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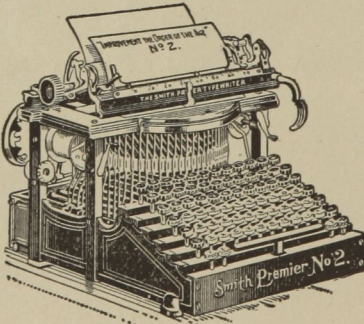
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

As late as the autumn of '92 the six blocks that now serve as campus and athletic field for the University of Chicago were still unimproved. In that year the University was organized and the work then begun has rapidly continued, under direction of the master-architect, Henry Ives Cobb, until at present there is no greater architectural attraction in Chicago than the seventeen majestic grey-stone structures standing guard by the historic "Midway." From England, Scotland, Scandinavia, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Japan, and from many institutions of our own country officers of instruction have been called to the new University until the faculty now numbers somewhat over 220. The total student registration for the current year will aggregate not less than 2800.

The transformation of this heterogeneous mass of instructors and students, with their hundred varying theories as to proper lines of development for the new institution, into a harmonious unity has required the master hand and the strong effort of a remarkable executive. That six years have sufficed to bring the University to its present stage is an eloquent commentary on the ability of "Chicago's" President.

There is significance in the official title of the institution — "The University of Chicago, — founded by John D. Rocke-

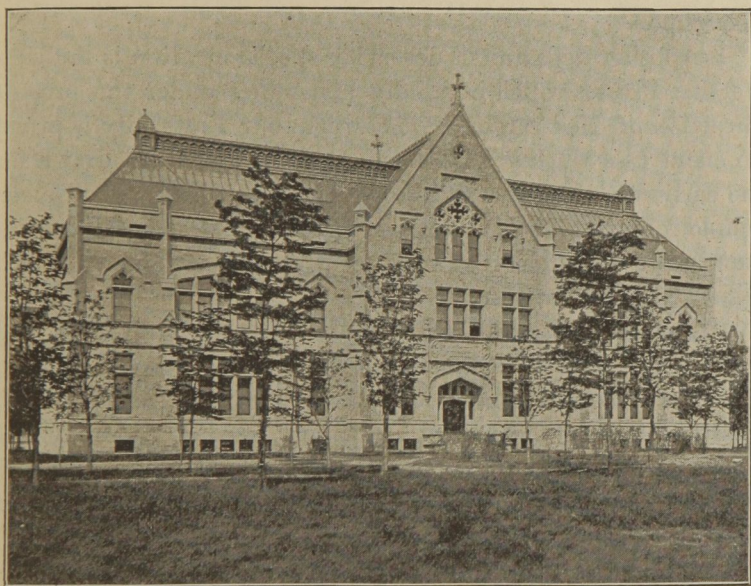
feller." Not only does the University place seven and a half millions to its founder's credit, but his generosity has inspired many wealthy Chicago citizens, notably Martin A. Ryerson, Silas Cobb, Helen Culver and Marshall Field, to bestow



PRESIDENT HARPER.

amounts sufficient to raise the total present endowment to about \$12,000,000. This is being constantly increased by donations looking to the establishment of new departments of instruction or a more adequate equipment of those already estab-

lished. Miss Helen Culver some months ago gave the University a million dollars to be applied exclusively toward the advancement of the biological sciences, and in consequence, the four Hull Biological Laboratories, devoted to Physiology, Anatomy, Zoology and Botany, have recently been completed. They are without equal at home or abroad.



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Chemistry, Physics, and Geology likewise claim each a large laboratory, while the remaining buildings are used as recitation halls, dormitories and gymnasium.

The University libraries general and departmental, containing over 330,000 volumes, compose the largest college library in the United States.

Chicago also boasts possession of the Yerkes Astronomical Observatory located at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, some eighty miles from the city. Here is hung the monster telescope which in point of size and accuracy of adjustment is unrivalled, even by the famous Lick telescope. A number of zealous and efficient scientists are constantly occupied at Lake Geneva and important astronomical discoveries are thus early credited to the mammoth 40-inch lens of the Yerkes telescope.

Another department deserving special mention is the University Press, which is rapidly expanding under the present direction of Ned Arden Flood, whom our Fraternity is proud to claim as a worthy Delt from Alpha. Plans are drawn for the early erection of a five-story building which will provide ample room for the publication of the twelve magazines, innumerable pamphlets and more pretentious volumes which issue from the presses.

The list of magazines supported by the University and edited by faculty members includes *The School Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *University Record*, *Astrophysical Journal*, *Botanical Gazette*, *Journal of Geology*, *Biblical World*, *Journal of Theology* and *The American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures*.

The University is in urgent need of a larger and more thoroughly equipped gymnasium, and also a suitable assembly hall. The students therefore observe with considerable interest the development of plans for the erection of a chapel to cost a half-million and a gymnasium not less expensive. President Harper assures the impatient undergraduate that the University will begin work upon these additional campus embellishments at once. The only excuse for delay is the lack of the million dollars required. But every sober-minded Chicago undergraduate knows that President Harper will

not be long hampered in this project by so trifling a difficulty.

The University has as yet no professional or technical schools except a Divinity department of the Baptist denomination and a College for Teachers with a large enrollment. No schools of law, medicine, dentistry or engineering are established on the campus, although Rush Medical College of Chicago and the recently-organized School of Technology at Aurora, are in affiliation with the University. The question is often asked, Why has Chicago no law or medical departments? President Harper answers that the University cannot yet afford to establish professional departments. Some day these will be added but not until they may be established on such a financial basis and with such faculties that they will have no superiors in the land.

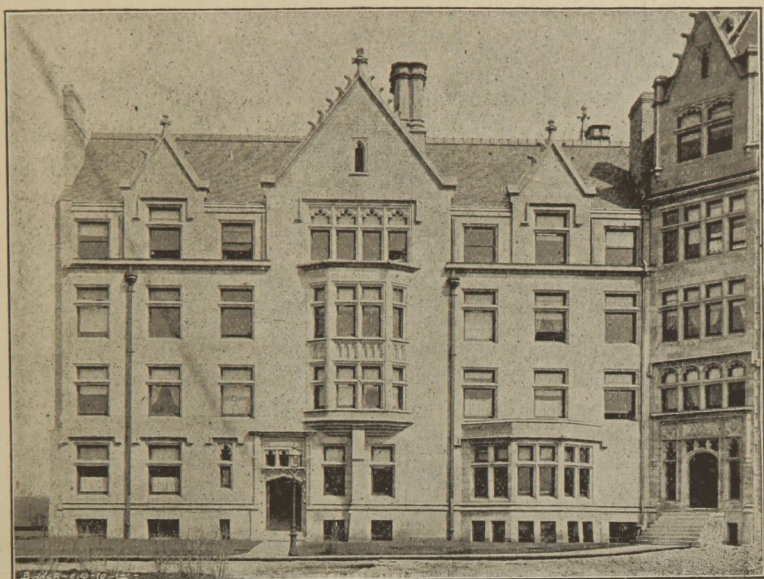
This statement becomes significant when we see, for example, in connection with Kent Chemical Laboratory and the Hull Biological Laboratories a score of skilled scientists giving their whole lives to the development of the fundamentals of medical science, with every modern appliance to aid them in their work, with fully equipped departments of Physiology, Anatomy, Histology, Neurology, Embryology and Bacteriology; but the University is not yet ready to establish a medical school.

It seems evident that when such a school is established it will not be a second-class institution. The University takes up no line of work until thoroughly prepared to present it adequately. If a student were to devote his entire time to English Literature he would be occupied eleven years in completing the courses now offered in that department. A recent conservative estimate places the length of time required by the student of average ability to complete all the courses now scheduled in the various departments at 120 years. President Harper's determination to build up the "greatest university of

America" seems justified in the light of these facts, remembering that these developments have come almost entirely since the Chicago World's Fair.

"The City White hath fled the earth,
But where the azure waters lie
A nobler city hath its birth,
The City Grey, that ne'er shall die,
For decades and for centuries
Her battlemented towers shall rise
Beneath the hope-filled western skies ;
'Tis our dear Alma Mater."

A considerable length of time is required of course to secure an able faculty. Chicago has taken her best men from other institutions at advanced salaries. The heads of the several departments who were appointed at the time of the organization of the University receive \$7500 per year, for life. This list includes such men as J. Lawrence Laughlin in Political Economy, Albion W. Small in Sociology, Wm. G. Hale in Latin, Harry Pratt Judson in Political Science, Herman Edward Von Holst in History, A. A. Michaelson in Physics, Chas. A. Whitman in Zoology, Thomas C. Chamberlin in Geology, and John Dewey in Psychology. Among the professors who have been with the University since its establishment is Richard Green Moulton, who was largely instrumental in introducing the University Extension System in America and who is now the most successful Extension Lecturer at Chicago. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, the famous Hebrew divine, holds a professorship in Rabbinical Literature and Philosophy. Dr. Hirsch is also Rabbi of the Sinai Congregation, the most influential Jewish church of the West, and in that capacity enjoys the distinction of being the best-paid preacher in America, receiving \$15,000 per year, for life. Professors James in Political Science, Barnard and Hale in Astronomy, Coulter in



KELLEY HALL (LADIES DORMITORY).



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Botany, Starr in Anthropology, Henderson in Sociology, and Stagg in Physical Culture, have won on merit their national reputation. Dr. John Henry Barrows in Comparative Religions, and Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus in English Literature are both connected with the University as Professorial Lecturers.

A number of comparatively young men on the Chicago faculty are coming into prominence in their respective departments. Herbert L. Willett claims attention as second only to Professor Moulton in point of success as an Extension Lecturer. This is the more remarkable since his field of study, Semitic Languages and Literatures, does not usually appeal to popular interest. Dr. Willett wears the square badge of Delta Tau Delta.

Using the terminology of various other universities, the rank of faculty members in each department is designated in the following order of precedence: Head Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Associate, Assistant, Reader, Docent.

The University of Chicago takes pride in being considered a liberal institution. It is pledged to the support of no theory, no dogma. It aims to view truth from every standpoint; instructors and pupils are at liberty to choose each his own position. The instructor is primarily a student. He teaches two hours each day and finds opportunity in the remaining twenty-two to apply himself to the problems of his specialty. The charge has been ignorantly preferred against the University that, on certain questions of public interest, the attitude of the professors in the departments concerned is dictated by the school's financial supporters. Comment on this point is needless in the light of the recent widely-quoted utterances of Professor Small and Professor Laughlin, in which they attack the menacing "trust" in vigorous and scathing terms. Mr. Rockefeller evidently does not advise these men as to what they shall teach.



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But, whatever the students or faculty may think of the commercial theories of Mr. Rockefeller, they are unanimous in the opinion that he was on the right track when he founded the University of Chicago. This sentiment finds characteristic expression in the catchy chorus of the most popular Chicago song, appropriating a familiar melody from "Daisy Bell":

"John D. Rockefeller! Wonderful man is he!
He spends all his spare change on the U. of C.;
He keeps the ball a-rolling in our great 'Varsity;
He pays Dr. Harper to help us grow sharper
To the glory of U. of C."

This is a fragment of but one of the very respectable songs that are collecting as the years pass. Traditions, too, are building; various student customs are becoming recognized and observed. The newness is wearing away. The severe grey of the walls is becoming less sombre under the fresh green of clinging ivy. Gravel paths circle through clumps of thick-foliaged oaks which, growing yearly larger and statelier, lend increasing beauty and dignity to the campus.

Student interests are of wider range at Chicago than at the average university, for the city offers varied attractions in lectures, operas, recitals, theatres, and popular assemblies which cannot be overlooked in an inventory of student advantages. The usual college atmosphere is somewhat lacking. A consequent tendency prevails toward looseness of social organization. Many student enterprises suffer from the necessary competition with city attractions. The Glee Club, for example, after a more or less precarious existence since the establishment of the University, has small prospect of rejuvenation. Intercollegiate debating has fared little better until the present year, when the defeat of the University of Minnesota and Columbia University has resulted in a marked increase of interest on the part of both students and faculty.



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The social life of the University is considerably stimulated by the dormitory privileges on the campus of which some four or five hundred students avail themselves. Public Monday-afternoon receptions are held weekly in the several halls, supported by the better social element and attended by any who may be so inclined — a mark of the democratic atmosphere of the institution. A number of "Informals" and a half-dozen more pretentious "Promenades," headed chiefly by the fraternities, are held annually. Any student with a reasonable degree of culture who conforms to recognized social customs is admitted to the best society.

College athletic sports in the West doubtless owe a deeper debt of gratitude to A. Alonzo Stagg than to any other man. His eminent services to the University of Chicago in furthering her athletic interests may not easily be overestimated. The successful issue of his efforts has won for him the admiration and unwavering support of the whole University. "Stagg can do no wrong," is the popular expression of confidence. He is upheld in any stand he may choose to take and, as a matter of fact, his course is usually vindicated. He has not only been engaged in developing successful athletic teams but the regular gymnasium work is under his direct supervision. Constant physical training is required of each undergraduate except during the last two quarters of residence.

The attitude of the University authorities toward fraternities is most satisfactory. Certain regulations are in force, however, which place some restraint upon the chapters. President Harper appoints a "Head" for each "House" organization, who must be in touch with the social life of that organization and must further be responsible to the University for any misdemeanors committed within its bounds. A Counselor, chosen by the chapter, serves to advise it in its dealings with the authorities. Both of these officers are faculty members and usually belong to the fraternity which they officially

represent. Not the slightest friction between the University and any chapter is recorded. To further his familiarity with the fraternities and their manner of life, President Harper has recently inaugurated the custom of spending a social evening at least once a year with each chapter.

By far the most important regulation imposed by the University, requires that no freshman shall be pledged to join any fraternity until he shall have completed three month's work. This arrangement is eminently satisfactory. Violation of the rule is seriously discountenanced by all the chapters; the freshmen of course have no occasion to raise objection for they are now assured of royal entertainment for at least three months of their college career. Any modification of the system in vogue would seem unnecessary and undesirable.

Eight fraternities beside Delta Tau Delta are now established at Chicago, — Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi. They all occupy comfortable chapter houses ranging in rental from \$30 to \$80 per month. The nine chapters have an undergraduate membership not exceeding 150. There is consequently a large number of students, many of them excellent fellows, who remain "barbarians" throughout their college course. Fraternity rivalry is spirited but not bitter. "Interfrat" tournaments in base ball and in field and track athletics are engaged in annually.

The latest move in fraternity circles occurred within the last few days, when a local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was installed. The charter members are confined to those men of the graduate schools and faculty who were initiated at other institutions, no names of undergraduates having as yet been announced.

Many conditions conspire to make the University of Chicago an ideal fraternity institution. A chapter once thoroughly grounded need never fear dissolution. Any fraternity of

good standing is sure to be well-represented in the large and rapidly growing graduate school and many of these graduate members will be products of the local chapters. Thus stability will be assured through the valuable counsel and financial aid of experienced men. Furthermore, Chicago is a great fraternity center with many strong Alumni chapters supported by active business men. Under the inspiration of constant contact with these enthusiastic "war-horses" any chapter can find little excuse for indifference or retrogression.

Though still tender in years, Gamma Alpha has had frequent opportunity to observe the staunch loyalty of the Chicago Alumni Chapter of Delta Tau Delta. Our association with them has been extremely gratifying. Such names as McClurg, Mahan and Wieland are watchwords with Gamma Alpha, signifying the wisest counsel and the best goodfellowship.

The new home in which the local chapter is now located is satisfactory in every particular. Though we considered ourselves fortunate in the early months of our chapter's existence, we feel now as though we had never tasted the sweets of brotherhood until the present season. In its relations to the various student activities of the University, the chapter has been constantly on the advance. Her scholarship-men and her star athletes on the football, baseball and track teams are her pride. She rejoices also in claiming both President and Vice-president of the Oratorical Association, managers of the intercollegiate debates. She finds the utmost satisfaction in the development of each of the nine men this year assimilated into the brotherhood, for each proves himself worthy of the Delta badge. She looks to the future in full confidence that the year which approaches will be marked by signal victories.

FRANK R. WHITE.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY.

I.

Many men, many minds. It will be hard to find two men who will state the aim of the Fraternity alike, and harder still to find one who can say off hand what it can do for the college. All good Fraternity men can discourse fluently on the glories of the brotherhood and its influence for the ennobling and uplifting of its members, but when it comes to reducing these "glittering generalities" to practical form the task is not so easy. Too often the chapter is no more than a social club which affords its members pleasure of a certain sort, but by engrossing them in this distracts their attention from the more serious side of college life and so leads them to mental dissipation if not worse. In other cases the chapter is conducted on the plan of a ward caucus, that by combination with other fraternities or with "barbarians" prominent positions may be gained in athletic and other organizations which could not be won through merit alone.

These are not all the false theories on which chapters are managed, but will serve as examples. For the true method no hard and fast lines can be drawn. It is easier to say what a chapter should not be than what it should. It should not run to an extreme in social matters, in athletics or in college politics, nor should it cultivate asceticism on the part of its members. The chapter helps its college best which encourages each of its members to the fullest and most intelligent performance of duty. A reasonable grade of scholarship should be a *sine qua non* for initiation, and the very atmosphere of the chapter should be such as to make

a frater ashamed to fall short in this respect; but scholarship alone is no more a qualification for fraternity than wealth alone. Each frater must be able to contribute something to the general broadening influence of chapter life as well as receive, and to do this he must not be narrow himself.

The chapter can do good by supporting loyally the representatives of the institution in any contest, athletic or otherwise, and in general by cultivating a genuine chapter and college spirit. By maintaining a high standard of character in its membership it can aid in giving a tone to the college community which will be invaluable to it. The chapter cannot afford to be out of sympathy with the college government. It is not as an independent or semi-hostile element, but as an integral part of the college organism that the Fraternity chapter can be of use to its members and its college.

II.

The relation of the college and the Fraternity is that of the community and the home. A group of congenial souls are drawn apart in the bonds of brotherhood to form a home within the larger college community. Just as in civic life, there must be a relationship of mutual loyalty and helpfulness.

This cannot be when the Fraternity for selfish aggrandizement so far forgets the democratic rights of the student body that by Pan-Hellenic combinations it will gain undue advantage in the struggle for intellectual existence.

Brotherly love is not manifested in the triumph of brute strength, when numbers instead of merit match the laurel for a brother's brow. And yet I fear that many a recorded victory for "our chapter" has been won by just such methods of ward politics.

The Fraternity must stand for the ideal and not the real unless the real is able to furnish proof that it *is* ideal.

The chapter house should be bright with sunshine, books, music, laughter, flowers, love; all that goes to make home, and not a rendezvous for secret plotting; not a refuge for undetected dissipation.

The college through its professors should counsel with the heads of the Fraternities on matters of mutual importance. Thus many a freshman on the down-grade might be made to look up, and many a breach between faculty and students might be bridged over.

The faculty should not try to suppress the Fraternity as a thing of evil, but rather to develop it as the chief agency for good in the social life of the college.

I believe that this relation of mutual trust and helpfulness will prevail.

III.

In discussing the relations of the college and the Fraternity, three statements may be assumed as axiomatic: both college and fraternity exist primarily for college men; co-operation between the two is the only normal condition; the fraternity must be subordinate to the college, supplementing and complementing its work for the individual. Under ideal conditions, therefore, the relations would be characterized by mutual confidence and pride. Whenever a fraternity ceases to be proud to have a chapter in a college, ceases to have confidence in the ability of the college to draw to itself the strong and culture-loving young men of the community, it is high time for it to withdraw its chapter from that institution. So, too, on the other hand, if a chapter shows persistence in evil ways and its name becomes a constant quantity in all that brings shame upon the college, pressure should be exerted to reform or to squeeze out the offending fraternity. In my experience of nearly ten years as a member of university faculties I have frequently had occasion to exert pressure upon

local chapters, through leading members, to remedy certain objectionable tendencies, and the experiment has usually been successful, even though I have done it personally and not officially. Much the same thing has been done in several instances by faculty committees. In at least three cases coming to my knowledge, one in Michigan and one in California, chapters have been practically killed off by deliberate faculty action. This does not mean a continual espionage of the conduct of the fraternity organizations, with a view to putting on the screws, but rather that means of information shall be kept open, either by the University of Chicago plan of having some faculty adviser for each chapter, or by the interest of some faculty member of the fraternity in question. The position of the faculty alumnus is not always a comfortable one, as I can bear witness, but it is usually good for the chapter and the college in the long run.

On the other hand, where the chapter stands for high scholarship, clean morals and a general *savoir-vivre* the relation of the college to the fraternity may be of great benefit to both. For a chapter, as for a man, a good name with the faculty is rather to be chosen than riches of conviviality. Sound, strong chapters with vitalizing traditions are not built up on mere conviviality and congeniality any more than upon animosities and unscrupulous use of temporary advantage. Once grant that there are chapters of the right sort in the college, and that the faculty recognizes the value of these organizations in the life of the institution, and the basis of frequent and cordial assistance on the part of the college has been laid. Why should not the active men of a chapter feel free to go to professors who are known to be interested in the development of fraternities, and in confidence frankly ask advice about men under discussion for membership? Why should not the professor be willing to give the advice or information, if he can trust the chapter — if he believes in its men! It is a system that

can be worked, and is worked, and I believe the relation of college and fraternity are always better and more normal for it.

IV.

In placing the fraternity in a position in which it can do the most good for itself and for the college in which it exists, it will be necessary to bring the fraternity and the government of the college into more intimate relations and to institute some new customs in the fraternity itself.

In the institution with which the writer is connected it is safe to say that the fraternities hold the balance of power, and that they are largely responsible for the existing moral tone. Frequently sentiments of a doubtful character have, through their influence, prevailed in college circles when a proper action on the part of the faculty might have changed the whole trend of affairs. Not all the evil done in college life may be justly attributed to the fraternities, but much of it is so attributed, rightly or wrongly, showing that their influence is recognized. Let the faculty openly say to them, "Your influence is of great value in the government of this college. We acknowledge it and we want you to unite with us in carrying out the rules and regulations which will result in good to the greatest number." In thus consulting the rights of the governed a part of the responsibility will be shifted to their shoulders, where doubtless it will be willingly and worthily borne.

But the fraternity must do certain things within its own halls in order that it may be of the greatest good to the college. In some way it must watch over the morals and scholarship of its members. Strong sentiments in the fraternity in favor of good morals and high scholarship will do more to place its membership, and through them the college, on a high moral and scholastic plane than will any other academic influence. To make this paper practical, by way of suggestion, let two

committees be appointed, one on morals and one on scholarship. Let the former committee be responsible for the moral tone of the fraternity as a whole and of the members as individuals, and to them let the first offence brought to the notice of the faculty be referred. In this way many a thoughtless young man may be brought to his senses and saved the disgrace of suspension. Let the latter committee obtain from each member of the faculty the standing of every member of the fraternity, and let it be urged that no standing fall below a certain grade. If all the fraternities would do this their halls would be crowded with the noblest and best young men in college, and the discipline would take care of itself.

THE KARNEA.

The Chicago Alumni Association, through its Executive Committee has made arrangements with the Victoria Hotel for the accommodation of the Karnea which, as has already been announced, will meet in that city August 23, 24, and 25.

There was some hesitation felt in the Association about going again to this hotel because of some inconveniences experienced by the Karnea of 1897; viz., the poor ventilation of the ladies' ordinary where the meetings were held, and the noise from the street when the windows were opened, also the late hour at which the dining room was placed at our disposal on the evening of the Banquet.

These objections have been removed by the hotel management by giving us the parlor for our meetings; this faces Michigan Avenue, is on the second floor, and can be thoroughly ventilated, so that the inconvenience of noise and heat will be removed as much as can be done in any hotel in the city.

We will have the dining room as early in the evening as we wish, so that the delegates and visitors coming may expect to sit down to dinner by 6.30 on the evening of August 24.

The Victoria Hotel is on Michigan Avenue, on the corner of Van Buren Street, facing the lake. It is centrally located and is classed with the best in the city. The charge to members of the Fraternity attending the Karnea will be \$2.50 per diem.

The Karnea will be called to order at 10 a. m. of August 23 and the address of welcome will be made by H. W. Mahan, the President of the Alumni Association; matters will then be

left in the hands of the delegates until the time arrives for the Banquet.

It is generally conceded that the Banquet of the Karnea of 1897 was the most successful in every way of any ever given in the name of Delta Tau Delta, and the Alumni Association is hoping that the celebration of this summer will throw that entirely in the shade.

Whether it exceeds in number or not depends in every way on the enthusiasm of the chapters in getting out a large attendance, both of undergraduates and alumni; but it can be confidently asserted that it will be well worth going to a great deal of trouble for the purpose of attending.

Some of the best speakers in the fraternity have promised to attend, and nearly all of them have much more than a local reputation.

They are Rev. Edwin H. Hughes of Malden, Mass., and Dr. John A. Bolard, of Philadelphia, neither of whom need any introduction to the fraternity in general. The Rev. Charles Bayard Mitchell, D.D., of Minneapolis, Minn., who is known all through the West as one of the best pulpit orators in that part of the country. Congressman James R. Mann and Dr. Frank Wieland of Chicago, and Alfred F. Potts of Indianapolis, Ind., well remembered by all who were at the last Karnea or who have attended the annual dinners of the Association. Congressman Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich., and President of the Fraternity not so many years ago, and Congressman A. J. Hopkins of Illinois, who is known throughout the state as an orator of the first quality, and who has been one of the most prominent candidates for Speaker of the House at the next session of Congress. Then to crown all we have for Toast-master West Mahan, the well-beloved President of the Alumni Association and the most popular Delta in the city, the man we consider here best fitted for the position of all the bright men the Fraternity can produce.

The list of toasts cannot be given in full as yet, and there are other details of arrangement which cannot now be given, but all letters of inquiry will be cheerfully answered.

LOWRIE McCLURG.

THE NORTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The eighteenth Conference of the Northern Division was held in Cleveland, Thursday and Friday, May 18th and 19th. The Conference was held in Cleveland only a year ago and some have not been able to understand why it should go again to the same city. A year ago it was understood that Chapter Mu would act as host this year. As the time of meeting (which according to our Constitution must be during the month of May) approached the President was informed that Mu could not take the Conference. He then wrote to five other Chapters and they in turn suggested that some other Chapter be given the honor. So there was nothing left to do but to hold the Conference in some city where there was no Chapter so as to select a central location or take it to Cleveland. Inasmuch as Cleveland is somewhat central and has a few of the old guard and a Chapter and Chapter house it seemed advisable to hold the Conference there.

The Conference was called to order by President Arter Thursday at 2 o'clock. Eight of the twelve chapters were represented, the delegate from Beta Zeta being the only Indianian on the ground, nor did Delta send a delegate. The afternoon session was spent in organization and the consideration of the Chapter reports.

Thursday evening the delegates and Cleveland Alumni were the guests of Zeta Chapter and the President at Zeta's house on Fairmount St.

There were about thirty-five present and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The evening was spent in singing college songs, giving the yells and in relating reminiscences of days of old. Especially interested were the boys in the

experiences of Brother A. L. Talcott, Sigma Prime '77, who helped to maintain a sub rosa chapter for four years. The business sessions of Friday were occupied with committee reports and the discussion of general fraternity matters. A great deal of interest was shown and it is hoped that the Conference will be a help to the Chapters. Sherman Arter was re-elected President. J. H. Lash of Kappa was elected treasurer of the Division and the office of secretary was given to Chapter Beta Zeta, which will probably select Brother Frank Long to fill the office. The Conference voted to accept the invitation of Beta Zeta Chapter and next year will meet in Indianapolis.

The Conference and the Cleveland Alumni banquet was held on Friday evening at the Stillman. The menu was filled with good things but they were not to be compared to the better things the thirty-five alumni and actives present gave their hearers in response to the toasts assigned, in the little impromptu talks and in their vociferous college yells — even the colleges not represented were not forgotten when the yells were being given. The following is the list of toasts given :

Toastmaster, HARRIS G. SHERMAN, M.D., Buchtel College.

“ Once a Delta, always a Delta,” A. E. Hyre, Buchtel College.

“ The Chapter House,” William S. Couch, Adelbert College.

“ On the Wabash,” Frank B. Long, Butler College.

“ The New Era,” James M. Shallenberger, University of Wooster.

“ The Delta,” Charles Krichbaum, University of Wooster.

“ The Delta Girl,” Geo. E. Seney, Jr., Ohio State University.

“ The Small College,” C. M. Chase, Hillsdale College.

Our founder, Brother Jacob G. Lowe, was down for the last toast, but he was unable to be present, much to the regret of all.

ZETA.

CHICAGO ALUMNI.

(Meeting, May 12, 1899.)

Chicago's Alumni Chapter is not only the largest, but the most cosmopolitan in the Fraternity. Its central location and multitudinous interests attract to itself Deltas from the East, the West, and the South, as does no other city in the land.

So it is not surprising that when the "old boys" came together this month, Boston "Tech" and Leland Stanford were both represented, with nearly every Chapter between these wide extremes of location. The peculiar feature of the May meeting was that it was held at the handsome chapter-house of Gamma Alpha at the University of Chicago, as a joint meeting with that chapter.

It was a veritable love-feast, and long after the alumni had gone home the actives around their "round table" talked of the fraternity ideals and the standards of Deltaism put forth by the warm-hearted, brainy men-of-affairs who had honored the new chapter-house with their presence. The alumni too seemed to feel an atmosphere of home-likeness—a sort of sense of proprietorship, never quite realized in other places of meeting.

The writer offers this brief report at the request of the secretary of the Alumni Chapter, who was unable to be present. Being himself an active member of the university chapter, and some years ago a member of another chapter, far away from any considerable body of alumni, he feels at liberty to acknowledge the peculiar good fortune which comes from such a proximity to older fraternity men who have won honor and recognition

in the busy world, but who are "just as young as they used to be," when they met under the purple and gold. This privilege is enjoyed in a rare degree by the active members at Northwestern and Chicago, and they appreciate it fully.

HENRY R. CORBETT.

EDITORIALS.

College and Fraternity.

We present in this issue a brief symposium from several college professors on the relations of the college and the fraternity in their mutual influence on each other. The contributions on this subject all come from well-known men holding chairs in great institutions. What they write is worthy of consideration. The Editor of THE RAINBOW has long felt that the helpful relation that the college authorities might sustain to the Greek-letter fraternities has never received sufficient attention. While the system at Chicago University may seem to some to savor of the paternal idea, we yet believe that a similar regime could well be adopted by many of our colleges. Too long have the fraternities been treated as somewhat foreign to a place in the college government. It cannot be questioned that they are to remain in our colleges as influential factors. It would seem then that the wise course for faculties and trustees would be to so influence them as to get from them the largest benefit to the institutions.

If our observation of fraternities has resulted in any clear conclusions at all, it has resulted in this conviction: that the fraternities simply take the life that they find in an institution and intensify it. If a chapter gathers into its membership students prone to recklessness, that chapter will surely tend to make those students more reckless. If a chapter initiates men who are given to scholarship, the ideal of that chapter will constantly tend to make the members more careful

students. If a chapter seeks men who are strict in their ideas of moral life, the new men, as they come in, will fall more or less under the sway of the chapter's moral care. This all means that the fraternities take the life that is given to them by the elements naturally coming to an institution and give it back to the institution enforced in influence for good or for evil. A few years ago, when a college professor instanced a chapter that had constantly injured its members, the writer said to him: "Yet the University keeps giving that chapter enough men of its own tendency to allow it to go on year after year." Evidently that institution had to furnish the members who set the standard of that chapter: it had also to furnish men constantly who were more or less in sympathy with the wild life of the members of that chapter. On the other hand there were chapters in that same institution that were ever exercising an influence toward a fine, broad type of manhood. In both cases the chapters were strengthening the kind of life that they found in certain elements of the University.

A good chapter will ever tend to make its members better; a bad chapter will ever tend to make its members worse. This sums up practically all that can be said of the influence of the chapter on the life that it takes to itself out of the University. In the exceptional cases in every chapter the faculties will find their chance to aid. The few good men who occasionally get into a bad chapter may be so advised that they may be able to turn the current of chapter life; the few bad men who occasionally get into a good chapter may be so worked upon by their better companions, through the advice of the professors, that they may be greatly helped. It is the statement of President Capen of Tufts College that very often he has found the fraternities of positive aid in discipline in just these ways. It is our conviction that the lines suggested here could be worked with great profit to both college and fraternity. This subject offers a rich field for discussion and suggestion; we

trust that our successor in the editorial position may see fit to present it more fully.

The Delta Professor.

In line with the above, it may be well to ask: What should be the attitude of the Delta who is a professor in one of our colleges? It is gratifying to find that our alumni are coming more and more into the teaching force of our institutions. Their position is very often one of embarrassment. Where the anti-fraternity element is strong, they feel that they must be careful not to throw themselves out of sympathy with large numbers of their students by taking a partisan relation to their Fraternity. In cases, also, where fraternity rivalry is fierce and close they feel that they cannot well afford to alienate the members of other fraternities by openly aiding their own chapter at some critical point in a fraternity contest. Out of these feelings, unless they are carefully guarded, one of two attitudes is likely to come: The fraternity professor will either forget the ways of his youth and begin to question the value of the Greek-Letter societies; or, he will take a negative position and become a mere cipher in his relation to the fraternity life of the college.

Both of these attitudes we have seen. The first always strikes us as being worthy of contempt. It is especially so worthy if the opposition becomes a settled conviction of the teacher which he is yet afraid to manifest. It would seem that there was but one course open to a professor who came to think that fraternities were an evil: to oppose them before the world and the trustees and to bear the burden of his conviction. One or two of such men we have seen sitting on the fence year after year, bringing forth warily now and then in safe ways their secret opposition, but fearful ever to enter the

lists of an open crusade against the fraternities. Happily, this attitude is not frequent. The negative attitude is more often seen. It seems to be somewhat justified. The servant of all classes of students may not feel that he can rightly lend himself to any definite aid to an organization composed of a select few. When this attitude grows out of a real desire to be serviceable to the University rather than to any particular part of it, it has something to commend it. It must be very evident that a professor cannot keep the same relation to his fraternity that he held as a student and active member. In special contests, as in the days of solicitation, he must keep himself aside, — at least in most cases.

There is however a field in which his influence may be most decided and helpful. In the shaping and controlling of a chapter policy he need not be without his place. If he be a man of the true spirit of fraternity, his word is apt to weigh heavily with the undergraduates. This is especially the case where he keeps his interest in the general fraternity. Mr. William C. Gretzinger, the former editor of the *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, was a member of the faculty at Swarthmore College. Mr. Hugh Th. Miller, the present editor of *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, is a member of the faculty of Butler College, University of Indianapolis. In neither instance, so far as we know, has there been any complaint as to the activity of these men toward the general fraternity. Some of our professors have been most helpful in their relations to our chapters in the way of shaping policy and have still kept themselves from any censure as being partisans. This is pre-eminently the case with Dr. Babcock at California, President of the Fraternity, with Professor Grove at Ohio Wesleyan and with Professor Hormell of the same institution, and with others, less known to the Editor, but who doubtless could be named with equal justice.

An Experiment.

Realizing the need of holding the younger alumni in close relation with the Fraternity, the Editor last Fall determined to make a provisional mailing list and to send THE RAINBOW to such members of the classes of 1897 and 1898 as should be designated by the Secretaries of the chapters. Accordingly we sent our request for names and addresses to the various secretaries. A number of them responded. Some of the lists were not used by us inasmuch as all the graduates practically were already subscribers. This was the case especially with Phi at Washington and Lee and Beta Omega at California. In April we sent out a statement to such provisional names as were on our list. We waited the result with a good degree of interest. Our effort was received very courteously; only two complaining letters were received. One of these said: "I have been connected with newspapers but have considered it beneath my dignity to mail copies unasked to former subscribers." Another writes: "When, pray, did I ever authorize you to send the publication to me? I have never by word or deed signified my desire to have the journal sent me." Except in these two cases no word of complaint has been received. Many of the brethren have thanked us for putting their names on the list. On the whole, we have been much gratified by the showing. We subjoin a table giving the number of recent graduates to whom the journal was sent and the number who responded by paying:

	Sent.	Paid.		Sent.	Paid.
Gamma.....	3	0	Beta Kappa.....	4	2
Epsilon.....	7	1	Beta Mu.....	5	2
Kappa.....	1	1	Beta Pi.....	8	3
Mu.....	4	2	Beta Rho.....	8	3
Pi.....	10	2	Beta Tau.....	5	2
Rho.....	8	4	Beta Upsilon.....	5	2
Chi.....	3	3	Beta Chi.....	5	4
Beta Epsilon.....	5	1	Beta Psi.....	5	2
Beta Zeta.....	5	0	Gamma Alpha.....	4	2

It should be said that some of these chapters had already a few subscribers on the regular list from the classes of '97 and '98. This was the case with Gamma Alpha and Beta Mu. The table in general shows that the best response has been from our Eastern and Western chapters; the poorest response is from the South, though the North follows closely in point of failure. We would unhesitatingly recommend to the future management of THE RAINBOW that this plan be tried with every graduating class. It has some drawbacks; but it will work good to the Fraternity. If our secretaries will carefully keep the names and addresses of all graduates of the Class of 1899 and send them this Fall to the Editor, they will greatly serve all parties concerned, — most of all their own chapters.

Editorial Impressions.

If our space allowed there is much that we could write of the impressions gained from four years of service as Editor of THE RAINBOW. This is the last issue of the journal that will come from the hand of the present Editor. We have served the Fraternity for four years. Our length of service has been surpassed by no previous Editor; it has been equalled by but one, — President Babcock having been Editor for four years also. Without enlarging upon any one point especially, we wish to offer the following impressions as having grown out of our four years' experience:

(1.) Under management that can give time to the work this journal can be made not merely to pay for itself, but even to become a source of considerable revenue to the Fraternity. Three of the four years we have made money for the Fraternity. It now looks as if the present year would surpass all others in this regard. If we could have given the time to the matter,

the magazine could have been made a still more profitable publication.

(2.) The journal is preëminently the representative of the fraternity in the Greek world. More and more the standing of a fraternity is being determined by its journal. This is so largely true that one or two fraternities have even ranked beyond their just place on account of the excellent magazines that have represented them. We have tried to make THE RAINBOW a worthy exponent of Delta Tau Delta to our fellow Greeks.

(3.) The one hopeful and effective bond between the Fraternity and the graduates is the magazine. We have been gratified to find the great increase of alumni interest that has followed the discussions and urgings of THE RAINBOW. We feel that this journal should be made to appeal to our alumni with more power. Our list of subscribers has grown this year at a remarkable rate.

(4.) The chapter secretary holds the key to the situation in the bearing of the magazine toward the alumni. Where our secretaries have really interested themselves, as in the case of Phi, Beta Chi, Beta Omega and Gamma Alpha, we have been able to reach the graduates. A little labor on the part of future secretaries would make the journal a wider and more effective advocate of our cause. We trust that all chapters will bear this in mind in the election of their scribes.

(5.) We feel that THE RAINBOW has a large service to render in keeping before the Fraternity fine ideals of character, scholarship and brotherliness. A minister in charge of the journal is not therefore entirely out of his element. We have tried faithfully to keep bright ideals before our younger brethren. If at any time we have seemed to preach, all have been exceedingly patient with us. We are settled in the thought that a fraternity magazine cannot afford to ignore its moral influence over the students in the formative days of their lives.

Editorial Acknowledgements.

We cannot speak our valedictory without acknowledging some heavy obligations. We owe much to the officers of the Fraternity, notably to Brothers Babcock and Duerr whose work has brought them more intimately to our aid; to Brother Storer for his prompt and thorough management of the business side of the publication; to Brothers Lowrie McClurg and John A. Bolard for their unfailing willingness to aid us in any possible way; to the Co-operative Press of Cambridge for excellent typography and for constant patience and accommodation with our interests; and, finally, to Brother Will D. Howe for coming to our help in the intense rush of the last few months.

With the last chapter letters received there have also come many tributes which we greatly value. It is good to know that our work has been considered of value to the Fraternity and has therefore been appreciated. In the four years we have had some kindly suggestions from our members. These we have tried to consider, and to adopt whenever they promised well for the Fraternity. Only once have we received any harsh criticism of the contents of the journal. That criticism was so coarse and unfraternal as to excite only contempt. We hold ourselves peculiarly fortunate to have been treated throughout with such great consideration. We will surrender *THE RAINBOW* to the hands of another with the one hope that he may make it a more helpful publication for the Fraternity,—a constant and brilliant promise against any future floods of misfortune.

The Karnea.

The Karnea meets in Chicago, August 23d, 24th, and 25th,—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The headquarters will be at the Victoria, where we met two years ago. The

committee has carefully considered the matter and, finding that the only inconveniences experienced before could be overcome by the hotel management, have concluded to hold the sessions at the same place. In this issue many of the chapter letters, following the request of the Editor to the secretaries, give the names of the delegates. It is evident that the occasion is being anticipated with great interest. Let all of our members read carefully the statement of Brother Lowrie McClurg in this number. This will furnish all needed information.

The Banquet promises to be of special interest. It is hoped that it will eclipse even that of two years ago. The names of the proposed speakers will be found in the Karnea article in this issue. It was our hope to present cuts of most of the speakers and to this end Brother McClurg had at considerable trouble secured for us their photographs. But we find ourselves at this time so crowded for space that we are obliged to omit this feature of advertisement of the Karnea and honor to some of our brethren. However, we shall turn all the photographs over to our successor, who will doubtless be glad to use them in the first issue of the Fall in giving his account of the Karnea. Unquestionably the man who fails to go to Chicago will miss a splendid gathering. We anticipate the best convention that the Fraternity has ever held. On to Chicago again!

Beta Chi at Brown has five *undergraduate* members who have been admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. This speaks well for the scholarship of our Brown men. The history of Beta Chi for the last three years shows that it pays to begin a chapter with solid rather than showy men. That chapter has advanced in every way. To the Editor's thought, no chapter letters in THE RAINBOW this year have shown more care or have given any clearer idea of fraternity and college life than the letters from Brown written by Brother Moncrieffe Cameron.

Chapter Chi at Kenyon has a rule according to which the active members pay the subscription for THE RAINBOW for each alumnus the first year after graduation. This impresses us as being an excellent custom. It is our experience that if men are held in an intelligent relation with the Fraternity the first year or two after leaving their chapters, they are far more apt to keep up their interest through many years. We commend this rule of Chi chapter to our other chapters, especially to Beta Phi at Ohio State, and Beta Alpha at Indiana State, also to several of our southern chapters.

The Editor made a mistake in the last issue which he wishes to correct. In the editorial on "Professional Students Again" he made the statement that none of THE RAINBOW subscribers from Beta Mu at Tufts came from a professional department. Brother Charles Henry Wells, himself a professional graduate of Tufts, wrote us of the blunder and in a most excellent spirit offered correction. Beta Mu has now four men on our mailing list who graduated from her theological department. The other statement of that part of the editorial was correct. Since 1893 Beta Mu has not taken any members from the theological department.

F. Edwin Welsh, of Beta Pi, was a member of the Fifty-Second Iowa in the war with Spain. While at Camp Thomas he was taken ill and removed to a hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn. Later his personal effects were stolen. His Delta Tau Delta badge was lost. Owing to certain associations the badge was highly treasured. Should any of our Southern brothers find the badge they will identify it by the initials "F. E. W." engraved on reverse side. Address F. Edwin Welsh, 1222 Story St., Boone, Iowa.

For the third time in the course of editorship we are able to present *a letter from every chapter in the Fraternity*. We feel, also, that we have in this issue by far the best letters, taken as a whole, that we have ever published. This unanimous and careful response was secured without great difficulty. A first call to all the chapters, a second call to seven chapters, and one telegram wrought the desired result. We confess to an editorial pride in this showing, and are grateful to our chapter secretaries for allowing us to end our work in this excellent way.

There are chapters of Phi Beta Kappa in eighteen of the colleges where Delta Tau Delta is chartered. We wish that it might become more and more an object for our men to gain membership in this honorary fraternity. It is an even more worthy ambition than to have a man on second base or at half-back. The recitation room should not be second to the diamond or the gridiron.

The Editor is grateful to the members of Beta chapter. For two years he has regularly received *The Mirror*—the student organ of Ohio University. Our chapters would all do well thus to keep their institutions in helpful and constant relations with THE RAINBOW.

THE DELTA CHAPTERS.

ALPHA. — ALLEGHENY.

Our college has gained considerable honor this spring through her base-ball team. The record so far is five games won and only *one* lost, and the probabilities are that she will easily win the championship of Western Pennsylvania and Ohio for this season. Brother Smith and Brother McManigal represent Alpha on the team, the former at first and the latter at third base, and have a good clean record of hits.

Our representatives at the Karnea, to be held at Chicago next August, will be Brother E. P. Cullum, class of '82, who has been requested by local alumni and elected by the chapter to fill this position. We trust all the fraternity officers who are not already acquainted with Brother Cullum, and also chapter representatives, will not fail to make themselves known, as he is one of the original Choctaws, was editor of the *Crescent* one year, and is an all-round fraternity man.

Dr. W. M. Crawford, the president of Allegheny, has been doing some vigorous campaigning for the college, and already can state that the attendance next year will be unusually increased, as the popularity of the institution has made a great gain. It is safe to say that the records made by our basket-ball team last winter and the wonderful success of the base-ball team are accountable for a good share of the increased interest.

On May 22d Brother E. P. Cullum, '82, addressed the entire body of students in the chapel, with an informal address relative to college life, with special reference to its benefits to the business man. The remarks were plain, practical, hard common-sense, and from the applause following the address, they were very much appreciated and enjoyed.

HARRY McMANIGAL.

BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The term about to close has been very successful for Beta Chapter. We have added one to our number since our last letter, and we wish to introduce to the Fraternity Mr. W. R. Lash of Zanesville, Ohio.

Three have left us during the term. J. H. Williams, ex'00, has accepted a position as editor of the *Free Press* at Fredericktown, Ohio, while Brothers Stearns and McLauren have gone to their respective homes on account of illness.

Beta is well represented in all college affairs. Some of the honors held by members of the chapter are: Editor-in-chief of the *Ohio University Mirror*, President of the Philomathean Literary Society, short-stop and first baseman on the base-ball team, etc.

G. W. Brown, '99, now of Wooster University and L. B. Moore, '93, have recently visited us.

Instead of the usual banquet, Commencement week, we intend to give a picnic to our lady friends at Lake Side Park. Any alumni that can come we shall be pleased to have join us.

Brothers Williams and Ogier will represent us at the coming Karnea.

The outlook for Beta and the Ohio University is very good. Dr. Henderson, Professor of Chemistry, has resigned to accept a similar position at the Ohio State University. It is not known as yet who will take his place.

J. CLAIRE EVANS.

GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

The long-hoped for has at last been realized. Gamma is now comfortably fixed in a chapter house. It took pluck and energy to accomplish it, but all are more than satisfied with the result. We are very enthusiastic and proud of our new home. It is a large frame house, on a beautiful street, and within one block of the college. There are five rooms that can be used for bed rooms, a double parlor, reception hall, and a room in the basement which we

call the smoking room, besides a finished attic. At present we have six men in the house, Frederick A. Goedecke, '00; J. Howard Myers, '01; H. H. Reed, '01; Orlando Touse, '02; J. D. Iams, '02; and C. A. Watt. All the men now in the house will be back next year and others have made arrangements to go in next fall, so we need have no fears for the immediate future.

We have the pleasure of presenting to the Fraternity, John Thomas Hindman, '02, who entered college last fall but was compelled to drop out on account of sickness. We have some other promising material in sight and hope to be able to announce another brother before the term closes.

Our track team is hard at work preparing for the annual Western Pennsylvania inter-collegiate meet, which is to be held here, Saturday, May 20, 1899. We have five men on the team, including C. M. Thomson, captain. We expect to be victorious this year in order to sustain our previous victories. Our base-ball team is also showing up strong this spring, winning every game played so far. It left yesterday for a short trip through Ohio. We will be represented at the Karnea this year by William McCleary, '00, and J. Howard Meyers, '01. "Hal" Sherrard, '95, and McClain, ex-'98, paid us a visit recently.

S. RAY SHELBY.

DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

There are at present sixteen Delta Tau men enrolled in the different departments of the University of Michigan, representing mostly transfers from Kappa, Epsilon, Beta, Beta Kappa, Beta Upsilon, and others.

Our men are generally well represented in the different lines of University honors, athletics, music and oratory.

The state legislature, upon which our University is largely dependent for its support, has just passed a one-fourth mill tax which supplants the old tax of one-sixth mill, for the maintenance of this institution. This, together with the very fine new law building

erected before the beginning of this present college year, places Michigan upon a progressive footing; the increased tax securing to it the guarantee of many other needed improvements.

There is also much activity among some of the other Greek-letter Fraternities, who contemplate the building of new houses this coming vacation.

GEORGE BURROWS TAYLOR.

EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

Epsilon can look back upon a school year which, opening apparently with anything but favorable auspices, has proved to be one of the best and most prosperous years of the chapter. Although our roll has usually been small, an unusually large per cent of last year's chapter failed to return and this together with clouds which could only bring discouragement sent our chapter enthusiasm to a low ebb. The first encouragement came when we succeeded in pledging practically all the fraternity material in the High School, and as the year advanced confidence increased, more influence appeared, and we can now say that our position is undisputedly high.

Since our last communication, we have initiated Webster Davis, '01, of Grass Lake, and have pledged John F. Luxton of the sub-collegiate department.

In base ball, Davis and Knickerbocker are the pitchers, Loud (captain) plays second, Hitchcock short, Holdeman third, and Coppens right field. Brother Woodworth has arranged for an unusual number of university games at home and in every way this appears to be one of our most successful seasons. As yet we have not been defeated on our home grounds.

Brother Woodworth is president of the Erosaphean Literary Society, and Brother Moore its treasurer. Brother Price is a prominent candidate for Editor-in-chief of the *Pleiad*, our most prominent periodical. As this position is beyond the reach of politics, it confers no little distinction on its recipient.



EPSILON CHAPTER — ALBION COLLEGE.

Our delegate at the 1898 Boreadis, Brother Woodworth, reports a pleasant as well as profitable time and reports Zeta to be a royal entertainer. Our delegation to the Karnea will not be as large as we had hoped for, but we will be represented and hope to contribute somewhat to its success.

CHARLES S. LOUD.

ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

The Eighteenth Annual Northern Division Conference was held in Cleveland, May 18-19, and Zeta again had the pleasure of entertaining. The business sessions were held in the American Trust Building, the use of the Cleveland Law School lecture room being procured for the occasion by Brother Sherman Arter. A reception was given the delegates at the fraternity house Thursday evening, and the sessions closed with a banquet at the Stillman, Friday night. The conference meets next year at Indianapolis.

The commencement exercises of Adelbert take place on June 15, when we will greatly regret to lose from active membership W. P. Straudborg, of the graduating class. Brother Straudborg was a leader in many college enterprises, the Editor-in-chief of *The Adelbert*, and a strong fraternity man.

The University Annual, issued by the class of 1900, made its appearance May 1, and is one of the best annuals yet published in the University. It reflects much credit upon the Delta Editor-in-chief, V. W. Clisby. For next year another Delta, W. G. Rose, has been elected Editor-in-chief.

There is great base-ball rivalry between the various classes at Adelbert, there being no college club, and Zeta is represented on each class team. The Western Reserve University-Case School field-day takes place May 25, and E. T. Morgan and G. C. Clisby are expected to win several events.

A new tradition was formed at Adelbert last month, when it was decided by the upper classmen that no Freshman can sit upon the steps of the main building. The decision was made as the

result of a terrific step scrap between the Sophomore and Freshman classes.

Our delegates to the Karnea are William G. Rose and Owen M. Wilcox. Zeta wishes a pleasant summer vacation to her sister chapters.

WILLIAM G. ROSE.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The close of the college year finds Kappa in excellent condition, with twelve actives and three pledged men. We will lose two by graduation, C. M. Chase and D. T. McNabb. Perhaps two or three others will not return next Fall, but we expect to have a good working force with which to commence the work of another year. We are making quite extensive repairs on our hall. Electric lights have been put in, an additional reception room is being fitted up, and other like improvements are being made, so that we will have a suite of rooms of which we may well feel proud.

The members of the chapter are looking anxiously forward to their annual outing the week following commencement, at Camp Delta, on the banks of Lake James, near Angola, Ind.

We are pleased to introduce to the Fraternity at large our last initiates: C. L. Bailey, '02, Hillsdale, Mich.; A. A. Berry, '01, Quincy, Mich.; C. B. Hart, '02, Reading, Mich.

C. M. Chase reports an excellent time at the Northern Division Convention at Cleveland, Ohio.

Hillsdale's representative won the state oratorical contest, held at Hope College, May 5th. Seven colleges were represented.

The Pi Beta Phis celebrated "Founder's Day," April 28, by giving one of the finest receptions of the year, at the home of their patroness, Mrs. F. M. Stewart.

Hillsdale's prospects in athletics at the M. I. A. A. Field Day meeting are very promising. While the base-ball team has not been very successful this Spring, owing to the lack of a first-class pitcher, yet the lessened enthusiasm in base-ball has been more than counter-balanced by the interest taken in other athletic lines. The

best all-round men and the best track team that have ever represented the college are training earnestly and systematically, and may be depended upon to win for Hillsdale her full quota of honors and medals.

The chapter recently enjoyed a visit from a number of Deltas from Epsilon.

J. H. LASH.

LAMBDA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Lambda has passed through one of its hardest years. Since a very distinct misfortune to the chapter several years ago there has never been that buoyant spirit and delight in fraternity life that characterized her before. But we have struggled bravely and have succeeded very well indeed. We will leave some very good men here, and we hope by bequeathing to them a clean record, financially and otherwise, that we will be able to put Lambda in a secure place. The resident alumni will attend the first meetings next year and help to throw enthusiasm and fraternal spirit into them. This year we graduate six of the best members of the class, in fact the first three honor men in the department. Most of our members are upper class men; consequently there was very little athletic life in the chapter; we had one athlete who ranked first among the best in the University. This was Brother Powers who played on the 'Varsity eleven, and was one of the best players of the South this past season; he is also a member of the 'Varsity nine, where he did great credit to himself and the chapter.

It is a recognized fact that Brother Elmore will win the Founder's medal for scholarship in his department. This will make four consecutive years that Lambda has won one of the three Founder's medals. We look forward to a very much better year next year.

HARRY S. STOKES.

MU — OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Delta Tau has been enjoying a healthy chapter life this term. We have been very busy, but not too much so that we have not found time to look after the Fraternity interests. We have just pledged a good man whom we hope to make full-fledged before Commencement. Our committee on Alumni Reunion, June 20th, have been busy getting out circulars which will be mailed to all Mu men in a few days and we are looking forward to a very enjoyable time. The banquet will occur at the Delta Tau Hall or at Hotel Donavin, and the list of toasts promises to be as fine as the menu. Let all Deltas in the vicinity of Delaware be present and especially all alumni of this Chapter. There will be Class Day exercises and an address by the Rev. Edwin H. Hughes of Malden, Mass., besides the regular Commencement programme.

We have been enjoying many social privileges during the term. On the evening of May 22 Brother and Mrs. Rowland received the Chapter and Alumni in urbe and a few friends who are much interested in us, in their pleasant home. The evening was spent in singing Delt songs, giving the different yells of the Fraternity and Chapter, in games and generally in enjoying ourselves. Refreshments were served and then we indulged in a "flow of wit" and stories. Only toward the weeest hour of the morning did the party break up and even then everyone seemed loath to go. We have also enjoyed two visits from boys of our Beta Phi chapter this term. We find an interchange of visits with a near chapter very beneficial and we hope that the custom will grow. It broadens our interest in the Fraternity, and we become better acquainted with the membership at large.

The writer of this letter attended the convention of the Northern Division at Cleveland on May 18 and 19 and reports a very enjoyable time and a remarkably beneficial conference. President Arter gave a good report of the condition of the different chapters of the division and we all left for our different fields of labor with higher enthusiasm and firmer determination. On Saturday, May 20, Brother Arter made us a visit of a few hours and although we would

have liked for him to stay with us a longer time, yet we fully appreciated his visit and derived much benefit from his counsel.

The school in general is prosperous. On Friday, May 19, Wesleyan's representative at the Contest of the Central Oratorical League at Cornell won first place, with Cornell second. This was the second annual contest of the new league and Wesleyan has taken them both. Our base-ball team has been very successful, having lost but two games during the season. We enjoyed several hours with two boys of Alpha chapter who were playing on the team. The inter-fraternity relations in the university are very cordial. This spring there have been played a series of frat. games, and also an inter-fraternity entertainment is under preparation to be given next month for the benefit of athletics.

The college biennial, *The Bijou*, made its appearance a few weeks ago and was enthusiastically received.

CARL A. ROSSER.

OMICRON — STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The chief event of the last two months of our chapter life was the fourteenth Annual Conference of the Western Division which was held with us on the 4th and 5th of April. Many old time Delts besides the several delegates were present making the affair a thoroughly enjoyable one.

We are very proud to introduce to the Fraternity, Charles H. Moore of Tipton, Ia., who is gifted with all the requirements that go to make up a true Delta.

Several of our brothers left us at the beginning of the Spring term. But as we still have about twelve active members we are quite strong and our financial condition is improving steadily.

S. Clyde Williams represents us on the base-ball team, which is probably the best team the University ever produced. Brother Williams is by far the best all-round man on the team and we feel justly proud of him. Other athletics are prospering as well under the efficient work of Dr. Knipe. We feel that our prospects for the

foot-ball team were never better than at present. At a recent meeting of the Athletic Union a new constitution was adopted which places the Union upon a much firmer basis.

We have made several improvements in our halls this spring. They were repapered and painted and a new floor put in the dance hall, so that we feel quite comfortable now. We have had several enjoyable dances in the halls this spring.

On May 11 we played Phi Kappa Psi at base-ball and are sorry to say we were defeated, but it has started games among the other fraternities and a league is talked of for next year. All are busy preparing for examinations and Commencement so that there is little going on in social circles. Omicron will not give a Commencement party this year as is the usual custom.

The new building for the collegiate department is now in process of completion. It is an immense building, containing ninety recitation and lecture rooms. The University as a whole is prospering and Omicron with it.

We intend to make next year a better one than this if hard work will do it.

M. E. CLUPP.

PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

We have only two more weeks of work to complete this term, and then will begin the closing exercises toward which we have been looking with so much pleasure.

As the celebration of the semi-centennial of the University will occur during this Commencement, authorities have arranged an elaborate program for its observance. A larger crowd of visitors than ever before is expected to attend, and every consideration is being made in order to make the occasion an enjoyable one.

Quite a number of distinguished speakers have consented to be present.

Base-ball season is somewhat over and we have to congratulate ourselves on the creditable showing which we have made. We have played three series of games with prominent universities and

have lost none of them. If the fact is taken into consideration that we have only three old men on the team the result is indeed satisfactory. The Chancellor has erected a large grand stand in the athletic park, and intends at an early date to grade the field. Brothers McDowell, Poindexter, Hutchinson and McFarland represent our chapter on the team.

Our Field day took place on the 13th of May and although no records were broken, those that were made show that we have splendid material to reckon on in the future.

Brother McDowell was winner in the mile race. Our representatives to the Southern Inter-collegiate Meet at Nashville reflected credit on their institution and won third place over quite a large number of contestants.

This has been the season of oratorical contests and we have taken part in two inter-collegiate contests and won one of them.

At a meeting of the German Club several weeks ago Brother McFarland was elected President. Brother Clayton has been chosen President of the Blackstone Society for next year and Brother Kier censor.

Our college paper edited by the senior class has changed hands, and Brother Fant was elected as associated editor on its staff. Brother Fant will also be exchange editor of the University Magazine. The board of directors of our annual has completed its work and hope soon to have annuals ready for distribution.

We hope that every chapter will be represented at the Karnea in August, and feel sure that if each chapter exercises discretion in the selection of its delegate, great benefit will be derived from that meeting.

Brother McFarland was chosen by Pi chapter to represent us at the Karnea.

Among the many pleasant social events of last term we feel that to two the first place must be given. Brother Airey of Tulane came up with his team and to his visit we are indebted for a great deal of pleasure.

On June 2d we enjoyed a delightful entertainment given us by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kyle. Judging from the many pleasant

remarks made about it we feel sure that it was a very fitting affair to mark the close of our term.

BEN MCFARLAND.

RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

It may be of general interest to the Fraternity to learn that Phi Sigma Kappa has established the Iota Chapter at Stevens, this making the eighth Greek-letter fraternity to have a chapter in the college.

A little over one-third of the undergraduates are fraternity men, of whom Rho has a good percentage.

L. L. Merriam, '00, has been chosen to represent Rho at the next Karnea, with Wm. M. Chatard, '01, as alternate.

Everything is in excellent condition, and although we have not added to our number since the last letter, we expect to do so before the close of the present term.

FRANK J. YOUNGBLOOD.

UPSILON — RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

During the past two months Upsilon has been doing some very good work, and we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity nine new members, — all excellent men, — L. T. Boyle, G. T. Bolton, E. E. Jacobsen, H. E. Brainard, L. Phelps, G. H. Sawyer, W. E. Southard, and W. D. Cromwell of the class 1901, and B. G. Rivenburgh of 1902. We have one more Freshman pledged, and will find it very easy to obtain more.

Considerable excitement was caused by the regular Spring elections, which were held at the Polytechnic on May 19. There was the usual struggle between the fraternities on one side and a local society on the other. But as all the fraternities with the

exception of Delta Kappa Epsilon hung together, the Greeks were successful.

We expect to give a good account of ourselves at Chicago next August, and have elected as delegates W. F. McCarthy, '99, and G. H. Showers, 1900. We also expect to have other members present.

The Institute is preparing for a great time this spring, as this will be our seventy-fifth Commencement, and we hope to see many graduates back.

G. H. SHOWERS.

PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The year which is just closing has been the most prosperous of Phi's existence, but it is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that we see the session end; joy at the success of the year and sorrow at losing several of our older and most enthusiastic men. Brothers McIlhany, Chermide, Davis and Farrar leave us, and their places will have to be filled by our younger members.

In every department of life and activity Phi's men have always reflected credit on the chapter and the Fraternity at large. In point of scholarship our men have claimed many of the first places in their classes; in the literary societies we have had representatives at the public exercises; in athletics no team has failed to have its successful representative from Phi; in the social line we have been considerably honored. On two occasions we have greatly contributed to the success of amateur dramatics, Brothers Armistead and Chermide being our representatives.

Brother Andrews was base-ball captain the latter part of the season, and has been elected for next year. He has just won the tennis championship in singles and doubles. Brother McNeill has recently been elected president of the Y. M. C. A.

Recently several changes have occurred in college. Our honored professor of law, Charles A. Graves, has decided to withdraw to accept a similar position at the University of Virginia. In his

place the Board of Trustees has selected Mr. Wm. L. Clark, Jr., of New York, who is well-known as an author of legal text-books and as a successful teacher. The Tucker Memorial Hall, now in process of erection, will, it is believed, be ready for occupancy as the home of the law school by next session. With its able corps of professors and lecturers, a handsome home of its own, and an endowment of \$100,000 it is believed the law school of Washington and Lee will have no superior in the South.

We look forward with much pleasure to the attractive exercises of the coming Commencement. Among the number of strong speakers is General Joseph Wheeler of Alabama.

In the recent contest of the Southern Oratorical Association at the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee's representative won an easy second. As she could not be first we rejoice that a Delta has that honor. Phi's congratulations to Brother Hogue and Beta Theta.

It remains for me to tell of what was one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever held by any chapter at this place. On Thursday, the eighteenth of May, Phi gave a delightful entertainment to some of its young lady friends. Beginning with the early evening, which was splendidly bright from an almost full moon, we spent a couple of hours on a charming tally-ho ride. Songs, yells, and merry conversation and laughter made the time short. After the ride we turned to our fraternity rooms, which were beautifully arranged especially for the occasion. Here delicious light refreshments were served, and different diversions followed, so that the time slipped rapidly past. That the young ladies severally expressed the unusual pleasure they had had made the occasion one to be long remembered by every Delta present.

President Wm. L. Wilson, who was recently selected as one of three to represent the Smithsonian Institution at the centenary celebration of the Royal Institution at London in June, was yesterday elected an honorary member of that body. At the same time three other Americans were elected to the same honor.

Phi's prospects for next year are good. Brother Cary R. Blain expects to be back at college.

THOMAS J. FARRAR.

CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

Kenyon is enjoying a successful season in athletics this term, in base-ball, tennis, and track. Brother Morris is assistant base-ball manager, and shows good business ability. Brother Southworth, who managed last year's team so ably, has been elected to finish this season as manager, the original incumbent having left college. Brothers Morris and Brandon have represented Chi on the diamond.

More enthusiasm than usual has been shown in tennis this year, and this has made the work in that department much pleasanter for the manager, Brother Grier. We have had no track athletic meets, but the men have evinced a good deal of interest, and the prospects for a good field day are most promising.

Social life has offered considerable entertainment this term, with dances, concerts, and parties. We enjoyed a strictly Delta Tau Delta picnic with Harcourt girls and our Gambier friends a short time ago.

At present writing, two of our Juniors are undergoing the rigors of the competitive examinations held by the Society for the Promotion of Church Schools and Colleges. Last year Brother Constant Southworth won the Senior Prize in Mathematics and Physics, and we are hoping to be able to congratulate our two 1900 men on a similar performance.

Kenyon's Commencement comes a little earlier this year than last, being June 21st; and we shall be glad to welcome any and all Delts who can make it convenient to be with us during the gaieties of Commencement Week.

HENRY G. GRIER.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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The University Commencement will be held on June fifteenth, at eleven o'clock, in the American Academy of Music. As the chapter has held its last meeting before the annual banquet we

realize with a great deal of genuine regret that we are about to lose six of our most earnest and enthusiastic members. Their services to their chapter, whose good they have had always at heart, have been of incalculable value and their fellowship has endeared them to the hearts of all. They have ever the very best wishes of Omega Chapter.

The Annual Election of Officers and our Delegate to the Karnea was held on May eighteenth. We take great pleasure in announcing to the Fraternity the election of George Franklin Brumm, '01 College, our representative. An application will be made for the charter of an Alumni Chapter in Philadelphia. There are about forty graduate members of the Delta Tau Delta in Philadelphia, and there is no reason why we should not have as strong a chapter as New York.

As examinations are not a pleasant theme, it would probably be of some interest to our Brother Delts to review our athletic work. Since athletic activity is now at its height it is doubtless a trifle early to begin the review, and here it would be quite fitting to give the Delts their share of the honors. The base-ball team, after a slightly unfortunate beginning in which they were handicapped by the absence of several of the men, has been successfully guided by its loyal Delt Captain to a foremost place in college ranks. The crews under their no less loyal Delt manager have won their races on the Severn with the Annapolis Cadets, and the brightest hopes are entertained for their victory at Poughkeepsie. The sweeping victory of the track-team at Manhattan Field on Saturday and thereby the retention of the Intercollegiate Championship cup is no small contribution to the glory of the Red and Blue.

We shall close our successful year with our banquet on June third, at which we expect to have a number of Alumni resident in Philadelphia present, and with best wishes to our sister chapters.

C. R. SPARE. ✓

BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

There have been no initiations since the last issue of THE RAINBOW, but four of our old men, Brothers Hill, Youtsler, Spaulding and Reed reentered this spring, so we have quite a good working force.

Athletics are on the boom at Indiana this term. Our ball team disposed of our old-time rival, De Pauw, and have not been beaten by any team in the state at the time this is being written. In the track meet with Purdue, supposedly the strongest team in the state, our men were victorious by a score of 80 to 73.

We were not so fortunate in our debates with Earlham and Illinois, as our teams lost by a small margin at both places. At the present we are anxiously awaiting returns from the oratorical contest at Cornell.

The amusement side of our college life has been pleasant this term. Among other enjoyable affairs we have had the pleasure of hearing Thomas' Orchestra and James Whitcomb Riley; both were numbers on the lecture course.

Beta Alpha loses seven men by graduation but two of them will be in the city, so we will start the next year in fair condition. We feel that this year has been a most prosperous one so far as chapter affairs are concerned and conditions are favorable for a continuance.

We have lately been favored with calls from Brothers Zeigler, Ellis and Miley of Beta Beta and Brother Mehring of Beta Zeta. They reported good progress and gave most enjoyable talks in our meetings.

HARVEY HARMON.

BETA BETA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The close of the present college year finds Beta Beta in a more favorable condition than at any time during the past year. Since the last issue of THE RAINBOW four men have been initiated, — Cloyde W. Pearson, '02, Bloomingdale, Indiana; Karl Greene, '02,

Cerro Gordo, Illinois; George Fulk, '01, Cerro Gordo, Illinois; and C. E. McKinney, '01, Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

H. H. Ellis has been elected captain of the track team.

As usual for this time of year base-ball is the all absorbing topic. De Pauw has a team that is playing championship ball. Beta Beta is represented on the team by H. H. Ellis and C. E. McKinney. A very interesting series of inter-class and inter-fraternity base-ball games has aroused great enthusiasm and rivalry among the different classes and fraternities.

The De Pauw Annual, the 1900 *Mirage*, has recently appeared. Beta Theta Pi very handsomely entertained May 15.

The annual commencement of the military school has been dispensed with.

George Farrar, Delta Upsilon, who represented Indiana, took second place at the Interstate Oratorical contest held in Lincoln, Nebraska, May 5.

On the evening of May 19, eight De Pauw orators contested for the honor of representing De Pauw in the next state oratorical contest. E. Dunlavey, a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, was awarded first place.

The following result was compiled by the writer from the class rolls as published in the college annual. In the Asbury College of Liberal Arts, one of the departments of De Pauw University, it was found that sixty-eight per cent. of the students enrolled belonged to the fraternities against thirty-two per cent. of non-fraternity students.

It is believed here that the per cent. of fraternity students is greater than in any other school in the country.

Beta Beta recently enjoyed visits from the following Deltas: Rev. Waller of Plainfield, Indiana, who is an alumnus of Beta Pi, Evanston, Ill.; Orval Mehring, Beta Zeta, manager of the Butler College base-ball team; Jack Bryson, Beta Beta, ex-'97, Brazil, Indiana; Donald Smith, Beta Beta, ex-'95, Rushville, Ind.

In closing Beta Beta extends a cordial invitation to all Deltas when in this vicinity to call and make themselves known. A cordial welcome awaits them.

KARL GREENE.

BETA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

This is the first communication from Beta Gamma to THE RAINBOW this year. We wish to apologize for our seeming neglect and to inform you that our "Golden Silence" was the result of a series of mistakes rather than of a lack of good things to communicate. The letter prepared for the last number was mislaid by mistake and it was not until the publication had gone to press that we discovered that it had not been sent.

Out of what promised to be an off year we have compelled crowning success. When the first semester opened but six active members reported for duty. But entering into the work with the avidity and loyalty which always characterizes true Delts and aided by a willing alumni they soon procured Beta Gamma's full quota of desirable men. As a result of this splendid work I wish to introduce to all our sister Chapters as new brothers in Delta Tau Delta: Victor E. Rogers, Arthur B. Grindell, Fitz H. Kiser, Harry A. Cody, Elmer E. Cain, George W. Kress, Louis Reed, Wm. K. Donald, Berthold J. Husting, Thomas Davlin and Earl Driver.

At the opening of the second semester we had the pleasure of welcoming back Brother Adolph Pritzlaff, who after an absence of a year and a half has returned to complete his law course.

Brothers Meehan and Boyd served in the late Spanish War respectively in the Wisconsin and Kansas regiments. Brother A. R. Sexton served three months in the navy. Brother Albert Henning is offered a fellowship in Chemistry. Brother Husting, who was pitcher on last year's 'varsity team, is at present coaching the team. During the year Brother Stetson represented the chapter on the Junior Promenade Committee; Montgomery, Reed and McGee represented the chapter in the annual oratorical contest.

At the annual field day Beta Gamma won third place in the inter-fraternity relay race. We were represented by Hewitt, Montgomery, Dickinson, Pritzlaff, Driver and Reed.

Final arrangements have been completed by the house committee for the building and equipping of a kitchen and next fall we will begin boarding in our house; this is a step we have long con-

templated and its final consummation is a source of congratulation among the brothers. We will make the sixth fraternity at Madison to run its own table.

Heretofore it has been customary for the college fraternities to run chapter design or cut in the annual publication, *The Badger*, but this year a radical departure was made and the group picture of each chapter is printed instead of the cut. We have a few copies to exchange and will be pleased to hear from any chapter desiring to exchange annuals with us.

Beta Gamma sends greeting to her sister Chapters and hopes to meet the representatives of all of them at the Karnea in Chicago this summer.

C. A. A. MCGEE.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

We are now very busy as the finals begin the last of this month, ending on June 14th. The University base-ball team has been considerably crippled here by the Southern Collegiate Association notifying us that we cannot play any more with Moore and Bankston, the splendid battery of the University. We are expecting a visit from Brother Bruck to-morrow and are looking forward with much pleasure to having him with us.

Brother Hunnicutt has gotten one of the 'speakers' places in the Law Department. Brother Westbrook has had the misfortune to lose his mother this month.

We all expect to have quite a reunion of Deltas on Commencement, as many old Deltas have expressed their intention of being here.

EDW. W. SCHAEFER.

BETA EPSILON. — EMORY COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon is about to close another successful college year. Although our number of active members is small as compared with

other chapters at Emory, no fraternity organization here can claim more genuine progress and more auspicious achievements than ours. Indeed, our small percentage of membership, relatively speaking, has this, as well as other years, been our chief source of pleasure. If it is the purpose of a college fraternity to foster helpful associations and mutual ties of friendship and brotherly love, we believe that our mission for the college year has been accomplished.

We have only two members in the Senior Class which graduates in June; with this exception, all of our present number will return in the coming fall. Even if we should not secure a single initiate next fall, we will not be wanting in strong men. However, we have already learned of several good men who are to enter college next year. The probabilities are that Delta Tau Delta will secure her proper share of all such material. So far as membership is concerned we are well fixed for another college year.

I. P. Morton of this chapter will represent us at the Karnea. He is a strong and enthusiastic Delta and is ever ready for any movement which will advance the Fraternity. G. R. Gibbons has been selected as alternate in case I. P. Morton should not be able to attend. In either condition Beta Epsilon will be well represented.

Henry T. Bruck of the Arch Chapter was with us a short time recently. We always find pleasure in welcoming any Delta whether he is an official or not.

Our commencement exercises begin on the 9th of June. College work at this time of the year is especially pressing because of the arduous final examinations.

We extend to all the chapters and the Fraternity at large a happy adieu until the coming Fall.

B. H. CLARK.

BETA ZETA, BUTLER COLLEGE — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Many interesting things have occurred both in the college and the fraternity since the March issue of THE RAINBOW. Among

the features of college life was the debate with Notre Dame, in which they won the affirmative by a vote of two to one on the question: "Resolved, that under existing conditions the abolition by all civilized nations of their armies and navies other than those required for domestic police is feasible."

Brother Orval Mehring, Messrs. Van Nuys and Hobbs formed the team of the University of Indianapolis. The senior class is publishing a college annual this year, which will cover all phases of college life. Each fraternity will have its picture with a short account of its local as well as general standing.

The athletics of the University are advancing a little each year. We have the best base-ball team we have had for some time. Brother Orval Mehring is manager.

The track team did not do very well, only winning one first, one second and three third places in the events at the Intercollegiate Field-day Meet at Indianapolis May 27. On May 26, six colleges were represented in the state tennis tournament, which was held on the courts at Butler.

The Hanover men won both singles and doubles. The representatives of Butler selected in a primary contest Wednesday and Thursday, 24-25, were Carl McGaughy and Ned Powell for doubles and Luther Watts for singles. The games were the most interesting of any played for many years.

Brother Carl R. Loop has been chosen Editor-in-chief of the college paper for next year.

May 10th Beta Zeta entertained her friends with a tennis opening and supper at the college residence. During April the Deltas of Indianapolis and vicinity had a banquet at English's Hotel, which they all enjoyed very much and which they will repeat June 3d.

Brother Frank B. Long was Beta Zeta's delegate to the Conference held at Cleveland, May 18-19. Beta Zeta was honored with the secretaryship of this, the Northern Division. The Conference will meet with Beta Zeta next year.

Brother Charles Dyer has been chosen as delegate to the Karnea. Several other of the boys hope to go also. Brother Sherman Arter visited Beta Zeta May 21 and also attended her

regular weekly meeting Tuesday evening, May 23. He gave us many kind words of advice and we enjoyed his visit very much and hope to see him often.

Brother John Atherton has been ill and out of school since the spring term, and is now in Tennessee for his health. He expects to be back again next year, and as we will lose but one more we will begin next fall with eleven actives.

SHELLEY D. WATTS.

BETA ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The months have passed and another year of Beta Eta's existence is history. In a retrospective look we see much that is most satisfying to us, and send this greeting to the general Fraternity with a substantial sense of self-congratulation.

Since the publication of our last letter Robert Cargill has left us for the walks of active business life; save for this loss we have closed with full membership. We lose by graduation Wirt Wilson, Ernest B. Mills and Will B. Richardson.

With these exceptions all our actives expect to return next year. In addition we have pledged three young men who are graduates of the Twin City High Schools and who have contributed generously of their enthusiasm to the already enthusiastic chapter spirit.

Our debts are paid; we have purchased and paid for sufficient furniture and fixtures in addition to our old property to fit our house comfortably and attractively next Fall.

We feel, therefore, that our prospects for another year are roseate, and are agreed that we enter into the summer's vacation with our minds and our plans bent toward a vigorous campaign when September comes, both along the lines of fraternity and collegiate effort.

Our delegate to the Karnea is Walter L. Mayo; alternate, H. J. Richardson. Several of our actives and alumni are planning to be there.

H. J. RICHARDSON.

BETA THETA — UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Lent term, 1899, of the University of the South opened rather inauspiciously. Severe rain and the consequent wretched railroad facilities kept many away from the opening exercises. Soon, however, things changed. With the return of good weather came old men bringing with them new ones and swelling the ranks of students beyond any number ever reached in the history of the school.

The primarily important question in the Lent term is the formation of a successful base-ball team. And for this we were especially anxious, that the impetus given to athletics by our last year's football team might not be checked.

At first Fate seemed adverse. Old players failed to return. No stars appeared upon the base-ball horizon; the material to pick from seemed at best second class. Experts at sizing up the prospects gave vent to pessimistic views; the philosophers made up their minds to brag largely of the laurels already won, and everything pointed to defeat.

But it turned out otherwise, thanks to the very energetic work of the captain, manager and coach and thanks also to the "Sewanee spirit," always with us, a successful team has been evolved from unpromising material and up to the present time not a single game has been lost. We have already beaten University of Tennessee, University of Nashville, Charleston College, College of South Carolina, Augusta Y. M. C. A. and Nashville Athletic Club. We have still to play the Universities of Virginia, Alabama and Missouri, and while not confident of success we hope to win at least two of the three series. Other games are in view but have not been definitely arranged. Our failure to meet an old opponent, Vanderbilt, is due to her utter inability to agree on any reasonable terms.

We have this term a large membership with no new men so far. Brother G. L. Tucker, an old and prominent Sewanee man, is with us for a short stay. Brother D. T. Smith did not return this term but it is hoped he will come back in August to captain the "99" foot-ball team. Brother Theobald also failed to return. Brother

Selden, whom we had feared to lose for good, surprised us agreeably by returning to take his old position on third base. R. W. Hogue will be our representative at the Karnea this summer.

In all phases of college life Beta Theta is taking an active and a leading part. In athletics she stands ahead. Last year's football team was captained by a Delta and composed largely of Delta men. It was the most successful in our athletic history.

The base-ball team this year is captained by a Delta and six Deltas play. Much praise is due to Captain Simpkins for the heady way in which he runs his team and for his splendid individual playing. He is one of the best full-backs in any Southern college and is a splendid specimen of the purely college athlete. The track-team is captained by Brother J. A. Bull, who deserves credit for his earnest endeavors to turn out a successful team.

Our intellectual activity is strikingly manifest in the various literary organizations of the University. F. W. Ambler is president of one of the two literary societies and in both institutions offices are held by our men.

Brother Starr contests this year for the five hundred dollar Senior English prize. He won the Junior prize of three hundred dollars last year by the maximum mark of 100 and is expected to bestow no less honor on the chapter in his present contest.

R. W. Hogue was Sewanee's representative at the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical contest and was successful, winning over the representatives of five other colleges. The contest, held this year at the University of Virginia, is our most important literary engagement. In it we meet the leading colleges of the South, and the day on which we win becomes a red letter one in our college calendar of famous victories. Sewanee has won four of the nine meets held and Beta Eta has furnished two of the successful orators.

While at Virginia Brother Hogue was shown every courtesy by the members of Beta Iota who presented him with a handsome silver souvenir of the pleasant hours spent with them, of the agreeable impression the whole university made upon him and of the victory won over so many and so worthy opponents. On his return home he, together with the two debaters, fresh laurel-crowned from their

recent victory over Vanderbilt, was given an ovation by the enthusiastic students.

In spite of Beta Theta's successes there has been little tendency among her members towards blind confidence as to her present perfection. For we know that we make her what she is, that nobody and nothing becomes great by standing still and that laurels may wither and sere through age. There has been and is no tendency among our men to put other than the best men in the best place whether they are Deltas or not. For we recognize college politics to be fatal to college spirit and the welfare of our University is dearer to our hearts than even that of the Chapter itself.

Finally, and this is worth more than all I have said, we have found how to be congenial. Knowing that marble castles cannot be built of mud we do not place our ideals too high and so we see them sometimes realized.

To-night we have our first banquet in glorification of our recent achievements and for the further promotion of good-fellowship among the members.

B. B. HOGUE.

BETA IOTA — UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The completion of this the third year of Beta Iota's chapter life since her re-establishment on the thirtieth of April of last year finds the chapter only moderately strong in numbers, but well prepared to make good use of the position she has gained and the experience she has acquired in fraternity life to advance further next year toward the ideal of a chapter. We have been very cautious in initiating, as we thought it best to be in our condition of a very new chapter, and have added only four new men and one transfer to the eight with which we began the year. Our choice has been uniformly fortunate, however, and we do not at all regret the care we have taken in choosing our men, especially since here, as in most colleges, snap-judgment in initiating seems to be the rule.

Beta Iota expects to lose three men by graduation this year, Brother Smith in the Medical Class and Brothers Chamberlayne and Vaughan Jones in the Academic. Brother Painter also expects to spend next year in teaching, but hopes to return to the chapter.

In base-ball this year our team was very successful, beating Lafayette, Lehigh, Cornell and Princeton once, and Pennsylvania and Yale twice apiece, losing games only to Harvard, Princeton and Georgetown. Brother Pinkerton of Beta Iota and Sommersgill of Beta Theta Pi were the chief pitchers, helped occasionally by Carter of Phi Delta Theta. Noble of Delta Kappa Epsilon was the catcher. Other fraternities represented on the team were Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, and Phi Kappa Sigma. On the visiting teams our boys had the pleasure of meeting two Deltas, Gillinder of Pennsylvania and Johnson of Cornell.

In addition to the new hospital to be ready for us next year, as we mentioned in our last letter, the Board of Visitors has decided to apply the bequest of the late Belinda Randall of New York to the erection of a new dormitory building to bear her name. The building, situated at the south end of East Range, will accommodate eighty men and will be divided into suites of three rooms each, connecting with each other. Work on it has been already begun and is now well forward. This is the first regular dormitory building in the University, as up to this time all the students within the walls have been accommodated in single rooms, six or eight to a cottage, or in long lines of single rooms, connected by cloisters. The building of the dormitory is in accordance with the spirit of experiment, change and improvement, that has been growing in the University ever since its restoration after the great fire of 1895.

In the Academic Department, Prof. Harrison, who was formerly in charge of the School of Romance Languages, has been transferred to the chair of Teutonic Languages to supply the place of Prof. Perkinson, lately deceased. Prof. Harrison's successor will be appointed by the Board at its next meeting.

In the Law Department, Prof. Charles A. Graves, of Washington and Lee University, has been elected the successor of Prof. Walter Dabney, whose death last March was a great loss to our Faculty. Prof. Graves is considered one of the very ablest

teachers of Law in the South, and the announcement of his election was received with great pleasure not only by the law class but by the whole University.

The medical course has been lengthened by the addition of a fourth year, which will be largely devoted to clinical work in connection with the new Hospital. Also increased attention will be paid in this department to laboratory work in Analytical Chemistry. This will hereafter be compulsory. Thus in every way the University is expanding and the number of students next year, it is expected, will far surpass this year's attendance of six hundred, the largest in thirty years.

Since our last letter, a new fraternity has been founded here in the Medical Department. The badge is said to be a diamond field bearing the college colors, orange and blue, and the letters Sigma Mu. This makes nineteen fraternities here, besides Phi Delta Phi, Pi Mu and Lambda Pi, the legal, medical, and academic fraternities. The other regular fraternities in the order of their foundation are as follows: Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Psi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Kappa Alpha, Zeta Psi, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha (southern), Delta Tau Delta, and Mu Pi Lambda. These fraternities represent nearly half the men in college.

We have added one to our list of initiates, — Brother Joseph Arthur Jeffries of Warrentown, Va. We have also had another addition to the length of our chapter roll in Brother Frank Graham Cootes, transferred from Phi, and now constitute a fearless thirteen club.

LEWIS PARKE CHAMBERLAYNE.

BETA KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Contrary to the general order of things at this time of year, when all nature begins to awaken, when cold winter months soften



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into the long pleasant days of spring, when "love is in the air," and when all plants and creatures are revived with an abundance of energy, the intellectual energies of the student begin to wane and neither fraternity, studies or novels are able to keep his mind and perhaps his body from wandering about the pleasant campus walks.

Fraternity life with Beta Kappa has, during the last quarter, been, outwardly, peaceful, quiet and uneventful, but within has suffered that kind of a disturbance which always goes to make a better chapter, *i. e.*, a realization that it is somewhat out of touch with its alumni, and from the troubled elements we have evolved a scheme, which we think will, in future, prevent any such estrangement.

Our internal energy again came to the surface when an Editor-in-chief of the college paper, *The Silver and Gold*, was to be elected. An election occurred in which the fraternity question came up quite strongly, but after a close and exciting campaign, we succeeded in seating Brother W. P. Hatch.

One of the pleasant events of the term was a supper by Brother H. C. Dodge at his beautiful home, where we all did justice to an excellent spread and had a jolly time.

From an editorial in the last *RAINBOW*, it seems that our worthy editor is somewhat afraid that the chapters will not be properly represented at the coming Karnea. On that score, Beta Kappa has no doubts whatever, for we hope to be nobly represented in the person of L. E. Clark, principal, or F. I. Ewing alternate.

The University Annual, *The Coloradian*, has just been issued, and we think that it is a credit to its promoters and the University.

Beta Kappa loses by graduation five of her thirteen active members this year, but in spite of the fact that we have the reputation of being the most conservative organization in school, we feel hopeful and expect to have, with our pledges, a strong chapter next year.

We close, with best wishes to our sister chapters for a pleasant closing and a successful opening in the fall.

H. E. WAGNER.

BETA LAMBDA — LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

We are all in the midst of our examinations but the prospect of seeing a good many of our old men back has the effect of spurring us on in our work.

Brothers Budd, '95, Hawes, '95, Wallace, '97, Heasley, '98, Yorks, '98, and Wentling, '99, have all promised to be here at Commencement.

Brother Gillender, Omega, paid us a visit on Decoration day and we committed a breach of etiquette by winning from our guest's base-ball team.

Our prospects for next fall seem to be especially bright as we already have our eye on several men.

R. W. BOURS.

BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

Athletic and social interests on College Hill have been very active this spring, and Deltas have contributed their full share to the life here. A golf club is an innovation which has been introduced and has aroused the interest of those who wished to play the game and have heretofore been unable to do so at the college.

A new gymnasium is now under construction, to have accommodations for twice the number of the old one, part of which is to be turned into a cage for the base-ball men. On the field our team is showing up very well, having won eleven out of fifteen games played up to date of writing. Captain W. C. Hazelton, '01, and Charles A. Bean, '99, who is also managing the team, are the men who ably represent us in the game.

Our chapter this year is taking a good deal of interest in tennis and the coming of the calmer weather found many of our fellows on the courts.

At a recent annual election of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, Lester S. Hart, 1900, was re-elected leader of the Glee Club, and

Nowell Ingalls, 1900, leader of the Mandolin Club, which office we held last year. We are also well represented on the executive board of the Association.

On March thirtieth the chapter gave a most successful dance in Commons Hall at which we were very glad to welcome several brothers from Beta Nu and a number of our own alumni.

L. W. COLLINS.

BETA NU — MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The Beta Nu Chapter was founded on May 19, 1889, so that she has just passed her tenth anniversary. Saturday evening, May twentieth, fifteen active members and three alumni honored the occasion with a banquet held at the Hotel Savoy, Boston. Brother Thompson, '96, and Brothers Bradley and Munroe, both '97, were the alumni present. We were very much disappointed that more of our alumni could not come, but as Brother Munroe came up from Baltimore just for the occasion we do not feel that they all are without interest.

The chapter loses by graduation Brothers Blake, Foote and Gillson. None of them expect to be in or near Boston next fall, so that our list of resident alumni will still be small.

We cannot announce that the house which we now occupy is to continue to be the Chapter's quarters, but we can say that we have found keeping a house a successful experiment and are looking forward to a larger house for next year.

Brothers Thomas Nesmith, 1900, and Frank Smith, 1902, have been chosen for our delegates to the Karnea with Brother Lewis Emery as alternate. We hope to have five or six men at Chicago in August and with them we send our greetings to both actives and alumni.

CHARLES B. GILLSON.

BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Since the last issue of THE RAINBOW but little has happened at Tulane to record. At present the boys are preparing for examinations, knowing that after this ordeal they will enjoy the benefits of a summer's rest.

Beta Xi has decreased somewhat in numbers during the last term, having lost four members from graduation and other causes. Brother Burt W. Henry graduated in Law last week; Brother Emory C. Day has left college to make an extended tour of Europe; Brother Persons has returned to his home in Port Gibson on account of illness, and Brother William C. Hunt has also retired from college. It is hoped that most of these men will return next fall.

The Chapter has just established itself in new and comfortable quarters in the fashionable portion of the city. This is cause for congratulation, as the boys will now be brought closer together and thus be made to realize more fully what a true Fraternity is.

Our annual banquet is scheduled for Friday evening, June 2. It will doubtless prove a gala evening for Beta Xi, as many of our prominent alumni are to speak. Beta Xi expects to send a large contingent to the Karnea.

Tulane defeated her old rival, the Louisiana State University, at base-ball in a closely contested game, which was played on our college campus last Thursday.

Delta Tau's most southern Chapter wishes to each and every Delta a pleasant vacation, whether it be spent at the sea-shore, in the mountains, or at home.

CASWELL P. ELLIS, JR.

BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The close of the Spring term finds Beta Omicron with no increase in her chapter roll, although two pledged men are future additions. All our six seniors graduate this year. At this writing

the term examinations are in the very near future, commencing June 10.

We have been afforded much pleasure this term by visits from H. D. Gibbs, '94, F. Wilson, '97, and R. W. Dow, ex-'00; the last named just returned from Guanajay, Cuba. J. Gillender, Omega, Captain of University of Pennsylvania base-ball team, also paid us a short visit.

In track athletics this year Cornell has one of the best teams yet developed on Percy Field. The track management has instituted this spring in place of its annual Spring sports a great open handicap meet. It is the intention to make this an annual affair, the success of the first venture insuring renewed interest in this branch of athletics.

The base-ball team returning from its Southern trip with a most commendable record immediately experienced various misfortunes in the shape of injuries to some of its best material. Against this the team has made a strong up-hill fight, and with better luck will undoubtedly redeem itself during the remainder of the season.

At the boat-house Coach Courtney is working wonders as usual. With all other conditions equal, Cornell will assuredly retain her supremacy on the water, as of former years. Our second 'Varsity race with University of Pennsylvania, held May 30, on Lake Cayuga, necessitates, in keeping with the contract, and to Mr. Courtney's disgust, an early selection of the 'Varsity crew.

The third annual farewell banquet to our Seniors has passed into history. It was most successful and created much enthusiasm. It might be well to state here that the reunion of the class of '94 occurs this Commencement and Senior Week, starting June 18th, and occupying about four or five days. We are so far advised of the return of three of our '94 alumni, Brothers, Gibbs, Kranz and Scott, and trust we shall be additionally favored by the presence of others of that class in Ithaca during the reunion.

The Class of '99 has established the custom of Senior Singing, prevalent in other colleges and universities. It has met with undoubted success, its continuance being assured. Concerning the first campus meeting of the term I quote the *Cornell Alumni News*, "The heart of every alumnus of Cornell would have thrilled with

pride and pleasure could he have been present at the 'Campus meeting,' on Friday evening, and there seen the grand display of true Cornell spirit. We do not have to look far into the past to see the time when it was difficult to get together any large or representative body of undergraduates at any common meeting place, — in fact there seemed to be no real centre of college life, — and it was truly gratifying to see gathered together on our campus, the true centre of all love for Cornell, fully one thousand enthusiastic Cornellians. Under the trees they gathered to join in the dear old songs, give down our rousing slogan, and learn of those interests which are nearest the heart of every undergraduate." Henry Taylor, '88, presided; several members of the faculty spoke, also several prominent graduates. The Musical Clubs rendered selections well received by the enthusiastic gathering. All in all, "the influence of it will be felt for a long time throughout our college life."

I also wish to quote an editorial from the *Cornell Alumni News*, a publication recently founded, supplying a long felt want and one to which the support of every local Cornellian should be voluntarily given. "The object of the *Alumni News* will be threefold: First, to reflect faithfully and *especially* for Alumni the present life at the University. Secondly: to keep the Alumni accurately informed concerning the attitude of the University body, students and faculty, toward the various questions of University policy. Athletics will of course receive its due share of attention, and questions of general University economy will not be neglected. Thirdly,—and possibly most important,—to keep the Alumni informed as fully and as accurately as possible concerning the whereabouts and doings of Cornell men and women; and thus not only foster interest in classmates and Alma Mater, but also to increase the enthusiasm and loyalty of every Cornellian for the "college on the hill!" For such a paper, there can be no doubt as to its advisability, its usefulness, and its ultimate success.

Our delegates to the Karnea are G. P. McKenzie, '00, 30 Smith St., Rochester, N. Y.; C. W. Babcock, '00, Pontiac, Ill.; the alternate, A. S. Blanchard, '00, 332 S. East Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

ALFRED D. WARNER, JR.

BETA PI — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Beta Pi will close the year with thirteen active members. Four of our men will graduate this Spring but we have several men pledged for next year so that we think our prospects are very good. We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Frank H. West, 1902, of Loda, Ill.

We are occupying the same house that we have had for the last four years, and just at present it is a very busy place, for between athletics and preparations for the Spring examinations every man is hard at work. J. A. Hunter and F. H. West, '02, represent us on the 'Varsity nine this Spring and A. J. Elliott, '02, has distinguished himself on the track. The University tennis team this spring is one of the best that we have ever put out, having defeated Lake Forest and Chicago University already and arranged a trip to Ann Arbor to meet the Michigan team.

The University Band, of which E. D. Denison, '99, is leader, is giving a series of Tuesday evening concerts on the campus, which are very popular. Our annual, *The Syllabus*, has just appeared and has called forth much favorable comment. C. H. Woolbert, 1900, was a member of the Board of Editors. Three of our men have been elected on next year's board, R. L. Dennis, '01, being business manager. F. H. West, '02, has been elected business manager of the *Northwestern*, our college weekly.

R. B. Dennis, '01, our delegate to the Western Division Conference at Iowa City, reports a very pleasant and successful conference.

R. C. Libberton, '99, and R. B. Dennis, '01, will be our delegates to the Karnea.

It is rumored that the Evanston Life Saving Crew may be sent to Paris next year to represent the United States Life Saving Service at the Exposition. The crew is made up of Northwestern men and is one of the best in the country. Two of our men, J. M. Springer, '99, and R. C. Libberton, '99, belong to the crew.

The past year has been a prosperous one for Northwestern in

all her departments. A new academy building, Fisk Hall, was dedicated last January.

The course of our President, Dr. Rogers, in taking the unpopular side on the Philippine question has already been severely criticized by some of the Chicago papers, but he has not lost anything in the estimation of thoughtful people by his stand for free speech and liberty of thought.

H. S. BAKER.

BETA RHO — STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, Beta Rho has suffered the loss of J. E. Healey because of sickness at home, and of W. M. Kerr, who left college on account of his father's death.

The two new buildings begun last summer are almost completed, and Ninety-nine's graduating exercises will take place in the new Assembly Hall. The great memorial arch was begun about a month ago and contracts have been given out for the science building and the memorial chapel. The final cost of the chapel, it is said, will be nearly \$300,000, it being Mrs. Stanford's wish to make it the most beautiful church in California.

There is a well-founded rumor that a chapter of Kappa Sigma is soon to be started here.

Beta Rho's delegate to the Karnea will be G. L. Seward, and we expect to have four or five others attend.

Our college work ends May 19, followed by Senior Week, devoted wholly to the good times and ceremonies of the graduating class. Instead of the usual farce, the Seniors will give a musical extravaganza in which several of our men take part.

Beta Rho gives her best wishes for a pleasant summer and a successful Karnea.

GEO. L. SEWARD.



BETA KAPPA CHAPTER — LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

One more week of classes, one week of final examinations and we shall once more separate for the summer. Some of us will return, others will not, but we shall all look back upon this year as one of prosperity and success. The high standard established and maintained by our predecessors has been sustained and promulgated. Scholarship, athletics, society, in short, all lines of activity, have been entered by the members of Beta Tau and we have held our own.

On the evening of March twentieth-fifth about thirty alumni together with our twenty active members gathered at the Hotel Lincoln to celebrate Beta Tau's fifth birthday.

W. S. Summers presided as toastmaster and introduced in his unique way the following toasts: — "The Alumni," E. J. Cornish, O. '81; "The Actives," J. P. Cleland, B.T. '99; "The Goat," A. J. Weaver, B.T. '95; "The Legislature," H. A. Myers, K. '83; "Our Fraternity," J. F. Saylor, O. '80; "The Delta in Public Life," N. S. Harwood, K. '69; "The Charter Members," C. C. Marlay, B. T. '93; "The Ladies," A. Watkins, Jr., B.T. '99.

The speeches were very interesting and quite individual. So much enthusiasm and spirit was aroused that it was voted to make this our annual event. We, therefore, request the Deltas everywhere to bear this in mind and if possible join us next spring in our grand reunion.

Fraternity parties have been as numerous as ever, and some very unique ideas have been shown in entertaining.

The Senior Promenade was held April 21: your correspondent served as chairman of the committee. In all respects this was pronounced the most successful promenade given for years.

The Pan-Hellenic Hop will take place June 2. This has become one of the nicest social events of the year. It is held at Burlington Beach three miles west of the city and marks the opening of parties at the lake. Albert Watkins, Jr., is Beta Tau's representative on the committee.

A. E. Parmelee, who was with us this semester, has returned to his home in Omaha where he will be engaged in newspaper work.

J. P. Cleland also has returned to his home, having enough credit to graduate with his class this June. He has entered a law office, and will in all probability attend Columbia next year.

It is with pleasure and pride that I announce the appointment of Chas. W. Weeks to a second lieutenancy in the U. S. Infantry. He leaves for Fort Leavenworth June 1, to take his examination. Weeks is strictly a military man and will make his mark. He graduated in the class of '98, enlisted in the 2nd Neb. Vol. Inf., returned with his regiment last fall and was appointed major of the cadet battalion at the University. Never has the battalion attained a higher degree of proficiency than this year, as was shown by the competitive drill which was held May 20. Company B won first place by a narrow margin. A slight error defeated Brother Whipple's company, Company D. This company however showed excellent training and gave Mr. Whipple great credit as captain.

Ralph Drain, one of our Deltas, a sophomore, corporal of Company B, won the gold medal in the cavalry competition. Beta Tau always carries off some of the honors.

Jesse P. Cleland was our delegate to the convention of the Western Nome held at Iowa city under the auspices of Omicron. He reported a most successful and beneficial convention and pronounced the members of Omicron royal entertainers.

Frank H. Woodland and Ralph A. Drain have been chosen to represent Beta Tau at the National Convention held in Chicago this summer. Several others hope to attend also.

Beta Tau wishes to congratulate Brother Hughes for the successful manner in which he has carried on the work in THE RAINBOW. He has been untiring and faithful and we all feel that we owe much to him. May he be succeeded by one no less competent or zealous.

JOHN L. KIND.

BETA Upsilon — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Beta Upsilon looks back on the year of '98-'99 as one of the most successful and enjoyable in its existence. Our chapter now includes nineteen men.

Our annual banquet was one of the most brilliant affairs at the University this year. Toward nine o'clock on the evening of April 21, seventy people including our own actives and some old men and several guests ranged themselves around the banquet table at the Beardsley Hotel. After being served in a style befitting the occasion Prof. Vandevoot, Iota '89, as toast-master, introduced President Draper and Trustee Smith of the University and Brother Mahan, Upsilon Prime '76, of Chicago, all of whom were enthusiastically applauded and from whom we were truly glad to hear. The company then adjourned to the dance hall and the wee sma' hours had grown to the bright ones of morning ere all turned to a much needed rest.

The following day we initiated three of our pledged men, whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large: Harvey E. Wood, '00, Harry H. Hoover, '02, and Claude F. Smith, '02, are the new Deltas. Brother Wood is one of the best amateur wrestlers in the West and Smith and Hoover are both prominent in track athletics.

R. W. Bramhall, ex-'01, will study medicine in Chicago the coming winter.

E. J. Schneider, '00, was recently re-elected manager of the musical clubs of the University. Under his management the recent year's concerts have left the organization with a surplus in the treasury, an unprecedented condition and one of which he may well be proud.

A chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma society was recently installed here, making the third society at the University.

The Illinois High School Conference was held here the 18th and 19th of May. It included the oratorical contest and was followed by the meet of the Illinois Interscholastic Athletic Association on the 20th, in which nine Interscholastic records were broken. These meets are taking on a great importance in University affairs.

As our students are drawn mainly from the high schools of Illinois the conferences and athletic work are important factors in interesting the high school men in the University. Each year shows an increased attendance and interest which is bound to work good for both parties.

While Beta Upsilon loses six of her best men with the outgoing class she will have still men who are prominent in all the phases of University life. Prospects were never brighter for Delta Tau Delta in Champaign.

C. JAMES PEEPLES.

BETA PHI — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

But a few more weeks and the school year of '99 will be completed. Beta Phi will likely lose one of its members, Carl Philp Weidling, who completes his law course, but we are endeavoring to persuade the Brother to come back next year and finish up his work in the literary department.

We have men in view for next year and are living in the hope of making some valuable acquisitions.

The undergraduates and alumni members of Beta Phi enjoyed a banquet May 12. Toasts and responses were had, and a general good time enjoyed. This function has done more to bring the alumni in touch with the active members than any effort Beta Phi has made.

The University will lose its President, as he has resigned to accept the more lucrative position as head librarian for Columbia University. Considerable anxiety is experienced, as all hope to see an able successor at the head of "affairs."

Athletics are on the boom, Ohio State University having been beaten but once in base-ball contests.

Brother A. C. Harvey will be the orator on Commencement day.

We have been favored with a visit from Brother Arter.

Our Chapter was represented by two delegates at the meeting of the Northern Division, Al. Friedlèch and G. E. Seney, Jr.

We have been favored with short visits from our neighbors at Mu, Chi, and Beta. Several of us have assisted the Delaware boys in the base-ball game with other frats.

Brother C. C. Hayward and Carl P. Weidling have ably represented us at several musicals in the past two months.

Brothers J. Baker Smith and Herrman Zbindern are vigorously training for the coming tennis tournament, which bids fair to be the great athletic feature of the Commencement week.

GEORGE E. SENEY, JR.

BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Fortune is smiling upon Beta Chi chapter of Delta Tau Delta. We had the first choice of rooms this year for class day. We had four more members elected to the Phi Beta Kappa, so that we now have more undergraduate members than any other fraternity at Brown. We have had positions on the faculty offered several of our seniors. We have one of the five commencement speakers and one of the six Hicks prize debaters as well a lion's share in all the real honors of the university life.

The representatives of the fourteen fraternities of Brown met at the steward's office April 29 and drew lots for the choice of the eleven rooms for Class day. Beta Chi drew first choice and selected No. 5 University Hall, the most central and conspicuous room of all, facing the front campus where the afternoon exercises are held. We shall keep open house during the afternoon and give a formal reception in the evening. The committee of arrangements consists of Arthur H. Blanchard, advisory member, Frank T. Hallett, Hunter White and Frederick P. Drowne. We have an excellent list of patronesses: Mrs. Benjamin F. Clarke, Mrs. Hunter C. White, Mrs. Samuel L. Beal, Mrs. Horace K. Blanchard, Mrs. Arthur H. Armington, Mrs. George S. Clough, Mrs. Charles O. Giles, Mrs. Charles H. Ewer.

The *Liber*, the annual publication of the fraternities, is out. This year, for the first time, it contains pictures of the seniors of Pembroke Hall, *i.e.*, the Women's College connected with the university, as well as the pictures of the men. It also contains a cut of Pembroke Hall in a glass case, labelled, "Handle with care." This was on account of a famous episode of last year. When the *Liber* appeared, there was a little piece of verse headed "Deadbroke," ridiculing the young ladies. It was originally written by a young lady praising Pembroke and intended to be sung to the tune of Alma Mater. It had been revised by one of the editors. The student who wrote the piece complained to President Andrews. President Andrews summoned the editors of the *Liber* before him and gave them just twenty-four hours to collect every *Liber* that had been given out and tear out the objectionable sheet and bring it to him. There were a few *Liber*s, however, that escaped the sentence. One of them now is locked up in the Brown library and is exhibited on special occasions. Another important feature of the *Liber* this year is the omission of the list of honors after the names of the seniors. In past years the list of "honors" of some was almost ridiculous. For instance, one man had class baseball, class football, Connecticut club, Cushing Academy club; another man had class secretary, color sergeant, class eleven, junior captain, secretary symphony society, manager and treasurer symphony society, military band, manager military band, senior captain, major, summer glee club, superintendent chapel monitors. The custom of recording trifles became so great that many who had won real honors such as the Phi Beta Kappa and editor-in-chief of the *Brunonian* refused to enter them in the list. For this reason, the senior class met and voted to abolish the honor lists. It is possible that the custom may be taken up again in the future and the evils avoided by previously determining just what constitutes an honor.

Kappa Sigma makes its initial appearance in the *Liber* with the large membership of twenty-seven. This newcomer has made a very good impression among the fraternities at Brown. Delta Upsilon, also, has a membership of twenty-seven, and maintains its usual high literary standing. Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon both

have a membership of twenty-four, and a good social status. Kappa Alpha Theta, instituted in 1897 at Pembroke Hall, has a membership of twenty-three. Alpha Beta, another society, a local one at Pembroke Hall, has a membership of nineteen; May 17, it gave a very successful presentation of the play, "Love's Labors Lost" by Shakespere.

Two seniors, John Arthur Clough and Bernard Capen Ewer, and two juniors, John Lee Chapman, Jr., and Frank Thurston Hallett, were this year elected to the Phi Beta Kappa. This makes five undergraduate members that Beta Chi has, the largest number of any fraternity at Brown. M. Cameron is substitute on the Hicks prize debate. John Arthur Clough has been selected to deliver one of the commencement orations upon "The Pension Problem."

The corporation has fittingly recognized the scholarship of Beta Chi by appointing some of our men members of the faculty. Arthur Horace Blanchard, '99, has been appointed instructor in civil engineering and mathematics. Bernard Capen Ewer, '99, will also be instructor in mathematics. Louis A. Thomas is considering an offer of an instructorship in biology. Arthur L. Giles and Safford Beal will be back as graduate students.

May 1, Frank Horace Durgin of Boscawen, N. H., formerly of the class of 1900, died. L. A. Thomas and S. M. Beale, Jr., were selected as a committee to draw up suitable resolutions which were forwarded to the family and published in the *Brown Daily Herald*. The chapter also voted that the members wear crape under their pins for one month.

Principal H. L. Thompson of the Connecticut Literary Institute and Louis A. Crocker of the Harvard Medical School have recently visited us.

George Safford Beal was elected Friday evening, May 26, a delegate to the Karnea. Our fall rush committee has also been selected as follows: Frank Thurston Hallett, 283 George street, Providence; Hunter C. White, Jr., Box 1551, Providence; Frederick P. Drownē, 20 Benefit street, Providence.

M. CAMERON.

BETA PSI — WABASH COLLEGE.

As we see the end of this college year we begin to look forward to the next. We feel that in the past our record has been unspotted, and we expect to hold it to the mark already set. At the close of the year we will have eight active members and two pledged men. Considering the attendance of the college and the fact that there are five other Greek-letter fraternities here, we are able to congratulate ourselves on our present condition. When the spring term opened a number of new students came in, and several who had been here before returned, so that the attendance in the college is somewhat larger than it was last term.

In the past winter, as always, Beta Psi has taken her share of the honors to be gained from prominence in college affairs. Brother Moore, '00, was the leader of our college Glee Club in its recent trip through the Northern part of the state, and he performed his duties well. He is also conspicuous in the local tennis tournament which is on at present. He has but one man to overcome in order to win the college championship: we expect him to represent the college at the state tournament.

We have chosen R. A. McBroom, '00, to be our delegate to the Karnea at Chicago. We feel that we shall be well represented, and trust that he may meet as many brothers as possible.

Of the six men chosen from the Junior class for the "Junior Prize Debate," Beta Psi furnishes one.

The social position held by Beta Psi is no less to be envied than her prominence in the student body. At a dance given by the young ladies of the city a short time ago we came in for our share of the invitations, and at the recent Pan-Hellenic we were well represented.

On Friday evening, May 19, Professor and Mrs. R. A. King will entertain the members of Beta Psi, with their lady friends, at a porch party, in honor of Brother W. E. King, '00. A very pleasant time is assured.

Fraternity circles have been considerably agitated within the last few days by developments in the local chapter of Kappa

Sigma. What we say here is simply the common report: One of the members became dissatisfied with the actions of some of the others and said he would resign if a change was not made, whereupon the rest of the members expelled him. At that a second member became incensed, thinking that the first man was in the right, and withdrew. There the matter stands. The whole thing has leaked out, and further developments are expected. It is also rumored that two members of another local chapter of a national fraternity are in serious difficulty, because they were too free in the way they made use of names of members of the faculty while drinking in a saloon of the city. This report, however, is vague as yet, and cannot be stated on authority.

Beta Psi wishes every brother a very profitable summer, and hopes that every chapter may begin work again next year, renewed in strength and zeal for Delta Tau.

R. LAW CUNNINGHAM.

BETA OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Since the writing of the last letter our numbers have not been increased. Our time has been given up to studies and other college matters.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition and at the beginning of next term we are to move into a larger and finer house. Here we can better accommodate ourselves and more easily entertain our friends. Last week on Class day we received the honors, Brother D. R. Curtiss having with an associate written the farce and dispensation. Brother Earl Swan won praise in the role of the hero and Brother McCloud distinguished himself in one of the other important parts.

On Class day we served mid-day lunch to a few of our friends and in the afternoon we held "open house" for the rest.

To a small number of friends we also extended our hospitality on the night of the "Freshman Bourdon."

In military we hold proportional equal honors with the rest of the fraternities. Two of our seniors graduate with commissions; Brother McPherson as captain and Brother McCloud as first lieutenant. Our military members of the Junior class also went ahead. Two received captain's commissions and the other a lieutenant's.

We also hold our share in the base-ball victory over Stanford, Brother Earl Swan having played on the team as short stop.

At the opening of next term we expect to be in a healthy condition.

Some of our men graduate this week but one of them will return to take post-graduate work.

Our delegate to the Karnea will be Brother Marwell L. McCollough of the class of 1900.

BENTON A. HAMMOND.

GAMMA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

During the past three months Gamma Alpha has steadily advanced along all lines of college activity. The chapter is well represented in the intellectual, athletic, and social circles of the University.

On April first we moved into our new house, 5731 Munroe Avenue, which we furnished throughout. It is much more suitable for a chapter house than was our former one. On the evening of April twenty-first we entertained a number of the friends of the chapter, and three weeks later received the Chicago Alumni Association at their monthly meeting. These, together with several other social events, have made the quarter most pleasant.

At present we have ten men rooming and taking meals in the chapter house. E. A. Scrogin, one of the charter members of the chapter, is with us for six weeks. T. V. Graves was called home some weeks ago, but will be with us next year. Of our fifteen

active members, we lose but two or three, so that our prospects for the coming year are very encouraging.

On June 15 we won the University interfraternity base-ball championship, news of which we immediately wired to the Editor of THE RAINBOW. Over this victory we are jubilant.

ERNEST E. IRONS.

THE DELTA ALUMNI.

KAPPA.

'70 — A. J. Hopkins has been a leading candidate for the speakership of the next House of Representatives. Resolutions were recently adopted at the Chapel exercises endorsing his candidacy and pledging the unanimous support of Faculty and students.

'74 — J. W. Simmons, Superintendent of the training department at the State Normal, Ypsilanti, Mich., recently paid the college a visit.

'74 — G. W. Smith was re-elected Circuit Judge of the Pontiac Michigan District at the last election by a handsome majority.

'80 — W. C. Burns is Chaplain of the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake, Michigan.

'80 — J. L. Wagner was re-elected County Commissioner of Schools in Eaton County, Mich., for the fifth time at the late election.

'84 — B. J. Arnold is electrical engineer and constructor of the electric railway now being built from Chicago to Waukegan, Ill.

'87 — S. B. Harvey, Professor of German and Acting Professor of Latin in Hillsdale College, will be at the head of the German Department in the Bay View Summer University.

'88 — W. M. Spears, formerly Principal of Schools in Denver, Col., has entered the mercantile business in that city. He has a large retail shoe house.

'96 — P. W. Chase was elected Treasurer of Hillsdale City at the recent election.

'96 — F. R. Miller graduates from the Law Department at Ann Arbor, Mich., this year.

MU.

'72 — The Rev. S. L. Beiler is now Pastor at Norwalk, Conn.

'84 — The Rev. H. B. Swartz is Pastor at Uxbridge, Mass.

'84 — The Rev. W. F. Anderson is now Pastor at Sing Sing, N. Y.

'85 — E. H. Anderson is in the insurance business at Topeka, Kan.

'87 — Francis M. Austin has resigned his position at Wilbraham Academy and will take post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins.

UPSILON.

'98 — H. J. Dean is working on the Jerome Park Reservoir, New York city.

'98 — J. F. Tuthill is working at Civil Engineering at North Adams, N. Y.

'98 — F. A. Snyder is at present in the Comptroller's Office at Albany, N. Y.

'98 — Clarence C. Harris is situated at Fort Edward, N. Y., where he is engaged in the coal business.

'98 — W. H. Frost has a fine position with the Edison Electric Works at Schenectady, N. Y.

'00 — Ramon Alvira is at present at Cornell University.

OMEGA.

6/99
'98 — Howard P. Zeigler has returned to his home in Reading, Pa., on account of the illness of his father whose business he is now conducting.

'99 — John C. Shengle has been appointed assistant chemist to Thomas A. Edison.

BETA OMICRON.

'92 — L. K. Malvern expects to be in Ithaca during Senior Week.

'93 — Oliver Shantz, in addition to his duties "on the hill," has been coaching the Cornell Lacrosse Team this spring, which, by its victory over Harvard, won this year's Intercollegiate Championship.

'94 — Raymond Clark. Information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully acknowledged.

'94 — H. D. Gibbs has favored the chapter during the past week by his usual spring visit. He will return for his class reunion.

'94 — W. G. Kranz and I. A. Scott, both in business in Pittsburgh, Pa., will be in Ithaca during Commencement Week to attend the Ninety-four Reunion.

'94 — J. B. Turner is on the U. S. S. Grant, being connected with the Revenue Service on the Pacific coast. He writes of an extremely enjoyable visit to Beta Rho.

'95 — F. J. Emery is connected with Deming Co. Pump Manufacturers of Salem, Ohio, as head mechanical engineer. We hear that he visited several of our Pittsburgh alumni last Easter Sunday.

'95 — Ralph McCoy recently passed the U. S. military examinations for 2nd lieutenant with success. He is now visiting his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., awaiting further orders.

'95 — E. Wood Ratcliff is at present connected with the Butler Chemical Company of Chicago. His home address is 516 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

'96 — C. M. Chapman is connected with the Edison Laboratory of Orange, N. J. It is said to be a very promising position.

'96 — W. H. Feiker was recently elected to Massachusetts State Legislature.

'97 — C. F. Hamilton was married February 8 to Miss Bessie White of Franklyn, Penn.

'97 — Frank Wilson was in Ithaca several days this spring term.

'98 — E. J. Savage, with several other ex-'Varsity crew men, is rowing on the Junior Four of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club of New York city.

BETA PI.

'94 — E. M. Palette is at the head of the Board of Education of Los Angeles, Cal.

'95 — P. L. Windsor graduates this year from the State Library School at Albany, N. Y.

'97 — H. F. Ward was married to Miss Harriet Daisy Kendall, April 20, at Kansas City, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Ward will live at the University Settlement, 252 West Chicago Ave., Chicago.

'98 — E. W. Engstrom graduated May 19 from the Cumnock School of Oratory.

BETA PSI.

'92 — Edgar H. Evans married Miss Ella Walloff, both of Indianapolis.

'99 — F. C. Kendall graduated from Indiana Law School, May 24, 1899.

THE DELTA AUTHORS.

A Constitutional History of the American People, 1776-1850. By Francis Newton Thorpe, [Rho (prime) '75]. Illustrated with maps, 2 vols, Harper Bros., 1898.

When John Richard Green published his *History of the English People*, beginning in 1878, students saw that in the very name was emphasized the changing point of view of the writer of national history. The people, their life and their thought, their ideals and their strivings, as well as kings and parliaments, must be given attention and space if the evolution of a nation is to be understood. Not merely the "upper tenths," but ten tenths of the people must be taken into account. Something like the same shifting of emphasis was noted in the appearance of John Bach MacMaster's *History of the People of the United States*, in 1883, following closely as it did the final revision of the great work of Bancroft. It has remained for Prof. Thorpe to attempt to show that constitutional history, usually considered the most formal, technical, and difficult side of national history, can only be completely understood by studying the life of the people in all its changes and varying aspects. "Constitutional history is the history of a constituency, which consciously or unconsciously is ever striving to promote its own welfare. A constitutional history deals primarily with persons, not with documents. Laws and constitutions, written or unwritten, are the evidence of the efforts of a constituency to secure its ends. . . . The process is from things to persons, it is progressive because it is dynamic."

Starting out with this thesis, Prof. Thorpe traces with care and ingenuity the effects upon the political ideas of different sections of the struggle for sovereignty, of the westward movement of population, of immigration, of the acquisition of new territory like Louisiana, and of slavery. Such chapter headings as "Democracy in a

Gulf State," "Democracy in a Border State (Kentucky)," "Democracy in a Northern State (Michigan)," "California and the Union," "Rights of Property (in slaves)," show the new line of approach, and while the treatment of these subjects does not always prove satisfactory or convincing, it is always suggestive. The material used in the preparation of the work is much of it new, and so far as it thus becomes available through the work of Professor Thorpe, every student is under obligations to him, even though a verdict of not proven may be entered against his thesis.

The style of the volumes is usually vivacious, though the straining to be epigrammatic is sometimes too apparent. Certainly the writer of constitutional history cannot afford to sacrifice exactness and clearness for the sake of a terse sentence, as for example, "American colonization was primarily a commercial venture, and the price paid for it was representative government,"—a loose generalization which might be loosely characterized as brilliant, original, and wrong! Sometimes there is an inexcusably careless statement, which tends to cast grave suspicion upon the author's method and judgment in dealing with matters of greater importance. To make James I. directly responsible in any degree for the Virginia assembly of 1619 is a novel idea, yet "it is not clear that James the First intended to establish an American Parliament. . . . Nor is it probable that the King called the House of Burgesses into being merely to vex the posterity of his enemies!"

The last three chapters are an excellent summary of the later changes made under pressure of movement of population and higher moral sentiments in regard to slavery, duelling, and the franchise. In the West, where popular forces are still the strongest and most active, lies the source of further changes. "There [in 1850] are the new things — the people, youth, hope, and opportunity. There, amid much that seems crude is more that proves remedial. Government there seems closer to the people than in the East. Posterity is considered; the fathers plan for the children, the States plan for all. The East may hold the great offices, but the West has men in training. The statesmen of the future are briefless lawyers in small Western towns. From the East the sceptre of power is passing to the West. There, seven presidents are in training. The boys of

the Mississippi Valley are to write the meaning of nationality with sword and bayonet."

KENDRIC C. BABCOCK.

Legouvé et Labiche's *La Cigale chez les Fourmis*. Comédie en une Acte. Edited, with notes and vocabulary, by Thomas J. Farrar, M.A., instructor in the Washington and Lee University. American Book Company, New York.

This celebrated comedy is the joint work of the dramatists, Eugene Labiche and Ernest Legouvé; but as the execution of the play is largely the work of Labiche, it may, with fairness, be attributed to him alone. By reason of its charming style, familiar characters, its light and vivacious representations, it is especially adapted for school reading. The vocabularies and notes are sufficiently full to render the book of service for early work and to furnish the assistance necessary for making the reading both easy and attractive. The book is supplied with a full vocabulary, and the notes will give the reader all needed assistance in translating and understanding the text.

THE GREEK WORLD.

Mr. Frank Chapin Bray, Editor of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, has been elected Editor of the *Chautauquan*.

Chi Psi is said to have renewed the publication of its secret journal.

Phi Kappa Psi has withdrawn the charter of its Columbian University chapter.

Pi Kappa Alpha has revived her chapter at the University of North Carolina.

Frederick Funston, newly made Brigadier-General, is a Phi Delta Theta.

The Convention of Phi Kappa Alpha meets in Knoxville, Tenn., June 20-22.

The Sixtieth Annual Convention of Beta Theta Pi will meet at Niagara Falls, July 28 to August 1.

A member of Delta Upsilon has agreed to give \$1000 — provided \$3000 additional is raised — for a general fund for the Fraternity.

Phi Kappa Psi has entered the University of California, having installed her chapter April 15, 1899. She is the sixteenth fraternity to enter that institution.

The University of Virginia Chapter of Kappa Alpha has sent out a circular letter to all its sister chapters asking advice and assistance in repealing the Kappa Alpha laws against class and ribbon societies. To one acquainted with the conditions at Charlottesville and with the peculiarly powerful position of the ribbon and ring fraternities there, the attitude of this particular chapter

towards such laws is not surprising. However, it is likely to find it has stirred up a hornet's nest in trying to have them repealed.—*Western College Magazine.*

Ohio has ten chapters of Beta Theta Pi; seven of Phi Delta Theta; six of Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Gamma Delta; five each of Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi; four of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; three each of Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon; two each of Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Epsilon and Sigma Nu; one each of Chi Phi, Kappa Sigma, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi and Zeta Psi.—*Ohio Wesleyan Transcript.*

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. P. Hale, an attorney and a member of Beta Theta Pi, we have received a circular account of a peculiar trial of great interest to fraternities. The case grows out of an attempt on the part of Beta Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, chartered at St. Lawrence University, to enjoin the general fraternity from withdrawing its charter. In general, a consideration of the items given in the circular leads us to think that the local chapter was not treated fairly. However, it looks to us exceedingly questionable whether a fraternity can have to do with a jurisdiction beyond its own highest authority. Even supposing that law could be invoked to forbid the withdrawal of a chapter's charter, it is difficult to see what real benefit could be gained thereby. The satisfaction of a chapter in its relation to a fraternity will all have vanished when state courts are necessary to keep it in membership. We shall await with much interest the outcome of this strange litigation.

The giving out of Senior Society elections at Yale on Thursday seems to have caused a finer exhibition of the various human emotions than the thousands of spectators at previous scenes of the sort have had the fun of witnessing. It is bound to be so. As the classes grow larger, the crowding will be fiercer, and the fashionable spectacle will yield a keener interest. It must be a lot of fun to sit by and count how many boys break down under the trial. To outsiders this may all seem small game, but in the life of Yale these society elections are an immense factor. Out of 300 in a

class it is safe to assume that 200 think they have some chance of going, and 100 have a right to expect an election. But only 45 can get in. The competition is tremendous, and the politics of outside life contain nothing more strenuous than the push for these honors, which make even the Four Hundred nervous, though they are landing easier each year.

But the society system is one thing and the lining-up of candidates on the campus to be watched in their time of trial is another. Thursday several "men" were in tears. One fainted dead away and required doctors' services, and another is said in the excitement to have taken the wrong election and gone about mourning all the rest of the time. The especial fun is in watching the conduct of the disappointed. It is amazing that the faculty permit this cruel show to go on from year to year. The humiliation of the left should not be made a public exhibition. The whole performance is indelicate and devoid of consideration. It is a distinct discredit to Yale, and a growing threat against the society system. Somebody ought to have the sense and the power to stop it.—*Hartford Courant*.

THE GREEK PRESS.

The Editor of THE RAINBOW feels that he cannot end his labors in connection with the journal without expressing the pleasure and profit derived from the magazines of other fraternities. Only two editors remain in their places who were in charge when we undertook our work, — Editor Roe of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Editor Ehle of Alpha Tau Omega. In general, we think that fraternity journalism has advanced in the last quadrennium. Our personal relations with other editors has been most pleasant. We hope that we shall not entirely lose touch with their work.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi has passed into new, but competent control. The issue marked for March is a good number. The report of the former Editor of *The Shield*, Mr. Clay W. Holmes, shows that he lost over \$1500, borne by himself, in editing his fraternity's journal. This is a pathetic item, — "an honor to him and a reproach to the fraternity."

Editor Huffcut pays some heed to our March editorial on the initiation of professionals. He takes the ground that it all "depends upon the status of the professional student." To which we reply: When professional students have not as a class, passed beyond the collegiate age; when they have previously received symmetrical collegiate training; when their courses are *as long* as the proper college courses; and when they are so closely united to the regular college department that their membership makes no division, — we shall be ready to re-open the question for debate from another standpoint. In cases where students in engineering meet the above requirements, we should not strenuously object to their initiation, though we would urge that every chapter hold closely to the regular department.

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta for April contains this pleasant reference to our new Assistant Editor :

The Delta Tau Delta RAINBOW has a new assistant editor, Mr. Will D. Howe, Indianapolis, '93, whom *The Scroll* takes pleasure in welcoming into the Hellenic sanctum general as former pupil and fellow-teacher, as well as loyal friend and all-around good fellow.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for March contains "A Protest" from the pen of Mr. T. Reynolds Best. The Editor has been a member of Delta Tau Delta for fifteen years. What may have been done at the banquets of local chapters in that period he knows not; but, so far as he knows, at no official dinners, whether at Karnea or Division Conference, has liquor ever been given a place on the menu. The most of those members of our fraternity who are not themselves total abstainers strongly oppose the serving of liquors at the banquets under Delta auspices. Mr. Best closes his "Protest" thus :

When public tippling is to-day tabooed by a large majority of our exemplary public men, when wine is forbidden at many public gatherings is it at all becoming in us to encourage or permit its use on our board—in us who hold aloft "Excelsior" as our motto—who claim such pure and noble aims for our aspiration? And if it is at all permitted, is it wise, is it just, is it right to allow such disgraceful scenes as have been enacted at some of our banquets ('tis altogether uncalled for and unnecessary here to name any chapters) and such overpowering temptations on the young and innocent as have there been brought to bear on them to continue? Is it all in accord with our name, history and ideals? Does it not touch our honor at its most sacred and vital point? Is it the true spirit of Kappa Alpha?

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* has an editorial on a petition from Harvard. We give a correspondent's words and the comment made on them :

"They are a splendid lot of fellows and will immediately take a higher place socially and politically than some chapters we have already

in existence. It is a chance in a thousand. Brother C. who has worked up the crowd, has picked his men well. There is an excellent field here, and the new chapter ought to be in a few years what it once was, the very best thing at the institution."

While the *Quarterly* has ever been most strenuous in opposing extension which was not based upon the strongest considerations of policy and backed by the most convincing proofs of the desirability of the field and the character of the applicants, believing that a small fraternity of a few men of high character was preferable to a large organization loosely knit together of less creditable membership, in this instance it feels that every consideration in support of further extension, not the least of which is that the institution once contained a most flourishing chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, combine to warrant us in believing that this is an application which should be acted upon favorably by the chapters.

This affair is not our own; but the Editor of THE RAINBOW lives in convenient distance from Harvard and is frequently on its campus. He would, under the existing conditions at Harvard, strenuously oppose chartering a chapter there. Delta Tau Delta has refused even to consider several flattering approaches. Perhaps the time may come when fraternity life at Cambridge can be put on a normal basis. Until then, it is best to move with exceedingly slowness when applications for charters are received.

Here is a wise word from the editor of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*:

As every fraternity man of to-day realizes, the most important factor in making a chapter stable is the chapter-house. The result is an almost mad scramble to secure houses. But our humble advice is to "go slow." We have had too many sad experiences of undergraduates who have taken a "white elephant" on their hands in the shape of a chapter-house. We have seen too many chapters flourish temporarily under such conditions and then almost become annihilated by the burdens that the house has piled upon them.

It seems difficult to take a well-balanced position on this subject. It is all summed up in this: If you are *sure* that you can afford to run a house, get one. "When in doubt, don't."

The *Beta Theta Pi* for June contains two items of interest to Delta Tau Delta. One is this — from an article on the University of Minnesota :

Delta Tau Delta was chartered in 1885, and grew in a few years to a prominent place in fraternity circles. At one time it was regarded as one of the best in the fraternity. The competition of later years, however, has caused a change, and its initiations are now mainly from the professional schools.

There is also this pertinent editorial :

A question of importance to many of the chapters is the initiation of professional students. The general rule certainly should be that initiations should be made of those who are undergraduate students in the proper sense of the word, and that, other things being equal, the freshman should be preferred. The most desirable fraternity initiate is a freshman in the regular undergraduate department who intends to complete his college course. Candidates from any other source should be exceptional in ability, standing or energy, to secure consideration. A brother who has spent four years in his chapter usually develops into a good all-round worker. The brother who is initiated as a senior has certainly lost much experience of value to himself and the fraternity, by reason of his late entrance into the fraternity. The professional student is handicapped still more. He is necessarily older than the undergraduate members of the chapter, while he lacks their experience in its life and ways. His active connection with it is too short. His interest in the fraternity is apt to be less enduring. A chapter built up of professional students lacks essential elements of vitality and strength.

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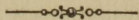
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