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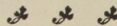


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## THE FRATERNITY MAN AND THE NON-FRATERNITY MAN.

### I.

The Editor of the RAINBOW has asked me, as a non-fraternity man, to say a few words that may help a little toward relieving the embarrassment that often exists between the members of secret societies and their uninitiated friends. I am not at all sure that it can be wholly removed. Much of it arises from the natural and, so far as I can see, necessary conditions that prevail. No such embarrassment is felt after college life between members of the great secret orders and non-members. I have never joined any of these organizations; yet it never enters my thought in dealing with a man to notice whether he be a Mason or not. But the world is a very different place from the college hall, and the members of these organizations are *men* while active fraternity members and non-members are, in a certain sense, not yet men but belong to that unique category of the human family — *College students*.

If you will allow me frankly to analyze my own embarrassment in dealing with fraternity men I think we can get at the matter more simply and correctly. My parents were bitterly

opposed to the fraternity system, and, while in academic work, I myself had imbibed from some of my associates a strong feeling, possibly prejudice, against them. This would probably have kept me from accepting an invitation to join a fraternity; and, perhaps, my known principles had something to do with the fact that I did not receive that invitation, — though with the more accurate self-knowledge that comes with years I suspect that there may have been reasons less complimentary to myself. However, the fact that I had not had an opportunity to join was, I believe, the main source of my embarrassment. Rightly or wrongly, — in many cases, it must have been the latter, — there was always the feeling, a sort of sub-consciousness never fairly put into words and admitted to myself, that these men looked upon me as one below their standard. I felt, too, that if I were not careful they would think I was anxious for an invitation to join. The fraternity seemed to constitute a sort of college aristocracy, and, while the standards of admission were as diverse as the poles, one fraternity always recognized members of another as fellow aristocrats. I now recognize that this must have been grossly unjust to many, perhaps to most of the fraternity men; yet the feeling was very real to me and to others.

Now what can be done to bridge this gulf? I recognize fully that in a large college it is not practicable that every deserving man should have a chance to join a fraternity. You will thus have to admit with me that this limitation must necessarily tend to establish a caste line, and I am very sure that a caste line cannot exist anywhere, and especially in college life, without some sensitiveness on the part of the one left out. Nor need this sensitiveness arise from a feeling of envy; it may be simply the assertion of one's own self-respect. With this clearly in mind, it only remains for me to ask that you make this caste line as little apparent as possible. Let the non-fraternity man feel that the limitations of your choice have



not arisen from his unfitness, but simply from the necessity of the case. He has a circle of friends and you in your fraternity have yours, but neither should be allowed to feel that this circle of friends includes all that are worth having. In this, it seems to me the fraternity man should take the initiative. It will require great tact and consideration; but I believe the difficulty can be largely surmounted and that the resulting good feeling would make it worth while. One final word; make the non-fraternity man feel, if possible, that you value him as much as you would if he were a member of some other fraternity. That after all is very near the heart of the matter and would work toward a gracious solution.

J.

## II.

I have cheerfully accepted the kind invitation to me as a non-fraternity college man to "point out the changes in the action and sentiment of fraternity men that would make the system less embarrassing to that fine and large class of men who do not join." Inasmuch as several years have elapsed since I left college I find myself somewhat out of touch, though not out of sympathy, with college life. But my memory is fairly good along the line of thought which is proposed.

My first suggestion would be that fraternity men avoid any unnecessary appearance of secrecy. Doubtless the average fraternity man has fewer real secrets than his non-fraternity brother often imagines. Yet it is easy for fraternity men to congregate together outside of their hall and talk in whispers, when perhaps the subject of discussion is one that they would willingly announce to all the world. The natural curiosity of the human heart chafes under the notice of these subdued conversations. Thus if the public parade of secrecy could be diminished or eliminated, it would be a great stride toward the goal of harmony.

Then too, I would suggest that fraternity men should

avoid the appearance of narrowed sympathy. Where men are bound together by obligations and congenial companionship in secret organizations they are very apt to lose much of their interest in those outside of their circle. Even men by nature of broad sympathies soon find themselves yielding to this tendency. Non-fraternity men notice this very quickly. I recall more than a few instances where men were admired by all because of their broad sympathies, yet on entering a fraternity a marked change came over them in this regard. These, however, were exceptional cases; yet, in general, fraternity men should show a wider sociability.

I do not say that fraternity men should give the same proportionate time and attention to non-fraternity men as to their own fraternity members. I am speaking more now of their attitude than of their action. There are countless opportunities in college life where fraternity men can prove their sociability to the non-fraternity men without loss. Such a course would greatly reduce animosities and misunderstandings.

Sociability is an effectual lubricator and will reduce friction. A great part of men's bitterness and jealousy towards each other arises from misunderstandings rather than from real grievances. Separation only increases, while association generally decreases, such unpleasant relations.

Finally, I would suggest to both members and non-members that men be promoted to college honors only on merit. Both classes need this suggestion. It is not needful to say which have been the greatest offenders. A class or society orator is to be elected—each fraternity feels a pride in having the honor, and the temptation is strong to push the candidacy of one of their own members. This surely should not be done unless it is plainly a case of merit. If fraternities would inflexibly maintain such a rule of promotion only for merit they would again take a long step towards the solution of the problem for which this article is written.



In closing I wish to say that many of my best and even intimate college friends were fraternity men. I sincerely trust that nothing I have written will be construed as hinting at any personal grievances of my college life. I have written sincerely, frankly, and kindly, and I hope my suggestions may be received in the same friendly spirit.

M.

### III.

Although the writer was a non-fraternity man throughout his college course, he could never quite appreciate the justice which many maintained that there was in tabooing fraternities, and in insisting that the whole Greek-letter system be despatched "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." To the writer there was a certain mysterious charm about the subject that made it not only attractive but extremely fascinating; and he believes that Truth, if it should speak, would say that many of those who are loudest in their anathemas against societies have but one reason for their abusive epithets, *viz.*, they are jealous and disappointed because they are not invited to become members. No person, however brilliant, if he harbor personal grievance, can criticise with any thing like fairness the fraternity system. On the other hand, it is equally true that though a fraternity "be as chaste as ice and as pure as snow it shall not 'scape calumny."

From the writer's observations, however, it would appear that for the most part fraternity men allow too sharp a line to be drawn between themselves and non-members. They hold themselves too much aloof and seem too clannish in public. Non-members often are allowed to feel that they are not quite as good as the frat. boys are, which is certainly a very great reproach on the gentility of men who because of some superiority are selected by the chapters out of the student body to become members. Outside of college the true gentleman is he

who makes others, even his inferiors, feel comfortable in his presence. Why should less be expected of him who joins a college fraternity?

Doubtless another reason for the friction that exists between members and non-members is that fraternities often take the reins of power into their own hands. College politics, college publications, college bookstores and the like are too often managed largely, if not entirely, by and for fraternity men. This is not as it should be, and is bound to breed contention. Of all communities in this terrestrial sphere the college community ought to be the most thoroughly democratic; and when fraternities awake to this fact, concede it, and act accordingly there will be practically no longer any cause for strife; and with the cause removed all unfriendly feeling will pass away.

So far what has been said is general and applies for the most part to all chapters alike at the college in mind. There are, however, certain minor obstacles which might readily be removed but which now stand in the way of a better relation between the two classes of collegians. The writer would lay down the general principle that anything which tends to embarrass a non-member tends also to strain the relation between the two. Therefore we would respectfully suggest that members refrain from all excessive exhibitions of fraternal love in the presence of non-members; also that they wear the society badge in some modest place where it can be seen, if they choose, but not where it will stare non-members in the face and constantly remind them of the existing barrier.

At the university which I have especially in thought, the greatest embarrassment comes to the non-member on class-day, when he realizes that he has no place to take his mother, his sister, or his *fiancée*. His guests do not understand what it means not to be a fraternity man, and quite naturally they ask him why he does not take them to the grand-stands or into the social gatherings. What can he say? To the writer it would



seem that no greater opportunity offers itself for fraternities to close the gap that exists, than to arrange their class-day festivities so that every college man may have a share in them and thus be allowed that happy satisfaction of feeling himself not ostracised but admitted to the best that there is. As it now is only a few non-members attend the receptions, the greater number not being invited. Why could not the various chapters agree upon some plan whereby each member of the college should receive two tickets for at least one spread? Some such little courtesy shown by the societies would do a great deal toward putting an end to campus feuds and make Greek-letter fraternities popular among non-fraternity men.

The writer has given his views based upon his own observations. He has not intended to be other than friendly in his criticism. He believes college societies are grand good institutions for the fortunate fellows who belong, but he deplors the fact that they often bring embarrassment to such as are not members. Perhaps the above suggestions can be read and do no harm; he hopes they will do some good. T.

#### IV.

My own college experience may serve as a commentary upon what I shall present on the prescribed subject. I will, therefore, say that I was in college more than a year before I joined a Greek-letter society; that for the remainder of my course I was an enthusiastic worker in one of the chapters of Delta Tau Delta; and that since my graduation I have tried to keep in sympathy with my Fraternity and to play the part of a loyal alumnus. I may add that I was never an anti-fraternity man, though some of the most intimate friends of my college life were rigid opposers of the secret society system. I feel that I have been able to get the standpoint of opposition, neutrality and loyalty, and may speak neither in bitterness nor in narrowness.

First, it must be conceded that the very nature of the fraternity system necessitates something in the way of separation from the uninitiated. The aim, ideally, is to unite congenial spirits in a close organization and to establish special relations throughout the collegiate course with a comparatively few men. Nor ought this aim to be denounced, for it lies in line with the nature of family life and friendship. The family necessitates closer relationships with a few to the exclusion of the many. Special friendships, also, have the same effect. Very frequently I have heard students inveighing against the exclusiveness of fraternity men while they themselves selected their friends with care and were to be seen almost constantly with the chosen few. All that was lacking to the formation of a fraternity chapter was a common constitution and a common sign of membership. If fraternity life comes within near distance of its ideal, it can no more be objected to than can friendship.

In the cases of both friendship and fraternity, however, it may be urged that the necessary exclusiveness should never be pushed to the borders of discourtesy; nor should the pleasure and advantage of the associations be so exhibited as to tantalize the outsider. A constant showing of intimacy, a whispering of precious secrets, a turning from the poor outsider with the acted suggestion of the "company" and "crowd" proverb,—all such things are distasteful both among friends and among fraters. There are, then, several suggestions which may help to relieve the embarrassment of both fraternity and non-fraternity men. They are these:

It would be well to discard the name which in many of our colleges is given to the uninitiated. Had the college societies at the outset taken Latin names this fault of nomenclature would have been avoided. But, wisely and well, we all agree, our mottoes were chosen from the Greek language and our pins are faced with the tortuous letters that puzzle many lookers. In classical literature and in history *Barbarian* was antithetical



to *Greek*. It seemed natural to apply the term to those who did not belong to the Greek societies. But now more, perhaps, than in the day of Athens' glory, the word Barbarian has some undesirable meanings; even the dictionary so allows. Nor is the name elevated in its meaning when it is shortened into "Barb." At the risk of offering a rather cheap play upon words, it may be said that this abbreviation seems to put between Greeks and their outside friends a social barrier, not easily passed, and suggesting unpleasant experiences with a certain kind of fence widely used in our Western country. Even though our non-fraternity friends have never protested consciously against the name Barbarians, it must be clear to every knower of human nature that another word would be appreciated. Names promote sentiment. If you can fasten the name "Force bill" upon a certain attempt at legislation, you will influence public thought about the measure. We, therefore, make bold to suggest that the names *Barbarians* and *Barbs* be discarded; for language, like a man, may sometimes sneer.

Moving from the matter of names to the question of actions, the fraternity man should be careful to avoid a public display of his membership. Badges should be modest and worn in an inconspicuous place. A badge that glares from the lapel of a coat is an abomination. Whispered consultations, with confidential smiles and sundry nudgings, should be banished from about the door of the chapel or recitation room. Such displays of secrecy are to many outsiders like the water coming near to the dry lips of Tantalus but never giving them a grateful touch. Nor should the initiate ever allow himself to cut loose from the old friends who do not enter the mystic circle with him. He should be an earnest worker for his chapter; otherwise his membership will do him little good. But he should see that coming into closer relations with a few does not offensively loosen his relations with his uninitiated companions. We recall now some sad instances of this kind; we also recall other in-

stances in which the initiates held their outside friendships in such a considerate way as to grieve not even the most sensitive person.

Finally, the matter of *spirit* is far more important than that of name or manner. To be invited to join a fraternity is a compliment; but it may be a compliment to congeniality rather than to character or ability. Fraternity men should admit that many persons are excluded from membership who are better and abler than the average initiate, just as many good men are not brought within our nearer friendship because there is lacking that peculiar and indescribable tie which draws souls into intimacy. A Convention poem widely quoted a few months ago in certain papers gives good advice to both parties. To the fraternity men it says:

Ye think ye're each the real elect;  
 Ye form yer cliques and a' that;  
 I say ye're simply just yersels —  
 Na more, na less for a' that.  
 For a' that and a' that.  
 Yer badges, grips, and a' that —  
 Yer lives show plainer than yer pins;  
 Ye'll be yersels for a' that.

To the non-fraternity men it says:

And ye who wear na pins at a' —  
 "Ye neutrals," "oudens," a' that;  
 Why should you boast, grow sour, or whine?  
 Stand up like men for a' that.  
 For a' that and a' that —  
 Their greetings, grips, and a' that —  
 Be each a chapter to yersels.  
 Outstrip them all for a' that.

E.



## THE INSTALLATION OF THE NU CHAPTER.

It is not often that a fraternity finds itself in the position that we do, reporting the birth of a new chapter whose founder is a member of another fraternity; but no one would have imagined that Brother Smith was not a Delta, had one seen him enter into our festivities. We wish that we could reproduce his toast on "La Fraternité"; it would explain better than anything else could the large-heartedness which prompted the founder of the *Shield* and of several chapters of the Phi Kappa Psi to devote weeks of his time to the selection of a body of men who were to carry the banner of a rival fraternity side by side with the fraternity of his choice. Someone well remarked that such conception of the sphere of a fraternity would give its opponents good subject-matter for reflection.

Philadelphia has not had a Delta celebration for so long, that it was a surprise to some of our old alumni to be called upon to renew memories of college days. But the Delta spark had not gone out, the brightness of the responding blaze testifying to the depth of the impression made a generation ago; and, if our neophytes had any doubt as to the practical value of such organization, it must have vanished quickly when they heard gray-headed men pay such glowing tribute to dear old Delta Tau for the much that they owed her.

The banquet hall of the University was tastily decorated, ribbons and flowers bringing out the purple, white and gold. The toasts were as follows :

The Rev. Dr. HUGHES O. GIBBONS, '69, *Toastmaster*.

"The Days of Long Ago"

Dr. W. H. KIRK, Gamma '63.

"The thought of our past years in me  
Doth breed eternal benediction."

"When Greek meets Greek" Dr. JNO. A. BOLARD, Alpha '78.

"There are a thousand nameless ties  
Which only such as feel them know."

"The Ladies" ROBERT E. HALL, Rho '95.

"I fill this cup to one made up  
Of loveliness alone."

"La Fraternité" Dr. EDGAR F. SMITH, Phi Kappa Psi '72.

"Friendship! mysterious cement of the soul.  
Sweet'ner of life! and solder of society!"

"Thought Photography" WM. KENT, Rho '76.

"O wad some power the giftie gie us,  
To see oursels as others see us."

"The Baby" WALTER S. CORNELL, Nu '97.

"But what am I?  
An infant crying in the night,  
An infant crying for the light:  
And with no language but a cry."

"The Arch Chapter" ALVAN E. DUERR, Sigma '93.

"You think they are crusaders, sent  
From some eternal clime,  
To pluck the eyes of sentiment  
And dock the tail of Rhyme."

"The Fraternity in Politics" S. A. YORKS, Jr., Beta Lambda '98.

"There is backing of friends for you."

"The Pansy" Dr. J. CALVIN RICE, Psi '82.

"And there is pansies; that's for thoughts."

"Au Revoir" The Rev. Dr. ROBT. H. FULTON, Gamma '66.

"Oh stay! — Oh stay! —  
Joy so seldom weaves a chain  
Like this tonight, that oh! 'tis pain  
To break its links so soon!"

Brothers Messimer, DeLamater, Luqueer and Campbell from Rho took charge of the initiatory ceremony; Brothers Taylor, Haines, Lukens and York represented Beta Lambda;



Brother Kirk came from Doylestown, Brother Kent from New York and Brother Hall, President of the Eastern Division, from Baltimore; from Philadelphia and vicinity were Brothers Fulton, Gibbons, Bolard, Rice, Bausman T. '94, Griffith B.I. '95, and the members of the new chapter. Many of the chapters sent greetings, Beta Rho and our President telegraphing from California. Our evening seems to have been chosen unfortunately, for a dozen alumni who had accepted our invitation were compelled to send regrets at the last moment; but we have made a beginning and shall be heard from again.

The new chapter starts under favourable circumstances and with many interested friends who are waiting for an opportunity to lend a helping hand; we can therefore look forward confidently to a chapter which will represent us well at one of the foremost institutions of learning in the country.

ALVAN EMILE DUERR.

## THE CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

An Alumni Association has such an uneventful life at its best that there is little of interest to report even to members of the same fraternity. Our organization, though in the most robust health, is no exception to the general rule. We hold our informal meetings during the season at regular intervals of about five weeks apart, and Friday evening has been found to be the most convenient for the members. By general consent we have adopted the Athletic Club as the best place in the city for our informal dinners, and we are looked after there to our great satisfaction.

We have no competition with other fraternities to report, nor any exciting contests for new members; in fact we know beforehand that they would join no other. Our undergraduate brethren have a more exciting life, but we do not believe they enjoy the good things of the fraternity any better. Our Association is in the healthiest kind of a condition. We have held three meetings since October 2nd, and we have added fifteen names to our list of active members since that date, with the probability of a number more before the date set for the holding of the Annual Dinner, February 19th, this year.

Our organization is beginning to feel the influence of the Northwestern Chapter, five of the new members being from that chapter. But we have drawn our men from all directions. Our membership is made up from twenty chapters of the Fraternity. Our oldest member is from the class of 1868, and every class is represented to the last graduated; by members we mean only those who pay the annual dues to the Association. We have three members who show their interest by coming long



distances to eat with us; they never miss an annual, and are present at two-thirds of the informals. Dr. J. J. Davis, University of Illinois '72, comes from Racine; the Hon. Frank M. Palmer, University of Illinois '76, comes from Clinton, Ills., and L. K. Malvern, Cornell '92, from Elgin, Ills.

Our officers for the present year are:—*President*, James A. McLane, University of Illinois '78. *Vice-President*, August Ziesing, University of Illinois '78. *Secretary*, H. B. Swayne, Kenyon '88. *Treasurer*, Lowrie McClurg, Allegheny '79. *Executive Committee*, L. E. Fuller, Allegheny '77; George A. Gilbert, Depauw '79; Frank M. Morris, Butler '82. *Committee on Elections*, Roy O. West, Depauw '89; M. E. Bourne, Buchtel '82; A. A. Babcock, Jr., University of Wisconsin '92.

C. E. Brush, University of Illinois '77, is one of the best known architects in the State, and just now is busy overseeing the building of the new Normal School building at De Kalb. His plans were accepted by the committee over those of a very large number of competitors. We have on our roll of active members the name of the Hon. Jas. R. Mann, the newly elected Congressman from the First District who has the honor of having been given the largest majority ever received by a congressional candidate. Two professors from Lewis Institute are among our recently elected members, and one from Northwestern University. Also one of the Trustees of the State University, elected for the third time to this position at the last general election. The Chicago City Attorney and his Assistant, the Superintendent of Lincoln Park and his Assistant, are of our number, as well as the President and Secretary of the General Alumni Association of Hillsdale College, and Secretary of the local Alumni Association.

When it is understood that these men are all active members of our Association because they are interested in the Fraternity, and take the time from their business and professional duties to meet together, you may gain some idea of the strength

of our society and its importance to the General Fraternity. Our fourth informal took place at the Athletic Club, at 6.30 on the evening of the second Friday in January.

LOWRIE McCLURG.



THE ATLANTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, — A  
TOAST DELIVERED AT THE ATLANTA  
ALUMNI DINNER, SEPT. 12, 1896.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE FRATERNITY :—  
When in the course of human events — if one may plagiarize a little — it becomes advisable that our Fraternity fortify herself more strongly against her friends the enemy, then, indeed, is it a peculiarly fitting time for her Alumni to organize themselves into such a body as will best assist her both in obtaining the prestige she desires and in retaining the power she deserves.

There is, then, a reason for this Association, a reason which transcends all others — not so material, perhaps, and yet more powerful and far-reaching. If our Fraternity means anything to us, if the old days and the old memories still live in our hearts, if there is even the least spark of that love which surely you gave her in the days of old — then, assuredly, this Association will serve its noblest purpose if it revives and quickens those affections.

When once we secure a Charter from the General Fraternity, and this I trust will be in the near future, we will then be prepared to commence our work. We have not organized this Association simply to add another name to the RAINBOW's list of Alumni Chapters, nor is it intended that this body shall have an ephemeral existence which finds its supreme end in such a feast as we have had tonight ; but we have organized to work, to work for the individual, to work for the Chapters, to work for the Fraternity. Our idea is to establish such an Association as will bring together the Deltas of the State of Georgia. How many men leave College, with a real love for their Fraternity in their hearts, and with unbounded zeal and energy for her welfare ; and yet, after four or five years this love is sadly diminished, and that zeal and energy have entirely

disappeared. Whose fault is it? Perhaps it is because it is not fitting that a man of years and — shall we say, discretion — should care particularly for the associations of his younger days: Perhaps — and this is much more true — it is because he has had no opportunity for that good-fellowship and delightful intimacy which made his college days the pleasure that they were.

This opportunity we propose to furnish. At least once in a year there will be such an occasion as this, where brother may meet brother, and old times be rehearsed, and the old songs sung, and the hearts so strangely forgetful of their early enthusiasm may become young again; and the clerk in the store, the stenographer in the office, the rising lawyer, the physician, all shall go back again to the hey-day of youth and to the infectious enthusiasm of a college boy for the Fraternity of which he has just become a member.

More than that: we propose to make this organization as far reaching in its influence as possible. The State of Georgia is a great feeder for the University of Georgia, Emory College, and the University of the South; and even Vanderbilt, Mississippi and Virginia receive their yearly quota from the ranks of her young men. If we can make this Association an actual presence in this State, its influence on our Chapters can hardly be exaggerated. There are, in all probability, in the neighborhood of four hundred Deltas and Rainbow men in the State of Georgia. If these should subscribe to the RAINBOW how Brother Hughes would rise up and bless us. If these should use their energies in working on desirable men expecting to enter the Colleges where we have Chapters, and inform some member of that Chapter of the fact, how much it would help our actives. If these should always keep themselves posted on the current affairs of the Fraternity, attend the Conferences and Karneas when practicable, assist Brother Churchill in his labors on the Catalogue, interest themselves in the matter of extension, and in short — constitute themselves what the economy of Fra-



ternal principles expects them to be — the safeguards and the advisers of the Active Chapters,—then, perhaps, our overworked officers might believe that the Delta millennium was at hand.

And brothers, is this idea to prove a mere castle in Spain? Will this banquet be the culmination of this Association? Shall it be true that in six months it shall exist in name only? There is but one thing that will keep this Association the actual, real, living, strong body that it should be; and that is a membership of those men who love their Fraternity. I speak plainly—a body of men inspired by a half-hearted, indifferent love will never do more with this Utopian scheme than look it through carelessly and go about their business. What we want is men, men of loyalty, men of love, men of enthusiasm, men of earnestness, men of determination. With such we cannot but succeed, and the Atlanta Alumni Association will be a veritable help and staff to the Southern Division.

Ah, brothers, look back at the old days. Have you forgotten the night of your initiation? Have you forgotten how proud you were of that jewel you were to wear as one gifted with patrician soul? Have you forgotten the great principles which uphold and permeate all Deltaism — or was it all a school-boy's frolic, a mere playing with words, a simple mockery of magnificent thoughts? It was not such, our hearts speak too plainly to be misunderstood, and, with a love and a gratitude in your hearts for old Delta Tau, I give you a verse and a toast:

Fraternity, it is not that each heart,  
Must gifted be with talents choice and rare;  
It is enough to have that nobler part;  
What though one's genius proveth small and spare  
So faith and love be there?  
'Tis not the handsome face nor easy wealth,  
These things touch but the grosser side of men;  
'Tis more, 'tis loyalty, the heart, true health,  
To hear an arduous duty-call, and then  
To breathe, Amen.

STUART MACLEAN.

## EDITORIAL.

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OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNINITIATED.

The members of our chapters hold some very important relations which receive frequently large and due treatment. The bearing which members of the same chapter are to have toward each other is the theme of much discussion. Recently, also, the development of Pan-Hellenic feeling has been noticeable and a new courtesy is beginning to mark the attitude of rival chapters and fraternities toward each other. There is a third class to which the fraternity man is necessarily related through his college life, viz.—those who belong to no fraternity. Some of them have not been honored by an invitation to membership; others of them, for conscientious reasons, have never joined. In many schools the non-fraternity men are in a decided majority; especially in the West, where small chapters prevail, it may happen that only twenty-five to forty per cent of the students are members of secret societies. The attitude of the fraternity man to this fine and large class is a matter of some moment, and no right-minded person will dismiss it as inappropriate or regard its discussion as foreign to the purpose of this journal. The Editor has, therefore, asked some of his friends to present their views in this number. The result is seen in the opening articles. The first two were written by men who have never joined a fraternity; the second was written by a man who through his college course was a non-fraternity man, who in his last year joined with others in petitioning for a charter, and who after his graduation was duly initiated; the third was written by one who was in college a year and a



half before he became a fraternity man but who for the remainder of his course was an active worker in one of our chapters. We feel that we thus secure views from different standpoints, and that from these three sources our members may gain some items of advantage. We put it down as a safe rule that fraternity men should consider the feelings and interests of the uninitiated in so far as such consideration will not affect the proper life and progress of the chapter.

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#### THE CARE OF BADGES.

Recently there have been several occurrences which emphasize the need of a greater care in the wearing and loaning of badges. The Secretary of one of our Greek orders met a negro some months ago whose vest was adorned by the jewel of the former's fraternity. It was necessary in order to its recovery that the wearer be taken to court and the badge regained by process of law. In many States the recovery would have been difficult or impossible; but a law in New York covered the case, and the badge had to be surrendered. A few years ago in Pennsylvania a "tattooed man" in a travelling show was found wearing the badge of a fraternity. A party of students, members of a chapter of the fraternity, saw the badge, and after considerable discussion and the payment of a good sum managed to rescue the emblem from the bosom of the freak. A few months since one of our own badges was discovered by a loyal member of Rho chapter on a most undesirable person of color in New York City. He purchased the jewel from its wearer and was surprised to find engraved upon its back the name of one of our formerly prominent members and officials. Inquiry showed that he had loaned it months before to a young lady friend, and that she had lost it in the summer season at Newport.

Such cases show the need of putting a guard over our badges. It would scarcely seem gallant to prohibit the loaning of our jewelry to ladies; but certainly their minds should be duly impressed with the idea that the emblems are to be held with a tight clasp and that their loss may cause the Fraternity considerable embarrassment. We have the conviction that a history of the badges found in pawn shops would show that, in practically all instances, they had been pawned by persons who found them and had no idea of their value or meaning. Our own fraternity guards its jewelry with great care and would quickly discipline any chapter or member buying a badge from an unauthorized establishment. Let our alumni and actives having pins in their possession show an equal care. We shall thus avoid the tragedy, or comedy, of tattooed and sable wearers.

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#### THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER.

At the last Conference of the Eastern Division a committee was appointed to investigate the practicability and desirability of entering the University of Pennsylvania. The report of that committee was duly submitted, together with a petition from the selected students; the report was accepted, the petition granted, and on Friday evening, January 22, the petitioners were initiated. Our latest addition is called the Nu Chapter. As to the character of the initiates the Fraternity has full assurance; they were highly recommended by Brothers Duerr, Rice, Hodgdon and Bolard. The inspection of these four guaranteed a fine set of applicants and satisfied the governing powers on the question of *personel*.

The standing of the University was not open to doubt. Recently it has made great advances. Large sums have been brought into its treasury; a million dollar dormitory is being built; Houston Hall, the fine students' club, is binding the



students into closer relations ; and all the general qualifications of the institution make it an enviable place for chartering. From the fraternity standpoint, the opening is likewise good. There are fortunately no class societies to minimize interest in the regular fraternities ; fifteen orders have already chartered, including Delta Phi, Chi Phi, Chi Psi, Delta Psi, Psi Upsilon and Phi Kappa Psi ; out of eight hundred men in the college not over three hundred have been fraternity men,— hence there was sufficient room for a new chapter.

Special emphasis should be put upon our method of entrance. Our petitioners were chosen by one of the most popular professors in the University. Baird's *American College Fraternities* (1890 edition) mentions Dr. Edgar F. Smith in the list of Phi Kappa Psi's prominent alumni. He is said to have established the *Shield* and to have founded the University of Pennsylvania Chapter of his own fraternity. Through his friendship for Dr. Bolard and his thorough belief in the Greek system, he was led to give time and thought to the choice of our applicants. It thus turns out that the founder of our new chapter is an enthusiastic member of Phi Kappa Psi. The *Beta Theta Pi* recently spoke of a petition for a charter from the fraternity it represents which was unique in that the petitioners were recommended by two chapters of other orders. This was surely a striking piece of Pan-Hellenism. But we wonder if ever before a chapter of one fraternity was founded by a member of another. To Dr. Edgar F. Smith, the founder of Nu Chapter, we bow our gracious acknowledgements. To the chapter itself we send greetings and wish for it a career both long and bright.

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#### ALUMNI ACTIVITY.

We do not venture to write anything on this subject in the way of discussion ; our aim, rather, is congratulation. More

and more our alumni are figuring in the plan and work of the Fraternity. A comparatively few earnest graduates can accomplish large results. Give a society one hundred really active alumni, properly distributed and willing to bear the burden of leadership in their respective localities, and you have done it vast service. Our own Fraternity is to be congratulated on the revival of graduate interest and helpfulness. Some of our Alumni Associations do little or nothing; but others of them are doing most gratifying work. This is especially true of the Chicago Association. Largely, perhaps, through the energy of one man, it maintains its regular meetings, pays its required dues, and contributes generously in many ways toward our interests in the West. A leader, with sufficient time at his command could keep the graduates in his vicinity in lively contact with the general order. Professor Edwards led the brethren in Cincinnati; Brother Stuart Maclean opened the way in Atlanta. We need leaders in several of our other cities. Within a few years we should have a good organization in Philadelphia. When once our constituency in and around Boston becomes more settled we can have an active organization; at present it is composed largely of students, collegiate or post graduate. We wish that our New York alumni might be gotten into working order. Our graduate members around Gotham are many now and will "grow from more to more." Give us a few brethren who have the time and the will to assume leadership and our alumni will come into staunch aid to our workings.

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The Catalogue published in 1884 was a most tasty volume. It was printed with wide spaces, appropriate borders, generous margins; and it gave extensive biographical items about each member. It was a product of rare sacrifice on the part of Brother Trautwein. The excellency of its makeup made it expensive, so that very many of our members felt that they



could not afford to pay the required price. The forthcoming Catalogue is made after a simple pattern and its low cost brings it within reach of all. It is hoped, therefore, that our alumni will purchase copies and will provide themselves with the convenient volume of reference while aiding the publishers financially. The Legal Directory will be of great value, and all of our alumni who follow the profession of law should have the new Catalogue on hand. Send in your orders at once, brethren, and you will gladden the heart of the weary compiler.

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The Eastern Division Conference will meet in New York on the usual date,—the 22nd of February. Rho chapter has general charge of the arrangements. Experience has fully demonstrated that New York City is the best place for the meeting. This conclusion is the more remarkable after the good time and successful session in Boston last year. Even the Boston men favor New York as the better place for the Conference. Two new chapters will be represented this year,—Beta Chi of Brown, and Nu of the University of Pennsylvania. Our Eastern Division has made substantial progress within a few years. Efforts are being made to have a large number of the alumni in and about New York in attendance. An enthusiastic Conference may be expected.

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The Fraternity is singularly fortunate in having a number of loyal alumni in connection with preparatory schools which feed some of the Colleges and Universities where our chapters are placed. In several instances these brethren are the principals. It is not to be presumed that they will heedlessly recommend their students to join our chapters without regard to "the eternal fitness of things." They will pass by some men without recommendation; it may be, too, that they will

not want to recommend some chapters. Yet very often these brethren can do their Fraternity good service. Some of them have already in quiet, dignified and fully legitimate ways, brought large good to our chapters. In several states in this respect we hold positions of distinct advantage.

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The Conference of the Western Division is to be held with Beta Upsilon at Champaign, Ill., March 26-27, 1897. As to arrangements we have received no information. We trust that our widely scattered chapters of the West will all be represented. Our Western Nome is strong; a glance at its roll will cause pride. Like the Southern Division it labors under the disadvantage of long distances. We trust that Beta Kappa and Beta Rho will both send delegates to Champaign.

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Some of our fraternity exchanges are still sent to the Editor's former address. We would be glad if all the exchanges should be sent to us at 100 Washington St., Malden, Mass. We always pay the postage for forwarding rather than lose the journals; but we would rather receive the magazines directly.

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Will all our brethren, and especially the alumni, take notice that Alvan E. Duerr, 124 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, is the Business Manager of THE RAINBOW? To him all subscriptions should be sent. Heeding this request will save trouble and delay.



## FROM THE CHAPTERS.

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ALPHA — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Although we are unable to report much improvement over our condition at the beginning of the fall term, yet we can safely say that we have taken no backward steps and that Alpha is holding her own at Allegheny.

We felt rather elated in the fall at being so well represented on the foot-ball team, but when we lost several of our best active and pledged men, through the suspension of the team from college, we did not feel so much so.

Besides these losses our numbers were further weakened by the loss of Brother Relf, who was compelled to leave college on account of his health.

We open the winter term with but five actives, and a pledged list of three members. Two of the pledged men we expect to be able to present to the fraternity before long, but further than this we have not many additions in view. Although there has been more than the usual number of new students this year, fraternity material has been scarce and is especially so this term.

Allegheny is at present in better condition than it has ever been, and under President Crawford is taking rapid strides forward.

WALTER G. HARPER.

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BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The fall term at the Ohio University has been an exceedingly active one. Our foot-ball team, on which we were represented by three men, has done better work than ever before.

Beta is in a flourishing condition, having pledged eight of the best men in school.

Brothers Brown and Ogier have been forced to leave on account of their health.

C. W. Murphy, '96, has accepted a position as electrical engineer at the Central Hospital, Columbus, O.

Since our last letter, Brothers Corbusier, Delta '93, and Carpenter, Beta Pi, have been in our midst.

E. REY LASH, JR.

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GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Since our last chapter letter Gamma has initiated no new men, but we have all returned to college after our Christmas vacation, determined to work hard, and we hope to add several men to our list before long, although this being the hardest term of the year we have but little time for anything else than study.

After last term's excellent foot-ball season, during which our team scored 188 points to our opponent's nothing, athletics in the college seem to have subsided somewhat. There is not as much interest taken in indoor work as in field work. Candidates for the track team will soon be put to work in the gymnasium and we hope to have the good record of W. and J. in this line kept up next spring.

Besides the usual occurrences that belong to the life of every energetic chapter, little has happened lately that would be of interest. As the time passes we feel more and more the influence of true fraternal intercourse and our best endeavors are always for the maintenance of Delta Tau.

CHAS. M. THOMSON.

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EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

Epsilon sends greeting to her sister chapters. She feels she has reason to be proud of the work done this year.



The unexpected decrease in actives at the opening of the year, the gloom of an overshadowing debt, together with the unusual strength of rival fraternities made work at first most arduous. But every obstacle has been overcome. She is free from debt; she has initiated four men and pledged four more. Besides the men announced at our last writing we would call attention to the names of Fred P. Bender, 1900, and William J. Tuttle, 1900, both of whom we give a hearty welcome into the Delta world. Both in society and in athletics Delta Tau stands in the front rank. Brother Will Clark, who in last season's base-ball circles gained the name of "London's whirlwind" and "The two-handed twirler," has been offered the choice of a position in the Western, the Canadian or the North-western League. Brother Boonstra has not lost his cunning as a sprinter. Cecil Peck, pledged, will hold his own on "wheels." Brother Dunster, ex-President of the Athletic Association, has been honored with the position of "Director of Sports" for Albion in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

FRANK E. DUNSTER.

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ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

On the night of October 30, 1896, Zeta chapter gathered the immediate fruits of good faithful work by initiating seven fine fellows, her pick of the class of 1900. She takes great pleasure in introducing to all Deltas, Brothers Verne Clisby of Gustavus, O., William S. Couch of Madison, O., Earnest C. Gray of Gustavus, O., Foster H. Jackson of Steubenville, O., John O. Littlejohn of Painesville, O., Charles W. Thomas and J. A. Tracy of Cleveland.

Having now twelve active members we are in fine working order for developing our ideal plans for the future. Plenty to do, bright prospects, and loyal fellows place us in the best condition to enjoy fraternity life.

In addition to this healthy internal spirit, the Delta Taus are thoroughly alive to college work and interests. Brother Hurlebaus

is secretary of the "Reserve," the annual of *Adelbert*. Brother Jenkins is a business manager of the *Adelbert*. The competitive race for freshman editorship on the *Adelbert* was won by Brother Verne Clisby. In choice of class officers Delta Tau has also been highly favored.

We want a call from all Delta Taus who may be in our vicinity. We need encouragement and inspiration from you.

To our new sister chapters, Phi and Beta Chi, we extend most hearty greetings, and best wishes for the future.

J. A. TRACY.

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KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

We send greetings to the other chapters and wish them a prosperous new year. Kappa has no cause for complaint either in college honors or social life. The fraternal spirit is strong in the chapter and extends even to the pledge members.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held at the residence of Prof. M. W. Chase. Twenty Delts with their lady friends were present. Three Professors sat at the head of the tables. As a social event it was a great success.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity has opened a chapter house here this term. Jan. 16, they invited the other fraternities and sororities to a house warming.

C. L. NEWCOMER.

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MU — OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Enlivened by our Xmas pleasures we enter upon our second term full of zeal, and hope to make it one of the best of the year.

Mu is now in better condition in every respect than any of the present members have seen her. Although we have but nine actives and one pledged man, we are in an exceedingly good condition. By



the end of this term we hope to have our lodge entirely remodeled, making it one of the best, if not the best, in the city. We are glad to introduce to our brother Deltas our new initiate, Joseph Wright.

We are sorry beyond measure to inform our sister chapters of the death of Brother Dana Nelson who was teaching in Puget Sound University. By his death Delta Tau Delta loses a member who was every inch a man.

TOM WYLIE.

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NU—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Delta Tau Delta has at last entered the University of Pennsylvania and it is to be hoped that Nu Chapter can prove herself worthy of the honor conferred upon her. With the large number of students and the proportionately small number of fraternities represented at Pennsylvania, there would appear to be an excellent field for work, and it is the intention of the "Baby" to make the best of it. We heartily thank THE RAINBOW and our sister chapters for their kind wishes for success.

The installation took place at the University Club House on Friday evening, January 22d, and the occasion was made most enjoyable by the presence of a number of Philadelphia Alumni and brothers from other chapters, notably Rho and Beta Lambda. They pictured to us the pleasures of fraternity life, which we are now beginning to realize for ourselves. The Charter Members are as follows: J. Bird Moyer, '92; Walter S. Cornell, '97; Chas. S. Reeve, '97; James B. Young, '97; Howard P. Ziegler, '98; A. R. Foster, '99; John C. Shengle, '99; Edwin Elliot, '99; W. Sherwood Grover, '99, and James Gillender, Jr., 1900.

At the conclusion of the serious part of the ceremony a banquet was served in the dining-hall, and it is needless to say that every one was perfectly at home here. The Rev. Hughes O. Gibbons acted as toastmaster and among those who responded to his calls were Dr. Jno. A. Bolard, Alpha '78, and Brother Alvan E. Duerr, Sigma '93,

both of whom were largely instrumental in getting our charter, and Dr. Edgar F. Smith who got the nucleus of the chapter together. Dr. J. Calvin Rice, Psi '82, brought out some good thoughts regarding "The Pansy," and Brother Wm. Kent, Pi '76, spoke on "Thought Photographs." It was long after midnight when we separated with hopes of soon getting together again.

We have taken our quarters for the time being at 206 S. 36th Street and shall always welcome a brother there. We are on the lookout for good material and trust that we may have some new members to introduce in the next number of THE RAINBOW.

CHAS. S. REEVE.

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OMICRON — UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

With 1897 a new era begins for S. U. I.—aside from other support from the state we are to receive \$55,000 annually for buildings. Ground will be broken in a short time for the new hospital building, which is to be erected out of this fund.

The S. U. I. Glee and Mandolin Clubs are to make a tour during Easter vacation. Our chapter is represented in both clubs, and, in the Glee Club, Brother Kingsbury is the principal soloist.

On January 22nd, the Greeks in the University are to give a Pan-Hellenic party. The five collegiate fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta are the promoters of the project, but the following professional fraternities, Chi Psi Phi, Phi Delta Phi, Pi Kappa Tau, and the sororites, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, will be represented. The following fraternities, which have no chapter here, will also have members present, Chi Psi, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Last term we had the pleasure of meeting Brother P. M. Pearson, of Beta Pi, who gave a reading in the city.

We wish to introduce William Allen White of Washington, Iowa.

CHAS. S. SMITH.



## PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Since our last letter, the chapter has had the very great misfortune to lose three of its best members, Brother Beard having returned to his home in Columbus, Brother Brown to his home in Meridian, and Brother Haley having begun the practise of law at Okolona.

Notwithstanding this depletion Pi still continues to get her share of the good things of the University. Brother Tipton won the place for inter-collegiate contestant recently and several of the other boys have distinguished themselves in various ways.

The Chapter sends greeting to its sisters and can wish for them nothing better than that they enjoy a like degree of prosperity.

I. D. BORDERS.

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RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The New Year finds Rho in a very prosperous condition with fifteen active members and several men pledged for next year. Bro. H. C. Messimer, '96, is with us again this term, as he is studying law at the New York Law School.

At present we are busy getting ready for the celebration of our twenty-fifth anniversary, which we hope will prove as a great a success as it promises. As the conference of the Eastern Division is to be held in New York we have charge of the arrangements, and expect to have a larger gathering of Delts than at any previous New York meeting. Through the kindness of Brother Hughes and Brother Hodgdon we have obtained a long list of Delts in and around New York, and will be grateful for additions to it.

As every one knows, the Conference will be held on the 22nd of February, and we hope that every man who can possibly arrange it will attend.

F. D. KENNEDY.

## UPSILON.

Since the last issue of the RAINBOW, we have initiated two men, Conrad Yunker and William F. McCarthy, both of the Sophomore class. Just at present we are having our reviews preparatory to the examinations at the end of the month. We have the secretary and treasurer of the Junior class and secretary of the Sophomore class, and there has not been a time from Jan. '95 that we have not had some one or more class officers. We are in a fair condition and steadily improving.

J. F. TUTHILL.

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PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Washington and Lee University begins the New Year under changed circumstances. General G. W. C. Lee, for 26 years President of the Institution, has tendered his resignation, and the Board of Trustees has accepted it, to take effect on July 1st, 1897. Protracted ill health was the cause of this action. His withdrawal from active duties is regretted universally by both faculty and students. On accepting his resignation the Board made him President emeritus for life. Who will succeed him as actual president remains to be seen.

The foot-ball season at Washington and Lee University was singularly successful, the 'Varsities defeating every team opposed to them. Only one game was lost, the first played with Virginia Military Institute, our next door neighbor. In the second game with Virginia Military Institute, however, we evened matters up, taking the honors by the close score of 6 to 0.

Kappa Alpha will shortly inaugurate the chapter house phase of Greek life here by the erection of a memorial hall on the campus in honor of her founders. Permission has been granted them by the Trustees to build, and the work will begin, it is thought, in the near future. Some others have long been talking of building, and it is hoped that the action of Kappa Alpha may give an impetus to their purpose.



Delta Tau continues to prosper, and has now one of the strongest chapters in the University. The square badge seems to be a favorite with the fair daughters of Lexington, and several of our members are at present badgeless in consequence.

Brother Hyatt has recently received the appointment of Post Adjutant at the Virginia Military Institute. He has the distinction of being the youngest man who has ever held that responsible position.

It is with sincere pleasure that we present to the Fraternity Brother Herbert Brooke Chermide, of Staunton, Va., Class 1900, Phi's latest acquisition. He is a man who will make his mark as a student, and will prove a credit to our chapter in every way.

We were much pleased to note the establishment of Beta Chi, our "twin sister," and wish them all success in their connection with Delta Tau.

LOUIS F. WILSON.

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CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

Since writing our last letter to the RAINBOW, we have increased our number of actives, and I take pleasure in introducing Brother Charles S. Reifsnider.

With the opening of this term, we are compelled to record the loss of two of our most enthusiastic members, Brothers Harris and Blake. Harris was a '96 man, but sickness kept him out of college for one term of his Senior year. He was with us for the first term this year, but has now received his degree. He has entered the Theological Seminary, and so, although no longer an active, he will still be with us to help us with his presence and advice.

Blake, '97, has gone to Carthage, Mo., to engage in business.

We have been pleased to have Brother Tanner, Zeta '96, with us at our meetings. Brother Tanner is a master in our preparatory school, the Kenyon Military Academy.

During the fall term, we received visits from Brother Clisby and Jenkins of Zeta and Brother E. W. Harvey of Beta Phi, as well as from several of our own alumni.

W. A. GRIER.

## BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

For the past few months Indiana University and Beta Alpha Chapter have been moving along very quietly. However, we feel that both are making progress. The only flurry in the prevailing quiet atmosphere was occasioned by the athletic elections. Brother Youtsler, who distinguished himself on our foot-ball team last fall, was unanimously elected captain for the next season; but the faculty committee on athletics, than whom there is no greater power, assumed the hitherto unheard-of power of rejecting his election. The faculty committee is decided to stand firm and the students not less so. What the outcome will be is very uncertain.

Many letters have been received by the President and Registrar of the University asking why we have no dormitories, and stating that many more students would enter here in preference to the other schools in Indiana if we had some first-class dormitories. The outcome of President Swain's efforts has been the proposition of a company of New York capitalists to erect two large, modern-equipped, stone dormitories. The offer was accepted, the plans are drawn, and work will be begun next spring.

As is customary, Jan. 20th the anniversary of the foundation of Indiana University was properly observed. Beta Alpha once more came to the front in the person of Brother W. Duane Curll, who spoke for the student body.

Evidence of the work we are doing in college is given in the fact that last term not a single man in Beta Alpha made a "flunk." We think that no other fraternity in Indiana University can show such a record.

Allow us to present to the fraternity Brothers James Frank Donica of Grayson, Ind., and Frank Landers Bridges of Indianapolis, Ind. We have also one pledge whom we expect to initiate soon.

Mr. D. D. Van Buskirk, whom we expelled from the fraternity on Nov. 14, 1896, was initiated into Sigma Chi, Jan. 9.

FRANK S. GRIMSLEY.



## BETA BETA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The winter term at De Pauw opened with an increased attendance. Beta Beta with an enrollment of thirteen members is the most thriving chapter in school and ranks with the best in studentship. Six brothers are successfully carrying extra work. We have initiated four new men, all Freshmen, and we take great pleasure in presenting Brothers James Rous of Jeffersonville, Ind., Rolla Purdum of Kokomo, Ind., Fred Zeigler of Montpelier, Ind., and Leland Bass of Greencastle, Ind.

Beta Beta's financial condition is the best in the history of the chapter. We are practically free from debt and next month will commence the remodelling and refurnishing of our hall. In this we expect to invest \$500.

Brother Roger Burlingame left school early in the first term and on November 18, 1896, he was married to Miss Grove Deitrich of California. Brother Burlingame is still with us, having embarked in business in this city.

In college politics, Beta Beta is taking an active part.

Brother Cooper is managing editor and Brother Andrews, editor of Jokes and Grinds on the '98 *Mirage*. Brother Howe is local editor of the *De Pauw Weekly*, manager of the Mandolin Club, and vice-president of the Oratorical Association. Brother Howe was instrumental in the organization of the first college humane society. The prize of \$50 which he was awarded was presented to the Athletic Association.

Beta Beta still stands high in social circles. We were the originators of the Kuntry Klub, composed of members of seven fraternities, whose object is the furtherance of social functions.

On January 15, Mr. Ray J. Wade, Delta Kappa Epsilon, will represent De Pauw at the Indiana Oratorical Contest. There is no doubt but that Mr. Wade will maintain De Pauw's usual high standing.

A. CARL ANDREWS.

## BETA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

I take great pleasure in introducing the four good solid men that we have initiated since my last letter. They are Dudley Stetson, Charles Romadka, and Edmund McLaughlin of the Freshmen class and John Miller, Law '99. May our sister chapters find as good material.

The term since the Minnesota-Wisconsin foot-ball game, when only half a dozen of the Minnesota boys were down, has been quiet and uneventful. The reason why more of the boys from Minnesota were not down was that there were to be examinations the next Monday. The game was on Saturday.

It is probably worth while to note, however, that the expectations of having seventeen actives, such expectations being stated in my last letter, were not disappointed, although they were fulfilled by having new men come instead of some of our old boys coming back. So we now have seventeen active and one pledged man.

Most of our boys had the pleasure of attending a mass meeting at the gymnasium this morning, at which meeting eleven of the Western State University presidents made speeches. From what we saw of these presidents we should judge them to be pretty jolly fellows, although of course possessing a large ballast of brains.

C. C. MONTGOMERY.

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BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Beta Delta begins the new year of '97 under most favorable auspices. Having lost one of her foremost brothers, Brother John C. Glover, Rome, Ga., by withdrawal from college, her number is reduced to twelve; but luckily twelve more enthusiastic men can be found nowhere. There has been since Christmas an unusually large number of men registered, the attendance having passed three hundred, the largest in some time, but it so happens that among the new ones not much fraternity material exists. With the other seven fra-



ternities which have chapters here Beta Delta still holds her place among the leaders, being well represented in almost every branch of college life. Among the class officers we have Brother J. Littleton Jones, president of the Sophomore class of '99, and as this is said to be one of the finest classes ever enrolled at this University we are very proud indeed of it. Brother Albert L. Tidwell is vice-president of Senior class of '97 and secretary advisory committee of Athletic Association. Brother J. P. Cheney formerly class of '98, but now a member of Law class of '97, was president of Phi Kappa Literary Society and was elected one of the three debators to meet their rivals the Demosthenians in the annual spring debate, which is to take place in February; as these are two of the highest honors which the Society can confer upon one of its members we are justly very proud of him. Brother Greene F. Johnson, class of '93, now mayor of Monticello, was chosen by a committee from both societies as commencement orator for '97; this being about the highest honor which the Societies (the student-body) can confer upon an alumnus of its University and owing to the fact that he, a young man, was chosen over older and more noted men, we are especially proud of him. The base-ball season has nearly opened and this is the sole topic of conversation, owing to the fact that we want to make for us a name in base-ball as we did in foot-ball—the champions of the South.

WILLIAM L. YANCEY.

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BETA EPSILON — EMORY COLLEGE.

During the past term, Beta Epsilon, having rigidly adhered to her firmly fixed custom of concerning herself with only the most available candidates, now finds her roll rather brief. This condition, however, we do not account as matter of deep anxiety, for the term just concluded suffered from a conspicuous dearth of spiking timber such as we could utilize.

We rather congratulate ourselves on our conservatism in that while our force is small we are none the less active and loyal, and mistakes that might have been made through any groundless fear of extinction have been avoided. We number eleven now.

Brother T. B. Stanford, who was with us until the holidays, will not return, having been appointed to a clerical post in South Georgia. We make the announcement of his loss with deep regret; for he was a very strong and loyal Delta.

Beta Epsilon begins the spring term with steady confidence. She still retains her enviable position in the consideration of the entire college. Without a thought of vaunting be it said that, in that position, she purposes to remain "steadfast, unmovable."

W. C. ARMSTRONG.

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BETA ZETA — BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Beta Zeta begins a new term strong and hearty. We have been having trouble with our finances which have been disheartening to our boys, but our debt is about cleared away and we feel like new men.

Many new students have entered this term but none of exceptional ability. We are happy, however, to introduce two pledged brothers of last term's stock, Paul Jeffries of Irvington, Ind., and Ross Scott of Somerset, Penn., both of the class of 1902.

The foot-ball season left the University rather behind in the list of colleges, but not at all discreditable to our foot-ball captain, a Beta Zeta boy. In oratory we are not represented this year; but we have changed our primary to commencement week and we have several strong men to enter.

The state University has challenged the Indianapolis University to a debate. Beta Zeta will probably have a representative and she trusts that Beta Alpha will send some of her men of the state institution to oppose us.

P. B. WILLIAMS.

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BETA LAMBDA — LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Beta Lambda has enjoyed a very prosperous term since our last letter. Although small in numbers we have been able to cope with our rivals in a way which has been a credit to Delta Tau Delta.



College life has been quiet on account of the work required by the new curriculum, and, except for several dances, there has been little gayety or excitement.

The dances were great social functions, and we are proud that Brother Hershey was on the committee for the assembly dance and Brother Youtsey chairman of the Cotillion Club's dance.

Brothers Haines, Budd and Lord paid us a short visit some time ago and seemed pleased with the condition of the chapter.

Lehigh has entered upon the second term of the year with very bright prospects, and Beta Lambda is confident that the term will also tend to place her firmer than ever among the different chapters established here.

S. A. YORKS, JR.

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BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

It is a busy season with us. The fall "rushing" both in pledging men and in foot-ball has given place to the "grinding" of winter. Although the mid-year lost its terror when the final examination system was abolished, yet so-called "tests" are apt to be frequent at this time of the year.

Beta Mu is even broader this year than ever in her field of action and it never has been her policy to specialize in any one department of the college activity. While the foot-ball season did not end as satisfactorily as we might have wished, yet we feel that, had other factions in college done their parts as well as did Delta Tau Delta, different results might have been obtained. The Glee Club under the management of Brother Daniels, from present indications, is to have a most successful season. We are well represented on the Glee Club by Brothers Daniels, Ingalls and Hart, the latter being the tenor soloist, while Brothers Cushman and Ingalls play second mandolins on the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

In a society way, we think we are not excelled on the Hill. Brother Hill is president of the Evening Party Association, and the

majority of us are active participants in the parties which this year are largely attended. At our chapter house we have held one whist party and one reception, both of which were followed by informal dancing. The Tufts College Whist Association has been recently organized and will hold at least one tournament a year. Although we hardly expect our team to win this year yet we may be expected to come out near the top of the list.

Senior elections this year were characterized by rather underhanded political wire-pulling, as a result of which the first election was annulled. At the second election, Brother Parks was elected class president, Brother Breen a member of the class day committee, and Brother Ellis odist.

Brothers Hill and Green have been invited by the faculty to write commencement parts. We have recently originated a scheme for a chapter library which is to be "an adjunct to the college library." We already have a good nucleus. Alumni and undergraduates are contributing liberally and by the end of the year we shall need additional shelf room. We are also running a lecture course this winter, and have already been favored by several of our alumni and also by Professor Kingsley with practical talks on every day subjects.

The catalogue of the college just out, shows that the total registration of the college this year is 472, distributed as follows: College of Letters, 257; Divinity School, 35; Medical School, 180. The faculty of the college has recently adopted a new plan for a highly developed system of entrance requirements.

Beta Nu has already planned to send at least two delegates to the Conference of the Eastern Division in New York on February 22.

ROLLA E. HEALEY.

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BETA NU — MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since you heard from us last, Technology has received a blow by the death of her president, Francis A. Walker, from which it will take her a long time to recover. When Gen. Walker was made



president 15 years ago, Technology was a small scientific school, but by his untiring efforts and energy he raised it to its present standard of a great university.

Besides holding the position of President of Technology, Gen. Walker held numerous other offices in the various literary and military societies of the country, and his loss will be widely felt.

At present we are in the midst of our semi-annual examinations, and consequently very busy.

I am sorry to announce that Brother Oliver is no longer an active member of this chapter, as he has been obliged to leave Technology on account of poor health; but we hope to have him back with us next year.

Our latest initiates are C. M. Leonard and W. J. Angus, both of the Freshman class.

T. W. BLAKE.

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BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Much of note has transpired since our last letter to the RAINBOW. We, of Beta Xi, are as prosperous and happy as ever, and have added two worthy brothers to our fraternal family. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the world of Deltas, Brothers Lindsey A. Woodward and Thomas L. Airey, both of 1900.

Tulane now publishes two weekly papers, the *College Spirit* and the *Olive and Blue*, a monthly magazine, the *Collegian* and an annual the *Jambalaya*. The *Olive and Blue*, the younger of the weeklies, is but a few months old, it having been started last November. Shortly after its establishment Brother Robert A. Vickers was elected editor-in-chief. Brother Vickers accepted that office and resigned his position as senior editor of the *Collegian*. Under his able management, the *Olive and Blue* has been enlarged to ten pages and the circulation has rapidly increased. The title page was designed by Brother F. G. Churchill, '96. Brother Vickers has also been elected editor-in-chief of the *Jambalaya* '97.

A politico-economic club has been founded at Tulane, under the

name of the Bimetallic Club. Both the presidency and vice-presidency are held by Deltas. The club will discuss economic questions other than bimetallism.

At the anniversary exercises of the Glendy Burke Literary Society, which were held January 8th, Brother Vickers captured the medal for oratory. It may not be amiss to mention that Brother B. W. Henry has been elected base-ball captain, and Brother Eads Johnson treasurer of the Tulane German Club.

The first member of Beta Xi to join the ranks of the Benedicts, is Brother Thomas J. Woodward, Jr., who took unto himself Miss Gertrude Boucher, one of Delta Tau's fairest sisters.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Brother George Taylor of Beta Rho, Leland Stanford.

Beta Xi extends a hearty welcome to our young chapters Phi and Beta Chi, and sends her best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

N. S. RIVIERE.

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BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

In greeting the RAINBOW this term, Beta Omicron is glad to announce that she has been conducted through the first three months of the college year in a manner both satisfactory and gratifying to her members. The chapter starts in upon '97 in a very prosperous condition and the outlook in almost every way seems to indicate success.

We are glad to welcome back again the genial presence of Brother Chapman, who through sickness and death at home was obliged to leave college for a year.

Crew practice on the machines has begun and an unusually large number of Freshmen have registered. All of the members of last years 'Varsity crew have returned and will go into training soon. The Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs did not take their winter trip during the holidays owing to the financial stringency throughout the country, but are in active practice for the Junior concert.



Preparations for the festivities of Junior Week, which occurs in about a month, have already begun and the annual promenade, cotillion, concert and masque performances will undoubtedly be as attractive as ever.

R. S. McGOWIN.

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BETA PI — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The fall term ceased December 18, after a very successful season in athletics for the University and in campaigning for this chapter, while the winter has opened with prospects equally bright for conquests yet to come. The foot-ball team finished its season with colors flying, Beta Pi being ably represented by Brothers A. B. Potter at right half, R. C. Libbeton at end, and J. A. Hunter at quarter, beside the writer as business manager. Brother Hunter is one of our good new men, and hails from Rockford, Ills. The chapter now numbers nineteen actives, ten of us rooming in the same house close by the 'Varsity buildings, and enjoying an existence such as only chapter house life affords.

In local college enterprises we are holding our own with the best. Foot-ball manager, tennis manager, and track captain for the season of '97 are ours, as well as two men on the Glee, three on the Banjo, and two on the Mandolin Clubs.

Brother Engstrom and Brother Haller are on the editorial staff of the *College Annual*, the latter as Editor-in-chief. Brother Ward is on the debate to be held with the University of Wisconsin in the spring, and Brother Fegtly has been appointed on two other debate and oratorical contests.

The social life of the chapter is in good condition. Plans are nearly completed for an entertainment and banquet for the evening of February 12. We expect to make it a very "swell" affair, and are looking out for something good in the way of entertainment. The annual banquet of the Chicago Alumni Association comes shortly after this date, and a large part of the chapter will attend.

We wish for all the chapters a year as full of promise as 1897 is for Beta Pi.

FRANK H. HALLER.

## BETA RHO—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter the chapter has been materially strengthened by the initiation of J. S. W. Brisco, 1900, of Chico, Cal., and the return of Brother G. B. Taylor, '98.

Thanksgiving day we defeated the University of California by a score of 20-0. In the evening we gave a Vaudeville in a San Francisco theatre. Beta Rho was represented by two men on the Mandolin Club. Brother Brisco also had a prominent part on the program.

The dramatic society "Sword and Sandals," of whose executive board Brother Ross is a member, will present "She Stoops to Conquer" in a few weeks. Two of Beta Rho's men have leading roles.

Brother Brisco is one of the art editors of our comic paper "*Josh*," and is doing considerable work for the *Junior Annual*.

FRANK F. ROGERS.

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BETA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Again it becomes my sad duty to announce a brother's death. The joys of our holiday season were saddened by the news of the death of our most recent initiate, William G. Bridge. Brother Bridge was initiated November 21, 1896, and died December 29, so that we had the privilege of his companionship for only one short month. He was a member of the class of '98 and was a student of high rank and an athlete of considerable merit; he was one of the best developed and proportioned men in the university and was apparently in the pink of health. Therefore his sudden death after a two weeks' illness came as a severe surprise and shock to us. Brother Bridge's home was in the city and his funeral was largely attended, for all who had known him admired and loved him for his many noble and endearing qualities. Brothers Weeks, McKay and Robbins represented the chapter as pall-bearers. We mourn the loss of a brother whom we were learning to love heartily and of whom we



should have been very proud in the years to come. This is Beta Tau's second loss by death within six months.

Our latest initiate is Mr. John L. Kind, '99, of Crete, Neb., whom I now take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity.

Mr. Henderson, representing D. L. Auld, visited the various fraternities here recently. He had a fine display of pins and did a good business. Two of our new members invested in pins.

The Junior Promenade will occur February 12. This is the swellest social function of the year with us. Brother Weeks is a member of committee of arrangements.

Brother Lehnhoff has been away on a trip with the University Glee Club. The club will make several trips to the various towns of the state during the next month or two.

Brother McKay, as one of the business managers of the *Junior Annual*, is rustling around busily and promises to issue the best *Annual* ever published at the university. Beta Tau recently had a chapter picture taken for the *Annual*; the men were arranged in the form of a large Delta, which made quite a novel change from the conventional grouping.

Brother Riley was elected assistant business manager of the foot-ball team for the coming year, at a meeting of the athletic board.

Brother Manley is doing some good work as a dramatic critic for the *Nebraska State Journal*, the largest daily published in Lincoln.

TREMAINE K. BURROWS.

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BETA UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Since the last writing chapter Beta Upsilon has taken in no new men. Last fall we started with eleven actives and one pledged man; at present we have thirteen actives. In the course of a few weeks we hope to increase the membership by several first-class men. Socially, the chapter ranks extremely well and never before has the scholarship been as high as during last term.

The chapter wishes to extend to all her sister chapters a hearty invitation to attend the Annual Conference of the Western Nome, which is to be held here on the twenty-sixth and seventh of next March. We hope to welcome a large number of our brother Deltas on that eventful occasion.

The University is about to make an important move in securing one of Chicago's best medical institutions, namely the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Last year the university was fortunate enough to secure the Chicago School of Pharmacy.

In the spring, Illinois Field will probably undergo a complete remodelling and new important features added. The chief requisite deemed necessary at present is a new track, which will probably be constructed before the time of the State Inter-scholastic meet here in May.

The chapter's representation on the track team cannot be as large as it was on the 'Varsity foot-ball. Brother Burkland, '98, is athletic editor of this year's *Illio*.

F. W. VON OVEN.

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BETA PHI — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Phi chapter is financially and otherwise in a healthy condition this year. After losing three men since college opened, she has in her ranks twelve active members, three in the class of 1900.

Delta Tau Delta has been of late coming to the front in fraternity life here, though not enough men have yet shown proper interest in university affairs to bring her as much into prominence as she should be. As it is, we have an editor on the *Lantern*, the weekly publication, who is also on the *College Annual*, three men taking an active part in two literary societies, two men expecting to participate in the inter-society contest to take place soon, one on the O. S. U. Octette, men in the athletic and oratorical associations and in other university organizations.

Undoubtedly the older fraternities in the university now realize that Delta Tau Delta, young though she is here, is steadily acquiring



a strong foot-hold in this institution. Moreover, presumably in consequence of this, our relations with the other fraternities, while they have been friendly, are more so now. This is only partly evidenced by the fact of our recently being congratulated by a member of another strong fraternity on having secured the pledge of a man, after that fraternity had sought after him in vain.

We take great pleasure in introducing our two latest initiates, Brothers W. E. Stephens and V. A. Debes, both Freshmen; and also in announcing that two good men recently pledged will soon be taken in.

We are making preparations for a large banquet to be held in the latter part of this month, at which a number of the alumni are expected to be present.

We have been visited by brothers from Chi, at the event of our annual foot-ball game with Kenyon on Thanksgiving, and also by brothers from Beta. We gladly welcome all brother Deltas when they come to Columbus.

W. S. BRADFORD.

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BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Beta Chi has four new brothers to introduce. They are, of '98, J. M. Williams, Watervill, N. Y.; of '99, G. S. Beal, Brockton, Mass., and A. H. Blanchard, Providence, R. I.; of 1900, J. L. Chapman, Central Village, Conn.

We feel honored in having one of our men win the Abby Wheaton Chace Scholarship, which must be awarded to a member of the Junior class who shows "marked ability, exemplary industry, generous aspirations, and irreproachable character." Brother Crocker received the award for this year.

College work has gone very quietly and busily. The most important event has been the election of a board of Junior associate editors for the *Liber*. The Seniors have had full charge in past years.

Our foot-ball team did even better than we expected. The Thanksgiving Day victory over the Carlisle Indians was one of the most brilliant games of the season.

FRED A. SMART.

## BETA PSI — WABASH COLLEGE.

Beta Psi starts in this year with nine active members, three pledged men and two post-graduates.

Things are very quiet in fraternity circles at Wabash this winter, but we have won the finest men in the Freshman class for Delta Tau, and fully expect to continue the good work.

We are glad to welcome Brother Ireland back this term. The latter part of last year he spent in editorial work on the *Evansville Courier*.

Brother Ginn is captain of the basket-ball team.

Beta Psi sends greeting and best wishes for success and prosperity to all the sister chapters.

G. A. FERGUSON.



BOYS OF OLD.

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## ZETA.

96.—R. H. Tanner is teaching in the Kenyon Military Academy, Gambier, Ohio.

ETA (*Defunct*).

'83.—Edward Nathan Harned was accidentally killed at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., August 20, 1893. He was standing admiring the beauty of the storm on the ocean, when a whirlwind came up suddenly and he was struck on the head with a flying timber and killed instantly. He was a man beloved by all who knew him. He left a wife and four little children who now reside in Baltimore, Md.

## KAPPA.

'70.—Dr. J. F. Ward, Minneapolis, has resigned his position as editor of the *Free Baptist*, the resignation to take effect June, 1897.

'74.—S. S. Ashbaugh has removed from Kingham, Kansas, to Wichita, where he continues his law practice.

'81.—Ed. F. Auger is connected with the Union Trust Company of Detroit.

'83.—Ed. F. Parmelee is editor of the *Times*, San Diego, Cal.

'87.—Henry A. Parker has a story in September *Lippincott's*, entitled, "How Hawkins Was Regulated." We have known Mr. Parker as a fine literary student, a sympathetic interpreter of Shakespeare and a writer of ability. He now appears successfully as an author of short stories. The following is quoted from a complimentary review of "How Hawkins Was Regulated," published in *Town Topics*, a society journal of New York City: "It is a simple tale of the discomfiture of some white caps, who tried to punish an old farmer, soldier, and circus man for enforcing a law prohibiting

live stock from feeding along the highway. It is a story of tranquil and successful courage, inspired and illustrated by a high sense of humor. It contains good fighting and good fun. It is original and it is sane."—*Collegian Herald*.

'91.—C. W. Macomber leaves his position at Denmark, Ia., and Jan. 11 accepts a position in the department of mathematics in the high school, Rock Island, Ill.

'91.—H. A. Bates is editor of the *Coldwater Sun*, Coldwater, Mich., the leading Democratic publication of the county. The county went Democratic at the last election and Bates is happy.

#### LAMBDA.

Dr. Robert Lee Vaught, a prominent physician of Chattanooga, Tenn., was accidentally drowned August 28th, 1895, while on a visit to his old home at Henderson, W. Va. Brother Vaught was a prominent member of the Vanderbilt Rainbow chapter at the time of the union of Delta Tau Delta and Rainbow. He was always a prominent figure at the conferences of the Southern Division when same were held in Chattanooga. In his death and that of Brother T. C. V. Barckley (Theta) Chattanooga loses two excellent and prominent physicians and the fraternity two brothers who have always been central figures in all fraternity reunions held in Chattanooga.

#### MU.

'71.—J. N. Study has recently been elected to the superintendency of the schools at Fort Wayne, Ind.

'72.—The Christmas number of *Harper's Weekly* contained an excellent likeness of the Rev. S. L. Beiler, D. D., now vice-chancellor of the projected American University at Washington.

'81.—Rev. Heber D. Ketchman is Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Ohio.

'82.—Rev. B. F. McElfresh is now pastor of Third avenue M. E. Church, Columbus, Ohio.

'95.—C. W. McCaskill is studying theology at Boston.

'96.—C. H. Brownell is engaged in business at Washington C. H., Ohio.



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'96.—Dana Nelson died suddenly Dec. 14, 1896. This news will cause deep sorrow to those of our members who met him in any of our councils. Throughout his course, he was exceedingly active in his work for the Fraternity. His popularity was evidenced from the following extracts from the *College Transcript* of Dec. 19, 1896:

"Dana Nelson has died! The news spread like wildfire through town last Tuesday. It was almost impossible to realize that one who had so recently been among us apparently healthy and happy should have so suddenly passed away. The fact that Dana was so well known in town and so popular among the students made the loss to his friends all the more severe, though probably the family are the only ones to grasp the awful truth."

Editorial mention is made as follows: "Quite a marked gloom came over the University Tuesday afternoon upon the announcement of the sudden death of Dana Nelson. The students most heartily sympathize with Professor Nelson's family in their afflictions this term. The class of Ninety-six had no more popular member than Dana Nelson. Robust and hearty, one would have supposed that he would have outlived the majority of his class. Jolly, good natured, never out of humor, he was everybody's friend and everybody that knew him loved him. He was always the life of whatever gathering he might be found in. As a member of last year's *Transcript* corps he took an interest in the paper and many pleasant things from his pen were found in its columns."

The following resolutions were passed by our Mu chapter:

*Whereas*, In the sudden and seemingly untimely death of Dana A. Nelson, chapter Mu of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity has sustained a grievous loss, and

*Whereas*, We, the members of his fraternity, are indeed sorrowful because of his loss, and hence are in sympathy with the sorrowing family, therefore

*Resolved*, That we by his death have lost a dearly beloved brother, and

That we express our feeling of sorrow and our sympathy to the bereaved family, and

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the stricken family, and that they be entered upon our records and that they be published in college and city papers.

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## OMICRON.

'87.—Henry Smith Williams, M.D., is the author of the articles now running in *Harper's Monthly*, entitled "Science at the Beginning of the Century."

'96.—Lewis M. Roberts is practicing law in Davenport, Ia.

'96.—Samuel Bennett Hoskins, M.D., is house surgeon in the Homœopathic Hospital of the State University of Iowa.

## PI.

'95.—R. E. Wilbourn is fellow in English in the University of Mississippi.

'96.—M. E. Leake is practicing law in Tupelo and was the Democratic candidate for mayor at the late election.

Ex-'96.—E. G. Peyton is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy.

Ex-'97.—M. W. Ervin is one of the most prominent merchants in Crawford, Miss.

Ex-'97.—Ewell D. Scales is tutor in Mathematics at St. Thomas Hall, Holly Springs.

Ex-'97.—E. Pierce Haley has formed a partnership with Judge Buchanan, of Okolona, and has commenced the practice of law.

Ex-'98.—Walter Augustus Brown, Jr., is practicing law with a great deal of success at Meridian.

Ex-'98.—G. D. Harris, Jr., is studying medicine at the University of Nashville, Tenn.

## UPSILON.

'85.—Brother M. H. Ranney is assistant state engineer on the Erie Canal improvements, with his office at Mohawk, N. Y.

'86.—Brother Zayas is secretary of the Cuban Junta.

'87.—Brother Emory is division engineer of the Western N. Y. & Penn. Ry. Co.

'91.—Brother Chapleau is assistant engineer on the canal through Cascade Pt., Province of Quebec.

'92.—Brother Thompson is making us a visit of a few days.

'95.—Brother Evans was married on December 9 to Miss Mary Kirk of Troy.



## BETA ALPHA.

'91.—Harry J. Peckinpaugh of Evansville is a member of the lower house in the Legislature.

'91.—Brother Shrum recently moved to Bloomington to practice medicine.

'93.—Luther M. Grimes, who is engaged in the practice of law at Bloomington, was married last November to Miss Jessie Traylor, '95, who is a member of Pi Beta Phi.

'94.—Brother J. W. Maley visited us in the early part of January.

Brother O. P. Foreman is principal of schools at Rockport, Ind.

'95.—Guy H. Fitzgerald, who is attending medical school at Cleveland, O., visited us here in December.

F. M. Ingler is practicing law in Bloomington. We are getting quite a colony of Deltas in business in the city.

'96.—Bayless Harvey is practicing law at Paoli, Ind.

## BETA GAMMA.

John F. Donovan is practicing law in Milwaukee.

Harvey Clarke is practicing law in Monroe, Wis.

W. C. Donovan is practicing law in La Crosse, Wis.

A. T. Rogers is practicing law in Madison, Wis.

N. P. Stenhjem is practicing law in Madison, Wis.

E. J. Henning has been manager of the College Republican clubs with his headquarters in Chicago.

Charles Engelbracht is practicing law in Berlin, Wis.

Professor F. L. Van Cleef is Professor at Cornell University.

Edgar F. Strong is professor in Shattuck Military School at Faribault, Minn.

Louis Dahlman is practicing law in Milwaukee.

Maurice McCabe is practicing law in Milwaukee.

## BETA EPSILON.

'94.—John Gordon Sessoms, first honor, class '94, is practicing law at Savannah, Ga.

'94. — David Yancey Thomas, second honor, class '94, is taking a post-graduate course at Vanderbilt.

'94. — Robert Franklin Hodnett is principal of the Hutchinson Institute, Whitesburg, Ga.

'95. — Thomas Jay Shepard, class '95, is editing a newspaper at Brunswick, Ga.

'96. — William Alonzo Covington, third honor, is principal of Arlington High School, Arlington, Ga.

'96. — Thomas Mallory Cheatham is engaged in journalistic pursuits.

The following with respect to Bro. Jolley speaks for itself:

Kingston, Jan. 4. — Mr. H. J. Jolley, a prominent young man from Bartow Co., and Miss Mary Rollins of Kingston, were happily married at 7 p. m. Dec. 30, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. D. Rollins. Rev. R. P. Martyn, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, officiating. — *Atlanta Constitution*.

#### BETA ZETA.

'90. — Henry F. Schell of Somerset, Penn., was married to Miss Elizabeth Layman of Irvington, Ind., during the holidays.

'92. — Will Clark is principal of the high school at Martinsville, Ind.

Ex-'95. — Andrew Fox spent part of the summer in Germany.

#### BETA IOTA.

Dr. E. Lacey Gibson, who instituted our Phi chapter, was married on Jan. 20, 1897. He lives at Staunton, Va.

#### BETA KAPPA.

'94. — The marriage of Guy V. Thompson, Ph.D., to Miss Lucy Uhl, daughter of Hon. Edward F. Uhl, United States Ambassador to Germany, took place in Berlin on Dec. 9.



## BETA LAMBDA.

'95.—F. O. Haines is studying law at Elkton, Md.

J. H. Budd holds the position of inspecting draughtsman and designer of the Penn. Steel Co. at Steelton, Pa.

Robert Neilson is assistant supervisor of the P. & E. division of the Penn. R. R. at Williamsport, Pa.

'96.—V. A. Johnson is engaged in the grain business at Minneapolis, Minn.

E. M. Durham, Jr., is with the Government Survey on the Ouichata River.

C. W. Lord holds a fine position as assistant superintendent of the Penn. Bolt & Nut Works at Lebanon, Pa.

C. E. Trafton is agent for the Standard Oil Co. at Fall River, Mass.

'96.—J. S. Wallace is connected with the Meadville Wire Nail Co., at Meadville, Pa.

## BETA MU.

'92.—F. M. Carr has been re-elected to the Common Council of Somerville, Mass.

'93.—H. H. Weston, who has until recently been engaged in electrical engineering at Chicago, is now at 42 Jaques St., Somerville.

'94.—F. D. Lambert, instructor in the Tufts biological department, gives a course in botany during the second term of this year.

'94.—Rev. O. G. Petrie has accepted a call to the Universalist Church at Palmer, Mass.

'94.—Herbert E. Benton, who graduates from the Tufts divinity school next June, has accepted a call to the Universalist Church, Derby Line, Vt.

'96.—The engagement of J. Nash Ives to Miss Annie May Campsey of Dorchester, Mass., has been announced.

## BETA XI.

'96.—Thomas J. Woodward was married recently to Miss Gertrude Boutcher of New Orleans. The wedding was a social event of importance. Brothers Lindsey Woodward, 1900, and Charles Knight, '92, were the groomsmen.

## BETA OMICRON.

'94. — H. D. Gibbs is president of the Sphinx Co. of Buffalo, N. Y.

'94. — W. G. Kranz is in Buffalo connected with an engineering firm.

'96. — W. H. Feiker has opened a law office at Northampton, Mass.

'96. — W. J. Lester is with the General Electric Co.

'96. — E. L. Spencer is in Morristown, N. J.

'96. — F. J. Davis is studying law in Owego, N. Y.

'96. — G. D. Hauptman is studying law at Harvard.

## BETA PI.

'93. — Frank C. Lockwood, Ph.D., is preaching at the Iliff M. E. Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.

'93. — Charles D. Lockwood, M.D., '96, is assistant in the Cook Co. Hospital, Chicago.

'94. — J. F. Roberts has gone as a missionary to Chili, South America.

'94. — E. M. Pallette has a position as teacher in the schools of Los Angeles, and is taking a medical course at the same time.

'95. — P. M. Pearson, teacher in the Cumnock School of Oratory, was married on June 11 to Miss Edna R. Wolfe, a member of the Delta Delta Delta Fraternity and a graduate of Baker University, Kansas. Brother Pearson and wife are at home to their friends at their residence, 1104 Foster street, Evanston, Ills.

'95. — James Potter is preaching in the Methodist Church at Hume, Mo.

## BETA RHO.

'95. — George D. Stratton has a position in the civil engineering corps of the Southern Pacific R. R. Co.

'96. — Hugh H. Brown was advance agent for the Stanford University glee and mandolin clubs on their holiday tour of the Northwest.



## BETA TAU.

'94.—J. H. Johnston has returned from Utah to Montana where he has been made county attorney of a new county recently formed.

'94.—W. M. Johnston has been elected county attorney of Yellowstone County, Montana.

'95.—A. J. Weaver, law '96, has given up the idea of practicing law in Salt Lake, Utah, and has now established himself at his old home in Falls City, Nebraska.

'95.—E. B. Sherman was recently married to Miss Maude Shaw, a former student of the university. The bride is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

## BETA UPSILON.

'76.—Jas. R. Mann has been elected congressman from the First District of Illinois by an immense majority. We hope to present his picture and a sketch of his career in the next RAINBOW.

'93.—Leslie A. Weaver of Urbana, Ill., has recently been admitted to the bar.

'94.—The marriage of Jno. D. Lowry to Miss Dell D. Peterbough took place at Mackinaw, Ill., on December 16, 1896.

'94.—D. H. Jansen was elected by the republican ticket for county surveyor of Tazewell County, Ill.

'95.—S. F. Holtzman is located at Denver, Colorado.

'96.—J. D. Morse is spending the winter months at Lost Angeles, California.

'96.—F. J. Fitzwilliams is studying architecture in Paris.

'96.—G. C. Liese is in an engraver's office at St. Louis, Mo.

## BETA CHI.

'96.—H. L. Thompson is principal of the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield, Conn.

'96.—Abram Le Grand is Pastor of the Baptist Church at Bangor, Wis.

## BETA PSI.

'91.—E. B. Randolph was married November 24, to Miss Elizabeth Binford at the home of the bride's parents in Crawfordsville. Brother Randolph has a seat in the Indiana legislature.

'94.—C. D. Stevens was married November 24, to Miss Fanny Binford at the home of the bride's parents in Crawfordsville. Bro. Stevens is professor of English in Vincennes University.

'96.—W. R. Davidson is studying at Rush Medical.

Ex-'97.—A. B. Boyer is studying art in Chicago.



## THE GREEK WORLD.

Phi Delta Theta has opened a chapter house at Hillsdale College.

It is rumored that Alpha Tau Omega has received a petition from Roanoke College.

Sigma Chi is planning to erect a chapter house at Cornell.

Psi Upsilon at Michigan University does not allow its members to join the class or professional societies.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* is authority for the statement that Beta Theta Pi contemplates entering the West Virginia University at Morgantown.

Senator-elect Foraker, of Ohio, is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, from the Ohio Wesleyan chapter.

Senator-elect Fairbanks, of Indiana, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta, from the Ohio Wesleyan chapter.

Kappa Sigma has entered Bucknell University, having absorbed a local society.

Delta Upsilon at its recent Convention entertained a petition from Phi Rho, a local society at Wesleyan. Action was deferred for one year.

Delta Upsilon's chapter at Adelbert has leased a chapter house. This is the first attempt at house life ever made by the fraternities at Adelbert.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon hall at Cumberland University was burned in October last. The local chapter sustained considerable loss.

The last Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon granted charters to petitioners from Tulane and Louisiana State University.

Phi Delta Theta has entered Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland, Ohio. Zeta Psi chartered there in 1885. Her new rival was installed December 21, 1896.

Alpha Phi has entered the University of Wisconsin. Her new chapter numbered ten at the beginning and was inaugurated with great enthusiasm,

The last Convention of Alpha Phi refused charters to applicants from six different institutions.

The Sigma Chi correspondent from Albion College states that Alpha Phi has built a lodge there. This must refer to a local sorority; for Alpha Phi, if we mistake not, has no chapter at Albion.

The last Convention of Sigma Nu passed a law transferring the right to grant charters from the High Council to the fraternity at large. This step marks the beginning of conservative extension for Sigma Nu.

Sigma Nu, according to the admission of its organ, *The Delta*, would be glad to enter Columbia and some other Eastern institutions. A plan, with this purpose, is already projected.

The Twenty-Fifth Convention of Phi Kappa Sigma met in Philadelphia Jan. 1 and 2, 1897. According to the fraternity's law one of the three delegates from each chapter must be an alumnus.

The last Convention of Alpha Phi prohibited the initiation of special students. Two chapters were made exceptions and were allowed to continue such initiation. In the long run Alpha Phi will lose nothing by this step.

The Bethany correspondent of Beta Theta Pi says: "Three members of the faculty are Phi Kappa Psis, and there is a strong probability that the chapter of that fraternity will be re-established here." The Editor of the *Shield* disclaims any knowledge of such a move on the part of Phi Kappa Psi.

Fraternity circles at Washington and Lee have been enlarged by the appearance of Mu Pi Lambda,—evidently a local society,—with ten members.



The Hon. Ed. C. Curtis, who has been prominent in the Illinois Legislature in the movement to establish a uniform text-book system in the public schools and who has been elected speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, is but 32 years of age. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta from De Pauw Chapter.

November 28 saw the first chapter of a general dental fraternity established in the South. On this date Delta Sigma Delta placed her Kappa Chapter in that department of Vanderbilt. The chapter was organized through the instrumentality of Dr. H. W. Morgan, of the faculty, who was assisted in the installation ceremonies by four supreme officers of the fraternity. The chapter roll at present comprises twelve names.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Kappa Alpha was founded at Washington and Lee in 1865. Her chapter at Washington and Lee has gained permission to erect a memorial hall on the campus. This will mark the beginning of the chapter house system at Washington and Lee.

We have not heard of any proceedings as yet on the part of the interfraternity congress. If any satisfactory arrangement regarding the regulation of rushing is to be reached before next year, the initial steps cannot be taken too soon. It is well known that in some instances men in the present freshman class were pledged to fraternities before coming to college. This is an injudicious proceeding, viewed from any standpoint, and whatever agreements are to be made should be made early enough to do away with it at once and forever. We would suggest the close of the Thanksgiving recess as a date previous to which no freshman should have a word of "society" talked to him — or her either. — *Tufts Weekly*, Nov. 24, 1896.

From an article on Greek-letter Societies at the University of California in the Los Angeles *Times*, kindly sent us by one of our alumni, we take the following:

In his recently-issued biennial report, President Kellogg commented on the increase of the number of fraternities and of their members. He expressed a belief that often a freshman joined a fraternity before he really knew very much about it, and before he had found out whether or

not its members would prove congenial, and, furthermore, that things were done in such a hurry that the fraternities often did not really know just what kind of a person they were inviting to become one of their number. He expressed a wish that the fraternities would agree among themselves to initiate no one until he had been in college one term, at the least, as is customary in some eastern colleges. The suggestion met with little favor among the students, and probably it will have no effect whatever.

The Phi Delta Theta correspondent from the Northwestern University gives the following astonishing information. It is to be hoped that it represents a passing and not a permanent shame upon fraternity life at Evanston :

Several of the fraternities are trying to revive the practice of having a public programme in their initiations, with all sorts of ridiculous pranks and some indignities for the candidates to undergo in public. Fantastic dress, the riding of a mule on which were lettered signs, and other performances have been enacted by the men. One of the woman's organizations required its candidates to appear in the chill October weather in white dresses, through which shone stockings, on one limb red and on the other blue.

The following from some of the college papers of Ohio would indicate that the epidemic of "horse play" had broken out also in the Buckeye State. This surely shows the merit of originality :

With the consent of Warden Coffin, of the State prison at Columbus, O., eight students in the law school at the State University were initiated into a Greek-letter fraternity with experiences in the methods of punishment used in the prison, including the ducking tub, the padding machine, the thumb chains and the humming bird, after being brought to the prison blindfolded.

The following despatch from Madison, Wisconsin, will give gratifying information to the many who have sympathized with Phi Kappa Psi in the loss of her former chapter at the University of Wisconsin. It appears in the Associated Press reports for early January :

Madison, Wis., Jan. 9. — The Phi Kappa Psi Greek-letter fraternity is to be revived in the University of Wisconsin, a meeting to effect its reorganization having been called for Jan. 16. The fraternity has had no



chapter in the state university for nearly three years, the one formerly existing having surrendered its charter March 13, 1893, when several of its members went out and organized a local society called Rho Kappa Upsilon, which ultimately became a chapter of Psi Upsilon. Many of the alumni and active members of the fraternity from other colleges, Michigan, Illinois, Northwestern and Beloit, among the number, will be here to assist in the organization, W. S. Holden being one of the prominent ones who will take part. There are several members now in the city, some among the students who have come from other colleges, and some of the alumni among the business and professional men here. Atkinson, the new football captain, is a member, having joined the fraternity at Beloit; Dr. A. C. Harper was a member in Washington, D. C., and Attorney C. E. Buell is also an alumnus, while among the faculty of the state university Professor Charles H. Haskins and Instructor Henry H. Swain are members of the fraternity.

## THE GREEK PRESS.

We are compelled to send in the material for this issue of THE RAINBOW before many of the exchanges for January have arrived. Consequently our reviews will not be many. Very few of our journals manage to appear *on time*. For ourselves, while we would gladly have every issue reach the subscribers in the month named on the cover, we yet prefer completeness to promptness, especially since the tardiness is not likely to cause any one real inconvenience.

*The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for December, 1896, is the last issue that will come from the hand of Mr. Burger. The first editorial is a semi-apology for the December issue—an apology not needed in any slight degree, so far as we could observe. The Editor reviews his six years service and bids farewell to his charge. We have not heard as yet who was elected as his successor by the recent Convention. To the new-comer we give welcome, and wish for him nothing higher than the success of his predecessor. The editorial department of *The Record* has been clean and dignified.

We are always impressed that the weakest part of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's magazine is the chapter-letter portion. We have several times wondered why the editorial privilege of erasure was not more frequently used. The ravings of correspondents in the December issue over the election of William McKinley are amusing. A number of them "gush" over the election of "our honored brother"; instead of this they should say "our honorary brother." One of the young enthusiasts goes so far as to suggest that the White House be decorated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon colors. The whole procedure is as befitting as it would be for Delta Tau Delta to boast of Thomas M. Browne or Godlove S. Orth, or for Delta Kappa Epsilon to parade Ex-President Hayes or James G. Blaine. The fact is that few great



men, unless already members of a fraternity, would refuse a crowd of enthusiastic college boys the privilege of initiating them. If Sigma Alpha Epsilon would follow the matter up persistently she could soon have a majority in Congress. Once in a while, also, the correspondents for *The Record* show a lack of good taste. One of them says: "Our rivals are doing their best to keep up with the procession but can never hope to attain supremacy over Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which has for years held the highest place." The correspondent from the University of Colorado shows a sweet and fraternal spirit in the following:

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon was the first to gain points of advantage on the field of fraternity effort. She has kept her position and expects to sweep from sight and hearing all pretensions of a rival fraternity."

This is surely very gracious and broad language. It would appear that our Beta Kappa chapter is in danger. We are moved to believe that one or two new chapters at Boulder would be a good thing and would save the Sigma Alpha Epsilon writer the frenzy which twice within the year has appeared in his chapter letters. From *The Record* we wish to take entire the following poem, by Frank S. Pixley, on "The Old Fraternity Pin":

I'm a plain old business plodder who don't give a rap for frills,  
And I'm worried less by fashion than I am by stocks and bills.  
Though my wife insists that in me Nature planned a perfect man,  
I'm afraid that I'm not building in accordance with that plan.  
I have never owned a watch or worn a chain, or fob, or ring,  
And, in fact, I'm out of sympathy with all that sort of thing.  
I indulge no taste for baubles. Yet what thoughts come thronging in  
When I see some college youngster "flash" my old "frat" pin!

At the sight of that old emblem I forget that I am gray,  
And my pulse beats just as strongly as upon that far-off day  
When a band of student brothers taught me mystic grip and sign,  
And I rode their goat in triumph — and that shining badge was mine.  
Father Time has not been idle and those "boys" of long ago  
Now are scattered far and widely, and their heads are crowned  
with snow;

But their hearts, I know, beat warmly, for they keep alive within  
All the principles embodied in that old "frat" pin.

How my thoughts go flying backward to youth's iridescent day,  
When the world lay all before me and Hope beckoned on the way!  
Now another generation claims the center of the stage,  
While I'm ready to write "finis" at the bottom of my page.  
I'll confess a strange emotion sets my very soul aglow  
As I greet again by proxy those old "boys" of long ago.  
How it starts my nerves a-tingling! How it warms my heart within  
When I couple past and present with that old "frat" pin.

*The Alpha Phi Quarterly* appears this year in a new and tasty cover. The November number gives an account of the last convention and recites the founding of the Iota chapter at Wisconsin. This is the first chapter instituted in five years and is the ninth on the chapter roll. Alpha Phi has proved very conservative as to extension. The convention banquet had some delightful evidences of inter-fraternity feeling, as the following will show:

"The banquet was pleasantly interrupted by the receipt of thoughtful remembrances in the shape of notes, flowers and confections, from Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Beta Phi, Phi Gamma, and Beta Theta Pi."

The editor of the *Quarterly* doubts the wisdom of the convention's action in forbidding the initiation of special students. For ourselves we regard the action as wise and as adding dignity to Alpha Phi.

The *Beta Theta Pi* for November gives cuts of the Ohio Wesleyan University, — the same, evidently, which appeared last year in the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*. The repetition, however, is fully proper; for the two magazines reach a wholly different constituency. There appears also a cut of the Hon. M. S. Quay, senator from Pennsylvania, who is a Beta. Boies Penrose, the newly-elected senator from Pennsylvania, is also a Beta. So we have the unusual, perhaps wholly exceptional, occurrence of two United States senators from the same state belonging to the same fraternity. Mr. Jacobs will have to add a new chapter to his studies in the American University Magazine.

The chief matter of interest to Delta Tau Deltas is an article on Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi at the Ohio Wesleyan. The



author of the article is Willis O. Robb. He recites the success of his chapter and points to a record of the most of which he may well be proud. In one or two instances, however, the writer shows a strange lack of justice and courtesy, and even goes so far as to parade, without condemnation, one of the most disgraceful events in fraternity history. We wonder how the three hundred Betas, sons of Theta chapter, will relish this reference to their Alma Mater and its location: "this little inland Ohio town, and its backwoods, freshwater, sectarian college." These words must have been delightful reading to the undergraduate Betas at Delaware. The language, perhaps, ought not to be taken too seriously; yet it was not offered in way of joking. The fact is that it is wholly untrue and unjust. Delaware is a beautiful little city and is one of the most cultured places of the state, while the university has a record surpassed by no institution in Ohio. If the charge be true that the Ohio Wesleyan is a "backwoods, freshwater, sectarian college," we advise Beta Theta Pi to withdraw her charter.

Mr. Robb also speaks of the lifting of nearly all the members of the former chapter of Delta Tau Delta. That event is no cause for glory. Mr. Baird, himself a Beta, condemned it unsparingly in a former edition of his *American College Fraternities*. The Rev. John R. Shannon, who is mentioned in the article as carrying on the negotiations for the disaffected Delta Taus, said to the Editor of THE RAINBOW a few years ago that he was now ashamed of the whole transaction. At Cleveland, in May 1896, Dr. Shannon said to a prominent member of our own Fraternity that he was grieved whenever he thought of that plot. One of Beta Theta Pi's most honored alumni, who was in the Theta chapter at the time of the "lifting," said to the Editor only a few months since that the whole thing was wrong and that he thought of it only with shame. It would not be well, doubtless, to detail parts of the transaction. It is enough, at any rate, to say that the incident needs to be slightly mentioned or else passed by with averted face; it is surely not sufficiently worthy to occupy nearly one-third the space in an article on the Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

The January number of *Beta Theta Pi* contains cuts of Bishops Kinsolving of Texas and Sessums of Louisiana. It also contains a picture of the late Rev. H. A. Delano, of Evanston, Ill. Dr. Delano was not, perhaps, widely known; but he was a man of fine mind and splendid character and Beta Theta Pi may well honor him. There is much of truth in the following selection from an editorial:

The more wide-spread college fraternities have accomplished a most useful function in bringing to students in widely separated institutions a knowledge of each other. The general public are too apt to believe that the college life of the country is confined to some half dozen or ten much-advertised institutions. Whenever a popular magazine, for instance, announces a series of articles upon American college life, we can tell in advance that they will contain the same old studies and same old pictures of Yale and Harvard, Columbia and Princeton, the Universities of Virginia and Johns Hopkins, possibly Michigan, and a sketch of the National Schools at West Point and Annapolis thrown in by way of variety. And yet the real college life of the country is not to be found in the institutions we have named, and perhaps in some others, but in the college of 300 students on the average.

These colleges, frequented by the boys from what for want of a better term we call the "middle classes," are, in our opinion, the best fields for fraternity work and fraternity life. It is in such colleges that our fraternity finds its true home, it is from such colleges we have drawn the men who give us standing in the world at large, and it is at such colleges that we must become permanent factors in the college life by eagerly seizing every means to secure a strong hold upon the institution. But for the fraternities, the knowledge at one institution of this class at a similar institution a thousand miles away would be vague indeed. The fraternities, however, bring into contact students from such institutions, who find that their college life is much the same in Maine as in Georgia, in Ohio as in Missouri. and that the idea that study and not advertisement is the purpose of college residence has not entirely disappeared from educational circles.

We have recently received the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, — the first number we have ever seen. An editorial calls upon the chapters to pay their debts to the general fraternity. Delta Tau Delta found a few years ago that such appeals availed little in several cases. A motion to withdraw the charter of delinquents, unless



debts were paid within a specified time, proved effective, especially when it was found that the Fraternity was in earnest. The *Quarterly* contains an article by a Swarthmore member of Delta Upsilon on "The Experiences of a New Chapter." It would appear that the fraternity men at Swarthmore forgot their Quaker meekness and persecuted the new-comer vigorously with various slights and "boguses." Perhaps this was the result of prejudice against the old "anti-secret" rule of Delta Upsilon. This prejudice is happily passing away, owing to Delta Upsilon's changed attitude and the larger Pan-Hellenic spirit.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu for November contains an account of the convention. The principal work done by that body was as follows: The power of granting new charters was taken from the council and given to the fraternity at large; it was decreed that every initiate, upon payment of required fee, should receive a certificate of membership; the charters of all chapters in arrears are to be revoked on October 1, 1898. A pronouncement against Theta Nu Epsilon was passed, but was later reconsidered and was finally left on the table. We expect, within a few years, to see the leading fraternities take a stand against class societies. Just such a law as proposed by Sigma Nu has already been passed by Delta Tau Delta,—only it is not directed against any particular society. We congratulate Brother Woods on his re-election as editor. He has worked faithfully against heavy hindrances.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for January contains a strong editorial against "Theta Nu Epsilon and Others." The editor puts the matter strongly, but we agree in the main with his views. The editorial closes thus:

To the untutored general public anything bearing the Hellenic stamp, whether Theta Nu Epsilon or Phi Delta Phi, is a fraternity. As these affairs, as a class, make no pretensions toward the cultivation of the fraternal (in case of the opposite at the expense of others) they are consequently merely barnacles on the body politic of the fraternity system. They should be made to come out of the woodpile and surrender their Greek-letter disguise or be placed under a universal ban. As a generality it would be better if both alternatives could be enforced.

Editor Jones disclaims "any intention to ignore" in his failure to classify Delta Tau Delta in the editorial quoted in the last RAINBOW. We knew, of course, that no slight was intended. The editor of the *Journal* acknowledges his inability to classify Delta Tau Delta as either Northern or Southern or Eastern; he appeals to us for enlightenment. We feel constrained to reply that our Fraternity has made no effort to confine itself to one section, or even to make a specialty of one section. We feel rather complimented that our history and chapter locations are such that we cannot be called "aliens in the Southland;" for this implies that we belong there although our institutions are largely Northern or Eastern or Western. We admire Kappa Alpha for her conservative attitude toward Northern extension; in her case we think it wise that additions, North and West, be slowly and carefully made, if made at all. Editor Jones, we believe, does not like the word "national," as applied to fraternities; so we will not parade it in our reply. We have seven chapters in the South in all of which we meet Kappa Alpha; we have ten chapters in the East, seven of which are rivals of Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, or Alpha Delta Phi; we have numerous chapters, North and West, which meet all the larger fraternities of the new line. Our chapters are beside the Gulf and the Lakes; beside the Atlantic and the Pacific. We do not, therefore, classify ourselves as either Western, Eastern or Southern, and Mr. Jones' hesitancy to give us a limiting name was natural. The new cover of the *Journal* is very tasty indeed. It would be hard to improve on the magazine's material make-up; it would also be hard to improve upon its general interest and excellency.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield* for December is the latest magazine to reach us. It, too, gives a convention account. The report of President Harstrom shows that he personally visited every chapter in the past year. The report of Editor Holmes presents a good financial showing for the *Shield*. In order to retain his service as Editor, the Convention willingly voted an increase of \$300 for expenses. In this it did wisely. We are glad that Mr. Holmes is to continue his work.

Two important resolutions of the Convention should be men-



tioned: One provides that every member of Theta Delta Chi shall procure a badge within three months after initiation; the other orders that each graduate member pay an annual fee of five dollars toward a permanent chapter fund. These resolutions, as we understand, pass now to the vote of the chapters. If they can be passed, and then practiced, the results will be large and beneficial.

The following remarks at the convention banquet were made by a Harvard Theta Delt. They suggest food for thought:

There are probably more Theta Deltas at Harvard from the fraternity at large than in any other university in the country. I do not know the exact number, but I feel quite certain that there were in the year 1895-6 at least 50 Theta Deltas in Harvard University, and half of that number were members of other charges. These men, I am sorry to say, have very rarely appeared at our club house. We did not know them very well, and for that reason Iota has been more or less criticised, but I feel as a past undergraduate member of the charge, that the reason why they were not better known is for them to explain. We were there, we had a charge house at 20 Ware street, and gave every brother who came the right hand of welcome, but we could hardly be expected to go around and hunt up the brothers from other charges. I am certain that Iota's feeling toward the fraternity is one of extreme loyalty. Fraternity life at Harvard, as every one knows who is familiar with the university, is different from that at any other institution in the country. Harvard is like a large city, and offers many diversions, so that the fraternity life cannot be the centre of attraction, as it is in smaller places.

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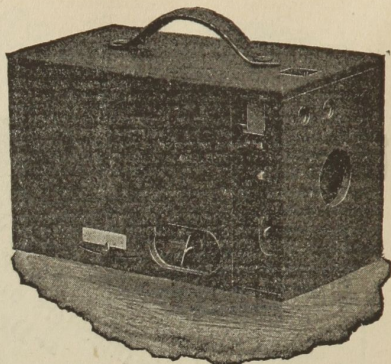
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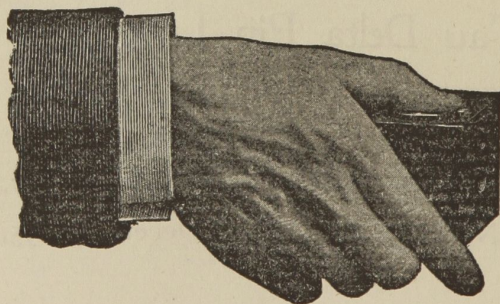
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