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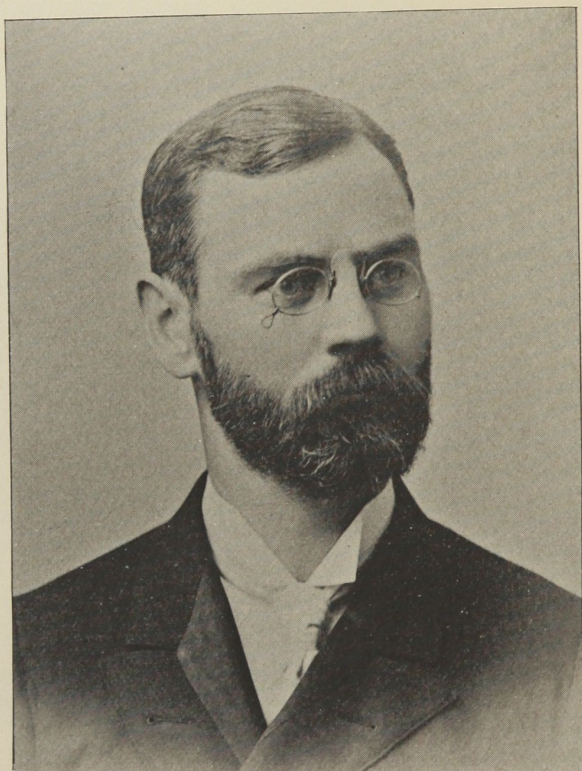
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JAMES R. MANN, BETA Upsilon '76.

James R. Mann was born on a farm near Bloomington, Ill., October 20, 1856. He was the third of nine sons, his parents being Capt. Wm. H. Mann, a native of Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Abraham, being a native of Virginia, of Jewish descent. While at school young Mann was noted for his superiority in athletic sports and for two years was captain of a company of students forming a part of the State militia. He still holds the commission given him by the Governor as captain in the Illinois National Guards. While at the State University at Champaign he was a leader in the organization of the students for self-government, and served as one of the three judges to pass upon offenses committed by the students. In June, 1876, he graduated with honors and was the valedictorian of his class. In 1879, Mr. Mann entered the Chicago Law School where his course was a brilliant one. During the Junior year he took the first prize for the best scholarship, and was also an easy winner of the prize awarded by the faculty in the Senior year. He also entered as competitor for the Horton prize, to be awarded for the best written thesis by any member of his class, and won the prize by the unanimous decision of the three judges of award.

After graduation and marriage, Mr. Mann located his home in the then village of Hyde Park, now a part of Chicago, and commenced the practice of law in the city of Chicago, meanwhile giving time to the editing of the reports of decisions by the United States Courts of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin—a work commenced while a student in the law school. Soon after his location at Hyde Park he became a member of the local school board and served as such with great efficiency. Later he was selected by the late Judge Jameson, who in 1888 was elected as the president of the village, as attorney for the village. So well did he administer the affairs of his office that during his term, although suits against the corporation aggregating several hundred thousand dollars were disposed of, not a single judgment against the village was secured.

In the spring of 1892, the village of Hyde Park having become a part of Chicago, the northern portion constituting the 23d Ward, Mr. Mann was nominated, without solicitation on his part, by the Republicans for alderman from the Ward named, and at the succeeding election was chosen by a large majority. His ability was speedily recognized by his associates in the City Council, where he was given the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee—the second in importance among various council committees. His opposition to all schemes tainted with crookedness and his clear-headed championship of whatever measures gave promise of promoting the general interests of the people soon made him conspicuous, and, with all the friends of honest government and helpful legislation, exceedingly popular. Eminent ability and honestly won success, however, have their perils, and a strongly organized attempt was made by a number of older politicians to prevent his re-nomination as alderman in the spring of 1894. The opposing candidate was a strong one, Ex-Judge Longenecker, prominent in the party, but Mr. Mann was evidently very much wanted by the people of the 23d Ward and was easily renominated on

the Republican ticket. Almost the entire press of the city advocated his re-election, and when the votes were counted he was found to have a majority of 4,260 — the largest ever given to an alderman in the city's history.

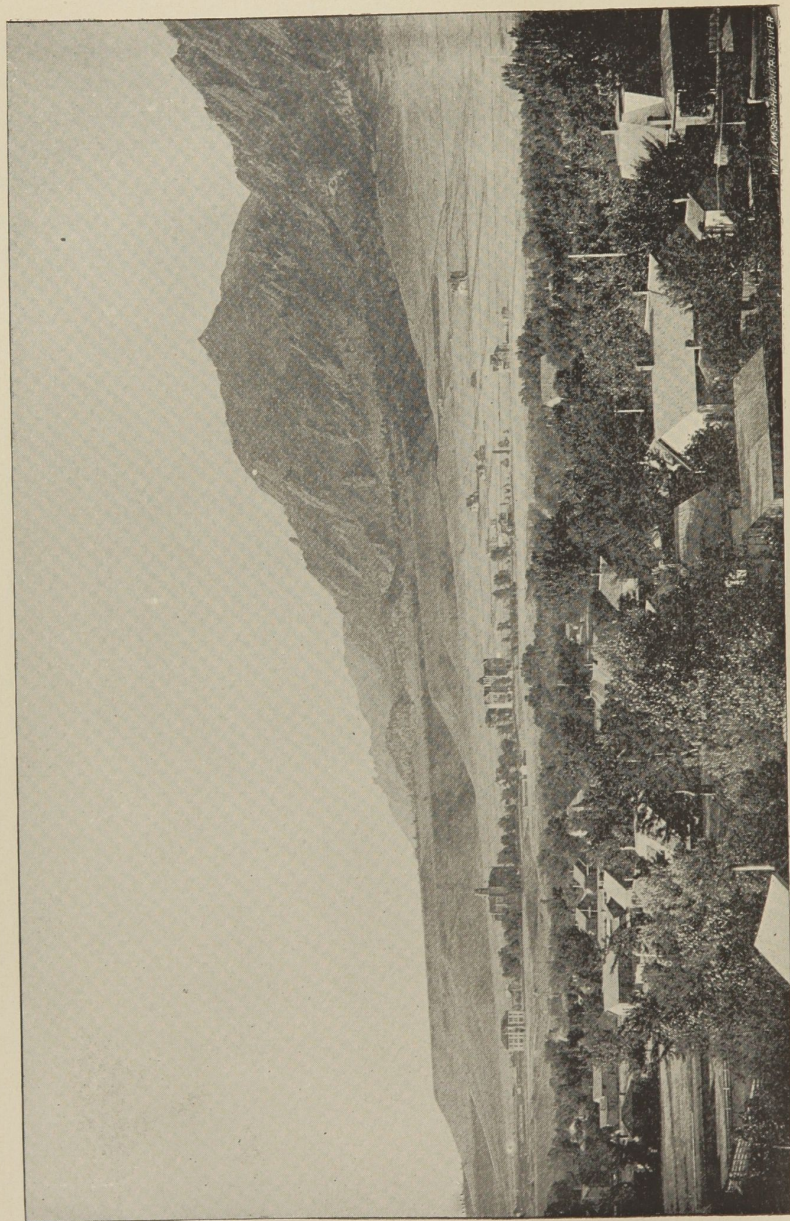
In securing the location of the World's Fair he was prominent, and also active in obtaining such enactments by the State Legislature as were necessary for its location and management. He was also chairman of the citizen's committee named to present to the National Commissioners and Board of Directors the advantages of Jackson Park as a site for the Exposition, with what result is a matter of history.

At the Illinois Republican State Convention in 1894, Mr. Mann was selected as the temporary chairman of the Convention, and delivered an opening speech which won him wide reputation as an orator. He was also the unanimous choice of the Cook County Republican Convention for chairman of that Convention in 1895. In June, 1895, he was elected President of the Alumni Association of the University of Illinois. In February, 1896, Mr. Mann was nominated by acclamation as the candidate for Congress by the Republican Convention of the First Congressional District of Illinois. Mr. Mann is recognized as one of the strong Republican leaders in the city of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

Mr. Mann was elected to Congress in November, 1896, receiving 51,582 votes as against 23,123 cast for James H. Teller, the candidate of the Democrats and Populists, a plurality of 28,459. In this contest, the 32d Ward of Chicago, where both of the candidates live, gave Mr. Mann 11,442 votes as against 3,466 for Mr. Teller.

Socially Mr. Mann is a gentleman welcomed cordially to the best circles, not only because of his personal worth, but on account of those genial qualities which make his presence an addition to any company. He is a member of several clubs, in all of which he is popular, besides being a member of the

Bar Association, the Law Institute and the Art Institute. As a clubman his name is found on the roll of the Union League, the Hamilton, the Oakland, the Dakota, the Hyde Park, the Sunset and the Unity Clubs, as well as the celebrated 12.45 Club. No man among the many honored citizens of Chicago has a more satisfactory past or a more promising future than has James R. Mann.



GENERAL VIEW.

BETA KAPPA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
COLORADO.

Twenty years ago, Colorado, just entering statehood, made provision for a state university upon so firm a foundation that through the trying years of growth of the young commonwealth, it has strengthened and multiplied its departments until to-day it ranks high among the state universities of the country. It is supported by a permanent one-fifth of a mill rate taxed upon all the property within the State, which in time will become a very liberal income indeed, but which is necessarily supplemented by special appropriation for the present needs of the institution.

The explanation of this remarkable prosperity is to be sought, partly in the early history of all similar institutions, but more particularly in the wise and energetic administration of President Baker. The president is a man of great ability and his reputation as an educator is national, as evidenced by his constant prominence in educational circles for many years prior to his being called to the position he now occupies. Since 1886 he has been a member of the National Council of Education, being elected President of the same in 1891. His interest and influence has been devoted to a considerable degree to a scheme of harmonizing and unifying secondary education throughout the country. He was also one of the educators constituting the committee of ten that published its famous report in 1893. He is the author of Baker's Elementary Psychology. Under the lead of our President and able faculty, the University has rapidly increased in numbers and value as an educational institution. The campus of forty acres is picturesquely situated on the brow of a hill overlooking the beautiful city of Boulder, and

the view of the east extends across Boulder valley for a distance of nearly thirty miles. Behind the campus rises the first ridge of the Rockies, with their ragged cliffs and piny brows. The proximity of the lofty table lands and the overshadowing cliffs of the foot-hills give it a situation of incomparable beauty.

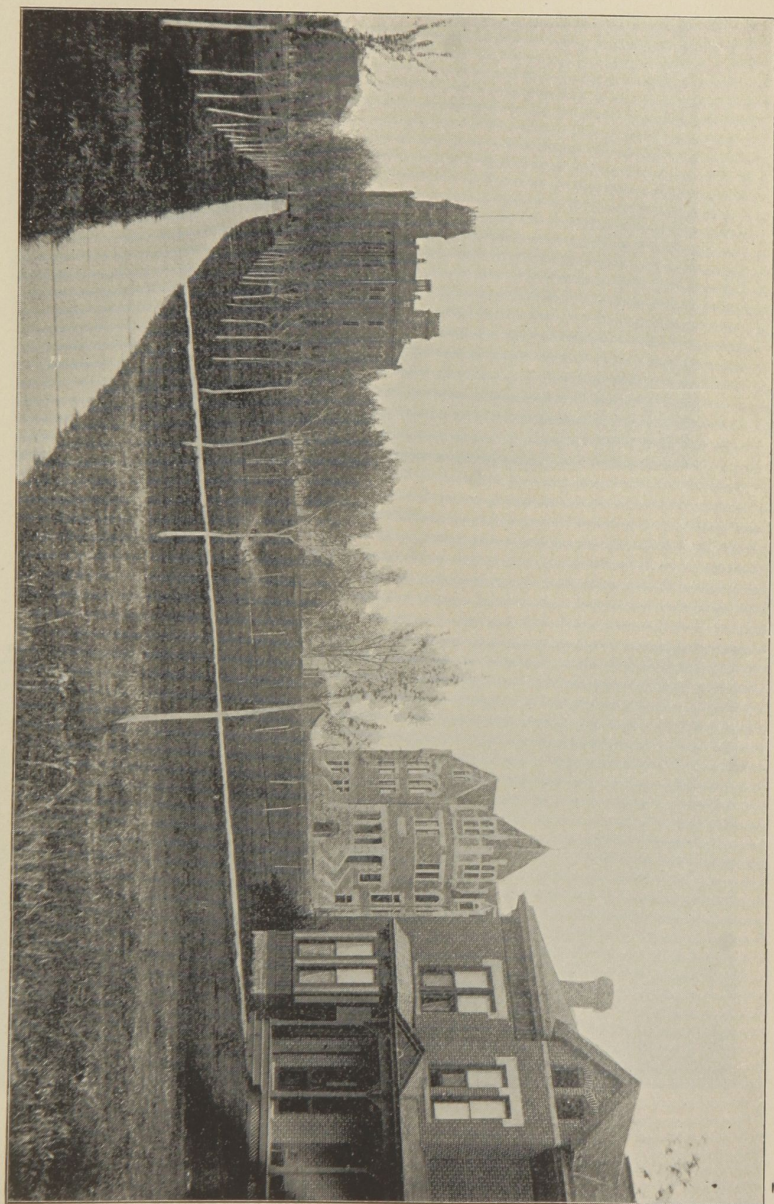
There are nine buildings upon the campus connected by walks and drives and avenues of shade trees. The various buildings are heated from one large central plant and lighted with electricity.

Dormitory quarters are provided for a limited number of students. Delta Tau Delta having no chapter house as yet, finds a home for the majority of its men in the beautiful white sandstone dormitory, Woodbury Hall. There are also two dormitories for young ladies, the University being co-educational.

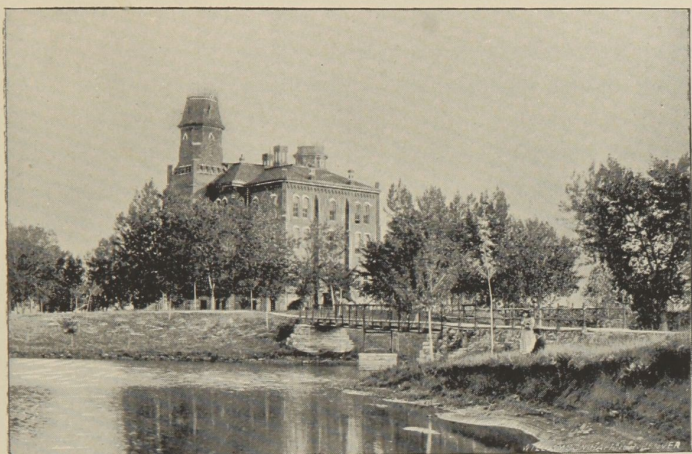
The main hall, a brick structure, built in 1876, is the oldest building on the campus, and is the home of the College of Liberal Arts and of the art collection. Here is also the library to be found, until a more suitable building can be erected. The Phillip's Art Collection, a donation by one of Boulder's honored citizens, is probably as fine as any to be found in the West. The Dutch, German, French, Italian, Spanish and English schools of painting are here represented. The masters of painting are represented by Braun autotypes framed in oak under glass; some are of the largest size ever produced and all are unalterable in carbon. The works in architecture and sculpture are represented by large photographic reproductions and casts. The casts include Henning's restoration of the entire Parthenon frieze with that sculptor's designs for the missing slabs; the Portland vase in color, the vase of Sosibus, etc., etc.

The Hale Scientific Building is the latest erection on the campus and is especially adapted for scientific work.

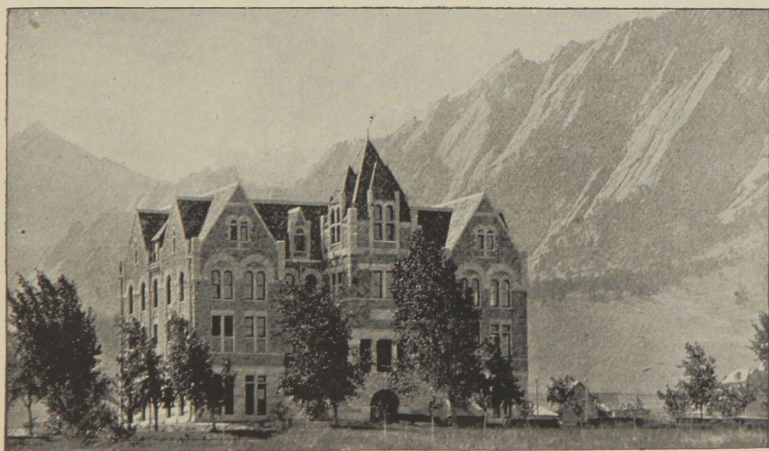
The ground floor is wholly set aside for the department of



CORNER VIEW.



MAIN BUILDING.



HALE SCIENTIFIC BUILDING.

Physics. Pillars of solid masonry for instruments of precision and like features of construction are matters which commend themselves to scientists.

Delta Tau Delta's entrance to this delightful home is but one of the many marks of the intelligent progressiveness of our Fraternity, and Beta Kappa's organization marked the first recognition of its value by collegiate fraternities. Being the first in the field, Beta Kappa's existence has been somewhat isolated, especially in relation to the general Fraternity. For the first year there was no other Greek-letter organization in the University, but in 1884 Colorado Alpha of Pi Beta Phi was organized, which was followed in 1886 by Phi Chapter, Delta Gamma. No rival chapter made its appearance until the latter part of 1891 when Colorado Chi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was organized. This completes the list of Greek-letter organizations, and although many other fraternities are represented among the students and it would seem that there is abundant material for one or more new chapters, none as yet have been organized.

The organization of Beta Kappa was brought about through the influence of Prof. Paul Hanus, Delta '78, at that time a member of the faculty, and George and Willis Stidger, Xi. From the first the chapter assumed a high standard, which she has ever endeavored to maintain. She has been very successful in literary endeavors and her orators have won in a number of contests. The chapter has also been very fortunate in having a number of musicians among her members, and has always been well represented in the musical organizations. But particularly has Beta Kappa been strong in athletics, and her men have been honored with the captaincy of the foot-ball and base-ball teams since their organization.

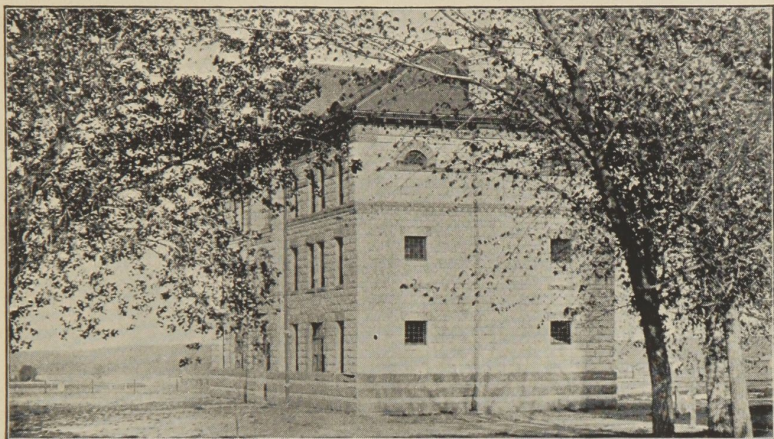
The tendency of the chapter has ever been toward conservatism. A disposition to keep fraternity matters in the background and a policy of liberality and fairness toward all has resulted in Delta Tau Delta enjoying considerable popularity

among the students. The tendency has been somewhat toward a large chapter, but this is explained by the fact of there being but two chapters in the University.

In all Beta Kappa has initiated sixty-eight men and has graduated twenty-eight in all departments. The distinguished Alumni of the University are with few exceptions members of Delta Tau Delta, prominent among whom are Timothy W. Stanton, '83, Paleontologist, U. S. Survey; R. H. Whitley, '82, Counsellor-at-law, Boulder, Colo.; Prof. Guy V. Thompson, '86, Instructor in Latin, Yale; Prof. Fred L. Chase, '88, Astronomical Observatory, Yale; Chas. Burger, '92, Department of Mathematics, East Denver High School.

For ten years Beta Kappa was the sole representative of Delta Tau Delta west of the Missouri River, but of late years western extension has to some extent removed the feeling of loneliness. Beta Kappa's relations with the Arch Chapter and the Fraternity at large have ever been the most pleasant, and it is our earnest desire to keep pace with the development of our University, and become an honor to our Fraternity.

W. B. OGDEN.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL ROOM.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

This association celebrated its Sixteenth Anniversary by giving a dinner on Friday evening, February 19, at the University Club. The attendance was by no means up to the standard, there being but forty present, due almost entirely to the very general prevalence of grip at that time.

After spending some time in a social way in the reception room of the club, the gathered guests adjourned to the dining room, where the Committee on Arrangements had arranged for their accommodation at small tables, following the custom of the Association. Tomasso's Mandolin Orchestra from the balcony supplied music during the evening.

James A. McLane, University of Illinois 1878, is President, and acted as Master of Ceremonies in a way which promised well for the success of the Karnea Banquet this summer. The different courses of the menu having been discussed, the boys settled back to listen to the speakers of the evening.

The toast list was as follows :

"The Arch Chapter and the Future of Delta Tau Delta,"
JOHN F. HAYDEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

"A Delta far from the Madding Crowd," Rev. ERNEST W.
O'NEAL, Ashton, Ill.

"Some of Our People," Dr. FRANK G. WIELAND, Chicago, Ill.

"The Fraternity Idea," JOSEPH CUMMINGS, Chicago, Ill.

"Mystery of Love," MAX EHRLMANN, Terre Haute, Ind.

"What's the Use," ALONZO E. HYRE, Cleveland, Ohio.

All the speakers were present, save Bro. Cummins, who was suffering from the grip and at the last moment had to give up all idea of attending.

It almost seems as though one were making invidious distinctions to mention the individual speakers, for all were good and thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. Hayden told what the Arch Chapter had been doing and its methods; his talk was listened to with the greatest interest, as most of those present had been out of college so many years that their knowledge of the active workings of the Fraternity had become rusty.

Bro. O'Neal's speech was full of enthusiasm and personal reminiscences of fraternity men, particularly of the old Simpson Chapter, which though in a small and rather unimportant college, has turned out a line of loyal Delts, men who have been markedly successful. The Editor in our opinion here would do well to get Dr. Wieland's permission to publish his toast; it was voted fine by all who heard it. Cummins being absent, Adkinson impersonated him in a way which was thoroughly enjoyed. Cummins missed it by not being there to see how it was done. Bro. Ehrmann, being a bachelor, knows all about the "Mystery of Love," and he let us into the secret in a way which held the attention and excited the laughter of us all.

The Chicago Alumni Association is a little at a loss to understand how it is that the many conventions held in Cleveland, or their Committees on Arrangements, failed to discover that A. E. Hyre of that city was a humorist of the first quality, and a speaker of the greatest ability. He came all the way from Cleveland to talk to us, and Bill Nye simply isn't comparable with him. The singing of the Fraternity's songs was a prominent feature of the exercises during the evening.

Five chapters, now defunct, were represented by members, and three of the six speakers were from the same class of chapters; the Association seems to be naturally solving the problem of the "Delta without a chapter;" it all depends on that Delta.

We had with us two Ex-Presidents of National Conventions, one Ex-President of the Arch Chapter, one Ex-Secretary

of the same, two former Editors of the RAINBOW, two members of the present Arch Chapter, and representatives from twenty chapters.

In addition to all these we had discovered in Dr. Wiggin of this city a member of the Rainbow Fraternity; this discovery was made at a date too late to allow of his initiation before the Annual; but he is a jolly good fellow, and we got him to come at any rate, promising him an initiation later. This initiation took place on the evening of March 1, at the chapter house of the Beta Pi Chapter, a number of the Chicago men going to Evanston for the purpose of seeing the ceremonies. The full ritualistic ceremonies were used. Dr. Wiggin was a member of the class of '83 at Vanderbilt, and left college before the union of the two fraternities took place. He is safe in the fold now and already is an enthusiastic member of the Association. The boys at Northwestern handle the ritual in a way which brings out its beauties very effectually, and the doctor expressed himself as being very much impressed with it. The chapter makes an excellent host and an attractive spread followed the ceremonies, then music and fraternity songs until the Chicago men had to leave to take the train back to the city.

LOWRIE McCLURG.

CONFERENCE OF THE EASTERN DIVISION.

The Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of Delta Tau Delta was held with Chapter Rho at New York city, on Monday, Feb. 22, all the chapters but two being represented. The business sessions and also the banquet were held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where most of the visiting delegates were entertained. The morning session was called to order by Robt. E. Hall, the President of the Division. The delegates present were Dr. J. A. Bolard of Alpha, R. L. Messimer and R. O. Luqueer of Rho, J. F. Tuthill of Upsilon, R. E. Healey and G. W. Hill of Beta Mu, F. M. Blake of Beta Nu, S. M. Hauptman and C. F. Hamilton of Beta Omicron, W. I. Bartlett of Beta Chi, and J. B. Moyer and H. P. Ziegler of Beta Omega. Besides the delegates, there were present four members of the Arch Chapter, Dr. Kirk, Gamma '63, several old Deltas of the Division, and many of the alumni and actives of Rho.

H. C. Messimer of Rho gave the address of welcome to the visiting members, and E. H. Hughes of Mu responded, after which the regular committees were appointed.

The President of the Division in his address to the Conference dwelt on the general good standing of the chapters, made clear the policy of the Arch Chapter in regard to intention and extension, and closed with several valuable suggestions to the Conference. The reports from the chapters showed a remarkably healthy tone and indicated a prosperous and conservative condition.

A noteworthy feature of the morning session was the oration by J. C. Rice, Psi '83. It was a plea of high tone and good spirit and gave a fine conception of fraternity life.

The following officers were elected : President, Chas. F. Hamilton, B. O. '97 ; Vice-President, Warren S. Parks, B. M. '97 ; Secretary, Walter I. Bartlett, B. X. '98 ; Orator, Wm. Kent, Rho '76 ; Historian, E. H. Hughes, Mu '89.

Several recommendations to the General Fraternity will be presented at the Karnea in August. After a thorough discussion over the general needs of the division, and its policy in regard to extension, the Convention closed.

At 7.30 the Deltas gathered about the banquet table, where about thirty covers were laid. It was a most enthusiastic gathering and Deltaism reigned supreme. When the last course had been served, the toastmaster, Wm. Kent, Rho '76, in his own inimitable manner, announced the following toasts, which were responded to in a way long to be remembered by those present :

"Days of Old," Dr. KIRK, Alpha '63.

"The Arch Chapter," Rev. E. H. HUGHES, Mu '89.

"The Meadville Boys," Dr. BOLARD, Alpha '78.

"A Delt among the Dagos," LEIB, Rho '80.

"General Results," A. P. TRAUTWEIN, Rho '76.

"The Educator," J. C. RICE, Upsilon '82.

"The Future of the Fraternity," C. F. HAMILTON, Beta Omicron '97.

"The Baby of the Fraternity," H. P. ZIEGLER, Omega.

"The Professor," R. M. ANDREWS, Rho '87.

After this feast of wit and oratory, to which were added a few hearty words from each of the chapters represented, all present were in their happiest mood, and it was in this condition that the entire assemblage were "taken in" by the photographer, to be handed down to posterity as the remains of one of the pleasantest conferences ever held in the East.

The Conference was harmonious and successful throughout and great credit must be given to the members of Rho, who proved themselves to be worthy entertainers. During that

night and the following day nearly all took their departure from the city, carrying with them to their chapters a goodly share of enthusiasm, and trusting that the conferences of succeeding years might prove as profitable and pleasant as the one just passed.

ROLLA E. HEALEY, *Secretary.*

SOME OF OUR PEOPLE—A TOAST DELIVERED
AT THE BANQUET OF THE CHICAGO ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION.

I have been asked to speak of "Some of our People." It seemed a plausible task until I looked about me here. I then realized that it would take many tongues in many languages to discuss the virtues of you that are with us. So I shall speak to you a moment of two of our people of whom, I am sure, you have never heard.

Several summers ago, it was my pleasure to take a bicycle trip abroad. We had reached Germany and were sailing along that beautiful white road that copies every fitful winding of the Rhine. It was late in the afternoon and we were tired and hungry. There was a little village before us; but we had discovered, perched way up in the mountain under the very shadow of the Ehrenfels, a peasant's home.

It seemed an ideal place to rest, and so now pushing, now trundling our Victors along, we presented ourselves at the door, and begged for supper and a bed. The host was a young fellow, not more than twenty, a typical German. "No, his wife had had a fall," he said, "and was not well. He could not accommodate us." But the sight of a coin caused him to relent, although, he told us, we should have to entertain ourselves. So we caught and dressed a chicken with various speculations as to what was edible and what was not. We set our table out in the garden, and there in the glory of the most beautiful sunset I ever saw, we ate our supper and mused upon our far-away American homes.

About ten o'clock, surfeited with the witchery of the night, we climbed up to the loft to bed. It was possibly three

o'clock when our host wakened us and announced that to his house an heir was an immediate possibility, and asked one of us to go for the mother in the village below. I stayed to render such assistance as I could. As some time later, I stooped over a little squirming bunch of redness, either in a paroxysm of incipient colic or of general protest he grasped the streamer of tri-color in my lapel. The inspiration of Deltaism must have seized him. Truth compels me to say that he did not burst into a broad smile, but every trace of sorrow or anger faded from his face.

I pressed a coin into the delighted father's hand and requested the privilege of naming his son, and taking from my coat the Delta colors with the Eta of my fraternity pin, I badged him and named him Delta Tau.

It was the birthday of a King; and Oh, the glory of the christening. As I looked through the tiny window, it seemed that every emblem of our fraternity was there. The gray of dawn had disappeared before the gold of morning, just as the grey faded into gold in our emblem a few years ago. The great curve of the noisy Rhine below coquetted with its sister crescent of the waning moon, in its last quarter, to be sure, but still significant of hope, and rainbows — why there were millions of them, for every glittering dewdrop was a diamond, brilliant with hues itself had rendered possible.

Gentlemen, our thoughts are things. The same indefinable influence that has brought us here to-night, can reach beyond the ocean and shape that little one, as with his queer name he plays among the Hans and Gretels there, into the beauty of a perfect manhood.

Again, it was in Brussels. We had wandered, by the courtesy of the gate-keeper, into the ground surrounding the royal palace. There approached us a man of handsome face and colossal figure, and it needed not the hurried whisper of the attendant, "It is the King," to assure us who he was. And

Leopold, most cosmopolitan of monarchs, asked with almost childish interest of our trip, of America, and of Chicago and its Fair, which was to take place the following year, and lastly of the significance of the ribbons on our wheels, my friend's, the Harvard crimson, my own, the Delta colors.

I took a piece of mine and begged him to accept it. He thanked me and placed it above a jeweled order on his breast. And I thought the emeralds seemed to pale somewhat, and the rubies to blush to deeper redness in the presence of that piece of ribbon that oily fingers had stained, its colors here and there kissed into nothingness by summer winds and rains. Magical power of the bond! The pauper had become a prince; the king was brother to the poor, both unconsciously pledged to labor for the Beautiful and the Good.

And so, in my phantom glass, whose nectar is the spirit of good fellowship that is synonymous with Deltaism, I pledge the health of our brother, King Leopold of Belgium; and of that infant in his mountain home in Germany, whom I left asleep grasping in his dimpled fist a knot of Purple, White and Gold.

Dr. F. G. WIELAND, Eta '90.

EDITORIAL.

THE PROMINENCE OF ALUMNI.

So much is made of prominent alumni in the rushing season and in the general comparison of fraternities, that a word as to the beneficial relations of great men to their college societies may be of some service. We, therefore, give our views as follows :

We are persuaded that, as a usual thing, prominent alumni count for comparatively little in the way of fellowship. Occasionally, one retains so much of youthful spirit and enthusiasm as to make him a figure in many fraternity gatherings. For the most part, however, great statesmen, clergymen, and literary men cannot spend much time attending Greek banquets and conventions. Even if sometimes they are present, it is permitted to few of the younger members of a fraternity to come to anything like familiar acquaintance. The undergraduate may stand with pride and admiration at a distance and may discourse eagerly to a possible initiate about "our great brothers" ; but the probability is that he has never seen them, and, if he has, he was only introduced formally and spoken to for a quick moment. We think it certain that from the standpoint of fellowship the prominent alumnus is likely to count for less than his humbler brother.

Nor are the prominent alumni of any great aid in the matter of activity. This is not their fault, but rather their misfortune. A man who is a Senator, or a Bishop, a Governor or a busy Pastor, cannot easily devote much time to work for his Greek-letter society. Some of our fraternities give these

men positions that have large names and small work. They are made "Past Eminent Supreme Archon" or "Worthy Grand Chaplain"; but the duties of these wordy positions are not onerous. There are, doubtless, some exceptions; but we do not know of any *very* prominent member who is, also, an enthusiastic and time-giving worker for his fraternity. Some great men keep a good degree of their early enthusiasm, but their busy lives prevent any constant service.

We do not believe, either, that prominent alumni are to any considerable extent, an indication of superior principles on the part of a particular fraternity. We venture the surmise that so far as nobility of ritual sentiment is concerned, there is no great difference among our American societies. In general it may be said that, if the body of petitioners had been taken by a fraternity other than the one which accepted them, the chapter's future would not have been made radically different, nor would its members have been lifted any nearer to greatness. There are certain immediate influences in the chapters which have much to do with the developing of men; but there is no special merit in Psi Upsilon or Alpha Tau Omega which would lead them to send members on to greatness more rapidly or surely than would other orders.

It is true that the institutions in which men are educated, may have somewhat to do with their prominence, though Miami and Allegheny seem to furnish Presidents quite as easily as Harvard. It is, also, true that a fraternity may create a certain standard which will shut out to an extent the lazy and bibulous, though chapters in the same fraternity vary widely. But with things as they are now, time and numbers are the largest conditions of the prominence of alumni. Of the three larger of the old line fraternities,—all founded within the space of twelve years,—no one seems to have any special superiority as to prominent graduates. Very many of their most distinguished men were graduated before the new line fraternities were orga-

nized. Among Psi Upsilon's prominent alumni such men as Senators Hawley and Frye and Chauncey M. Depew left college years before Delta Tau Delta was founded. Alpha Delta Phi seems to us to have a distinct superiority in the prominence of its clerical representatives; for Phillips Brooks, R. S. Storrs and E. E. Hale are a mighty trio of names. But all of these graduated previous to the founding of our new orders. By the time the present undergraduates come to the age of sixty all the fraternities will show a lengthy list of great men. It is safe to predict that, in time, the fraternities with fifty to seventy chapters will show a larger list than the smaller orders. This, however, will not prove that they have essential superiority; and, in any case, the sensible student, looking for true fraternity, will not be dazzled by a blazing array of names. He will understand that the great Honorables, and the reverend Doctors and Bishops, and the learned Judges, whose acquaintance he makes chiefly through Mr. Baird's book, are not to have one-tenth as much to do with the happiness of his course and the effectiveness of his future, as are Billy and Henry, Frank and George, "Dutch" and "Fatty," and the other good fellows with whom he spends four memorable years.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT KARNEA.

According to the action of our last Karnea our next Karnea is to be held in Chicago on "Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, of the last full week in August, 1897." This determines the date as August 25-27 inclusive. As there will be but one more issue of THE RAINBOW before the Karnea convenes, it may be well to suggest several questions which the delegates will probably be called upon to consider. If any of our members wish

to add to or enlarge upon these suggestions, perhaps some space in our June issue may be devoted to such purpose. The Editor, therefore, presents now some subjects for possible legislation.

1. Would it not be wise to project a law requiring every initiate to purchase a badge within a certain time after his initiation? Five years ago we would not have favored such a rule; but the sensible custom of wearing simple and inexpensive badges makes it easily possible for any initiate to afford the outlay. With our present light on the question, we would heartily favor such a law.

2. Cannot some scheme be devised according to which the membership lists of our various defunct chapters may be transferred to living chapters? This has been done in some cases in other fraternities. We believe it would work for good with us. The denominational or geographical relations of Colleges often unite their alumni more or less closely. The list of Omega could well be transferred to Omicron; for the two chapters were for years united in congenial ways, and a goodly number of Omega's men were transferred to Omicron. The lists of Simpson and Iowa Wesleyan could be cared for by Beta Pi at Northwestern; for both Simpson and Iowa Wesleyan have sent men to Evanston for theological work. According to some such plan as the above, our chapterless men would have some tie, however slight, to an existing chapter.

3. Would it not be wise to provide for a new chapter officer whose duties shall be those of an alumni secretary? As it now is, there is no one whose specific duty it is to keep the list of alumni in good order and to note all changes in addresses. Had such an officer been at work the past five years the task of catalogue-making would have been greatly simplified and diminished.

4. We believe that the Karnea should consider with great frankness and care the question of the initiation of special and

professional students. We give it as our present opinion that in the long run the Fraternity would gain dignity and power by confining its initiations strictly to the undergraduate departments of our institutions. So far as we have observed, all the chapters, with one exception, that have begun the initiation of professional students have suffered from the step. The one seeming exception to the above we will watch with much curiosity through the next few years. The only chapter which we know to have ceased to initiate professionals gained immeasurably by the action. This question involves special difficulties ; but it should receive careful consideration. All the above are simply hints for thought. Earnest pre-consideration of the Karnea's work might do great good. Above all, let us not think of it as a three day's opportunity for conviviality.

THE PASSING OF IOTA.

Since our last issue the Iota Chapter at the Michigan Agricultural College has sent in its charter. It is not needful to recount the events that brought about this result. The different chapters will be duly informed of the facts through the proper channels. Suffice it to write that Iota is defunct. This ends an existence of a quarter of a century ; for the chapter was instituted in May, 1872. It has given the Fraternity some excellent men. The Carpenters, the Wares, Collingwood and Hoyt have done us splendid service. To Iota was committed the compilation of our Song Book. The task was carried through with great satisfaction to the Fraternity. For several years, beginning in 1880, the chapter published the *Iota Chronicle*, which helped to hold and increase alumni interest. Besides, Iota may be called the ancestor of Beta Omicron of

Cornell. For, if we remember correctly the history of our beginning at Ithaca, Paul M. Chamberlain, of Iota, was the leading spirit. The dead Iota leaves thus a worthy living descendant. To the loyal alumni of Iota we send congratulations on the chapter's achievements for Delta Tau Delta, and express the hope that they may find an active part in the work of the general Fraternity. We believe that our withdrawal from Michigan Agricultural College leaves Phi Delta Theta there without a rival.

EXCHANGING ANNUALS.

At the suggestion of one of the most active members of one of our most progressive chapters, we are glad to urge a more general exchange of College Annuals. Last year one of our secretaries sent out sixteen and received four in return. This seemed a small recompense; yet these four proved exceedingly interesting and useful. These annuals are splendid reflectors of the college life. They are usually filled with information as to the local standing of the different fraternities and may, at times, prove valuable for rushing purposes. Besides, the exchanging, simply as an act of inter-chapter courtesy, would prove a means of fraternity. The Editor remembers that one or two such exchanges, made while he was still an undergraduate, gave him a decided interest in several remote chapters. The exchanging will prove inexpensive; for, in many cases, the Annuals are published by the fraternities and each local chapter receives a goodly number as its quota. Usually, several of these are not sold. No better use could be made of them than that urged now. We trust that our chapter secretaries will follow up this suggestion.

It was good to hear Dr. J. C. Rice perform his duty as Orator of the Eastern Division Conference. His remarks were a plea for the highest fraternal influence. While manifesting nothing narrow, his words had a noble ring and could well be heeded by all our chapters. The point that parents have a right to ask the fraternity what it will do with the initiate is worthy of frequent treatment. Dr. Rice, as being at the head of a well-known fitting school and as being also a most enthusiastic Delta, was in a position to give his theme wise and generous treatment; and so he did.

Our contributions for this number range through biography, description, minute records, and sentiment. Yet all these relate solely to the Fraternity. When it was ordered by the last Karnea that THE RAINBOW should be a strictly fraternity publication and should make no attempt at the merely literary, some thought that there would be a scarcity of material. But since the issue of November, 1895, there has been no time when we have not had to prune rather than to pad. We call special attention to Dr. Wieland's toast in this issue. It is surely a graceful piece of work.

The Editor has no wish to trespass upon the Treasurer's territory. Perhaps Brother Hodgdon will forgive us if we exhort the chapters briefly from the financial text. We are persuaded that any chapter makes a vital blunder which allows its dues to accumulate. The fraternity assessment is easily paid if it is paid regularly and promptly. If, however, the dues of several years are allowed to merge into big indebtedness it

becomes a serious matter. Our chapters have surely discovered, by this time, that the Fraternity is in earnest sympathy with our persistent Treasurer. No chapter that ignores its financial obligations will abide with us long. We have had several impressive lessons at this point already; and "there are others." We are more particular about the honor of our chapters and the authority of our Fraternity than we are about "a small mortality." We have a right to say: "Your money or your life."

It happens, oddly enough, that President McKinley's pastor and physician are both members of Delta Tau Delta. The Rev. Dr. C. E. Manchester, Pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Canton, Ohio, is an alumnus of our Mu Chapter. Dr. T. H. Phillips, for many years the President's family physician at Canton, is an alumnus of our Gamma Chapter. Both Dr. Manchester and Dr. Phillips accompanied Mr. McKinley to Washington for the inauguration ceremonies. It is scarcely necessary to add that these brothers are *not* simply *honorary* members of our Fraternity.

We hope to mail the June RAINBOW very early in the month so as to reach the chapters before the colleges adjourn for vacation. Will our Secretaries see, therefore, that chapter letters and alumni notes reach us by May 18th? If any of our chapters disband before June 5th, we will mail the June issue to the individual actives if the Secretaries will send us the proper addresses.

FROM THE CHAPTERS.

BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The winter term has been one unusually bright in the history of the Ohio University. The attendance has almost doubled itself over last year in the college department and also has there been a substantial increase in the preparatory department.

The winter has been marked by many social events in which the Delts have had their share.

The agreement between the fraternities regulating the time of rushing has been dissolved by the withdrawal of Beta Theta Pi. No charges are made against other chapters, but it is reported that Phi Delta Theta is the offending party.

Beta Chapter will have representation on the base-ball team the coming spring.

Brother M. H. Miller of Ashland has returned to his college duties after an absence of two terms.

Beta Chapter has enjoyed prosperity, but we regret the absence of Brother George W. Brown who left to enter the theological department at Wooster University.

We have pledged Mr. Ed. M. Thomas of Delaware, O., whom we will later on with pleasure introduce to the fraternity.

E. REV LASH, JR.

GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to THE RAINBOW we have added another man to our number and we take pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters Mr. James Henderson — a member of the "Century Class."

We are also glad to announce that we have recently pledged two good men, whom we hope soon to see enrolled among our number.

Our Glee Association, consisting of Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs, will soon start on their trip. Gamma is represented by two men in the association. Brother McCurdy is president of the association and leader of the Glee Club and also plays on the other clubs. The Association will give about ten concerts, and hopes to have a successful season.

Our present term is nearing its close and we will soon be in the midst of our examinations, after which we hope to enjoy a vacation of a week.

CHAS. M. THOMSON.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa Chapter wishes to introduce to the other chapters, Arthur I. Field, Angola, Ind.; George S. Hill, Hillsdale, Mich.; James H. Lash, Rowe, Mich.; Harry M. Kimball, Orland, Ind.; and Asa B. Hewes, Medina, O., all of the class of 1900.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition. Fraternal feeling not marred by any jealous rivalries or slight indifference is strong, even extending to our pledged men. We are on friendly terms with the rival fraternities, and the Greek world including both ladies and gentlemen is harmonious, with nothing to impair, except the occasional attack of an anti-fraternity student.

Hillsdale college is proud of its literary societies. There are five, two ladies' and three gentlemen's societies. Each has an elegantly furnished hall and gives a public program on every Monday night. As all the societies meet at the same hour quite naturally the society that gives the best program gets the largest crowd. Each society has printed programs, so that a person can tell by reading the program what to expect in each of the halls. Nearly every student belongs to one of the societies. As would be expected fraternity men are usually the leaders in the societies. The fraternities generally have several members in each literary society. At the first meeting of

the term when officers are elected the political interest becomes intense. Each of the societies holds an oratorical contest each year. It is customary to have six speakers on a contest. Two of the societies have, besides the annual oratorical contest open to all members of the society, a freshman contest open to freshmen and preparatory students. Three prominent men are chosen by the committee of arrangements to act as judges. They, having the orations at least a week before the contest, grade them on thought and style and on delivery at the contest, each counting one-third of the total rank. Often members of different fraternities are on the same contest. To win in these contests is one of the honors of which a student and a fraternity is proud.

In the Alpha Kappa Phi Literary Society Brother William H. Willemar of Pleasant Lake, Ind., won the prize. In looking over the list of successful competitors in this society, I see that half of the winners, since 1868, are from Delta Tau Delta. In the Theadelphic Freshman contest Brothers Harry M. Kimball and James H. Lash stood first and second.

C. L. NEWCOMER.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We are now about to close another term, and feel that we have spent the past three months with profit to ourselves and with honor to our chapter.

Fraternity life has been exceedingly quiet. The scarcity of fraternity material has caused some of our sister fraternities to lower their standard and make conservatism a thing of the past. We are proud to believe that Mu has continued to hold fast her ideal and has not surrendered to the rush for members.

Phi Kappa Psi invited the other fraternities and the Faculty to a reception held in Phi Psi Hall February 27th. It is needless to say Phi Psi entertained her guests royally.

The coming term promises much. The Pan-Hellenic entertainment to be given on April 30th will be the society event of the year. Brother W. C. Geyer, who has been out this term, will again resume his place upon our chapter roll.

S. J. COLTER.

PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Spring term brought with it but few changes, either in the University or in the chapter; in the latter the return of Brother Wm. Van Fant was the only one of note while the changes in the former were of local interest only.

The chapter is well represented in all branches of student organizations. Brothers Pope and McDowell on the base-ball team, Brother Garth racing wheelman, Brother Carothers very prominent in the track-team, being sure to win one or more medals, Brothers Garth, Miller and Brown in the orchestra, and Brother Tipton on the annual staff, while Brother Brooks is president of "The Inter-collegiate Society for the Inculcation of Psychological Knowledge among Fiji Islanders" with Brother Borders as Vice-Regent.

This last named institution has done a great deal of good in the University and elsewhere, and its noble work will go on unabated.

I. D. BORDERS.

RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The advent of the fine weather has brought with it a revival of out-door sports, especially lacrosse, which is our best game here at Stevens. Rho has a number of men training for the team this year, and it remains to be seen how successful they are.

The past year has been the most prosperous musical one the Institute has ever had, and we feel quite proud of the fact as we were

represented. We lose five men by graduation this year, but hope to fill the chapter list as we have several men pledged and a number in view. We enjoyed very much the visits of out-of-town brothers during the Conference time, and hope they will repeat them in the near future. With Rho's best wishes for success.

F. D. KENNEDY.

UPSILON — RENNSALAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

We are in about the same condition as when the last issue of THE RAINBOW came out. In the meantime, however, we have adopted a financial system which will soon place us on a good footing. We have not sent many orders for the catalogue as yet, but hope to send some soon.

J. F. TUTHILL.

PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Phi's internal life since our last letter has been uneventful, but quietly prosperous. The Easter examination period is upon us now, and all are preparing for the great struggle.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers Wm. C. Bissell, of Charleston, S. C., and Herbert J. Taylor, of Staunton, Va., both of whom were alumni members of Phi Theta Psi. Brother Bissell's initiation should have been noted in our former letter, but it was overlooked.

Phi is holding her own in college life, and is claiming her share of its honors. Brother Armistead is editor-in-chief of the *Calyx*, the University annual, while Brothers Drake, Felder, and Wilson are the leading members of the gymnasium team.

Brother Cootes has not been with us since the Christmas recess, being detained at his home by a severe attack of pneumonia. We hope to have him with us again in the course of a few weeks.

The death of the Hon. John Randolph Tucker, Dean of the Law School, was a severe blow to the University. Who will fill the chair of constitutional law is still an open question. By this great bereavement as well as by the resignation of President Lee we feel that we have sustained a grievous loss, but we doubt not that the recent acceptance of the presidency by the Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, late of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, will prove a considerable offset, and we hope for great things in the near future.

Washington and Lee's prospects for an excellent base-ball team are unusually bright this year, and a good schedule of games has been arranged. The boating crews are also beginning their indoor training and will go on the river as soon as the weather permits.

L. F. WILSON.

CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

The end of our winter term is close at hand, and we are all kept quite busy in these last days, preparing for examinations. Our life here is so quiet and uneventful that there seems to be but little which would be of interest to our Delta brothers. What little there is, however, we are glad to tell.

Brother Harris has again brought honor to Chi. A short time ago, a public debate was given at Lima, Ohio, between the representatives of the Lima Philosophical Society and the Philomathesian Literary Society of Kenyon. The debate was on the Cuban question, and Brother Harris and Mr. Stocks (a non-fraternity man) defeated the representatives of the Lima society, — a lawyer and the superintendent of schools. By thus defeating in public debate much older and more experienced men, these two reflect honor on both their college and their society.

In the late oratorical contest of the same (Philo.) society, Constant Southworth represented us ably.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Prof. Chas. L. Edwards of the University of Cincinnati, who lectured here a short time ago. His lecture was listened to with great interest and pleasure by a representative Gambier audience.

On Harris's retirement from the editorial board of the Collegian, Brother Hayward was elected to fill the vacancy.

On February eighth, we had the pleasure of entertaining a few of our friends with a reception and dance. The rooms were decorated with potted plants and with the fraternity colors, and looked quite attractive. The evening passed very pleasantly, and was a decided success.

On March first was the Junior Promenade, which was fully up to the high standard set by previous classes.

In the dramatic club, Hathaway and Harris uphold Delta Tau Delta, Hathaway being stage manager. The club gave a very successful rendering of two short farces on the evening after Junior Promenade.

Now, we are in the midst of the season of Lent, and all festivities have ceased, not to begin again until after Easter.

W. A. GRIER.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Although our adoption of the above letter has not yet been made official, we trust that those in authority may see fit to make it so. It was deemed advisable, for excellent reasons, to drop "Nu" and at the advice of several alumni, we substituted "Omega," to which there appeared no objection.

The chapter has been cordially welcomed by those representing other fraternities at the University and everything bids fair for success. We expect to hold our first initiation on Thursday, March 26, and are making every preparation to have it a success. Several more will probably follow before the close of the present college year.

Individually, our men are making a good showing both in college and sport. Brother Cornell has recently been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and we are proud to have him so honored. Brothers Shengle and Grover represent us on the track, the former having done good work at the Yale Indoor Sports recently; he should make a sure point winner at Mott Haven. Brother Foster is a candidate for the crew.

The Bowl Fight, which took place on March 18, is the latest in college affairs. The class feeling between Sophomores and Freshmen is stronger than it has been for some time and, as a consequence, the fight was fiercely contested, but, as usual, resulted in a draw. Base-ball games and spring sports will soon begin.

We have just initiated Albert George Pfeiffer, of New York City, and beg to introduce him to the Fraternity at large. Dr. Jno. A. Bolard, Alpha '78, who helped us celebrate the occasion, pronounced our first effort a great success, and we trust to follow it with similar ones in the near future.

We want to extend an invitation to all Delts to visit us, and only ask that they will let us know when they are coming, so that we can make it a point to be at our rooms. It is likely that some will be entered for the Spring Relay Carnival and we wish to know of them.

CHAS. S. REEVE.

BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The Winter Term at Indiana University closed under most auspicious circumstances. Prospects for a greatly increased attendance next term are very bright, and everybody is happy.

We not only expect to maintain our usual record in base-ball this year, but we hope to achieve greater glory than ever before. The candidates for the team have been hard at work in the new gymnasium for several weeks, and as soon as the weather will permit will begin field work. The services of a competent coach have been secured and everything points to another championship season.

Brother Tousley is doing good work, and we expect to have him on the team.

Indiana University will have a first class representation at the State field day contest next May, and we hope to carry off some prizes.

Beta Alpha has not been asleep this term, and as evidence of activity, we take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world,

two of the best "spikes" of the year— Brother Harry De Camp Tousley, 1900, and Brother George Adams Custer, '97, Law.

We again take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to our sister chapters and all Deltas to be with us at the annual conference of the Northern Division to be held here next May. A good time is promised to all who attend.

P. S. and N. B.— We again wish to call attention to the Annual Conference of the Northern Division to be held here next May. It is of the greatest importance that each chapter send a delegate, as conventions are not usually much of a success without delegates.

This is the first time that Beta Alpha has had an opportunity to entertain its sister chapters, and although we are somewhat unfamiliar with convention methods, yet we have enthusiasm and lots of it, and will use all our efforts to make this a successful meeting. But we must have the hearty co-operation of all the chapters of this division, and we want to insist that each be represented.

We are especially proud of our Alma Mater and anxious to show you what a place we have here.

Let everybody come and bring some one along and we will do the rest.

FRANK S. GRIMSLEY.

BETA BETA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter we have pledged a splendid preparatory student, making a total of three splendid men to initiate in the near future. We believe the success of the chapter depends largely upon the proper working of the pledge system. We are rather conservative and consequently very proud of our "Preps."

We have inaugurated a new movement in the Fraternity world which is an invitation to all Fraternity men and non-Fraternity men to visit us every Saturday evening from 6.30 P.M. until time for Fraternity meeting. The beneficent results of such a movement are so obvious that we believe all must admit of its wisdom.

The Mandolin Club under the management of Brother Howe is quite a success and reflects great credit upon the University. It starts out upon its annual trip the first part of the spring term.

The prospects for base-ball this season are very bright. Brother Haskell is captain for the third successive year. The team plays its first game the third of April with the Indianapolis Western League team.

Brother Max Ehrmann, so well and favorably known to Deltas, visits us quite often and gives us the benefit of his long Fraternity experience.

The Pan-Hellenic banquet takes place the 26th of this month and is the event of the year, when Greek meets Greek and the pleasures of good fellowship are enjoyed to the fullest extent.

FRED D. ZEIGLER.

BETA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since last writing we have taken two more men into the ranks of Beta Gamma. I take pleasure in introducing to my brother Deltas William Christie McNaugh of this city and Albert Louis Henning of Iron Ridge.

On February the nineteenth the "Junior Prom," probably our most important university party, took place in our big gymnasium drill and athletic hall. There were over one hundred and seventy-five couples present, and the gallery overlooking the floor was packed with spectators. The band-stand stood in the centre of the extensive floor and was very prettily decorated. The electrical effects, arranged by one of our student geniuses, were beautiful.

We, ourselves, have given two parties since the "Junior Prom." Both of them were informal. Our house is very well arranged for dancing, inasmuch as we have two large parlors connected by double doors, a library, and large smoking and meeting room to which there is plentiful entrance and egress.

We have appointed Brother Buckholtz as our delegate to the Western Conference to be held at Champaign in the near future, and inasmuch as he will tell of our good-will to that body I need not here express it.

C. C. MONTGOMERY.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

While Beta Delta has experienced no decided improvement since our last letter, still, we may say that she has most assuredly held her own in all college affairs. Brother William L. Yancey, who was one of our Seniors, has now withdrawn from College to accept a profitable position on an engineering corps. Beta Delta had in him a zealous and loyal member, one who was always ready to sacrifice his personal convenience in her interest.

Brother Ralph Goss, who was accidentally shot several weeks ago, has now fully recovered, and is once again enabled to attend our gatherings. Brother A. L. Tidwell is President of the Athletic Association, which is, perhaps, the highest honor in the gift of the student body. Brother James J. Goodwin is on the Committee for the Sophomore Hop, a very desirable social honor.

Fortune has smiled generously on the University for the last few months, for the Institution is now arousing her latent energies, and bids fair to enter upon one of the most prosperous eras in her existence.

In order to satisfy the demands of an increasing number of students, an appropriation has been made for erecting several new buildings on the campus.

Interest in the literary societies is rapidly growing, and this spring we expect to meet in joint-debate both North Carolina and Auburn. The base-ball season has opened in real earnest. Our coach, the famous Hugh Jennings, of Baltimore, arrived a short while past, and has already become a prime favorite with the students. We have an excellent schedule arranged, and among the

teams which we will play may be mentioned, University of Penn., Vanderbilt, North Carolina, University of Virginia, Sewanee, Auburn and Mercer. With her splendid material, and with efficient training of her coach, Georgia expects to put a team on the diamond which will do her great credit.

J. LITTLETON JONES.

BETA EPSILON — EMORY COLLEGE.

We are more than glad to record the last addition to Beta Epsilon's ranks in the person of Brother J. B. Dell, of Sylvania, Ga., who comes to us from the Freshman Class. Brother Dell ranks very high in his class, and his ability as a writer is very exceptional.

Not much is being done just now by the "Frats." in the way of spiking. All, or practically all, of the apparently available material has been utilized.

Beta Epsilon, though her force is not quite so large a one as she might sustain, is feeling quite comfortable. She is enjoying the present and has pleasant anticipations for the future.

Brother B. H. Clark will represent us on the public debate in May between the two literary societies. Brother O. L. Callahan will go as our delegate to the annual convention.

W. C. ARMSTRONG.

BETA ZETA — BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Another issue of THE RAINBOW finds Beta Zeta in strong, prosperous condition. We find ourselves bound together by a stronger fraternal spirit. We find ourselves standing high in respect to the world. Socially we are in the front ranks. Our anniversary party in February was pronounced a grand social success.

We are most happy to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brothers Mont Beville and Albert Snider of Indianapolis, and Marion Loop of New Ross, Indiana. Brothers Beville and Loop rank high in athletic circles and all three as students. We have also been pleased to welcome Brother Walter King, ex '89, who has returned to graduate with '97. This makes us a chapter list of thirteen actives and four pledged men.

The base-ball season is opening with bright prospects for the University. We hope to make a record this year as base-ball players. Every department is quite enthusiastic. Beta Zeta's ability to furnish good athletic stock and leaders is attested by the fact that two of the recently organized board of athletics for the University are our boys. Brother Ed. Parker, ex-'97, of Butler, now '97 of the Medical school, is president; Brother Carl Loop, 1900, of Butler is secretary. Brother Lon Roberts, '97, has been selected as field manager for athletics, and Brother Hunt of Delta, now secretary of Indiana Dental College, is manager of the base-ball team. We are proud, but will not boast because we have such a good standing.

The recent debate held between the Yale University and our own marks a beginning in a new departure in inter-collegiate relations in this state. Although the University of Indianapolis was defeated she feels a new spirit and a new desire to enter this new field.

P. B. WILLIAMS.

BETA ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Beta Eta is still prospering, even if she has been rather quiet. All the boys are very busy just at present with their work at college, still we manage to get together Saturday nights and none of us has lost any of his zeal for our Delta Tau.

It is of course too early for our rushing season here so we have not anything new to offer in the way of prospective Delts yet, but when fall comes it will find us ready for any good men who may appear and we will be in good shape to give our rivals a hard fight.

Brother Marshall has been elected Business Manager of the *Fraternity Annual* for next year and we are all sharing in his glory. Brother Roberts is on the *Minnesota Magazine*, our Senior publication, so we are well represented in the literary line just at present.

We are going to organize a base-ball team and will soon be ready to play anything in sight. Brother Richardson will act as backstop, and with brothers Roberts and Moore to do the twirling, we ought to be all right.

We wish all Delts who happen to be in our neighborhood to come and see us. Don't be bashful, brothers; come and see us, and you shall receive the best we have.

ERNEST B. MILLS.

BETA KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The chapter enjoys its usual prosperity and goodfellowship and sends hearty greeting to all.

The usual round of winter gayeties, though somewhat less, still continue notwithstanding the summer days and warm nights of our climate. The days are put in in exercise for those in training and long walks over the mesas just beginning to brighten with a coat of buffalo grass, and the nights in the many varieties of college life.

Beta Kappa has been doing a little refitting in her down-town suite and our rooms present quite a creditable appearance.

Colorado Chi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon extended invitation to Beta Kappa to a smoker given on the 13th of March. Boxing and wrestling were the features of the evening. The event tended to maintain the friendly relations of the Greeks at the University.

Brother Sheldon Clarke has the team out practising for the coming season. Beta Kappa is there well represented.

The Glee, Mandolin, and Banjo Clubs give their annual concert on the 12th. They will probably make a tour of the State. Beta Kappa furnished nine members for the clubs. Brother Clarke is director of the Banjo Club and Brother Shilling of the Mandolin; Brother Southard is manager of the combined clubs.

Brothers Whittaker and Berger hold instructorships respectively in Chemistry and German.

The recent reception and ball tendered by Beta Kappa has been pronounced by all to be the success of the season. One of the most flattering accounts came from the pen of a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the present editor of one of our home dailies, and is all the more gratifying on this account.

Beta Kappa still manages to keep her head elevated notwithstanding the condition of affairs suggested by our neighbor's correspondent of the *Record*, and she will endeavor to uphold the good name of Delta Tau Delta notwithstanding "there remains not even a semblance of a Greek-letter fraternity."

The Alumni Chapter at Denver is now fairly started and Beta Kappa expects much help and encouragement from this source.

Owing to the great distance, we will send no delegate to the Conference at Champaign this year, but expect much good to come from that gathering. Brother Pierce's letters are very encouraging and welcomed.

WILLIAM B. OGDEN.

BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

Beta Mu has the pleasure of introducing a new brother, Louis Raymond Brown, '00, of Putnam, Ct., whom we feel sure will prove himself a true Delta.

Our representatives to the conference, Brothers Hill and Healey, returned full of Delta enthusiasm, and reported an excellent time.

The minstrel show, given recently by Tufts' talent in aid of the base-ball team, was a remarkable success, both as an artistic performance and from a financial standpoint.

The whist tournament has not been decisively decided as yet, but it is probable that our team will not stand better than third place.

The Freshmen and Sophomores each have their banquets this coming week. Brother Cushman will act as toastmaster at the former.

Brother George Emory Daniels was recently re-elected as manager of the Tufts College Musical Clubs, which are having a most successful season. Beta Mu is worthily represented on both the clubs.

Our last whist party and dance was a very successful affair. Mrs. President Capen and Mrs. Professor Knight acted as matrons. The party broke up at a late hour after a very enjoyable evening.

I take the following names from our register, of Deltas who have made recent visits to us at our house, and hope that the list may steadily increase. Howard W. Weston, B. M. '93, F. M. Carr, B. M. '92, F. H. Doane, B. M. '92, Chas. P. Mottley, Chi, Victor Louis Littig, Omicron, and H. N. Nott, Epsilon.

ROLLA E. HEALEY.

BETA NU — MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since writing our last letter to THE RAINBOW, nothing of interest has happened. We have initiated no new men, but have two or three men in view, and hope to have them pledged soon.

Brother Hamilton has finished his work at Technology, but is still in Boston.

As yet we haven't rented a chapter house, but hope to do so by next term.

F. M. BLAKE.

BETA LAMBDA — LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The new year finds Beta Lambda in a very prosperous condition, with all the actives with us and with the prospect of a new man very soon.

Brothers Neilson, Budd and Lukens spent Washington's Birthday with us.

Brother Cullom spent a few days with us this term. He was instrumental in establishing the present chapter.

Fraternity life is rather quiet at present due to the press of college work and the Lenten season.

In the college life and world, Lehigh expects to place some very good teams on the field.

We cherish the hope of winning the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Championship and hope to see the base-ball team hold up the honor of the college in proper style.

In the spring Beta Lambda expects to hold a reunion and wishes to extend an invitation to any brother who will be in this part of the State at that time. We expect to see all the alumni back with us then.

S. A. YORKS, JR.

BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The society season is now at an end, and with the beginning of Lent the boys are working with renewed vigor.

The first contest of the Gulf State Intercollegiate Oratorical Association came off here a short time ago. Four Southern universities competed; and Tulane, represented by Brother R. S. Vickers, carried off the honors.

The board of editors of Tulane's Annual, *Jambalaya*, are working hard to get it in press this month. Our two weekly papers, the *College Spirit* and the *Olive and Blue*, have consolidated and formed a daily under the name of the former.

Brother Eads Johnson has been elected captain of the track team.

N. S. RIVIERE.

BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Beta Omicron finds herself, at the close of the winter term, in as flourishing a condition as she could possibly desire. The chapter

now consists of nineteen active members, five of whom, however, will leave by graduation in June.

Recently we have had a "swing," and although the number of men initiated was small, we feel that we are able to introduce just about two as good men as it is possible to find. They are R. L. Rathbone, '98, of Oak Field, N. Y., and L. M. Whitwell, 1900, of Fort Plain, N. Y. The banquet following was a great success and one long to be remembered by all the Deltas present. We were happy to have with us Brothers W. W. Florer, Beta Omicron '93, Warren Johnson, Beta Zeta '96, and St. J. Chilton, Beta Zeta '96.

Brother F. C. Hodgdon paid us altogether too short a visit lately, merely being with us for one evening.

Interests at Cornell now centre in the crew and base-ball team. There are about twenty-five men in training for the 'Varsity boat and about eighteen for the Freshman. The two new shells, which have been ordered, together with the old ones, will give us the best equipment we have ever had, and six or seven crews will be enabled to be on the water at one time. This will make the spring races held here during the latter part of April more interesting than usual, and will give the students a chance to get a line on what the men are doing.

The Athletic Smoker, which was given about the middle of March by the Class of '98, was a great success. All students of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore Classes were invited, and as a result about seven hundred men turned out, to unite in giving Cornell spirit a new impetus. The program consisted of speeches by prominent graduates, Seniors and managers of the various teams. The object of the Smoker was to awaken Cornell spirit and to bring the athletic arrangements more in touch with the student body. It is intended to make these Smokers a permanent thing, and in the fine weather in the spring term to hold them on the campus in the open air.

R. S. MCGOWIN.

BETA RHO—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

On the evening of February the sixth Beta Rho initiated A. J. van Kaathoven into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta. Brother

van Kaathoven is a member of the Glee Club and, besides possessing one of the best baritone voices in college, has shown great ability as an artist.

The University dramatic club Sword and Sandals very successfully presented "She Stoops to Conquer" with two of Beta Rho's men in the leading roles.

The local chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity recently moved into a new house which their alumni helped them to erect at a cost of \$6,000.

We continue to hold our usual representation in all University affairs. We might mention a representation on all the class dance committees, and chairman of the Junior Prom. committee.

FRANK F. ROGERS.

BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Next to Commencement, Charter Day is the greatest date of the year with us. The celebration this year was unusually successful and interesting.

Monday evening, Feb. 15, the electrical students gave their annual exhibit; these exhibits are designed to show the progress in the study of electricity and to demonstrate in a practical way what the University is doing to advance the industrial interests of the State. The electrical students are very progressive and enterprising, and strive to make each year's exhibit excel all previous efforts. Brothers Saville and Weeks had a full share in making a success of this year's display.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, the entire University kept open house. Tuesday evening, the annual Charter Day oration was delivered by President Carter of Williams College. His subject was "Some Thoughts on University Training," and was treated in an able, scholarly manner.

The Junior Promenade was held February 12. It was the most brilliant social function ever given under university auspices.

Brother Lehnhoff's Cadet Company gave its first annual dance March 26. It was a pleasant affair. Brothers Robbins and Brown were members of the committee on arrangements.

I take pleasure in introducing our latest initiates, Messrs. Elmer L. Meliza, '98, of Verdon, Nebr., and Orville H. Kellogg, '99, of Lincoln, Nebr.

Brother Manley is chairman of the Senior Prom. committee and also of the Class Play committee. The Senior Prom. will occur April 23.

Beta Tau recently gave an informal reception to the alumni of the city. It was an enjoyable event; it was our pleasure to have with us Mr. B. J. Arnold, an old Delta from Hillsdale College. Mr. Arnold is now a resident of Chicago and is one of the best known electricians in the West.

He gave a series of lectures to the electrical students of the University on "Power Plants."

The Glee Club recently made a trip through the State singing at the larger towns. Brother Lehnhoff is our representative in the club.

With best wishes from Beta Tau to her sister chapters.

TREMAINE K. BURROWS.

BETA UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

During the past two months Beta Upsilon Chapter has been very successful in securing several excellent new men. Besides adding two pledged men, it gives the chapter much pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large our last initiate, Brother William H. Sherman of Sullivan, Illinois. Brother Warren E. Haseltine of Beta Pi Chapter has affiliated with us. On the other hand the chapter has keenly felt the loss of one of the older members, Brother Theodore L. Burkland of Moline, Illinois, who had the misfortune of being expelled from the University for participating in the recent class troubles. We, however, live in hopes for his reinstatement at the beginning of next fall term.

The time for the coming Annual Conference of the Western Nome is drawing near. Nearly all preparations have been completed, and we are expecting delegates from all the sister chapters. A most profitable as well as a delightful time is anticipated. Our Annual Party will take place on the evening of the first day of the Conference, Friday, March the twenty-sixth. The next night is to be given to a banquet at Hotel Beardsley.

O. C. Trumba of Beta Rho made us a pleasant visit several weeks ago.

Brother Fraser represented the chapter at the Annual Banquet of the Chicago Alumni Association which was held at Chicago on the evening of February twentieth.

Brother Kennedy has been elected as chairman of the Games Committee for the Illinois Interscholastic Athletic Meet, to be held here on the twenty-ninth of next May.

At the University Trustee Board meeting of last week the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago was annexed as the Medical Department of the University of Illinois, and thus increasing its entire attendance to nearly two thousand.

F. W. VON OVEN.

BETA PHI—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The event of greatest interest at the University during the winter term was the eleventh annual contest between the two oldest literary societies, Alcyone and Horton, in which Alcyone won. In the contest we had a representative from each society. The University has been fortunate in having this year a series of lectures on topics of general interest, given weekly by members of the faculty in the beautiful new chapel.

The prospects for a successful season in base-ball and in other athletic sports are bright. It seems probable that several of the fraternities will put teams in the field, in which case our chapter will be represented.

Beta Phi Chapter is in a prosperous condition, having initiated three men, Brothers R. E. Rightmire, C. M. Oshe, and C. L. Cul-

bertson, whom it gives us great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity. The chapter had an enjoyable banquet in January.

We have enjoyed visits from members of Chapter Beta and from Brother J. R. Persons of Mu.

W. S. BRADFORD.

BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The winter term has brought little of importance to us. We believe, though, that Beta Chi has prospered and we know that good foundations are being laid.

The chapter enjoyed a visit of Brother Parks, Beta Mu, who was with us at our meeting of Feb. 19.

The report which Brother Bartlett brought back from New York Conference not only gave us a better idea of the Fraternity as a whole, but will help us to do better work.

One of our men, Brother Williams, has been chosen President of the Brown Y. M. C. A. for the coming year. The position is no sinecure, but is probably the most important to which an undergraduate can be elected. The Association is thoroughly alive and doing a large work, and we rejoice to have its official head in our chapter.

FRED A. SMART.

BETA PSI — WABASH COLLEGE.

I am glad to report that, since my last letter, we have initiated Brother E. Clarence Custer and Brother John T. Titsworth, both of the class of 1900. We have also added two pledged men to our list, Robert Cunningham, 1901, and Walter King, '99. Then the chapter has sixteen members, all good, enthusiastic, energetic workers for the cause.

We have been making some improvements in the furnishing of our hall and feel very proud of the result. One of the brethren kindly presented the chapter with two beautiful pictures.

Delta Tau was well represented at the Pan-Hellenic dance Feb. 26. Everything was delightful and the good feeling between the fraternities was greatly increased.

G. A. FERGUSON.

BOYS OF OLD.

'79.—A recent number of *The Christian Advocate* has this to say about one of Alpha's well-known alumni: "Dr. Charles B. Mitchell, well known to New York and vicinity, has begun his pastorate at Hennepin Avenue Church, Minneapolis, after having served a term of four and half years at Grand Avenue Church, Kansas City, Mo. During his pastorate at the latter church he received 980 members into the church, conducted an after service each Sabbath night, in which hundreds are converted, preached to congregations limited only by the capacity of his church, was an important civic factor, was tireless as a servant of the community in the many ways in which a cultivated minister may touch the life of a community, proved fearless in the rebuke of sin, preached the Gospel in genuine Methodist fashion, and left Kansas City regretted by thousands."

KAPPA.

'68.—Col. Oscar A. James, of Hillsdale, was nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate March 8 to be pension agent at Detroit. He was nominated upon the joint recommendation of Senators Burrows and McMillan. He had just ended his term as state senator.

'70.—Hon. A. J. Hopkins was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Michigan Republican Club February 22. He is a member of the Ways and Means committee that has drafted the Dingley tariff bill. He is often spoken of as the Republican leader on the floor of the House of Representatives.

'75.—The following, clipped from the *Dakota Republican*, speaks well for Joseph W. Mauck, President of the University of South Dakota. "Here again the financial skill of President Mauck stood the institution in good stead. He has thought and planned, invented

ways and means, and in general has made one dollar do the work of two. What the State has owed to him in this respect is known to but few. As it is he has carried the University through year after year of financial embarrassment and enabled it to weather storms that would have wrecked it under any but the most skillful financial management. The University has thus reached its sixth year of the present administration under a condition that is most hopeful."

'80.—Rev. William C. Burns for the last ten years pastor of the Congregational Church at Stanton, Mich., is well liked and the prospects are for another ten years' service.

'81.—Prof. Duncan M. Martin, of Hillsdale College, is issuing a "Manual and Note Book of Laboratory Experiments in Elementary Physics." It is issued in three parts in note-book form, with sufficient blank space for noting the data of each experiment. It gives a description of the apparatus needed, the things to be found, the method of procedure, and references to texts.

'89.—Z. A. Cram is now located as a druggist at Redfield, South Dakota. He writes that he is doing business in eight feet of snow.

'91.—William J. Leverett has just established *The Trans-Mississippi* a paper that will be devoted to the interests of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition of 1898. He is at present located at Council Bluffs, Ia.

'91.—Marcus H. Norman is now located as an attorney at Hillsdale, North Dakota.

MU.

'85.—The Rev. W. F. Anderson is Pastor of the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City. He has recently succeeded in putting much of his work on the institutional plan and is recognized as one of the most successful and progressive men in the younger ministry.

'94.—The Rev. F. J. McConnell has been chosen speaker of his class in the Boston University School of Theology. This is the fourth time in ten years that Delta Tau Delta has received this honor. The other speakers were C. E. Jefferson in '87; E. H. Hughes in '92; George H. Geyer in '95. Brother McConnell was recently

married at Delaware, Ohio, to Miss Eva Thomas. The Mu chapter of Delta Tau Delta attended in a body.

RHO.

'90.—Brother A. R. Whitney, Jr., has returned from the West and is in business with his father in New York.

'90.—Brother Frederic Therman, with Humphrey & Glasgow, 9 Victoria Street, London, England, has been visiting on this side for the past month.

'92.—Brother W. O. Ludlow has moved his offices to 100 Broadway, New York City.

'93.—Brother G. L. Wall has returned from the South and is with the Hazelton Boiler Co., in New York City.

'94.—Brother H. D. Coleman, Jr., has charge of the town offices of the H. Dudley Machine Co., New Orleans, La.

'94.—Brother H. D. Lawton is with Ludlow & Valentine.

'95.—Brother R. E. Hall has left the B. & O. R. R., and is in business with his father at 211 Centre Street, New York City.

'95.—Brother Stuart Cooper is with the Dean Linseed Oil Co., 34 Washington Street, New York City.

'96.—Brother Wallace Willett is with the American Sugar Refining Co., Jersey City, N. Y.

BETA DELTA.

'95.—Joel Gibson is now taking a course in law at Columbia College, N. Y.

'95.—Earnest Powell is engaged in the cotton business, Newman, Ga.

'95.—W. P. Gearreld is engaged in business, Newman, Ga.

'99.—Caslin Manley is engaged in the insurance business, Newman, Ga.

BETA MU.

'93.—H. H. Weston is employed in Boston by the West End St. Ry.

'94.— Albert P. Mills, who has been pursuing a graduate course in physics and natural science at Clark University, is now located at Greely, Colo., giving instruction at the State Normal Institute.

'96.— G. A. Brothers is engaged in electrical engineering at Hooksett, N. H.

'96.— Rev. Frank Blackford has given up his parish at Portland, Ore., and is now at El Dorado, O.

'96.— Josiah Albert Stover has a position in the Kittery, Me., Grammar School.

'96.— A. W. Thompson is with the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. of Manchester, N. H.

'96.— J. L. Putnam is with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Chicago, Ill.

BETA XI.

'89.— At the meeting of the Louisiana Sugar Planters' Association held recently, C. Robert Churchill, of our Arch Chapter, read a paper on which the New Orleans press commented thus :

“Mr. C. Robert Churchill was next introduced by President Dymond, and read a paper on the best plan for feeding cane carriers. The paper was an excellently presented argument in favor of a newly-improved hoist principle, the use of which would enabled its users to save time and labor in the handling of cane.”

'95.— As a result of competitive examination eleven out of eighty-five applicants were chosen on the “Ambulance Corps” of the Medical College. W. E. Kittredge was highly honored in being one of the successful candidates.

'95.— At the same time, also, A. Merwin McGehee was chosen one of the “Externes.” This is likewise a high honor.

'97.— At a contest between three representative Southern colleges held in Gibson Hall, Tulane College, Brother Robert S. Vickers vanquished his opponents. His oration was on the theme : “The Solid South Dissolved.” One of the New Orleans dailies speaks thus of Brother Vickers, who is still an undergraduate :

“Robert S. Vickers, winner of the contest, is a member of the Senior class, Tulane University, and bears the well-earned reputation of being the brightest man at present in the great institution.

Until its fusion with *College Spirit*, he was the editor of *Olive and Blue*, a Tulane weekly publication, which he brought to a high standard of literary and informative excellence. He was one of the active workers in behalf of the amalgamation and the resultant college daily, and is now one of the most energetic editors and contributors to the sturdy little sheet. He is an extremely popular man among his fellows, and his victory is felt to be essentially and typically a victory of the student body."

BETA TAU.

'95.—Mr. A. J. Weaver was recently married to Miss Perce Morris of Humboldt, Nebr. Miss Morris graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in June, 1896, and has been taking post graduate work at the university; she is a member of the local chapter of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

'96.—Mr. J. B. Barnes was in Lincoln to attend the Junior promenade.

THE GREEK WORLD.

Sigma Chi has entered the University of Chicago.

Phi Kappa Psi is entertaining a petition from students at Vanderbilt University.

Phi Delta Theta has withdrawn from Buchtel College, Ohio, and Southern University, Alabama.

The Hon. Joseph L. Rawlins, the new U. S. Senator from Utah, is a member of Beta Theta Pi of the Indiana University chapter.

The Alumni chapters of Alpha Phi are now given the privilege of voting on the question of extension.

The Marietta chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has surrendered its charter. No cause is published.

The Delta Upsilon correspondent reports that Alpha Tau Omega is very weak at Marietta and "seems on the verge of dissolution."

The Hon. Llewellyn Powers, Governor of Maine, is a member of Delta Upsilon from the Colby Chapter.

The next Convention of Alpha Tau Omega is to meet in New Orleans.

The last Convention of Alpha Tau Omega adopted an official whistle, or rather official whistles — a challenge and a response.

The late Hon. Frank H. Hurd, the well-known advocate of free trade, was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The late Gen. Francis A. Walker, the President of Mass. Institute of Technology, was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Phi Kappa Psi owns real estate to the value of \$95,400. This property is mortgaged for about one third of its value.

Chapters of Phi Kappa Psi are prohibited from initiating preparatory students. Delta Tau Delta was the first to legislate against such initiations.

Phi Kappa Sigma has entered the West Virginia University with twelve men. There are now four fraternities at Morgantown.

The re-organized chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Wisconsin was initiated on Jan. 16. Eleven new men were received and the chapter begins well.

Stephen Crane, the writer, is a member of Delta Upsilon, from the Syracuse Chapter.

Zeta Psi is considering the advisability of granting a charter to a local society at the University of Nebraska. Within the past year Theta Delta Chi has withdrawn from Dickinson and Rensselaer Polytechnic.

It is said that Alpha Tau Omega fines a chapter \$25 for failing to send a delegate to the Convention, and \$5 for failing to send in a chapter letter.

Pi Beta Phi granted a charter last year to applicants from the University of Missouri. The chapter has not been instituted owing, it is said, to the failure of several petitioners to return to college.

The Sigma Chi correspondent from Illinois Wesleyan University writes thus :

There is some current talk that Greek-letter fraternities will be thrown out of Wesleyan in the spring. The sentiment of the faculty and of the board of trustees seems to be that way. Notwithstanding this a new local sorority has made its appearance and it is pushing its aspirations toward nationality. It is called the Beta Chi.

The statement in the last issue of THE RAINBOW, that the Hon. Ed. C. Curtis, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, was a Delta Tau Delta, was a mistake.

Alpha Tau Omega has adopted an official pledge button. This is the way the Convention voted it :

"We, the undersigned committee on pledge button, beg to submit the following report :

"Having examined several designs for an Alpha Tau Omega pledge button, we do hereby recommend the adoption of a circular button, having a field of white enamel, in which shall be placed a golden crescent above three golden stars, as arranged in the center of the Alpha Tau Omega badge, and said button shall be three-eighths of an inch in diameter, and the same shall be made either with thrust pin or button fastening.

The University of Cincinnati correspondent to *The Beta Theta Pi* writes as follows :

An agreement into which we have endeavored to enter with Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi, namely, that of pledging no new man until he had been two months at the University, failed to meet with the same support we had hoped. Sigma Alpha Epsilon flatly refused to enter such an agreement, while Sigma Chi first signed a contract covering a less extended period, but later found excuse to withdraw. We regret that this has not been accomplished, as by it we had hoped to do away with summer rushing and to make a more conservative stand than we have taken heretofore. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is strong numerically, but for some reason is indisposed to be at all conservative. Sigma Chi has been weak in numbers this year, and has fallen back for support upon her numerous alumni in the city.

The following action of the Alpha Tau Omega Convention is significant. The influence against "lifting" is becoming stronger and stronger :

"On motion of Brother Ehle, seconded by Brother Nixon, it was moved that the reported lifting by —— chapter of several members of another fraternity be referred to Congress with power to act. This was carried, and on motion of Brother James B. Green, it was resolved that it was the sentiment of Congress that the persons in question were never members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity."

The Editor of THE RAINBOW greatly appreciates the courtesy of Dr. L. W. Glazebrook in sending the just published Catalogue of Alpha Tau Omega. That fraternity has been in existence a quarter of a century,—since 1865,—but this is her first attempt at a Catalogue. The edition contains fine cuts of the fraternity emblem, of the founders, and of Virginia Military Institute, the birthplace. It is discovered from reading the pages that Alpha Tau Omega has had sixty-nine regular and eight community chapters. Of the sixty-

nine regular chapters, forty-seven survive; twenty-two are inactive. The tables show a total membership of 4134; of these 194 are decreased,—a remarkably small mortality, it would seem. To the outsider the Catalogue appears a thorough success. It is not surfeited with accounts of members, it is well printed and well arranged, and it is not expensive. We congratulate Dr. Glazebrook and Alpha Tau Omega on its successful completion.

The sentiment against *Theta Nu Epsilon* seems to be growing constantly. The Editor of *Beta Theta Pi* writes thus:

There probably never was any good reasons for the organization of *Theta Nu Epsilon*. It has had mischievous results in many colleges, and the little good that it has done in bringing together congenial spirits in each class could probably have been accomplished just as well through the medium of a wider and more liberal form of class organization. We have no quarrel with it. Many Betas belong to it. When, however, such a society tends to weaken the allegiance of a member to his chapter, we believe thoroughly that the chapter should promptly forbid its members from belonging to it. And this is, in our opinion, precisely the attitude which the fraternity should adopt toward all of these pseudo Greek-letter organizations.

The President of Kappa Alpha, Mr. S. Z. Ammen, writes even more forcibly:

That fraternity is a Greek-letter College fraternity within the meaning of our fundamental law, and Kappa Alphas are forbidden to join it, and are liable to expulsion should they forget their obligation in this regard. Several years ago it was ruled by the K. C., upon inquiry from Gamma Upsilon and other chapters, that membership in *Theta Nu Epsilon* is inconsistent with membership in Kappa Alpha. It is sometimes said that *Theta Nu Epsilon* has no secrets and is thus not within the ban. It does not, however, it seems, permit any one to test this assertion by being present when a new member is admitted, nor is the public informed as to the meaning of the letters "*Theta Nu Epsilon*."

It cannot be denied that (1) its name consists of Greek letters, whose meaning is secret; (2) that it excludes the public from its meetings, membership not being at the option of the student, as in the college literary societies, but at the option exclusively of *Theta Nu Epsilon*; (3) that it maintains a "national" or general organization, like other Greek-letter rivals,

having chapters at many colleges; that it has a badge which serves for its members the same purpose that our badge serves for us.

It differs from other fraternities in one particular — which is in itself impudent and insulting — that it undertakes to get its members from other fraternities, “taking the best in each.”

Be its principle of selection what it may — for this, too, is secret — if judged by results, it is directly opposed to the essential principle of Kappa Alphaism. In practice Theta Nu Epsilon is a parasite, feeding on its rivals and producing discord wherever it appears, to say nothing of the dissipation and personal demoralization which it commonly promotes. If there are Kappa Alphas in this parasitic fraternity I call upon them to remember their obligation.

Never before have the ignorant legislative cranks been so numerous and general. An anti-bloomer bill in the Alabama legislature, a “Johnny bill” in the Tennessee legislature (to prohibit dudes from speaking to seminary damsels), a bill to make the Ten Commandments State law in Kansas, are unique in their way, but the South Carolina hayseeds deserve the belt for eccentric and resplendent idiocy. They have prohibited fraternities at the State College, principally on account of alleged feminine discrimination. Says a special to the New York *Sun*:

“Among the specimens of ‘freak’ legislation passed by the South Carolina General Assembly was one known as the ‘Anti-Greek-letter Society Law.’ It is the outgrowth of bitter social feeling at the State University here. The law forbids the existence of such societies in colleges which receive State aid. This kills a powerful fraternity in the South Carolina College, which has a handsome hall on the campus. It was urged that these societies encourage class and caste feeling; that a student who was not a member was not considered in good social standing, and that the first thing young women of Columbia did upon having a college man presented was to inquire in which fraternity he had membership, and then they governed their smiles accordingly.

“The fight was led by an old student who seemed to have suffered. The fraternity men made a hard struggle, but the farmers were too many for them.”

This enactment abolishes chapters of Chi Psi, Chi Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, and

our own Rho, all of which have been existing on short rations since the present cultured regime has had control in the Palmetto State. The "handsome hall" mentioned was formerly the home of Rho, but was deserted when the chapter first surrendered its charter, a few years ago, and has been lately in the hands of Chi Psi.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

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The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for February contains a rather uninteresting, — to the outsider, — account of the recent Convention. We learn that John Addison Porter, who will be prominently before the nation the next few years as President McKinley's Secretary, is a Delta Kappa Epsilon of the Yale Chapter. The uninitiated reader of the *Quarterly* would be greatly aided if the name of the college as well as the name of the chapter headed the chapter letters. The D. K. Es. seem to be strong at Brown, as witnesseth the following from the correspondent :

During the year we have worked hard for Delta Kappa Epsilon at Brown, and are very much pleased with the success which has attended our efforts. Upsilon has always stood among the first at Brown, but unquestionably to-day she stands alone at the head. We have the keys to the situation and have many times demonstrated our controlling power in every important branch of college affairs. Nearly all the Fraternities in college recognize our position and are willing to fall into line after our leadership.

The Editor of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* continues at some length the discussion of the wisdom of the Convention's action in regard to the initiation of special students. It appears that in our treatment of this subject in our former issue we failed to get the standpoint of the *Quarterly's* Editor. The Convention withdrew the privilege of initiating special students from all but two chapters. The Editor feels that the action, if taken at all, should have included all the chapters inasmuch as at least one other chapter could have presented good reasons for being allowed discretionary power. As to this accident of the discussion we express no opinion ; as to the general wisdom of prohibiting the initiation of special students we are fully convinced.

The February *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta is the first issue under the new editor, Hugh Th. Miller. It contains a good sketch of J. E.

Brown, the former editor. From this sketch it is learned that Dr. Brown has touched beneficially every phase of his fraternity's life, having been a very active worker for many years. The Ritual of the fraternity has undergone improvement as is shown by this editorial:

The Ritual was revised practically as recommended by the committee. None of the ceremonies were altered in character, but all were more or less amended as to phraseology, and new ceremonies were added for Alumni Day and for opening and closing the Convention and installing the General Council. A new edition of the Ritual will soon be issued and distributed to the chapters. It is believed that our Ritual is now complete, impressive and admirably adapted for a college fraternity. The various ceremonies emphasize the cardinal principles of Phi Delta Theta in a beautiful and effective manner.

In *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma for January, the Editor offers the following criticism of an item in the November RAINBOW:

"*The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta gives an illustrated sketch of Washington and Lee University which is interesting and accurate. Upon one point, however, the writer is in error. He tells us that there are twelve Fraternities represented at the University and professes to name the seven strongest; Kappa Sigma is not among the seven, while Delta Tau Delta is included. Now as a matter of fact Kappa Sigma has a strong Chapter at Washington and Lee, one that ranks with the best at that institution, and, on the other hand, Delta Tau Delta, has only been established a few months and gained its entrance by absorbing the last chapter of a dying fraternity. Comparisons should be carefully made.

The matter in dispute is not one that we can decide. We are inclined to think that all comparisons in public journals should be avoided. It does seem to us, however, that our brother editor in correcting our W. and L. correspondent falls into the error he condemns. The reference to our method of entrance "by absorbing the last chapter of a dying fraternity," implies a rather careless comparison. The Phi Theta Psi chapter at Lexington was recognized as very strong long before it was dreamed that it would ever be a part of Delta Tau Delta. We believe, for ourselves, that both our W. and L. correspondent and Editor Covington should avoid either direct or implied comparisons. We guarantee that Brother Wilson,

the faithful and considerate Secretary of our Phi Chapter, will do so in the future.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for February, (1896, the cover says, by mistake) gives an account of the University of Chicago, which Sigma Chi has just entered with eight men. The University now supports seven fraternities. The following from a correspondent will interest those who have been watching developments at Chicago as they regard the Greek-letter societies :

“That the fraternity system has become an important factor in the life of the University of Chicago there is no longer any doubt. There is a much better feeling on every hand toward the organizations, and a statement made by President Harper in his quarterly report for the autumn of 1895 fully sets forth the present attitude of the faculty and trustees toward fraternities. I quote him on the subject of student organizations :

‘The faculty of arts, literature and science has taken up for fresh consideration, in the light of the experience of three and a half years, the question of student organizations, including Greek-letter fraternities. Instead of the old policy in accordance with which fraternities were admitted under certain regulations, and at the same time with the disapproval of the authorities, there has been adopted a new policy in accordance with which all student organizations are brought under direct inspection of the university council, while groups of six or more students living together as an organization are required to organize themselves also as houses of the university in accordance with the general rules of such houses. This action contemplates a close and sympathetic interest on the part of the university, which will now co-operate with the societies to bring about the best possible results. The university under no circumstances will interfere in the legitimate exercise of the privilege of fraternities. It will undertake, however, to elevate and purify that life so far as this can be done by influences working from within as well as from without.’

The rules regarding the organization of chapter houses were adopted December 7, 1895, by the committee on student organizations and the board of trustees, and are as follows :

1. Each organization will file with the university council: (1) Its name; (2) a list of members; (3) such statement of purposes and methods as may be required.

2. It will appoint a representative who shall be the official medium of communication with the university authorities.

3. Eligibility to membership will be subject to such restrictions as may be required by the council.

4. Any organization which may be disapproved by the council shall cease to exist. The council will at any time have the right to disapprove of any existing or proposed organization.

5. Such organizations as may occupy distinct buildings or rooms as residences shall be organized as university houses under the general rules governing houses.

Another important faculty regulation is that prohibiting any fraternity from initiating or pledging a Freshman until he has been a student in the university six months."

The chapter letters in the March Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* are as good as we have ever seen. At times they are quite lengthy and heavy, but they give a thorough idea of the chapters' lives and are especially noticeable for their dignity. Each letter is headed with a list of the chapter's members, arranged according to classes. Delta Upsilon must give her chapters large rights as to ritualistic usage as is evidenced by these words from the Colby writer :

We notice in the last letter from the Rutgers Chapter that they substituted for the old initiatory rites a ritual "more dignified and impressive." This, in our opinion, is a step which many chapters need to take. If some aggressive chapter could accomplish a similar task for our rites of installation it would be a great benefit.

A few years ago one of our own chapters tried to work an independent ritual, but was immediately and forcibly recalled to the prescribed form. If individual or chapter alterations are allowed the "work" of a fraternity would be spicy,—and spotted. Delta Upsilon should call her Rutgers chapter back to uniformity.

The editor of *Beta Theta Pi* unwittingly errs in stating in the March issue that our Rensselaer Chapter is a "bad state." Our Upsilon Chapter consists of seven men and is on a firm foundation. Rensselaer is not a large institution and small chapters are the rule there. The following from an editorial explains itself :

"Some recent talk among our undergraduates concerning the large number of our chapters, the necessity for pruning our family tree, and

checking its rapid growth, has excited our interest. We have examined the facts with some care, and find that the alleged mischievous tendencies designed to be corrected hardly exist. The complaints are apparently the echoes of criticisms based upon a state of fact which has disappeared. The number of chapters in the fraternity, we will admit, is large as compared with the number of chapters in some other fraternities. But the number is not absolutely large, only relatively so. If, for instance, we compare the number of chapters in the northern and eastern states with that of societies localized in that region, the number is about the same, and their membership and standing compares favorably with them. The same is true when the comparison is made with southern and western fraternities. When an undergraduate Beta, therefore, considers our roll of chapters, he is usually proud of the chapters existing in his immediate vicinity, and at places at which chapters of his rivals are situated. He only begins to tremble at the size of the fraternity when he comes across the names of institutions of which he knows little or nothing, whose students he does not meet, and whose journals he seldom sees. If, however, the fraternity is strong considered in groups, it can not be weak considered as a combination of groups. The outlook of the undergraduate is not broad enough. He is too apt to measure all things by local standards."

We long ago concluded that one fraternity could not instruct another as to the size of chapter roll. We of Delta Tau Delta have believed in contraction and our pruning knife has done some vigorous work. Phi Delta Theta is showing some signs of the same policy. It is safe to predict, however, that many of the fraternities of the new line will insist more and more upon the two-fold standard: first class colleges and first class men. When the standing of the men demands withdrawal, the charter will be surrendered; so likewise, when the standing of the college demands withdrawal. The whole problem is a large one. Each should be fully persuaded in his own mind.

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma for April comes to us *ahead* of its date. "N. E. L. Sigma," evidently of the University of Nebraska, contributes a brief article on the relations of fraternity and non-fraternity students. The writer surely read the January *RAINBOW* and should have used quotation marks around parts of her message. Such marks or an acknowledgement of the source of the suggestions

would have been just. We are glad to see the points made for the benefit of other fraternities. The Hillsdale correspondent of *The Key* conferred with the muses and then introduced the novelty of a chapter letter written in poetry, or rather in rhyme. Here is a selection.

Boys of Alpha Tau have given an "Informal" to their friends,
And though we did well in starting, we were late in making ends
Of our games all new and puzzling — some were also funny quite —
Till we found that we had revelled far along into the night.
And Phi Delta boys did ask us to their house on Manning Street
For its warming — so they told us — and it surely was a treat,
For the rooms were rich with perfume from the flowers, carnations white.
And our hosts with entertaining did make memorable that night.
And this lovely winter weather our hills are white with snow.
Ah! you girls of Beta Eta, you would like it well, we know.
For our sleigh-rides to the country — oh, how many, many a night
Has Jack Frost our noses bitten, touched our ears and dimmed our sight!

The March number of the Kappa Alpha *Journal* is interesting. It contains a sketch of Washington and Lee and gives two of the cuts that appeared in the November RAINBOW. We sincerely hope that Kappa Alpha's efforts to erect a Memorial Hall at Lexington will be successful. Editor Jones must be something of a humorist; but we imagine that he is more earnest than his constant use of wit and sarcasm would indicate. His pen becomes quite jolly in dealing with general matters and becomes deeply serious only when it pushes into the editorial department. In "Current Topics" each matter treated is headed by a rather ridiculous wood-cut. Dr. Sterrett's reference to his fraternity as a "heart-warmer" is headed by the picture of a stately cleryman,—who, by the way, seems to be of African descent,—shaking hands with a youthful collegian who carries a cane. The discussion of THE RAINBOW's articles on "The Fraternity Man and the Non-Fraternity Man" is surmounted by a picture of a Greek goddess speaking kindly to a wild and smiling barbarian. One reference to our experience at Mt. Union college will interest our members:

"It is not generally known that Sigma Alpha Epsilon received her initial impetus to 'Northern Extension' by taking out of the elements a

shivering batch of Delta Tau Deltas at Mt. Union, Ohio, who as a chapter had just been formally frozen out of that fraternity. This is the crowd that subsequently broke into the Ohio executive mansion and succeeded in affixing the Sig. emblem upon the palpitating bosom of the Hon. Wm. McKinley. It is said that the Hon. Mark Hanna was paying a friendly call at the time, but that getting wind of the proposed raid escaped by means of drawing a gun."

In explanation of the words "formally frozen out," it may be well to say that our chapter at Mt. Union had an excellent record and that we withdrew solely an account of the college's standing. This is not giving the Editor's opinion of Mt. Union; it is merely giving the ground, right or wrong, of our Fraternity's action.

The Editor of the *Journal* has a satire on chapter letters. We wish that we might publish it in full. This we cannot do; so out of its just irony we clip the following, one item being from one of our own correspondents:

Delta Tau Delta has a good thing at Albion, Mich. Observe:

"Both in society and in Athletics Delta Tau stands in the front rank. Brother Will Clark, who in last season's baseball circles gained the name 'London's whirlwind' and 'The two-handed twirler,' has been offered the choice of a position in the Western, the Canadian or the Northwestern League. Brother Boonstra has not lost his cunning as a sprinter. Cecil Peck will hold his own on wheels."

This is an array of honors calculated to make the bosom of every loyal Delta Tau pulsate with pride.

From Adrian (Mich.) correspondence to S. A. E. *Record*.

"Several of our alumni members were present and our hall was never so full. Several new devices were introduced, which made initiatory ceremony more enjoyable and interesting. On the back of the neophyte's right hand were painted the letters S. A. E. with iodine, and the same was painted on the other hand with silver nitrate. Well, of course the iodine disappeared after a couple of days, but time seems to make more clear the letters in silver nitrate. These letters are especially noticeable in the dining hall. Every time a new Sig. puts his hand to his mouth he shows his colors."

We would suggest to Albion Sigs. that a novel and striking device calculated to make the ceremony much more enjoyable and interesting

would consist in tattooing Brother William McKinley's picture in the middle of every loyal Sig's forehead.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for March is Editor Lakin's first issue. The magazine appears in a new cover, which we regard as very tasty. We like the paper and the type also. *The Record* contains a very full and most interesting account of the December Convention. That body voted to purchase a splendid badge for President McKinley. This badge was duly and elegantly made by Roehm & Son of Detroit.

It was very expensive, bore sixteen diamonds, and merited all the description given it by the daily papers. The Convention withdrew the Dispensation Chapter at Central College, Mo., and voted to grant no full charter.

We believe fully that Mr. H. C. Lakin, the new editor, will hold *The Record* up to the high standard of Brother Burger's work. That is saying much. To the criticism on our words in the January RAINBOW we want to give as large a circulation as our offending utterance had. So we present it entire:

The January issue of *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta is typographically unusually neat. Its contents are also well worth reading, as a rule, especially the articles on the relations of fraternity and non-fraternity men. But we wish to take issue with some remarks relative to Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the exchange column. The editor of that eminently respectable publication indulges in a considerable amount of questionable pleasantry over the rather too effusive feeling for our honorary brother, Major McKinley, and the excess of enthusiasm for the fraternity in certain chapter correspondence. We heartily agree with him that there is such a thing as making too much of an honorary member, and that boasting pure and simple should not make itself apparent in chapter letters. Nor do we deny that in some instances we have merited polite criticism for faults in both directions. But we do object to being criticised in an unfriendly manner.

We should not take up the hatchet against the article in our exchange, except for the fact that we wish to impress it upon all exchanges that we mean to be always perfectly fair and dignified in all comments on other fraternities and magazines, and expect to be treated likewise in return. We shall make no such criticism as that of our exchange and hope to see no more made of us. We refer to the *tone* of the criticism only.

In reply to the above we want to disclaim any unfriendly spirit of criticism regarding Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Brother Lakin should remember that for months the correspondents of *The Record* have been expressing elation over William McKinley. We are convinced, personally, that Sigma Alpha Epsilon has injured herself by the initiation of Mr. McKinley, and especially by frequent boasting about his membership. We can now assure our brother Editor unreservedly that all fraternity men, with whom the editor of THE RAINBOW has spoken, smile when this honorary initiation is mentioned. In explanation of our "questionable pleasantry" we may say that the matter does not lend itself to serious treatment. There is simply no room for earnest debate in regard to the subject. We rejoice with Sigma Alpha Epsilon over the membership of a man like William L. Wilson, her legitimate son. But we deplore the parade of an honorary membership, and, when the parade is particularly swelling and long-continued, we reserve the right to feel and express amusement. Having utterly disclaimed any intention to criticise Sigma Alpha Epsilon in an unfriendly way we take from our former words the parts displeasing to our new fellow Editor. We are glad to see that he thinks that the feeling over Mr. McKinley has been "rather too effusive" and has "merited polite criticism;" for this is an indication that the exuberance of the college scribes will be curbed in the future.



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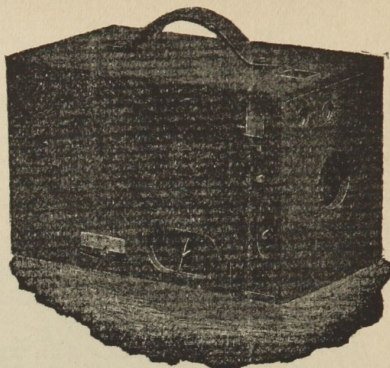
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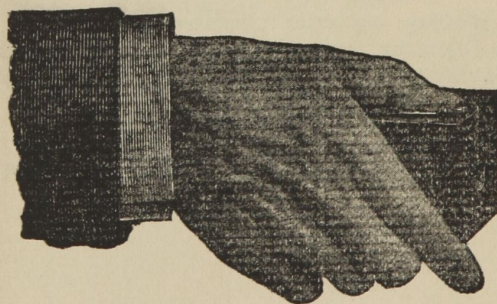
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