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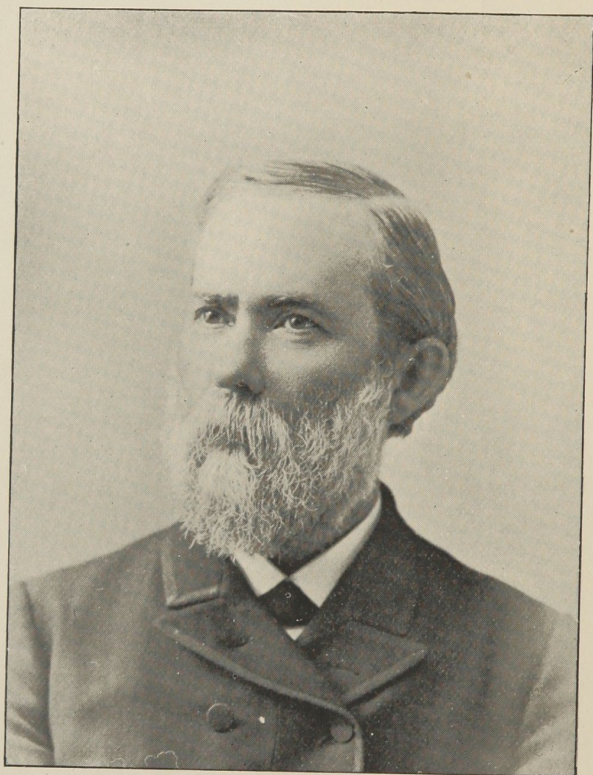
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HISTORY OF THE CRESCENT — RAINBOW.

The records of the movement which resulted in the publication of our Fraternity's journal are exceedingly meagre, and it is impossible to find out just how long the idea was in incubation before anything visible resulted.

It must have begun previous to 1875, as the matter was discussed at the Convention of that year, which met with the Allegheny College Chapter, May 5, 6 and 7. Who were the leaders previous to that date, among the chapters or individual members, history nor even rumor tells us; from that date two names loom up above all others, and it is undoubtedly a fact that if it had not been for W. C. Buchanan, of Bethany College, and James P. L. Weems, of Hanover College, our *Crescent* would not have come into existence in the year 1877.

Brother Weems was a delegate to this convention of '75, and, when the matter came up for discussion, he was appointed chairman of the committee created to take it in charge. Of this committee, the other members were Wilson M. Day, Ohio Wesleyan, '71, Clarence R. Knight, Buchtel, '71, and Charles E. Mills, Allegheny, '78.

After due consideration the following report was submitted to the Convention: "Your committee, to which was referred the matter of a Fraternity paper, begs leave to report as follows:

1. That the present condition and future prospects of our Fraternity demand that such a publication be established at once.

2. That the name of the publication be *The Crescent*; that it be an eight page, four column paper, published monthly, from October to June of each year, inclusive, and that the subscription price be \$1.00 per year.

3. That it be published under the direction of Alpha Chapter, and by the authority of the General Convention.

4. That the general editorial management be vested in a Board of Editors, consisting of the S. A.'s of the Grand Divisions, and of Alpha, the S. A. of Alpha being chairman. It shall be the duty of each member of this Board to receive, examine, and forward to the general chairman, all communications for publication from the several subordinate chapters of his Division.

5. That the S. A.'s of all subordinate chapters be constituted associate editors, whose duty it shall be to promptly forward to the S. A.'s of the respective Divisions all news and communications intended for publication. They shall also be authorized and instructed to obtain subscriptions and advertisements for the paper, forwarding the same to their Division S. A.

6. The business management of the paper shall be in charge of an Executive Committee, to consist of three members of Chapter Alpha, which shall be appointed yearly by the General Convention, on recommendation of Chapter Alpha. The T. of Alpha shall receive all funds of the paper, and shall pay no claims unless audited by the members of the Executive Committee.

Signed,

Your Committee.

After this very thorough report, it was to be expected that *The Crescent* would appear promptly the following October; but the inception of a paper in those days was very different from what it would be now. It is true other fraternities had begun the publication of Journals. Theta Delta Chi had made a start in 1868, Chi Phi in 1872, and Beta Theta Pi in 1872, and all had failed; though at that time I do not believe our Fraternity knew of it, as in those days general fraternity information was exceedingly poor.

But the Fraternity was only in its fifteenth year, and had but seventeen active chapters, ten of which were not more

than three years old, and but eleven of the seventeen were represented by delegate at this Convention. Under the circumstances it is surprising that the subject should be considered at all.

Brother Weems in a letter published in volume VI. says:

“The report brought before the Convention by the Committee was accepted. The paper was to be known as *The Crescent*, and was expected to first appear that fall. Alpha was to have charge of the paper, and be assisted by the other chapters of the Fraternity. In the fall, September 1875, I was elected to represent my Chapter at Hanover, Phi, then Grand Chapter of Division Third. I got up my part or portion of *The Crescent*, and sent it in during the early part of September, 1875, and urged the publication of the paper at once, but the boys at Alpha thought the outlook was not favorable enough to launch *The Crescent* upon the turbulent waters of journalism. So nothing was done further.” . . .

Alpha, with her finger on the pulse of the Fraternity, and knowing the exact condition of things, naturally was inclined to be conservative regarding a move which must involve the outlay of a good deal of money, the return of which was decidedly problematic, particularly as the Treasurer had reported that there was but \$97.65 in the treasury.

The Convention of 1876 was held at Ann Arbor, but the minutes are silent on this subject, and no further official action seems to have been taken until the Convention of 1877, held at Bethlehem, May 2 and 3. When a set of articles drafted by Brother Weems were presented to the Convention by Phi's delegate. This Convention passed the following resolutions, quite similar to those passed in 1875:—

1. A Committee of three, called a Publishing Committee, consisting of Alumni or old Deltas, shall be chosen.
2. This committee shall be appointed, or re-appointed, each year at the Annual Convention.
3. No member shall be a student at college.

4. The members of this committee shall all reside where the paper is published.

5. All vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by Alpha.

6. The Convention shall elect one member of this Committee Editor-in-Chief, to whom all editorial communications shall be sent.

7. The members of this Committee shall appoint one of their number a secretary, one a treasurer, and to the former all business communications shall be addressed.

8. This Committee shall present to each Annual Convention of the Fraternity, a detailed account of its actions during the past year.

9. The G. S. A. of Alpha, and the S. A.'s of the Grand Chapters, shall be associate editors.

10. No part of the Constitution, By-laws, or any of the secrets of the Fraternity shall be published, and when the editors have need to publish the names of officers, they shall use the English names.

11. All chapter notes, editorials, reports, etc., shall be sent first to the S. A. of the Grand Chapter, who shall revise them and send them to the Editor-in-Chief, and all such reports shall be arranged under their appropriate Divisions, for each Division shall have its department in the paper.

12. All other articles for publication may be sent direct to the Editor-in-Chief.

13. The Editor-in-Chief shall have power to reject, correct, or revise all communications.

14. The paper shall be published monthly, from September to June inclusive — ten months — at one dollar per year, and the first number shall be published from the 1st to the 15th of September, 1877, and each month afterward during the ten months.

15. The name of this paper shall be *The Crescent*.

Wm. C. Buchanan of Theta, was elected Editor-in-Chief, and Brother Weems his assistant.

It is a little odd that a fraternity but seventeen years old and governed entirely by undergraduates, should pass a resolution like the above, placing its journal almost entirely in the hands of the Alumni.

The Fraternity has a right to claim that its journal is the third in age in the field of fraternity journalism: the Beta

Theta Pi had been reorganized in 1876, and the Phi Delta Theta began the publication of its *Scroll* in the same year.

In spite of Brother Buchanan's enthusiasm it seems he was not sanguine of the success of the undertaking, and undecided whether to begin its publication. Quoting from Brother Weems' letter again :

August 25, 1877

I visited Brother Buchanan, and spent a few days in Cincinnati. We discussed the question of publishing *The Crescent*. He had on hand sufficient data or thereabouts, to publish the first issue, but I found him unsettled in regard to publishing it. He thought it impossible to do so, as he found the outlook was by no means favorable for publishing a paper. So far no money had been sent in by the chapters, to defray expenses of publishing; but I thought differently from Brother Buchanan. I told him I knew it could be published, and that I would not consent to anything but the going ahead with *The Crescent*. Before leaving Cincinnati it was determined, and Brother Buchanan promised me the paper should be published.

The first number was issued from Cincinnati, September 15, 1877; it consisted of eight pages about the size of the *Critic*, with two columns each, it was neatly printed, with a plainly printed cover, giving the names of the Publishing Committee, and the names of the five associate editors. There were no advertisements. The opening paper on the "History of the Fraternity" by J. S. Eaton, of Alpha; and one on "The Ancient Mysteries" by J. S. Hartzell, of Tau, both of which ran through the volume, appeared in it; also an extended account of the Convention, four chapter letters, several miscellaneous papers, and a directory of the twenty chapters which then composed the Fraternity. The second number was also issued under the editorship of Buchanan, then he found it necessary to give it up. Weems, in his letter already quoted from, says :

"About this time, October 17, 1877, I received a letter from Brother Buchanan wanting me to take charge of *The Crescent*; his reasons assigned were that he had not the time to devote to the paper it required, and that he contemplated a trip, perhaps to Europe. I wrote Brother B. that I did not want the position, and did not seek it, but if he must give it up I would accept it rather than see the paper fail. By reference to my diary for October 27, 1877, I find the following: 'Editor-in-Chief of a fraternity paper, a law student, and I have not a cent in the world.' Nevertheless, I pushed forward *The Crescent*, and number three appeared in due time, Nov. 15, 1877."

Nine numbers composed the first volume, which was largely made up of chapter letters; the June number was principally given up to accounts of the Annual Convention, which had been held the previous month at Akron, Ohio. Thus was the crucial period passed safely, almost entirely through the unselfish devotion of Brother Weems, who deserves all honor from the Fraternity he so loyally served. Having rounded out the volume, Weems sent in his report to the convention and his resignation to take effect on the publication of the ninth number, with the recommendation that the journal be turned over to Alpha's care. He says:

"The burden of publishing the paper was growing too great for one person to attend to gratuitously, as Mr. Buchanan had done, and as I had done. My report was accepted. After publishing No. 9 of Vol I. my duties terminated and I sent all the effects of our *Crescent*, together with love, to Alpha."

The business management of the affairs of *The Crescent* had been above criticism, and it had run behind less than \$150.00, with some two hundred and thirty-six subscribers.

Alpha took up her work on *The Crescent* in her usual enthusiastic way; it was divided up among committees, and Seniors only were eligible to the office of Editor-in-Chief.

In order to increase the subscription list, one of her members in the chapter's name offered a pearl bordered badge to

that chapter sending in the largest number of cash subscriptions previous to January first. Iota proved the lucky chapter by sending in twenty-six names, and beating Tau by one. Vol. II. consisted of eight numbers, the first of which appeared in October, 1878. The size of the magazine was not changed, but the appearance was very much improved by the addition of quite an elaborately designed cover, and a change in the face of the type. Its tone was intensely enthusiastic, and being managed by the governing chapter it began to deal with the policy of the Fraternity, as the first volume could not, and this feature has continued to the present day, *The Crescent* shaping the policy of the Fraternity as no other influence could. The effect was immediate, and universal throughout the Fraternity, and I have no hesitation in saying that until the creation of the council it did more for the advancement of Delta Tau Delta than all other influences combined. Eaton's history of the Fraternity was concluded in this volume; other historical sketches, of great value and interest, were sketches of various chapters, including the history of our Lombard Chapter from its organization as a local society under the name of Delta Theta in 1867 to the current date; also those of the Lehigh and Franklin and Marshall Chapters. Hartzell gave an account of the faculty opposition to fraternities at Franklin and Marshall; there was an account of the first pow wow given by Alpha, and the now universal "Walk Around." The "Greek World" department was begun in this volume, which in future volumes was admitted by other fraternity journals to be the best edited of all. Agitation was begun in this volume for the organization of the Alumni, and the Song Book was first talked of. Reports as to the doings of the Alumni were first regularly given in this volume. *The Crescent* for this year ran behind \$81.41.

Vol. III. consisted also of eight numbers, which differed in no ways in appearance nor size from those of the pre-

ceding volume. Number 1 appeared in October 1879. The notable articles of the volume were: the histories of Chapters Alpha, Beta, Delta, Eta, Iota, Sigma at Mt. Union, and Tau; the announcement of the formation of the Chicago Alumni Association in February, 1880, (this association is the oldest in the Fraternity and one of the oldest of fraternity associations in the city of Chicago), and an interesting article by Hartzell on honorary membership, called "Bastard Membership." The receipts for *The Crescent* for the year '79-'80 were \$415.37, expenditures \$306.64, leaving a very comfortable cash balance on hand of \$108.73.

Vol. IV. was the second complete volume of nine numbers to appear, it was the first one to have a cover of a different color from the printed page, and it is also one of the brightest volumes which have been published in the history of the magazine. Its historical articles were on "The Early Days of Delta Tau Delta" by Trautwein; sketch of W. R. Cunningham, one of our founders, by the same writer; "Founders of our Jefferson College Chapter;" "History of the Nu Chapter;" account of the first conference of the Second Division, January 21st, 1881; and an interesting article on the "Size of Chapters." In this volume was begun the agitation which ended with the forbidding of the initiation of preparatory students.

The report of *The Crescent* for the year '80-'81 showed a cash balance in the treasury of \$96.67, though the expenses for necessary reasons had been \$128.50 over and above those of the previous year, there also remained sixty-four unpaid subscriptions.

Vol. V. again had nine numbers, and changed the color of its cover from blue to gray, with the old design. Its first number, which appeared at the usual time, October, was almost wholly taken up with a description of that year's convention, which met in Pittsburg in August. This volume contained

the first illustration which *The Crescent* had produced, it being a portrait of Professor John R. Scott, best known to us as the author of "The Fraternity Song." It contained an interesting sketch by Eugene Tarr, one of the founders, on the "Early Days of the Fraternity;" also a history of the position which the Fraternity took in the interstate oratorical contest held at Indianapolis, in May 1882. This showed that of the six states represented, the Fraternity had chapters in but three, and from these three states we had two orators and five delegates. Brother Craven from Omicron took second place. The report of *The Crescent* for '81-'82 showed total receipts to have been \$582.73, and total expenditures \$532.17, leaving a balance on hand of \$50.56. The increased expenses were due to increasing the number of pages of reading matter, removing one page of advertisements, and using a better quality of paper — changes in the right direction.

In external appearance Vol. VI. was an improvement over its predecessors in that it used a cover with a handsome symbolic design gotten up by Fred F. Martinez of the Columbia chapter. Nine numbers were printed, and the pages increased from 151 of reading matter in Vol. V. to 160 in VI. The Annual Convention was held at Cleveland in August and the first number contained little else than a description of it. In this volume the Fraternity Directory was first arranged according to the Divisions, and the list of initiates was first published. Following the lead of the magazine on the "prep" question, the Convention attacked it, but was only successful in forbidding the initiation of "preps" below the senior year, this volume therefore continued the discussion most urgently.

The histories of Chapters Mu, Nu, and Rho were published. A history of Vol. I. by J. P. L. Weems, giving a most interesting account of the troubles and trials of that momentous period, was printed, as was also a full history of the year. Agitation was first begun to bring the alumni into closer

relation with the Fraternity, and for the purpose of multiplying Alumni chapters.

A description of the interstate oratorical contest was given; it was held this year at Minneapolis. This time, of the six states composing the organization Delta Tau Delta had chapters in four, and three of these four states sent Delts to represent them at Minneapolis, though none of them were lucky enough to come in first. The exchange department was first begun in this volume and the account of the first conference of the First Division given. For the year '82-'83 the accounts of *The Crescent* came out even, more than \$55.00 having been expended on preparations for the next volume.

Vol. VII., still edited by Alpha, continued to show an improvement over the one preceding, both typographically and in the number of pages, containing 224 pages of reading matter as against 160 in Vol. VI. The first number, issued as usual in October, was given over to accounts of the 25th annual convention held at Indianapolis in August, probably the most important to Delta Tau Delta that has thus far been held.

This Convention caused a complete revolution in the manner of governing the Fraternity, taking the governing power away from an undergraduate chapter and placing it in the hands of Alumni and undergraduates combined, under the name of the Executive Council. This change went into effect January 1, 1884. Vol. VII. is famous principally as showing the influential position *The Crescent* held in the Fraternity, for in it was first publicly voiced the sentiment, previously latent, in favor of withdrawing from colleges which showed no evidence of growth. The discussion was carried on vigorously in the early numbers, and when the Executive Council held its first meeting on February 22, 1884, at Akron, that body felt encouraged to attack the question boldly, and motions were passed ordering the withdrawal from Mt. Union College and Adrian College. The contest then passed to the chapters and

was hotly contested, but ably aided by the magazine the advocates of contraction came out victorious. Other papers of value were biographic sketches of three of our founders, A. C. Earle, and Henry and Clarence Bell, one on "The Early Days of Delta Tau Delta," telling how A. C. Earle previously counted as dead had been discovered fully alive in Arkadelphia, Ark.; Accounts of the Second Conference of the First Division, the Third of the Second Division and the First each of the Third and Fourth, and a description of the Fifth General Catalogue, published that year.

The financial account of *The Crescent* for this year showed a debit balance of \$95.14, due partly to the largely increased cost in publishing and because of the salary paid the Editor, this latter being a new expense entirely. Vol. VIII. was published under the direction of Alpha, as the previous ones had been, and printed at Warren, Ohio. The color of the covers was still gray but the symbolic design was replaced by a plainly printed one, which has been in vogue ever since, and the size of the page was reduced to that now used; the number of pages grew to 394, divided into eight numbers. A full account of the Watkins Glen Convention was given in the October number. This Convention finally settled the "prep" question, but granted a special dispensation to three chapters for the current year, after which there were to be no exceptions, and no man below freshman was eligible to membership. It also discussed the question of incorporation, but wisely left it to the Executive Council to take such measures as it might deem expedient and necessary. This volume contained an unusually large number of chapter letters, but little of historical value. There is an account of the organization of the New York Alumni Association, and accounts of the Conferences of the First and Second Divisions, but beyond this there was nothing meriting special mention. The department of Delta Tau Delta in Literature was added to those already organized. The affairs of *The*

Crescent for this year were in the hands of an absolutely incompetent business manager and in consequence there was a debit of some \$200.00 at the end of the year. For this reason, as much as for any other, this was the last year the magazine was managed by undergraduates.

This volume naturally ends the first chapter in the history of our magazine; it was the last under the control of an undergraduate chapter, and it was the last full volume under the name *The Crescent*. During the next year came the union with the Rainbow Fraternity and the corresponding change to the present name.

Vol. IX., according to the decision of the Detroit Convention, was published under the control of the Executive Council by Wharton Plummer, who was a member of that body and living in Chicago. Eight numbers were issued, and it contained 292 pages. This volume contained as most valuable articles, an historical account of the Union of the Delta Tau Delta and Rainbow, or W. W. W., Fraternities; an account of "Our Conventions previous to 1875," by A. P. Trantwein, of exceeding interest; "History of Delta Tau Delta in Iowa"; "The University of Mississippi and the Pi of Delta Tau Delta"; "Vanderbilt University and the Lambda of Delta Tau Delta"; "Fraternities at Stevens"; reports of banquets of the New York and Chicago Alumni, and of the Conferences of the First, Second and Rainbow Divisions. THE RAINBOW again ran behind financially, this time \$22.40.

Vol. X. was left in the hands of the editor of the one previous, and again printed in Chicago; it was issued in eight numbers and had 288 pages. The October number contains a very full account of the Louisville Convention, which transacted a large amount of most important business. The Fraternity was redistricted, this being made necessary because of the territory acquired with The Rainbow, and the Divisions were named Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern; the govern-

ing body was simply called the The Council; subscription to THE RAINBOW was made compulsory on all undergraduates; The Song Book Committee, which had reported at many Conventions without any signs of progress, at last had some tangible proofs to offer in the shape of advance sheets, and promised the book before the meeting of the next Convention; lifting was made impossible by the declaration that no man who had once joined a chartered fraternity was eligible to membership in Delta Tau Delta.

The first number contains a letter from every one of the thirty-one chapters. The deficit of THE RAINBOW for the year '86-87 was less than \$15.00.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio, in August, and after careful consideration decided that it was advisable for the future to publish THE RAINBOW as a quarterly, and that the Editor should be, ex-officio, a member of The Council. Vol. XI. was published from Cleveland and contained 308 pages; the first number appeared in January, 1888, and during the year each number appeared in a differently colored cover. The volume contained little of general interest, and it exerted but little influence on the Fraternity. In it was originated "The Symposium," of which it contained two, one on "Elective Studies," and another which ran through two members on "The Amelioration of Delta Tau Delta." Both engaged a large number of the Fraternity's workers in the discussion. It also contained the announcement of the successful publication of the first Song Book of the Fraternity after many years of trial.

It is impossible to figure out the exact figures on the expenses of THE RAINBOW for the future on account of complication with other funds and expenses of the Fraternity, and I will therefore make no guesses.

The Thirtieth Convention, which was held in Cleveland, elected Brother J. M. Philips to the editorship, and Vol. XII.

was published from Chattanooga, Tenn. Brother Philips met a series of misfortunes from the first, which seriously interfered with his work, and finally ended by preventing him from issuing more than two numbers. His eyes failed him shortly after the Convention, and sometimes he was prevented for weeks from doing any work on the paper. The two numbers published December, 1888, and March, 1889 together contained 204 pages, and the typographical appearance is very poor. It is reported that a third number was published in the latter part of August, it being left to the printer because of the editor's sickness, but it was so miserably done that he refused to accept it, and ordered the edition destroyed; then came the accident which resulted in his death, and Vol. XII. was permanently dwarfed. This volume contained a number of historical sketches of the Rainbow Fraternity; a symposium on the subject "Reformation in University Training" and an illustration of the Rainbow badge. The Convention decided that for the future the national gatherings should be held every two years.

The next four volumes were issued from Minneapolis, under the editorship of Kendric C. Babcock. Vol. XIII. contained 300 hundred pages and was most ably managed, as were the other three which Brother Babcock edited. This volume reports the adoption of the Pansy as the Fraternity flower and seems to make good our claim of being the second Fraternity to adopt a flag, the first being the Theta Delta Chi; two symposiums were given; the subjects being "The Fraternity in College Politics," and "Fraternity and Morality." Other papers of interest were "Our Chapter Genealogy," "A Chapter of Rainbow History," being an answer to an article which had appeared in *The Scroll* by W. B. Palmer, which contained a number of misstatements.

Vol. XIV. appeared during the year 1890-91, and was composed of 282 pages. It contained much of interest and

value to the Fraternity at the time, but not much that need be mentioned now. One Symposium was given on "The proposal of President Eliot to Shorten the College Course to Three Years," and was participated in by Professors Kingery of Wabash, Carpenter of Cornell, Sullivan of Louisiana Centenary, Grove of Ohio Wesleyan, and the Rev. Arthur H. Noll. There were also historical articles on the University of Minnesota and Bethany College, with illustrations; a paper on "Extinct Chapters of our Fraternity," which ran through three numbers, and the usual accounts of the Division Conferences.

Vol. XV. contained 286 pages. It had a full account of the first biennial and thirty-second General Convention, all save six of the thirty-eight chapters being represented by actual delegates. Articles of interest were the accounts of the Division Conferences, the "History of the Rainbow or W. W. W. Fraternity," a toast given by Dr. Robinson, Jefferson '62, on the early days of the Fraternity at Jefferson and Bethany; "The Fraternity Idea," by Professor C. L. Edwards, also an excellent portrait of Dr. Jos. W. Mauck, Kappa '75, who became president of the University of South Dakota in 1892.

In general appearance Vol. XVI. was like the three preceding ones, all of which had been under the control of the same editor, but it contained but 250 pages. The articles of greatest interest were the Symposium on "The Needs of Delta Tau Delta," the "Omega Chapter and Iowa State College," it being a well written account of the legal contest between the chapter and the college authorities; "Fraternity Life at Sewanee;" historical articles on the Universities of Wisconsin and Western Reserve Universities, both fully illustrated; Annual Dinner of the Chicago Alumni Association and the inauguration of the Northwestern Chapter and the notices of the Division Conferences.

Vol. XVII. was under the management of a new editor in

the person of H. J. Eberth, the Convention of 1893 having elected K. C. Babcock to the presidency of the Fraternity. The volume contained 292 pages but in appearances in no ways differs from those just preceding; the editor made the mistake of not numbering the pages of the succeeding numbers continuously, and neglected to make out a general index.

The most prominent feature about this volume is the fact that it has more illustrations in it than any of the previous ones, beginning with a group of the thirty-third Convention as a frontispiece. The more important illustrations, and articles with illustrations, were groups of Chi and Beta Rho chapters, historical sketches of Kenyon and Leland Stanford Jr., and a portrait of J. F. McConnell of Mu, who represented the state of Ohio in the interstate oratorical contest held in Indianapolis, May 10th, 1894. A picture of the flag printed in its appropriate colors was given. There were also accounts of the various Division Conferences, that of the Conference of the Northern Division being erroneously numbered the twelfth, it should have been given as the tenth.

Unfortunately Eberth was unable to serve out his full term of two years, and was compelled to resign with the publication of the final number for the year. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Max Ehrmann of Beta Beta, and the eighteenth volume was most satisfactorily edited by him. He increased the number of pages to 352, but made no change in the general appearance, even following his predecessor in omitting that necessary article an index.

This volume also contains quite a number of illustrations, including portraits of President K. C. Babcock; C. Robert Churchill; I. G. Kittredge, President of the Southern Division; James N. Matthews, the poet of Beta Upsilon; also groups of Gamma, Pi, and Beta Mu, and a historical article on the state university of Ohio and the institution of our Beta Phi chapter; in addition to these was the symposium on "Chapter Exten-

sion," which ran through two numbers; "Our History for Two Years;" "Bits of History," being the publication of a number of letters which passed between Deltas of many years ago on Fraternity subjects; Accounts of the Division Conferences, that of the Northern being numbered thirteenth, when it should have been fourteenth, that division having led all others in this custom; there were also accounts of the organization of two new alumni associations, one including the state of Mississippi, the other New England.

The following men have been editors of the various volumes of *The Crescent* and *THE RAINBOW*:

The Crescent.

- Volume I.—1877-78, W. C. Buchanan, September and October.
J. P. L. Weems, November to June.
II.—1878-79, Lowrie McClurg, October.
Charles B. Mitchell, November to June.
III.—1879-80, C. Edward Locke, October to June.
IV.—1880-81, Charles E. Richmond, October to June.
V.—1881-82, " " " " October.
Marshall J. Hovis, November to June.
VI.—1882-83, H. W. Plummer, October to June.
VII.—1883-84, W. J. Guthrie, October to June.
VIII.—1884-85, Duff Merrick, October and November.
E. P. Cullum, December to June.

The Rainbow.

- IX.—1885-86, H. W. Plummer, October to June.
X.—1886-87, " " " " " "
XI.—1888 James W. McLane, January to July.
XII.—1889-89, James M. Philips, December and March.
XIII.—1889-90, Kendric C. Babcock, October to July.
XIV.—1890-91, " " " " " "
XV.—1891-92, " " " " " "
XVI.—1892-93, " " " " November to July.
XVII.—1893-94, H. J. Eberth, November to June.
XVIII.—1894-95, Max Ehrmann, November to June.

LOWRIE MCCLURG.

THE MAN WITHOUT A CHAPTER, AND THE COLLEGE FOR A CHAPTER.

The sentiment which gives the clearest index to human character is loyalty, whether shown in the bared breast of Arnold von Winkelried, the unwavering steadfastness of Abraham Lincoln, the supreme unselfishness and devotion of Jesus of Nazareth, or the unflinching honesty of individuals in dealing with the prosaic affairs of to-day.

With the chapter-less Delta it is not a question of loyalty, but rather of the direction which his loyalty may follow. Shall he go with the fraternity onward from a modest past to a better and larger future, or shall he stay with the college, which perhaps has a history to be proud of, but through misfortune is now in a hopeless decline. In one sense his loyalty may cling to both, for while treasuring in memory the brave struggle and proud deeds of his *alma mater*, he may put his shoulder to the wheel of progress upon which his fraternity is steadily moving forward.

This movement of withdrawal from weak, and entrance into strong, institutions should be directed by men who fully understand what constitutes the valid measure of the two. Is the test of college standing a large number of students? Some years ago I visited an institution which several fraternities had entered, and which had a roll of seven hundred and fifty students. A glance at the classification showed about one hundred and fifty in the college classes proper, while the rest were distributed from the primary grades to various spread-eagle "departments," the fame of whose "professors," with one exception, was limited to the county in which this university is located!

And as the test is not met by the number of students catalogued, neither is it met by the denominational control of a proposed college. Under a policy of progress we will not enter an institution which, from the standpoint of impartial men fitted to judge, is manifestly weak both as to endowment and the major portion of its faculty. Certain denominations may furnish a fine class of students, coming from homes of culture; but we must rigidly insist that the institution shall have a high standard, educationally as well as socially.

Let us see if it is not possible to get at the standard of the American college, or university, whichever term, one may prefer. Take the catalogues of say twenty of our best institutions. So that we may not offend the devotion of anyone to his own particular college, we may all unite in naming *fifteen* of these in alphabetical order. The Universities of California, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Leland Stanford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Williams, Wisconsin, and Yale.

The same partisan individual objections will be met with here as in the selection of an all-American foot-ball team. But if it is understood that I have omitted my own state, which has perhaps five good colleges, but none preëminent, that Williams is representative of the minor New England colleges, and the universities of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin of the better middle state universities, I feel that the list is approximately just. Now make an analysis of the men in the faculties, of the equipment in buildings, libraries and laboratories, and the incomes of these institutions, and the averages of such elements might fairly give us a standard for the American university. Shall we not encourage in our fraternity the policy so well undertaken of reaching toward this standard?

It must be clearly understood that the time is past when the word East can be taken as a talisman of all that is good in

higher education. What a curious conceit that men who have never been inside of a first-class university should feel a pride in an intellectual excellence founded upon the coincidence of geographical distribution!

A college should be able to stand the verdict of such a jury as the faculty of the American University proposed by President White, or else cheerfully accept its proper rank of academy, normal-school, or nuisance, as the case may be. The colleges are happily in the struggle for existence, and when worthless pretensions are set aside in the survival of the fittest, the evolution of the best will incalculably benefit our civilization.

In the meantime let us all, whatever the youthful environment, renew our pledge of loyalty to good old Delta Tau, and realize to the full the message of her sacred symbols. Let us exalt the word brotherhood and bind faster the magic chain of love which unites us to our one ideal. Let us sacrifice individual conceit and prejudice to the common cause, and as gallant knights, our lances keen-edged, our arms strong, our enthusiasm undying, press into the struggle determined to place the laurel on the brow of *Our Queen!*

CHARLES L. EDWARDS.

CONFERENCE OF THE EASTERN DIVISION.

The Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division was held at Young's Hotel in Boston, on the customary date, February 22. It was a most enthusiastic and memorable occasion and the attendance was very gratifying, everything taken into consideration.

The festivities began the evening of the 21st at Goddard Gymnasium, College Hill, where the Tufts boys had prepared a reception to visiting delegates and fraters. The Gymnasium was elaborately decorated in fraternity and national colors, palms and potted plants. Mrs. Capen, the wife of the President of the College, with Mrs. Tousey, Mrs. Kingsley, and Mrs. Maulsby from Professor's Row, were the matrons, while nine of the Beta Mu men acted as ushers. Custer's orchestra of Boston, furnished music, Besse of Boston catered, and upwards of forty couples "chased the glowing hours with flying feet." The reception was a most brilliant one, and the regret was that more of the delegates did not reach Boston in time to attend.

Saturday morning, at ten o'clock, found the Conference called to order, the committees appointed, and business entered upon. President Hall of Rho was in the chair, and Secretary Thompson of Beta Nu at the desk. The address of welcome was given by H. E. Benton, Tufts '94, and responded to ably by J. C. Rice, Psi '82, who had come from Philadelphia to attend the Conference. It was found that seven of the nine chapters of the Division were represented by delegates, those not represented being Alpha and Gamma. This number, seven, is one more than was represented at the Meadville Con-

ference. Four members of the Arch Chapter were present including the President, Treasurer, Editor of the RAINBOW, and the President of the Eastern Division.

All business was duly transacted and will in the course of time appear through the proper mediums. Everything was earnest, enthusiastic, harmonious. In the afternoon session, Brothers Babcock and Hughes gave some interesting unwritten forms and customs and also spoke of the living founders of the Fraternity.

At eight o'clock the Deltas gathered about the banquet table where a dinner was served in Young's famous style, there being forty-five covers laid. It was a most enthusiastic gathering and besides the many toasts responded to, and the music by the duo from Tech., the voices of the company rose in "O Delta Tau! Thy sacred vow."

Many Deltas were present during the day who could not remain to the banquet. Brother Trautwein, ever loyal, was on hand, Brother H. Blackford, and others. This being the first considerable gathering of Deltas in the far east, and the first Conference in Boston, it is considered a more than satisfactory meeting. According to the general expression of sentiment all future Conferences of this Division will be held at Hotel Marlborough, New York City, but this one in Boston under the care of Beta Mu and Beta Nu and the help of the Arch Chapter will ever remain a memorable one to Eastern Deltas.

CHAS. HENRY WELLS.

CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN DIVISION.

The twelfth annual conference of the Western Division of Delta Tau Delta was held with Chapter Beta Pi at Northwestern University, Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27, all the chapters in the Division but two being represented. The business sessions of the conference were held at the Avenue House, where most of the delegates were entertained. Ray P. Teele, the president of the division, being unable to be present, P. M. Pearson, the division secretary, called the first session to order, and C. D. Terry of Beta Upsilon was elected president pro. tem. The delegates present were C. D. Terry and H. B. Errett of Beta Upsilon, Brothers Riley and C. S. Jefferson of Beta Gamma, Adam McMullen of Beta Tau, and F. H. Haller and W. E. Haseltine of Beta Pi. Besides the delegates there were present several members of the local chapter and G. O. Buchholz and W. G. Montgomery of Beta Gamma.

A. J. Walker of Beta Pi gave the address of welcome to the visiting members, and Adam McMullen responded, after which the regular committee were appointed. The conference then adjourned, and most of the delegates attended noon chapel exercises at the university, where they had their first view of Northwestern's fair sex, with whom they were destined to become more intimately acquainted before the conference was over. Before the afternoon session was called E. L. Sutton and H. L. Daniels of Beta Eta had arrived, also F. M. Palmer of old Upsilon Chapter at Champaign, and the Rev J. R. McCarthy of Albion College. At the afternoon session the various committees made their reports, verbal reports were heard from those chapters which had delegates present. It

was decided to hold the next conference with Beta Upsilon at Champaign.

From four to ten the parlors at Beta Pi's chapter-house was made brilliant by the faces of those who attended the reception given to the delegates. About three hundred invitations had been issued to the members of all other Greek-letter organizations at Northwestern, together with members of the faculties and their wives, and a few others. The evening's enjoyment closed with an informal hop, and judging by the smiles of the delegates this feature of the conference at least was a glorious success. Among those present were Professor C. H. Gordon of Beloit, who founded Beta Pi, Lowrie McClurg of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, and Brothers Jennis, Witwer and Windsor, formerly of Beta Pi. At the Friday morning session Brother E. H. Pierce of Beta Pi was chosen president of the Division for the coming year, the division constitution was amended, a code of resolutions was adopted, and a general discussion of matters interesting to the general fraternity or the Western Division. At this session A. C. Trumbo was present with credentials from Beta Rho, and H. B. Swayne of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.

By this time the attractions at chapel and the woman's hall were so strong that the hotel was entirely deserted between sessions, but most of the men were back again in time for roll call at the afternoon meeting, where the few remaining points of business received attention.

At five o'clock the delegates, together with most of Beta Pi's actives, started for Chicago to join with the Chicago Alumni Association in their annual banquet which was held at the University Club.

W. E. HASELTINE.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Another red-letter evening has been added to the many which are on the calendar of the Chicago Alumni Association in the event of its annual dinner, given this year in conjunction with the Conference of the Western Division of our Fraternity, it being the twelfth.

For the first time in the history of the Division, its annual gathering has been held in the neighborhood of Chicago, and the combination of the Alumni Association, the Northwestern Chapter, and the Conference, brought about a happy result which only those who were fortunate enough to attend can appreciate.

The Conference was held at Evanston with the chapter on March 26 and 27, and the dinner was given at the University Club in Chicago on the evening of the 27th. An account of the former will properly come from the hands of one of the officers of that body, but it does seem proper to comment on the reception given in honor of the delegates by the chapter at its house on the evening of the 26th, between the hours of four and six P.M. This was the first formal reception given by the men of Beta Pi, and its brilliant success, is all the assurance which the Fraternity needs as to the position its representatives have taken at Northwestern with the faculty and student body, and they have done it too in the short period of three years. The chapter to-day is as strong as any other in the university, but this reception was the first decided attempt it had made to shine socially. The boys have every reason to feel satisfied with the result.

To return to our subject, the members of the Fraternity began to assemble at the club at six o'clock, and for an hour there was an informal and very jolly reception held there; the alumni of the various chapters of the Division being busy looking up the undergraduates of the same, while those from other sections were renewing old friendships and making new.

At seven o'clock the strains of Tomasso's orchestra called forth the company to the handsome dining-room of the club. The plan of last year was followed as to the arrangement of tables, there being the speakers' table which stretched across one end of the room, then smaller tables holding from six to ten grouped near, so that all could hear with ease, and be nearer to each other than where the stiff arrangement of the hollow square is followed.

Menus are much the the same the country over, and the one for that evening was so thoroughly discussed at the time, that it is not necessary to try it again. We will therefore skip that portion of the program and pass at once to the toast list which was as follows:

Frank M. Morris, Toastmaster, Butler University, Chicago.

"Why We are Here," Esli L. Sutton, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

"Scientific Deltaism," John Frank Donovan, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis.

"In Reminiscent Mood," Elmer W. Adkinson, Hillsdale College, Chicago.

"Those We Leave Behind Us," Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy, Albion College, Muskegon, Mich.

"The Future Delt," Roy O. West, Depauw University, Chicago.

"The Fraternity and Leadership in Thought and Action," George William Shinn, Bethany College, Chicago.

Three brothers, who had promised and expected to be with us to respond to toasts, at the last moment had to send word that it would be impossible for them to be present; they were Hon. Washington Gardner, Secretary of State of Michigan, known

to all the Fraternity as one of its ex-presidents, who was kept at Lansing because of the necessity of calling meetings of two important state boards; Charles Bayard Mitchell, D.D., of Kansas City, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, known to the old timers in the Fraternity as editor of volume II. of the *Crescent*, detained because of pressing church work which suddenly demanded his attention; and Joseph Cummins of the city, who was taken suddenly ill, and his physician detained him at home. However, he provided a substitute in the person of Judge Adkinson of the same chapter, who was most acceptable in every way and who gave us one of those typical after-dinner speeches which are the envy of all who are ambitious of shining in that direction.

No reporters being present, it is impossible to give any synopsis of the speeches. A man who has enjoyed a good dinner and who is enjoying a good speech is not the one to report successfully on that speech for publication. If the Fraternity wants the benefit of the toasts responded to at the *Annals* of the Chicago Alumni Association, it should attend those *Annals*; they are always worth it, and those lucky enough to be able to be present go away better Deltas than they were before.

As usual, the Fraternity songs were an important feature of the evening's entertainment, they were sandwiched in between the courses of the menu and between the toasts, in fact they were always in order, and the fact that there was a copy of a number of them, specially printed for the occasion, at each plate gave every one a chance to try his lungs, and every one did, in a way which awakened unbounded enthusiasm.

After the set programme had been finished several Brothers were called on for short speeches, and those who had been at the Annual a year ago would not be satisfied until Pearson had given two recitations in his best style, then it was discovered that Donovan himself was somewhat of a star in

this direction, and it was insisted on that he must contest the honors with Pearson. But all things must come to an end some time, and this occasion was no exception; "Memories of Delta Tau" was finally sung, then Donovan in the most approved style lead the walk around which closes all Delta feasts.

Seventy brothers, alumni and undergraduates, attended the dinner, classes were represented from 1868 to 1899, while twenty-three chapters were present in the persons of their sons. The following is the roll of those who were there; where no other address is given, Chicago is meant.

Albion College.

Prof. C. H. Gordon, '86, (Beloit, Wis.)

Rev. J. P. MacCarthy, '88,
(Muskegon, Mich.)

Allegheny College.

Lowrie McClurg, '79.

Bethany College.

George W. Shinn, '78.

Buchtel College.

M. E. Bourne, '82.

Butler University.

James E. Curtis, '80, (Indianapolis).

Frank M. Morris, '80.

Cornell University.

L. E. Fuller, '77.

L. K. Malvern, '92, (Elgin).

E. W. Ratcliffe, '95.

Depauw University.

Geo. A. Gilbert, '79.

Roy O. West, '90.

Worth E. Caylor, '90.

S. S. Stratton, Jr., '91,

(Richmond, Ind.)

T. S. Allee, '92.

Jas. Cooper, '95.

Hillsdale College.

E. W. Adkinson, '68.

W. D. Bishop, '71.

Lorenzo E. Dow, '87.

University of Illinois.

F. M. Palmer, '76, (Clinton, Ill.)

H. W. Mahon, '76.

Chas. E. Brush, '77.

Jas. A. McLane, '78.

August Ziesing, '78.

Richard Ziesing, '79.

F. M. McKay, '81.

L. A. Weaver, '94, (Champaign).

S. Ford Holtzman, '95.

H. B. Errett, '97, (Champaign).

Chas. D. Terry, '97, (Champaign).

University of Iowa.

Harry B. Lusch, '90.

Iowa State College.

R. M. Dyer, '91.

Kenyon College.

Harry B. Swayne, '89.

Lafayette College.

E. B. Camp, '84.

F. H. Lambert, '90.

Leland Stanford Jr. University.

A. C. Trumbo, '94.

University of Michigan.

H. C. Alexander, '82.

Irvin Watson, '84.

University of Minnesota.

Paul E. Kenyon, '92.

E. L. Sutton, '97, (Minneapolis).

H. L. Daniels, '98, (Minneapolis).

University of Nebraska.

Adam McMullen, '96, (Lincoln).

Northwestern University.

P. L. Windsor, '95.

P. M. Pearson, '95.

E. B. Witwer, '95.

R. Clarence Brown, '96.

E. H. Pierce, '96.

R. D. Williams, '96.

S. M. Fegtly, '97.

F. Edwin Welch, '97.

Lewis A. Wilson, '97.

F. A. Brewer, '98.

Raymond C. Libberton, '98.

John M. Springer, '98.

F. H. Haller, '98.

E. Engstrom, '98.

W. E. Haseltine, '99.

Ohio Wesleyan University.

E. L. Scott, '91.

J. A. Hetherington, '93.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

J. F. Lord, '92.

Simpson Centenary College.

Rev. Ernest W. Oneal, '85,
(Ashton, Ill.)

University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Wm. E. Durr, '88', (Milwaukee).

John F. Donovan, '92, (Milwaukee).

A. A. Babcock, '92.

Geo. O. Buchholz, '97, (Madison).

W. G. Montgomery, '98, (Madison.)

Carl S. Jefferson, '96, (Madison).

University of Worcester.

J. R. Mansfield, '85.

Though no accounts have been sent to THE RAINBOW, the informal meetings of the Association this season have been more than usually interesting, and it has more active members than at any time in its history. Its meetings are held at irregular intervals, subject to the call of the executive committee, usually every six weeks. They have been held so far at the Athletic club, as for small gatherings their private dining rooms are more convenient and attractive than most other places in the city, as well as conveniently situated.

The officers of the Association are:

Frank M. Morris, President, Butler University, '82; Clarence Boyle, Vice-President, Butler University, '80; Harry Brown Swayne, Secretary, Kenyon College, '89; Lowrie McClurg, Treasurer, Allegheny College, '79.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

James A. McLane, Illinois State University, '78; Elmer L. Scott, Ohio Wesleyan University, '91; Lucius Eckstein Fuller, Cornell University, '77.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

Horace Clement Alexander, University of Michigan, '82; A. A. Babcock, University of Wisconsin, '92; August Ziesing, University of Illinois, '78.

EDITORIAL.

THE CATALOGUE.

The last Convention appointed Brother C. R. Churchill Catalogue Agent. In this it did wisely; for only a man of such solid enthusiasm and energetic mold could be depended on to complete so large a task. The work is now going forward as rapidly as slow chapters and slower alumni will furnish the needed items. The Catalogue, as planned, will be a list, a directory, rather than a biography of members. It ought not, therefore, to be a heavy tax upon our chapters to locate graduates and learn their present occupations. Elsewhere in this issue are published the names of some whose present address is desired. Will not each reader look through this list and send all possible information to Brother Churchill? A new Catalogue is much needed. A little stirring up of helpfulness and the handy volume will soon be in press. We now urge all of our chapter secretaries and all of our alumni to send in all obtainable information. Address: C. Robert Churchill, 4434 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.

THE EASTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

It was the Editor's pleasure to attend the Eastern Division Conference in Boston, February 22. Had one said ten years ago that such a gathering would be possible within a decade the prophecy would have seemed wild. The Boston

chapters made good hosts; the visitors made pleasing guests. Any alumnus not intimately acquainted with the condition of the Division would at once have been struck with the homogeneity of the representatives. The Tau chapter became inactive on February 21; all the active chapters were therefore represented except Alpha and Gamma. The delegates were so remarkably homogeneous that they might easily have been supposed to compose one large chapter. Doubtless, as the result of the similar standards adopted by our Eastern men, full harmony marked all discussions. The men saw eye to eye. While such thorough affinity is scarcely possible throughout the Fraternity, it is a hopeful sign that our conferences and conventions show that we are coming nearer and nearer to the ideal. Inasmuch as the account of the conference is written by an alumnus of one of the entertaining chapters, it is only right that the Editor should speak in praise of the hearty hosts,—Beta Mu and Beta Nu.

THE RETURN TO SIMPLICITY.

Fraternity men, whose active membership fell within the period from 1880 to 1890, will observe many changes in the chapter customs. One of the most noticeable of these,—most noticeable because it pertains to the outward symbol of membership,—is in the style and size of badges now being purchased and worn. The style has been simplified and the size has been reduced. These changes mark a return to simplicity. The Editor well remembers that the actives from '84 to '88 were disposed to smile at the jewelry of the previous decades; and instances were known where alumni relatives or friends sent to new initiates badges which were either laid aside or worn in concealment because they were both small and un-

jewelled. The present tendency, however, justifies the earlier taste, and the actives of twenty years ago may now don their badges and feel that they accord with the approved style. Our own committee "appointed to obtain the correct size and shape of Badges," says: "We consider the plain badge, with gold border and unjewelled, most desirable;" this recommendation of simplicity has already been carried by the prevailing fashion. One of our jewellers writes: "The whole tendency is now toward small pins." And this movement toward plainness and smallness is manifest not only throughout Deltaism, but throughout Greekdom. It will quickly commend itself to the more thoughtful. The simplicity comports well with the quiet dignity of fraternity life, while the smallness smacks less of glare and show. The item of expense, too, is important. The day is gone when an active must spend from eighteen to twenty dollars in order to have a respectable badge. It is now possible for every Delta to purchase a badge and to do so without financial strain. It is hoped that our alumni and older members will seek to make this return to simplicity a permanent thing.

THE SURRENDER OF TAU'S CHARTER.

It is our duty to announce to the Fraternity and to the Greek world that the charter of the Tau Chapter at Franklin and Marshall College has been surrendered to the Arch Chapter. The twenty-first day of February saw the closing of an honorable record. Ex-secretary Alvan E. Duerr had been appointed to visit Lancaster and consult with the local members. The commission which he carried said — "The Arch Chapter has watched with regret the disintegration of the Tau, and has only words of highest praise for the manly way in which the accumulated obligations of the chapter have been

fully discharged." After careful consultation with the interested parties it was deemed wise that the charter be surrendered. This was done. So closes the history of twenty-two years of chapter life. Delta Tau Delta entered Franklin and Marshall in May 1874. In 1884 the charter was withdrawn by the governing powers, the standing of the college, not the personnel of the chapter, being the cause. The loyalty and pleading of Tau's men prevailed, and in 1885 the charter was restored; since then the chapter has had a precarious life, owing to the difficulty of maintaining a high standard of membership. The death of the chapter is due to a just determination to keep a high standard. Many of Tau's alumni are to receive this issue of THE RAINBOW. The news that the chapter has become inactive will cause them sadness. We only wish to assure them that the whole Fraternity is proud of Tau's record, and to urge them to keep the genuine loyalty which has marked our Franklin and Marshall men from the first. There are many things which might find appropriate expression at this time; one we wish to emphasize: *The Tau men paid every dollar of the chapter's indebtedness to the Fraternity before surrendering their charter.* Such manly conduct cannot be too highly commended. We have a confidence that such men will stand staunch and true and will have a voice in the councils of our future. The active Tau is dead; may her spirit live long.

SOME PRINCIPLES GOVERNING EXTENSION.

We present in another column an article by Prof. Charles L. Edwards, Lambda prime, '84, which deals strongly with the educational standard of institutions as determining extension. Our readers will doubtless agree with the ideas suggested and

will see the justice of the proposed test. There are, however, other items which must always be considered, and upon which Brother Edwards would have insisted, had it been his aim to deal with the subject from an all-round point of view. For some of the institutions mentioned in the typical list have been, or would be, refused charters of Delta Tau Delta.

First and foremost, of course, stands the test as given in the article. The largeness of endowment and the ability of professors should be considered. But these two tests are not exhaustive. The matter of the grade of undergraduate students demands thought. Chicago University is rightly given a place among the chosen; but the regular collegiate students have in the past few years been such that fraternities demanding a high social standard have made no effort to enter. As improvement appears in this regard and in other minor matters it may be that petitions will be sought for and granted.

The spirit of proposed colleges must also be inspected. Both Yale and Harvard are in the list. They are heavily endowed and have able professors, while among their undergraduate students are to be found men of great social grace. Objection to chartering chapters at Cambridge or New Haven arises justly from the spirit of the institutions. The traditions and customs render genuine fraternity life of little force or influence. Largely for this reason, we think that our own Fraternity would not entertain with any sympathy a proposition, recently made, to charter a large club at Harvard. If the fixed life of any college makes a true fraternity, as seen in Greek-letter societies, a practical impossibility, it is vain to institute a chapter. The value to fraternities of a chapter at Harvard has been small indeed; in some cases the result has been even injurious. Two of the oldest societies in the country could give testimony at this point. There are said to be signs of a changing spirit at Harvard; as these became clearer, charters will be granted with less hesitancy, even with eagerness.

Local conditions, too, enter into the problem. We refused a charter, in one case at least, on the ground that the chapter, if organized, would stand alone geographically, and would lack the inspiration of neighbors. This led, a few years ago to the rejection of the University of California. We have also denied petitions because the colleges from which they come were already fully supplied with fraternities. We presume it was this reason which led two years ago to our refusal of the Amherst petitioners. The smaller New England colleges are ordinarily well supplied with chapters. From all the above it will be seen that the matter of extension is not as simple as it may seem to be. Many items are to be pondered. In making so plain the one item of collegiate standing, as determined by endowment and instruction, Brother Edwards has done us good service.

By a mistake for which the Editor was not responsible the number of copies of the January issue of THE RAINBOW was not sufficient to supply all the chapters and subscribers. There are doubtless many undergraduates and alumni who do not file back numbers. If some of these would mail the January number to the Editor the favor would be greatly appreciated.

One of our most careful alumni has recently gone through the full list of Convention Minutes and has discovered that since 1885 our Conventions have been incorrectly numbered. The one held in Detroit in 1885 was rightly numbered "The Twenty-Seventh"; the one in Louisville in 1886 was also numbered "The Twenty-Seventh." It would thus appear that for eleven years our number has been too small. Our last year's convention was "The Thirty-Fourth." Our next convention in 1897 will be the "Thirty-Fifth." Does anyone know the explanation of this discrepancy?

Our Indiana chapters made a very creditable showing in the oratorical contests this year. Three of the colleges in which we have chapters are in the State Oratorical Association. In the local contests Deltas came off victorious at both Butler and Wabash. At the state contest, Brothers E. W. Clark and E. P. Bell were ranked third and fourth respectively. The successful contestant in the last-named contest was Mr. T. N. Ewing of De Pauw, a Delta Upsilon.

All readers will find "The History of the Crescent — Rainbow," in this number exceedingly interesting. The Fraternity is fortunate in its careful and industrious historian. The perusal of this historical sketch will give a good idea, not merely of the changes and advances in our published journal, but as well of the changes and advances in the Fraternity itself. We urge a careful reading of Brother McClurg's history.

The Editor desires to send out the fourth number of THE RAINBOW early in June in order that it may come to the hands of the chapters before the adjournment of the colleges. It is therefore asked that all chapter letters be sent on or before May 25. Will all our secretaries bear this in mind? If any of the colleges adjourn before June 10, let the summer addresses of the actives be sent, and copies will be mailed accordingly.

Brother W. W. Wood, of Kappa, chairman of committee of arrangements for the Northern Division Conference, has sent to THE RAINBOW a strong call for a liberal attendance of actives and alumni. We fear that our limited space will not allow the

printing of this cordial invitation. We will, therefore, say that the Northern Division Conference will be held at Hillsdale, Mich., May 21, 22, and 23. Kappa will make a cordial hostess; it is hoped that the attendance will be large enough to show her capacity for entertaining. On to Hillsdale!

Prophecy is dangerous. The Wabash correspondent of Phi Kappa Psi speaking of the winning man in the coming local contest said, "We think he will be a Phi Psi in the person of Bro. Fine." The Beta Theta Pi writer from Wooster says, "There are three Betas on the State contest, and we feel confident that one of them will win first place." If the word "think" had been made "hope," and the word "confident" changed to "desirous," it would have been both safer and more modest; for events proved that the two prophets were not inspired. To chapter secretaries: Do not offer rash expectations, and remember that comparisons are odious.

We have received a very courteous and temperate letter from Mr. John Young Garlington who was elected President of the Pan-Hellenic Association, at Atlanta, in November. The letter was prompted by the editorial in the January RAINBOW on "The Greeks at Atlanta." Our space forbids a full discussion of the matter. It is only proper that we say that Mr. Garlington's letter admits the point of our editorial. He says that "within a month of the time set for the Exposition," arrangements were in a "disorganized state," and that while an effort was made to reach fraternity publications, "this feature of our advertising was unorganized and very unsatisfactory indeed." We understand that Mr. Garlington

gave generously of his time and effort in order to make the Greek-Letter Day a success; but we feel that the occasion should have been so used that no two or three fraternities could have claimed the glory of "principal speakers," etc., and that official notice should have been sent to the various organizations. We wish, however, to profess sympathy with the broad intention of this new association; for there is need that the oneness of the different fraternities' aims should find expression.

FROM THE CHAPTERS.

ALPHA — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

We are glad to learn that we will soon hear from our sister chapters through THE RAINBOW and we hope they have all been as successful as Alpha.

I take great pleasure in introducing to Delta Tau Delta, Brother George J. Graham, of Mercer, Pa. Brother Graham has been in Allegheny a year, and has been invited by several of the fraternities, but Delta Tau was his choice, thus giving us a great victory. After the initiation of Brother Graham, the chapter was served to a royal supper at the home of Brother Harper.

Alpha's victories did not end here, but she has pledged two of the best students in the preparatory department. Mr. John Rynd, of Oil City, Pa., and Mr. Hugh Siggins, of Warren, Pa.

These young men will make excellent Deltas when they reach the freshman class.

The winter term at Allegheny ends March 19, and the spring term begins April 1. We expect to have ten active and four pledged men with us to handle the affairs of Alpha, both in college and on the athletic field.

C. S. KNAPP.

BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Never were the prospects of the Ohio University brighter than at present. By the recent enactment of the legislature it was placed on a sound foundation. Henceforth its development will be upon certainties as regarding finance, which was the only uncertainty

connected with the institution. The growth in the last ten or fifteen years, in spite of this opposition, has proceeded steadily. A fine chapel and one general purpose building are to be erected in the near future, which, together with what we already have, will give ample room for the increase which is sure to come.

Chapter Beta of course expects to enjoy a corresponding prosperity.

Our meetings of late have been particularly bright and interesting. An occasional literary program, pertaining to the literature and workings of Delta Tau Delta, is given which strengthens all and gives our younger members a true insight into the noble teachings of our Fraternity.

This is the season of spirited elections. In the reorganization of football and baseball teams, society contests, and other college elections, Delta Tau Delta holds her quota of officers. The most spirited contest of the season was for the treasurership of the state Oratorical Association, to which position George W. Brown was elected.

Our boys, eleven in number, who attended the state contest greatly enjoyed their royal treatment at the hands of the Mu boys, as well as the kind attentions of the boys of Beta Phi who cared for us so nicely during our short stay in their city.

GEORGE W. BROWN.

GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

As we are nearing the close of our second term and as all is work and preparation for examination, as a matter of course there is little of interest to note to the Fraternity. But as is our custom, we will inform the chapters that we are still in existence. In politics we do not have anything to report, except that we helped to elect the president of the senior class. Brother Eichenauer was appointed to a place on the senior hop committee, and two others were appointed on minor committees. In society we stand well, and our

men are seen at all important social gatherings. In fraternity work we are still forging ahead, keeping thoroughly abreast of the times, We have not initiated any new men.

Brother Campbell has been exceedingly unfortunate. He returned from his home recently, after an absence of one month on account of malarial fever, and has been compelled to take to his bed again from another ailment. We hope it is only temporary, and wish for him a speedy return of health. We have been favored with visits from alumni of this and other chapters and, as always, our latch-string is out to any Deltas who may come into our midst.

JESSE P. MARTIN.

DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Delta is somewhat reduced in numbers, but her men are of good quality, and she has bright prospects for the future. We have initiated four men so far this year, and will probably initiate several more very soon. Our new members are Mark B. Beattie, of Ann Arbor; J. W. McEwan, of Detroit; Forest Firestone, of Akron, Ohio; and Douglas Bruce Burnett, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Brother Koehler went home in February, having been sick with typhoid fever since Christmas.

On February 14, the nine Palladium fraternities gave their twentieth annual ball. The ball is usually given in the gymnasium. This year, however, the regents refused us its use, because several fraternities have sprung up here which have no representatives on the committee; so we were obliged to engage a hall in Toledo for the hop. A special train took us down there, returning at daylight. The guests were entertained at the various fraternity houses as usual. The plan worked well, and the ball was a success in every way. The regents saw the uselessness of merely putting obstacles in our way, and have granted us the gymnasium for next year.

The affair has made the union between the Palladium fraternities stronger than ever before.

W. R. CARPENTER.

EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

I have no new initiates to report at this writing, but a strong and vigorous fraternity spirit seems to have sprung up in Chapter Epsilon, each man realizing his own responsibility in the building up of Delta Tau and endeavoring to get the most benefit for himself from chapter meetings and fraternity intercourse.

We shall be well represented in athletics this spring, Brother Clark, '99, will be pitcher on the college base-ball team, and Brother Yapple, '99, will play short stop.

Several other brothers are training for various events and all will uphold Epsilon in outdoor sports. Brother Valentine, '95, made us a short visit a few weeks ago.

All are doing well; Delta Tau is flourishing and amicable relations exist among all the fraternities at Albion, and this condition we shall try to maintain.

W. G. McCUNE.

ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

This is the most uneventful part of the year at Adelbert, and we have very little of interest to report, except that we are making preparations for a Delta banquet at which we expect to pledge two or three good men.

Our annual sophomore-junior oratorical contest is awakening considerable interest among the would-be orators of the two classes. Four men from each class will compete for two first prizes (one for each class) of fifty dollars each, and a second of thirty irrespective of class. We hope to have some Deltas in the contest.

F. W. WOOD.

MU — OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

For the news of the winter term we have but little out of the ordinary to tell our Delta fraters. Several outbursts of the class spirit have supplied sensational headlines for the daily press, but, not-

withstanding such reports, we find it difficult to appreciate the charges of "riot and revolution."

On the evening of February 21, the state oratorical contest was held here at Gray Chapel. Large delegations were present from the nine visiting schools. As a result Ohio Wesleyan again wears the laurel. Our college is justly proud of her record, having won first honors in seven out of fifteen state contests. Of the seven victors, four have been Deltas.

The professors are putting forth every effort for the increased efficiency of their several departments. As evidence of this we mention the valuable libraries that have been added to their respective rooms. Through the liberality of Prof. John Williams White of Harvard University, the Greek department has just received a large library of standard Greek texts; American and German editions of Greek and Latin authors, as well as works on art, archæology, geography, etc., are included in the collection. It is intended to make this the nucleus of one of the best classical libraries in America.

The activity among fraternity men has been of that quiet kind which indicates steady growth and preparation for effective aggressive work. Early in the term Phi Kappa Psi tendered a reception to her sister fraternities and the affair proved one of the pleasantest events of the whole year. The presence of President Bashford and a majority of the faculty is indicative of the kindest relations existing between our teachers and the Greeks. Very few additions have occurred to any of the fraternities this term. We are glad to introduce to the Delta family, Brother A. S. Persons, '99, as well as to report new additions to our pledged list.

W. C. GEYER.

PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Again Pi wishes to let her sister chapters hear as to her condition. We are still holding our old prestige with the students and the faculty.

In the last two weeks we have lost two of our members from college. Brother Fant, of Macon, left because of sickness, and Brother T. M. Pope, of Weston, Tenn., was called home by his father to take charge of business interests. Both of these brothers will be greatly missed, but we are glad that they will be with us again next season.

Our college community was greatly shocked a few weeks ago by the death of Mrs. Dabney Lipscomb, the wife of Professor Dabney Lipscomb, who holds the chair of English and Belles-lettres in the university and who is one of the most honored of Pi's alumni.

Brother A. T. Stovall, a prominent young lawyer of Okalona, Miss., was married on March 4 to Mrs. Bynum, a charming and accomplished lady of Shannon, Miss.

Through the kindness of Brother R. H. Tanner, of Zeta, we are in receipt of the *Reserve* for '96, the annual of Adelbert College. The annual reflects great credit upon its editor-in-chief, Brother Tanner.

At a late session the legislature appropriated \$10,000 to be used in supplying water and making some necessary repairs for the university.

J. G. DUKE.

RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since writing the last letter little or nothing has happened that is of special interest. We have been grinding through the hardest term of the year and rejoice that there are only two more weeks of it, and then vacation. Our musical clubs have been exceptionally good this year and have been very successful in their concerts. Rho is well represented; so we feel additionally puffed up. We expect to have several men on the lacrosse team this year and have great hopes of winning the championship. Brothers R. E. Hall and W. Willett have given us glowing accounts of the Conference at Boston and the hospitality of our chapters there. Certainly those of us who were not there missed a very enjoyable time.

ROBERT L. MESSIMER.

UPSILON — RENSSALAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

The new year finds Upsilon in the same prosperous condition as she was last year.

We have had no initiations since the last issue of THE RAINBOW.

With five active members we find fraternity life both pleasant and profitable. We hold regular meetings each week for the transaction of business and the discussion of topics of interest. Never before were Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute's prospects so poor as now. The present freshman class numbers only thirty men, the smallest number that has entered Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute for many years.

Brother Ranney, whom we sent to the Eastern Conference at Boston, returned with many interesting accounts of the occasion.

W. H. H. MILLER.

CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

Chapter Chi has this term seven actives, and, with Brothers M. T. Hines and G. F. Williams to add the dignity of alumni, is enjoying a prosperous though quiet year. In college circles she still holds the place she has held in the past. This was demonstrated recently by the election of Brother Harris to the editorial board of the *Collegian*, and the election of Brother Southworth as editor-in-chief.

Our junior promenade on February 17 was most successful in every way, and reflects great credit on the class of '97.

On the following evening was given an amateur minstrel performance. Delta Tau Delta was ably represented by Brother Barker as manager, Barker and Clark as end men, and Harris and G. F. Williams in the circle. Brother H. F. Williams did efficient work as stage manager.

We had the pleasure recently of entertaining Brothers F. W. Alden, ex-'95, and T. O. Yontsey, ex-'98. Let others follow their example and drop in on us occasionally.

W. A. GRIER.

BETA ALPHA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Just at present we are writhing in the throes of final examinations, incident to the closing of the winter term. Fraternity life this term has been very uneventful, and we have very little to chronicle.

The republican club, lately organized, to-day elected a delegate to the National Republican Convention of American Colleges, at Chicago, April 3, and instructed him to report Wm. McKinley as their choice for next president.

Brother Spaulding has been called home by the serious illness of his father. He is doubtful as to whether he will return to college next term.

Brother Week was unanimously chosen editor-in-chief of *The Student*, at the beginning of this term, but has had to resign on account of poor health.

Since our last communication, we have had the pleasure of two initiations, and we beg leave to introduce Brothers Grimsley and Van Buskirk, two of the best "spikes" of the year.

In the third annual De Pauw-Indiana debate, we met our usual fate and succeeded in carrying away the "consolation prize." Less interest has been taken this year than ever before in debating and oratory. In the primary for the debate only two contestants appeared, and in the primary to select a representative to the state oratorical contest, held in Indianapolis, March 13, not a single person appeared. It is hard to say just where the difficulty lies, but we hope before next year to find out, and to be able to remedy it.

With the ushering in of warmer weather, interest in athletics revives. Applicants for positions on the baseball team appear every afternoon, when the weather permits, on the old college campus for practice. Beta Alpha expects to have two men on the team.

The management of the team this year is departing a little from the usual custom. Instead of entering the state schedule as heretofore, they have made dates with only the larger institutions of the state, and with such colleges as the University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois, Rush Medical College,

and the Northwestern University. Mr. Carathers of St. Louis has beenengaged to coach the team.

Our department of physics is keeping step with other investigators in experiments with the X-rays. On Friday morning, March 6, the chapel hour was prolonged, and Professor Foley lectured on X-rays giving us a practical illustration of this working by photographing a piece of clock mechanism inclosed in a wooden box.

The Indiana university glee club has just returned from a very successful trip. They filled engagements at several towns in the state, and at all places were greeted warmly.

Beta Alpha wishes success and happiness to all her sister chapters.

C. E. SPAULDING.

BETA BETA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter the golden banner of old De Pauw has again been thrown to the breeze and three more victories have been added to the already long list. In the debate with the Indiana State University De Pauw was victor, as was also the case in the prohibition oratorical contest. In the Oratorical Association Mr. Ewing, of '97, took first place, and consequently De Pauw will represent Indiana in the interstate contest to be held at Topeka.

Base-ball is again the absorbing topic and the prospects for a fine team are good. With Mr. Hollingsworth, St. Paul's new short stop, as coach, we expect to win the pennant.

Owing to the energy and generalship of Dr. Bassett a normal department has been established. It offers a sixteen weeks' course in literature, science, mathematics, oratory and modern languages. We had such a school several years ago, but the department was dropped. Dr. Bassett took hold of the matter and to-day the department is an assured success. It opened yesterday, March 24, and, with almost a hundred students, it is likely to become a permanent department.

The college year is almost over. A slight resume of the year's work may not be amiss. The year of 1896 will be a long remem-

bered one with us, as in September we had but six men and now the chapter is on a firm and substantial basis. With no general fraternity debt we feel the storms may blow about our head powerless to do us harm. Our social standing is second to none in the college, and in the scholarship report, we received nothing but congratulations. Hence we feel our work is well done and the year has been a profitable one.

GEO. G. MORRIS.

BETA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since the last issue of THE RAINBOW, there has not been much of interest transpiring with Beta Gamma. The increased amount of work which the faculty has provided in all departments of the university has a tendency to keep the Deltas within doors, where they apply themselves with vigor to their duties. While this is true, there are times when books are laid aside for the sake of some social function, where the boys take no second place.

Chas. McGee, who was injured last fall by playing football, has returned to the university. He is somewhat lame from the injury to his leg, but succeeded in attending his classes.

John M. Marshall is the latest initiate I have the pleasure to introduce to our brothers. He was initiated a few weeks ago and has taken up the banner of Delta Tau Delta with an enthusiasm that bids fair to rival that of the older members. He is president of the sophomore class, a fine debater, and is prominent in literary circles.

The junior promenade held at the gymnasium, February 14, was the most brilliant social affair ever given in this city.

The spring athletics at the university promise to open with a vim never before equalled. Several of our boys are working for positions in various teams and with good prospects of success.

We are invited to the Chicago Alumni Association to attend their annual dinner. Several from Beta Gamma expect to attend.

WILLIAM CHARLES DONOVAN.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The class base-ball games are now in progress at the university. These games always terminate a long season since they constitute a source of splendid enjoyment for all students. Unusual interest has been manifested this year over the winning of the pennant, consequently the successful team must do battle bravely. Last year's 'varsity team was one of the best in the South. We hope to perpetuate the good reputation of last year, and to the accomplishment of this end one of the best trainers has been engaged.

Brother Snider, '98, has been chosen as manager of the track athletic team. Field-day will soon be upon us and indications tell us that many good records will be broken. The world's amateur record for the 100-yard dash was lowered on last field-day by one of the university's students.

Brother W. A. Covington of Beta Epsilon came over to attend to a few matters relative to the debate between this college and Emory. We were glad to have him with us, and hope that the approaching defeat impending his college for that occasion will have no evil influence upon his future.

Some of our boys found Brother Heard of Augusta, Ga., an old Beta Theta man, doing business in the city. His sojourn among us was short. However, we trust that we shall see him again soon.

The chapter was occasioned very much anxiety over the illness of Brother George Crane, '96. The sick-bed kept him from mingling with us for a considerable time, and for this reason his presence and recovery cause us much happiness.

Beta Delta is still advancing. We have one excellent man pledged for next term. It is the chapter's opinion that "He will make a right good Delta."

CRUGER WESTBROOK.

BETA EPSILON^L — EMORY COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon is still maintaining her high position among the fraternities of the college. We were made to feel quite proud of our Deltas when the names of those winning speakers' places for the

junior class were read out in chapel last month. Out of five juniors three were successful—their names are as follows: Lovic Benton, Monticello, Ga; Hinton Booth, Savannah, Ga; and W. P. Walker, Willard, Ga. Our other two, Brothers R. F. Morton and A. S. Hutchinson, stand well in their class and are the recipient of many honors in the literary societies and in athletics.

Brother Morton is salutatorian for May debate, while Brother Hutchinson ranks among the best debaters in his class and has been elected to representative positions.

In athletics for the coming base-ball season, we have Brother Morton for one of the pitchers, Brother Walker catcher, and Brother Benton fielder for the college team. For the class teams every class in college finds a Delta in charge of affairs.

Since I last wrote, we have initiated two new men into our fraternal band and it affords me much pleasure to introduce them to the brothers at large. They are T. B. Stanford, Cartersville, Ga., and B. H. Clark, Chauncy, Ga.

Brother Clark will graduate with the class of '99 and stands high in the same, while Brother Stanford will complete his course with the class of '97 of theological students at the head of his class.

We hail with delight Brother Churchill's contemplated catalogue of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, as we have been in need of something of the kind. He will find Beta Epsilon ever ready to assist him when in her power.

Our chapter will give you a more lengthy account of our work during this spring in the next issue of RAINBOW.

FRANK R. PARK.

BETA ZETA—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, the initial steps have been taken to amalgamate all the principal schools of the city into the University of Indianapolis. The schools thus far in the project are Butler, Indiana Medical, Indiana Law, and Indiana Dental Colleges. When the consolidation is completed the art and music schools will be added, making a university of considerably over a thousand

students. Prominent among the projectors is Dr. John H. Oliver, the founder of Beta Zeta.

Next year will see many changes in old Butler. The campus is to be beautified, and the buildings greatly improved. Two new professorships are to be added. Professor Hall will spend the year in the University of Berlin. Professor Bridges returns from his year's work at Chicago University, while Professor Brunner, who has been at the University of Freiburg, again assumes charge of biology.

Brother Ed. W. Clark was the winner of our primary oratorical contest.

The chapter regrets that ill health has compelled Brother Henry Koepper to leave school.

A canvass of Indianapolis showed at least forty Delta Taus settled there. An alumni chapter is being agitated. The men are ready, all that is lacking is some one to push the work.

Brother Schrader has proven himself quite a financier. He holds the treasurership of four college organizations, including the oratorical and athletic associations.

Brother Davis has been chosen captain of the college baseball team, while Brother Roberts holds the same position on next year's eleven.

Brother Howard Armstrong, who has been absent from us two years, will next year enter class of '98.

Many of our alumni visited us on February 6, the occasion being our twentieth anniversary. The loyalty of the "Boys of Old" was reanimated by the sight of the purple, white, and old gold everywhere, even to the ice cream.

GEORGE W. KNEPPER.

BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

After the three months' winter vacation, the university has opened her doors again to the verdant juniors. The enrollment is large, and indications are favorable for a strong attendance this term. Beta Theta opens the campaign

with fourteen members. Brother Webster gave us a pleasant surprise by turning up unexpectedly. Brothers Mangum and Howard will not return. Two new men have been pledged, and will be introduced to the Delta world in our next. There is little to say that was not said in the last letter from Beta Theta. The rushers are actively at work, and expect to harvest the usual spring crop of good Deltas.

GARDINER L. TUCKER.

BETA KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Since the letter for the last RAINBOW was written much has happened of interest to Beta Kappa and the University of Colorado. At the local contest held in January, the chapter was represented by Brother Chas. E. Slusser, who took second place. At the state contest in Denver, February 21, the university of Colorado did not receive a place, although we deserved second place. It may be well to explain that heretofore very little interest in oratorical work has been manifested by students in the university, and we have not taken our share of honors in the state contests, yet as regards the quality of the orations presented, University of Colorado has ever been far in the lead. In one of the institutions represented in the association fraternity rivalry is very strong, and during the contest while one of the fraternities was making itself numerous and obnoxious by giving its yell, the rival fraternity started out to parade through the aisles of the theatre where the contest was being held. Along the line of march they came in contact with the University of Colorado delegation, and war-like demonstrations were narrowly averted. These hostile demonstrations, together with the questionable interpretation of the decision of the judges, has done more for University of Colorado in the way of arousing college spirit and enthusiasm than anything that has happened for years. The Monday following the contest was appropriated by the students as a holiday and appropriate exercises indulged in, followed by an open-air celebration. As a result of these events there exists among the

students of all departments a feeling of unity and loyalty to the university such as never before existed, and already steps have been taken toward the systematic preparation for future contests.

The chapter is in a prosperous condition and numbers twenty actives at the present time, of whom four will graduate in May. Brother Edgar Newcomb after two years' absence returned to the university at the beginning of the second semester.

Brother Ernest Bliss, '96, is one of the speakers in the prize debate to be held in April. At the annual athletic election, Brother M. C. Whitaker was elected foot-ball captain by a good majority after a very warm campaign. Brother Whitaker has also been appointed assistant in chemistry.

The chapter will not send a delegate to the convention of the western division in Chicago this year, as we are devoting all our energies to giving a banquet in Denver about that time, at which we hope to unite the Alumni of Delta Tau Delta living in Colorado in some permanent organization.

HENRY O. ANDREW.

BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

The Eastern Conference has come and gone and the memory of it will go down in the traditions of Beta Mu as the pleasantest Delt affair that she was ever engaged in. We derived much good from it, and only hope that the visiting brothers enjoyed the affair as we did. Now that you have found the way to Boston, we hope that we shall see more of you.

We have lost two brothers since our last letter was written — Brother Jacobs, '99, has been compelled to leave college on account of continued ill health, and Brother Blackford, '96, has gone to Portland, Ore., to assume charge of the Universalist parish there. In him we lose a loyal brother, and our best wishes go with him in his new field.

The inter-fraternity whist tournament was finished with Delta Upsilon in the lead, and Delta Tau as a close second. In the early

part of February we held a very successful whist party in honor of Brother Blackford.

Brother Daniels, '98, was recently elected manager of the musical clubs for the coming year, Brother Clough was toastmaster at the freshman banquet, and Brother Hill is at the head of the committee in charge of the "Junior Prom." which will be held May 1. Brothers Stover and Brothers have been elected to prepare commencement parts.

Everything points to an increased interest in general athletics at Tufts. The indoor meet held at the end of the last term was the most successful of any in the history of Tufts athletics. Several records were broken and the juniors led in a number of points. We were admitted to membership in the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association at their last regular meeting, and Brother Parks was chosen to represent Tufts on the executive committee. He has also received a re-election as manager of the foot-ball team for the coming season. The prospects for a good base-ball team were never brighter, and we hope to send out a team which will be a credit to our college.

ROLLA E. HEALEY.

BETA NU — MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Things are quiet at Tech. now, and all of us are settling down to the regular work of the term. Interest centers in the coming events of Junior week which is the gala week at Technology. This year, besides the Junior Prom. and the spring concert of the musical clubs, an English play is to be produced. In all of these events Delta Tau is ably represented.

We have held no more initiations since you heard from us last, but we have pledged one man and have two or three other good men in view.

As yet, have not rented a chapter house, but we are comfortably situated in a suite of rooms in a private house, and hope next fall to rent either a house or a flat.

Brother Monroe has left Tech. to enter business. We were all very sorry to have him leave, but as his place of business is near Boston, we still meet him often.

F. MINOT BLAKE.

BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter we have given the long-talked of dance. Owing to the good management of the committee in charge, everybody had a most delightful evening. Even our rivals acknowledged it to have been the greatest social event of the season.

Beta Xi is at present in a most prosperous condition. Our chapter is the largest in the college and we have our full share of "college honors." We have, however, had the misfortune to lose Brothers W. Prague Coleman and John G. O'Kelley, both having left college to follow a mercantile life.

Tulane is about to publish an annual, the first the college has ever issued. Brother A. C. Phelps is editor-in-chief of the same.

Tulane's annual spring games will be held next month. The boys are beginning to train hard, with Brother Cusachs at their head as captain of the track team. All Deltas visiting the Crescent City will find a hearty welcome from Beta Xi.

N. S. RIVIERE.

BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

By the time this letter appears in print, we will all have left Ithaca to enjoy the short Easter vacation, which this year is a little later than usual and leaves us only about nine weeks in the spring term. According to the custom established here several years ago, there will be several Sibley excursions during the recess through different sections of the country to inspect the plants of the large companies, both electrical and mechanical, including iron works at Bethlehem

and the Cataract Power Co. at Niagara Falls. These excursions are always well attended, as much for the sake of the good times that are enjoyed upon them as for their practical advantages.

Since our last letter to the RAINBOW, we have not initiated any men, but have three fine fellows pledged whom we expect to "swing" at the beginning of next term. This will bring our list of actives up to seventeen.

We are very sorry to say that Brother Lester has expressed his intentions of leaving the university at the end of this term. He intends to enter upon his business career as an electrical engineer. Our best wishes for his success go with him.

Brother Feiker has been elected the president of the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs of the university.

Brother Sid Hauptman for a part of the term was quite ill, but we are glad to say he has now fully recovered.

R. S. MCGOWIN.

BETA PI—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Examinations are upon us with all their work and worry. The chapter secretary is involved like all the rest, and if this letter proves rather short and uninteresting, he asks your pardon in advance. We were overlooked somehow in the distribution of the last edition of THE RAINBOW, and had to be satisfied with only two copies; we beg of Brother Hughes not to slight us again.

Since the first of January we have initiated Brothers R. C. Libberton, F. A. Brewer, and B. R. Barker, all of whom are working with us in the chapter like old members. Brother Brewer holds the record here for putting the shot; and he and Brother Potter, captain of track athletics, are entered in a number of events in the indoor meet in Chicago, March 14. Brother Haller has been elected foot-ball manager for next fall, and with good prospects for a strong team back of him, he is looking forward to a very successful season.

Brother Ward represented the university on February 8 at the Marquette Club in Chicago, where he spoke in debate with a student

from Chicago University, and came off an easy winner. On March 6, Brother Ward took first place in the preliminary contest of this branch of the Northern Oratorical League, and is therefore entitled to meet the representatives of the other colleges in the league in the contest at Chicago, May 1.

Beta Pi is in excellent health and spirits. Our regards to all the sister chapters, and to our new general secretary, Brother Hayden.

FRANK H. HALLER.

BETA RHO—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

We are just recovering from the celebration which followed the determination of the suit of the United States against the Stanford estate, in favor of the estate. This happy outcome insures the future of the university. The magnificent original plans of Senator Stanford will now be carried out and everything will be done to make this one of the greatest universities in the world. The next class to enter the university will doubtless be a large one, so we feel a great deal of confidence in the future of Beta Rho also.

The important class elections of the semester are over, and resulted as such elections usually result at Stanford, in victory for the non-fraternity element. We do not take much active part in politics. Brother Bonnell is on the *Sequoia* staff, and is doing sketch work for the *Quad*, the college annual. We have the chairman of the junior day committee, a member on the junior prom. committee, also one on the floor committee, and a member of the commencement week committee. Brother Dart plays on his class base-ball team, Brother Walker represents us on the track, and we have one member of the intercollegiate debating team.

Our life at the lodge is very pleasant. We enjoy frequent visits from Brothers Donald '95, Potter '95, and Stratton '95, all of whom are located in California. These visits from old members form some of the most pleasant incidents of our fraternity life. We are taking steps toward building a larger and more commodious chapter house.

We were very much grieved to learn of the sad death of Brother Carrol Francis Eustis, who died in Denver, Colorado, January 4, 1896. Brother Eustis entered Stanford from Harvard and soon became recognized as one of the most brilliant students here. His great popularity among the students at large will make him much missed, but within the chapter where he was known and loved best his loss is most keenly felt. It is the first time Beta Rho has mourned the death of a brother.

J. M. Ross.

BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since my last letter, Beta Tau has added three new numbers to her then list of thirteen. I take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, T. K. Burrows, '97, and O. G. Whipple, '99, of Lincoln, Neb., and G. H. Thomas, '97, of Harvard, Neb. We have every reason for congratulating ourselves in securing these men, and were it not for the fact that we always manage to have a few more "on the string," we could easily rest here, well satisfied with our selections of the present semesters. But we have two others already pledged and as many more who soon will be, so when my next letter is due, THE RAINBOW may expect the names of additional interested readers of her pages.

On February 15, our university celebrated her twenty-sixth anniversary and at the same time our new chancellor, Geo. E. McLean, was officially inaugurated. President Northrup of the Minnesota State University was one of the speakers.

A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has been placed in the university. As the years glide by, Beta Tau expects to do her share towards filling its ranks.

We have given a number of dancing and card parties this winter, and with the usual good time.

The Juniors' Prom. this year was a grand success. Beta Tau was well represented on the committee of arrangements by Brother Lenhoff.

Brother W. L. McKay was unanimously chosen editor-in-chief of *The Junior Annual*, at a recent meeting of '98. I might say here that Brother McKay bears a striking resemblance to Col. Rob't. Ingersoll. This was the only thing that made his election at all dubious.

At the Division Conference to be held on March 26-7, in Evanston, Ill., Beta Tau will be represented by President R. P. Teele and delegates Brown and McMullen.

ADAM McMULLEN.

BETA PHI — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Ohio State University is rejoicing. The Hysell Bill has passed in the House of Representatives, making the bill a law. This gives to Ohio State University an annual income of \$250,000, which will soon rank her among the rich and progressive institutions of the land. This means more new buildings, new equipment for the several departments, and greater attendance, which also means more material for Beta Phi to select from. As it is with the sixteen fraternities, it is very close "fishings." We are trying to keep pace with the onward march of the university. The winter term at Ohio State University is the time of its social season. Several social events have taken place during the past six weeks; the Washington Tea Party held in Hayes Hall under the guidance of the Ladies' Faculty Club, an innovation which came with our new president, or to be more precise was the result of the effort of the president's wife, Mrs. Canfield; The Pi Beta Phi reception; the junior hop given in honor of the seniors, besides several other social events of minor importance. To all of these Beta Phi sent her quota and tried to gain a standing in this line as in college politics and other college affairs.

While it is not our intention to sing our own praises, it may be of interest to the sister chapters of Beta Phi to enumerate the various honors which the members of Beta Phi hold at the present time in Ohio State University. Brother A. C. Harvey is president of

Alycyone Literary Society and was university day orator. Brother C. M. Addison is president of the board of publication of the college annual (*Makio*) and vice-president of Alycyone Literary Society. Brother E. W. Harvey is treasurer of the Oratorical Association and class prophet of '96. Brother W. E. Chappel is a member of the Ohio State University Octette. Brother E. R. Tarr is president of the Buckeye Club, with several other honors of minor importance.

Ohio State University sent a delegation of four hundred and fifty students to the state oratorical contest held at Delaware, O. Several members of our chapter went along and were royally entertained by Chapter Mu. Beta of the Ohio University also had several members in attendance. On their way home to Athens they stopped in Columbus as the guests of Beta Phi. We only wish occasions of this kind would happen more often, as Beta Phi's door are always open to her sister chapters. Since the last writing of THE RAINBOW we have initiated two new members, and we will take pleasure in introducing to the members of Delta Tau Delta as their future brethren, Mr. W. P. Chappell, of Barnesville, O., and Mr. J. R. Montgomery, of Lexington, O.

E. R. TARR.

BETA PSI—WABASH COLLEGE.

Beta Psi takes this opportunity to tell her sister chapters of her continued prosperity during the winter term. While keeping well to the front in class-room work, we have still had time to maintain our position in other directions.

The Oratorical Society recently effected a new organization, by which all the students are members of the association. Brother E. P. Bell, '97, was elected president. Great interest was manifested in the preliminary contests, there being seventeen competitors, three of whom represented Beta Psi. We are glad to report that Brother Bell won the honor of representing Wabash at the state oratorical, which takes places March 13.

The society event of the year in college circles will be the Pan-Hellenic dance, to be given March 6. All the fraternities will be represented.

Washington's birthday was celebrated, as usual, by the sophomore and freshman classes. The sophs closed the day with a banquet. Delta Tau had two speakers on the programme of toasts.

We shall be represented on the base-ball team this year by Brother Cory, '98.

Beta Zeta is trying to make arrangements for an informal gathering of Deltas from the Indiana chapters on the afternoon of the oratorical, at Indianapolis. Beta Psi has pledged her support.

BEN R. HOWELL.

BOYS OF OLD.

ALPHA.

'81.—Judson A. Wann is practising law at Canton, Ohio.

'85.—Duff Merrich is practising law at Ashville, N. C.

BETA.

'65.—Judge D. F. Pugh is a member of the law faculty of the Ohio State University.

'69.—Dr. W. S. Eversole is principal of the Blair Presbyterian Academy at Blairstown, N. J.

'71.—Prof. D. J. Evans, who has been so dangerously ill for several weeks, will be able to meet his classes next term.

'92.—Prof. H. R. Higley is now professor of mathematics in the State Normal College, Strandsburg, Pa.

DELTA.

'94.—Herman J. Dowds was in charge of the Brush Electric Company's exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition.

'94.—B. F. Hall, Jr., is on the staff of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

'94.—Fred W. Ashton is city attorney of Grand Island, Neb.

'94.—Sewell Avery is in Detroit.

'94.—George J. Bunday, and Cyrus W. George, are in law offices in Chicago.

'94.—Ralph Hartzell is practising law in Denver, Colorado.

XI (*Defunct*).

Simpson Lee Vanscoy is a merchant at Audubon, Iowa.

W. S. Kelly is preaching at Oakland, Cal.

E. E. Kelly is practising medicine in San Francisco, 1047 Market St.

O. A. Kennedy is a mining broker at Ogden, Utah.

Wm. A. Zee is practising law at the same place.

MU.

'72.—Hon. H. A. Axline, acted as master of ceremonies at State Governor Bushnell's inaugural reception on Thursday, March 12.

'74.—At the first stockholders' meeting of the new Cleveland Savings and Banking Company recently, Wilson M. Day was chosen among the list of directors and by them in turn elected as president of the bank.

'92.—Will Hillman has so far recovered his health as to be able to practise law at Columbus, Ohio. He has a desk in the office of Lilly and Lilly, attorneys at law.

'94.—Everett McCaskill has left Chicago University to accept the professorship of physiology at the Wisconsin State Normal School, Stevens Point, Wis.

CHI.

'83.—A. A. Taltarall is connected with the Penn. R. R. Co. at Philadelphia, Pa.

'84.—Ichiji Sano is at Shamouseeki, Japan.

Ex-'93.—Rev. Frank W. Bope has recently accepted the rectorship of St. James Church, Zanesville.

Ex-'97.—H. N. Baker is book-keeper for George J. Birkel, piano dealer, San Diego, Cal.

BETA EPSILON.

'85.—Thos. J. Smith is a merchant at Shittleboro, Ga.

'89.—A. A. Tiely is pastor Methodist church, Rome, Ga.

'93.—R. F. Hodnett is principal Turin High School, Turin, Ga.

BETA ZETA.

'79.—Josephus Peaseley is superintendent of the High School of Mt. Carol, Ill.

'88.—Wm. C. McCullough is taking the one-year course for college graduates at the Indiana Normal School at Terre Haute.

'88.—A. M. Hall, professor of Hebrew, will spend next winter in the German universities.

'89.—Perry H. Clifford, who was recently married to Miss Georgia, daughter of President Scott Butler, has engaged in business at 205 Lake St., Chicago.

'90.—H. T. Mann, until this year instructor in physical culture, has moved from Irvington, to his old home, Gilman, Ill.

BETA KAPPA.

Grant Pitzer resides at Pomona, Cal.

Maurice Daily is teaching at San Jose, Cal.

Frank C. Sigler is a bank clerk at Los Angeles, Cal.

H. H. McGren is teaching at San Jose, Cal.

BETA MU.

'91.—The Rev. Henry R. Rose, of Auburn, Me., was recently elected president of the Auburn Union for Practical Progress in Municipal Reform.

'92.—F. M. Carr has been elected a member of the city council of Somerville, Mass.



PEARL MARTIN PEARSON, BETA PI, '95.
Professor of Orthoepy and Forensics in the Cumnock School of Oratory, Northwestern University.

'92.—Sydney T. Baker is engaged in business in Providence, R. I.

'92.—Harry Blackford has been elected president of the Western Massachusetts Ministers' Association.

'93.—Harry G. Chase was appointed instructor in electrical engineering in Tufts College at the opening of the spring term.

'95.—Charles D. Welch is with the Lynn Box Manfg. Co., and resides with his wife at 8 Rockland St., Lynn, Mass.

'96.—John C. Woodbury, formerly of this class, is at present in the drug business at Malone, N. Y., and is looking toward the medical profession.

BETA OMICRON.

'91.—H. B. Saunders may be found at Hamburg, N. Y., where he is engaged in editing a paper.

'94.—W. G. Kranz has been placed in charge of the furnaces at the Midvale Steel Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

'95.—M. W. Thompson has received his commission as assistant engineer on the revenue cutter, Winona.

'95.—H. R. Weber can be found in Denver, Col., at his home.

BETA PI.

'95.—Pearl Martin Pearson graduated as Bachelor of Arts at Baker University in 1891. In the fall of 1894, he entered Northwestern University, obtaining the degree of A. M. one year later, at the same time graduating from the Cumnock School of Oratory. At present, Brother Pearson is Professor of Orthoepy and Forensics in the School of Oratory, and is very highly recommended as an elocutionist.

BETA TAU.

'94.—W. M. and J. H. Johnston are practising law in Billings, Mont.

'94.—E. A. Gerrard is posting in Germany.

'94.—E. C. Strode is practising law in Lincoln, Neb.

'95.—H. G. Barber is assistant principal of the High School at Nebraska City, Neb.

'95.—H. G. Whitmore is editor of *Herald*, Lincoln, Neb.

'95.—E. B. Sherman is connected with the schools in Fairfield, Neb.

'95.—A. B. Lyon is editor of a newspaper in Fitzgerald, Ga.

'95.—A. J. Weaver is taking the law course in the University of Nebraska and incidentally running for state senator.

'95.—C. C. Marley is practising law in Lincoln, Neb.

'97.—Geo. Dern is superintendent of Mercur gold mine near Salt Lake City, Utah.

BETA Upsilon.

'94.—The Chicago *Evening Post* of January 31, 1896, has the following concerning the sad death of A. C. Clark: "The funeral of the late Amos C. Clark, athlete, and perhaps the best high jumper in the west, was held from the home of the deceased in Urbana, Ill., to-day. Clark was well known here as a prominent member of the C. A. A. Harry Cornish selected the young man, and the judgment of the athletic manager was not faulty. Clark graduated from Champaign in 1894, and was but twenty-four years old when he succumbed to typhoid pneumonia. As captain of the C. A. A. field and track team Clark gave general satisfaction. Had he wished he might have been second string to M. F. Sweeney on the New York Athletic Club international high jump team. Clark was tall and slender, and not a strong man, but his ability as a jumper and hurdler was unquestioned. He was a member of the Champaign chapter of the Delta Tau Delta, and that body was well represented at the funeral."

BETA Phi.

'95.—A. E. Addison is located in Columbus filling the position of senior teacher in the Ohio Avenue public schools.

BETA XI.

'91.—J. A. K. Burchill is practising medicine in Vicksburg, Miss.

Ex-'92.—Jos. A. Alvey is in the cotton business in New Orleans.

'93.—James P. O'Kelley is practising medicine in New Orleans.

'93.—J. P. Harrison, Jr., is practising medicine in Iberia.

Ex-'93.—Chas. E. Knight is a capitalist in New Orleans.

Law '94.—Chas. F. Buck, Jr., is a coming lawyer in the Crescent City.

'95.—Willoughby E. Kittredge and Arthur Merwin McGehee are cutting up cadavers at the Tulane "Med."

Ex-'96.—Thomas J. Woodward, Jr., is with Woodward, Wight & Co.

DELTAS—ATTENTION!

The Catalogue Agent would like to have any information that will lead to the proper location of the following named Brothers. The last address and business of each so far as known is given after each name.

Arkansas.

Professor J. B. Clark, Altus.

Alabama.

E. L. Ballard, Birmingham. Attorney at Law

Colorado.

Maurice Bradford, Denver.

Florida.

C. R. Knight, Leville. Civil Engineer.

Georgia.

J. M. Stewart, Columbus. Teacher.

William W. Thomas, Jr., Augusta.

J. Lee Key, Blackshear.

J. Lee Bronson, Marietta.

A. M. Hartfield, Eatonton. Principal High School.

Illinois.

E. W. O'Neal, Woodlawn Park. Preacher.

Hiram Theodore Smith, Jacksonville.

David Nicoll, Bloomington. Preacher.

C. W. Johnson, Elgin.

Iowa.

Elmer Hamlin West, Yates City.

L. W. Haworth, Van Wert. Teacher.

E. H. Sampson, Des Moines.

Frank Meache, Missouri Valley.

Kansas.

W. Boyd Johnson, Salina. Professor Kansas Wesleyan University.

Marion E. Bourne, Wichita.

Massachusetts.

W. E. Soule, Harwich. Professor.

Michigan.

Lewis Torrey, Detroit. Attorney at Law.

L. E. Lovejoy, Three Oaks. Preacher.

G. C. Erwin, Manistique. Superintendent of Schools

Wm. J. Hinkson, Alpena. Logging Business.

Mississippi.

M. J. Wright, University. Signal Service Station.

Missouri.

B. J. Arnold, St. Louis. Electrician.

Nebraska

William B. Casey, Grand Island.

New York.

Jno. B. Lynch, New York. St. Francis Hospital.

William B. Self, New York. New York Observer.

New Jersey.

Edward P. Mowton, Newark.

Ohio.

H. A. Meyers, Marietta. Superintendent of Schools.

Jno. Fulton Patterson, Finleyville.

W. G. Junod, Cincinnati. Athens Journal.

James H. Hamilton, Cincinnati. Attorney at Law.

Pennsylvania.

Jno. Bielby Wood, Wilkesbarre. Paper Mill.

Frederick Rosenberg, Jr., Huntington. Superintendent Harrisburg & Altoona Railroad.

George Merle Zacharais, Harrisburg.

Tennessee.

C. T. Wright, Pulaski. Preacher.

S. G. Smith, Nashville. Steamboatman.

Texas.

John Stephen Stone, Gainesville. Attorney at Law.

Wyoming.

C. H. Pomeroy, Seattle. Attorney at Law.

DELTAS IN LITERATURE.

Prof. Rolla C. Carpenter, of Iota chapter, class of '73, has for years been prominent among the mechanical engineers of the country. The *Railway Gazette*, of New York, contains the following notice of his recent work :

HEATING AND VENTILATING BUILDINGS. An elementary treatise by Rolla C. Carpenter. John Wiley & Sons, New York; Chapman & Hall, Limited, London, 1895.

In the preface to this work the author states that no treatise relating to the general principles and methods of construction in vogue in heating and ventilating apparatus has appeared since 1855, and that the object of the present work is to present in concise form a general idea of the principles which apply and the construction used to-day in the various systems. The opening chapter is devoted to a discussion of the value and properties of heat, including specific and latent heat, radiation, conduction, convection and instruments for measuring heat, such as thermometers and pyrometers. The next chapter is given to a presentation of the fundamental principles of ventilation, and discusses the composition of the atmosphere and the properties of the various gases that ordinarily pollute it, the amount of air required for ventilation, the flow of gases, humidity of the atmosphere, etc. Having thus laid the foundations in these chapters, the author takes up such questions as the amount of heat required from warming, the rate at which heat is given off from radiating surfaces, and the construction of pipe fittings, radiators, hot-water heaters and steam boilers employed in heating. The various systems of piping for hot water and steam are elaborated upon and illustrated, and direct steam, exhaust steam, hot water, hot-air furnace, and hot blast systems compared. Some attention is also given to electric heating. Throughout the work the results of actual experiment are freely quoted, and the book is full of valuable information to those who are interested in designing and specifying.

Professor Carpenter is now connected with Cornell University. He is one of the trustees of our Cornell chapter's property and has proved a valuable adviser and helper. A Western college magazine is responsible for this note concerning him :

"The French government has conferred the degree "Chevalier du Merite Agricole" upon Professor Carpenter. As far as is known he is the only one in this country having been so honored."

Prof. Emory B. Lease of the Mu chapter, class of '85, has prepared "A Study of Prudentius" which has admitted him into the John Hopkins chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

His dissertation has been recently reviewed in three leading philological journals of Europe. In the last number of the *Archiv*, Professor Weyman, of the University of Munich says: "It will at once take its rank among our best dissertations." Professor Sixt, of the University of Stuttgart, says in a recent number of *Berliner Philologische Wochenschrift*: "It is an important contribution to his torical Latin syntax." Professor Huemer, of the University of Vienna, wrote that it would very materially aid him in his new edition of *Prudentius*.

Professor Lease is at present head of the department of Latin in Allegheny College. Leading journals are taking note of his highly successful work.

The January issue of THE RAINBOW contained an appreciative estimate from Mr. W. D. Howells of the poetry of George Horton of our Delta chapter, class of '78. Our readers will find a good prose article by Brother Horton in *The North American Review* for March, 1896. The daily journals are now giving constant accounts of the coming contests in Greece, and of the preparations of various athletic associations for the events. The article by Brother Horton on "The Revival of the Olympian Games" deals somewhat with the historic contests, but presents, more particularly, a description of the site, buildings, and ornaments of the stadium. Brother Horton, is now United States Consul at Athens, Greece, and is well fitted to deal with his subject.

THE GREEK WORLD.

The next Convention of Phi Gamma Delta will meet in Chicago in the fall of 1896.

Sigma Nu has entered the Agricultural College of North Carolina.

Kappa Alpha (Southern) has withdrawn from Richmond College. This is the third case of withdrawal within the year, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi having withdrawn previously. Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Gamma Delta alone remain.

The last Convention of Phi Gamma Delta discarded a flower, formerly adopted, and selected the heliotrope. The color of the new emblem makes it peculiarly appropriate for the Fraternity.

Pi Beta Phi has entered Syracuse with nine members. This makes the fifth ladies' society at Syracuse.

The Alpha Tau Omega correspondent from Wooster says: "Delta Tau Delta has three men in school, but as yet they have displayed no activity in adding to the number." From this quotation it seems necessary that it be stated again that Delta Tau Delta has withdrawn from the University of Wooster.

Sigma Chi and Gamma Phi Beta at Northwestern University have recently entered chapter houses.

Kappa Alpha Theta has entered the University of Illinois. The initiation of thirteen members occurred Nov. 9, 1895. She has also entered the University of Nebraska.

Kappa Sigma has entered Millsaps College. The institution opened in 1892 and is located near Jackson, Miss. Kappa Alpha is also chartered there.

It was reported in the fall fraternity journals that Phi Kappa Psi had entered Amherst. Since then she has entered Dartmouth and, if chapter letters speak frankly, has been well received. The new chapter initiated, January 24, consists of fifteen men.

The house of the Beloit chapter of Phi Kappa Psi was recently injured by fire. The loss was fully met by insurance.

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* makes the statement that Sigma Chi is striving to enter Johns Hopkins. If the exclamation, "Indeed!" constitute a denial, the magazine of Sigma Chi denies the report.

At the annual banquet of the Indianapolis Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta, Ex-President Benjamin Harrison was elected President of the Association.

The Alpha Tau Omega chapter at Austin College, Texas, though quite young, has entered a cosy chapter house.

Alpha Tau Omega is preparing a song book. The matter is in the charge of the Cornell chapter. Sigma Chi has a committee laboring with the same difficult work.

A failure to send in a chapter letter on time to the Sigma Chi *Quarterly* is punished by a fine. This method is now used by several Greek-letter societies.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* is responsible for the statement that Theta Nu Epsilon was recently expelled from the University of Chicago.

The Phi Kappa Psi chapters at Syracuse and Bucknell are beginning to build chapter houses.

The Beta Theta Pi correspondent from the University of Missouri says a rumor is abroad that Sigma Chi or Phi Gamma Delta will soon establish a chapter there. He adds that the field is already crowded.

A local fraternity, Phi Delta Epsilon, exists at Pennsylvania State College. Recently it has shown a desire for extension, and is said to be on the point of establishing a chapter at Bucknell University.

February 14, 1896, Theta Delta Chi gave a reception and banquet at Delmonico's, New York, in honor of Hon. John W. Griggs, Governor of New Jersey. The Governor was once initiate of the Phi chapter at Lafayette College.

The last Convention of Theta Delta Chi showed admirable gallantry and gratitude by passing complimentary resolutions concerning Miss Sarah A. Moore, and by arranging to present her with a

full diamond crown-jeweled badge of the Fraternity. Miss Moore is the private secretary of the editor of *The Shield* and has been an excellent helper.

After three years waiting Psi Upsilon has at last entered the University of Wisconsin, taking into membership the local order, Rho Kappa Upsilon. The new chapter will be called the Rho. Eighteen alumni of the old Omega chapter at Chicago "have undertaken to initiate the fourteen undergraduate members of the Omega club of the university." It seems likely that this step will lead to dissatisfaction and hot dispute. The step was probably taken by the alumni on the ground that the charter of old Omega was never returned to the Fraternity.

From an article in the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* on "Fraternity Life at Northwestern University" we get this:

One of the later fraternity chapters is Beta Pi of Delta Tau Delta, which has been in existence less than two years and consequently has a small alumni. The Delta Taus are a studious set of young men and are active in class matters. They are fairly strong in number and have their chapter rooms on Davis street.

The Semi-Centennial of Theta Delta Chi will be fittingly celebrated in November of this year. The sessions will extend over four days,—Nov. 17–20,—and the total expense of carrying out present plans is estimated at \$3000 or \$3500.

The southern fraternities seem to be pushing eastward. Sigma Alpha Epsilon had a large banquet in Boston in the fall, and now Alpha Tau Omega has organized a Boston Alumni Association. The latter fraternity formerly had a chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and now thrives at Tufts College.

At Vanderbilt University the Alpha Theta Phi, a senior society for the promotion of scholarship, has recently been organized under the direction of Dr. H. D. Tolman. This society is modeled after Phi Beta Kappa, and will endeavor to obtain a charter from that institution in a few years.

The Southern University Magazine for June, 1895, had this item about the University of Georgia:

It is rumored that the trustees will abolish fraternities in the university. By this action the following fraternities will each lose a chapter: Alpha Tau Omega,

Chi Phi, Chi Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu. This will necessarily abolish the flourishing non-fraternity club. Inasmuch as chapter letters are silent about the matter it is to be presumed that the rumor was incorrect.

Senator Clarence Lexow, head of the famous New York committee is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon from the Columbia chapter.

We are glad to comply with the request to publish the following:

Within a few months a revised catalogue of The Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi will be issued. Said order has about 4000 members, most of whom are graduates of the leading twenty-two Law Schools of the United States and Canada. Each member of said Fraternity to whom these presents shall come, is hereby requested to write to the Secretary, George A. Katzenberger, at Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio, giving him necessary data for said catalogue.

The New England Club of Delta Upsilon introduced an innovation at its twelfth annual dinner held in Boston, in February. It was addressed by an outsider, Gen. Francis A. Walker, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on "Fraternity Life; Its Influence on Education." President Walker is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, from the Amherst chapter.

The catalogue of Delta Kappa Epsilon shows that at times chapters made a generous use of the privilege of initiating honorary members. The honorary list includes among many other the names of J. G. Blaine, R. B. Hayes, Generals Banks and Burnside, Edward Atkinson, Bishops Andrews and Fowler, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Bayard Taylor. If honorary membership is to be allowed at all wisdom would point to such distinguished men. So far as we have ever seen, Delta Kappa Epsilon wisely refuses to parade these honorary members.

It is said that at the recent convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon a petition for a charter was received from students at the University of Cambridge, England. The petition was refused. American Fraternities will doubtless move slowly in the matter of international extension. Several are maintaining apparently successful chapters in Canada. But only one has ventured over the ocean. In 1867

Chi Phi, of the southern order, established a chapter at the University of Edinburgh. The chapter was composed entirely of young men from the south who were pursuing advanced work at Edinburgh. It admitted only fourteen men, never initiated any students of foreign residence, and ceased to exist in 1870.

THE GREEK PRESS.

Since the January issue of THE RAINBOW our exchanges have been numerous. Two numbers of some of the magazines have come to our desk. Any attempt to review fairly and fully the different journals would demand time and space beyond the possible. We shall, therefore, adhere rigidly to the stated policy for the department and shall touch only the most important subjects and events.

Three of the ladies' fraternities' journals have been received,—The Alpha Phi *Quarterly*, *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, and *The Kappa Alpha Theta*. As to appearance, subject-matter, and spirit they all show taste, discretion and courtesy. Naturally enough they do not have the same interest for us that the journals of the competing fraternities do, which remark must not, by any means, be taken to signify indifference.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma came to us first. It recounts the founding and condition of Millsaps College, a young institution in Mississippi which Kappa Sigma has recently entered. In the exchange department the editor approves of our determination to publish nothing that does not bear directly upon fraternity life. To our mind, however, he departs seriously from this approved limit in publishing the article on "Preparation" and the story of "A College Christmas." Both the contributions are good, but they have no particular bearing on Greek life. The March number of *The Caduceus*, which comes just as we go to press, reaches far toward the ideal fraternity journal. The editor, even in criticism, is always courteous and considerate.

The December issue of the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* contains an article on "Fraternity Life at Northwestern University" taken from the Chicago *Times-Herald*. It is an interesting description,

otherwise the editor of the *Palm* would not have printed it; for Alpha Tau Omega has no chapter at the Northwestern. The comment of the article on our own chapter is given elsewhere. The March *Palm* gives a good cut of the Austin College Chapter's new house; and contains an article advocating that the convention be held in July rather than in December. Our own Fraternity has always found a summer date preferable. It is the period of vacation, not only of school work, but of the various employments which alumni enjoys. Forty of the forty-one chapters have letters in the March issue.

The Psi Upsilon Review for December and for February would be difficult to characterize. It is scarcely fair to take it as representing Psi Upsilon; for, if we mistake not, it is a private enterprise. Some members of the order repudiate it altogether. The journal advocates entering Lhicago University, and introduces a large comparison between Psi Upsilon and Zeta Psi. The following is from an editorial on "Psi Upsilon Don't's" which contains *some* sensible suggestions:

Don't attend "Pan-Hellenic" meetings or dinners. These affairs are gotten up by members of weak societies so that they may profit by public association with the leaders. An initiate of Psi Upsilon has no more in common with members of other fraternities — as such — than with men who have not joined any society. There is no "system" of Greek-letter orders. Some fraternities are creditable, and others exceedingly discreditable. There is no tie between members of different societies that requires them to band together against the so-called "barbarians." Often the "neutral" is a better man than the society man. If you can't find in your college or town Psi Upsilon enough to hold a reunion, go and flock by yourself, thanking your stars that you are more fortunate than other men. A dinner of college men is all right, but a dinner of Greek-letter society men is absurd, for the latter have nothing in common unless all belong to one fraternity.

The February issue contains nothing notable except a harsh reference to the Pan-Hellenic gathering at Atlanta and a strong editorial assertion that chapters of Psi Upsilon should have nothing whatever to do with chapters of other fraternities in the same institution. We recommend that the editor run down to Ann Arbor and get Psi Upsilon there to withdraw from the Palladium board. After

he has done that we will suggest other work. The fact is that the spirit of the magazine is amusing. We have shown it to several members of Psi Upsilon all of whom have laughed and said something about the funny foibles of a certain person. The quality of conceit which is shown by an enormous dog pushing his way fiercely among smaller companions is calculated to make the beholder angry. But the quality of conceit which is shown by a peacock or turkey gobbler is always amusing; it never causes bitterness. The *Review's* conceit is of the latter type; its pages plume, strut, and swagger, and the seriousness of the the bird makes the performance all the funnier.

No exchange that has come to us has pleased us more than *The Phi Gamma Quarterly* for January. Its story on "A Convert" is well written and its fiction gives much truth in regard to rushing. "The Year Just Past" presents the history of the fraternity for the year. Summed up it is mainly as follows: Forty-four chapters,—a loss (?) of four; six hundred and sixty-seven active members, or fifteen and one-sixth men per chapter; largest membership is at Columbia—twenty-nine, smallest at University of Tennessee—six. Delta Tau Delta meets Phi Gamma Delta in sixteen colleges. We were surprised to see that Phi Gamma Delta had initiated three preparatory students in the year. Our own legislation forbids such initiations, and time has proved the wisdom of the rule. The January *Quarterly* must have proved a very mine of information for its constituency.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* for February contains a good sketch of Cornell University. It deals generously with the coming convention to be held at Cleveland, April 8, 9, 10. The feature most worthy of general notice is the article by C. L. Van Cleve on "Defilers of Temples and Shrines." The evil described and denounced is that of stealing rituals and secrets from rivals. The writer is strong in his condemnation, and there is no escape from his moral conclusions. We now have in mind an instance where the minutes of a chapter were stolen,—the lock of the hall being picked to effect an entrance. The minutes have never been returned; the records for several years are gone; yet the book had value for but

one chapter. The following hope and exhortation have our full approval:—

I hope against belief that such practices as these and some others equally disreputable which I might recount have died out never to be revived, but if they still prevail I wish to suggest seriously to young Greeks that such a course of lying, burglary, thievery, slander and treachery is not a proper course of training for the Hellenic neophyte.

We had much interest in the article in *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for February, entitled "Concerning Badges." The editorial in this issue of THE RAINBOW on the same subject had been written before we received *The Scroll*. It was gratifying to find the contributor agreeing so fully with our own views. Only about fifty per cent of Phi Delta Theta's actives own badges. Just what the proportion of badge owners is in our own fraternity we do not know. We feel confident, however, that a canvass of all Greek-letter societies would show a proportion but slightly, if any, larger than fifty per cent. The writer strongly urges inexpensive badges. He suggests, too, an official uniformity. Such a rule might not prove wise. But general sentiment can very soon make simplicity and inexpensiveness the fashion; it will then be safe to allow some margin to individual tastes.

The Beta Theta Pi for March contains a sketch of Beloit College, well written and illustrated. The most interesting article is by W. R. Baird on "Catalogue Making, and its Difficulties." We wish that all the members of Delta Tau Delta might read it; for we are in the throes of catalogue making. A knowledge of the difficulties would make responses more speedy and help more willing. If our space allowed, we would publish the article entire. We must publish the following:—

Let us mention now some few annoyances due to the action of the members themselves. A member receives the circular of inquiry, and experiences a sensation of pleasure at hearing from his old fraternity. He puts the letter aside until a more convenient season arrives to answer it, and it is forgotten, and yet at the same time that same man will growl audibly because "that catalogue isn't published."

But suppose he takes the blank home and starts to fill it out; it requires thought to recall the dates, he doesn't just think of what he wants, the blank is laid aside so that a diary or other record may be looked into, and it is forgotten.

Indeed, the chief drawback to the prompt compilation of the catalogue lies with the tardiness and inattention of the members themselves. About the only way to get a prompt and accurate reportout of a man, and be sure of it, is to assume that he is dead and send a letter to his address directed "to any relative or friend of the late deceased John Doe." That nearly always brings a remonstrance. Another good way is to send a man the record as you have it, and tell him that you will publish it in that form and then misspell his name, or state some important fact incorrectly. That generally brings an answer. When one thinks of it, however, what a shame it is that such devices have to be resorted to in order to secure information which should be promptly furnished, and which is to the member's interest to furnish.

It is hoped that this quotation will inspire our readers to quick aid. Editorial reference to this matter is given elsewhere.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for February is a good number. It contains two articles on "Extension," one of them by General Runkle, Sigma Chi's president. His views seem to make the character of petitioners primary and central; the grade of the college is made secondary. The second article is far safer—though perhaps too conservative in tone. *The Quarterly* throughout is well edited. With such a magazine the fraternity ought not to need the strong urging to its support which Editor Crozier puts in his first editorial. The *Quarterly* offers this criticism on the November RAINBOW:

A half-tone of Mr. Joseph Cummings is printed, under which appears "Attorney for the World's Fair." Mr. Cummings was one of a great many "attorneys" for the World's Fair, and that title "Attorney for the World's Fair," is a rather high-sounding phrase for the position.

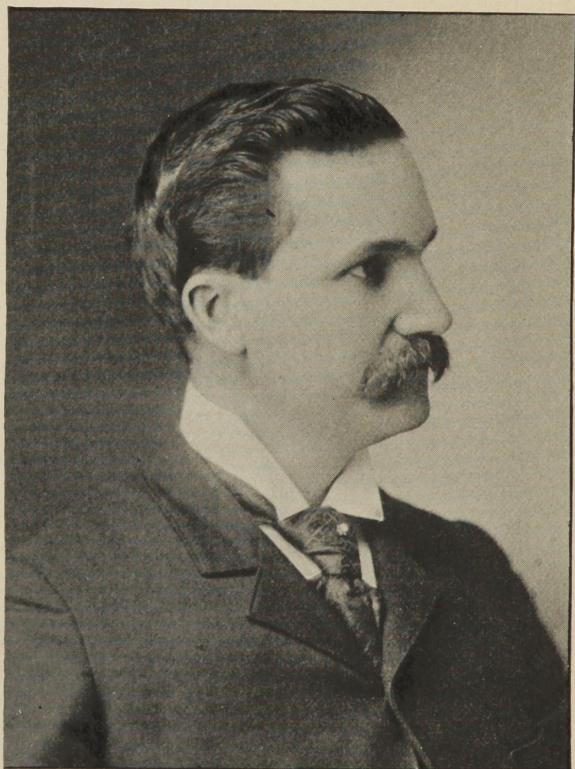
This suggestion seems to us somewhat far-fetched. We assumed that our readers generally would be as intelligent as the editor of the *Quarterly* and would not conclude that one man managed the immense legal interests of the World's Fair. At any rate we had no idea of misleading anybody. Our own process of mind was like that of the editor who wisely thought it unnecessary to explain in the November *Quarterly* that "General Benj. Piatt Runkle" was only one of many men with right to the title "General."

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for March is the first number of this year's volume. It contains a full account of the "Forty-Ninth Annual Convention," at Syracuse, last November. The poem

there read by Prof. J. Scott Clark, is full of a broad and generous spirit. It is called "The Old Prof's Dream." The final verse will show the quality and spirit of the poem :

Then let us pray that come it may —
Come soon, come sure, and a' that —
That college cliques may better mix,
With less of hate and a' that.
For a' that and a' that —
Yer brotherhoods and a' that —
A man's a man, whate'er his badge;
Be nobler men for that.

The editorial department of the *Quarterly* is wholly free from bigotry. The reply to the Psi Upsilon *Review's* long comparison is given in good taste ; and the magazine throughout is free from the supercilious air. This fact will only make it the more useful to Delta Kappa Epsilon.



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