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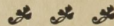
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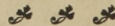


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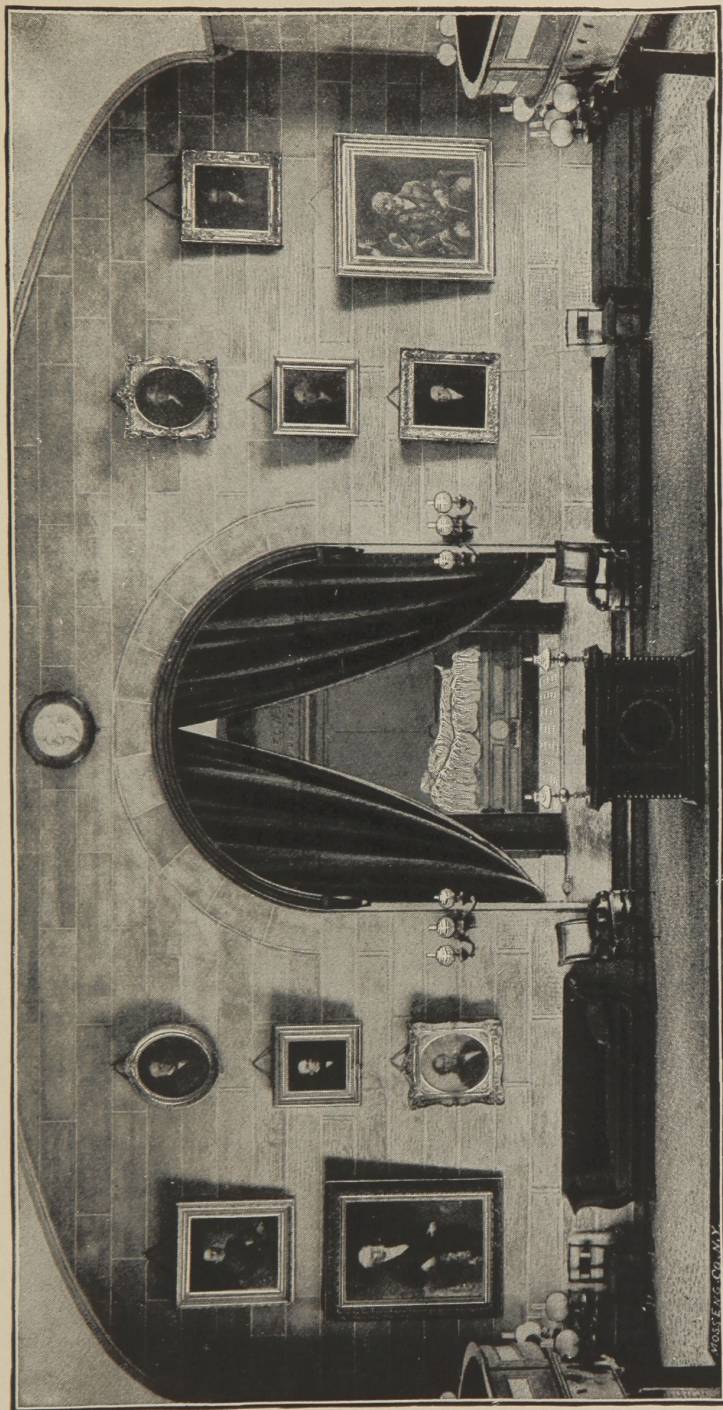
No State in the Union is richer than Virginia in historical associations, and no part of Virginia is more impregnated with memories of the past than is Lexington, the seat of the Washington and Lee University. Since the year 1749, when the Institution was founded by the sturdy Ulstermen of the Valley of Virginia, it has played an important rôle in the history of the country. It has taken part in all the great struggles through which the nation has passed since its birth. In the War for Independence, its students were led forth by their stalwart old headmaster, and made themselves immortal as the "Liberty Hall Volunteers." In 1812, the old school closed its doors again and the students took their places once more in the ranks of the army. And lastly, in 1861 the "Liberty Hall Volunteers" entered the famous "Stonewall" brigade under command of that hero, honored alike by North and South, Stonewall Jackson.

At the close of the War between the States, General Robt. E. Lee was chosen President of the Institution. He retained this office until his death in 1870, when his son,

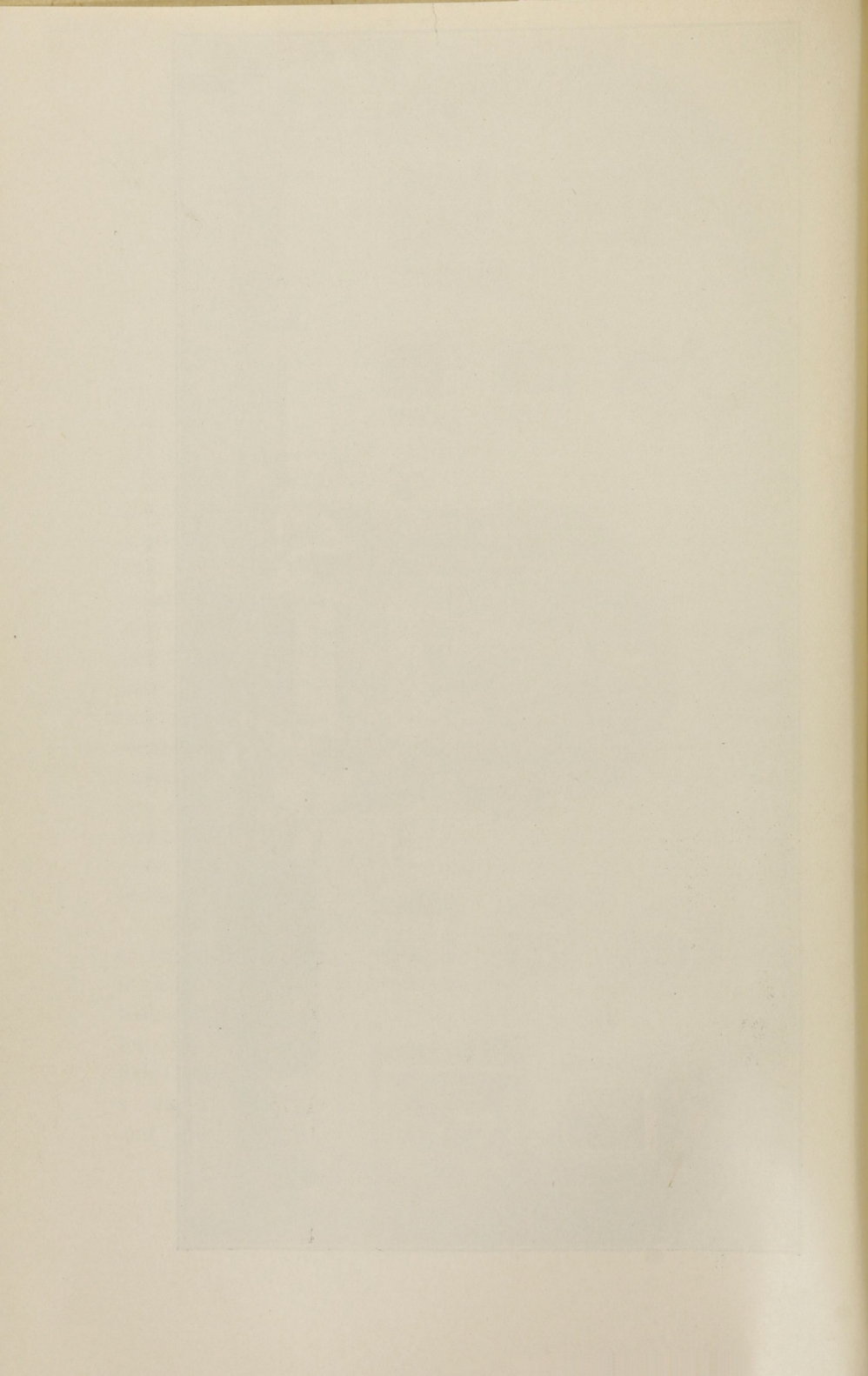
General G. W. C. Lee, the present President, was elected. At this time the Legislature of Virginia changed the name of the institution from Washington College to Washington and Lee University.

The present equipment of the University is fully abreast of the best in the South. Very few southern institutions have so ample an endowment, and none, save Virginia University and Vanderbilt, draw men from so many states. The Faculty is a strong one, composed of twenty-three professors, instructors, and officers. The government of the University is administered by the President and Dean of the Faculty, upon the honor system. Rules and regulations are practically unknown. The students are treated as men and gentlemen, and a corresponding behavior is expected of them. The buildings are stately in their architecture, and are situated on a campus remarkable for its natural beauty. The long line of University buildings is flanked on either side by professors' residences, all built in the same classic style as that of the main structures. The Chapel, facing the central building, contains the magnificent recumbent statue of Lee, by Valentine. It is considered one of the finest works of American sculpture. Beneath this statue lies all that is mortal of General Lee. This Chapel is the Mecca of Southern pilgrims, and hardly a day passes that some traveller is not seen standing reverently within its walls.

In athletics, Washington and Lee devotes her energies to foot-ball, base-ball, tennis, and boating. In track athletics little is done, though some good records are held. Foot-ball, too, has thus far not met with the success it deserves; but in base-ball the standard is kept high. The athletic field recently presented to the students by the Trustees at a cost of over \$3000 has given a fresh impetus to athletics, and great things are expected in the future. Two boat



INTERIOR VIEW OF CHAPEL — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.



clubs exist, the "Harry Lee" and the "Albert Sidney." The annual regatta between the two crews is one of the features of commencement week. There is one fact about Washington and Lee which gives a characteristic color to its local customs, and marks them as distinct from those of most other institutions. The absence of dormitories scatters the men throughout the town among the private families of the community. This system was introduced by the late President, General R. E. Lee, as an additional means of culture for the students. One result of this plan is a lack of that spirit of closeness and unanimity which goes to make athletics a success; but this drawback is more than compensated for by the delights of social life offered by the Lexington homes. No man can spend a year in these circles of culture and refinement without deriving benefit.

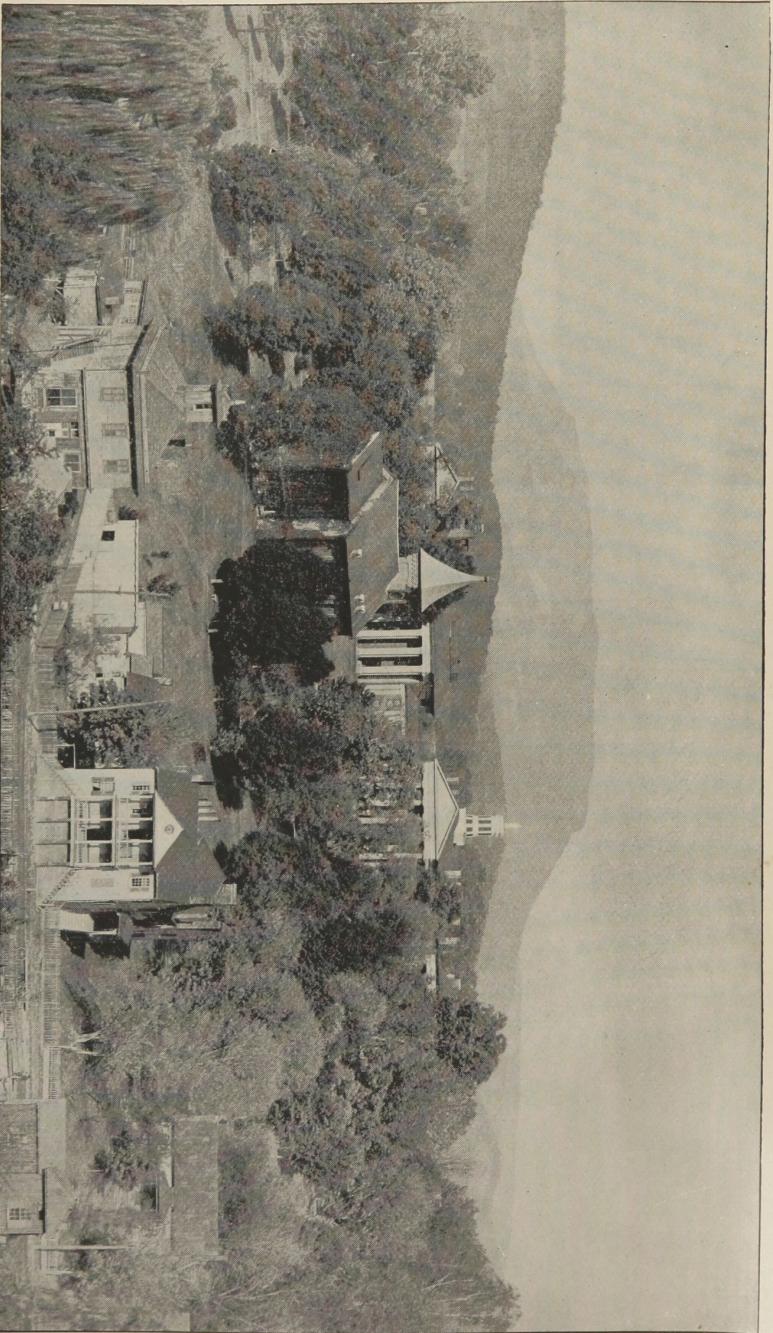
Washington and Lee's alumni are the highest testimonials to the worth of the institution. It may be of interest to note that the University up to 1892, had sent out many ministers of the Gospel of all denominations, one hundred and twenty-three professors and college presidents, two hundred members of state legislatures, forty-one members of constitutional conventions, fifty-two judges, thirty-four members of Congress, fifteen Senators, thirteen Governors. The present governors of Virginia, West Virginia, and Louisiana are sons of Washington and Lee.

Fraternity life at Washington and Lee means more than it does at many institutions. Too great exclusiveness, possibly, marks the fraternal relation. A man is thrown constantly with his fraters. As a rule, members of the same order room and board together, and the relation between them is the closest possible. This close intimacy makes the men more careful in the selection of new members, and accounts to a considerable degree for the comparative slowness with which the "goating" in the fall is done.

There is an almost total absence of the promiscuous "rush" seen in the fall campaign in many colleges. New men are watched, and frequently several weeks of the term roll by without an initiation. This slowness does not in the least detract from the interest and expectancy of the student body. There is seldom any clash among the chapters. Each fraternity has its distinct standard, and this fact is recognized by all. Four or five of the best chapters sometimes display the same taste and center on some one man, but these cases are rather rare.

Twelve orders are represented in the University, besides Theta Nu Epsilon. Of these the strongest are: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha (Southern order), and Delta Tau Delta. The fraternity meetings are held almost without exception on Saturday nights, and the town is usually very lively on these occasions. The cafes do an excellent business, and the midnight air is rent with fraternity yells. Some of the orders yell after every meeting, others reserve this as the announcement of an initiate. There are no chapter houses as yet at Washington and Lee. Fraternity brothers usually live in the same house, and this seems to do away with any special necessity of renting or building. At present, the fraternity halls answer every purpose. These are situated in various parts of the town, all being comfortably fitted up, and some quite elegantly. With the increase of students which is expected within the next few years, it is thought that the chapter houses will begin to appear.

The fraternities of Washington and Lee play an important part in college politics. The non-fraternity element, however, is given its due recognition in all important movements, and there is very little of the unpleasant friction so common in some colleges between Greeks and "Barbs." The fraternities work well together and good feeling and courtesy exist. There



GENERAL VIEW — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

is no formal Pan-Hellenic League, such as Sewanee has, but an unwritten agreement binds the several orders together.

The entrance of Delta Tau Delta into Washington and Lee was a complete surprise to the community of Lexington. The new chapter was welcomed by the Greeks of the University with warm congratulations, and stepped at once into the place formerly occupied by Phi Theta Psi. This order was founded at Washington and Lee in 1886, and spread thence to six other colleges. It lived nearly ten years, and was finally dissolved by its General Convention in 1895. Alpha Chapter, located at Washington and Lee, was from beginning to end a success. Working against odds, and having as rivals some of the largest and best known fraternities in the land, it succeeded in building up a strong chapter. The fact that the Fraternity at large was practically limited to the state of Virginia forced the chapter to lay special stress on chapter life, and in this line to offer to new men the best that was to be had in the institution.

On the dissolution of Phi Theta Psi, Alpha Chapter still held together in fact, though not in name, and soon petitioned Delta Tau Delta for a charter. This, after due delay, was granted, and on June 24, 1896, the chapter was installed. The seven charter members are as follows: H. M. McIlhany, Jr., Thos. J. Farrar, J. D. M. Armistead, H. W. M. Drake, H. E. Hyatt, Paul S. Felder, Louis F. Wilson. In addition to these, three of the alumni of Phi Theta Psi have been initiated by the chapter under the conditions of the petition: H. M. Blain, J. M. Blain, and H. W. Myers. Of the charter members, McIlhany Farrar and Armistead have been connected with the chapter for six years, Drake for over three years, and Hyatt for over two years.

During its past existence under the name of Phi Theta Psi the chapter has secured a large share of the honors of the University. On the commencement day of 1896 the following

honors were awarded to the new chapter: to H. M. McIlhany, Jr., the Master of Arts Degree and the two Robinson Prize Medals of Ancient and Modern Languages, and Philosophy; to T. J. Farrar, the instructorship in French and English; to J. D. M. Armistead, the Howard Houston Fellowship; to H. W. M. Drake, the University Scholarship in Chemistry; to H. E. Hyatt, the degree of Bachelor of Science from the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. It is hoped and believed that Delta Tau Delta will never have cause to regret having planted her standard at Washington and Lee. To this end Phi chapter promises to labor with loving and loyal energy.

J. D. M. ARMISTEAD.

BROWN UNIVERSITY AND BETA CHI.

The youngest chapter of Delta Tau Delta has been born into one of the oldest of American colleges. Moreover, Brown University, founded as it was 1764, is the oldest institution of learning in the world connected with the Baptist denomination. Yet it is not a denominational college. In the early days, when other institutions required religious tests from their students, Brown stood for religious freedom and toleration, and has always been broad, liberal, and cosmopolitan. The charter requires that the President shall be a Baptist, and that a certain number of the Corporation shall be chosen from each of these denominations — Baptists, Friends, Congregationalists, and Protestant Episcopalians; but ministers of other creeds now take their turn in conducting chapel exercises.

The site of the college is ideal. Providence, the second city of New England, stands at the head of Narragansett Bay. Out of the very business centre rises the hill upon which the University is located. For college work, the student has the most quiet and beautiful surroundings that could be desired; when studies are over, a five minutes' walk gives him all the advantages of a city of 150,000 inhabitants.

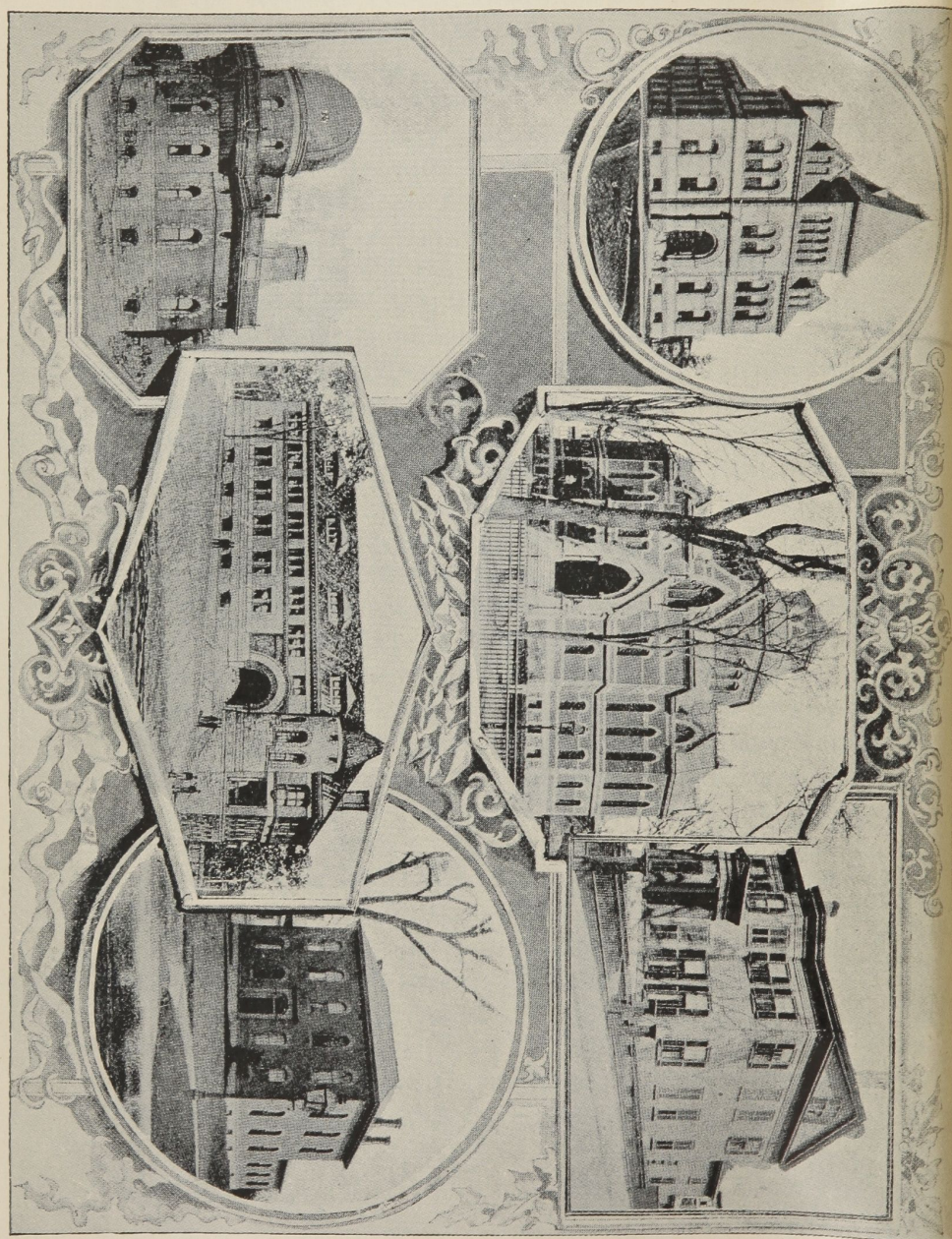
The eighteen college buildings make a fair-sized community in themselves. The oldest is University Hall, which was used in the Revolution as barracks and hospital for the American and French troops. Almost as old, and more imposing in appearance, is Manning Hall, resembling an old Greek temple, and used for a chapel until the increase in the number of students made it all too small. There has been large growth, and especially in the last decade; now with her faculty of eighty and student body of nine hundred, including a hundred and

fifty at the Women's College, Brown can be no longer ranked among the smaller colleges. We have not dormitory room to accommodate all who come, and many of the students have to room outside the college grounds.

Fraternity life flourishes under the old elms of the campus. The President, E. Benjamin Andrews, and nearly all other members of the faculty, are fraternity men, so that Greek life receives not only encouragement but also support from the college officers. As for the student body, the standards of scholarship and morals help to produce strong men, who are well fitted to maintain prosperous chapters. Before the organization of Beta Chi, Brown had twelve regular Greek-letter fraternities. The oldest, Alpha Delta Phi, started here in 1836. The others, in order of their formation, are: Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Alpha Tau Omega. These chapters are all strong, but not equally so. Perhaps the greatest criticism against them is their size, as the average membership is twenty-eight. Twenty would be a better number; but with so few fraternities and so many good men, the size is readily accounted for. Even now the fraternities include less than half of the student body.

The chapter-house system is not developed to any large extent. One fraternity owns a house, another hires one where most of its members live, while the members of some of the other organizations have a tendency towards rooming in the same section of the dormitories and boarding at the same table at the Refectory. The relations between the different fraternities are pleasant, perhaps more so than in most colleges. The college annual, *Liber Brunensis*, is published by their united effort, under the supervision of a board of editors, one from each fraternity.

The new Delta Tau Delta chapter has been cordially welcomed, with the belief that there is ample room for it. The



chapter is fortunate in starting with substantial and loyal men, who are fairly prominent in scholarship, athletics, literary work, and social life. The charter members are: '96, Harry L. Thompson, Suffield, Conn.; Abram Le Grand, Bangor, Wis. '97, Benjamin T. Livingston, Pawtucket, R. I.; Marcus W. Lyon, Jr., Newark, N. J.; Frank E. Watson, Springfield Mass. '98, Louis A. Crocker, Brewster, Mass.; Marsden R. Foster, Kingston, N. S.; Arthur G. Host, Providence, R. I.; Fred A. Smart, So. Portland, Me. '99, Walter I. Bartlett, Providence, R. I.; Samuel M. Beale, Jr., Pawtucket, R. I.; John A. Clough, Worcester, Mass.

In joining themselves together, these men have hoped to establish a fraternity based upon Dr. Andrew's motto "Character above culture; culture above information." They knocked at the door of Delta Tau Delta that they might clasp hands with men of like sympathies and extend the spirit of the fraternity within the classic walls of old Brown.

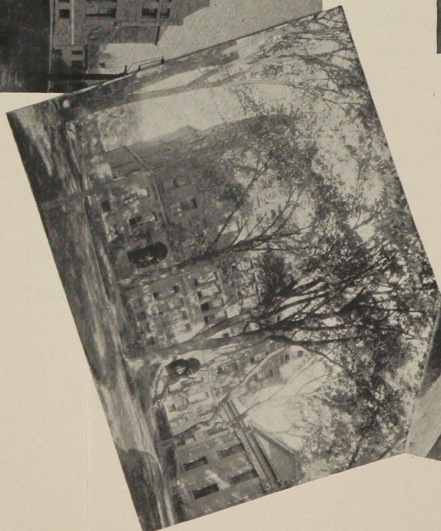
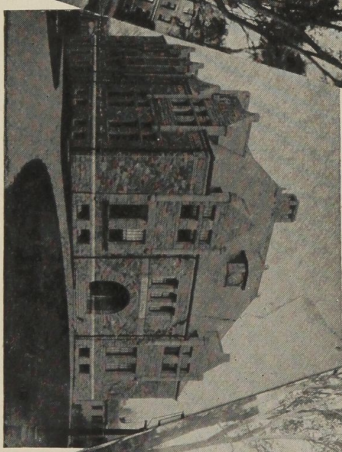
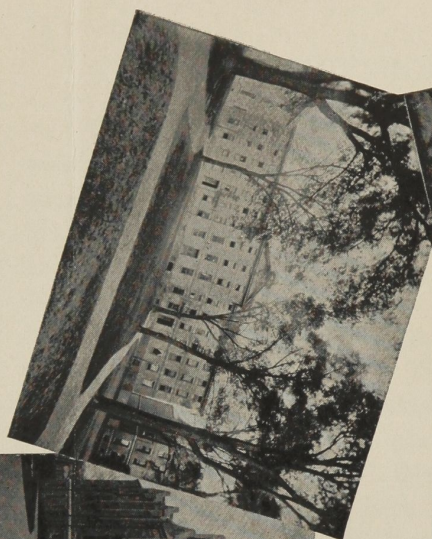
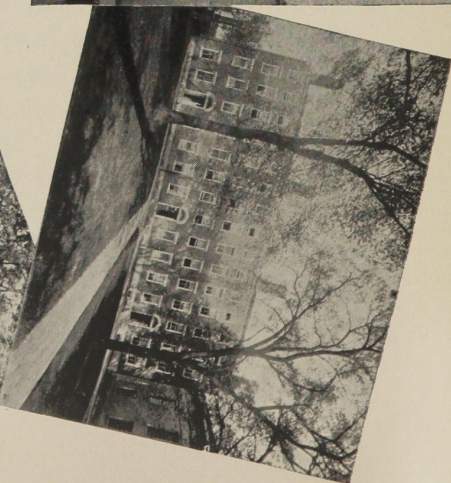
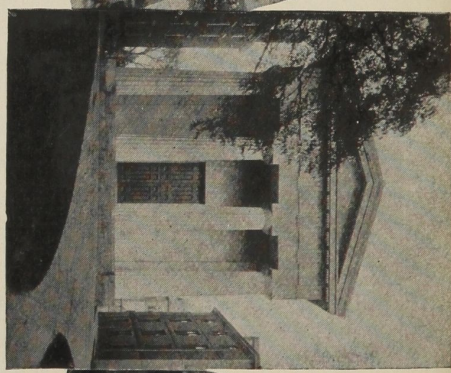
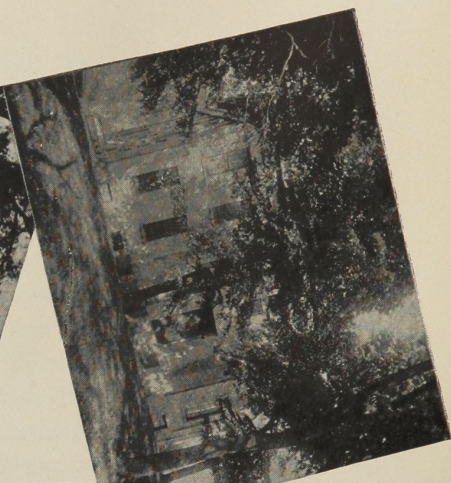
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RAINBOW DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the Rainbow Division was held in Nashville, Tenn., June 15, 16, and 17, under the supervision of Lambda Chapter, who entertained with the open hearted hospitality characteristic of the South and Southern Delta Taus. The delegates had their headquarters in the Nicholson Hotel, in the parlors of which the meetings were held. All chapters of the Division were represented; Pi by J. G. Duke, Beta Delta by A. L. Tidwell, Beta Epsilon by H. G. Jolly, Beta Zeta by G. L. Tucker, Beta Xi by R. S. Vickers. The local chapter, Lambda, attended the sessions in a body, their votes being cast by J. C. Brown and F. M. Oliver. I. G. Kittredge of New Orleans, Beta Xi, President of the Division, took the chair, and R. S. Vickers of Beta Xi was elected secretary.

The first day's session opened at 11 a. m. June 15. The address of welcome was delivered by F. M. Oliver, who delivered the keys of the city to the visiting brothers, and assured them in Lambda's name, of heartiest welcome to the capital city of Tennessee. The worry of examinations and commencement, he said, prevented Lambda from entertaining her guests as she would wish, but what she could offer was at the disposal of the visitors. G. L. Tucker, of the Sewanee Chapter, briefly responded, recalling some incidents of the two previous conferences in Sewanee and New Orleans, and expressing the belief, afterward fully realized, that no one would have any cause to complain of Lambda's hospitality.

The morning session was taken up with the reading of chapter reports, the appointment of committees, and other routine business. President Kittredge, who had presided over



GROUP OF BUILDINGS—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

the Southern Division since '92, announced his inability to retain the office for another year. At the close of this session the chairman announced the committees. In the afternoon a committee of Lambda Chapter escorted the visitors out to the tennis tournament on the Vanderbilt campus. In the evening, the commencement exercises of the Class of '96 at Vanderbilt were attended by the delegates. Brothers Brown, Bevins, Goodman, Oliver, Pardue, and Ryan were among those who received the LL.B.

On Tuesday, in the morning session, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:—President, G. L. Tucker (Beta Theta); vice-president, F. M. Oliver (Lambda); secretary, A. L. Tidwell (Beta Delta); treasurer, A. L. Tidwell (Beta Delta).

On Wednesday afternoon, the visitors for the nonce assumed the role of hosts, and entertained their entertainers with a tallyho ride to Belle Meade, General Jackson's famous stock farm and deer park.

Wednesday night a magnificent banquet of thirty covers was laid at the Nicholson. Jno. T. Lellyet, of the old Rainbow Chapter at Vanderbilt, was toast master and led off with an eloquent tribute to the memory of "The Rainbow Fraternity." I. G. Kittredge, retiring president, spoke to "The Southern Conference," recalling with pleasure the period when it had fallen to his lot to wield the sceptre over the Deltas of the Southern Cross. His successor, G. L. Tucker, followed upon "The Fraternity Bond." It was most fitting that John E. Brown should respond to "A Delta in Love," although he disclaimed emphatically any personal knowledge of the subject, and pointed to his friend Stokes as a horrible example. R. S. Vickers was put down as the representative of the "Young Man of the South," and indeed, the young man of the South could hardly have put his representation into more able hands. Unfortunately, Brother Vickers conceived the mistaken idea that he had

spoken too long, and sat down much too soon. A. L. Tidwell spoke for the "Georgia Crackers." Tidwell is a fine type of the Georgia college man, and his speech was taking. Then F. M. Oliver spoke for the "Lambda Chapter," and briefly recalled the hard but successful struggle against overwhelming odds and continuous difficulties made by the Vanderbilt Chapter, whose position seems at last assured. It is well known that some of Lambda's brightest honors were won by his own eloquence. H. G. Jolly undertook to show "What Delta Needs," but was more successful in subsequent reproductions of characteristic Georgia anecdotes; these were side splitting. H. W. Scales, of Beta Theta and Lambda, and sometime president of the Rainbow Division, took for his theme "Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady," and used it to illustrate how the highest things are obtained only by strife and struggle. Then Ryan, first of Beta Iota but late of Lambda, was called upon to tell how the "Virginia Deltas" did things in Charlottesville. Then all walked around the banquet board, and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and so the conference ended. As to the transaction of business, the official record will give information. All the fraters went from Nashville, north, east, south, and west, strengthened in their attachment to one another, and in devotion to the common bond. The chapters were well represented, and the varying type of Deltaism had set a strong mark, easily recognizable, upon the delegates. However, through many types there ran one character, such that no one could find reason for anything else than bright hopes for the future of Delta Tau Delta in the South.

GARDINER L. TUCKER.

THE ALUMNI OF GEORGIA.

The Rubicon is crossed, and by the consent of the powers that be, the Atlanta Alumni Association will soon be an actuality. On Saturday evening, September 12th, the Alumni Deltas of Georgia met for the first time in re-union. For several months past letters had been going and coming to and from the various members of the Fraternity scattered throughout the State, and the result was manifest at this, the First Annual Dinner of the Atlanta Alumni Association.

There was not a large crowd, barely twenty in all, but it is a bad thing to start by striking twelve. At the meeting, when the subject was brought up for the first time, there were only seven present. Three months later, nearly every Delta and Rainbow man in the State had been written to and invited to be with us. The highways and the hedges had been diligently searched, and whatever the attendance of the Dinner was, it was the result of a labor of love. Brother Callahan of Emory was discovered at the last moment, and came up rejoicing in the fact that another brother's badge had been prominently displayed.

Covers were laid for twenty in the Breakfast Room of the Kimball, and the long table was beautifully decorated with pink roses and smilax. The menu was varied and tasty, as an examination of the souvenir would show. After its discussion, followed the Toasts. Mr. Leonard Snider (Beta Delta), the Toast Master, introduced the first speaker, Mr. Stuart Maclean (Beta Theta), who responded enthusiastically to "The Atlanta Alumni." Dr. C. C. Stockard (Rainbow), who was to answer the Toast of "Our Rainbow Men," was unfortunately unable to be present, as was also Mr. W. B. Roberts (Mu), to whom was assigned "Our Northern Deltas." The Hon. L. M.

Farmer (Beta Delta), spoke earnestly of "Our Southern Deltas," and Mr. Beverly W. Wrenn, Jr. (Beta Theta), responded to "Our Alumni," with a touch of pathos in his voice that went straight to the hearts of the "Old Boys." The Hon. Greene F. Johnson (Beta Delta), Mayor of Monticello, responded to "The Past and Future of Deltaism," and the *Constitution* said of his reply next morning, "The Hon. Greene F. Johnson charmed every one with his eloquence. He spoke barely fifteen minutes, but in that time delivered one of the ablest speeches ever heard around a banquet board in Atlanta."

Perhaps the most eagerly welcomed of all was Prof. Wilber Colvin (Beta), who spoke "In A Reminiscent Mood." We regard him as the Father of Deltaism in the South, he having installed the three Southern Chapters represented, Beta Delta, Beta Epsilon, and Beta Theta. Several of the charter members of these Chapters were present, and every reference to any of the three Chapters was hailed with shouts of applause. He was followed by Albert L. Tidwell (Beta Delta) who spoke of the "Undergraduates," — and *mirabile dictu* did not even intimate that Beta Delta was ready to receive her first contribution from the wealthy and aristocratic Alumni.

And then — but what is the use? We have all attended fraternity banquets, and yet it is hardly probable that there has ever been shown a more spontaneous and genuine enthusiasm around a fraternity board. There were speeches and songs galore, and Delta yells, and wild appeals to the waiters. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung in a way that must have roused the guests of the Hotel from slumber, and with many handshakings and good-byes the First Annual Dinner of the Association was a thing of the past. It may be remarked, however, that every man present swore by the bones of his ancestors to be present next year, and bring two others.

Those present were Leonard Snider, Jr., Beta Delta; W. D. Beattie, Beta Epsilon; Edwin Stewart, Beta Epsilon; Hon. L.

M. Farmer, Beta Delta; H. A. Camp, Beta Delta; Wilber Colvin, Beta; Albert L. Tidwell, Beta Delta; O. L. Callahan, Beta Epsilon; J. L. Key, Beta Epsilon; W. S. Cheney, Beta Epsilon; Hon. Greene F. Johnson, Beta Delta; M. Y. Manly, Beta Delta; Cruger Westbrook, Beta Delta; Stuart Maclean, Beta Theta; Chas. R. Tidwell, Beta Delta; T. P. Hunnicut, Beta Epsilon; Beverley W. Wrenn, Jr., Beta Theta; S. K. Johnson, Beta Theta.

STUART MACLEAN.

EDITORIAL.

OUR NEW CHAPTERS.

Of the several petitions for charters which were presented to the Fraternity last year, and which were before us for months, two have been granted. Strangely enough two petitions came at nearly the same time, from Washington and Lee University; the two sets of petitioners knew nothing whatever of each other's intentions or efforts. After long deliberation the petition of the second body of applicants was granted, and on June 24, 1896, the men were duly initiated by Dr. Gibson. Undoubtedly Washington and Lee is one of the best institutions of the South; it has a character all its own; it is rich in historic associations; it draws a fine class of fraternity material; it has a large place in the heart of the Southern people; and it is the home of some of our best Greek orders. From the educational point of view it is constantly classed with Tulane and Vanderbilt. We enter the University on a good footing, with a solid and loyal band of men who have had fraternity experience through their connection with Phi Theta Psi, and who now bring a warm allegiance to Delta Tau Delta. The chapter has been given the name of Phi. To our new men we will say that the name is one of honor. It was borne without a stain by our men at Hanover and was sadly surrendered by them at the call of the governing powers, and surrendered uncomplainingly because it seemed best for the Fraternity. The Phi is dead; long live the Phi!

Our other accession is from the extreme east. Omitting Yale and Harvard, no New England institution is better or more

favorably known than Brown University. Already twelve fraternities had chapters there, and the large increase of students within the past few years made abundant room for another chapter. On Sept. 30, the new men were initiated by the Editor, as representing the Arch Chapter, and by various other members of the Fraternity. The help rendered by Beta Mu of Tufts deserves special mention; her men are devoted to Delta interests; indeed the credit of our entrance into Brown should be given to Beta Mu. The new chapter is Beta Chi. The initiatory ceremonies attending the installation were peculiarly impressive, and the ensuing banquet was thoroughly enjoyable. It will probably require careful and persistent work to bring Beta Chi to an equality in certain respects with her rivals; for, though some of her men were solicited by other fraternities, they are all new to Greek life. But we have entered Brown upon a substantial footing; and our new men may be trusted to give this chapter a safe future and to make the name of the Fraternity an honor in their University. Interesting accounts both of Washington and Lee and of Brown will be found among the contributed articles in this issue.

THE SIZE OF CHAPTERS.

The discussion as to the size of chapters opens up afresh each year and all sorts of opinions and inquiries flow forth. The outcome is usually the falling back on the principle stated in the words: "It depends." We are all convinced that the extremes should be avoided lest the Fraternity became a "society" on account, of its largeness, or on the other hand, fail of the association of various types of men and of a wide influence through its smallness. That it is hard to maintain close and congenial association among thirty or forty men is sure; indeed cases

have been known in chapters of this size where some members have not met the new men until after the entering delegation had been initiated. Ordinarily a chapter above twenty five would seem to be in danger of losing the particular charm of Greek life. We have known many persons in various fraternities who testified that their most delightful and nearly ideal association was in a chapter ranging in number from eight to fourteen. It does not follow from this that a larger chapter may not prove congenial; it is true, however, that congeniality may best be preserved within the smaller limits.

The chapters of our fraternity have been more prone to go to the other extreme. We have in mind now a case where a charter was surrendered because of the chapter's unwillingness to initiate any men who were not "of the best families." Not finding enough of the pure "Knickerbocker" stock available, it died of fewness,—a disease which frequently proves fatal. That we are in no special danger from oversize is evident from the fact that last year our largest chapter numbered but twenty two; our smallest chapter had a roll of five. The average number of members in a chapter did not quite reach the figure twelve. We are content, if not indeed pleased, with this showing. It bespeaks a healthful conservatism, shows that the average chapter is on a safe basis, and, "so far as we know," resulted in no case from a prudish spirit. At all events, we feel secure in advising our chapters not to be influenced toward largeness by a desire for a house, either rented or bought. We have recently seen advice looking toward decided increase of average chapter membership, based upon the plea that greater numbers would be needed in order to support a chapter home. In one case it was given in the magazine of a fraternity whose special attractiveness to the outsider has consisted in its careful selection of men and in a consequent uniformity and congeniality. It will be better to do without the wood and stone and to have the closer bond of spirit. We urge our chapters to place the emphasis where it

belongs on good and helpful fellowship. After this has been sought first, other needed things will be added. Larger chapters are possible and proper at Minnesota and Northwestern than at Kenyon or Rennsalaer ; but in no case should size be determined by a desire for real estate. The best property is genuine brotherhood.

DIGNITY.

In the soliciting season which is now nearing its close and in future seasons of soliciting we hope that our chapters will bear in mind the respect that is due to themselves. It is generally understood that the Masonic order has a custom or rule according to which no person is ever urged to join. While the competition among college secret societies renders it impossible to adopt such a course, we are yet prone to believe that the heart of Masonic dignity, as thus shown, may be kept by our chapters. *The Syllabus* of the Northwestern University has presented a cartoon which, though perhaps somewhat overdrawn, presents a just warning to fraternities. It represents the entering Freshman as courted and flattered and treated to various dainties, while upper classmen became humble and obsequious in their efforts to pledge him to membership. The evils of this crawling course are numerous. Two are especially disastrous : It makes too great a contrast with the treatment received after initiation and so leads often to disappointment at the beginning of fraternity life ; but more than this, the wild effort for one man's allegiance leads frequently to the compromise of dignity. We now recall two men who were invited to join a certain fraternity. They withheld consent unduly until it became evident that they enjoyed the courting process and that their delay was due to a desire for its continuance. Understanding the situation two members of the bidding chapter withdrew their votes. This

brought the flattered Freshmen to their senses, and finding by earnest inquiry the cause of the chapter's action they were ready for a quick surrender; for the bidding chapter was decidedly their choice. The quiet attitude and the easy assurance of strength are far more apt to attract than are undignified appealing and coaxing treats. A chapter can solicit with both earnestness and dignity. It is more likely to survive the loss of a man or men, than it is to survive the loss of self-respect.

MAGNANIMITY.

And, on the same subject, it should be said that the recovery of the feeling of dignity should not be shown falsely after a fair defeat. It is true that sometimes a chapter loses a man to a rival and is afterward genuinely glad that such was the result. But more frequently men assume the gladness or persuade themselves into congratulation. The "sour grapes" spirit is as unseemly in a modern collegian as it seemed foolish in the fabled fox. We may usually be suspicious of the cry; "It's very lucky that we did not get him; he would never have done us any good." The probability in such cases is that the man's membership, if secured, would have been a matter of some pride and strength. We would suggest, therefore, that our chapters be magnanimous toward all men lost after a proper effort to gain them. To avoid such a man is a mistake from the standpoint of policy; for a generous relation to him will win his friendship. To avoid him is also a serious blunder from the standpoint of courtesy; for if he was worthy of proffered membership before, he is now surely worthy of some association. The fact that a chapter regarded a man fit for solicitation ought, if both parties be large minded, to form a tie of some moment. And let this spirit of magnanimity extend also to rivals. It will never injure your

chances to be fair toward competing chapters. We once secured a fine man for our Fraternity, and the item that finally turned the scale in our favor was a scornful remark on the part of rivals which the solicited person felt to be unjust. When two chapters seek the same kind of men the fact argues similarity; and the similarity should prevent unjust scorn. We rather like to see in chapter letters the stock sentence; "Such a chapter is our strongest rival and our best friend." Be magnanimous! If the ideal, given in this editorial, seems very high, we are sure too that it is very attractive.

HONOR.

A word is now given under this brief and suggestive title to our Alumni. This issue of THE RAINBOW will be sent to probably five hundred of our graduate members. The experience of the editors in the history of the journal is that much discouragement results from dealing with our graduates on financial lines. THE RAINBOW was sent last year to hundreds of our alumni; it would amaze many to be informed how few of these responded to the Business Manager's courteous statement and sent the amount of the annual subscription; were we not ashamed to do so, we would now give the figures. We, therefore, make this request of every alumnus: *If you do not have interest enough in your Fraternity to pay for its magazine inform us on the receipt of this number, and we will take your name from the mailing list.* We submit that it is not the right thing to receive the journal regularly and then pay no heed to the call for payment. We are fully persuaded, too, that the Fraternity gains nothing by informing of its doings any man who will not pay for THE RAINBOW. Perhaps this lecture ought to be headed THOUGHTFULNESS rather than HONOR; for surely the failure of the alumni springs

from neglect, not from the spirit of theft. The rules of the market, however, would work harshly with many fraternity graduates receiving this and other Greek magazines. Brethren of the alumni, please deal conscientiously with us, and if the Business Manager shall shortly send you another call, respond immediately and substantially.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Reformers, editorial and moral, must stack "line upon line," and pile "precept upon precept." We have already despaired of ideal work on the part of your secretaries. We thought last year that we had made our wishes so plain that wayfaring scribes would not err in regard thereto. Suffer us once again to make some requests which will lighten the Editor's labors. Head your chapter letter thus :

ALPHA — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

That the editor lives at 100 Washington St., Malden Mass., is no item of chapter news. Simply sign your name to the letter. We do not want to know where you live; the Chapter Directory tells us that. You need not write at what particular minute you wrote your letter; all will know that it was written within the few weeks previous to the issue. One thing more, or rather again: *Write on one side of the paper.* If you write on both sides the Editor will send your letter back to you to copy properly, if there be time before publishing; if not, he will put the letter into the waste basket. He has no time to do copying for men who are ignorant of the fact that printer's copy should be written on one side only. Heed us in all these things — write plainly; write correctly; write truthfully; write promptly; and we will be made glad and grateful.

We regard it as a wise thing to publish the letter from Delta chapter as it appears in this number. Brother Carpenter gives a frank statement of the situation, and the Fraternity in general will want to know the facts of the case. Inasmuch as the disaster has been published in certain papers, it is doubtless best that the letter be given publicity here. Our Delta chapter is by no means dead; she has suffered disaster; we hope she will grow to strength and influence again. We have Brother W. R. Carpenter to thank for prompt answers to all our requests.

We are able in this issue to present a chapter letter *from every one of our chapters*. In the nearly twenty years of our magazine's history this has been accomplished but once, so far as we know; that was in the first number of 1886-87 under the editorship of Brother Wharton Plummer. It may be that the same completeness was attained in the earlier days when chapters were few, though we do not know that such completeness was reached even then. To accomplish this result has required much effort; we are not convinced that the effect is worth the effort. We have, however, a sense of pride in the achievement but rejoice, especially, because the letters show that our chapters, excepting Delta and Sigma, are highly prosperous.

The President of the Fraternity, Brother Kendric C. Babcock, is now in the Faculty of the University of California. He has several times visited Beta Rho at Stanford and gives fine reports of the chapter on the Coast. The Beta Rho men write that his

coming has been to them a great help. Through the courtesy of Brother Frank S. Rogers we have received the menu card of Beta Pho's initiation banquet. It is a striking piece of work, with a white goat, standing in the dimness, for the front, and a good photograph of the house for the back page. We hope to to give both pictures in THE RAINBOW ere long, if Brother Rogers will allow and aid us.

We call attention again to the Catalogue. Soon it will come from the press ; we want to put it into the hands of hundreds of our members. The price will not be more than two dollars and one half ; it is hoped that we may bring it nearer to two dollars. Much will depend upon the number of advance orders. Remember that this Catalogue is not to be a bulky and cumbrous volume ; it is to be of convenient size, carried easily, if necessary, in the pocket, and will give a full list of your brethren with their occupations and residences. Every Delta should secure a copy.

In the June issue of THE RAINBOW we requested the secretaries of the various chapters to send us the names and this year's addresses of the graduades of 1896, and to secure their subscriptions for the journal. Not one secretary responded. We would be glad if the new secretaries would attend to this at once. The crowded condition of this issue made it impossible for us to give much space to the "Boys of Old" department. We must depend upon the chapters to hold for us the members of the Class of '96.

Brother Gardiner L. Tucker, of Beta Theta, has been elected President of the Southern Division. His position is an important one ; for our chapters in the South are widely scattered and

the long distances make it needful that the Division find its unity in its President. The kind and painstaking fashion in which Brother Tucker has aided THE RAINBOW leads us to believe that he will guide our Southern chapters with zeal and discretion.

To the members of the "Century Class" the Class of 1900, we give greeting. May their four years of work in their various chapters start the Fraternity into the twentieth century with a power and prestige worthy of the great days to come!

FROM THE CHAPTERS.

ALPHA — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Never were the prospects of Allegheny more bright than at present. During the summer months the institution has received a generous amount of improvements in all of its departments, and with a strengthened faculty, new and enlarged courses, and more new students than ever before, we open the year with the brightest of prospects. The work on our new gymnasium is being pushed forward very rapidly, and will it be ready for occupancy in about a month.

We feel greatly the loss of Dr. E. B. Lease, Mu '85, our former professor of Latin, who resigned his position here to accept a professorship of Latin at Ann Arbor. We are, however, still represented on the faculty by Brother Lieut. Koester, U. S. A., who has charge of the military department.

Our place of residence has been changed to spacious rooms in the heart of the city, and with the addition of new furniture and fixtures we now boast of having the largest and most beautiful fraternity rooms in the college.

In both athletics and in literary circles we have our full quota of honors. Besides holding offices in most of the classes and college organizations, Brother Taylor is the editor-in-chief of the *Allegheny Literary Monthly*, and we have the captain and three men on the college "eleven."

We can boast of but one new initiate so far this fall, Brother Joseph W. Lowell, of Erie, Pa. Our pledged list has been strengthened by three very promising men, whom we hope to present before the year is over.

WALTER G. HARPER.

BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

College opened the first of September with a large increase in attendance. The attendance is larger than ever before at any corresponding term. Much improvement was made during the summer. The chapel was moved, the main building thoroughly refitted, and the excavation for a fine new building has begun.

The prospects for Beta this year are good. There are only seven of us, two of whom are pledged. We lost three by graduation, two by removals, and one who is teaching. But very little is being done in fraternity circles owing to a Pan-Hellenic agreement, which forbids any rushing until after 12 m. of the seventh Tuesday of each term; and no influence directly or indirectly shall be exerted either for or against any fraternity upon any student until after the aforesaid time. Beta heartily endorses these agreements. She will certainly hold her own at the expiration of that time.

Brother H. Claude Dietrich is teaching. Brother George Dietrich has entered the O. S. U., and Brother Chute, the law department of the O. S. U. Brother Arthur Carpenter of '97, has been transferred to Beta Pi.

GEORGE W. BROWN.

GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

As the pleasant, happy days of our vacation swiftly passed and the end of that delightful season drew near, we began to prepare for our return to our alma mater reluctantly, for we were leaving our dearest friends behind; and yet eagerly, for the jolly good times, which are experienced only in college and fraternity life, were before us. And also we came back determined to work hard in college and fraternity duties.

We are unfortunate in not having several of our brothers with us this year. Besides the six who left us with the class of '96, three did not return: Brothers McFadden, McLang, and Cook having turned

from college to a mercantile life. Thus Gamma is somewhat reduced in numbers; but her men are all of good quality and she has good prospects for the future. As the result of our work thus far, we have initiated two worthy men whom we take pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters — Mr. Frederick Albert Goedecke of Pittsburg, and Mr. Sylvester John Snee of Option, Pa. As we accept none but first choice, it is needless to state that our initiates are such.

The outlook for Gamma is indeed bright and we hope that such is the case with our sister chapters, and we wish them all success for the coming year.

CHARLES M. THOMSON.

DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Delta finds herself this fall in a novel position; she is without a house. Five years ago this fall the chapter entered the old brick Octagon House built by Professor Alexander Winchell. For a time we prospered, and were able to materially reduce the old debt which had been handed down by the chapter from year to year. For the last two years, however, high rent, immense coal and gas bills caused by miserable plumbing, and above all, unusual numbers of men leaving college, have combined to bring Delta to financial ruin. The crisis came this summer. We had put our creditors off for some time on the ground of promised aid from our alumni. This aid failed to come, and our creditors lost their confidence. We were finally obliged to allow our household furniture, the accumulations of nearly twenty years, to be sold to pay our debts.

There are seven active members back this year, and most of us have rooms together in the same house. It is not so pleasant in many ways, and the older members cannot pass the old house which had become so dear to them without a pang of regret; but the general feeling is, after due consideration, that we have an elephant off our hands. We have not attempted any rushing this fall but our policy

will be to work our way slowly and carefully till we are able to take a house, a smaller and more modern one this time. In the mean time we shall do our best to maintain our standing in the affairs of the University.

W. R. CARPENTER.

EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

Albion opened this fall with a slight decrease in the total number of students over the past few years ; nevertheless the freshman class is up to the average. As a result of these two facts all the fraternities experienced a falling off in number, while the rushing new men was the most animated it had been for years. Epsilon began work with but four actives. Brother Woodworth, '97, takes a year's vacation in the office of Sec. of State. Brothers McCune and Yaple have entered the law department of the U. of M. Brother Ohle does business behind the window marked "Cashier." We miss also Brother Cushman, '96. Besides adding some good pledged men to the list we wish at this time to introduce to the Delta world, Dirk F. Boonstra, 1900, of Zeeland, Mich., who has already made a mark on the athletic field as well as in the class room, and Norman E. McLean of Flint, Mich.

FRANK E. DUNSTER.

ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

Zeta is rapidly taking her place as one of the foremost fraternities in Adelbert. We began the year with six active members, losing two with the graduating class last year one of whom, Brother Tanner, as the valedictorian of his class. We also lose Brother Wood, '97, who expects to spend the year teaching. He intends however to keep up his studies and graduate with his class. Brother Hurlebans, '98, is on the Reserve board and took the Greek honors last year. One

of our members is business manager of *The Adelbert*. We are also well represented among the class officers.

The Freshman class this year is the largest in the history of the college, 77 men being enrolled. We have already pledged seven men and have our eye on others.

T. A. JENKINS.

IOTA — MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

At the opening of the new college year we are pleased to report such bright prospects for the future. The Freshman class is unusually large and has men in its number who will make first class fraternity men. We pride ourselves in stating that we have five as good men as the "double naught's" contain.

The college has taken a new stimulus by the establishing of a ladies' course, which seems to be meeting with favor. There are now forty in attendance, and more are expected during the winter.

Brother Chamberlain, who has held a professorship here in mechanics, for a number of years, left recently to accept a similar position in Chicago. We regret very much his departure, as his influence was always in favor of Iota. Brother Baker, who was with '97, has returned to college to finish his course. We welcome with gladness his return.

We are frequently visited from Brothers Reed and Robertson, who are both in Lansing. Brother Merritt of Pittsburg, Pa., has also made the chapter short visits.

A. C. KRENTTEL.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Several changes have taken place in Hillsdale College during the vacation. The college has got possession of another building. The theological department recently received a donation of eight

thousand dollars from A. Worthing of this city. The college has two new professors this term. One of them, Stephen B. Harvey, is a member of Kappa chapter, a graduate of the college in 1887. He has been elected German professor. A member of Kappa chapter is professor of English and Belleslettres, another is professor of Mathematics, making three members on the college faculty.

John Scott Copp, professor of Systematic Theology, died June 19, 1896. He was a member of Kappa chapter in the days of its infancy, his number is two on the chapter roll. For the past three or four years he was an invalid, caused by wounds received during the war.

The chapter had but four actives at the opening of the term; we will have nine or ten in the winter. I beg leave to introduce to you the first initiate of this term, Duane T. McNabb from Freemont, Ind.

Kappa chapter has received its share of college honors this term, and further it will endeavor to continue these honors in the fraternity by inciting each member to do his best; for it is one of our precepts to make a man so work and act that he will be worthy of being honored and capable of performing the duties that belong to positions of trust. Each member of the chapter deems it his duty to assist and encourage every other to do his best. We firmly believe the more a man does the more he can do.

C. L. NEWCOMER.

LAMBDA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Lambda chapter began the year under great difficulties. Nine of her best men graduated last June, and several others did not return to the University this fall. So the chapter began the season somewhat weak in numbers. We have, however, had three transfers: Brothers Sullivan, Marlowe and Thomas. We have also initiated two men: Brothers Coleman and Cameron, and now have six men pledged to membership. We feel that with the accessions already made and

to be made, Lambda will come to a position of strength, and will be known as one of the most prominent Southern chapters. For the next RAINBOW we will send a completer report.

HARRY S. STOKES.

MU — OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The request of the editor of THE RAINBOW for a chapter letter reminds us anew that another college year has already begun. Thus far but little news has come to us of the prospects and activity of sister chapters. Anticipating with pleasure these reports, it belongs to Chapter Mu to contribute her share to the budget.

The Ohio Wesleyan enters upon the new year with about the same attendance as last year at this time. President Bashford is absent in Europe for needed rest. Dean Williams, for fifty years a teacher in the University, carries the burdens of administration with the ease of a man in his prime. Dr. Davies is home from a six month's absence in England and Germany. All the other members of the faculty are likewise in their places and are ably directing the work in their several departments.

During the summer the Biological laboratory was enlarged to accommodate the increasing number of students who desire to elect this study. Perkins Observatory, the gift of our own Prof. Perkins, has been completed at a cost of about \$17,000. Exceptionally fine advantages are offered for the study of astronomy. Work on the new library building proceeds as the weather permits.

The football team is getting into good condition under the instruction of Coach Dick of Lehigh University. The faculty have granted the boys three games abroad instead of two as heretofore. It would seem that many members of the faculty vie with the students in their enthusiasm for athletics.

As for Fraternity matters, we report less rushing than usual at the beginning of the term. There have been but few initiations and the number of pledged men is not large. It may be that some of our

more active friends are learning wisdom from previous mistakes Chapter Mu has found one man of the right stamp and has its eye on several others.

Our eight actives are loyal and congenial and look forward to the work of the year with hope and enthusiasm. They take pleasure in introducing to the readers of *THE RAINBOW* Mr. P. B. Albright, '99, who was initiated at the close of the spring term. His father having accepted a chair in Denver University he has entered that institution, but expects to graduate at O. W. U. Brother Tom Wylie has been compelled to return to his home on account of sickness. Our plans for the year will be reported as they materialize in deeds.

CHAS. E. TORBETT.

OMICRON — STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

At S. U. I. football is the topic of the hour. Our team is unusually strong and is being skillfully coached by Bull, Pennsylvania's ex-center. On October 26, our team met the Kansas University eleven on our home grounds. The game was the best exhibition of football ever seen in Iowa City. Neither side scored in the first half, and about ten minutes before time was called in the second half our colored half-back, Holbrook, made a phenomenal run around right end and scored a touchdown. Goal was kicked and no more points were made, leaving the final score 6-0. This game gives Iowa a fine opportunity to win the pennant in our league, composed of the Universities of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa.

Fraternity material at S. U. I. was rather better than usual this year. Our school seems to attract quite a few who have been to other schools, and such men, as a matter of course, are more desirable than raw recruits. Omicron has several of the most desirable men pledged, and expects to secure more before the end of the term.

Brother John K. Hull is manager of the track team and succeeded in making the fall field meet the most successful one ever held.

Among the new projects on foot is a glee club. Several of the

Delta boys are among the originators of the movement. We have always been fortunate in having members who were musical, and for the past three years have boasted of an orchestra composed of Deltas alone.

CHAS. S. SMITH.

PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The University begins its new year under very auspicious circumstances, more than its usual number of matriculates, an enlarged and very much strengthened faculty, and a materially increased endowment. And what is true of the institution is to a much greater degree true of our chapter, more than our usual *per centum* of old boys back, more new boys won, and on a firmer financial basis.

We take pleasure and pride in introducing to the fraternity the following men, than whom better could not be found: E. A. Howell, Law '97; L. P. Haley, Law '97; H. H. Brocks, Law '98; I. M. Moody, 1900; D. Miller, '99; J. R. McDowell, '99; Benj. McFarland, 1900; Chas. H. McLeod, 1900; W. F. Brown, '99; and Stewart Clayton, 1900.

We are represented in everything in athletics by Brothers Duke, Tipton, Beard and Carothers in the football line, and Brother Moody, crackajack wheelman. We have one editor on the annual staff and two on the magazine staff. Brother Garth represents us in the glee club while Brother Duke plays ladies' man. On the whole we have great reason to be proud of our club.

We extend a cordial invitation to all visiting brethren to call on us.

I. D. BORDERS.

RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The opening of the new college year finds Rho in her usual prosperous condition. We have already had the pleasurer of initiating

Brother Cowperthwaite, and though the absence of two of our '96 men is greatly felt, we still have with us an active member, Brother H. C. Messimer, who is studying law in New York. While class politics are not to be boasted of, still we have our share of the so-called honors, and still more than maintain our power in the musical clubs and athletic teams.

Rho extends her best wishes to other chapters and hopes to give their representatives as pleasant a time at the coming conference as her men have always enjoyed at others.

FREDERICK D. KENNEDY.

SIGMA — WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Sigma began the year with six men, five of whom are in the class of 1897; one is in the class of 1898. It happened, also, that one or two men whom we had pledged failed to return. We have therefore been compelled to surrender our house and are now without a chapter home. The outlook does not seem especially encouraging. We are now in consultation with members of the Arch chapter, and the Fraternity will be duly informed of the result.

H. B. ELLIOT.

UPSILON — RENNSALAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Our condition is the same as last year, but we have two men we hope to initiate soon. Brother Ranney is captain of the football team this year, and we have all prospects of having a good team. The Freshman class this year is small but there are some good men in it. By the time for the next letter we hope to report the initiation of some new men.

JAS. F. TUTHILL.

PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

It is with sincere gratification that Phi extends fraternal greeting and good wishes for the first time to her sisters. To some, especially to those of the Southern Division, we feel that we are not strangers, and to all our new brothers we would offer our heartfelt thanks for the fraternal courtesy with which we have been received. We came into the Fraternity full of the energy of youth, and we hope to have for our portion steady success for all succeeding years. This is a reasonable hope with us; for we have an excellent record already made as a chapter of Phi Theta Psi. An account of this organization may be found elsewhere in this issue of THE RAINBOW.

The charter members of Phi chapter are as follows: H. M. McIlhany, Jr., Staunton, Va.; H. W. Drake, Port Gibson, Miss.; J. D. M. Armistead, Lynchburg, Va.; Thos. J. Farrar, Central Plains, Va.; H. E. Hyatt, Jamesville, Va.; Paul S. Felder, Jr., Charleston, S. C.; Louis F. Wilson, Waterford, Va. Since the installation we have initiated three of the alumni of our former chapter: H. M. Blain and J. M. Blain of Coverville, Va., and H. W. Myers, of Lexington, Va. The renewal of old fraternal ties is scarcely less pleasant than the formation of new ones.

The fall campaign at Washington and Lee University is still in progress and Delta Tau is holding her own with honor. The "goating" here is always done slowly, and we in addition are naturally somewhat delayed by the many preparations necessary to the opening of a new chapter. Still we have not been idle, and have succeeded in getting several excellent freshmen "on the string." Our first initiation was held on the night of October 9th, and was a great success. As the result of this night's work it gives us pleasure to present to the Fraternity F. Graham Cootes, of Staunton, Va., a man in every respect worthy to wear our colors.

The headquarters of our new chapter are cosily fitted up. We have five rooms near the center of the town, four of which are occupied by members of the chapter, while the fifth is the Fraternity Hall. The latter is one of the pleasantest and most comfortable fraternity rooms in the University.



LUX ENG. CO. BOSTON.

PHI CHAPTER — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

As this is our first letter, we will not overstep the rule of brevity which characterizes most of the chapter letters in those issues of *THE RAINBOW* which we have had the good fortune to see; and so we will postpone any farther items of news until next time.

LOUIS F. WILSON.

CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

The year seems to have opened auspiciously for Kenyon, and also for Chi. The entering class numbers over twenty, of whom three were judged worthy to wear the purple, white, and gold. We have also initiated a sophomore, and it is with great pleasure that I introduce to the Fraternity D. A. Williams, '99, T. E. Haywood, 1900, R. Southworth, 1900, and H. G. Grier, 1900. At the Military Academy, we have pledged six of the best boys in the school.

During the past summer, our dormitory, Old Kenyon, underwent extensive improvements. We now have running water in each hall, and the entire building is heated by a hot water system. In the basement, bathrooms have been fitted up, and a room for the athletic teams arranged with coils behind the lockers to dry out the uniforms.

In athletics we are represented by Harris, '96, Blake, '97, Southworth, '98, Williams, '98, Williams, '99, on the football team.

In college politics we have received the lion's share of the honors. Harris, '96, is president of the Philomathesian Literary Society, and is on the editorial board of the *Collegian*. Blake, '97, is manager of the Dramatic Club. Grier, '97, is manager of the Lecture Course. Southworth, '98, is editor-in-chief of the *Collegian*, and is on the executive committee of the College Assembly. Williams, '99, is on the executive committee of the Assembly. (The executive committee consists of three men and controls all student organizations.) Harris and Southworth have been chosen to present the negative view in an open debate before the Philomathesian Society on October 30.

Harris, '96, who was out of college for the first term of last year, has returned to complete his course. He will receive his degree at Christmas.

Blake, '97, who has been out of college for a year, has returned and has resumed his work.

Hathaway, '97, has entered the Theological Seminary, and so is with us frequently.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers M. T. Hines, Nu '85; F. J. Doolittle, Chi '94; and H. A. Barber, Chi '96. Any other Deltas who may visit us will be very welcome, as were these who have given us that pleasure.

WM. A. GRIER.

BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The fall term of Indiana University opened with a greatly increased attendance, and it is the general opinion of all that she has entered upon the most successful year of her existence. During vacation a well-equipped gymnasium building was erected and now adorns the campus.

The football season has fairly opened, and we feel that our team is stronger than ever before. The Athletic Association has secured Mr. Gonterman, Harvard's old half-back, to coach the team, and under his management they are coming to the front. Brother Youtsler plays half-back and is considered the star player.

Beta Alpha stands foremost this year as usual in college politics. Brother Meek is editor-in-chief of the *Annual*; Brother Reed is business manager of the *Indiana Student*; Brother Hill is president of the Publishing Association; Brother Halstead is associate editor of the *Student*; Brother Van Buskirk is vice-president of the Athletic Association; and Brother Grimsley is vice-president of the Lecture Association.

We take great pleasure in presenting Brother Frederick W. Lauenstein of Evansville, Ind. We also have two pledged men.

We are glad to have with us this year Brother Morris E. Daily of San Jose, Cal. Brother Daily was a member of Xi chapter at Simpson College in Iowa.

We are making extensive preparations for the Conference to be held here next May. A cordial invitation is extended not only to the chapters of the Northern Division but to all others.

FRANK S. GRIMSLEY.

BETA BETA — DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

De Pauw University is at the commencement of a most prosperous year, and Beta Beta starts in as the most congenial chapter in school. At the opening of the term nine men responded to the roll call, and we have since pledged three good men who will make loyal Deltas. Brother Harry Mitchell, our last year's graduate, is with us, having secured a much coveted position as Tutor in Latin.

Football is now in full blast. De Pauw opened the season October 3, by defeating Indiana University 22 to 4, and on October 10 plays the L. A. C. at Louisville. We are represented on the team by Brother Roger Burlingame, left end. Brother Arthur Whitcomb, '94, who has been at Yale for the past two years, coached the line men the first two weeks of the season.

We have also been visited by Brothers Larz Whitcomb, '93, and C. A. Cooper, '94. The former is a '94 Yale graduate, and the latter has just returned from a two years' course at Heidelberg and Berlin.

No marked social events have occurred at De Pauw thus far, all fraternities being busily engaged in "spiking." Beta Beta still continues to be the standard in studentship, athletics, society, and general good-fellowship.

A. CARL ANDREWS.

BETA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We closed the college year last June with a farewell party to "The House" that we had been living in ever since Beta Gamma chapter had been organized. We opened this college year by moving to a new place. To those who have "moved" it is not necessary to say even a word about our trials and tribulations. But now that we are "moved" we are very much pleased with our new home. An old-fashioned house situated well back from the street with a beautiful lawn and huge trees welcomes "the boys" as they come from their

work on "the hill." Two large parlors, a library, smoking room, and hall give us ample space for parties, and whatever else may happen to need room. We have been counting on this amount of room to serve us in good stead at the time of the Minnesota-Wisconsin football game; but as the prospects of the game taking place seem doubtful, we fear that our recently acquired ability in the game which the Minnesota boys introduced here, namely "Höte Tässe," will have to be unexhibited until happier arrangements will permit.

I take pleasure in introducing to Delta Tau Delta our two new members, Sam Conor and Paul Thorne. We have also three men pledged whom we expect to put through soon. Two of our old boys who have been out on the stump will soon be back, and then we will have seventeen members and everything prospering.

C. C. MONTGOMERY.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The prospects of Beta Delta were never more encouraging. Eight old men were back and went to work with energy. And although we were a little late "getting on the field," being detained by the Delta Tau Delta banquet in Atlanta, we initiated five of the best who entered the university. They are Brothers J. J. Goodum, '99, Newman, Ga.; W. Moore, '99, Athens, Ga.; R. L. Pope, '99, Albany, Ga.; and W. L. Hunnicut and R. M. Goss, both members of the class of 1900 and residents of Athens, Ga.

We graduated last term Brothers Crone and Holden. Brother Crone is still in Athens and has materially aided us during the working season. Brothers A. C. Cherry and Snider failed to return to college. Brother Snider is now with an insurance company in Atlanta. We have received several interesting visits from him this fall. We are well represented in collegiate and social affairs.

WILLIAM L. YANCEY.

BETA EPSILON — EMORY COLLEGE.

The summer vacation is over, and the boys of Beta Epsilon are back at work in real earnest again. Since our last letter, two boys, the pick of the college, Messrs. Powell Morton, of Athens, and J. Q. Dorris of Douglassville, Ga., have been initiated into the mysteries of Deltaism.

At the opening of the term, it was with sad hearts we learned Brothers Freeman, Morton, R. L. Park, and Tate would not return to college this year. This disappointment though seemed to cause the eleven remaining active members to redouble their energies to sustain Delta Tau's reputation as the best Fraternity at Emory.

Our prospects are very bright for the present year in every line. In the classroom the Deltas are always among the best; in athletics they take an active part, and in the literary societies they are always in the lead. Brother Bentan was recently elected Business Manager of our college monthly, *The Phoenix*, Brother Armstrong one of the impromptu debaters in the coming debate; and the writer has just been elected Historian of the class of '98. In the near future, we expect to have a nice suite of rooms furnished, so we can have more room, and be much better arranged than in our present quarters.

Beta Epsilon extends hearty greetings to all the chapters, and wishes each and every one a pleasant and prosperous year.

OSCAR L. CALLAHAN.

BETA ZETA — BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Beta Zeta no longer hails from Butler University. We are now Butler College, the literary department of the University of Indianapolis. There have been a number of changes in our faculty. We are glad to welcome again our English professor, Miss Bridge, but sorry to lose our Brother Will Howe, '91, who has been acting professor of English. He, with *his* brother and *our* brother Thomas C. Howe, '89, professor of German, has gone to Harvard to take further work. Brother Arch Hall, '88, professor of Hebrew, is taking

advance work in Yale. A new chair has been added to the college; that of the Educational Sciences, which is very ably filled by E. W. Bryan.

Athletics at Butler are causing much excitement. Beta Zeta is represented in Brother Roberts, '97, as captain, and several as members of the eleven. Professor Ludlow, '92, is captain of the second eleven. Interest in political, oratorical, Y. M. C. A. and class matters are well maintained by Beta Zeta boys.

As a chapter we began the year not strong in numbers yet strong in hopes. We have, however, initiated four of our last year's pledged men: Brothers Carl Loop, Shelby Watts, John Carr, and Will. R. Moore, all of 1900, giving us a total of 9 actives. We also introduce two pledged Brothers, Ovid Ludlow and Jason Olstun of 1900. We regret very much the loss of our three Brothers of '96 who were graduated last year. The loss of them makes us more energetic to keep or improve upon the standard they attained. Two of these boys of '96 are still in the university, Brother Ludlow is in the law school and Brother Davis is in the medical department.

There has been some talk among the fraternities located here of affiliating with their alumni in the other departments of the University. We have felt however that we cannot do this, not more than we have done heretofore with any alumni.

The material for fraternity men among the new comers is not good this term. We are watching it develop and we are ready to get our share when it is best to choose. Beta Zeta is after all-round men.

P. B. WILLIAMS.

BETA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

If this letter does not reach THE RAINBOW in time for the first issue it has been delayed for a good cause; for we all have been so busy rushing Freshmen that we have had little time for anything else. But now the good work is about finished and we can say without

boasting that we have the finest crowd of Freshmen that has been seen on the campus for a long time. They are five in number. Beta Eta takes great pleasure in introducing into the fraternity Messrs. Stuart Fuller and John F. Baker of St. Paul, George Stebbins of Rochester, Loyd Peneck and Orlo Bartholomew of Sheridan, Iowa.

All of the old boys are back with the exception of Brother Bartholomew, who is in New York completing his art studies. Brother Mayo is back for a post graduate course. Brother Wilson is with us again. He is taking law and is one of the bright and shining lights among the disciples of Blackstone. Brother Harry Sutton is in the Medical department this year. The active chapter numbers sixteen at present, and all the boys are pulling together and doing good work for old Delta Tau.

We have abandoned our rooms in the Masonic Temple and have taken a house nearer the University. We are not quite settled yet but hope to be in the near future, and we would like to have every Delta who ever comes this way call and see us.

The University football team has been doing itself proud this season. It has won every game so far, and hopes to keep its record clear for the rest of the year.

The new armory was opened with a ball last week. It was a grand affair and Delta Tau was well represented.

ERNEST B. MILLS.

BETA THETA — UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The academic year of '96 '97 promises to be a very prosperous one for Beta Theta. The chapter was greatly strengthened last August by the return of Brother Howard, and by the initiation of two good men. I have the honor to introduce to the fraternity at large, Brothers Halstrom and DeOries, both of Boston, Mass.

We lost, last term, two of our most enthusiastic members. Brother W. W. Webster has gone forth to win journalistic fame in Ohio and Brother Hart Carnahan has returned to his home in San Antonio, Texas.

Brother Hale, one of the founders of this chapter, is now living on the Mountain, and greatly adds to the strength of the chapter. During the summer we were visited by several alumni, among whom were Brothers Stuck, Louis Tucker, Brown and Burford. We were visited also by other Deltas who were not members of this chapter. Brother Drake of Washington and Lee, Brother Vickers of Tulane and Brother Boyd of Vanderbilt, spent several days with us.

Our annual *Cap and Gown*, of which Brother G. L. Tucker was editor-in-chief, was a great success.

Among other honors which Beta Theta has won are: Brother G. L. Tucker, manager of football team; Brother Davis, full-back, 'varsity eleven; Brother Johnson, president of the Athletic Association and managing editor of the *Purple*; Brother Hogue, secretary of the Athletic Association; Brother Prentice Tucker, editor-in-chief of the *Purple*, university organist, and vice-president of the Sigma Epsilon Literary Society.

C. S. PARTRIDGE.

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The University opened this fall with a large attendance, and among the new arrivals Beta Kappa picked eight as men worthy of wearing the Delta jewel. I take pleasure in heralding to the Delta world these eight: Frederick W. Wilson, William H. Lockhardt, Walter W. Shilling, Lee Pitzer, Henry Fulton, Jr., Geo. A. McClure, Lu C. Tyler, and Orville M. Clay.

But twelve of the old men returned at the opening of Beta Kappa chapter in September. Of the class of '96, Brothers Ogden and Burger are taking further work in the college; Brother Carney has opened his law office in Greeley, Colo.; and Brothers Andrew and Bliss have not as yet entered upon any particular line of work.

Brothers Johnson, Slusser, Ellet, Newcomb and West did not return to college this fall. Brother Caley is attending the University of Michigan; Brother Hankins has entered the Northwestern University; Brother Davis is attending the University of Denver, and

Brother Rothwell is also at Denver doing work in the Gross Medical College.

In accordance with our custom, we endeavor to make our initiation night one to be remembered. At the late one, thirty-two loyal Deltas sat at the board. Besides our own chapter, alumni and initiates, we had the pleasure of having with us Brother M'Gee, formerly of Beta Alpha chapter, now of the Denver University.

The Alumni chapter at Denver has been regularly chartered by the Arch chapter, and Beta Kappa has been invited to attend and take part in the first installation of officers arranged for next Thanksgiving evening.

Beta Kappa still holds her own in University circles, and more especially in the musical line. Besides having a number in the glee club, the mandolin club is almost entirely picked from our ranks. Brother Gamble is captain of the eleven vice Brother Caley resigned, and Brother Chase is playing for half. The outlook for the university eleven is especially bright this year.

Beta Kappa has installed herself in a new suite of rooms in the business part of the town, and any Delta who will give us the pleasure of a visit will there experience some lively meetings. The boys are enthusiastically brimming over with Delta spirit, and intend to maintain that ancient score of high grade which marks Beta Kappa's Delta from the initiates of her rivals. The handshake of a Delta never fails to give us sincere pleasure.

WILLIAM B. OGDEN.

BETA LAMBDA—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Beta Lambda is pleased to accept once again the opportunity of addressing her sister chapters through THE RAINBOW, and glad to hear of their doings and prospects.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity at large our two new members, Brothers Reginald W. Bowes and T.

Windle Lukens, two of the finest men in the class of 1900, and destined to be among the most popular members. We trust that they are but the beginning of this year's acquirements, as we need at least five good men to fill the wide gap left by our ninety-six men.

Three of our ninety-six men were elected to the Sophomore Cotillion Club, and one, Brother Wright Gonsty, was chosen president of it.

Last week we were favored by a visit of Brother George Zacharias of Alpha chapter, who, with Brother Geiser of the Tau, instituted the Pi chapter here in 1874.

Brother Grafton of last year's graduating class is back with us, coaching the football team.

The term here at Lehigh opened several weeks later than in past years, and proved quite an improvement, as the heated weeks of September were over when we came back. A number of changes have been instituted this fall in the management of the various departments and courses, but chief and most popular among all changes is the abolishment of compulsory chapel, which has been the bane of existence here for many years.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Drown since his election to the presidency of the college, the century class numbers about one hundred and fifteen men, many among them being good athletes. This is very encouraging to fraternities, as a class like last year's of seventy men falls rather short when it comes to be divided among twenty fraternity chapters.

S. A. YORKS, JR.

BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

Tufts College opened its classes on September 17, with every prospect of a prosperous year. The entering class both at the Hill and at the Medical School have exceedingly good material.

The Medical School passed completely into the hands of the college, and in its new location at Chauncy Hall, Boston, it cannot fail to be more and more of a credit to Tufts.

Brother Charles St. C. Wade, '94, has been appointed assistant professor of Greek, taking the place of Prof. F. P. Graves, who resigned to accept the presidency of the Wyoming State University.

Twelve actives of Beta Mu* returned this year, and the rushing season, while short, was energetic, and marked by steady hustling on the part of the boys. The result is that on October 12 we initiated into the sacred mysteries of Delta Tau the following men, the pick of the Freshman class: Nowell Ingalls, Carl Clifton Tarbox, Lester Stanley Hart, Clarence Albert Pettengill, and Clarence Alphonso Cushman. Brothers Hughes, Mu, McConnell, Mu, and Hodgdon, Beta Mu, '94, assisted in the solemnities, which took place in our chapter house, after which all hands adjourned to the joint banquet with the Tech. boys at Young's, in Boston.

We are very glad to welcome our new chapter at Brown, and feel sure that Beta Chi will make a name for herself.

Tufts has been fortunate in securing the services of "Ma" Newell, the famous Harvard tackle, as coach, and the prospect of a winning football team are very good. The team held Cornell down to eighteen points on October 17th. Brother Parks is manager of the team, and Brothers Strand, Daniels, and Healey are playing the game. Some of us enjoyed a brief call on Rho during our West Point trip.

The chess club was victorious in its series of games with Wesleyan, and Brother Leighton, '94, has been re-elected president.

The other fraternities represented on the Hill have been quite active this year, and nearly all have initiated.

In conclusion, we greet our sister chapters with best wishes, and a cordial invitation to all Deltas who may be in the vicinity to visit us.

ROLLA E. HEALEY.

BETA NU—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Tech. opened this year Sept. 30th, with the prospects for the coming year very bright for Beta Nu. We opened with nine active members and have just initiated three new men, to say nothing of

two or three more that we hope to have pledged soon. Our latest initiates are Edward L. Holmes, '97, Philip B. Cooper and Thomas Ursmith, Jr., both of 1900.

A University Club has just been opened here, which promises to be a great success. All alumni and members of the senior class are eligible for membership, and there is no doubt but that the club will accomplish its aim of establishing a closer bond between the alumni and Technolgy.

This season Brother Ursmith is playing on the football team and Brother Lamb is managing the musical clubs and the football team, so Beta Nu is well represented in outside affairs.

F. MINOT BLAKE.

BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Tulane opened for this season Oct. 1st, with the smallest number of men in some years. The Freshman class, which last year numbered seventy six, enrolled this season but forty odd. Rushing is somewhat slow, there being but little fraternity material among the new men.

The boys are all back, except those who took their degrees last June. While we feel keenly the loss of those who have left us, we still stand second to none either in college or in society. We expect to have Brother J. G. O'Kelley back with us next January.

Tulane has purchased the Audubon Sugar School and Experimental Station, and is now offering the greatest advantages to students desiring a full course in sugar chemistry.

The football team has improved much since last year. The boys have a competent coach and are working hard. The first game will be played October 24th with the State University at Baton Rouge. We expect to be well represented on the team.

The banjo, mandolin and glee clubs, which disbanded last year for lack of men and funds, have been reorganized on a much sounder basis, and their prospects for this year are more encouraging.

It is rumored that several of our alumni have been pierced by Cupid's dart, and intend to stand before the altar soon. This we are glad to hear, and they have our heartiest congratulations.

N. S. RIVIERE.

BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Beta Omicron in extending her greetings, is happy to say that she has entered upon one of the most prosperous years of her existence. The new lodge is completed and will shortly be filled with twelve Deltas from the three upper classes. The prospect for Beta Omicron this year looks especially bright. She possesses one of the finest lodges at Cornell, has twelve old men and four pledged freshmen. The pledged men are fine fellows. In class politics we have been most successful, having secured the presidency of the senior class. In athletics our standing is excellent. We have two men on the victorious crews of last year. "Tom" Hall, one of our most distinguished graduates, returned this year to assist in the coaching of our football team. For the first time in the history of Cornell, each class will get out a crew to take part in class regattas. This will be of great assistance in getting out the best material for our 'Varsity crew.

R. S. McGOWIN.

BETA PI — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

With an active chapter roll of thirteen faithful old men in college, Brother Williams in Medic, and Waller registered for graduate work, Beta Pi began the year in a very prosperous condition. Of last year's members who are not with us again, Brother Haseltine has gone to the University of Illinois, Brother Pierce is in the real estate business in Chicago, and Brother Brown expects shortly to enter the Law School. Brother Carpenter, of Deadwood, Dakota, comes to us from Ohio University and enters the class of 1900. We have pledged and will initiate in a few days, Messrs. C. E.

Lewis, from Baker University, Kans.; Leslie McFall, of Mattoon, Ills.; W. B. Judson, formerly of Olivet College, Mich.; and Charles Woolbert, of Ottawa, Ills. All these young men enter full Freshmen, and each is composed of the best kind of stuff from which to make loyal and energetic Deltas. The chapter is settled in the same house as last year, but with more rooms and better accommodations. The rapid growth of the number of members desirous of living in the chapter-house has caused the establishment of a permanent house-fund to which we continue adding initiation fees and other unused funds as they accumulate, and which we hope will sometime be large enough to enable us to buy or build a house.

In athletics, Northwestern has already made something of a record this fall. We have defeated Beloit 10-6, Chicago Athletic Association 4-0, and Chicago University 46-6. A game with Lake Forest October 30, with Illinois November 7, a second game with Chicago November 14, and a Thanksgiving game with Wisconsin are yet to be played. Brother A. B. Potter is playing right half on the team and starring in every game. The writer has the business management of the football association, and from present indications the present season will be the most successful in many years.

With best wishes for the welfare of all her sister chapters, Beta Pi sends greetings to all good Deltas everywhere.

FRANK H. HALLER.

BETA RHO — STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the university found Beta Rho located in her old lodge, and ready for another year of work. Three of our men besides our senior failed to return. So we started the year with seven men.

The Freshman class has not been very promising in fraternity material. The four best fraternities have not handled over twelve men among them. From this number we have already initiated three of the best; Paschal R. Smith, '99; George L. Seward, '00; and John E. Healey, '00.

Our initiation on the twenty-sixth of September was the finest event of this kind that Beta Rho has ever witnessed. Besides an elaborate banquet and a long list of toasts to make the occasion memorable, we had with us President Babcock and a number of the Alumni.

We start the year located in our old lodge, which has been thoroughly remodeled and renovated.

Our representation in different lines of university enterprise is as good as that of any other fraternity here. A member of the Beta Rho is president of the Junior class, and an editor of the '98 *Annual*. We have two men on the mandolin club; two on the banjo club; one on the '99 football team, who is a "varsity" possibility. Brother Walker is also a member of the lacrosse team and a prominent man in track athletics.

The most talked of event in fraternity circles at Stanford has been the surrender of the charter by the local chapters of Phi Gamma Delta. There are many contradictory reports concerning the action. The University of California Chapter accuses them of having made treasonable overtures to Alpha Delta Phi. This charge they indignantly deny. The eleven men who composed the late chapter of Phi Gamma Delta have united with four men who were petitioning Alpha Delta Phi, and are now known as the local society of Sigm Rho Eta.

FRANK F. ROGERS.

BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Our chapter mourns the loss of a dearly loved and cherished brother,—Eugene W. Brown, '97, who died at his home in Lincoln, Neb., June 26, 1896. "Gene," as he was familiarly known, was one of the most popular men in the University, and also in the city where he had long resided. He was universally esteemed. In every circle in which he moved, Brother Brown is greatly missed, but of course no one except his relatives feel his loss as keenly as do we.

In times when perplexities arose in the chapter, it was always Brother Gene's voice that gave us wise council; his longer experience in the chapter coupled with good judgment helped us out of more than one difficulty. Deltas who attended the Karnea held in Cleveland in 1895 will remember that Brother Brown responded to a toast at the banquet. His memory will abide with us all.

At the close of last year Beta Tau gave up its house on No. 25th St., and is in a cosy hall at 1318 O St., convenient to the university and to the business part of the city.

We started in this fall with twelve active members, all undergraduates except Brother Gerrard, '94, who is "posting" in the department of English literature.

So far we have initiated four new men whom I now take pleasure in introducing: Brothers La Rue Brown, '99, and Burton Robbins, '98, of Lincoln, Jesse Cleland, '90, of Omaha, and Charles Weeks, '98, of Sheridan, Wyo. With these additions to our ranks we feel that we can hold our own with the other fraternities in school. We have several other good men in prospect whom we hope to secure soon.

A word as to our various interests. Brothers Lehnhoff, Gerrard and Manley sing in the glee club. Brother McKay is one of the editors-in-chief of the *Junior Annual*, and captain of the Junior class football team. Brother Lehnhoff, our genial giant, is captain of Co. "D," university battalion. Brother Riley is still publishing the *Nebraskan*, by far the best and newsiest paper published at the University.

TREMAINE K. BURROWS.

BETA UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Chapter Beta Upsilon was very unfortunate in losing seven men from the chapter since last year, but has recently raised her membership to twelve by the initiation of Mr. Carl Evans of Danville, Ills., and Mr. Roy Kennady of Peoria, Ills., both of whom we gladly introduce to the fraternity. The chapter is in excellent condition, and

never before in its history has the scholarship been as high as at present.

Since last term the University has gained a foothold in Chicago by the annexation, as a school of the university, of the Chicago College of Pharmacy. This was a very important move, as it is probably the first of a series of city departments, more of which doubtless will soon follow. Our new library hall is now under construction, and when completed will be a magnificent structure.

The vigorous stand which our athletic department has taken with regard to professionalism in athletics has brought our school into great prominence among the large western universities, and it has instituted an investigation as to the eligibility of the members of the football teams of the West according to the rules adopted by the inter-collegiate conference held last spring. This is the first decisive step ever taken in the West for the establishment of clean athletics. Our chapter is represented on Illinois's team this fall by Brothers Von Oven, Burkland, and Kennady.

E. B. FORBES.

BETA PHI — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We opened this year with brighter prospects than ever. All our old men, excepting Rennels Tarr, are back; and Brothers Chute and Dietrick of Beta, and Fullerton of Kappa, affiliated with us, making eleven of us altogether, quite a large chapter for O. S. U.

We take great pleasure in introducing to Delta Tau Messrs. Bradford and Sharp, both sons of officers at the U. S. barracks, at Columbus.

Brother Clarence Addison, '96, has accepted a position in the Columbus High Schools, where Arthur Addison has been teaching for two years. Emery Harvey is on the road for Smythe & Co. of this place, and "Biz" Harvey is teaching the verdant freshmen at the University how to write the English language correctly.

L. V. ARMENTROUT.

BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The new chapter, Beta Chi, has been successfully launched at Brown. We have to thank Brother Hughes and the brothers from Tufts for making the evening of September 30, when we were organized, a very enjoyable evening. Since then, several of our members have taken advantage of the kind invitations then extended, and visited Tufts. We sent quite a delegation to their initiation.

For ourselves, we find our hands full with the work of getting straightened out and settled down. What with the matter of pins, rooms, new men, and everything else, it is almost as bad as setting up housekeeping for the first time. We have made arrangements for rooms which we shall furnish at once, and make a comfortable headquarters and rendezvous. Work for new men is well under way, though slower than we might wish. We shall introduce the new acquisitions in the next letter.

Of the old men, we miss the two prime movers in the formation of Beta Chi, although Brother Thompson of '96 was able to be in Providence at the organization, and was initiated with us. He is now principal of the Connecticut Literary Institution, and has one of the best, if not the very best situation secured by any man of the Brown Class of '96. Brother Le'Grand, '96, could not be initiated with us, as he is in Bangor, Wis.

The boys of the chapter are doing well. The writer is on the *Brown Magazine*, while Brother Livingston is president, and Brother Bartlett treasurer, of one of the political clubs.

Brown continues to flourish, although we all feel the absence of President Andrews, who is in Europe for a much needed rest. We congratulate ourselves on having as large a freshman class as last year, when '99 broke the record with two hundred students.

We shall not soon forget to be proud over our baseball team's work during the season of 1896. To lose only three out of sixteen college games, to beat Yale every time we met her, and, finally, to win two out of three games from the champions of West Chicago University, it was a record that forced Caspar Whitney to acknowledge our claims upon first place. We were happy when he said that



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BETA CHI CHAPTER — BROWN UNIVERSITY

our record was not surpassed this season, if indeed it ever had been in the history of intercollegiate baseball. As for football, we hope for a fairly strong team, although it cannot be as good as we had last year. We lost half a dozen of our best players when '96 graduated.

In closing my first letter let me say that every member of Beta Chi feels proud of his connection with Delta Tau Delta. We hope to be a credit to the Fraternity, and we thank all who have so cordially welcomed us into the circle of Greek life.

FRED. A. SMART.

BETA PSI—WABASH COLLEGE.

Beta Psi chapter sends greeting and best wishes for successful work this year to the sister chapters.

We take much pleasure in presenting to the fraternity Brother Ralph Ainsworth McBroom, '99, and two pledged men, also in '99, Clarence E. Custer and John T. Titsworth. Thus we have the three finest men in the Freshman class, and hope soon to report further progress, as we have several others under consideration.

Things are very promising with us this year. We lost only one man by graduation, as Brother Herdman holds the English fellowship and remains among us as enthusiastic and energetic as ever. Brother Howell won the prize for the best Junior essay last spring, so we are well represented in literary matter. Brother B. F. Armbruster, after a considerable absence from college, returned this year and will be a good worker for the cause. We are entirely out of debt and intend shortly to make some improvements in the furnishing of our hall.

Brother Cory was elected president of the Athletic Association. The foot-ball prospects are very bright. Many of the old men are back and the new material is making good progress. The new professor in oratory and logic, Ewing, is an Amherst man, and a fine football player. He is doing some good work in coaching the eleven.

It is reported that Professor Kingery, Psi '84, has in press an annotated edition of the "Medea" of Seneca.

G. A. FERGUSON.

BOYS OF OLD.

ALPHA.

'79.—Lowrie McClurg spent a portion of the summer in Europe and made a bicycle trip across the Continent.

'79.—The Rev. Chas. B. Mitchell, of Kansas City, will shortly move to Minneapolis to assume the pastorate of the Hennepin Ave. Church.

BETA.

'94.—J. A. Harlor writes of great success at Kearney, Neb.

'95.—P. A. Bright is principal of McArthur Schools.

'96.—Samuel Half is studying law under a leading firm in Circleville.

'96.—A. W. McCullough is superintendent of schools at Bayfield, Wis.

'96.—H. R. Wilson has the scholarship in chemistry at the O. U. this year.

KAPPA.

'94.—C. A. Vaughan has completed a course as civil engineer and at present is located in Chicago.

'95.—E. A. Martindale was married Sept. 10, 1896, to Miss Sadie Sayles at the home of the bride's parents, in Hillsdale. About a hundred guests were present.

'96.—W. W. Wood is in the college for Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, Ill.

'96.—Fred R. Miller is studying law at the University of Michigan.

'96.—Paul W. Chase is principal of the high school at Lake Charles, La.

'96.—Albert W. Dorr is assistant and tutor in vertebrate zoölogy at the University of Michigan.

MU.

'85.—Professor Emory B. Lease has been called from the professorship at Allegheny College to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His departure is greatly regretted at Allegheny.

'85.—The Rev. Alpheus B. Austin is a frequent contributor to the *Western Christian Advocate*.

'95.—Charles McCaskill has entered the Boston University School of Theology and is private secretary of the Dean.

CHI.

'95.—On October 21, 1896, married: Miss Nellie Parker, the Rev. G. Frederick Williams. Brother Williams is rector of Trinity Church, Tiffin, O.

'96.—H. F. Williams is teaching at the Kenyon Military Academy.

'96.—H. A. Barber is in the Bank of Wauseon, Wauseon, O.

BETA MU.

'94.—Chas. St. Clair Wade has been elected assistant professor in Greek at Tufts College.

'94.—The engagement of H. E. Benton to Miss Mariette Powers of Rumford Fall, Me., has been announced.

'96.—H. D. Merritt is engaged in the wholesale jewelry business at North Attleboro, Mass.

'96.—The engagement of Miss E. P. Robinson of Medford and G. A. Brothers of Lowell is announced.

'96.—Ralph H. Cheever has entered the Tufts Divinity School.

Ex-'96.—J. C. Woodbury is located for the present at Woodstock, Vt.

BETA TAU.

'93.—C. C. Marlay is with the law firm of Lambertson and Hall, Lincoln, Neb.

'93.—H. G. Barber is head of the department of sciences in the high school of Nebraska City, Neb.

'94.—W. M. Johnston is practicing law at Billings, Mont. J. H. Johnston and A. J. Weaver '95, will open a law office in Salt Lake City, Utah, "after election."

'95.—Horace G. Whitmore is managing editor of the *Evening Post* at Lincoln, Neb.

'95.—E. B. Sherman is principal of the high school at Fairfield, Neb.

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

'96.—Adam McMullen is on the staff of the Lincoln *Daily Call*.

'96.—W. W. Wilson is a candidate for county attorney of Otoe Co., Neb.

'96.—J. B. Barnes has a position with the Norfolk (Neb.) beet sugar factory.

THE GREEK WORLD.

The medical fraternity, Nu Sigma Nu, has entered Syracuse University.

Psi Upsilon held her Convention for this year at Ann Arbor, Mich., May 6-8, 1896. All the chapters were represented.

The ruby is the emblematic stone of Theta Delta Chi. It was selected as such as far back as 1877.

Kappa Sigma has followed quickly in the way of Theta Delta Chi and has established a chapter at Columbian University.

The Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha was held at Richmond, Va., July 1-3, 1896. The papers say that a motion looking toward northern extension was voted down.

Delta Chi is a legal fraternity after the type of Phi Delta Phi, only smaller and said to be more conservative. It is six years old and has six chapters.

Phi Gamma Delta's Convention met at Chicago, October 28-30. The matter of a new ritual had been committed to the Stanford chapter. That chapter is reported to have defected from the Fraternity. It is hoped that no inconvenience resulted in the large work of ritual revision.

Sigma Chi has granted a charter to petitioners from the University of Missouri. She is said also to contemplate reëntering University of Pennsylvania.

Of the two bishops elected by the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Earl Cranton belongs to Beta Theta Pi, while Rev. Chas. C. McCabe belongs to Phi Kappa Psi.

The Psi Upsilon Convention refused to consider the much mooted initiation at the University of Chicago as valid. What further steps will be taken by the initiates or the fraternity is not known.

The next convention of Theta Delta Chi will be held at the new Hoffman House, New York, November 24 and 25, 1896. The announcement says that legislation of great import is to be considered.

Mr. Clay W. Holmes, editor of the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi, has been secretary of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association for sixteen years, but has recently resigned the office.

The Hon. William D. Bloxham, newly-elected democratic Governor of Florida, is a member of Theta Delta Chi.

The Hon. George W. Atkinson, Governor-elect of West Virginia, is a member of Delta Tau Delta. He is the first Republican elected to the gubernatorial chair in many years.

The sixty-second Convention of Delta Upsilon was held with the Tufts chapter October 22-23, 1896. It is said that action on a petition from Wesleyan University was deferred for one year.

Phi Kappa Psi is discussing somewhat the addition of a burial service to her ritual. The suggestion originates with the Rev. Robert Lowry.

The Sigma Nu *Delta* claims for Sigma Nu a smaller mortality of chapters than any other college fraternity can show. She has thirty-six living and five dead chapters. The claim of the smallest mortality is not justified, however, as will be shown by an examination of the roll of Psi Upsilon.

Every undergraduate member of Beta Theta Pi attending an institution having a chapter of his fraternity is by simple virtue of his presence a member of the chapter at that institution, no matter where he may have been initiated. Harvard University is made an exception, and its chapter does not come under this law.

The Theta Delta Chi chapter at Hobart has recently erected a brick chapter house, costing \$15,000. All of the fraternities at Hobart — Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha, Theta Delta Chi, and Phi Kappa Psi — now occupy houses of their own.

There is a petition before the fraternity which is unique in one particular, in that among the recommendations are two, from chapters of other fraternities, in each of which is expressed the cordial wish that the petitioners secure their charter, and that the fraternity shall enter the institution. In the face of practical action of this kind, any formal kind of Pan-Hellenicism may well be disregarded. It is a striking example of the tolerant spirit of manly rivalry, which has succeeded the active and oftentimes mean hostility of former days.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The General Council of Phi Delta Theta has revoked the charter at Roanoke College in Virginia. The action was taken solely on the ground of the institution's standing. Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi still retain good chapters at Roanoke.

Phi Delta Theta's correspondent from Washington and Jefferson makes the statement that Phi Delta Epsilon at Pennsylvania State College is anxious to secure a charter from Phi Delta Theta. Phi Delta Epsilon is a local society, and was reported last year as seeking for extension.

At Ohio University fraternities have entered into an agreement according to which all are to abstain from any rushing whatever, until the seventh week of each term. Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, and Beta Theta Pi are the contracting chapters.

The celebration of the semi-centennial of Theta Delta Chi has been postponed owing to "the financial condition of the country," and on the ground also, that a corrected chronology would make the intended date somewhat previous.

The Board of Trustees of Miami College has given Phi Delta Theta the privilege of erecting a chapter house on the campus. Several years since Senator Brice offered to erect a house for Delta Kappa Epsilon, but the trustees refused permission to erect it on the college grounds. It is now hoped that the offer will be renewed.

There seems to be a violent opposition to fraternities at South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C. Last spring a petition to abolish all chapters was presented to the Board of Trustees. The matter was referred to a committee of three. Should any such rule be passed, as is contemplated, eight fraternities will have to take back their charters.

Delta Tau Delta has entered Washington and Lee without increasing the number of chapters represented by absorbing the local remnant of Phi Theta Psi, the Virginia fraternity which formally dissolved about a year ago. It is very probable that this measure was brought about through the instrumentality of a prominent member who went into Delta Tau Delta at Sewanee immediately upon the demise of Phi Theta Psi. The absorbed chapter at Washington and Lee was the Alpha of the fraternity, and was decidedly its most representative member. — *K A Journal*.

Quite a ripple of excitement was caused in the fraternity world during Commencement by the appearance of a chapter of Delta Tau Delta. This is its first appearance at Washington and Lee. The founders are nearly all of them members of the now defunct Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Psi. They are an excellent crowd of men and will reflect honor on the fraternity of their adoption. They have most assuredly the best wishes of our chapter for their success. — *Washington and Lee Correspondent Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Mr. Robert V. Rex (Sigma Alpha Epsilon), formerly of Bucknell, but now a student at the Pennsylvania State College, while walking along Market street, Philadelphia, this summer, spied a Phi Kappa Psi pin in a pawn shop. Upon inquiry, he found that it could be lifted for \$5, which amount he paid. The pin, one of the old make, flat style, is a beauty, and is handsomely studded with diamonds, garnets and pearls. It was purchased from Mr. Rex by Andrew A. Leiser, Jr. (Phi Kappa Psi), who had no other interest in the pin than that it belonged to our fraternity. The stick-pin indicates that it belonged to a member of a chapter in Eastern Pennsylvania. Brother Leiser is now looking for the original owner. This is what former editor of *The Shield* Brother C. L. Van Cleve, calls practical Pan-Hellenism. — *The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

The following is from the Brown *Daily Herald* of Oct. 1, 1896 :

Brown welcomed a new fraternity last evening. The officials of the Arch chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity met a dozen Brown students at Gelb's parlors and started a new chapter here. There were rumors of the establishment of a new fraternity here last June, and the preparations were consummated last night.

This latest comer stands well in the list of Greek-letter fraternities as a conservative member of the fraternity world in some thirty-five colleges of the country. The Brown chapter starts its existence with these charter members: Henry L. Thompson and Abraham LeGrand, both of the class of '96; B. T. Livingston, M. W. Lyon, Jr., and F. E. Watson, of the Senior class; L. A. Crocker, M. R. Foster, A. G. Host and F. A. Smart, of the Junior class; W. R. I. Bartlett, S. M. Beale, Jr., and J. A. Clough from the Sophomores. At the first session, last night, these men were initiated and the new chapter given an enthusiastic start. A number of prominent New Englanders who are members of the fraternity were present.

Parlors have been fitted up on Webosset strset where the meetings of the new chapter are to be held each week. The badge of the organization is a square of gold with black enamelled centre bearing the Greek letters Delta Tau Delta. This latest addition to the list of fraternities represented at Brown makes the number thirteen.

The same journal of the same date has also the following kindly editorial :

The *Herald* takes pleasure in welcoming to Brown the new chapter of Delta Tau Delta. The college has grown so rapidly in the past three or four years that there is room for another chapter, and we believe that the new-comer will find its fellow Greek-letter organizations at Brown kind friends as well as rivals.

The most exciting episode in the fraternity life of the fall term is the withdrawal of Phi Gamma Delta's chapter at Leland Stanford. The chapter has evidently been considered strong; for the revision of ritual had been committed to its hands by the general order. The San Francisco *Chronicle* of October 2 gives the following letter as showing the fraternity side of the case :

To the editor: The Phi Gamma Delta College fraternity desires the courtesy of your columns to forestall misapprehension among its friends

and the general public touching the true circumstances of recent events directed against its honor and its interests in this community.

Within the last few days the Lambda Sigma Chapter at Stanford University has announced to its friends and to us, and will announce through the public prints, as they inform us, that it will repudiate its sworn obligations to its fraternity and form itself into a local society, with the ill-concealed but indubitable intention of becoming a chapter of the well-known Eastern fraternity of Alpha Delta Phi. It is only their declared intention to make public this matter in the journals that has inspired this communication. Their haste is due to a desire to reach the ear of the public before the fraternity officials in New York can take action.

That action will undoubtedly take the form of dissolution of the offending chapter and the expulsion of its members immediately upon the commission of any overt act, such as joining another fraternity. It is no violation of fraternal secrets to say that all college fraternities require a solemn promise upon honor that no member shall ever join another college fraternity. It is unnecessary to add that there may be no renunciation of membership short of expulsion. All members of other fraternal organizations—all, indeed, who recognize that an obligation once solemnly assumed is sacred in the eyes of men of honor—will realize how it happens that among college fraternities disloyalty to one's colors on the part of any fraternity man is the utmost disgrace; that the initiation by any fraternity of such disloyal men is of equal discredit to itself.

It is questionable if Alpha Delta Phi would participate in the present disgraceful proceedings were the facts known to it. The evident motive of the Stanford Chapter, which it does not deny, is that it hopes to better its condition under the colors of another fraternity. To men of honor there can be no question of expediency as against the sacredness of their oath. There can be no compact with dishonor.

In order to unsparingly coudemn this foolish and treacherous surrender by the Stanford chapter of the duty due itself, its alumni, and its fraternity the California Alumni chapter of Phi Gamma Delta and the Delta Xi Chapter at the University of California have published this statement.

W. H. HAMMON, PRESIDENT, *Chief of Section X.*
EDWARD W. HILL, SECRETARY, *and others.*

The members of the Stanford chapter deny that they have made any overtures to Alpha Delta Phi; but acknowledge the fact of their withdrawal. They have formed themselves into a local society,

called Sigma Rho Eta. They seem to have the support of their alumni. Phi Gamma Delta will have the sympathy of other fraternities in the matter. However grievous and well-founded the charges of the Stanford men against their fraternity may be, their oath was taken and they should not now seek entrance into any other order. It is to be presumed that all respectable fraternities will quickly refuse a petition and allow Sigma Rho Eta to remain severely local. The letters should be made to mean—Strictly Refused Entrance.

THE GREEK PRESS.

A comparatively long period of the year is covered by the time from June 1 to November 15. Naturally enough we have received in this period, which has passed since the last issue of THE RAINBOW, a goodly number of exchanges. Important matters of news given in many of them have long since reached our constituency through various channels. This consideration, united with the limitation of space and our determination to use this department solely for items of special interest to the Fraternity, lead us to notice only a few of the later magazines.

We want to notice, first of all, *The Shield* of Theta Delta Chi. The June issue quoted an editorial from THE RAINBOW regarding the initiation of professional students. In that editorial we had urged our chapters to discontinue such initiation. Anticipating the objection to our view that students in schools of Technology were quite as much professional students as those in Law and Medicine, and that our view if consistent, would forbid chartering at institutions of Technology, we spoke of the fact that many such institutions had a broad course extending over the regular term of four years, and characterized Psi Upsilon's refusal to enter the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as "prudishness." Editor Holmes, reviewing the editorial, commended the doctrine urged, but added that the argument was "absolutely nullified by a discourteous allusion to a superior fraternity, and one with which Delta Tau Delta can never hope to compete." Our objection to this reference rested on two items. (1) We did not think that our own use of the word "prudishness," mistaken or otherwise, should have led the editor of *The Shield* to make an "odious comparison." As to the relative standing of Theta Delta Chi and Psi Upsilon, we have our own thought. We would not, however, be betrayed into a printed comparison, to say nothing of assuming the prophetic role, and declaring that one could

never hope to compete with the other. The facts are that all three of the fraternities mentioned are competing with each other now in various colleges and that "never" is a very long time indeed. (2) We feel also, that Brother Holmes could have found a more notorious offender to criticise. Throughout the year the *Psi Upsilon Review* had cast slurs upon other fraternities, had advised no inter-Greek Associations, had ridiculed other fraternities' colleges as "wild southwestern institutions," had called their chapters "crowds"; yet our application of the word "prudishness" to the Fraternity, whose journal had written as above, led to strong objection on Editor Holmes's part. We write all this merely to show our standpoint. We sent a personal note to the editor of *The Shield* and received duly the most kindly reply. The word "discourteous" was withdrawn and regret was expressed that any "unpleasant comparison" had been made. In the September *Shield* due explanation is printed. We need to make but one addition to what was there written: We did not "do it first"; the *Psi Upsilon Review* "did it first." We accept our fellow editor's frank apology. We regret extremely to find in one of his September editorials a hint that his business duties are likely soon to interfere with his work on *The Shield*. With Keble, Burger, Brown and Holmes, all vacating their places as editors, the field will lose its older and more conspicuous figures. Should Editor Holmes retire, his fraternity will probably look in vain for one who will serve it so loyally and ably, and maintain the same generous bearing toward other societies which has nearly without exception marked the present editor's work.

We are sorry to learn through the October *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon that Mr. Burger will retire from the editorship. He had been within reach of the editor of THE RAINBOW throughout the past year and on one or two occasions gave us willing aid. He has given to his fraternity a most helpful journal, and to the Greek world in general a constant example of justice and courtesy. The *Record* for October was up to the usual standard. An account is given of the dedication of the Mt. Union chapter's new house.

The Kappa Alpha Journal for September reinforces the promise of Editor Jones' success. It contains an article on "Kappa Alpha in

the United States Army." It gives also a description and picture of the Wofford College chapter's new house. The article most interesting to an outsider is an editorial entitled "An Antique Canard." We give it entire :

There is annually raised by certain fraternities doing a side line of business on Southern soil a breeze as to the superlative advantages of membership in their circles over the benefits of Kappa Alpha. Their strong trumps are the prestige of their Eastern chapters and the pretended isolation of Kappa Alphas migrating to that section for recreation, location, or for the pursuance of graduate or professional studies. This gag has been worked so persistently and with such eloquence as to develop in our ranks that now famous school of oratory, proclaiming with "fantastic imagery" the glorious necessity of our prosecuting a campaign into that section. The aliens in our section are Phi Delta Theta, Deta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Phi, Chi Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, and Zeta Psi. In the first place, excluding domestic competition, our strongest rivals are among the Westerners above mentioned, not one of whom can justly lay claim to pronounced strength in those institutions across the Mason and Dixon frequented by Southern men.

Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Psi, and Zeta Psi are the only ones from whom claims in this respect are entitled to notice. Their numerical weakness in our section, however, more than counteracts any possible advantages advanced, for any member expecting to reside in the South would—excluding a few very limited sections—be unidentified and isolated.

In the last few years, the Southern missionaries, who have veritably sprinkled charters throughout the entire region North, have taken up this cry, and are holding out inducements even more resplendant than those of the coterie previously mentioned. These claims, though doubtless sincere in many cases, should be at least casually investigated before acceptance. He who makes his choice of a fraternity according to the degree of "promises" made will surely regret his action.

We felt relieved on noticing that Delta Tau Delta was not mentioned in the list of "aliens." We have now seven chapters in the south. All of these are rivals of Kappa Alpha chapter's. If we are not an alien and yet have twenty eight chapters in the North, we would seem to be free from both the disadvantages named in Editor Jones'

trenchant editorial. We are grateful to him for his kindly references to THE RAINBOW. Anent the statement that "THE RAINBOW jumps about the country with the agility of the Boy Orator," the Editor does plead guilty to having changed his residence in April. The magazine however enters on its third year of publication by the same firm.

The Scroll for October announces that J. E. Brown will soon cease to be the editor for Phi Delta Theta. It will seem odd indeed to see any other name upon the front of *The Scroll*. In his editorial announcing his retirement, Editor Brown says that "new editors are threshing the old straw as though it had never been touched." This is doubtless true. "There is nothing new under the sun." In the beginning of his work the present editor of THE RAINBOW made up his mind not to look through old files for suggestions, but to speak the word for the living present. Fraternity problems, many of them, are perennial. The straw must pass through a new machine and perhaps a few grains are gained by a new process. Personally, we regret Mr. Brown's determination to cease his editorial work. We knew him slightly while in college. He was then, twelve years ago, an active and influential fraternity man. Phi Delta Theta will miss his work.

The December *Scroll* is just at hand, somewhat ahead of time. It contains this special insert:

"The Illinois Beta of Phi Delta Theta will be installed at the University of Chicago, Saturday, November 21, 1896. The exercises of initiation will be at 8 p. m., and the installation banquet at 10 p. m., both at the Auditorium Annex."

This is a case of revival. The former chapter at Chicago died in 1870.

There is also the following item of interest which we submit without comment:

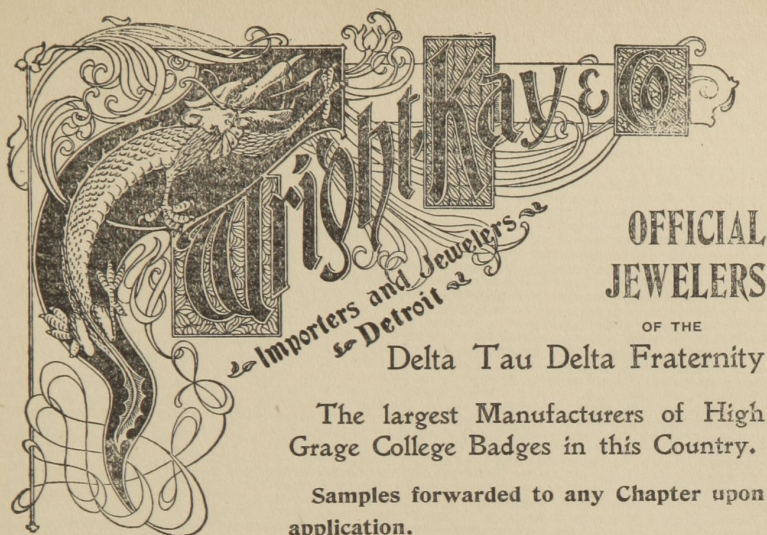
Senator Vilas, Phi Delta Theta, having a son among the undergraduate Psi U's, was at the recent commencement of the University of Wisconsin, tendered a similar election, and under the impression that such honorary membership in no way conflicted with his allegiance to Phi Delta Theta, accepted it. Senator Vilas writes:

I was aware of no rule or usage which limited membership, especially of one generation out of college, to a single fraternity. It is a new one perhaps. Therefore I intended neither a change of interest nor association, but supposed I preserved both with my old society. * * * *
 I explained that in joining my son's fraternity, necessarily more in an honorary than an active way, I intended no change in my relations with the Phi Delta. I might have added that *I so expressly stated to members of the other fraternity at the time of joining and was advised it implied no such thing* [Italics ours].

And now cometh one Albert P. Jacobs, Psi Upsilon, in charge of the department of university societies in the *American University Magazine*, in a paragraph dealing with the fraternity affiliations of United States Senators, in which the fraternities of Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi and Psi Upsilon are mentioned, Senator Blackburn being credited to Phi Delta Theta and to the Psi Upsilon list he adds "and one member, Vilas, recently acquired." And in mentioning the list of members of the Wisconsin chapter—"It is noticeable that Senator Wm. F. Vilas, who during his college life was a member of Phi Delta Theta, has cast his lot with the new branch, which seems to make a specialty of senator's and senator's sons."

The ridiculousness of the position of Psi Upsilon in the matter of these wholesale honorary initiations is apparent to all those who are conversant with the facts. Mr. Jacobs, who has himself railed at the public parading of the names of honorary members by other fraternities, regardless of the consistency of his position, has rushed to print to advertise Psi Upsilon on the strength of Mr. Vilas' name, acquired by that fraternity through a petty subterfuge.

We have received *The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* for October. It is the first number under the new editor, Mr. William C. Gretzinger. His editorial stating his policy is generous, and indicates a desire to advance Phi Kappa Psi, while maintaining "good fellowship between fraternities." The editor, too, shows this good spirit in a most practical way. He quotes our discussion of the Psi Upsilon affair at Wisconsin, finds no fault with our criticism of Phi Kappa Psi for lifting individuals, and concedes the justice of our position. We do not think the conclusion can be avoided: If it is right to lift one man, it is right to lift several men, or a chapter. We predict for the new editor of *The Shield* great success.



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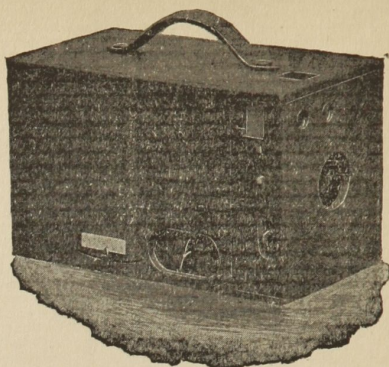
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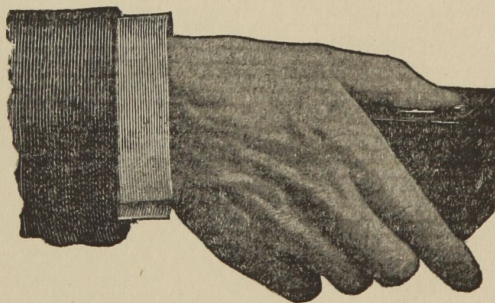
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