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## SOME LOCAL CUSTOMS IN FRATERNITY LIFE.

Local peculiarities in the life of the different sections of our country make an interesting study. The methods of pronunciation and the strange phrases that mark the colloquial speech are constant subjects of comparison. The highest culture never quite loses the habit of dialect, and the residence of a person, whether New England, New York, New South or New West, is quite likely to be betrayed by the speech. And the peculiarities of life in general are quite as pronounced as the peculiarities of language. Naturally enough college customs vary. Commencement dress includes all the fashions from stately gown to plain "cutaway" or short frock, while commencement speech ranges all the way from *Candidate Ascendant*, as at Boston University, to the plain statement that "the graduates will please come forward and receive their parchments."

And, though there exists a singular unity among the various chapters of one fraternity, and common habits prevail as to the essentials of Greek life, there still exists a large place for local customs. The external life of chapters at Cambridge, Ann Arbor, and Berkeley, even though the chapters live under

one constitution and wear the same badge of membership, will show some marked distinctions. A list of all local fraternity customs would fill a volume and would, of course, deal only with the most superficial side of fraternity interest and influence. The matter, however, may be studied somewhat broadly, and a glance at the customs of different sections, as seen in representative colleges, will not prove vain or dull reading.

In the East fraternity life is of long tenure and is consequently more or less fixed. Harvard and Yale with their strange systems of class fraternities are exceptional. The real fraternity life has not yet conquered either institution. At Harvard the membership in Delta Kappa Epsilon, while the "Dickey Club" still claimed connection with the regular order, was very large, more than forty men often being initiated from one class. This will account for the great number of D. K. E.'s which the catalogue shows as residing in or near Boston. At Cambridge badges are seldom seen and, when seen at all, are usually worn by post-graduate students who have come from other institutions. One chapter,—that of a vigorous and bold national order,—makes its sign of membership rather conspicuous. But, for the most part, the regularly organized Greek-letter societies have a hidden and silent place in the university life. In the smaller colleges of New England quite the reverse is true. The chapters are usually of large size,—much larger than the chapters in western institutions. Chapter houses are numerous. Taking Williams as representing somewhat the typical New England college, the following habits are seen to prevail: Every fraternity has a house and its own table. Every fraternity man has a pin and it is very seldom that he is seen without it, no matter what may be his dress. The average number of freshmen initiated into each fraternity is now about seven. It is customary for a chapter to indicate mourning upon the death of an active member, a resident alumnus, or an especially distinguished graduate; this

is done by wearing black between the pin and the vest. Fraternity colors are not worn. An active fraternity man writes: "I have never seen the colors of any fraternity except those of my own." Fraternity yells are never heard and fraternity songs are used only in the chapter houses. In the newer New England college fraternity life is more mobile. At Tufts the fraternities work together fairly well. Inter-fraternity whist and baseball contests are common. The existence of a fully organized non-fraternity faction with officers and business sessions must tend to unite the college societies. In general it may be said that the fraternity chapters of the east tend to a large, though not a loose democracy as to membership, and to a rather strict conservatism as to open customs.

In the west and northwest fraternities are vigorous and make a prominent feature of college life. Even at Leland Stanford customs are already working into permanence. Chapter whistles are used for signalling members at a distance; circular letters are started each long vacation and are later placed on file; collections of college annuals are being preserved, and one fraternity, at least, has started a flourishing chapter library. At the Northwestern University all the fraternities and "sororities" have distinctive signal whistles, all pledged students wear colors for several days after the pledge occurs, and a number of the ladies' societies, notably Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Delta Delta, wear colors for three days after initiations. At the University of Nebraska chapter whistles are heard, and colors are worn for one day in evidence of an initiation. At the University of Minnesota whistles are in constant use. In the account of fraternity life at the University of the South, found in another column, the writer speaks of the fraternity symbols being worked into flower beds in the chapter yards. At Minnesota, once at least, the fraternity letters were exhibited on the bosom of the snow. Accidentally there fell into our hands the following effusion. It appears that a juvenile member of

Beta Eta had trodden large Delta Tau Delta letters in the snow lying in the court of the courthouse. The snow fell again and a sooty film covered it; then the sun melted the last covering and the letters reappeared.

The flakes of snow were falling fast,  
As to the court a kidling passed,  
And there with bosom full of pride,  
He trod in footprints large and wide  
Delta Tau Delt.

The gentle snow kept falling still  
Its God-sent mission to fulfill,  
Until, like pearls set in a throne,  
The trodden symbols dimly shone,  
Delta Tau Delt.

The downfall ceased; the snow lay deep,  
Then o'er its breast began to creep  
Of grimy sort a darkling crust  
All mingling with an earthly dust,  
Yet underneath in whiteness gleamed  
And through the foulness faintly beamed  
Delta Tau Delt.

The author of this effusive reflection will be surprised to find his lines upon this page. The account is given as showing an amusing caper rather than a fixed custom in local fraternity life.

Among the colleges of the Middle States and the middle west numerous fraternity customs prevail. At Washington and Jefferson whistles are in order and may be heard on campus and street at all hours. Students in the preparatory department are pledged and, as a rule, wear pledge buttons until their initiation. Inter-fraternity baseball games are now quite common. At Allegheny the different chapters wear colors for three days after an initiation; colors are also worn

at ball games, receptions and banquets. Each fraternity has its whistle, and some of the chapters wear hats of a certain style and make. A Pan-Hellenic banquet is held each spring in which one fraternity,—for what reason we do not know,—has refused to participate. At the Ohio State University whistles and calls are somewhat though not extensively used. Four of the fraternities, Phi Gamma Delta, Chi Phi, Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi, form a "Sunergon" or social combine. This seems to cause much discontent. The case seems to resemble the situation at the University of Michigan. Of the merits of the controversy we are not informed. *Prima facie* such combinations as the "Sunergon" and the "Palladium Board" breed trouble and are of little profit. However, the students interested must form their own judgment. At Ohio State the fraternity yells are used on special occasions, such as oratorical contests, and dramatic club entertainments. For the last occasions a custom, peculiarly local, seems to obtain; the fraternities decorate their opera boxes with their colors. Butler University,—now University of Indianapolis,—has a monopoly of a peculiar habit. Our informant,—a Butler man,—calls it "a strange unaccountable thing." The different fraternity men wear a small bow of their colors tied to the button of their caps. Elsewhere this would seem *outré*; but usage makes it perfectly proper at Irvington.

A glance at three typical colleges in the central strip will prove of interest. At Kenyon, several distinct customs prevail. On being pledged, the future member wears the fraternity colors until his initiation. On the initiation of a new man the entire chapter wears colors for several days. Several of the fraternities have whistles, but they are little used at present. All of the chapters maintain what they call "Pledge Chapters" at Kenyon Military Academy. Each "Pledge Chapter" has its name, grip, and badge. The pledgelings wear either the fraternity colors or the pledge pin. Delta Tau

Delta's pledge chapter is called Beta Epsilon. It has a grip, all its own, and its members wear a pledge button made by Roehm and Son, a gilt crescent with the letters, Delta Tau Delta, in black enamel. On Wednesday evening of commencement week, the fraternities have their annual banquets, to which their pledged boys are invited. Fraternity songs are often sung as the men go homeward after their evening meetings. At the Ohio Wesleyan, all the chapters wear colors for three consecutive days in honor of new initiates. Colors are worn also on all special occasions, as at Commencement. Some of the chapters have local yells which are being replaced by the general fraternity yells as adopted. All chapters use individual call whistles. The whistle of Delta Tau Delta has been used, with but slight modification, for sixteen years. Annual picnics prevail, at which times buggy whips and carriages are decked with colors. Draped colors are worn in case of the death of any member or alumnus. Pan-Hellenic banquets are often held; inter-fraternity ball games and tennis matches come occasionally. All the fraternities pledge preparatory students and allow them the freedom of the balls. Some of the pledged men wear designated pins. Within a few years Phi Kappa Psi introduced the custom of receiving the other fraternities. This last-named chapter has also a habit which is *sui generis*: Its members wear distinguishing caps with their Greek letters on them. This is an advance over the Butler habit, but we would not call it an improvement.

The University of Michigan has a very distinct type of fraternity life. A study of Greek doings at Ann Arbor soon reveals this fact. The most prominent feature is the institution of the "Nine," commonly called the "Palladium" fraternities from the fact that these several chapters formerly united in publishing the *Palladium*, the senior annual. The nine included in the chosen number are Chi Psi, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi, Psi Upsilon, Beta

Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Tau Delta. It is easy to see that the exclusion of the other chapters at Ann Arbor creates no little friction and bitterness. It is, perhaps, difficult for an outsider to judge as to the righteousness and courtesy of the combination. The question is local and can have only a local solution. The remaining description comes, with slight modifications, from the pen of an Ann Arbor fraternity man. Numerous items show the peculiarly local touch. The nine Palladium fraternities, as mentioned above, control the junior and sophomore hops, and claim all the honors usually given to fraternity men. But they form something more than a mere political "combine." The members of the Nine associate more freely with each other than with others, and all inter-fraternity courtesies are usually confined by the Nine to each other. It is considered no breach of fraternity ethics for one of the Nine to "lift" a pledged man, or even an actual member, from one of the unrecognized fraternities; though this is not by any means a common practice and would not, of course, be allowed in Delta Tau Delta. Among each other, pledges are strictly respected by the Nine. A "freshman card club" is organized each year, which holds social meetings at the various houses of the Nine in rotation, and serves to keep up the spirit in each class as it comes. This is not done in the way of snobbery; the idea is to give a unity to the social life of the university which would not otherwise be found in so large an institution. Chi Psi, as the oldest of the local chapters, has the privilege of calling all political caucuses, and the first meetings of all regular committees. Meetings are then held at the houses in rotation, in order of establishment. Fraternity men hold the toast-mastership of the freshman banquet and four places on the board of the *Oracle*, the sophomore annual. All other class offices go to independents, owing to their much greater numbers. The fraternities, however, take the leading part in all the social, athletic, literary, and musical enterprises of the university.

In most of the fraternities, freshmen are expected to obey when requested to do anything by an upper class man. They go to the post-office for the evening mail, answer the door-bell and the telephone, and, in general, do everything in the way of work that is not done by servants. A senior who wishes an errand of any sort done, simply yells "Ninety-nine," and if there is a freshman in the house he at once responds to the call, and is ready to do his bidding. It is, of course, to be presumed that the upper class men are not prone to abuse the privileges which this custom allows.

Pledged men are marked by small lapel buttons of various shapes and colors, called, as elsewhere, pledge buttons. That of Delta Tau Delta is a small crescent, enamelled in the fraternity colors. The Phi Kappa Psi button is a small silver rectangle with an engraved monogram. It is customary for the various chapters to wear a band of crêpe around the badge as a sign of mourning. From some of these items it will be readily seen that fraternity life at the University of Michigan is peculiar even to the point of oddity, while the facts mentioned in the entire article will show that not even the binding unity conferred by the Greek Letter societies can wholly conquer the influence of the personal and local equation. Is it not just as well that it is so?

E. H. HUGHES.

## THE NORTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The fourteenth annual conference of the Northern Division of Delta Tau Delta fraternity was held at Smiths' Hotel, Hillsdale, Michigan, May 21, 22, and 23 under the auspices of Kappa chapter. Most of the chapters were well represented, and an interesting time was had by all present. Thursday evening a large reception was given by the local chapter in honor of the visiting delegates in the hotel parlors. Friday was occupied with business sessions. Some interesting papers were read and some able discussions brought forth in regard to the policy of the Fraternity and especially of this division. At the elections of officers the following were elected for the ensuing year:—President, W. W. Wood (Kappa); vice-president, G. D. Cooper (Beta Beta); secretary, C. C. Smith (Beta); treasurer, L. D. Woodworth (Epsilon).

Perhaps to a majority of those present the most enjoyable part of the program was the banquet Friday evening. At 9.30 the members repaired to the dining room, where the inner man was satisfied, after which the toasts were given:

"The Prof."—W. D. Curll, Beta Alpha.

"Deltas in Politics"—Col. O. A. Janes, Kappa.

"Our Ladies"—Harry D. Cushman, Epsilon.

"Fraternity Life"—Chas. H. Fullerton, Kappa.

"Memories"—Robert L. Harris, Chi.

After the toasts, every one present was called upon for a speech, and here were brought forth some of the wittiest talks of the evening. Music and yells were interspersed among the talks. Especially to be remembered were the impromptus from

the "cheer-up table," every one receiving able assistance from his eight brothers sitting around the table. At a late hour, Toast-master E. W. Adkinson (Kappa '68) pronounced "Good-night," much to the regret of those present, thus closing one of the memorable occasions of the Northern Division of Delta Tau Delta. As a picture had been neglected and some of the delegates were to depart on an early train, every delegate, every member of the local chapter, and the local alumni assembled at 6.30 for one. This brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of the Northern Division. Harmony and the true brotherly feeling prevailed throughout the meeting, and surely those present can only feel a deeper interest in the fraternity and only strive to lift the purple, white and gold standard from its high pedestal to one still higher in the list of American college fraternities.

W. W. WOOD.

## THE DENVER MEETING.

On Friday evening, May 8, was held the first banquet and reunion of Colorado Deltas. Including the actives of Beta Kappa there are about seventy-five members of the Fraternity residing in Colorado, and a goodly number of these met at the Windsor Hotel, Denver, on the evening mentioned to enjoy themselves as only Deltas can, and to discuss the project of organizing an Alumni Association of Colorado Deltas. The members of the chapter attended in a body, being accompanied from Boulder by Prof. Ira M. DeLong, Hon. R. H. Whitely, Prof. W. W. Putnam and Judge Edwin J. Ingram. Prof. L. G. Carpenter of Fort Collins, who had intended to be present, was compelled to send regrets on account of illness in his family.

Although the attendance was not as large as was expected, yet the meeting was in every way a success, and it was unanimously agreed that there should be an annual gathering of this kind. The early part of the evening was spent in renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, many of those present having never met before. At nine o'clock the fraters repaired to the beautifully decorated banquet room and proceeded to do justice to the twelve-course dinner, which was served in a most exquisite style. This over, the following toasts were responded to, the speakers being introduced by Toastmaster Harry P. Gamble, Beta Kappa, '97.

"Why we are here," Hon. R. H. Whiteley, Beta Kappa, '82, 87.

"Delta Tau Delta," Prof. Doremus A. Hayes, Mu, '84.

"The Boys of Old," Prof. Ira M. DeLong, Chi, '78.

"Beta Kappa," Henry O. Andrew, Beta Kappa, '96.

"The Delt without a Home," George Stidger, Xi, '80.

C. E. Harrington, who was to respond to the toast "The Frater," was unable to be present. Following the regular toasts remarks were made by C. L. Manning, Kappa; H. R. Weber, Beta Omicron; B. K. Bently, Iota; and Chas. Pierce, Beta Kappa. The speeches were interspersed with fraternity and college songs, several of the former being printed on the handsome souvenir menu cards, by no means least among which was the pathetic recital of the sorrowful bereavement of the unsuccessful rival of John Jones. The alumni members present then proceeded to discuss the organization of a permanent association and a committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. A petition to the Arch Chapter was also circulated, and was signed by all the graduate members present. The banquet ended with the customary walk-around and fraternity yell.

The company then adjourned to the parlors to sing more songs, to tell more stories, to become better friends, and to go home, each one feeling that there are ties that bind, the everyday affairs of life completely driven from the mind by a train of thoughts that hold and draw one back to scenes and events almost forgotten.

During the evening a communication from President Babcock was read, in which was expressed a desire for the success of the meeting. Communications were also received from other officers of the Fraternity and from Wm. B. Hough, Theta, '60, of Cripple Creek, Colo., who has the distinction of being the first person to ride the Delta goat.

While responding to the toast assigned him, Prof. D. A. Hayes stated that this was the first gathering of Deltas he had attended since graduating from Ohio Wesleyan twelve years ago.

The petition to the Arch Chapter for an alumni association, which will be presented in a few weeks, will be numerously signed and there is great promise that a very flourishing chapter will be formed.

HENRY O. ANDREW.

## FRATERNITIES AT SEWANEE.

I think it was "Old Warhorse Bob" Churchill who described fraternity life at Sewanee as "ideal." Certainly the life here lacks many of the features that have laid fraternities open to serious and not entirely unfounded criticism elsewhere. The fraternity spirit is strong, and loyalty is intense; but Sewanee is one large fraternity, loyalty to Sewanee is strong, and the "Sewanee spirit" rules supreme. "Frat politics" is rarely heard of, and still less practiced. The one Fraternity that in past times indulged extensively in wirepulling has now lost so much of its influence, partially on account of this very thing, that it may be almost disregarded.

The chapters all own houses. The plans of construction usually embrace a large hall for meetings and dances, with one or two smaller reception rooms. All the chapters but one have tennis courts. Two own pool tables. The grounds surrounding the houses are kept in order by the men themselves, who may be seen almost any afternoon in the spring, busy with hoe and rake and shovel. Scions of aristocratic lineage, whose hands have heretofore been innocent of toil, become adepts at wielding axe and spade. Every chapter yard has a bed, made in the form of the badge, set aside for the fraternity flower.

Part of the good feeling may be attributed to the existence of the Pan-Hellenic Convention, which has power to settle inter-fraternity disputes. It has rarely been called upon to exercise its authority, but its decrees are obeyed. Four years ago an offending chapter was tried, and sentenced to the loss of its charter for a year. It had no choice but to obey, and obey it did.

One of the most stringent rules of the Pan-Hellenic Convention, to the observance of which the various chapters are committed on their honor, is that prohibiting the pledging or spiking of grammar school students. It was for the infraction of this rule that the chapter mentioned above suffered a temporary loss of its charter. An instance of the keen sense of honor which obtains in inter-fraternity relations occurred within the last three weeks. Beta Theta of Delta Tau Delta discovered that this rule had been violated by one of her former members. Of her own motion, she laid the case before the Pan-Hellenic Convention, pleading extenuating circumstances, but standing ready to accept any penalty that might be inflicted. The Convention voted unanimously to accept the explanation offered by Delta Tau Delta, and to exonerate her from blame in the matter.

A very picturesque feature is the annual "Grammar School Rush." According to the above mentioned Pan-Hellenic laws, no grammar school "Kyd" can be spiked before the night of his graduation. The fraternities send their football men to the commencement of the grammar school, and when the exercises of the evening are concluded by a formal announcement of the fortunate preps. advanced to the university a wild scramble ensues, in which those "Kyd" fought over by two or more of the rush squads are often in danger of being torn limb from limb. This rushing of the preps. is probably the one undignified feature of the fraternity life in Sewanee. Otherwise a remarkably high tone prevails.

Every fraternity has a yell and a whistle. The Indian yell of Beta Theta has attracted some attention. It is delivered in rapid cadence, with short emphasis, and runs as follows :—

Hoopla, hoopla, hoopla ree!  
Heap good chapter, D. T. D!  
Delta Tau, Delta Tau,  
Every Delta have his squaw.

Tomahawk and much pappoose,  
Heap big Injin done broke loose!  
Hoopla, hoopla, hoopla ree,  
Heap good chapter, D. T. D!

The Delta whistle is adapted from the "taps" bugle call, and was composed by Webster, our bugler from Kenyon.

Lifting is unknown at Sewanee. Every fraternity respects another's pledge, and ceases its efforts as soon as a man gives his promise to another. Differences of opinion not serious enough to require a meeting of the Pan-Hellenic are settled by joint committees, and in every case so far as my experience has extended, a peaceable issue has been reached without friction.

Although fraternity mates very often room together, the reverse is quite as often true. Pan-Hellenic "guying" is frequently indulged in with no offense on either side.

On the whole it may be said that fraternity life at Sewanee possesses all of the virtues of the system, with very few of its vices. The faculty endorse it without qualification, and find the influence very potent in maintaining order and exciting emulation in class work. Almost perfect order prevails under a system of discipline little more than nominal, and this can be ascribed largely to fraternity influence.

GARDINER L. TUCKER.

## EDITORIAL.

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THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT.

A review of the year would seem proper in the final issue of THE RAINBOW. The review, however, is not so easy; for the best work in the world cannot well be put into statistical or verbal form. The months have seen constant advance in all essential lines of our Fraternity's life. We have lost one chapter,—the Tau chartered at Franklin and Marshall. Under all the circumstances, its alumni, as well as the Arch Chapter, believed that wisdom lay in its withdrawal. We have, up to the time of writing, added no new chapters. This has not been because we have lacked opportunity. Three times in the year petitioners have knocked at our doors. One petition has been pending for many months, and lies in doubt; a second will undoubtedly be defeated; the third will in all probability be granted. Even in the case of the petition where defeat seems certain on account of the grade of the institution, some of our rival fraternities would move with favor; for already four of them have granted charters and now maintain flourishing chapters at the college. If it should occur that by the time our readers see this editorial, one or perhaps two new charters shall have been granted, our members everywhere will know that the institutions entered are the best and most available in their section of the country. Chances for extension come to us so frequently and persistently that we can well afford to move with the greatest caution and deliberation.

The largest work of the year has been done in ways whose advertisement would not be proper. Our finances have been well managed; and the Convention of '95 made no mistake in its selection of a treasurer. The making of a catalogue has occasioned the usual difficulties; but the end is in sight,—thanks to Brother Churchill's patience and persistence. The Arch Chapter has worked in the most perfect harmony and, we believe, commands the confidence of the entire Fraternity. Our gatherings have been large and enthusiastic; a growing homogeneity is apparent in every section; a quickened interest has sprung up among our alumni; and our actives have never been more prompt and thorough in attention to the Fraternity's interests and demands. It has been a good year; the work done means greater future strength.

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#### FRATERNITY AND REJUVENATION.

It is often implied in the discussions relating to alumni interest in the Fraternity that the benefit of the organization to the graduate ceases with his active membership. The memories may refresh and do good, and the continuance of the associations formed in the chapter may prove pleasant and profitable. Little stress, however, is put upon any peculiar benefits which may come to a working alumnus from a constant enthusiasm for his order. If our graduates could be made to know that their active interest would be helpful to themselves as well as to their Fraternity, more of them perhaps would be ready to give of time, strength and money. It will be apparent to the observer of such matters that vital connection with one's college fraternity will tend to keep one young. The Greek-letter societies are full of the spirit of youth. In closing his response to the hearty tributes paid him at the Theta Delta Chi ban-

quet, Gov. J. W. Griggs, of New Jersey, gave this idea due emphasis, saying that there was something in the fellowship that kept the heart young, that preserved the bright inspirations of opening manhood, and kept alive "the glorious ambition of youth." As a public man occupied with numberless duties Governor Griggs was doubtless speaking from experience. The fact is that this renewal of the youthful spirit is a sure and natural effect of alumni interest in the Fraternity; but the difficulty is that the men who most need the constant revival of such a spirit are most inclined to lose their interest, though not their loyalty, with the first earnest beginnings of a professional and business career. There are many alumni who say that more important interests forbid any vital relation to the Fraternity. These same alumni would bring to those more important interests a fresher and more vigorous service if they would but keep themselves in close contact with the throbbing and bounding spirit of undergraduate life. It is safe to venture that an examination of the alumni, who in the various fraternities preserve a warm interest after having been graduated ten, fifteen or twenty years, will show that they are men who retain a youthful spirit. This temperament may account somewhat for the interest taken, but it is also accounted for by that interest. No man can mingle with the rollicking actives in the chapter halls, at conferences or conventions, or around banquet tables, and fail to renew his youth. Not long since an enthusiastic alumnus was heard to say that he continued a lively interest in our own Fraternity because every reading of our literature and all associations with the actives of to-day freshened his life and made him feel younger. It is to be hoped that this point, so strongly urged in Governor Griggs' response, may be made clear to the hosts of alumni. The fraternity that can command from its graduate membership a large and constant service will secure a glorious future.

## DELTAS! CLASS OF 1896.

By the time this issue of THE RAINBOW reaches the chapters, one hundred Deltas will be on the point of graduation. The members of the Class of '96 will soon end their active relation to their various chapters and will depart for professional schools, for post-graduate study, or will enter at once upon the chosen work of life. Their future connection with the fraternity will depend very largely upon the attitude taken the first year or two after active membership ceases. As appropriate resolutions for Commencement Day, we suggest to our graduates the following :

(1) Let each one purpose to keep himself informed as to his Fraternity's condition and doings. It is to be hoped that every Delta of the Class of '96 will immediately subscribe for THE RAINBOW. It is the one bond between the alumnus and the general Fraternity and the great source of information as to our work.

(2) Let each one purpose to help his chapter at every point of need. To each call for financial aid let a response be made. If our graduates will put some treasure into their chapters, their hearts will quickly follow. Inform your chapter and the other chapters in the Fraternity as to your knowledge of available men entering their colleges. And, while care should be had not to give the future student the impression that he will receive a certain and immediate solicitation, yet in quiet and discreet ways our alumni will be able to prepare many excellent men to receive cordially a possible invitation.

(3) Let each one purpose to attend our gatherings whenever such attendance is possible. A Convention and Conference Delta is always useful and enthusiastic. Witness Trautwein, McClurg, Bemis and Rice. Besides, the riper and more conservative wisdom of our graduates is often needed in our discussion and legislation. We venture the assertion that if

the Deltas of the Class of '96 would make and keep this three-fold resolution, their services would be of inestimable value to the Fraternity.

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#### THE VISITS OF ALUMNI.

These words will be read soon enough to correct, if not indeed to prevent, certain errors which visiting alumni are prone to make. There is a tendency, observed by all, for former students at a college to get the impression that their successors in the collegiate life are by no means equal in ability and solidity to the students of their own time. And a fraternity graduate is inclined to have a similar thought regarding his chapter. The explanation lies upon the surface. A few years of active and earnest life in profession or business change a man's standards. In judging the strength of his own chapter while he was still a member, the active uses the standard of the college undergraduate and compares his fraters with those who live upon the same plane. But unless an alumnus is very careful he will carry with him on his visit to the chapter the standard of a maturer life and, judging by this, he will probably think his old chapter has become frivolous and degenerate, and is far inferior to the force of his own time. We now recall an alumnus who after four years of intense and sobering life visited his old chapter. He brought with him out of a busy pastorate the serious standard of his own profession and age and, using it unconsciously, came easily to conclude that his chapter was not composed of as solid and substantial men as of old. The fact was, however, that his chapter was far stronger than in the days of his own active membership, stood better in college, ranked higher in scholarship, had improved socially, and in all respects measured up more nearly to the ideal. The city man returning to the village of his boyhood

feels at first that the houses have surely grown smaller; but soon he knows that the diminution is only seeming and arises from his own changed standards. So the visiting alumnus returning to the chapter in which his active membership was passed often feels at first that the chapter has decreased in standing and influence; sometimes a second thought will convince him that the change is in himself. We have known of many alumni who suffered disappointment because of the very mistake which this editorial points out and seeks to correct. It is to be hoped that the alumni who visit their chapters at the approaching commencements will be saved from this unconscious injustice.

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#### A TABLE OF RELATIONSHIP.

*The Delta* of Sigma Nu for January, 1896, publishes the group picture of six brothers, all of whom reside in Georgia and are members of the Sigma Nu fraternity. It is surely very rare to find so many brothers in one order; we doubt whether the case has a parallel in the Greek world. Recently, however, we have found a case quite as remarkable in that it has to do with one chapter, but with several groups of brothers. Our Mu chapter now has eleven members; of these eleven eight, or all but three, have brothers who are members of Delta Tau Delta. They belong to three groups of two each, and to two groups of three each. Brownell, '96, is a brother of Brownell, '90; Geyer, '97, is a brother of Geyer, '92; McConnell, '99, is a brother of McConnell, '94; the two Torbets are brothers; the two Persons are brothers of Persons, '91; while Barnes, '99, is a brother of Barnes, '91, and of Barnes, '93. This leaves only three men in the chapter who have no brothers on the roll. All these brothers were initiated by Mu except Persons, '91,

who came in through the Psi chapter ; and all, not now actives, received diplomas at the Ohio Wesleyan except Barnes, '93, who finally graduated at Leland Stanford. As a result of a recent visit to Mu, the editor can testify that, so far as could be seen, there had been no "fraternity nepotism" but that each individual case had been treated on its merits. The chapter is remarkably harmonious and congenial. Mu should have no difficulty in keeping in touch with some of her alumni.

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It may be that some of our chapters think the Song Book of the Fraternity to be out of print. It is now announced that Brother Lucius W. Hoyt, Denver Law School, Denver, Colorado, has about fifty copies of the Song Book, which may be obtained at one dollar apiece. We advise our new chapters to secure these copies at once. The Song Book has not ceased to be a credit to its compilers and to the Fraternity.

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We wish that the secretaries of our various chapters would secure the subscriptions of all our graduates for this year and would send names and addresses to the Editor. A little effort in this month of Commencements would tend to keep our new graduates in contact with the Fraternity and would render them, as well as Delta Tau Delta, a good service.

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We were well represented at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cleveland, O., in May. Wilson M. Day, Mu '70, was chairman of the local committee of arrangements. Sherman Arter, Zeta '86, was in charge of the ticketing of the immense armory. Hon. Geo. C. Sturgiss was

lay delegate from West Virginia. Hon. Samuel Dickey and Elvin Swarthout were the lay members from the Detroit Conference. Christie Galeener, of our old Illinois Wesleyan chapter, represented the Illinois Conference. D. Y. Murdock, of Mu, represented the Ohio Conference of which he has long been the efficient secretary. Chas. W. Drees, Mu '71, was one of the prominent figures of the session. Had it been determined to elect a bishop for South America, he would undoubtedly have been the choice. Edward M. Taylor, Gamma '73, represented New England, and was the youngest member of his delegation. Considering that our chapters do not turn largely toward affairs ecclesiastical we had a highly creditable representation.

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"The History of the Crescent-Rainbow" published in our last issue has brought out many favorable comments. One or two minor criticisms have been sent to the editor. Brother J. P. L. Weems writes to Brother McClurg that the matter of having a journal was discussed at the Convention of 1876 and that his memory of the plans made is quite distinct. The discussion must, however, have been of an informal character; for "the minutes of '76 are absolutely silent on the subject." Editor J. E. Brown, of the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, also sends a courteous note stating that the publication of the *Scroll* was arranged for in 1874 and that the first number appeared in 1875, not in 1876, as stated in the history. Brother McClurg arrived at the date 1876 by subtracting twenty, the number of the current *Scroll*, from 1896. It appears that the *Scroll* was suspended in 1876-78 (Baird, p. 148). It would thus seem that our journal has had the longer continuous existence. The point, at any rate, is valuable not for comparison but for correctness. It is freely granted that Phi Delta Theta's publica-

tion began earlier than our own. In the interest of fairness, also, Brother McClurg wishes it stated that in speaking of Volume XI of THE RAINBOW, under the editorship of Brother J. W. McLane, he should have said that each issue had a cover of different *shade*, rather than of different *color*. Some of the Cleveland brethren feel that the History does not do justice to Volume XI. The editor will not, of course, enter into any controversy as to the merits of any volumes. We were ready, with Brother McClurg's full approval doubtless, to publish any dignified and generous protest. Brothers McClurg and McLane are personal friends of the editor and both have rendered our Fraternity valuable service.

## FROM THE CHAPTERS.

## ALPHA—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

It is always a great pleasure to represent one's chapter in THE RAINBOW. The present college year has been prosperous. There has been no time since the early '80's when Alpha's condition has been as solid and hopeful as now.

We have had many a hard row to hoe during the past two years; but with a perseverance true to Deltaism we have done our work well, and now stand highly respected by all who know us.

Many things of interest have happened at Allegheny during the past term. We have not initiated anyone into full membership this term, but we have pledged one of the most desirable fraternity men who has entered Allegheny College during the year, Mr. J. H. Flowers of Irwin, Pa. Mr. Flowers is a champion bicyclist, and is rivaled in Allegheny only by Brother Neff. He is also one of the best football men in western Pennsylvania. He will enter freshman next fall.

Soon after the pledging of Flowers, Delta Tau Delta had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Mr. Archibald L. Irvin and Miss Rebie M. Flood, who were united in matrimony on April 7, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city. It was perhaps the most imposing wedding ever witnessed in Meadville. The bride is the only daughter of Dr. T. L. Flood, editor of *The Chautauquan*, and the groom is one of Meadville's most respected young men.

Mr. Irvin was a student of Allegheny College, class of '97. He became a member of Alpha in the fall of '94. He was prominent in athletics, and was one of the best hustlers Alpha ever had, and we are glad to say he still has the Delta spirit. Alpha attended both the wedding and reception in a body.

Alpha Chi Omega held their convention in this city during the first of the term, and we had a good representation at their reception, which occurred at the home of Brother Harper, whose sister is an Alpha Chi.

We have been unfortunate in not having several brothers with us this term. Brothers George Foster and Wilbur Tate left us to attend Smith's Business College to prepare for business life. Brother E. E. Johnson has gone into business with his father, at Harrisonburg, Pa., and Brother Rind could not come back this term on account of sickness.

Among the many victories conferred upon Allegheny during the past year, was the winning of the medal at the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, Mr. Grant Norris, a senior and non-fraternity man, being the victor.

One of the leading society events of the term will be the "Commencement Hop," which will occur on June 23. For several years the "Hop," has been given by the members of Alpha, and has always been a decided success. We are already making preparations for the next one, and the hall will be trimmed in Delta Tau Delta colors.

Our annual banquet will be held at the Commercial Hotel, on June 24. We expect a great many of our alumni to be present, and we invited all Deltas who may be near Meadville to come and take a seat with us.

We cannot tell yet how many men we will have with us next fall, but we hope to have all our brothers with us again.

Mr. Chamberlain will graduate in June, and will take up newspaper work in Pittsburg.

C. S. KNAPP.

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BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

At the close of the year we exchange friendly greeting with our fraters.

Though the oldest school west of the Alleghanies, the Ohio University continues to grow. The present enrollment is the largest

in its history and ground is about to be broken for a new \$60,000 building.

Beta is sharing the prosperity, and enjoys a larger membership than at any time for a number of years. Brothers Half, Wilson and McCulloch will graduate this year.

Claude Dieterich, '99, left college to teach in the Southern Ohio Summer School of Pedagogy.

Samuel Half has been confined to his room five weeks with a fractured femur. Under the excellent care of his mother and fraters is improving nicely and will be able to participate in commencement exercises.

C. C. Smith, '97, represents Beta at Hillsdale, Mich.

F. E. C. Kirkendall, Principal Twin Township High School, gave us a friendly visit recently.

Brother Bright, '95, who is doing post-graduate work, was forced to take a vacation on account of his health. We are glad to report his improvement.

G. W. BROWN.

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GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Matters have been rather quiet in fraternity life here since our last letter and we have no initiates to report. However, our prospects are bright for swinging one more excellent man before the close of the year. The seniors will be with us only one week more and we shall all be sorry when they depart. We have six members of the class of '96, and they will all graduate with honors and two of them will take the honors of the class. The loss of these men will weaken the chapter to some extent, but we expect to build it up in the fall to the same high standard which has been maintained in the past.

Brother Campbell, who was out of college the greater part of the winter term on account of sickness, has been with us this term.

The annual field day of the Intercollegiate Association of Western Pennsylvania will be held in Pittsburg, May 23. Brother Thompson represents us on the athletic team.

We had a pleasant call from Brother White, manager of the Bethany baseball team, on the occasion of that team's visit here.

C. P. McFADDEN.

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DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since our last letter in THE RAINBOW we have initiated two men : Dewey Dean Rockwell, '99, of Midland, Mich., and Dewitt Clinton Huntoon, '97, of Waterford, Mich. Everything is going well with the chapter and we look forward to a prosperous year to come.

A number of alumni and visiting Deltas have dropped in on us this year, among them G. F. Williams of Chi, and Frederick C. Hodgdon, of the Arch Chapter. We are always glad to welcome any brothers who happen to be at Ann Arbor. I do not think they will find any pleasanter place to spend a summer evening than the Delta Tau Delta House.

W. R. CARPENTER.

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EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

1896 is the twentieth anniversary year of the founding of Epsilon chapter, and plans are being laid to suitably commemorate that event, at commencement, the third week in June.

An informal banquet will be given in the chapter hall to the alumni, who now number over one hundred and fifty. Many have already signified their intention of being with us, although the formal invitations have not yet been issued.

At the end of the banquet a history prepared for the occasion will be read, including not only the history proper of the chapter during her twenty years of life, but scraps of personal experience of the Boys of Old, during their active membership.

It has been several years since a general alumni reunion has been held, and the active chapter is looking forward with pleasure to the renewing of old acquaintance, and the making of new ones.

Epsilon is now in the most prosperous condition she has been in for several years, notwithstanding the various critical experiences through which she has passed.

We extend a cordial invitation to brothers of other chapters to be present with us, and join in reviewing twenty years of chapter life in Delta Tau.

Frank E. Dunster, of Bad Axe, Mich., was initiated on April 15th last.

W. G. McCUNE.

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ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of THE RAINBOW it has been our good fortune to add three worthy members to our chapter roll. We take pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters Brothers Frank Meyer '98, W. P. Strandborg '99, and T. N. Murray '99.

Our initiation, which took place on the night of April 25, was the most successful Delta gathering that Cleveland has known for years, the Karnea alone excepted. Among the alumni present were Hon. Wilson M. Day, Mu '72, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Hon. Miner G. Norton, Sigma '78, City Solicitor; Ex-Secretary B. U. Rannells, Mu '89; and such loyal old Zetas as Bemis, Arter, Thomas, Ruedy, and many others. An elegant spread was served after the initiation, and then with college and fraternity songs and reminiscences of happy days of old, the hours passed by unnoticed. An effort will be made by the chapter to have a grand banquet and alumni reunion in June, just before the summer vacation begins. There are about seventy-five Delta Taus in the city.

The college year is drawing to a close, and it leaves Zeta chapter in a most flourishing and prosperous condition, full of rejoicing for past and present success, and full of hope and eagerness for new conquests for the future. We have now nine actives, of whom six will return next fall. We already have under consideration four or five men who will enter the coming freshman class, and hope to find some of them worthy to become Deltas.

A member of our chapter is one of the four juniors chosen by competition to enter the Junior-Sophomore Prize Contest, June 13. His oration was awarded first place.

Hoping that every Delta may have an enjoyable vacation, Zeta bids her sister chapters adieu, till another college year shall find us ready for the good work again.

F. M. WOOD.

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IOTA — MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

We have not initiated any new men since our last writing, but have pledged three good men, who we will take in soon.

We have been pleased this term by visits from Brothers Cushman, Mulholland, and Porter of Epsilon and Brothers Merrit, Bridge, Kanter, and Reed of Iota.

Brother Thompson, '98, left college to take charge of a dairy farm at Dundee, Mich.

Brother Barney, '97, leaves us this term. Iota regrets very much his departure.

Brother Reed, with '96, is still in the office of the State Board of Health. Although not in college this term the frequent visits and the interest he still takes in Iota makes us regard him nearly as an active.

Brother Halstead, with '97, who is at the University of Indiana, expects to return to Michigan Agricultural College next term. Iota will welcome his return.

At the Conference held at Hillsdale, May 21, 22, and 23, Brothers Krentel and Millis represent Iota.

We are represented on the ball team by the catcher, and one of our pledged men holds down the initial bag.

Some extensive changes have been made at Michigan Agricultural College since our last writing. Our long vacation comes in the summer instead of winter. Arrangements have been made for establishing coeducation at Michigan Agricultural College this coming fall. It will not be long before the campus will be dotted with the clever coeds.





KAPPA CHAPTER

Brothers Holsworth and Chamberlain, who represent us on the faculty, aid us greatly in keeping up the spirit of Delta Tau.

ALEX C. KRETEL.

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MU—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

As spring passes by, our pretty college town, with its trees, lawns and sulphur springs, grows more beautiful each day. At present, however, our usually pretty campus presents a rather "torn-up" appearance, because of an extensive process of grading now going on, and because of the erection of Slocum Library. But "none of these things move" us, "neither count" we the cost dear, because we are living in anticipation of a still prettier campus and of another elegant building. The usual delights, baseball and tennis, together with those numerous enjoyments which only "cöeds" are heir to, serve as successful antidotes for the dreaded attacks of spring fever and kindred maladies. All fraternity fellows are eagerly looking forward to their annual "frat picnics," when they will hie themselves away to the distant groves in buggies that were just made for two.

The college year has been a successful one. University methods being more and more adopted and university advantages gradually increased. The students are manifesting a growing love and enthusiasm for their alma mater. They are at present rejoicing to know that our president prefers to continue his work here, rather than accept any high ecclesiastical office at the hands of the General Conference. Our college glee club is now making an extensive tour, filling engagements in several of the western states. We are glad to hear that they are meeting with success.

Fraternity life goes on very pleasantly. On May 9 the Delta Tau nine played a very fraternal game with the Phi Psi team, resulting in a score of 12 to 10 in favor of the Delts. Interfraternity spirit, with the exception of an occasional brush, continues to grow more friendly. We are glad to introduce to the fraternity wherever assembled our new brothers O. J. Barnes, '99, of Newark, O., and F. W. McConnell, '99, of Dresden, O.

W. C. GEYER.

## RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

I am happy to say, in this last letter of the college year, that our chapter is in a prosperous condition and has also a very bright outlook for next year. We have only one man pledged as yet, but have several others on the string whom we feel confident of landing. We lose three men by graduation, Brothers Willett, H. Messimer, and Kreisler; it will be hard work to fill their places.

On account of the Freshman and Junior Supplementary term our house will be open until the twentieth of July, and we hope that any Delts coming to New York will be sure and come over to see us. Brother Hiller, '89, has been living here for the last three weeks as he has business in New York, and we hope others will follow his example.

Our lacrosse team this spring has been doing some very fine work, and we hope to win the championship from John Hopkins and Lehigh.

ROBERT L. MESSIMER.

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SIGMA — WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

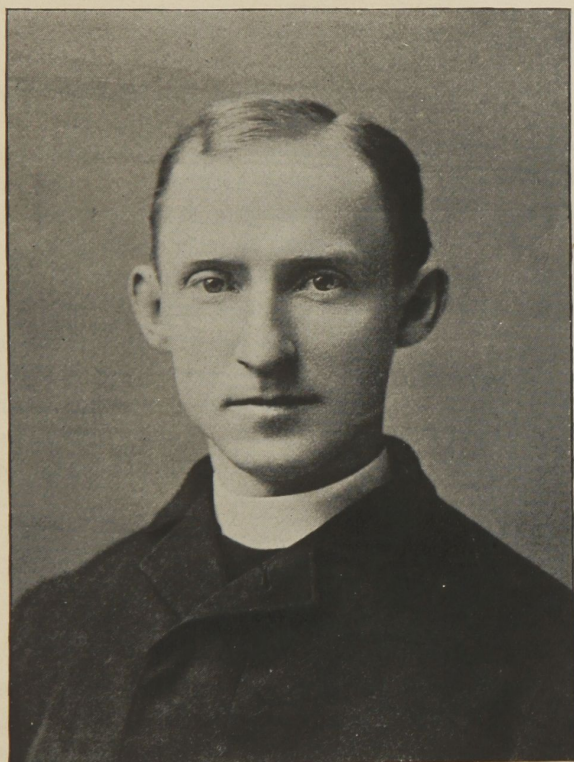
Sigma has been pursuing the "even tenor of her way" during the winter and spring and is about to close what may be called a very successful year.

We have about decided to move, next year, into a better house, which is much more centrally located with regard to the college buildings and the other fraternity houses.

Brother Richmond, our representative at the Division Conference, reported an excellent time and has much praise for the hospitality of Beta Mu and Beta Nu.

Brother Miner is one of the two artists who have succeeded in turning out the best "Gul," from an artistic standpoint, that has ever been published.

We lose by graduation this year, F. C. Eastman, who will enter the Long Island Medical College; W. W. Hartwell, who will enter the



THE REV. PETER GRAY SEARS, PI '85.  
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medical department of Boston University; and I. V. H. Gill, who will probably study law.

We had a very pleasant visit from Brother Stires, ex'97, a few days ago. He is now in '97 at Yale.

We expect to initiate two, and possibly four, men in a few days.

I. V. H. GILL.

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UPSILON — RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Since writing the last letter, little or nothing has happened that is of special interest. We have been passing through the hardest term of the year and as it is only three more weeks of work, we are beginning to think of the pleasant times we will have during vacation with no worry for the next day's work as we have at present. We now have a whistle by which we call our frat men at a distance, and we also have an odd style of cap which we wear.

The '97 "*Transit*" came out on 20th inst. and we think it is one of the best that has been published for some years.

All our musical clubs have been exceptionally good this year and have cleared expenses, which is something unusual in most college glee clubs.

WM. H. H. MILLER.

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CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

Fraternity life at Kenyon, during the past term, has been quite uneventful. None of the fraternities have initiated any new men, but all are waiting anxiously for next fall's freshman class.

If fraternity life has been quiet, more can be said of the college life. On March 23d, the trustees unanimously elected Professor William Foster Pierce to the presidency of the college. All who know Professor Pierce feel that the choice of the trustees was a wise one, and our new president will take up his work with the enthusiastic support of the whole student body. Professor Pierce

succeeds Theodore Sterling, LL.D., who has resigned the presidency, but who will remain with us as professor of mathematics.

On March 26th, the Philomathesian Literary Society held a public oratorical contest. Brother Harris was awarded the second prize, a Beta Theta Pi carrying off first honors.

During the Easter recess, G. F. Williams, '95, had the pleasure of calling on the boys of Delta; while Harris visited Epsilon. Each reported a royal welcome and a very pleasant visit.

Southworth was our representative at the conference of the Northern Division, where Harris presided. Both praise the hospitality of the Hillsdale boys.

Chi still seems to hold her own in college circles. At a recent class election, Harris was elected orator, and Barber prophet of the senior class. Harris is also one of a committee of three on arrangements for commencement week. Southworth succeeds Williams, '96, on the executive committee of the Assembly. On the diamond, Williams, '98, is playing a good second base.

We are now enjoying visits from Blake and Hathaway, '97.

Williams, '96, will be with us next year, having been appointed a master at the Kenyon Military Academy.

To all our brothers we extend a cordial invitation to visit us during commencement week, June 13-18; and we wish all a pleasant vacation and success for next year.

W. A. GRIER.

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BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

College life at Indiana University is now very active, owing to the great number of social and athletic events that are continually taking place, and to the preparation for commencement and class-day exercises.

More interest is being manifested in field-day sports now than ever before, and we will be represented at the state contest by several good athletes.

On the diamond we have been scoring victories as usual, although we have been pitted against some of the strongest collegiate teams in

the West. Out of fourteen games played so far we have lost only two—to Illinois and Chicago universities. The greatest victory was over our rival, DePauw, with whom we evened old scores by shutting them out entirely.

Brother Downey represents Beta Alpha on the team, and is making an enviable record for himself by his heavy hitting and superb fielding.

We still continue to get our share of college honors. Brother Reed has been elected business manager of the *Student* for next year, and Brother Halstead is treasurer of the Democratic club, a young but thriving organization.

Brother Curll has just returned from Hillsdale, full of fraternity spirit and enthusiasm, which he is instilling into the rest of the members of Beta Alpha. We are very glad that our invitation to the Conference, to convene here next year, has been accepted, and we extend in advance a cordial invitation to every Delta who can come and visit us at that time.

C. E. SPAULDING.

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BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The students occupy their leisure hours in practicing for the tennis tournament, to be held next Thursday. In view of the fact that the university possesses four of the best courts in the South, this sport furnishes much enjoyment to the students. The 9th of this month has been appointed as another field-day. At this time the most successful contestants will be selected to represent the college in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association meet at Nashville. The manager of our base-ball team has been unable to arrange many games for this year. Vanderbilt will not play us as we expected. A game with Auburn and one with Columbia, S. C., are all that are now definitely arranged for.

Brother Green Johnson, Mayor of Monticello, Ga., and County Solicitor, will visit us commencement. Brother Johnson was with Beta Delta six years, and in that time won for her many honors.

Brother Tidwell, after spending a few days at his home in Atlanta, is with us again, much improved by the diversion from college duties. Brother Glover became suddenly ill recently, but much to the delight of his many friends he is now seen again on the campus. The contestants for senior speakers' places have been heard. Only two places were awarded on oratory. It pleases us to write that Brother Carl Holden has won for Beta Delta the honor of having a senior speaker.

Brother Holden is the chapter's representative on the University's Annual, the *Pandora*. The applicants for position on the champion debate spoke last Saturday. Brother J. Littleton Jones, '99, was chosen first alternate. At the election of the officers of Phi Kappa Literary Society, Brother John P. Cheney was elected Vice-President, and Brother Dupree Hunnicutt, Censor. Beta Delta loses two men by graduation: Brother George Shaw Crane and Brother Holden. The latter will pursue a course at the Theological College at Louisville.

As this is the last letter from Beta Delta for this year, the chapter joins in wishing for all chapters a pleasant vacation, with hopes that they will return to their respective colleges next term prepared to do battle bravely in our Fraternity's cause.

CRUGER WESTBROOK.

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BETA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since Beta Eta's last letter she has done something in the rushing line, resulting in the pledging of three fine men, who are to attend the university this coming fall.

As the school year is drawing to a close the boys are talking over their plans for the summer vacation. Beta Eta is very fortunate in that all the fellows with the exception of three or four live in Minneapolis, therefore, we see more of each other through the summer months than we otherwise would. The favorite resort for those who spend the summer in Minneapolis is Lake Minnetonka, a beautiful sheet of water but a few miles distant from the city. Several of

the boys have cottages at the lake and between them and the customary "Delta Tau" camp on Big Island, a Delt who chances to be at the lake always finds a hearty welcome. The social event of the year is close at hand, namely, the Senior Promenade, and all are looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure. We have almost decided to give up our chapter rooms in the Masonic Temple Building situated in the business portion of the city, for a house near the university, but the change will not be made until next fall.

Baseball among the different fraternities seems to be the rage lately. Delta Tau played the Alpha Delts recently and came out victorious—score 8-9. The victory undoubtedly being due to the star twirling of Brothers "Coxey" Moore and Roberts.

The university annual, the *Gopher*, a volume of four hundred and fifty pages, made its appearance last week and proved to be very interesting.

The outlook for Beta Eta for the next year is favorable indeed. We close this year feeling that we have maintained our position with a good degree of honor.

DAN. B. WOOD.

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BETA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Since our last letter the amalgamation of Butler, Indiana Medical, Indiana Dental, and Indiana Law Colleges has been completed and the University of Indianapolis is a reality. The stimulating effects of the consolidation are already being felt in all departments. Professor Elmer B. Bryan has been called to the chair of sociology. No appointment has yet been made to the newly created chair of physics.

The only redeeming feature of our baseball record this season, was the brilliant playing of Brother Beville, who brought himself and the chapter great honor.

Beta Zeta has just completed a fine tennis court. For shade and location it is unequalled. All the gentlemen's fraternities of college now own courts on the campus. Brother Roberts is manager of the spring tennis tournament.

At commencement the chapter loses three of her best men. Brother Ludlow will be in the law department of the University next year. Brother Davis will enter the medical department, while Brother Clarke will enter the editorial staff of one of the leading state papers.

We have decided to initiate our pledge men next fall instead of after the closing examinations as heretofore. This step is an innovation among the local chapters, but we deem Delta Tau worthy to take the progressive step. We will have five men to initiate.

Beta Zeta has two representatives on the *Collegian* staff of next year. One member holds the office of business manager.

A picnic of active, pledged, and alumni members, including the ladies of course, the day following commencement will close the fraternity year of Beta Zeta.

GEO. W. KNEPPER.

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BETA THETA — UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The session of 1895-96 has been a good year for Beta Theta. By the initiation of D. T. Smith of Utah, E. E. Tucker of Alabama, and A. Y. Gude of Georgia, our number of actives has been raised to eighteen, the largest in several years. Rev. Rowland Hale, one of the founders of the chapter, is expected shortly. He comes for the purpose of doing post-graduate work in theology. Brother S. Burford, M.A., '95, is visiting on the mountain for several weeks.

By the list of honors given below, it will be seen that Beta Theta is taking her share.

F. W. Ambler, Director of Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

A. H. Davis, Substitute Pitcher, 'Varsity '96.

R. W. Hogue, 'Varsity Baseball, '96, Sigma Epsilon Anniversary Orator, Sigma Epsilon Literary Society, Intersociety Orator, Secretary Sigma Epsilon, and 'Varsity Football, '95.

M. G. Johnson, Manager Baseball Team, '96, Editor-in-Chief *Sewanee Purple*, Vice-President Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

B. P. Johnson, Track Team, '96.

J. M. Selden, Captain Baseball Team, '96, Track Team, '96.

Prentiss Tucker, Managing Editor *Sewanee Purple*, University Organist.

G. L. Tucker, Editor-in-Chief *Cap and Gown*, '96, Vanderbilt Debater, '96, Manager Football Team, '96, President Pi Omega Literary Society, '95.

W. W. Webster, Exchange Editor *Sewanee Purple*.

C. S. Wood, President Sigma Epsilon Literary Society, '95 and '96, President Sewanee Missionary Society, Secretary *Χελιδών* Debating Society.

On the whole, the chapter is in better condition than it has been for five years, and it is steadily improving.

G. L. TUCKER.

#### BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Since Beta Kappa's last letter to THE RAINBOW, various events have taken place, both inside and outside the chapter, which have aided in making the spring term at the University of Colorado enjoyable to the members of Delta Tau Delta. We have added to our numbers recently and now are pleased to let the Delt world know that Will S. Caley and Sheldon Clark, both of the class of ninety-nine, have made their entrance into Deltaism through the doors of Beta Kappa. Both are quite prominent; the former was last year's captain of the football team, has held the position of half-back for two seasons and is an all around athlete; the latter is a member of the baseball team and also of the banjo club.

Owing to the fact that Brother M. C. Whitaker was elected at a late meeting of the regents of the university as assistant in chemistry, he was forced to resign his position as captain of the football team to which he was elected last January. Nevertheless Beta Kappa is still proud to think that one of our members has possession of that important office. The Athletic Association at their election gave it to Brother W. S. Caley, who has earned by his playing a western reputation in this line.

In baseball the chapter is well represented. Beside Brother Clark, who has been mentioned, the following Deltas hold positions on the team: Brothers Chase, Southard and Gamble, while Rothwell and Clarke are the substitutes. In the intercollegiate series the University of Colorado so far has proven winner, and from indications it is reasonable to believe that the pennant for 1896 will be brought to University of Colorado for the third year.

At the time of writing this letter the local tennis contest is taking place. The singles have been finished and Brother Gamble, having defeated the other contestants, will be the one to represent the university in the intercollegiate tournament.

Field-day was held May 8, and out of twelve events eight first prizes were won by members of Beta Kappa. For the best all-around athlete a gold medal was awarded, which fell to Brother Caley, with Brother Chase as a close second. Two state records were broken during the day.

Last Friday, May 8, will be a memorable day in the history of Deltaism in Colorado. On the evening of that day occurred the first state meeting of Delta Tau Delta held in Colorado, and it proved to be an enjoyable and profitable occasion, especially from the standpoint of the local chapter in Boulder. Nearly forty Deltas, graduates of other chapters and initiates of Beta Kappa, met at the Windsor Hotel in Denver, and sat down to a beautifully decorated table upon which was served a "Delta Banquet." An instrumental orchestra was in attendance; fraternity songs were sung and the usual walk-around was indulged in. After the feast a business meeting was held, and ways and means of forming a Colorado Alumni Association were discussed. We hope this will result in the establishing of an alumni chapter in Denver.

The chapter is in excellent condition and numbers twenty-three members. By graduation we lose this year Brother Carney, from the law class, and Brothers Andrew, Bliss and Burger, from the College of Liberal Arts.

Since the above was written the tennis tournament has been completed, in which the chapter team composed of Brothers Gamble and Rubridge captured the doubles.

HENRY O. ANDREW.

## BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

Since our last letter, Beta Mu has added one new member to her list, making the number seventeen at present. I take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Brother Benj. D. May, '98, a man who will materially strengthen our chapter.

Brother Eills, '97, has crossed the briny deep in search of health. He will visit England, Scotland and Wales while upon his trip.

Our musical clubs have added another triumph to their already successful career. At a joint contest with the glee and mandolin clubs representing Brown University, our glee club was awarded first place and the contest between the mandolin clubs was declared a draw. Brother Green, '97, has since been elected president of the club.

Our baseball team has, on the contrary, had an unsuccessful season. Starting out with the finest prospects, the team has gone through the season adding defeat after defeat to its credit or ———. Hard luck and poor management tell the tale. Beta Mu has been represented upon the team by Brothers Stroud, Bean and Hill. The second nine has won a majority of its games, owing in part, no doubt, to the excellent work of Brother Parks and Stover. The interfraternity series is not yet finished. Beta Mu won her game with Theta Delta Chi easily, and stands an excellent chance of winning the series.

Brother Healey was elected captain of the Tufts Track Team which represented Tufts at the N. E. V. A. A. meet at Worcester and was one of the prize winners. The class games will be held just before Memorial Day, and the athletic members of Delta Tau hope to score heavily.

At the recent election of the Publishing Association, Brother Clough, '99, was elected as an editor to the publications, and Brother Healey was re-elected as mailing clerk.

The members of Beta Mu and some of the old Deltas in the neighborhood are planning an outing upon old Neptune on Memorial Day and are expected to make the customary offering.

Class Day comes June 12 this year, and bids fair to be a day to

be remembered. Brother Green, '97, is to be head usher. Beta Mu keeps open house on that day and any wandering Delt in the neighborhood should come around.

We hope that the coming summer vacation may be a pleasant one to all the brothers.

ROLLA E. HEALEY.

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BETA NU—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Unlike other colleges, Tech. closes quite early in the season, the date this year being the sixth of June, so that at present we are in the midst of our final examinations and consequently very busy.

A scheme has recently been started at Tech. in regard to a new building. This building, as proposed, will be used by the three courses architecture, chemistry and biology, each of which is crowded in its present quarters. An additional feature will be a large museum, of which we are greatly in need.

Our latest initiate is William D. Bradley, of Tacoma, Wash., who is in every way a true Delta.

F. MINOT BLAKE.

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BETA XI—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The final examinations at Tulane are fast approaching, and the boys are working hard, getting into condition to run the gauntlet of professors. On June 20th, Tulane holds her annual commencement and twenty-two brave young men will go forth to battle with the trials and tribulations of this world.

We lose by graduation this year, Brothers C. V. Cusachs, C. E. Fenner, Warren Johnson, J. P. Chilton and A. C. Phelps. Brothers Johnson and Chilton will continue their studies at Cornell, while Brother Fenner will go to the University of Virginia to study law. Beta Xi's loss will be a gain for Beta Omicron and Beta Iota.

Tulane held her annual spring games on the twenty-fifth of last month. I am glad to say that Delta Tau captured the greatest num-

ber of points. Brother Warren Johnson won the pole vault and Brother F. G. Churchill won the 120-yard hurdle race, besides our getting several places in the other events. Brother Churchill also won the hurdles at the spring games of the Southern Athletic Club.

It is needless to repeat that the chapter is still in a most prosperous condition. The rushing season has now begun and Beta Xi is doing her full share. We have three fine men pledged and have our watchful eye on several others.

All Deltas coming to New Orleans should not fail to visit Tulane, where they will always find some of our boys to welcome them.

N. S. RIVIERE.

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BETA PI — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last time we wrote to THE RAINBOW, we have had the honor of entertaining the Western Division Conference, and have enjoyed the privilege of meeting the brothers from other chapters in the vicinity. Three of us, as well, had the pleasure of meeting all the boys of Beta Upsilon when our musical clubs were in Champaign early in March, and a number of our alumni and individual brothers from other chapters have visited us, so that the term has been very fruitful in making new acquaintances and in renewing old ones.

An addition of \$215,000 to the already extensive gifts of William Deering to the university has recently created a stir among the students. It is understood that a part of this sum will go towards building a new gymnasium, and if such is the case, we can hope for a speedy growth in athletic spirit in the future.

Northwestern was defeated by Wisconsin this year on April 26, in the annual debate; but May 1, Brother Ward came very close to tying with Michigan for first place in the Northern Oratorical League contest. As it was, he raised this institution higher than it has been for a number of years in the oratorical scale.

The '97 *Syllabus* appeared about two weeks ago and is an excellent book. Brother Ward was the chairman of the literary com-

mittee and contributed considerable literary matter himself. Brother Haller has been elected editor-in-chief of the book to be issued by the class of '98 and has already begun work upon it. May 21 occurs a dual track-athletic meet between Lake Forest and Northwestern. Brother Potter, as captain of the track-team, has some fine material in training and is confident of winning the meet. Brother H. B. Cragin, formerly of Ann Arbor, is on the Lake Forest track-team and has a good record. Altogether, the events promise to be very interesting and some fast time will probably be made.

Beta Pi sends best wishes to all sister chapters for a pleasant and profitable summer. Here's hoping that next year may be the best ever passed in the history of the Fraternity.

FRANK H. HALLER.

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BETA RHO — LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

In a few days more the university will close for the year. The only man whom we will lose by graduation is Brother Brown. He is the last of our charter members, and to him more than to any one else is due Beta Rho's present prosperity. During his course he has been one of the most prominent men here. One or two of our other members may not return, but the prospects for next year are very bright. With proper work Beta Rho should be stronger next year than she has ever been.

The Junior Day festivities were very successful. The farce "A Stanford Deal" was written by Brother Ross, who with Brother Dart took parts in the cast. We were well represented on all the committees of the day.

The '97 *Quad* is out now with one Delt on the board of editors. Brother Walker was recently elected upon the editorial board of next year's *Quad*. Brother Brown takes the principal part in the senior farce "An Intercollegiate Affair," which will be presented on Senior Class Day.

Stanford defeated California in tennis this year, won the intercollegiate baseball championship, tied the score in the intercollegiate

track meet, practically defeating the famous California team which defeated Princeton and won the championship of western colleges at Chicago last year. In debate we lost. Stanford expects to send a track team of eight men east this summer. The settlement of the government suit against the Stanford estate and the payment to the university of a legacy of \$2,500,000 puts the university upon a sound basis, we hope, forever.

J. M. ROSS.

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BETA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since my last letter, Beta Tau has added one more member to her list of sixteen actives, and this time we are pleased to introduce to our sister chapters Mr. John A. Saville, '98, of Omaha. We are confident Mr. Saville will make a Delta. What more need be said?

The Kansas-Nebraska debate is in the past. Nebraska won. Brother Weaver sustained his reputation as a debater and carried off the Estabrook prize for second place.

Aside from the usual happenings that belong to the life of every energetic chapter, very little has occurred lately that would be worth repeating. As the days go by, we feel more and more the influences of good, true, fraternal intercourse and our best endeavors are always ready for the maintenance of Delta Tau and her noble principles.

ADAM McMULLEN.

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BETA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Beta Upsilon is about to close one of the most successful years of her existence. Of last year's members only nine returned to college this year, but by steady and industrious work on the part of each member the number has been brought up to eighteen, with one pledged man at the time of this writing.

Since our last report in *THE RAINBOW*, six new men have been initiated, and it is with pleasure that we introduce to our sister chapters Brothers Boyd '99, Frasier '99, Burkland '98, Mooreshead '99, Flickinger '99, and Walter '98, all good men who will strive to keep our fraternity in the high standing which she has obtained through her good work.

On April 3d occurred our third annual banquet and dance, which was a great success. Two of our old members were present, Brother Beasley of Peoria, and Brother Dighton of Monticello.

Brother Cory of Beta Phi was our guest one day last month.

Brother Johnson, '94, City Engineer of Pekin, Ill., visited Beta Upsilon a few days this month. Twice this year has our chapter shown its superiority over the other fraternity chapters in the University of Illinois, in obtaining Brother Mooreshead and our pledged man, Mr. Evans of Danville. Both of these men were bid by all the other fraternities; but Beta Upsilon by her hard work obtained them both.

Brothers Von Oven, Bullard, and Boyd, will represent us on the track-team this spring. The first in the shot put, and the other two in the sprints.

WILLARD E. HAM.

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BETA PHI—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last chapter letter Beta Phi has initiated five men, and we will take pleasure in introducing them to our brother Deltas; A. W. Madden '98, manager of the '96 football team, Homer Elliott '99, and James R. Sharp '99, of the United States Barracks. All of the above named gentlemen are from Columbus. Later we initiated Lyman Vance Armentrout '99, of Mt. Vernon, O., and George Henry Atkinson of Columbus. Brother Atkinson comes from a Delt atmosphere, his uncle being a graduate of old Beta. Brother Atkinson is an editor on the *College Weekly*, the *Lantern*, and also is the representative of Horton Literary Society on the *Scarlet and Grey*, the new college annual. As we accept none but the first choice it is needless to say that all of our latest initiates are

such, all having been bid by other fraternities. We notice that an exchange of a rival fraternity gives us second place in rank of importance at the Ohio State University. It can be said truly that Beta Phi's condition was never better than at the present time, both in a financial way and in prominence in college affairs. We regret very much that our representatives were unable to attend the convention of the Northern Division. High School Day prevented our boys from going, in that the President specially assigned those members experiments in the laboratories for the benefit of the many high school visitors. This High School Day, May 22, is a special day set aside by the legislature for the high school students in the state to visit our university with its many departments. The first of its kind in Ohio came on May 22 of this year. Fully 4000 high school students visited and were entertained by the Ohio State University.

Our baseball team, though starting out under poor circumstances, has redeemed itself and at present feels confident of beating any team in the state. We were defeated in our first game with Oberlin by a score of 7 to 6. This was also the case in our first game with the O. W. U. at Delaware, but in the return game we re-vengeed ourselves by defeating them with a score of 19 to 0. Our last game was with Kenyon, score 14 to 1 in our favor. Washington and Jefferson seemed to lose heart when they heard of these latter scores and so canceled the game with us. There is some talk of forming an alumni chapter of Delta Tau Delta in Columbus. About fifteen alumni have signified their intention of doing so. Their names are Brothers Middleton, McGuire and Addison of Beta Phi; Davis, Axline, Hillman, Jackson, Weisse and Porter of Mu; Pugh, Jounod and Atkinson of Beta; Bush of Eta; and Cherry Holmes and Bigger of the old Wooster chapter. It is hoped by the local chapter at Ohio State University that the alumni chapter will be formed, as it will materially aid them in their standing at the university. Since the last letter to THE RAINBOW we have had as visitors to our chapter Prof. C. L. Edwards of the Cincinnati University, Mr. W. S. Johnson, Chi '84, of Van Wert, O., and Brother Stearns of Beta.

E. R. TARR.

## BETA PSI — WABASH COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to THE RAINBOW, Wabash and Beta Psi have prospered much as usual. No changes will be made in the faculty next year, as far as is known, and we hope that few changes will be made in our chapter roll, with the exception of the men we have to add.

Volume VII. of the *Oviatenon*, our college annual, is out, and reflects great credit on the class of '97. Brother Boyer, ex-'97, now of the Chicago Art Institute, did much of the illustrating, which is of a high order.

In college honors, Beta Psi has maintained her customary front rank. Brother Cory, '98, is president-elect of the Athletic Association. Brother Ferguson, '98, is one of the four sophomore orators, and Brother Howell, '97, will be literary editor of next year's *Wabash*. Brother Herdman, '96, represented Beta Psi in the double tennis team at state field day.

Our ball team is playing in hard luck, having been defeated by I. U. and Purdue, although clearly outbatting the latter. The Purdue game has, however, been protested, and Wabash expects to have an opportunity to retrieve herself. Brother Cory, our sole representative on the team, is playing his usual gilt-edged game at third. Beta Psi sends best wishes to all Delts for a pleasant vacation.

BEN. R. HOWELL.

BOYS OF OLD.

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## BETA.

'89.—E. D. Sayer is the republican nominee for prosecuting attorney of Athens County, O.

'92.—Chas. R. Schneider is engaged in life insurance, Huntington, W. Va.

'93.—F. E. C. Kirkendall has been re-elected principal Twin Township High School.

## GAMMA.

'61.—Dr. W. S. Foster has the honor of holding the presidency of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He presided and delivered an address at the recent state meeting at Harrisburg. He is one of the most prominent physicians in the State.

'73.—The Rev. Edward M. Taylor was in April elected a delegate to the Methodist Episcopal General Conference at Cleveland, by the New England Conference. He is the youngest man elected from the New England Conference for many years.

THETA (*Defunct*).

'60.—The March RAINBOW contained a photograph of Brother J. S. Lowe, one of our founders. It should be stated, in way of correction, that the "S" initial does not stand for "Sampson," but is simply an initial. The record of Brother Lowe's work taken from the old catalogue was also incorrect. The following is a correct sketch:—Principal, Geneva Normal, Geneva, O., 1870–1873. President, Farmer's College, College Hill, O., 1873–1877. Superin

tendent Public Schools, Shelby, O., 1879-1881. Professor Moral Philosophy, Bethany College, 1881-1883. Principal, Geneva Normal, Geneva, O., 1883-1891. Superintendent City Schools, Ashtabula, O., 1891 to the present time (1896).

## IOTA.

'79.—C. Thos. Gage is travelling for Washburn and Moen, the electrical supply firm of Chicago.

'82.—Lloyd C. Bartmess resides in San Francisco, 5 Dearborn Place.

F. M. Siebert is practicing medicine at Chino, Cal.

## KAPPA.

'74.—Geo. Weightman Smith is practicing law at Pontiac, Mich.

'75.—Arthur Edwin Haynes has been advanced from the assistant professor of mathematics in the University of Minnesota to a full professorship and given control of the mathematics in the College of Engineering, in that institution.

'83.—F. D. Davis is superintendent of schools at Neguantee, Mich.

B. J. Arnold has an office in the Marquette Building, Chicago. He makes a specialty of electrical railway work. He has recently completed plans and specifications for the Englewood & Chicago Railway, which will be operated by storage batteries.

## LAMBDA.

'96.—Albert J. Elrod is studying law at the University of Texas.

## OMICRON.

'81.—Fred E. Pomeroy is practicing law at Red Oak, Ia.

'81.—E. V. Mills is a merchant at Portland, O.





*H. L. Mulanow*

## PI.

Hon. H. L. Muldrow graduated from the Literary Department of the University of Mississippi in 1856, and from the Law School in 1858. Since that time he has been one of the most prominent lawyers and politicians of the state, having been successively district attorney of his district, member of Congress, first assistant secretary Interior under Mr. Cleveland, and member Constitutional Convention of Mississippi in 1890. He is now practicing law in Starkville, Miss., and is also president of The Peoples' Savings Bank of his native town and an influential member of the Board of Trustees of his alma mater. He still takes an active interest in the Fraternity.

Rev. Peter Gray Sears, son of Gen. Claudius W. Sears who was for a long time professor of mathematics in the University of Mississippi, graduated with honors in June, 1885. As rector of Christ's Church, Holly Springs, Miss., he has become known as one of the strongest preachers in the state. In addition to his pastoral duties he has in charge St. Thomas Hall, a training school for boys in Holly Springs, under the control of the Episcopal Church. He has ever been loyal to the interests of Delta Tau Delta and RAINBOW, and is numbered among the most enthusiastic and honored of our alumni. (See plate opposite page 258.)

James S. Sexton was born on a farm in Copiah County, Mississippi, November 2, 1854. He took the lead in all his classes in the University of Mississippi at Oxford, but unfortunately was compelled to leave without finishing. While at the university he was a valuable member of the Rainbow fraternity. Returning to Copiah County, he married, and for a few years taught school, all the while prosecuting his law studies, for which profession he had evinced a fondness. In 1880 he was admitted to the bar and he opened an office in Hazlehurst, the seat of justice of his native county of Copiah, and he at once took first rank in his profession, which position he has steadily maintained until the present time, he being now looked upon not only as a leading lawyer of Hazlehurst, a town pre-eminent for its legal talent, but of the state of Mississippi. He has been engaged in some of the most important cases ever before the courts

of Mississippi, and invariably came off with honor to himself and credit to his clients.

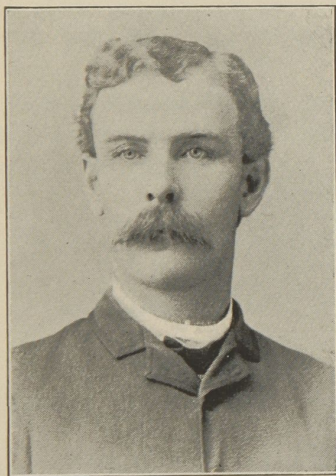
In 1890 he was nominated a delegate from the state at large to the Constitutional Convention of his native state on the first ballot over six able and well-known competitors, and in the deliberations of that body, made up as it was of the best talent and strongest minds in the state, he took an active and leading part, and left upon the pages of the present admirable state constitution the impress of his genius and faithful service. Possessed of an analytical mind, rare judgment, fine sense, studious habits, commanding presence, and an impressive, eloquent and vigorous style as a speaker, the soul of honor, of high moral and physical courage, just now in the full vigor of matured manhood, he stands in the estimation of all who know him the peer of any Mississippi lawyer of the day. On the political rostrum he is as eloquent and forceful and as much at ease as in the forum, and although strong with the people, who would cheerfully support him in any aspiration, he has never had any fancy for politics, though well grounded in its history and fully up on the leading questions of the day, but he has devoted his time and talents exclusively to the law, which accounts in a measure for his singular success, both as a lawyer and a man of affairs. (See frontispiece.)

Prof. Dabney Lipscomb graduated with the class of 1879, taking the B.A. degree, and later completed the work of the M.A. course in the University of Mississippi. He was for many years professor of psychology and ethics in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, and in September, 1895, was called from that institution to take the chair of English in the University of Mississippi. He was once president of the State Teachers' Association, and owing to his connection with the two leading institutions of Mississippi, is prominent as an educator throughout the state.

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The following resolutions have been passed by the Pi chapter.

Whereas it has pleased God to take from us our loved friend and brother, Joseph Walton Drake of the law class of '92, and a practicing attorney of Macon, Miss., be it resolved as follows:



PROF. DABNEY LIPSCOMB, Pl '79.  
See page 278.



That in his death, Chapter Pi of Delta Tau Delta fraternity has lost an alumnus whose high character and ability have been an honor and credit to her membership; the organization at large an earnest and faithful worker; his community an upright Christian gentleman; and his family a noble son and brother.

That we extend to his relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

That we sincerely mourn his loss and hold in grateful remembrance his faithful service to our brotherhood and his great influence for good upon its members, with many of whom he was personally acquainted.

That in testimony of our respect and regard for him and our grief at his death, we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the Macon paper, published in THE RAINBOW of Delta Tau Delta, and spread upon the minutes of the chapter.

R. E. WILBOURN

J. R. TIPTON

M. C. LEAKE

*Committee.*

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SIGMA.

Ex-'95.—Ralph Lansing is a clerk in the U. S. Custom House at New York City.

Ex-'96.—Ogden Chapin is in the office of the Agawam Paper Co., at Mitteneaque, Mass.

Ex-'96.—S. H. Campbell is married and in business in Cohoes, N. Y.

SIGMA PRIME (Columbia).

'86.—Anthony Arnoux is practicing law in New York, 41-43 Wall street.

'87.—A. L. Burns is a mechanical engineer in New York, 542 Greenwich street.

A. D. Keyes is a lawyer at San Francisco. Address is 507 Montgomery street.

## TAU.

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

'82.—O. R. Snyder is a successful lawyer at Greensburg, Pa.

## CHI.

'85.—Fremont O. Phillips is probate judge for Medina County, Ohio.

'87.—George A. Reid is teaching in Bastrop, La.

'92.—On April 22, 1896. Married: Helen Valeria Shearer, the Rev. Charles Thomas Walkley.

'93.—Ben. H. Williams is on the staff of the *St. Louis Chronicle*, St. Louis, Mo.

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 PHI (*Defunct*).

On April 7, 1896, Chas. Carroll died. He spent three years in Hanover College, an active member of Phi. Mr. Carroll held the secretaryship of the Economist Furnace Co. of Marian, Ind., his home town.

'91.—After a long illness, on Sunday April 12, Wesley Kampe was called to his last rest. Brother Kampe was a '91 man of Hanover College, and a graduate of a Michigan school of mines. Brother Kampe's death at Madison, Ind., deprives that city of one of her best and most promising young men.

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 BETA ALPHA.

C. Robert Churchill, Catalogue Agent, 4434 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La., wishes information about the following members of the present Beta Alpha chapter: James Arthur Mitchell, class '87; Henry J. Ratts (or Rhetts), class 88; Howard L. Wilson, class '89; William Henry Sherwin, class '90; Walter Robert Shaw, (Leland Stanford??) class '92; Julius Hammel, (near San Francisco??) class '94.

## BETA ZETA.

'84.—Elmer I. Phillips and John F. Stone are both practicing law. The former at New Castle, Pa., the latter at Guthrie, O. T.

'87.—A. W. Shoemaker has given up his pastorate at Andrews and has gone to Daleville, Ind. to recuperate.

'88.—Archibald McC. Hall will pursue his theological studies at Yale, next year.

'88—W. C. McCollough has completed his work at the State Normal School and will teach next year at Stockton.

'89.—Prof. T. C. Howe, who is to have leave of absence next year expects to study at Harvard with his brother Will D. Howe '93.

'91.—Robert Hall will take charge of the Christian Church at Swampscott, Mass.

'92.—William F. Clark has completed a translation from the German of *The Life of Christ*. It is being published by the *Christian Evangelist* of St. Louis, Mo.

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Ex-'96.—Alfred H. Somerville, foreman of the Pintsch gas department of the Indianapolis Gas Company, was fatally burned Saturday morning, May 23, '96. Brother Somerville discovered a leak in a naphtha tank and in seeking to repair it his clothing became saturated. The tiny stream reached the furnace and in an instant the entire building was on fire. Somerville with the flames shooting three feet above his head rushed out the door. His assistant extinguished the flames, but already his body was either blistered or charred. He persisted in walking unassisted to the ambulance, and, although the best surgeon of the state was summoned, he died at 2.45 P.M.

He was but 21 and was making his mark rapidly. He was a member of the Butler football teams of '92 and '93, and gained a state reputation for his brilliant and courageous playing. Since leaving the university he has been a member of the Indianapolis Artillery eleven, and captain of their baseball nine. At the state field day of '93 he made a new state record on the baseball throw, which nobody has come near equalling. It is doubtful if there was

a better known or more highly esteemed young man in the city. By his death Beta Zeta and Delta Tau Delta lose one of their most loyal members.

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## BETA ETA.

'89.—Kendric Charles Babcock, the president of the fraternity, has been called to the teaching force of the University of California, Berkeley, Cal. He will deal with American History. Our Delta brothers on the Coast will find our president a great help in all their plans.

'90.—“Fred. H. Gilman, of the class of 1890, is a good example of the value of always doing the little things as well as you know how. Gilman was employed on the *Times* as a reporter after his graduation and the city editor assigned to him as a special duty the work of gathering lumber news. It might have been done easily without learning much about lumber, but Gilman liked the assignment, studied lumber markets, lumber manufacture, made a number of valuable acquaintances, and when there came a change in the ownership of the *Mississippi Valley Lumberman* he was invited to take the position of associate editor, which he now holds.”—*Minnesota Magazine*, June, 1896.

## BETA THETA.

W. L. Atkinson and Ward Dabney are studying law at the University of Texas.

Hal C. Harris is manager of the patent medicine department of Finley Hicks & Co., New Orleans, La.

Flournoy C. Johnson is chemist of National Acid Works, New Orleans.

'84.—Chas. Thos. Wright is a Protestant Episcopal clergyman at Tullahoma, Tenn.

## BETA KAPPA.

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Ex-'95.—Died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago, on March 11, 1896, Mr. Clarence H. Perry. Mr. Perry was a student of the Uni-

versity of Colorado during the year 1891-92, when he became a member of the fraternity. From the University of Colorado he went to the University of Michigan, graduating in 1895. At the time of his death he was employed in the office of the chief engineer of the elevated electric railway of Chicago. This is the first death that has occurred among the initiates of Beta Kappa, of whom there have been fifty-seven.

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## BETA MU.

'93.—Harry G. Chase gave his lecture on the X-rays before the Gloucester Business Men's Association with great success. He is soon to repeat it before Beta Mu.

'94.—The church of C. H. Dickens of Portsmouth, N. H., was recently burned to the ground. He is now busy soliciting funds for a new edifice.

'94.—F. N. Lambert will spend the summer at the Biological Laboratory at Woods Holl.

'94.—H. E. Benton will preach at Round Pond, Me., for his second summer.

## BETA XI.

'89.—T. Wayland Vaughn is with the U. S. Geological Survey at Washington, D. C.

'90.—Eug. C. Parham is superintendent of street car motor department of Steel Motor Works, Cleveland.

Ex-'92.—Wm. C. Richardson is studying in Baltimore, Md.

Med-'92.—Jos. S. Winters is practicing medicine in Bessemer, Ala.

Med-'93.—Dr. W. Haywood McCarley is enjoying the revenues of a lucrative practice at Booneville, Miss.

'93.—Wm. Dymond is a mechanical engineer in Cincinnati, O.

## BETA RHO.

'94.—Ed. H. Barnes is now teaching in the Dayton High Schools, Dayton, O.

'94.—A. C. Trumbo is studying law at Northwestern University.

'94.—C. D. Critchlow is pursuing a medical course at University of Pennsylvania.

'95.—V. N. McGee is recuperating lost health at Salida, Colo.

'95.—G. D. Stratton is on the civil engineers' corp, having in charge the construction of an immense irrigation plant at Tulare Lake, Colo.

'95.—R. L. Donald is in the Maintenance of Way department of the Southern Pacific, with his headquarters at Los Angeles, Cal.

'95.—M. H. Kennedy is studying law at Harvard. He is singing first tenor on the glee club and also in the quartet.

## THE GREEK WORLD.

Phi Delta Theta's new chapter at the University of North Carolina consisted of seven members. There are now twelve fraternities at the University.

Delta Delta Delta has entered the Ohio State University, being the fourth sorority to charter there.

At Cumberland University the Greek-letter and literary societies unite in publishing the college annual.

Beta Theta Pi at the University of Denver was fortunate enough to secure, through the kindness of a friend, a chapter house furnished, rent free, while the family is absent on a pleasure trip.

Alpha Delta Phi at Union has a foundation for a chapter house completed but will defer further building until the question as to moving the college to Albany is settled.

Kappa Sigma, after waiting two years for faculty opposition to subside, has at last entered the University of Kentucky.

At the University of Tennessee there has been bitter friction between the fraternity and non-fraternity members in one of the literary societies.

The Convention of Phi Kappa Psi met in Cleveland, April 8, 9, 10. It is said that every chapter was represented by a delegate.

Christopher C. Waite, the founder of Theta Xi, and a member of the Class of '66 at Rensselaer, has recently died.

Mr. Verner M. Jones has succeeded John B. Keeble as editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Zeta Psi has recently opened a new chapter house at the University of the City of New York.

The Beta Theta Pi chapter at the University of Pennsylvania recently absorbed a local society called Gamma Delta. Twenty or more men were initiated, increasing the membership to forty-three.

The Theta Delta Chi chapter at Columbian was instituted in March, the vote of all the chapters having finally been obtained. The new chapter numbers twelve members.

The next Convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon will meet in the South,—at Nashville, Tenn.

Alpha Tau Omega has withdrawn her charter from the Wofford chapter. The reason for the withdrawal is not given.

Kappa Alpha has recently refused to enter the Georgia School of Technology and the Southwestern Baptist University.

The Medical School of Tufts College has a successful Greek-letter society called Tau Sigma Iota. It is one year old and has initiated eighteen members.

Mr. Frederick C. Howe, the editor of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, is the author of a book, lately published, on taxation. The work is attracting favorable attention. Mr. Howe is a successful lawyer at Cleveland, O.

The Fiftieth Annual Convention of Zeta Psi was held recently at the Hotel Imperial, New York City. No business of special importance has been announced as having been transacted.

Phi Beta Kappa is extending widely. The correspondent of Pi Beta Phi announces that a chapter of the honorary fraternity is soon to be founded at Swarthmore.

The Delta Psi fraternity has revoked its charter at the University of Rochester. The chapter was instituted forty-five years ago,—in 1851. The reason for withdrawal is that the institution was losing its standing and did not afford sufficient fraternity material. This leaves “the big three” and Delta Upsilon to fight the battle alone.

It seems that the charter of the Phi Gamma Delta chapter at Bethel College has been returned, and that the chapter has recently initiated four new members.

Pi Beta Phi has entered Boston University. The regular college department now has five sororities and two fraternities.

Toledo, O., had a Pan-Hellenic banquet in February with over fifty men, representing various fraternities in attendance. The editor of the *Psi Upsilon Review* will take notice that some Psi Upsilons were present, and will chastise the naughty truants.

Theta Xi held its Thirty-second Annual Convention in New York City, February 22. All of its four chapters were represented. The fraternity, though so small, manages to maintain a magazine.

Both Joseph S. Blackburn and St. John Boyle, rival nominees for the senatorship from Kentucky, are members of Phi Delta Theta from the Centre chapter.

The Lone Star, a local fraternity at Buchtel College, reported inactive a few months since, is said to have been revived. This will give Phi Delta Theta a rival at Buchtel.

The Yale (Sheffield Scientific School) chapter of Theta Xi is said to be arranging to build a chapter house to cost more than \$50,000.

Sigma Nu has entered Albion College, where there already existed chapters of Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, and Alpha Tau Omega.

Mr. G. Fred. Rush, finding it impossible to issue the required number of *Shields* in the year, resigned as editor and the Phi Kappa Psi Convention elected W. C. Gretzinger, of Lewisburg, Pa., as his successor.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter at Dartmouth has purchased a lot and is now hard at work soliciting funds for a new chapter house.

For years the fraternities at Lafayette have been denied the privilege of occupying chapter houses. Now that this limitation has been removed, it is expected that the chapters will soon build or rent.

The following is taken from the Tulane chapter letter in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. Beta Xi of Delta Tau Delta will appreciate the eulogy:

A single fraternity, at Tulane, has found itself able this year to entertain its members and its friends, at least with anything like success. This, however, could not have been excelled, and thanks to the Delta Taus, in its magnificence, its beauty thoroughly compensates for the social tardiness of the other fraternities. The Delta Taus have our congratulations for the marked and signal success of their efforts as well as our sincere gratitude for the invitations sent us.

The trouble between fraternity and non-fraternity men at the University of North Carolina has at last been settled. At a recent

meeting of the trustees both sides submitted their claims, each hoping to gain its point. The decision of the trustees was, in some sense, a compromise; and yet it may properly be considered a victory for the fraternities. The restriction made is that no students, except those in the special departments, can join any secret order, or even pledge themselves to one, till October of the Sophomore year. This will probably be a drawback to some of the smaller chapters, but it is believed that in the long run, the plan will prove beneficial. A man will have to stay long enough to show what he is worth before he can become a member of any fraternity. Hence no mistake need be made. From present indications this is the last of the trouble between the two sides at the University.

The Yale chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has torn down its old house and is preparing to enter a new building to be constructed as follows:

The new house is to be 56 x 30, three stories high and of brick. The side and back walls of the old building will be carried up one story, while the front will be extended twelve feet forward. There will be no windows on the ground floor, nor in the front, the ventilation coming mostly through the roof. The exterior decoration will consist of a facade of Indiana limestone and pressed brown brick, in the center of which a pin will be cut in relief. Directly over the door there will be a Phi in a wreath, also in relief. On the ground floor will be the shrine, which is not to be changed; also a pantry and coat-room. On the second floor will be a library and billiard-room. The third floor will be given up entirely to the theater. The stage will be 28 x 18 and over twenty feet high, with a complete equipment of scenery. The roof is to be circular excepting directly over the stage, where it will be flat, so that it can be used as a roof garden in the warm weather. The work of construction is going on rapidly, and we hope to be settled in our new quarters by the first of May. When finished, we are confident that the new house will not only compare favorably with any chapter house in the University, but with any in the country.

Mr. Wm. Raimond Baird is to publish a new edition of "American College Fraternities" provided that sufficient subscriptions are advanced to justify the expense and effort. The new work will be after the plan of the old and will include the following items:

GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES IN GENERAL. Nomenclature, Insignia, Development of the System, Classification and Characteristics, Membership and Chapters, Organization and Government, Clubs, Publications, Catalogues, Song Books, Histories, Periodicals, Annuals, Pan-Hellenicism, Constitutions, Chapter Houses.

FRATERNITIES IN DETAIL, concerning each one of which there is stated, as far as possible, the following points:— 1. The date and place of foundation. 2. The names of the founders. 3. The Chapter Roll, including the name, location, date of establishment, date of decease (and cause, if known), and the number of members in each chapter. 4. Organizations other than chapters. 5. Past and present forms of government. 6. Publications. 7. Miscellaneous facts. 8. Prominent Alumni, including Senators, Congressmen, Federal Officials, Foreign Ministers and Governors of States in full, when known, and other prominent Alumni selected. 9. Insignia, including badges, flags, colors, flowers, etc. 10. Pictures of the badges, all classified under the following heads: General, Local, Ladies', Professional, Honorary, Inactive, Inactive Local, and Miscellaneous Societies. Also a Directory of Chapters.

*The Tufts Weekly* for June 2 contains the following account of a piscatorial outing:

Under the leadership of Hill, '97, Beta Mu chapter of Delta Tau Delta, with several of its alumni and friends, celebrated Memorial Day with a deep sea fishing trip.

The party left the Hill shortly after six, and gathering in a few recruits at Lynn, shipped on schooner Gertie Smith, Captain John Smith of Swampscott commanding. After an ineffectual search for Pocahontas, the party gathered around Captain Stover, who put them through a course of seamanship which quite overpowered several members of his gallant crew, for, as the wind freshened and the schooner began to slide up and down on the great waters, a pensive look came over the faces of the men, and there came to be a general desire for solitude and lemons.

Several very hot heats were run from the cabin to the rail, and after much discussion Referee Wade decided that V. L. Littig, who, by the way, came from Iowa to take the trip, and, incidentally, to visit the Harvard Law School, was first, and that Daniels, Parks, May and Captain Stover were tied for second place.

When the fishing grounds were reached there was a second contest, the winners being J. Arthur Savage, formerly of '98, first fish, and Clough, '99, largest fish.

At two o'clock Boatswain Lambert piped all hands to mess, but only four responded to his call, as the rest were deeply engaged in—fishing.

A majority vote and a thunder squall cut the fun short, so with a freshening breeze, the return trip was made, the chapter arriving at the Hill about five o'clock, with no dead, wounded or missing. The success of the trip was so overwhelming that it is expected that it will be made an annual affair.

## THE GREEK PRESS.

The April number of the Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* is called a "Chicago Number" and contains a liberal account of the Chicago graduate chapter, together with cuts both numerous and good. The idea is an excellent one; for, while it is true that most alumni in a city are not widely known outside their own fraternity, this generous sort of attention to their existence and work cannot but arouse interest and loyalty. "An Alumnus" writes strongly on the subject "Financial Honor." He speaks as if he had gone through a term as treasurer. Here are two selections:

It is very doubtful if a man who is grossly delinquent in his financial obligations can properly be called a gentleman. It is also very doubtful whether a chapter that is grossly delinquent in its obligations to the general fraternity is entitled to be considered as composed of men worthy of membership in our fraternity. I, for one, am heartily sick of the delinquency made manifest by a glance at our treasurer's report, and shall never vote to excuse any debts, and more than that, I shall support any measures, however stringent, looking toward bringing about a better condition of our finances. I do not believe that a delinquent chapter ought to be allowed representation at our conventions. I moreover believe that we are strong enough to give all our chapters a certain specified length of time in which to settle all their dues, giving the grand chapter power to suspend the chapter, and if that does not bring the chapter to its feet to withdraw from it the privileges of the fraternity.

Our own fraternity has already adopted measures like the above, and one or two of our present chapters would not now be on our roll if debts had not been settled within a specified time. Strict firmness contains the only solution of the financial problem. Our chapters have been forced to realize that the governing body of the Fraternity would not hesitate to adopt heroic measures.

The next selection presents a dark picture. Outsiders do not see that Phi Gamma Delta is in such a bad condition:

Numbers of the older men, that is of the *alumni*, are giving both time and money to further the interest of Phi Gamma Delta. We are proud of her position to-day, and know that, in all probability, other fraternities are beset by as

great financial difficulties as our own. But while the members of the chapters are squandering their money and letting their fraternity dues remain long overdue, the *Quarterly* totters from issue to issue, the song-book is still as far off as ever, the catalogue is still unpublished—in short, nearly all that goes to make a fraternity prominent is almost totally disregarded.

Our own experience is that the alumni, even where financial obligation is binding, are quite as prone to delinquency as the actives. If this alumnus could glance at the subscription list of the different fraternity journals he would find that numbers,—yea, larger, in fact immense numbers,—“of the older men” make such magazines as the *Quarterly* do a good deal of tottering. We notice that the *Quarterly* publishes, in full and without comment, the account of Psi Epsilon’s entrance into Wisconsin as given in the sharp and apparently just articles in the *Chicago Post*. The fact is, as we shall later state more fully, that if one chapter has a right to lift a man a fraternity has a right to lift a chapter. The correspondent of the April *Scroll* states that a certain Phi Delta Theta had been initiated into Phi Gamma Delta at De Pauw before he had been properly released from his old obligations. We question the right of any fraternity which permits the lifting of individuals to protest against the lifting of chapters. The moral principles involved are precisely the same.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* for May has three interesting articles, all favoring non-secrecy in regard to the principles of fraternities. We did not know that there was any movement whatever against secrecy until we read these articles. Throughout the reading we could not avoid the impression that the writers were striking at “a man of straw.” The following selection will show the drift of thought:

The question immediately arises, are the secret fraternities so-called, really secret, or are they laboring under a misguided apprehension? Have they really discerned some unknown truth and incorporated it in their constitution—or are they founded upon these truths and principles which are known and practiced in every day life? The question can hardly be answered in the affirmative. The college fraternity is a human organization, and certainly if it should have discovered a great truth the world would long have been in possession of it. The real truth of the matter is—that secret fraternities are placing upon their members an altogether unnecessary restraint. Fraternal love is not deepened or widened by the shackles of secrecy, but because of the association of kindred

minds in a common cause, of imparting truths to those with whom we come in contact.

Certainly every one knows that the principles of the various fraternities are universal, and that the secrecy lies largely in their statement. The whole idea of having a common and secret statement is that the members may have a certain bond,—somewhat superficial, if you please, but effective nevertheless. We do not know of the tendency in other orders; but within our own there is a distinct movement, not toward less, but toward greater secrecy. Singularly enough too, our broadest men seem to rejoice in the movement.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for May contains an article on "The Transfer Question," and deals with a problem known to all fraternities. The writer suggests that readiness to assimilate and help on the part of the person transferred to another chapter, and a cordial attitude on the part of the receiving chapter, manifested by a committee on hospitality, etc., will do much to remove the natural difficulties. The main element of solution, however, is found in maintaining a chapter house. The experience of the Kappa Alpha chapter at Johns Hopkins is thus stated:

Without a house the chapter barely maintained its existence. There was the same state of things precisely that causes the abundance of transfer material at Vanderbilt, Tulane and Virginia to be reckoned a disadvantage to the chapters there, and not—as one would naturally suppose—an advantage. But since Alpha-Lambda in 1894 took a house and furnished it, it has developed the virtues of an enthusiastic, united, hearty, happy and successful chapter. Transfers are valued and sought after. Every K. A. coming to the Johns Hopkins is invited to visit the house and take a room. In the past two years Alpha-Lambda has had among its members men from Alpha, Beta, Mu, Rho, Omicron and Alpha-Zeta, and these transfers have been among its principal workers. The utmost good-fellowship exists. By general consent the chapter life is voted to be delightful and not inferior in warmth to that of the most homogeneous of our undergraduate chapters. To be added to this is the fact that active membership is not found to interfere with the studies of the hardest working transfers. And some of them are very hard workers.

This article contains some valuable suggestions. But it scarcely hints at the deepest and most essential element in the whole ques-

tion. Our own observation is that, as a fraternity comes nearer and nearer to a common standard, a prevailing homogeneity will go far to solve the transfer problem as well as several others equally vexing.

An article on "The Mortality of Parent Chapters" evidently written by the Editor of the *Journal* presents some strange facts. That so many of the first chapters should have died seems remarkable. In reference to our own experience the writer says:

Delta Tau Delta has enjoyed some delightful experiences with its "fountain source." This organization was conceived at Bethany College, W. Va., in '60. The chapter was killed by the war but was soon thereafter revived. It seems to have always been an irritating burden to its organization as an entirety, but was courteously tolerated up to about a year ago when its generally unsatisfactory condition provoked the forcible forfeiture of its charter.

The author did not intend, of course, to misrepresent or exaggerate. It must be stated, however, that the effort to report conspicuous trouble with parent chapters led to an unconsciously strong statement of the history. The present editor has been a member of Delta Tau Delta for nearly eleven years. He did not know that the Theta chapter was merely "courteously tolerated" to say nothing of its being "an irritating burden." We knew, of course, that Bethany was a poor college. But if the members of the chapter had been just, their charter would have been secure. We think it right that the matter be set in its true light. The new Editor of the *Journal*, Mr. Verner M. Jones, bids fair to be a worthy successor of Mr. Keeble. The magazine is ably edited.

*The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for May is much like its predecessors. It is delightfully "S. A. E. ish" at every point. We have only one criticism on *The Record*. A few months ago we were glad to learn that Wm. L. Wilson was a *bona fide* member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and not simply honorary, as charged by a certain fraternity journal. It was also announced editorially that the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity had ceased to initiate honorary members. That is good. We have understood that the Hon. William McKinley is merely an honorary member; yet every issue of *The Record* has something to say, not in editorials but in gushing chapter letters, about "our honored brother." We have been informed that the Ohio Wesleyan and

Ohio State chapters united in initiating William McKinley in his office at Columbus. If this report is untrue we would be glad to be so informed; if, however, the membership of William McKinley in Sigma Alpha Epsilon is of the genuine kind we will withdraw the only criticism we have to offer regarding *The Record*. All of Editor Burger's work is of a high order, and we have the feeling that he would object to the cheap parading of a merely honorary member. In the same connection we have been led to inquire whether Bishop John H. Vincent, given in the list of Alpha Tau Omega's "Grand Officers" as the "Worthy Grand Chaplain," is a genuine or honorary member of Alpha Tau Omega. We suspect that he is of the latter kind, for he finished his school work and entered fully into his ministerial life twelve years before Alpha Tau Omega was born. Personally the Editor of THE RAINBOW would be glad to learn that William McKinley was a college-born son of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and that the membership of Bishop Vincent in Alpha Tau Omega is not simply artificial. Neither of these fraternities has any need of borrowed lustre.

*The Beta Theta Pi* for May contains one article of interest to all Deltas, that on Bethany College, our birth place. If we mistake not Beta Theta Pi is the only fraternity represented there now. The list of prominent alumni given in the article shows the name of the Hon. J. L. N. Hunt, one of the founders of Delta Tau Delta, who joined the Betas ere he had helped to found a new order, and whose membership is cordially recognized by both fraternities. An article on "The Alumnus and the Undergraduates" is of a straightforward character. We quote from it a few strong statements:

The boys in college are apt to lose sight of the fact that they constitute but ten per cent. of the entire membership of the fraternity, and that the other ninety per. cent is composed of alumni. They legislate at conventions as though the apparent needs of the moment of the active chapters, or of a few of the most energetic among them, were all that should be considered in deciding upon the advisability of any course of action. The alumni have ever been loyal, and intelligently loyal. We have yet to meet one who will not promptly acquiesce even in the extinction of his own chapter, should the necessity for such action be made apparent. The difficulty is, however, that so long as the undergraduates perceive a necessity, they seem to think it immaterial or unnecessary that any one else should do so, and so their actions are often a source of grief and irritation to the

alumni, where, if the facts were properly known, the same action would evoke prompt acquiescence and cordial support.

The boys are complaining everywhere that the alumni have lost their interest, and that their fidelity is a myth. The alumni are complaining that they are simply regarded as bloated bond-holders, from whose overflowing coffers a stream of perennial wealth should flow to the boys, without a voice in its disposition or a check upon its misappropriation.

The alumni complain that they receive no letters but dunning ones; that they have no place in the assemblies of the fraternity; that their wishes are unheeded and their ideas scoffed at as old-fashioned and out of date. The boys complain that their alumni do not visit them; that the undergraduates are being crowded upon on all sides by relentless competition; that they need money, and plenty of it, to keep their high position in the college world, and that they are forgotten and neglected.

The author—"One of the Veterans,"—suggests various remedies, such as completer information, more frequent gatherings, and an effective representation for the graduates in councils and conventions. The article gives some plain and wholesome food for thought. We notice, also, with some gratification that an editorial advocates the discouragement of the initiation of professional students. The January issue of *THE RAINBOW* gave a similiar warning. The Editor of *Beta Theta Pi* suggests, too, that his fraternity try the experiment of biennial conventions. Delta Tau Delta has done so, and the experiment, with us, has passed into legislation.

*The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for April has one item of large interest for all fraternity men. Editor Brown, in a very courteous and yet searching and thorough way, takes Editor Crozier of the Sigma Chi *Quarterly* to task for the statement that the parent chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Miami "seemed determined to enroll as its members the entire college attendance. As a natural consequence the house crumbled from its very unwieldiness." The statement seems to be freely refuted by the facts presented by Editor Brown. Mr. Crozier, it seems, should not be held responsible for the misrepresentation, inasmuch as he was misled by the Sigma Chi catalogue. The correspondence between the two editors was of a fair and gentlemanly sort.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* for April 30 is largely given to an account of the fraternity's convention, as its predecessor was given

to a preparation for the same event. The convention seems to have been splendidly successful. Little is printed as to its regular business proceedings. The item of interest to the Greek World is the sweeping resolution growing out of the trouble with Psi Upsilon at the University of Wisconsin. The fraternity press is unanimous, so far as we have seen, in denouncing the conduct of Psi Upsilon. Phi Kappa Psi scarcely needs to be informed that Delta Tau Delta regards the lifting of her chapter as a piece of treachery. Our stand at this point is well known and our position never needs explanation. We will receive into our membership no chapters and no men that have ever belonged to an existing fraternity. The resolutions passed by the convention were as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in grand arch council duly assembled has learned of the absorption of the local society known as the Rho Kappa Upsilon society of the University of Wisconsin, by the Psi Upsilon fraternity, on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1896, and

"WHEREAS, The said local society was the immediate successor of a former chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, all of the active members of which had been, on the fifteenth day of July, 1893, expelled from our fraternity for conduct unbecoming men and treasonable in the highest degree, and

"WHEREAS, In our judgment the organization of Rho Kappa Upsilon society by the attempted irregular withdrawal of members from the Wisconsin Alpha chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was the result of a conspiracy between members of the Psi Upsilon fraternity and the Wisconsin Alpha chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and

"WHEREAS, Such a conspiracy is an act of a character which has always been deemed unworthy of any reputable Greek-letter fraternity and thus injurious to the reputation and standing of intercollegiate fraternities in the estimation of the public and college world, now, therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, By the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in grand arch council assembled that it hereby denounces as utterly contemptible the conduct of the Psi Upsilon fraternity in their conspiracy, and earnestly calls the attention of the college and fraternity world to the same and to the fact that it would now appear to be part of the approved policy of the Psi Upsilon fraternity to carry on illegitimate warfare of this character, and be it further

"*Resolved*, That we recommend that in all future interfraternity intercourse the treatment to be accorded the Psi Upsilon fraternity should be such as its deliberate conduct and avowed policy deserve."

We question whether resolutions of such a character were ever before entered upon the minutes of any fraternity convention.

As *The Shield* says: It seems like "a startling departure from interfraternity comity." But the unintended confession of Mr. Jacobs in his article to the *Detroit Tribune* puts Psi Upsilon in a bad light. To our thought the case has no relieving features. We cannot forbear saying, however, that Phi Kappa Psi, should learn a lesson from this instance. While the editor of THE RAINBOW was still an undergraduate two of the members of his chapter were "lifted" into Phi Kappa Psi, and, this too, utterly without the knowledge of the Delta Tau Delta. If Phi Kappa Psi had a right to initiate those men Psi Upsilon had a right to make overtures to the Wisconsin chapter. More than this may be said. In 1890 Delta Tau Delta for sufficient reasons ordered her original chapter at the University of Wisconsin to return its charter. Immediately two of her freshmen members were approached by Phi Kappa Psi, and were soon initiated into that fraternity. Both of these men were guilty of perjury; for the revocation of the charter in no way releases them from their obligations. That their oath was of such binding character they were fully informed at the time of their joining Delta Tau Delta. But Phi Kappa Psi lifted those men. Before they had come to their senior year they took a treacherous part against Phi Kappa Psi, and were leaders in the movement to organize a local society, and to obtain, later, a charter from Psi Upsilon. In this instance "the mills of the gods" crushed out their grist with a good degree of rapidity. If men do not keep the oath made to one fraternity they cannot be trusted to regard the obligations to a second fraternity. While, therefore, members of Delta Tau Delta will have nothing but blaming words for Psi Upsilon, they will all feel that Phi Kappa Psi has a log of large size in her own eye, and that her deadly aim against Psi Upsilon would be more consistent, if not indeed clearer, if she had not herself been guilty of like violations. Of one thing Phi Kappa Psi and all our sister fraternities may be well assured: No chapter or men in their membership could ever by any possibility be admitted into Delta Tau Delta. *The Shield* will now pass into the hands of Mr. William C. Gretzinger, of Lewisburg, Pa., whom we welcome. We are sorry that Editor Rush felt obliged to discontinue his editorial work.



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