma Chi began to appreciate this movement and established her first chapter in a school of technology—the Massachusetts Institute, at Boston. The wisdom of the policy which prompted the fraternity to enter this excellent institution at so early a day, was last year confirmed by the unanimous voice of three standard fraternities who entered the institute—namely, Delta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and DELTA TAU DELTA.

Hear, too, how the editor introduces his extensive and interesting department of *Greek Press*:

The actions of an editor of the *Greek Press* are not unlike those of the trusty guide in the Cave of the Winds. He bids his readers, unacquainted in all probability with all the magazines he will review, join hands and plunge into the spray of Greek gossip, blown hard about their ears by the fierce winds of criticism; bids them tread with slipping feet through subjects which to them may be a stumbling-block, and *trust* through it all that their guide knows where he is going, and will leave them at the end the happy memory of an exciting and not unpleasant trip.

Speaking of the recent complications at the University of Georgia, the same pen gives us this:

This perversion of the very genius of the whole Greek fraternity system is deplorable, and it is to be regretted that the practice is in vogue elsewhere than at the University of Georgia. Gentlemen, can you not depend upon the solemn word of honor of a preparatory student, and wait till he enters, or is about to enter, the freshman class before initiating him? If each fraternity would resolve to respect the claims of the other to men who have announced themselves as pledged, would it not assist in obviating this undue and greedy haste?

We are rejoiced to know that our friend is preaching such wholesome gospel, and doubly glad to have it sent throughout the camps of his Egyptian hosts, even now in the midst of their perennial pursuit of the sub-freshman and frisky preps.

The December number of the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is an average *Shield*, nor do we mean this for scant praise, for one of the great merits of the *Shield* is its averageness, never rising to great heights of excellence, and seldom falling below a certain level interest to the outside world. The correspondent for the chapter at



the University of Minnesota, has settled the matter of the perfectness of the *Shield* from an  $\Phi K \Psi$  standpoint, so we ought to be settled. He says: "The  $\Delta T \Delta$  RAINBOW in its last issue spoke disparagingly of our paper as being of very little general interest. We do not want a publication of general interest: we want one that will interest  $\Phi \Psi$ s. \* \* \* We want a paper in which we can read what our brothers are doing, what the fraternity is doing, what the Greek world is doing." Now we are not going to discuss this question with the little fellow, but we submit that the last two of his "wants" are just what ought to make the *Shield* of general interest, and that to tell properly what "our brothers are doing" necessarily involves what our brother's neighbor is doing, hence a slight degree of general interest ought to attach to such telling. The editor of the *Shield* evidently approved the RAINBOW's remarks about his paper, even if it were "disparagingly," (?) for in his companion pages of favorable and unfavorable comments upon the *Shield*, as clipped from other journals, his quotation from the RAINBOW appears on the "favorable page." Verily, the doctors do disagree.

### *THE TWIN CITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.*

The members of the DELTA TAU DELTA fraternity in the Twin Cities have been increasing within the past few years, and recently a movement was started to organize. Accordingly, December 11th a number met at the office of Dr. Charles E. Thayer and formed a permanent organization. Among those present were Messrs. J. W. Mauck, *K*, J. L. Wicks, *θ*, Will Wright, *Ω*, C. E. Thayer, *θ*, C. J. Traxler, *A* Prime, George Halbert, *θ*, W. B. Augir, *K*, W. S. Ford, *H*, Harrie Saylor, *N*, and Baker, *M*, of St. Paul, and J. F. Hayden, Max West, Will Dann, George Head and F. H. Gilman of Chaptal Beta Eta, of the State University. A constitution was adopted and the organization called the Twin City Alumni Association of DELTA TAU DELTA. The permanent officers elected are as follows: president, J. W. Mauck; vice-president, W. S. Ford, St. Paul; secretary, Will Wright; treasurer, Harrie Saylor, St. Anthony Park; committee on election, F. S. Abnerthy, *B H*, S. B. Howard, *θ*, W. B. Augir, *K*; executive committee, K. C. Babcock, C. J. Traxler, and Dr. C. E. Thayer. This fraternity has a strong chapter at the State University, and this newly organized association will bring alumni and actives into closer relations than ever before. Other alumni of DELTA TAU DELTA in the city are Robert Evans, *θ*, Higbee, *K*, David Morgan, *B*, Reber, *T*, Chrischilles, *θ*, Rabb, Fred Cook, *T*, M. V. Little, *K*, C. G. Van Wert, *A*, George Andrews, *B H*, Charles Brewster, *A* Prime, Rev. A. Nichols, *T*, Rev. A. Dalgren, *A* Prime, E. C. Gibson, *θ*, J. S. Crombie, *A*.

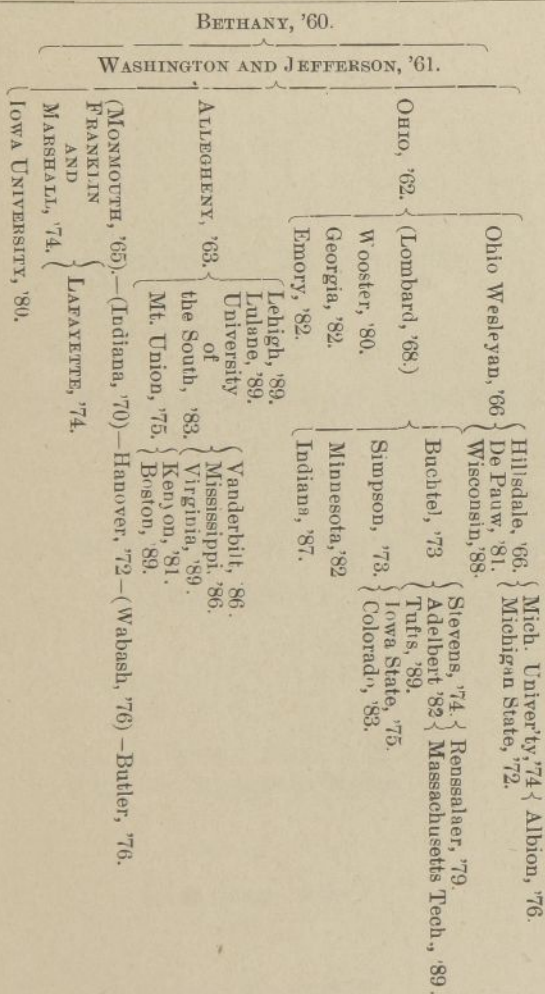


## APPENDIX.

## \*TABLE OF CHAPTER GENEALOGY.

\*See article on page 14.

The following is a diagram of the genealogical development of DELTA TAU DELTA by chapters; giving the date and chapter origin of each, the defunct chapters being enclosed in parentheses:—







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