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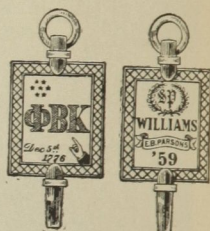
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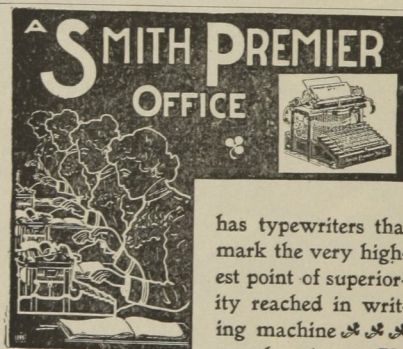
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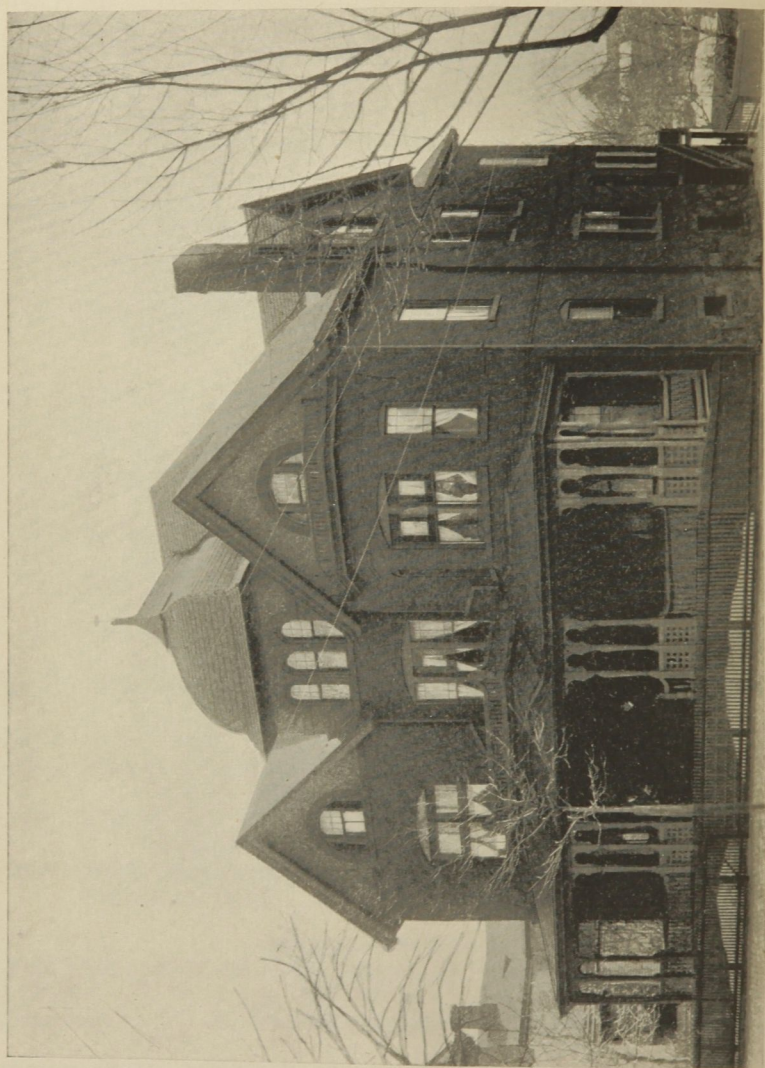
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LEHIGH AND BETA LAMBDA.

In presenting to our brothers in Delta Tau a sketch of our chapter life at Lehigh, we feel that it is only meet that we should give a brief outline of the University, its origin, formation, and situation, since this article is the first of its kind to emanate from Beta Lambda.

Lehigh owes its endowment and origin to the Hon. Asa Packer of Groton, Conn., but afterwards a resident of Mauch Chunk, Pa. He was a man possessed of the most generous and philanthropic qualities; and accordingly in the pale of 1864, with the idea of doing something for the benefit of the youth of his state, and especially for those of the Lehigh Valley, he donated \$500,000 for the purpose of founding this institution. At that time no one in the country, it is believed, had offered in a single sum such a large endowment for a literary institution.

On the 9th of February, 1866, the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed the act incorporating the Lehigh University, and it was formally opened on Saturday, the 1st of September, 1866.

The University campus is situated in South Bethlehem at the base of South Mountain.

The Bethlehems — Bethlehem, West Bethlehem, and South Bethlehem — situated in the picturesque Lehigh Valley, and intersected by the Lehigh River, are deep in historical

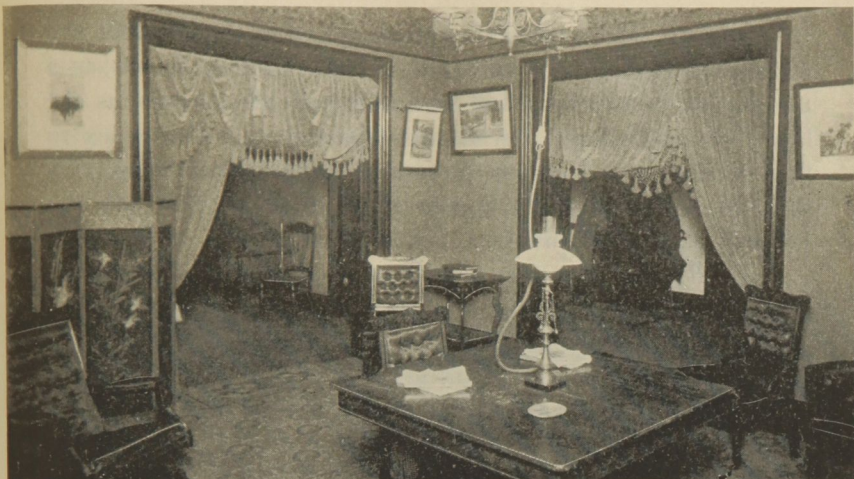
interest to the traveler. Bethlehem was founded by a religious sect known as Moravians; and in their old cemetery is buried "The Last of the Mohicans." Other Indians are also resting there; and one grave especially is worthy of note owing to the ingenuousness of its epitaph which thanks the Adams Express Company for bringing the body in from Ohio. The Moravian Female Seminary building, which has stood for a century and a half, was used as a hospital for the Continental Army, and is a reminder of the resolute character which those stirring times developed; and the poem, in which Longfellow describes the consecration of Pulaski's celebrated banner, draws its inspiration from the old days when the Moravian sisters prepared this ensign for the hero who was fighting the battles of freedom.

The situation of the town, with its various industries, and the legends of history which surround it, makes it admirably adaptable for an institution of both technical and classic learning.

The University campus is 115 acres in extent. Rising from the lower border in a gradual incline, and spotted here and there with ivy-covered buildings, it impresses the observer as being one of the prettiest in the country.

Upon entering the main gate, to the left is seen the Packer Memorial Church. This magnificent Gothic structure will comfortably seat 900 people. It was erected by Mrs. Mary Packer Cummings in memory of her family. Further to the east is seen the Chemical Laboratory. This building is of fire-proof structure, and is one of the largest and best equipped in the country.

Still further eastward, and bordering on the athletic field, is the Physical Laboratory. This building, equipped with all the necessary appliances for physical and electrical research, very recently burned down. It is to be immediately rebuilt and refitted in the most modern and complete manner.



RECEPTION ROOM.



STUDY ROOM.

Directly above the main entrance, and at the head of the campus, is situated Packer Hall. This building stands as a monument to mathematical research, and also serves as the home of the Civil and Mechanical departments. An annex to this building also serves to promote faculty deliberations. To the east of Packer Hall stands the Library, and above the Library, the Gymnasium.

The Library is a very handsome stone building, fire-proof, and contains 115,000 volumes embracing all subjects. This building was erected by the Hon. Asa Packer in memory of Mrs. Lucy Packer Linderman, his daughter.

The Gymnasium is thoroughly equipped for all gymnastic exercises, and serves also as a place for college fetes and dances.

The Sayre Observatory, so named after the donor, is situated at the west end of the campus, and is well equipped for taking astronomical observations.

In addition to the buildings mentioned, two others, situated below the chapel, are devoted to the use of the English department.

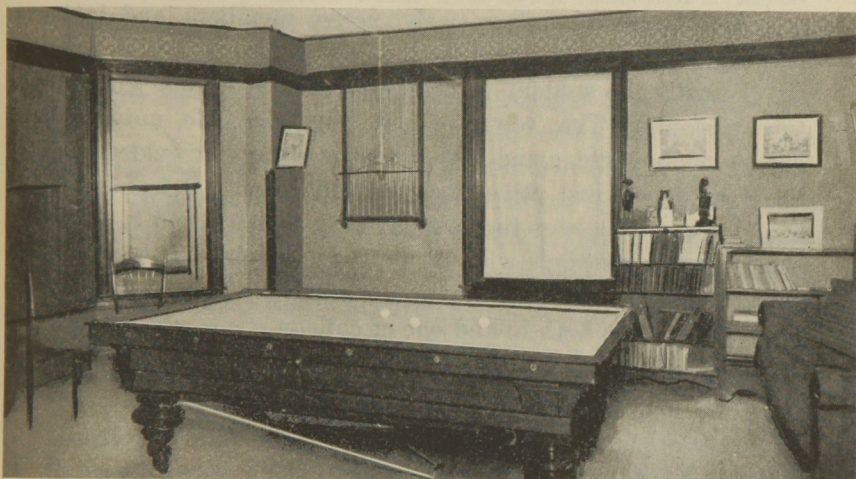
The athletic field, situated at the extreme east end of the campus, embraces a foot-ball field, base-ball diamond, lacrosse field, and several fine tennis courts.

The only residence buildings on the campus are those occupied by President Drown and by several of the professors.

The absence of the dormitory system at Lehigh necessitates the students boarding in the town, and is particularly productive of fraternity spirit. The Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta was organized on May 29th, 1874, with twelve members, and was the second fraternity at Lehigh. It was very prosperous and influential. In 1884 its charter was withdrawn by the Arch Chapter. A charter was then obtained from the Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Delta Tau Delta re-entered Lehigh in 1889 with seven members, forming Beta Lambda Chapter. A chapter house was obtained in South Bethlehem, and Beta Lambda immediately took the commanding position it has since sustained among the many fraternities at Lehigh.

In 1895 the old house was given up, and the chapter removed to its present location, 158 Market Street, Bethlehem.



BILLIARD ROOM.

hem. The location is the best in the Bethlehems, and the chapter has never regretted its choice.

The house is large and accommodating, and Beta Lambda is ready at all times to give a hearty welcome to all visiting Delts. A billiard room, parlor, pleasant study and sleeping rooms, and the general air of good fellowship which prevails among all the Delts of Beta Lambda, instills in every heart a lasting love for Deltaism.

Lehigh at the present time possesses a remarkable number of chapter houses — fourteen in all, — and all these fraternities

draw their material from a freshman class averaging 125 students. It can easily be seen that he who would pledge a fraternity man must needs be on the jump.

The established chapters at Lehigh are: Psi Upsilon, Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, Sigma Phi, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta.

Beta Lambda numbers twelve active members, and looks forward to bright prospects for the coming year.

Socially the students are on the best of terms with the town people. The town people patronize the university dances, games, etc.; and the student is always in evidence at the town dances and other society gatherings. Beta Lambda is and always has been in the front rank socially, and is on the most friendly relations with all the town people. The closing college year has been the most prosperous the chapter has had for several years both in and out of college.

A. C. SAVIDGE.

THE INSTALLATION OF GAMMA DELTA: WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

✓ In the early sixties Delta Tau Delta instituted a chapter at Morgantown, W. Va. The institution was known as Monongalia Academy. It was fast assuming collegiate proportions under the magnetic principalship of the Rev. J. R. Moore. It drew its students from many sections of the country and betook to itself such prominence that our Fraternity considered it wise to place a chapter there, feeling sure that the institution would later develop into a college or a university. Consequently, in 1861, Delta prime Chapter was organized. The war scattered its members, and it died in 1864.

✓ But the prophecy of the Academy's growth to collegiate size was not vain. In due time it developed into the West Virginia University. The pride of statehood was quickly followed by the pride of state institutions. So the University grew. Up to 1883 fraternities were not allowed. In that year Kappa Sigma came as an adventurous pioneer. But it is not good for a fraternity to be alone, and so the chapter soon died,—probably of segregation. Later the ban against fraternities was removed. Soon several societies were chartered. Of all this a fuller account will appear in a later issue of THE RAINBOW.

✓ Perhaps twelve years ago a body of excellent petitioners asked Delta Tau Delta for a charter. They were most heartily endorsed by the Hon. George C. Sturgiss and by Judge Joseph Moreland. The Fraternity was then in something of doubt as to the direction which the University life would take,

also as to whether the institution was to become free from a taint of political management. Therefore, after considerable discussion, the charter was refused, and the Fraternity waited for more decisive developments in the institution's life. Our loyal alumni, Brothers Sturgiss and Moreland, were naturally very greatly grieved over the result. They are happy now.

✓ Some months ago there came a petition to the Fraternity, signed by fourteen students and strongly endorsed by Brothers Moreland and Sturgiss and also by Governor Atkinson. Careful investigation of the personnel of the petitioners was made and visitors were sent to look into the local conditions of fraternity life. After full searching of the whole question, the charter was granted, the vote being finally so decisive as to leave no line of real division in reference to the project. No petition in a long time has received a more decisive vote.

The writer left Boston on his way to the installation on Monday, May 21st. Tuesday evening found him at Mt. Savage, Md., with our genial and efficient Secretary. The twenty four hours spent in the charming home of Brother Bruck gave him an insight into the splendid work that our Scribe is doing for the Fraternity. By the way, it is not generally known to the members of Delta Tau Delta that we have a new chapter house; it may rightly be called the Arch Chapter house. But this we really have; for Brother Bruck has built a small house just next to his residence, and this is used for the keeping of the Fraternity correspondence, etc. The room is a model of its kind, and in its careful planning Brother Bruck only adds one other evidence of his splendid work for the Fraternity.

On Thursday we proceeded to Morgantown. Arriving at Connellsville, we met four of our men from Gamma who were on their way to aid us in the installation. Two others had already preceded them to Morgantown. At Morgantown

we were met at the station by several of the happy petitioners and by Dr. John A. Bolard, President of the Eastern Division. The writer had heard ere arriving that the Banquet was to be of high price. It did not seem to him possible that any hotel in the town would be able to furnish a dinner of such style and proportions as the price would indicate. But he found that the town had been working marvels in the seventeen years since he had seen it. He could have been led into its streets blindfolded, and, when given sight, would never have recognized the place that was once familiar to him. The whole evening was a continuous surprise.

The initiation was held in one of the secret society halls, and the room was admirably fitted for our purpose. The initiation was conducted by four of the brethren from Gamma, assisted by the writer and Brother Bolard. Considering the circumstances, the hasty preparations that the Gamma men had been compelled to make, the initiation was carried on with a good degree of impressiveness. The men from Washington and Jefferson, who worked hard and did their part in fine spirit, were Brothers Paull, Watt, Shelby, Myers, Fauss, and Clark. The Arch Chapter is indebted to them all for their presence and help. Fifteen men were initiated, one man having been pledged by the petitioners after the charter had been granted them. The initiates were as follows: Brothers Bush, John, Miller, Hickman, Shriver, Dodson, Rodgers, McChesney, Bailey, Cooper, Kendall, Holland, Higginbotham, Myers, and Stump.

After the initiation came the Banquet. Any thought of the writer that Morgantown could not well furnish such a dinner as the price would indicate was speedily disproved. I have attended fraternity banquets in several of our large cities, including New York, Chicago, Boston, and Cleveland, and I do not hesitate to say that I have never seen a completer or more fitting table than that set on the evening of May 24th

at the installation of Gamma Delta. The hotel halls, parlor, and dining room were all profusely decorated with the Fraternity colors. The table was a mass of flowers. The menu card was printed in the colors. The boutonnieres at each plate were of blossoms in the colors. Tasty ribbons in the colors were given to each diner. The ice cream was made in the colors, and so was appropriately named on the menu as "D. T. D. Ice Cream." The after-dinner candies were in the colors. The whole serving of the different courses was one continual and delightful surprise. It was very evident that the hostess, who has charge of the hotel, Mrs. Peabody, had given the arrangements much thought. She had even gone to Pittsburg in order to get some materials not to be obtained nearer home. The menu is given as follows:—

M E N U .

New York Counts,	
Celery,	
Cream of Chicken,	Sliced Tomatoes,
	Olives,
Pickles,	Salted Almonds,
Boiled Blue Fish, Maitre de Hotel,	
Sliced Cucumbers,	
Frogs' Legs, a la Maryland,	
Sweet Bread Paddies,	New Peas,
Soft Shell Crabs on Toast,	
Fillet of Beef, Mushroom Sauce,	
New Potatoes in Cream,	
Schrimp Salad,	Mayonnaise Dressing.
D. T. D. Ice Cream,	Assorted Cake,
Cheese and Crackers,	
After Candies,	
Coffee.	Cigars.

Then came the toasts. Brother Simeon C. Smith, of Beta Mu, who is entitled to be called the founder of the new chapter, acted as Toast Master. He presided most excellently.

Brother Moreland, being sick, could not come to the Banquet, but he was on hand at the initiation. Brother Sturgiss, President of the Board of Regents of the University, responded most gracefully for "The University." The banquetters gave him a most enthusiastic greeting. For many years he has been one of the most prominent citizens of the State. He was the Republican candidate for Governor in 1880. He is highly esteemed in his own town, and has been an especially strong influence in the building up of the University. Brother S. Ray Shelby brought the greetings of Gamma Delta's nearest neighbor, Gamma, and brought them most heartily, too. Brother Rodgers, on behalf of the initiates, read a poem whose good hits and serious passages were thoroughly appreciated. He closed it thus :

"Again, I've a toast for old W. V. U.
To which may our chapter be loyally true ;
May our old *alma mater* forever be blessed,
And may we uphold her with zeal and with zest.

And now to you all a health do I bring,
I'll speak it ; I'll write it ; and, if I could sing,
I'd sing it with all of my voice and my heart
To the Delta Tau Delta of which we're a part."

Then came Brother Ira B. Bush, the leader of the petitioners, who responded to "A Look Forward." His words showed that the new chapter was beginning with the right type of ideas. The writer was also asked to respond to "Fraternity Ideals." Then came an extempore toast by Secretary Bruck. Hereafter, when he insists that he cannot make a speech, twenty-six reliable witnesses will rise up to deny his modest disclaimer ; for they all heard him make a most appropriate speech. Then came Dr. Bolard, with his unfailing enthusiasm. After the Delta yell had been given with great cheer, Dr. Bolard led in the "Choctaw Walk Around." Through

the halls and out into the streets, the singing Deltas went. Prominent in the line as one of its happiest figures was the tall form of the ex-Candidate for Governor and the President of the Board of Regents. It was moving on toward daylight when the gay banqueters went to their rest. If any doubter as to the policy of entering the W. V. U. could have been present on this occasion all his doubts would have been dissipated. The writer has never attended any finer or more hopeful Fraternity banquet.

It would be difficult to conceive how any chapter could renew its career under more favorable circumstances. Brothers Sturgiss, Moreland and Smith give to it a very strong local backing. The initiates are solid men who will do us credit in every line of the University life. So we have returned to the State of our birth. One of our founders still resides in W. Va. He could not be present, but he sent the following graceful letter :

WELLSBURGH, W. VA., May 22, 1900.

SIMEON C. SMITH,

Dear Sir and Bro. :

Your favor of 19th inst. received. I regret that I am compelled to respond by letter, instead of personally, to your kind invitation to attend the opening of a Delta Chapter at W. V. U.

It has always been a matter of regret to me, at least, that the college where the order originated in this State has for years been without a chapter. It is therefore with much pleasure that I note the introduction of the order into the State of its nativity at its educational centre.

It is with pride that I watch the progress of Deltaism and its astounding developments since I stood by its cradle "On the banks of the Buffalo." The order has truly a solid foundation. It is the "indestructible union of indissoluble friends," emphasized by verbal obligation and ceremonial work. It would be impossible, however, for the writer, if present at the opening of your Chapter, to enter fully into the enthusiastic spirit and enjoyment which is the

characteristic of young and vigorous Deltaism. There are no air-brakes on the car of time. It always reaches the "Great Divide" where the passenger, willing or unwilling, must disembark forever. I can only, therefore, in a crude way, with a pen wielded by the hand of age, sincerely wish prosperity to your chapter; and may every Brother thereof, both now and hereafter, within and without the University hall, be "A man among men."

Fraternally,

EUGENE TARR,

Bethany College, A.D. 1856-9.

Twelve of our chapters sent thoughtful telegrams of greeting to the new comer. The chapter is called Gamma Delta, because this name includes the name of Brother Moreland's chapter, Gamma, and of Brother Sturgiss' original chapter, Delta. And as the chapter is a resurrection rather than a birth, let us believe that it has really entered upon a strong and perpetual life.

EDWIN H. HUGHES.

A FRESHMAN'S LETTERS.

DEAR BOB :

I have not forgotten my promise to let you know how I fared with the fraternities. But I have only had a week's experience of rushing, and suppose my knowledge is very superficial. You know that I am an entire stranger here, and have no home or prep. school prestige to help me out. Many of my fellow freshmen have come from nearby preparatory schools, and were pledged to some fraternity before they ever entered college. As you know, there are sixteen fraternities here. With even a week's observation I came to the conclusion that only six of them really counted. The rest seem to take the men the "big six" do not want. I have been a guest at the houses of two of these second-class fraternities, and I have seldom had a more uncomfortable time. One was a crowd of "digs." Their housekeeping was most disgusting in the first place; the table cloth was soiled, and the manner in which the meal was served would scare away a more robust appetite than mine. There are thirty-eight men in this chapter; only twelve live in the house; and I doubt if the members see much of each other. Immediately after dinner all the men went to their rooms except two, whose duty it seemed to be to entertain me; this they attempted to do with a game of some sort I had never seen before; but I judged it to be of a nursery grade.

The other crowd was of the opposite type. I have heard them called "tin horn sports," and the name fits them pretty well. Their house looked as though it had seen many beer-bottle bombardments. I need not give you the details of their

style of entertainment. The star number was a poker game; I gathered this was not alone for my benefit, but was the regular thing.

This is all of the attention I have received so far from the fraternities, but I am not discouraged. For I have only been here a week, and am without any brass band to call attention to my good qualities. There is a Senior, a non-fraternity man, whom I have seen somewhat of in the dormitory. He advised me to let the scrub frats. rush me so as to attract the attention of the better ones. I do not intend to follow his advice. The idea fails to appeal to me as honorable or even pleasant for me personally. I will keep you informed of my further adventures.

Yours ever,

WILL.

MY DEAR COUSIN: —

I have now had three weeks of college life, and my experiences are somewhat broader. I must describe at some length my first experience with one of the "big six." It occurred the same day I wrote to you. I was writing in my room when someone knocked and entered. I knew the man by sight. He seems to know everyone in college, and I had heard him spoken of as a good foot-ball man if he could only stay in college. It is his custom to get flunked out at the end of a semester. He asked me if my name was Bradley, and of course I had to admit it. He chatted for a few minutes, and asked me if I could come over with him for dinner. I went with him mainly out of curiosity. For his fraternity has the reputation of taking nothing but athletes. After I had been introduced to the rest of the chapter one of the men took my host aside and I heard him say, "He isn't the man." "Well,

his name is Bradley, anyhow," was the answer. I was somewhat amused, and still more so when I learned from the questions asked me that I had been mistaken for a track athlete of the same name who came with somewhat of a reputation from his prep. school. I have not been sorry that I was dropped by this fraternity like a hot brick when it was learned that I had no particular athletic ability. For their life had no attraction for me. I felt all the time as though I had strayed into a training house. In their endeavor to get prominent athletes for members they have sacrificed a good many of the qualities you have always told me a fraternity man should possess. They were not congenial to me, or even congenial among themselves.

My choice rests between two fraternities. As soon as I reached this conclusion I ceased to accept favors from the others. You know you advised me to do this, and said I would have more friends if I took this course and did not give any crowd the impression that I was working them for what it was worth. The two choices between which I hesitate are the Pi Theta and the Epsilon Lambda Chi. They both attract me, and are of so nearly the same excellence that a choice is difficult. They are both composed of men who will be personally congenial to me. They are good, all-around college men. The Pi Theta men put in a good deal of their work in telling me how prominent their men are in college, and insinuating that by joining them I will have a "drag" on the musical organizations. The Epsilon Lambda Chi men say very little about this; but I have looked their record up myself, and find that they are as prominent as any crowd in college. They are adepts in the art of entertaining, they do not seem to be showing off, but make a man feel as though he were one of the crowd. They have a house that is not as pretentious as some, but it has such a comfortable atmosphere and seems so much like a home. There are plenty of broad window seats, cush-

ions and wide fire-places. The effect is such that I am always glad to go down to the house.

I shall soon let you know my decision. For I have promised to give an answer in a week.

Yours,

WILL.

MY DEAR BOB:—

I have made my decision, and I do not think I shall repent it. I have pledged myself to Epsilon Lambda Chi. While I liked most of the men in Pi Theta they did not seem to have the same congenial house life that the fraternity of my choice did. Besides, they adopted a little too much of the snob attitude toward other fraternity men to exactly please me.

I guess what really tipped the balance was a small incident that impressed me very much. I was at the Epsilon Lambda Chi house one night. After dinner we were, as usual, lounging around the smoking room, singing and talking. I had noticed that one of the freshmen was very quiet and blue. He is in one of my classes and the professor had called him down pretty hard that afternoon.

Ned Burke, who is a senior and at the head of the Fraternity, had also noticed the freshman's dejection. In a few minutes he went over to the window seat where the freshman was sitting, and throwing his arm over his shoulder began to talk to him in a kind, fatherly manner. It was only a short time before the cloud had lifted from that freshman's face and he was enjoying life again. I thought if that was the secret of the internal harmony of this chapter I could not do better than join it.

Yours ever most sincerely,

WILL.

THE DELTA SYMPOSIUM.

Expulsions.

The writer recalls a case of expulsion from his own chapter that he has always considered uncalled for. If such was the case, the effect upon both chapter and fraternity is most deplorable. This expulsion, though seemingly unanimous, was based on apparently the most trivial grounds. Such cases would seem to call not for expulsion, but for careful training and labor on the part of the chapter. Loyalty to the Fraternity is a good thing under any guise, and mistakes by a freshman should be borne with by the chapter. Expulsion hurts a chapter exceedingly; and it is only when the harm a man will do his chapter by staying in it far outweighs the harm expulsion will entail that such a measure should be resorted to. I have known cases where expulsion seemed almost unavoidable, and yet was avoided with results that well justified the chapter's forbearance. Even if a man be a fool, if he is a loyal fool every effort should be made to guard him and keep him from the results of his folly rather than lay it bare to the college world and bring the chapter into worse disrepute than his folly would have caused.

A good rule to follow is to be careful at the beginning that the man is the man you want; but, if later he turns out not to be, make the best of him nevertheless, and spare the chapter scandal. If there is anything at all in the man, it will come out under careful training by the chapter. A fraternity bond is not lightly to be entered into, nor yet lightly to be

broken. When a man is admitted to the bond of brotherhood, the oath taken is really a double one. He pledges himself to the Fraternity; but the Fraternity also pledges itself to him. To desert a brother because he is weak, to cast him aside because he falls into error, is cowardly and utterly unworthy of our fraternity. The only offence that should be considered worthy of expulsion is disloyalty. A loyal man may make many and grievous mistakes and be forgiven and helped on.

A fraternity was never intended to be a one-sided compact. Mutual aid is the true watchword; though we all strive to get strong men, yet, if a weakling does slip in, he should be sheltered and helped, not thrust out. It is a misfortune that must be borne without seeking the sympathetic sneers of the other fraternities by making the mistake a topic for public discussion. So long as a man does not intentionally wrong his chapter, flout it, and deliberately act contrary to its laws and customs, he should be labored with and disciplined, not expelled.

AN ALUMNUS.

Charles L. Edwards and the University of Cincinnati.

The present disruption of the faculty of the University of Cincinnati, which has interested and stirred the educational world, has a peculiar importance to the members of Delta Tau Delta through its bearing upon the welfare of one of the Fraternity's most active and loyal alumni, Prof. Charles L. Edwards, Lambda (Prime), '84, who held the chair of Biology. It is only justice which demands that the facts of the case, so far as they are attainable at this time, should be presented in order that the charges of incompetence and insubordination which were made in such a wholesale manner against the scholarly

and faithful gentlemen of the faculty at Cincinnati, may be clearly understood and not too readily accepted as proved.

At the beginning of the present year academic a new president, Dr. Howard Ayers of the University of Missouri, was installed at the University; and in accordance with a growing sentiment as to the management of greater university policies, the president was given full powers of appointment and change in the personnel of the faculty, and the board of trustees pledged their support to his measures. It is difficult to believe that they contemplated any such slaughterous proceedings as have followed. Within six months after his inauguration, President Ayers demanded the resignation of every member of the faculty except four. These four, including the widely known Prof. P. V. N. Myers, also tendered their resignations, Professor Myers accompanying his with a startlingly scathing letter denouncing the action of the president, declaring that the course of the president was nothing short of brutal and wholesale assassination of the reputation of the men whose labors and devotion and scholarship had made the University what it was at the coming of President Ayers. So far as the present discussion in the press has gone, the charges on which the president and the board have acted are general, applying alike to all the members of the faculty, to whom they have denied any collective or individual hearing. To quote Professor Myers: "They have been struck down in the dark by one who should have stood to them, and to us all, in the sacred relation of confiding colleague, helpful friend, and wise counselor; yet who, during the whole half-year that he has been our president, has not once visited a single recitation or lecture room, or come into any proper or sympathetic relations either with the student body or with any member of the teaching staff."

The charge of incompetence applied so widely seems, if well founded, to reflect even more upon the board of trustees

than upon the faculty; for how could an honest board allow such a collection of incapables (?) to accumulate? If knowingly, they were little short of criminal; if unknowingly, they were themselves stupidly incompetent or inexcusably negligent. If the charge be made specific in the case of Professor Edwards, it would be an easy matter for him to disprove it by the proofs of the recognition which his work has received from men best capable of judging. In his special investigation in the *holothurians*, his work has been recognized on both sides of the Atlantic, and abstracts of the results of the researches have recently appeared in *Science*. The United States National Museum has turned over to him all of the specimens of one class of *holothurians* for description of new species for a new monograph, while the editors of *The American Naturalist* have asked him to write a synopsis of the *holothurians* for a science series which they are about to publish. With these facts, and the cordial endorsement of such masters as Whitman, Jordan and Howell, Professor Edwards may well enter a plain and unqualified denial of the vague, insidious, mysterious charges lodged against him along with the other members of the faculty of the unfortunate University of Cincinnati.

KENDRIC CHARLES BABCOCK.

EDITORIALS.

Raw Material.

The market value of a finished product depends, to a large extent, upon the excellence of the raw material. So is it with the fraternity value of the men our undergraduate chapters are giving to the Delta Tau Delta world.

It is of prime importance that the chapter should be most careful of the men it initiates. The chapter confers upon its initiates a precious boon, and gives them a fellowship, the value of which can scarcely be appreciated. It should then be the chapter's duty to subject the men on whom they would confer this honor to the most rigid tests. One man of an alien type or dissimilar tastes can do a chapter more harm than the rest of the members are able to counteract by the most earnest work. Expulsion should be a thing unknown to fraternities; and such would be the case if more care were exercised in the first selection of the men.

It may be possible for a chapter of exceedingly strong men to mould a man to the type; but it is a dangerous experiment, and should only be undertaken for the best of reasons.

There are a few mistakes most every chapter is liable to make in its selection of new men. In the first place, there is the man who comes from some prominent preparatory school in which the chapter greatly desires to have a "pull"; such a man will often receive the chapter's vote for this reason alone, though in other respects he is far from being a desirable man. The chapter soon learns its mistake. The man himself has such an exaggerated idea of his own importance that he is of

no internal value to the chapter. At the same time, instead of winning an opening in the school, the chapter loses caste because it took the man.

Then there is often the man the lining of whose purse wins his entrance. We are glad that among college men money is less accounted than in the outside world. Still a heavy burden in the shape of an expensive chapter house will too often tempt a chapter to allow a man to enter for the sake of the financial assistance it is hoped he will give the chapter.

Next to the false value placed on money is that which family connections often command. This results in two ways. The man may have had a father or brother who was a member of the fraternity, and for that reason the chapter feels obliged to take him. This is one of the most serious mistakes a chapter can make. A man must stand upon his own qualifications; and a chapter that does not make this an inflexible rule in such cases will soon find itself burdened with useless lumber. The other case is when a man with nothing to recommend him personally tempts a chapter by the social position or prominence of some of his family connections. Many a chapter has been deluded by this false value into burdening itself with a most undesirable man.

Too often a chapter is blinded by the superficial veneer of a freshman, and, without taking due time to see what the man was beneath the surface polish, has placed the badge upon the breast of a tailor's dummy, if nothing worse.

Nothing causes a chapter to make serious mistakes in the men it bids more than a stampede. A time comes when a chapter is small in numbers, and the men rush ahead with the one idea of increasing the membership irrespective of the candidate's qualifications. Better a few good men than such a wholesale lowering of the bars that fence in the chapter fold.

While a chapter often makes serious mistakes in the men it takes it makes just as serious mistakes in the men it does

not take. There is always in an entering class much excellent fraternity material that does not attract immediate attention. There is always a few men, whom, on account of a preparatory school reputation or good clothes, the fraternities immediately take up. There are at the same time more retiring men in the same class that are from every standpoint more desirable fraternity material. To always judge correctly in such cases calls for a knowledge of men and affairs that we can hardly expect in the average undergraduate. But a careful and unbiased scrutiny of all the fraternity material is something Delta Tau Delta expects of each chapter. With such care and thoughtfulness on the part of each chapter we expect the opening of another college year to bring under our banner of Purple, White and Gold, new brothers who will be their chapter's pride and the Fraternity's most loyal and faithful workers.

After the Four Years.

In the right sort of a chapter a man's fraternity means more to him than anything else connected with his four years of college life. After the four years are over the obligations and privileges of his membership in the great brotherhood are too often lost sight of by the graduate. To be sure we have brilliant examples of men who have never lost their fraternity interest though the four years are a long-passed milestone on their life's journey. Such men are Brothers McClurg and Bolard. Others there are whose interest in their own chapter is just as strong, though the Fraternity at large does not receive as great a share of their labors.

The cause of this loss of interest rests jointly with the chapter and the man himself. While the life of the four years are made pleasant, too many of our chapters fail to train

their men for the after life. The Fraternity as a great national brotherhood and a life-enduring band is not made to appeal to the man as it should. Chi has a custom that does much to make the Fraternity a life-long bond. The chapter sees to it that each graduate receives THE RAINBOW for the first year after graduation. Our journal is the prime requisite for continued interest in the Fraternity; and we would that all our alumni and chapters realized this.

Besides the general interest in Delta Tau Delta that an alumnus should continue after the four years is a more specific interest in his brothers. To every man who has sworn allegiance to our Fraternity the man who wears the square badge should have a readier entrance to his friendship than all others. It is of course impossible for men of different tastes and ideas to have much in common; but a brother should be given the first chance to show his congeniality.

In the business world the Delta brotherhood should count for something. A helping hand can often be given without any personal inconvenience, and a brother should never have to compete on the same plane with others if his qualifications are equally good. Our Alumni Chapters are doing much to revive the close fellowship of the four years of college, but, after all, most rests with the individual.

Our Fraternity will fail to achieve success until the bond of brotherhood is as strong outside the college walls as it was within. Chapter and graduate are both enjoined to hasten by their labors the day when graduation will mean no loosening in the Delta Tau Delta bond, and the time when within and without the college walls we shall be one united band of brothers working shoulder to shoulder under the rustling folds of our Fraternity's beloved banner.

Some of our exchanges have been doing a good degree of guessing in reference to the relation of our Delta Chapter (at the University of Michigan) to the Fraternity. None of them have had any way of knowing the exact situation. The comments upon the position of the old chapter in the chapter lists at Ann Arbor are not to the point; for Delta Chapter will have precisely the same position when she is reorganized. Her charter will remain with date unchanged. The present moribund condition; if such it may be called, does not come from a direct and unequivocal withdrawal of the charter. The Fraternity has merely arranged for a recess in which some local matters may be properly adjusted; in the meantime it did not seem well to the Arch Chapter to allow the chapter to initiate this year. We have enough loyal men at Ann Arbor to whom the charter will be given in precisely its old form whenever the time seems ripe. All obituary notices, therefore, are out of order. Suspended animation is not death, and our exchanges can take their hearses back to the sheds. It may even be that before these words are read, Delta will have been reorganized. In any event the reorganization will come in due time, and Delta's future is in no doubt. When she does resume active life it will be under most favorable auspices, and wholly without any break with her past. Meanwhile it will be well for those who know nothing about the matter to cease drawing upon their imaginations.

In another part of this issue we print a short account of the installation of our new chapter in the University of West Virginia. The bright future before the institution makes us happy to place it upon our roll; while the character of the petitioners assures us that the Fraternity's interests in this field will be well looked after.

Delta Tau Delta takes especial pleasure in placing this chapter because it means a revival of our old Delta Chapter, which existed from 1861 to 1863 and in its short life gave to the Fraternity men who have attained marked success in their chosen professions.

We welcome Gamma Delta most heartily to our sisterhood of chapters, and trust that she will prove as lusty an infant as Beta Omega, Beta Chi, Gamma Alpha, and Omega.

There has come to our notice a case of negligence on the part of one of our chapter secretaries so flagrant and inexcusable that it would be almost incredible had we not had some personal experiences in the same line.

Last year when Baird's American College Fraternities appeared an alumnus thought he would like to present the book to his chapter. He wrote to the chapter secretary asking if the chapter had yet secured a copy of the book, and offering to send one. He waited several months and received no reply. Nevertheless, he sent the book with a most fraternal letter; still he has never received the slightest acknowledgment from his chapter. Such treatment as this is decidedly shabby, and would lead us to believe that there is something radically wrong with a chapter that fills such an important office with a man so negligent of his duties.

One of our chapter secretaries in his letter expresses the opinion that *THE RAINBOW* is a better means of communicating with the alumni than a personal letter from the chapter. This might be true if as many of each chapter's alumni were subscribers as is the case with Beta Chi. When it comes to some of our chapter's whose alumni subscribers are limited to two

or three, the means of communication would be quite inadequate.

For their own sake, the sake of the Fraternity, and the man's own value to the Fraternity, our chapters should make every effort to have the names of each one of their alumni on the mailing list of THE RAINBOW.

We should like to have every Delt that graduates this year a subscriber to THE RAINBOW. To bring this about we ask the chapters to make a point of securing next year's address of each graduate. If these addresses are sent to us in October we will see that the first issue is sent them. It will be still better if a subscription is secured in advance by the chapter.

To make it doubly sure we hope that the graduates will themselves send us their addresses. We do not need to write at any great length upon the importance of a recent graduate's receiving THE RAINBOW regularly; for any man who has been a loyal undergraduate realizes this. Equally important for the chapter is it that its graduates should be kept in touch by this means.

Our labors have been greatly lightened by the promptness of some of our chapter secretaries, and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the assistance they have been to us. It is to be regretted that there have been some unfortunate exceptions to this general excellence.

We trust that the chapters in electing new men to this office will see that they are men who will be prompt in the performance of their duties.

Just as this issue goes to press we receive the welcome news that Delta's local troubles have been settled, the reorganization and rejuvenation accomplished, and with an excellent body of undergraduate members the chapter will be in good shape for work next fall. The entire Fraternity will be glad to know that Delta Chapter has been saved, and that a first-class body of men will continue without any break our representation at the University of Michigan.

THE DELTA CHAPTERS.

ALPHA — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The spring term's work is well under way, and aside from college work base-ball is the object of interest. Our team this year expects to equal the record of last year's, and that was the best one ever made by an Allegheny team. Alpha has two men on the team. Dunn is playing middle field and Fitzgerald third. The captaincy of next year's team will likely fall to one of our men. The chapter has rented a tennis court and we expect to win out in the tournament. Dunn, who won the championship at singles last year, will in all probability capture the same again this year, and he with Davenport will make a strong bid for the doubles.

At the recent Athletic Association election Alpha had her man elected by the largest majority on the ticket. This gives us a representative on the Athletic Advisory Board which directs all the athletic affairs of the college.

The annual Pan-Hellenic banquet was held April 16. All the actives and a number of the alumni of Alpha were present. The banquet was one of the best attended and most enjoyable ever held by the Pan-Hellenic organization. Alpha had two men on the toast list.

The next issue of the *Choctaw Pow-Wow* will be out soon. An effort is being made to have an unusually large number of the alumni present at the banquet to be held in June. The alumni of the city are much interested in the banquet and we are hoping to have from seventy-five to a hundred present.

The *College Annual* will be out soon. Brother Walraven has charge of the art work and has done himself and the chapter great credit. The outlook of the chapter is very bright and we are looking forward to greater success next year.

J. E. FITZGERALD.

BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The enrollment at the University the present term exceeds that of any previous term.

Dr. W. F. Mercer, formerly of Cornell University, has been elected to fill the chair of Biology and he began his duties this term.

Probably the greatest trouble that has occurred in the history of the University has recently arisen between the students and faculty over the suspension of Brother McCord, manager of the base ball team. Brother McCord was suspended because he had violated the letter of a faculty regulation, which forbids any but *bona fide* students playing in inter-collegiate games. In a game with the Capitol University a member of the high school played second base. Brother McCord claims that in a conversation with Dr. Super — President of the University — he was given to understand that no trouble would follow this, providing the opposing team be informed that the player was not a college student. But at the next faculty meeting Brother McCord was suspended from the University for the rest of the term. The next day an indignation meeting was held by the Athletic Association and resolutions were adopted censuring the faculty for their action and continuing McCord manager of the team. After the adjournment of the meeting many of the Association and other students called on a member of the faculty, who was the Director of Athletics, and indulged in a riotous demonstration. The next day five of those who participated in this demonstration were indefinitely suspended. Those five students made an oral apology to the professor and a written one to the faculty, including a request for their own re-instatement and that of Brother McCord. This was not accepted by the faculty, who wrote another form of apology for the five students to sign to be re-instated. This apology was signed and the matter bids fair to become adjusted.

The base-ball team has so far met with but one defeat and that in the game with O. W. U. We are represented by Brothers Scott and Brown; the latter, a pledged man, being captain of the team.

At the coming inter-society contest Brother Dieterich will represent us as Philomathesian orator.

The entertainment of our lady friends will this commencement consist in an outing to Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 16.

J. C. EVANS.

GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

On the evening of February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, at Jefferson College was founded the present Gamma Chapter of the Fraternity. For a short time it had a hard struggle for existence owing to the Civil War. Finally some years later this chapter united with the chapter at Washington and since then we have always been in a prosperous condition. There have been very few years when we have had no honor men, and in an athletic way we have always been leaders.

Last year, with the kind assistance of some of our alumni, we entered the best fraternity house in town, and now have the additional advantage of living together. We have at present fifteen active and four pledged men, three of whom we hope to initiate in a short time.

Our college base-ball team is slowly getting into shape, and while not so strong as in previous years we hope to make a good showing. We are represented on the team by Messrs. Meyers and Stockton.

Brother McMahon, '03, recently broke the strength record in college and placed the record at about eleven thousand pounds or fourteen hundred kilograms. This record makes McMahon the second strongest college man in the United States.

The preliminary training for next fall's football team is now being done and we hope to have a team which will eclipse all former ones. Brother Phillips is captain, and he together with Reed, McMahon and Fouse, represent us at present.

On May twenty-fourth a party from here went to Morgantown to install the chapter there. We initiated fifteen men and had a



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grand good time. We predict for this chapter a prosperous future, as they are all good fraternity men. While there we enjoyed a banquet at which Brothers Hughes, Bolard, Brück, and Atkinson were present.

On June twenty-first we intend to give a banquet at the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburg, and trust we will have the pleasure of greeting a large number of Deltas, both active and alumni. I take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all Deltas to be present and assure them a good time.

In closing, Gamma extends a very cordial invitation to all Deltas to visit us at any time when in this section of the country.

CLYDE A. WATT.

EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

Epsilon takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Albert B. Anthony and C. B. Marshall.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we submit the final letter for this college year to THE RAINBOW. In a great many ways it has been the most successful year for some time past. Unity has prevailed, and the many enjoyable times spent together will be remembered for a long time by every fellow. Enthusiasm and interest has been displayed by each throughout, and our pledged men have shown their interest when the proper time presented itself. And further, we have been encouraged again and again by the deep interest shown by not only our resident alumni but by those outside the city. We have been frequently favored by visits from these formerly active men.

Our institution has been very successful in the field of athletics this year. In base-ball thus far we have not been defeated, and but one more game to play before field day. We have four men on this year's team — Brothers Loud, Davis, White and Church. In other branches of athletics Epsilon is well represented.

We are glad to report that the work pertaining to our lodge is

progressing, and the prospects are good for its erection in the near future.

At the close of the college year we have thirteen actives and eight pledged men. Two will graduate with the class of 1900. Thus the outlook for next year is good, and we look forward to increased enthusiasm, greater activity, and continued success.

Brothers Shaughness, H. C. Lash, E. B. Lash, Bean, Robertson, Bailey, Timms and Whelan from Kappa spent an evening with us recently.

FRED. B. JOHNSTON.

ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

Viewed from all points, the year just drawing to a close has been the most successful in Zeta's history. Never before has a year passed without ominous clouds, at various times, appearing upon the chapter's horizon. Only too frequently these clouds have been the variety which lack the silver lining—the lining so essential to a successful chapter. The present year has been an ideal attained. Plenty of friends, plenty of harmony, and plenty of good fellowship. (In *THE RAINBOW*, our family newspaper, we speak of ourselves to ourselves without fear of being dubbed egotistical.)

We took up the work last fall with thirteen men, and soon added four members of the Freshman class. At the middle of the year one more freshman was initiated. This gave us the following well-balanced chapter list: four Seniors, four Juniors, five Sophomores, and five Freshmen. Before the college work began we had rented our chapter house, and were ready for the spirited "rushing" season which is always the first number on the Adelbert program. The house and its good location aided materially in bringing into the fold the new men whom we wanted.

The weekly meetings have been well attended, and the house has been the center of our college life. Frequent parties and chapter dinners with the Deltas of the city have helped to round out the

social side of our fraternity life. As a whole, the scholarship record of the chapter is the best made by any fraternity represented in the college. In student enterprises Zeta has held her own. On the foot-ball team she had two men. Three members of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs are from her ranks. The *Reserve*, our university annual, was edited by Brother Rose, and is among the best books ever issued from the University. The *Adelbert*, the college magazine, has nine members on the editorial staff. Of this number five are Deltas. The editor-in-chief and business manager are our men. When it is remembered that all the positions on the editorial board are filled by competition—judged by a committee of the faculty—it will be seen why Zeta is proud to have been in control of the paper for two years. At the recent competition for editors to take the places made vacant by the retiring Senior members, Brother Scott received a place. Our representation on the track team is creditable. At the university field day Brothers Morgan and Couch both won positions; the former taking two firsts and breaking one college record.

Brother Findlay has been chosen a member of next year's Annual board, and Brother Clisby has been elected the first president of the Adelbert Press Club, recently organized.

Among the coveted prizes offered to the students of Adelbert are three by the President, for excellence in preparing and presenting orations. These prizes are open to the Sophomore and Junior classes. Among the eight men chosen by preliminary contest to compete for these prizes are Brothers Scott, Duncan and Morris.

Commencement week is filled with good things. Among the many exercises will be the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of Brother Jerry Tracy, who died in the Spanish-American war. This tablet will receive a prominent place in Hatch Library. Dr. Lyman Abbott will deliver the address to the graduating class, June 14. With the going out of the present class Zeta will lose four of her most faithful and efficient members.

V. W. CLISBY.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The Deltas of Kappa in common with the other students of Hillsdale are busy preparing for commencement week and for the quinquennial reunion which comes this year. We hope to see many of our honored alumni with us at that time. We are especially delighted to think that we shall be able to show any of the "old boys" who may return for commencement and reunion our fraternity rooms, which are handsomely refitted and redecorated. They show the effect of the hard work which the boys of our chapter have expended upon them to make them pleasant and homelike.

We were pleased to receive a call recently from a number of our brothers of Epsilon who were players on the Albion base-ball team. Some of the members of Kappa returned the visit at the game played in Albion on May 18th, and assisted at the meeting of the chapter in the evening.

Kappa is winning her share of honors this term. Brother H. C. Lash is captain of the base-ball team, and also president of the Sophomore class, which in view of the coming quinquennial is more of an honor than in other years. Brother C. A. Robertson is orator at the anniversary of Alpha Kappa Phi Literary Society. Brother J. H. Lash is the valedictorian of the class of 1900.

The ladies of Michigan Alpha of Pi Beta Phi celebrated their founder's day in April, and invited the Delts to spend the evening at their rooms, which are very pleasant ones. We enjoyed the evening very much indeed.

Kappa will always be glad to extend a cordial welcome to any brothers of Delta Tau who may come this way and can call upon us.

C. S. BAILEY.

LAMBDA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Everyone at Vanderbilt is getting ready for final examinations, which commence June 4th; after that the boys will all have a gay time, as several dances and receptions have been announced.

We have had a fairly successful base-ball team this season, and have been glad to meet visiting Deltas on the teams we played.

Although this year has not been very prosperous for Lambda in point of numbers, we feel that next year we can get the chapter on the road to greater numbers.

Lambda is glad to welcome the addition of Gamma Delta Chapter at the University of West Virginia; we know they will make good loyal Delts.

The Southern Division Conference will be held this year at Lookout Mountain, which is a delightful place; we hope to have a large representation from all the chapters, several of our men expect to be there, also some of the alumni.

Vanderbilt won the Southern track meet, held here May 18 and 19, scoring 64 points out of 108. Tulane, University of Texas, and the Tennessee University of Nashville were represented.

The most exciting contest of the year is the election of Bachelor of Ugliness; W. A. White was elected this year by acclamation.

We wish to each and every Delt a most pleasant vacation.

RICHARD SMITH.

MU — OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The year is closing most successfully for us along various lines. We take great pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters William Slater, '03. Since our last letter we have pledged two most promising men.

We are well represented in base-ball by Brother Hills, pitcher.

Interest in athletics has taken a firmer hold on the student body this year than for many past. Our gymnasium has been refitted recently, and many improvements and innovations in athletic equipment have been made or planned.

Three chapters here, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, are in chapter houses, and it is probable that the other five will be also within as many years. The Beta's

recently gave a most pleasant reception at the opening of their house.

Brother Barnes is unable to be with us this term on account of the ill health of his father.

Brothers Rosser, '99, and Naylor, ex-'01, graced our banquet board at the initiation of Brother Slater. Chapter Mu is proud of the fact that the college has chosen Brother Charles Jefferson as the commencement orator this year. Last year Brother Ed. Hughes served in the same capacity.

We do not need to add that all visiting Deltas will find a ready welcome whenever they may chance to favor us with a call.

J. A. WRIGHT.

OMICRON — UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Base-ball is the principal subject of interest at present, with track athletics a close second. Our 'Varsity nine has just been selected after a number of practice games, in which all candidates were tried. Our home field meet was held Saturday, May 28th, and a number of creditable records were made. The fraternities and literary societies give the first place medals. The Pan-Hellenic base-ball games this spring have proven a great success, and grow more interesting toward the end of the series, for it is still a matter of conjecture as to who will win the trophy, which is a fine silver cup.

We take great pride in announcing the appointment of Brother Will Speers as intern of Mercy Hospital at Davenport, Iowa. The appointment is made by the Medical Faculty, and is based entirely upon scholarship and practical ability. Brother Speers is to be congratulated, having received the appointment in preference to several seniors, while he was a member of the junior class. His duties begin May 1st, and continue for one year, so he will not be with us next year. We gave a party in his honor the night of his departure, and though loath to have him leave, yet we were glad to see a brother win and uphold such a position.

It will be impossible for us to have a delegation at the Western Division Conference unless the date is changed, for it falls in the middle of our examination week. We hope another date may be arranged so we can be represented.

H. S. FAIRALL.

PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The third and final semester of the scholastic year is now drawing to a close, the final examinations will soon be over and the festivities which always accompany the commencement exercises will be at hand. Four members of our chapter, Brothers Faut, Clayton, Kier and McDowell will receive their diplomas and pass from college life after several years of active and earnest work. The chapter loses in these men zealous, enthusiastic and loyal Deltas, and wishes them success in their life work. Brother Clayton has been appointed one of the senior speakers for commencement day. He graduates second in a Law class of thirty. Brother Faut is also a speaker on this occasion having been appointed from the Literary class.

We expect to have most of our undergraduates back next year, beside several who have been out of college for a year or two. Altogether we will begin life under very auspicious circumstances.

Since our last letter, the 'Varsity base ball team has completed its season and, on the whole, has sustained the reputation of our former teams. We were represented by six men on the team, Brothers McFarland, McDowell, Scales, W. D. Myers, S. Myers and Mercer. Brother McFarland was captain. Mississippi is gradually forging her way to the front in athletics and in a few years we hope to have teams which will be a credit to any institution. In track athletics our spring games were something of a failure, as all interest was centered in base ball. Chapter Pi had two men on the track team, Brothers Farish and S. Myers.

The University has taken part in the oratorical contests; the Interstate, in which our representative won second; and the Gulf States, in which Alabama's speaker won.

Work has begun on our electric light and steam heating plant and in a few weeks we will be in good shape along this line. Through the generosity of one of our citizens we are enabled to offer a splendid summer course for all who may wish to complete any line of study.

Brother Farish will represent us at our Division Convention. We have enjoyed visits from Brothers Hall and Hutchinson of Pi, McIlhane of Phi, and Turley of Beta Iota.

R. H. HUNTINGTON.

RHO CHAPTER — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

As the present term will close in about four weeks, we are naturally devoting some of our spare thoughts to the pleasures of vacation; though just at present the coming examinations and the fortunes of our lacrosse team claim a large share of our attention.

There has been a good deal of enthusiasm over lacrosse here this spring, and we are awaiting the coming championship games with much interest. Rho is well represented on the team, and whether we win or lose we shall feel that we have done our best. The management of the lacrosse team gave a silver loving-cup to be played for by the Sophomore and Freshman classes, and this has done a great deal toward arousing the hearty co-operation of the undergraduates. The Sophomores won three straight games, so the trophy will be theirs for the ensuing year.

By some mischance the death of Brother Chester on February 23rd last, went unnoticed in our last letter. A graduate of Stevens in '86, in him there is lost to the college one of her most prominent graduates; to the ranks of Rho's Alumni a true Delt. Always an earnest worker in the Fraternity and in business, the sudden ending of so promising a career caused us deep sorrow.

The past months have been most successful ones both for our college and for our chapter. As was stated at the Conference, Andrew Carnegie gave fifty thousand dollars to the Institute for the erection of a Laboratory of Engineering, for which ground was

recently broken; and besides this, it is probable that in the near future another building will be erected on the campus by the Alumni Association.

We have now fourteen active members in the chapter, three of whom we lose by graduation. The outlook is very bright, however, as there will no doubt be excellent material to draw on from the incoming class, while three of the seniors of the Stevens Preparatory School have already been pledged. In connection with this I would like to say that if any of the brothers hear of any good men coming to Stevens we would be greatly pleased if they would inform us of it beforehand.

With the dance of the Stevens Social Society on May 10th the season practically closes, although there will be several receptions and the regular exercises on commencement week. Rho sends best wishes to all her sister chapters for a pleasant vacation and for a most successful beginning of another year.

F. J. YOUNGBLOOD.

UPSILON — RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Realization that the term is rapidly drawing to a close puts Upsilon's members in good spirits and makes them begin to lay their plans for the summer. Some will be at home during the vacation, while others will accept positions that will give them some engineering practice.

Just at present there is a contest going on among the various Fraternities and the Rensselaer Society of Engineers to secure the requisite number of votes that will elect their man Grand Marshall of the Institute for the coming year. Heretofore the Fraternities, with the exception of Delta Kappa Epsilon, have hung together against the Rensselaer Society of Engineers. The election takes place on Friday, May 18th, and there promises to be a lively time. Upsilon's candidate, L. T. Boyle, has very bright prospects.

Before another letter to THE RAINBOW we will have lost one of our members by graduation, C. V. Yunker. We look for two of our old members back in the fall to resume their studies.

There are prospects of a large Freshman class entering next fall, already a long list of names has been enrolled.

Base ball is in full blast and the team is doing good work.

Upsilon wishes her sister chapters a pleasant summer.

W. D. CORNWELL.

CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

The approaching summer marks the close of a pleasant and profitable year for us all. Our base-ball team has met with uniform success, having won every game thus far. Brother Brandon has attracted favorable notice by his excellent work in center-field. Brother Morris, who last year won the gold medal offered to the best all-round athlete, has been elected captain of the track team, and has succeeded in stirring up a more than usual amount of interest. Tennis also (of which Chi holds the managership) is attracting considerable attention, nearly one-third of the college being actively connected with the club.

The action of the Junior class in reviving the college Annual has incited the Sophomore class to similar activity, and they have elected their *Reveille* board-of-editors for next year. Brother Voorheis will represent Chi on the board. At the annual spring election of the *Kenyon Collegian*, Brother Hammond was elected to the board.

On the 17th of March the Philomathesian Literary Society held a public debate on the question: "Resolved that the policy of Great Britain toward the South African Republic is justifiable." Brother Southworth was one of the speakers on the affirmative, in whose favor the decision was rendered, and presented strong arguments in a very able manner.

It is a matter of great regret that we are to lose our professor of English, Dr. C. H. A. Wager, who is to become head of the

English department at Oberlin. He has held that chair at Kenyon for three years, and has done much toward raising the educational standard here. His successor has not been chosen yet.

This term, Brothers D. O. Holbrook, Omicron 94, and A. H. McLane, Gamma '98, have favored us with brief visits. Commencement week will be June 24-27, and we extend an earnest invitation to all who can come to be with us at that time.

HENRY G. GRIER.

PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The past year has been an exceedingly successful and pleasant one with us, and, were it not for the fact that my letter would be too long I would enumerate honors and victories that at least cause us to be satisfied with ourselves. However, there may be a few things worthy of mention that have taken place during the last three or four months.

President Wilson, who was compelled to leave our mountain clime on account of ill health, and who had been spending the winter in Arizona, returned last week, and was met and enthusiastically greeted at the train by the faculty and student body.

On May 4th, the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest was held in the Lee Memorial chapel of the University. Eight colleges were represented, and the Orator's Medal was awarded the representative from Randolph — Macon.

Brother Turner has again demonstrated his literary ability, having been elected to act as assistant editor of the *Southern Collegian*. Brother Causey, also, is not lacking in ability along that line, and was unanimously chosen society editor; Brother Pendleton will be assistant business manager.

The Tucker Memorial Hall, of which mention has been made before, is now completed, and will be occupied by the law class this week. The building is made of the Virginia limestone, and its outward appearance is that of a classic structure; but even this is far surpassed by the beauty and convenience of its interior arrange-

ment. Mrs. Bradford, of Philadelphia, has left, through the will of her husband, a \$100,000 endowment, part of which will be used to increase the already large and valuable law library, and the rest for the establishment of scholarships.

Phi was delighted with a visit from Brother Pinkerton, who accompanied the West Virginia base-ball team on its victorious visit to Lexington.

As I have told you beforehand what Brother Andrews was *going to* do for base-ball this year, 'twill take but a few words to tell what he *has* done. Our team takes second place in the State college league, West Virginia being the champions. His good work is clearly shown by the fact that they want him to captain the team again next year. Brother Cooke, as captain of the gymnasium team, after much hard work and various difficulties, succeeded in getting up and carrying to a successful end a most creditable exhibition. He also represented us in the Glee Club, which took part in a concert for the benefit of athletics; and Brother Armistead captivated the house by his clever acting in the play which followed.

Brother Brück has not yet paid us his premeditated visit; but twelve loyal Delts are ready to give him a most hearty welcome at a moment's notice.

C. C. McNEILL.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The University Commencement and Class Day of 1900 will be held during the week of June 11, and will bring to a close the last year of college life for some of us. It is with pleasure that we look back upon a year well spent, and look forward to prosperity for dear old Delta Tau. We very much regret to lose from our chapter-circle Brothers Zeigler, Gillinder, Patterson, Betts and Hallenberg. The boys will surely miss them very keenly, and they always have our kindest wishes for the future.

Next fall we shall begin the fourth year of our chapter life, and we earnestly hope and intend to do harder work than ever for

the interests and welfare of our Fraternity. A lively interest in university affairs and a healthy spirit of conservatism in the choice of new men are principles which have become well grounded in Omega. It will require the use of all our resources and the co-operation of every loyal Delt to realize our ideals in the selection of men from the entering class. It is our intention to secure a more desirable house in the fall, and thus become more firmly established until we shall be able to build a house.

We enjoyed very much the visit of Brothers Moffit and Dean Copp of Beta Lambda, during May.

J. J. A. van Kaathoven, Beta Rho '99, is gradually recovering from a severe attack of appendicitis, but unfortunately he will not be able this year to resume his seat at No. 4 in the 'Varsity boat, and have the honor of defending the cup at Poughkeepsie.

Every Pennsylvania man will cheer on the track team at the Inter-collegiate Championship on May 25 and 26, and the second 'Varsity crew on the 30th, in their race with Cornell, Harvard, and Columbia, we hope — to victory.

We shall hold our annual banquet on Friday evening, June 8, at "The Rittenhouse," and we hope to have the pleasure of seeing all our alumni back, and the privilege of listening to toasts from some of the veterans of Delta Tau. We extend to every Delt most fraternal wishes for a pleasant summer and a hearty welcome to any brother who will come to Pennsylvania.

C. R. SPARE.

BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

For some time the question of fraternity houses has been agitated here at Indiana University; and at last a step has been taken in this direction by two of the local fraternities — Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Sigma. The former has let the contract for a \$7000 house in one of the choicest residence parts of the city, immediately south of the campus. The house will be completed and ready for occupancy at the opening of the next college year. Kappa Sigma

has also completed negotiations for a \$6000 house, which will be built in the same vicinity. This move has set the other fraternities to work, and several more will probably be installed in houses next year. The local Y.M.C.A. is building an association dormitory at the Kirkwood Avenue entrance of the campus. It will be fitted with a gymnasium and an assembly hall.

Beta Alpha has initiated three men since our last letter — Otto Hartmetz of Evansville, Ind.; George De Vilbiss of Bloomfield, Ind.; and C. Frederick Boren of Owensville, Ind. We lose but two men by graduation next year — a senior and a post-graduate; and if all of our classmates return, we can start the new year with an even dozen men.

Brother Edwards, Professor of Biology in Cincinnati University, visited the chapter just at the time of the Easter vacation. In consequence, only two or three of the men were in town. The members profoundly regretted that his visit had not been timed so that he could become acquainted with the whole chapter. We hope that Brother Edwards can come again.

While the Butler baseball team was here, Brother Emmet Huggans of Beta Zeta called on us.

We hope to send a good delegation to the conference at Indianapolis on the 24th of May. The invitations of Beta Zeta have been received; and we look forward with pleasure to this opportunity of meeting the Deltas of the Northern Division.

W. A. PATTON.

BETA BETA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta closes the year in good condition every way. Although smaller in numbers than some of the other fraternities represented here, we are very much alive, and are represented in every college enterprise, especially athletics. Beta Beta has entertained twice very enjoyably this term, and a drive is one of the bright prospects of the future.

The juniors will entertain the seniors in about two weeks.

From all appearances this will be one of the swellest entertainments of the year.

Baseball is absorbing a great deal of attention just now. The 'Varsity team is a very good one, while inter-class and inter-fraternity games occur every few days. The De Pauw team, commencing today, will play four games in one week, thus giving it a trial that will show the material of which it is made. Brother McKinney will probably pitch one or more of the games. Beta Beta loses only one man by graduation—Brother F. D. Zeigler. We have recently enjoyed visits from Brothers Cook and Bourne of Beta Alpha. In closing, Beta Beta sends best wishes to all sister chapters for a pleasant summer and a happy return next fall.

KARL GREENE.

BETA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Before this issue of THE RAINBOW shall appear, the college year will have closed, and Beta Gamma can look back over one of the most successful years of her existence. The ideals entertained by the eighteen ninety-nine and nineteen hundred chapter have been exceptionally high, and keener appreciation and more thorough enjoyment of fraternity life has been the result. The spirit of such life, we feel, will do much to engender strength and solidarity in our chapter's future life.

It was with deep solicitude and feelings of regret that the chapter received the news of the serious illness of Brother Stetson in New York City, where he is attending the Columbia University. We all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Since our last letter to THE RAINBOW, we have initiated three men, whom we feel are in every way worthy to wear our badge. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brothers M. J. Cleary, R. M. Foster and H. G. Patton. Brother Cleary is one of our intercollegiate debaters.

We are at present in the midst of preparation for the Conference of the Western Division, which will meet with us May thirtieth

and thirty-first. Indications point fair to a successful Conference, as the majority of the western chapters have responded favorably as to their being represented. The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Alumni Chapter has been called to take place at Madison on the date of the Conference. The joint meeting of the Wisconsin Alumni Chapter and Western Division of the Fraternity, we feel will greatly add to the interest in the Conference, and we hope will prove to be an occasion long to be remembered, especially in the western Delta world.

The crews are in rigid training; and, from indications, Wisconsin need have no fear of a poor showing being made in the big eastern race. The work of training the crews has been greatly facilitated by the purchase of a unique coaching launch, the coach heretofore being compelled to follow in a shell, and divide his attention between the crews as best he could.

At a recent meeting of the Senior class it was voted to adopt the cap and gown; and Saturday evening, May 5th, witnessed the "swing out." Appropriate speeches were made and a social time enjoyed. The custom seems to meet with general approval, and has no doubt come to stay.

Beta Gamma recently had the honor to entertain Brother Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain of Chicago. Brother Chamberlain was one of the charter members of Chapter Beta Omicron, and is a worthy representative of our older school of Deltas. It afforded the chapter great pleasure to meet Mrs. Chamberlain, as she possessed the typical Delta spirit. Brother Williams of Omicron paid the chapter a visit on the occasion of the Iowa-Wisconsin baseball game, as did also Brother White of Gamma Alpha, at the time of the Western Intercollegiate debate, held at Madison May 5th.

Brother Buchholz of Janesville was our guest recently.

We will give a "duck" party at our chapter lodge June 8th, on the evening of the St. John-Wisconsin freshman boat race. The party will be given in honor of guests who will accompany the crew; and a pleasant time is looked forward to.

W. F. DICKINSON.

BETA EPSILON — EMORY COLLEGE.

The term closes within the month, and the classes are busy with their final examinations; so there is nothing of particular interest to report.

Beta Epsilon loses three men by graduation; but the boys will return next fall filled with determination to advance the interests of the chapter.

The close of the term does not find us altogether without honors. Brother Gibbons of the graduating class will be one of the honor men, and will represent us as commencement speaker.

Brother Davis of the Freshman class also secured a speaker's place, while Brother W. H. Morton was recently elected a debater by Phi Gamma Literary Society.

The Division Conference meets at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, this year; and Beta Epsilon will be well represented by Brother H. D. Bunn.

Brother H. M. McIlhany of Phi recently visited Emory in the interest of the Y.M.C.A. We are always glad to have visiting brothers with us.

At the close of the term we send farewells to all the chapters, and wish them continued success.

I. P. MORTON.

BETA ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The chapter is just about to bring to a close one of the most prosperous years of her existence. Financially we are in fine shape and free from debts.

By graduation this spring the chapter loses two of her hardest workers — Brothers Walter Mayo and D. Price Wickersham. Brother Mayo expects to be back for post-graduate work in the fall, and Brother Wickersham will be in St. Paul busy at the practice of law. We expect all of the others back next fall for work in college.

We have an invincible baseball team this spring; I mean the fraternity team. Not a game have we lost; and now none of the other fraternity teams will cross bats with us, as they think it is useless. They let the scheduled games go by default to avoid the humiliation of defeat.

The students are all in the midst of examinations; but, nevertheless, they find time enough to turn out *en masse* to any of the "Varsity" athletic events.

It seems that Minnesota is on the raise again in athletics of all kinds. The foot-ball team has been out four or five weeks doing light work. The material is good, and prospects are bright.

Brothers Harold Richardson and Mayo will represent us at the Western Conference held with Beta Gamma.

With wishes for a pleasant summer to all, Beta closes the college year.

HARRY E. SUTTON.

BETA ZETA — BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

The exciting period of the college year has gone. The last debate of the year was lost to Notre Dame, and there remain no contests except the base-ball games. In them we have broken even with both Wabash College and Indiana University, though we have been defeated by De Pauw. The leader of the debating team was a Delt, and one of our brothers is a star player on the base-ball team.

However, the loss of excitement has not meant the loss of pleasure. This is the social term. The majority of students have so arranged their work that this is the light term, and they are devoting their time and energy to parties, receptions, and spring "cases." Beta Zeta has been indulging in numerous informals which have won a foremost place in Butler social life. We have even transformed our fraternity meeting into receptions, our country members entertaining us at their homes.

Beta Zeta entertained the convention of the Northern Division on the 24th and 25th of May. The delegates began arriving on the 23d, and the next day was spent in business meetings and in the delegates becoming acquainted. The evening of the 24th Brother Albert Snyder received the Delts and their friends at his beautiful home in Indianapolis. Friday morning saw the business completed, and on Friday afternoon the delegates either wandered over the city or attended the informal in Beta Zeta hall. Friday night the banquet attracted thirty-six Delts. The convention infused Beta Zeta with more energy and more fraternity spirit, and as a stimulant it abundantly repaid us for our labor.

The only regrets of the year will be occasioned by the loss of our four most prominent men and most spirited fraternity workers. Brothers Atherton, Loop, Watts and Carr graduate this year, and the loss of them will be hard for Beta Zeta. However, the chapter is strong, and we shall commence next year with a hopeful outlook and a determined spirit.

O. E. MEHRING.

BETA THETA — UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Owing to the winter holidays Beta Theta has not been represented in the last two issues of THE RAINBOW. During the two preceding terms we have lost many good men. This term Brothers Wilmerding, Folsom, Carnes and Avery failed to return. Brother Wilmerding graduated in the Medical class of 1899, winning first honors. He is now practicing in Atlanta. In spite of our losses we have still a strong chapter, numbering in all fifteen men. Among these is one new member, Brother R. K. Tucker, whom I take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large.

The base-ball season is well under way, and the whole University watches, with breath more or less bated according to individual temperament, the progress of the team. Beta Theta is well represented, the captain, manager, and four players being Deltas. While disagreeable weather has prevented regular practice the men

are now in good shape, and Sewanee feels she has a team not to be ashamed of. We have just finished two games with the University of Texas, breaking even in the contest. Both were hard fought struggles, and in both the victory was well deserved.

We meet Vanderbilt on next Monday and Tuesday, and trust that Sewanee will maintain her natural superiority over this time-honored rival. We do not meet Vanderbilt in debate, as that University seems to be suffering an illness common to newly-fledged actors and timid, fearful debaters — namely stage fright. She has postponed the debate indefinitely.

Among the literary stars that stud our mountain sky, Beta Theta boasts several not inconspicuous planets. Brother De Ovies is assistant editor-in-chief of the university magazine, and in the literary societies important offices are held by our men. In the commencement contests we shall be well represented. Especially among the younger men one breathes the faint smoky atmosphere of ambitious smoldering fires.

This argues well for a prosperous future, and it is for such a future that we are struggling with a unity of purpose and action promising success.

B. B. HOGUE.

BETA IOTA — UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

It becomes our agreeable privilege to begin this, the last letter of our college year, as we begun the first, by the introduction of a new brother. I take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity Brother Hugh Skipwith Worthington of Alexandria, Virginia.

Our base-ball schedule has almost reached its limit. The work of this season's team has been considerably inferior to that of last season's; yet we have no cause to feel ashamed of it. Of our games with Southern colleges we have won all. With our Northern friends we have not been so fortunate. We played Yale, Harvard, and Princeton hard fought but losing games; we took off one of the two, however, with the University of Pennsylvania. This season's

team contained a larger proportion of raw material than usual, but it is of the right sort, and will form a good nucleus for next year's team.

The Gymnasium Tournament was held a short time back, and several handsome cups and medals were awarded to the victors. Beta Iota was represented in the tournament by Brother Churchill Chamberlayne. In the Tennis Tournament, soon to be held, Brother Busch will probably be in at the finish. The election of the General Athletic Association has just been held, and served to monopolize the time of the greater portion of the student body. This, by far the chief election of the year, derives its great importance from the fact that the members so elected not only have in hand the appointment of many of the smaller officeholders, but also have the direction of the athletic policy of the University.

The Dekes have lately built them a chapter house, and are the only fraternity in college who posses one. Beta Iota has been somewhat handicapped this year by the lack of chapter rooms. Our members have not had a convenient place to meet together, and as a result the social feature of the chapter has not been promoted as much as we should like. We have engaged rooms for next year, however, and hope to be in better position both to entertain our visiting brothers and to advance the interests of the chapter.

Brother Churchill Chamberlayne has been initiated by Lambda Pi, the academical fraternity. Brothers Miller and Busch represent us respectively in Pi Mu and Phi Delta Phi, the medical and legal fraternities.

Beta Iota will probably lose five men this year. Brothers Busch and Houston hardly expect to return another year. We lose by graduation in medicine, Brothers Wilson, Pinkerton, and Miller, all three being charter members of the chapter. The loss of these five brothers will be keenly felt by the chapter, not only because they have been agreeable companions, but also because they have always taken an active interest in all fraternity work.

As the college year draws to its close the question naturally presents itself, "what have ye wrought" for the chapter. The year has dealt kindly with Beta Iota. Whether or not her pros-



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perity has been more real, certainly it has been more evident than in the past. Heretofore, we have been more concerned with the foundation, this year we have begun to build upward. Heretofore we have felt our own strength, this year the other fraternities have learned to know that we are one of the powers that are here to stay. We began the year with eight, its close finds us with double this number but one. Yet we have been conservative in the selection of our fraternity material, and time has proved that in every case we have been happy in our choice. We have our representatives in most of the different phases of college life, athletic, literary, social, and musical. We have tried to build a many-sided chapter, a chapter in which strong individuality shall be happily combined with unity on the great fundamental principles of life. We are already discussing fraternity material for the summer's work. With chapter rooms and their advantages, with a good number of the old boys back, with the start which we have already attained, we hope next year to put Beta Iota on higher ground than ever before.

With best wishes to all for a pleasant vacation,

JNO. LITTLETON JONES.

BETA KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

For this, the last issue of THE RAINBOW, we send our picture and our farewell greeting for the year. There is someone from almost every chapter who, with the year, goes out from his college and his active chapter life. To them more than to others, for they will be cut off from what is held deepest and best in their heart, we send our most earnest wishes and good will. May they succeed in what is best for them to succeed and fail in that where what is known as success would in reality be failure. Men who have taken little active part in university life have often been best liked and respected in the chapter, whereas men energetic in college affairs have sometimes neglected their chapter duty, but in either case to whatever class these men belong, they cannot have spent four years in Delta



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Tau without having received some benefit, and they cannot break their association without regret.

To the Conference of the Western Nome we send our chapter report. It will tell the history of Beta Kappa for the year, of the great success that has attended our every effort, of our latest pledges, of our financial prosperity, and just a word about those same finances; there are only twelve of us — we have given the finest and most expensive party ever given in the university, we have moved into and partly refurnished new rooms, in other ways we have used money lavishly, and now, at the end of the year, we have paid the rent of the rooms for the three summer months, and do not owe anyone a cent. We are somewhat proud of this record.

WILLARD P. HATCH.

BETA LAMBDA — LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Lehigh suffered a severe blow in April, when the physical laboratory was burned to the ground. It was built at a cost of \$200,000, and was fully equipped for physical and electrical research. Plans have been drawn, and it will be rebuilt and ready for use in September.

On May 25th, Stevens played Lehigh, and the latter won after a very exciting and interesting game. Quite a number of Stevens men attended the game, and Rho was represented by Brother Botchford, who played on the team, and Brother Chatard, who is manager of the team. Besides these there were Brothers Youngblood, Pryor, Bolton and Holcombe.

Lehigh played Yale base-ball, and won by a score of 10 to 8, which was the cause of great rejoicing at Lehigh.

Beta Lambda received her share of honors for commencement, having a man on the Class Day committee and one on the June Hop Committee.

We eagerly await the first letter from our new chapter at the University of West Virginia.

SAMUEL PARKE HEITSHU.

BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

The base-ball year for the college term has drawn to its close, and finished very successfully the season begun in rather poor form. Athletic interests have taken on a new life this spring with our new gymnasium; the track team, for the first time in several years, has really been in respectable shape. This has been due mainly to the new indoor track and a new quarter-mile gravel track on the college athletic field, with dressing-rooms conveniently near, — a long-felt want which this year has seen filled.

The Glee Club elections for the coming year have just taken place; and in them we obtained the leadership of the Glee Club and a controlling influence on the executive board.

Preparations are actively going on for Class Day, which comes on June 10th. The chapter is to make more of the occasion this spring than usual. The year has been a most prosperous and successful one, and we feel like a little celebration in respect to the fact.

This last month we enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Brother Starr of Sewanee, who is now taking courses at Harvard. We wish that more of the fraters of sister chapters who are about us would find it in their way to visit the hill more frequently.

On Monday, May 28th, Beta Mu initiated Harry Tirrell Merritt; and we take pleasure in introducing our new brother.

L. W. COLLINS.

BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The spring term, which is always one of the busiest seasons of the year in Ithaca, is now almost over; and everyone is looking forward to senior week. Beta Omicron expects to have an unusually large house party this year, for eight of our men graduate, and their guests, together with visiting alumni, will more than fill the house.

The chapter held its fourth annual banquet in honor of the seniors on the nineteenth; and the thirty odd Deltas who met together at the festive board had a rousing good time, which lasted far into the next morning. The chapter was fortunate in having several of the old men present. The Princeton game in the afternoon, with the glee club concert of the night before, made a very pleasant two days; and it is safe to say that everyone had a most enjoyable time.

There is a great deal of building going on this spring among the various fraternities—Chi Phi, Theta Delta Chi and Zeta Psi are all going to build additions, while Sigma Chi and Alpha Tau Omega propose to erect new houses.

W. D. STRAIGHT.

BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE RAINBOW, the Board of Administrators of Tulane have met and elected Dr. E. A. Alderman president of the University of North Carolina, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Preston Johnston. At this writing he has neither accepted nor declined the honor; but it is safe to predict that he will be Tulane's next president.

Athletics are receiving particular attention here at present. There will be a dual track meet between the University of California and Tulane the latter part of May. There are between twenty-five and thirty men training for this meet.

This is also rushing season at Tulane, and great rivalry exists between the nine frats represented here. Beta Xi has pledged two excellent men for next year, and has several others in view.

We have recently enjoyed a visit from Brother N. Harris of Beta Theta.

We hope to have several men represent us at the convention of the Southern Division.

DOUGLAS KILPATRICK, Jr.

BETA PI — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last report, Northwestern University has seen many results of the hard work which we have been doing.

The annual contest of the Northern Oratorical League, which is composed of seven of the best universities of the Central States, was held this year at Madison. Northwestern's representative, Percy E. Thomas, won the first prize; Madison won second.

Our track team, under the captaincy of Brother Elliott, has done much to uphold the University's record in athletics. At the meet held recently at Iowa City with Iowa State University, Northwestern won eight firsts out of thirteen; three of them were gained by Brother Baker on the track, and one by Brother Elliott in the field. The members of our chapter highly appreciated the hearty welcome given them by the men of Omicron Chapter. The team again distinguished itself May 12, when it won the meet with Beloit College on the home grounds by a score of 24 to 15. Much interest was shown in the Sorority Race, which was held after this meet. Each sorority in the University had selected a man to run in a hundred-yard dash. The champion of Delta Delta Delta won the final heat.

The Syllabus, our annual junior class publication, was gotten out this year under the management of Brother Baker, and printed by Brother R. C. Brown. It has lately appeared, and is voted a success by everyone.

Last month Beta Pi initiated two men — Edgar S. Jackson, '03, and J. A. Work, '03. Brother Jackson has already distinguished himself by his work in the box, having pitched the eleven-inning game which we won from Kalamazoo, and the close game recently played at Madison.

The chapter-house fund has been put in charge of one of our alumni. We think this plan an improvement over the old system of leaving it in the hands of the chapter treasurer.

Two of our members graduate this year — Chas. H. Woolbert and John G. Windsor. Brother Woolbert has been elected one of the Class Day speakers. He has also been appointed on the Kirk

Contest in oratory,—one of the highest honors in the senior class.

Brothers Baker and Dennis are pledged to the Dern Senior Fraternity. Seven other men have been pledged,—two from Beta Theta Pi, two from Phi Delta Theta, one each from Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Upsilon, and one non-fraternity man.

The chapter has enjoyed a short visit from Brother Frank Haller,'98, and another from Brother James Potter. R. C. Brown frequently attends our meetings.

Beta Pi is completing a very successful year; and prospects are bright for a still more prosperous period next year.

RALPH H. DURHAM.

BETA RHO — LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Only three weeks of college work remain, so that everything of interest has given way to preparation for the coming final examinations. The semester ends with Berkeley winning both the baseball series and the field meet, and Stanford the tennis and the intercollegiate debate. We have come out of the contests better than last year; but have not as yet gained our old position of supremacy.

Since our last letter we have had the misfortune to lose three men. Brother Doeg left the University to take a good position. Brother Kadderly was called home unexpectedly, and Brother Reed has been married. On the other hand, we have Brother Johnson back with us after a trip to Honolulu for his health. Thus we end the year with ten men, four of whom will not be back next year.

E. G. POTTER.

BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The chapter takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large our last initiate, A. M. Hull, class of 1902.

We have but three seniors this year; and two of these will probably return to the law school next year, so we will be strong in number, at the beginning of next year.

Our annual birthday banquet was held April 6th at the Lincoln Hotel; and although not as many of the alumni were present as we had hoped for, the affair was a thorough success.

C P. Atwood gave a dancing party at his home in this city in honor of his Delta brothers and his Kappa Alpha Theta friends.

Hon. W. J. Bryan spoke a few words in chapel this morning with a view of increasing enthusiasm in the coming Kansas and Nebraska debate.

Although the term is rapidly drawing to a close, and final "exams" are near at hand, the student body has become greatly excited over the events of the past few days.

Matters first took a lively turn last Saturday, May 12th, when the annual competitive drill for the Omaha cup was held. Company "D", of which Brother Woodland is captain, won the drill. Brother A. K. Barnes won the silver medal awarded to the best drilled man in the cavalry squad.

That night companies "D" and "C" started out to paint the town, Company "C" having received second place in the drill. As a result of the celebration, one of the men from "C" company was arrested for discharging fire-arms in the city limits. This, of course, won little favor for the police among the students in general.

B. A. YODER.

BETA UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Unless all signs fail, Beta Upsilon will have its chapter house in course of construction by the time this number of THE RAINBOW is issued. Stentorian work on the part of the older members of the Fraternity has brought the matter to a point where but a few minor obstacles stand in the way, and these may be arranged at any time. It has been the feeling for some months that Beta Upsilon would

not realize its best ideals until installed in a house; and with the present prospect before it, all the fraters feel that the chapter will be better than ever next year. The fraternity house as projected will be the only one built for that purpose here. At this time Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta have houses; but neither were constructed with a view to that use. Sigma Chi's is a former dwelling house, and Phi Delta Theta's was intended for a boarding house. Beta Upsilon has carefully looked over plans; and the present one was chosen after considerable time spent thinking out the best arrangements. Brother R. W. Weirick, '99, who is a fellow in architecture, has been extremely valuable in this matter. At this writing it is thought best not to detail the different points of the proposed house; but it may be said that it will be commodious and situated near the University campus.

Beta Upsilon, in entering a fraternity house of its own, will follow a movement at high tide here. Every Greek-letter society at Illinois today would be in a house if it could make the necessary arrangements. Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta have benefited considerably by their initiative of the movement; but Delta Tau Delta proceeded slowly, mindful that, in a matter of the kind, haste might be synonymous with regret. Besides our chapter, it seems probable that several others will find similar quarters. Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi, the sororities, are both considering the idea. At present Kappa Alpha Theta rents a dwelling house; but the arrangement is said to be considered unsatisfactory. Phi Beta Phi is endeavoring to have a house constructed for it. Of the fraternities, Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Tau Omega desire to enter houses; but as far as is known, they have not made substantial starts on the enterprise.

It is but a matter of a few years at Illinois before fraternity life will rest upon the house basis. At the annual of Beta Upsilon held April 6th, President Draper's remarks at the banquet were to the point. The chief executive of the school said among other things that he was looking forward to the time when every fraternity at Illinois would be installed in its house, and that these buildings should look across the University campus. He said that the University authorities believed the system would result to the advantage of both the insti-

tution and the organizations, fostering a community spirit helpful in every way. President Draper's remarks were not unexpected, as it is known he even went as far as to assure a fraternity a space on the college campus if the society wished to place its chapter house there. The offer was made to Beta Upsilon; and if the chapter had desired it, there is small doubt that the consent of the trustees of the University would have been obtained. There are manifest disadvantages in the way of a house on the campus, and it was not considered favorably.

The chapter in its efforts to enter a house has been greatly helped by Brothers L. A. Weaver, J. D. Morse and George Jobst, old Delts who often attend our meetings. Brother T. C. Phillips, who graduates this year, might be especially picked out for praise from the active members; but all have done much work.

The annual of the chapter, held on April 6th, to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the founding of Beta Upsilon at the University of Illinois, was a noteworthy event in every way. Over seventy-five persons, members of Delta Tau Delta, alumni and friends, sat around the banquet table at the Beardsley, and afterwards danced a long program through at Miebach's Hall. After the elaborate menu at the banquet, the following program of toasts was carried out, Brother Jobst acting as toastmaster: "Upsilon Prime," Henry Weston Mahan; "University Fraternities," Andrew Sloan Draper; "Beta Upsilon," Waldo Carl Evans.

Brother Mahan's toast told of the early days of Delta Tau Delta life at Illinois. Upsilon Prime was the first fraternity installed here; and Mr. Mahan was one of the most prominent workers in it in the years just previous to the faculty ban which kept Greek-letter societies out of the institution for such a length of time. His toast was replete with humor and good sense — a winning combination.

Some of President Draper's remarks have been outlined above. President Draper said that he was only qualified to speak of fraternities from the outside, as he never was a member of such a society. Inasmuch as Delta Tau Delta had invited him to their annual for some years, and he had invariably responded, he was perhaps better prepared to speak of it than any other. The president went on to

say that he believed in fraternities, and thought that their existence meant nothing opposite to the democratic idea of a great university. Brother Jobst, in introducing the president, had remarked his friendliness towards Greek-letter societies which admitted them to the college after his accession to the presidential chair. Dr. Draper in regard to this said that he had never been sorry for his step.

Waldo Carl Evans, '01, who responded to the toast "Beta Upsilon", alluded feelingly to vanished Delts whose names are only tradition to the younger initiates. Brothers who made their friends as wide as their acquaintances were called to mind, and the hope expressed that future speakers would say the same of those present. At midnight, the conclusion of the toasts, carriages were taken to Miebach's Hall, where the annual dance was held.

Delts from out of town present were: H. W. Mahan, August Ziesing, Lowrie McClurg, Harry Brittingham and W. E. Haseltine, Chicago; A. L. Mooreshead, St. Louis; and Harry Hoover, Pontiac.

Brothers Mahan, Ziesing and McClurg attended the regular meeting Saturday night, and during the discussion of the fraternity house aided the chapter materially with suggestions.

Beta Upsilon will be a loser when the college year of 1900 draws to a close with the graduating exercises in June. At that time the seniors, the props of the chapter, leave college. Brothers Schneider, Logue, Phillips, Baker and Peeples have deserved well of Delta Tau Delta. The chapter is glad to announce, however, that their places will be well filled. The following new men have pledged themselves to join: Frederic Tenny, '03, of Bement, and G. L. Barker, '03, of Peoria. This makes four "spikes" for Beta Upsilon.

W. H. SHERMAN.

BETA PHI—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Phi has enjoyed several functions and had the pleasure of entertaining a number of visiting Brothers since our last letter.

On April 26th the Brothers entertained their lady friends with

an informal dance at the Union Commercial 'Travelers' Club. Fifteen couples were present: ices and light refreshments were served.

On April 27th Mr. and Mrs. Scarlet of Bryden Road entertained the chapter. All the members were present. Cards were the pastime of the evening. Light refreshments were served. The ices and candies were in the Fraternity colors, and each member was presented with a beautiful rose on his departure. The house was decorated in the Fraternity colors, and everything arranged so as to show the members a nice time. All voted that they had been royally entertained. College and fraternity songs were sung, and all ended by giving the Fraternity and college yells.

Brother Debes, Mt. Vernon, '00, was in the city May 15th, and called on the boys.

Brothers H. F. Van Nest, Brandon, and Reifsnider, of Chi, were in the city during the spring term, and visited with the boys at the hall.

Brother Chamberlain of Alpha Chapter, Professor in Chemistry in Canton high school, was here on May 16th, taking the examination for 1st Lieutenant O. N. G. He visited the University and called on various members of the chapter.

At the recent election for foot-ball manager, Brother R. T. Rightmire was the successful candidate; he beat his opponent by a vote of 514-226. It was the largest poll ever made in an athletic election, and shows how popular our "Bob" is.

The late Legislature made a large appropriation to the Ohio State University for two new buildings, a Law building and a Physics building. When these are completed Ohio State University will be second to none in advantages in these departments, and we feel sure that it will materially add to the number of students. We feel proud of the progress our University is making.

We feel that our chapter will be very strong next year, as we only lose one by graduation, Brother Alfred Friedlich. All the other members expect to return to college next year. We have prospects of some very good material to support the purple, white and gold, and feel that next year we will be stronger than ever.

F. L. KEISER.

BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta has a new solution of the chapter house question. It proposes to have all the advantages of a chapter house, with none of the financial burdens and disadvantages of a fraternity house. A scheme is on foot whereby a number of the men will be able to secure adjoining rooms on the first and second floors of the best dormitory on the front campus. Two rooms have already been secured by Deltas in this section of this dormitory, and within a short time we shall have more. When desired a curtain can be placed across the hallway, and the two front rooms turned into a reception room for rush meetings or a class day spread if necessary. A piano will be installed, and other convenient arrangements made to make the rooms as neat, tidy and attractive as possible.

A number of our members have recently presented the chapter with editions of the standard novelists, and with copies of the latest and most popular novels of the day, so that the men can easily obtain plenty of interesting reading without the waiting and inconvenience occasioned in obtaining such books from a public library.

Wednesday evening, May 9th, the Brown Chapter of Sigma Xi was formally established. Prof. Henry S. Williams of Yale, President of the National Society, was present, and after a dinner and reception, presented the members with the charter. President Faunce, who is greatly interested in the society, was one of the chief speakers. This society, hereafter, will occupy much the same place for those who pursue scientific studies that Phi Beta Kappa does for those taking a literary course.

The following and no others are eligible to active membership :

First, any professor or instructor who has shown noteworthy achievement as an original investigator in some branch of pure or applied science.

Second, any resident graduate who has by actual work exhibited an aptitude for scientific investigation.

Third, any undergraduate in the senior class who has given

promise of marked ability in those lines of work which it is the object of the society to promote.

Fourth, any graduate of the institution of not less than five years' standing on the same condition as professors and instructors.

The qualifications for membership shall be the pursuing of courses in pure and applied science, constituting at least twenty-six year hours or seventy-eight term hours in the college course. It will also be necessary for a student to do a sufficient amount of work in one branch of science to come under the favorable notice of the department concerned. Under the general head science are included the courses offered in the departments of Anthropology, Astronomy, Botany, Civil Engineering, Comparative Anatomy, Chemistry, Drawing, Geology, Experimental Psychology, Pure Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Physics and Zoology.

Instructor Blanchard of Beta Chi has been elected recording secretary of the new chapter. He was also a member of the committee of arrangements for the installation of the chapter. Two more members of Beta Chi were this year elected to the Phi Beta Kappa. They are H. H. Armington and G. H. Gilbert.

A number of our men have been appointed census enumerators for the coming census. They are Arthur L. Giles, Safford Beal, Max Miller, Ernest Crawley, M. Cameron, Albert W. H. Thompson, W. W. Andrew.

In closing this, my last letter as secretary, allow me to express my appreciation of the excellent work done by the past and present editors of THE RAINBOW, who, to my knowledge have not allowed a single typographical error to be made in any of the letters; allow me to express my own and the chapter's appreciation of the many kind letters sent by the graduates, none of which have I ever had the time to answer except through THE RAINBOW; allow me also to express the opinion that THE RAINBOW, and not long personal letters, is the proper channel for communicating with and keeping in touch with the alumni; allow me also to express the opinion that personal mention of what the individual men are doing, is much more interesting to the graduates and the active members themselves than general statements.

The rush committee for the coming year has been elected as

follows: Safford Hope Beal, '98, Brown University, Providence; Arthur S. Gaylord, South Hadley Falls, Mass.; Frederick P. Drowne, 20 Benefit Street, Providence.

M. CAMERON.

BETA PSI — WABASH COLLEGE.

Beta Psi has just about completed another prosperous year. Since college opened last Fall we have instituted a new move, and we are at present planning to carry our scheme one step nearer completion. That is, we expect to have a real chapter house next year, in which the boys can both room and board. No other fraternity has ever tried this before at Wabash.

Our college baseball team is doing good work; better than was at first expected. Montgomery, the third baseman, is a pledged Delt, and Schaffer, our catcher, has affiliated with the chapter. He was formerly a member of Beta Gamma at the University of Wisconsin.

Beta Psi is very proud, and justly so, of the record her members have made in their college work in the past year. Out of four men who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa from the senior class, two were Delta Taus, Brother King, of Kinsman, Ohio, and Brother Moore, of Louisville, Kentucky. They are the only Deltas in the class or we should have had more Phi Beta Kappa men.

We are expecting to have at the Conference in Indianapolis, May 17-18, at least five men.

We trust every chapter may close the college year as auspiciously as Beta Psi does at Wabash.

R. L. CUNNINGHAM.

BETA OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The end of its second year of existence finds Beta Omega in splendid condition,—better, indeed, than the fondest hopes of its

members had dared expect. From a position of comparative instability at the beginning of the year,—aggravated by the burden of a new house and the debt incurred in furnishing the same,—the chapter has rapidly advanced both in numbers and resources, in social position and in general excellence, until at present her place among the very leading fraternities at the University of California is well assured.

Besides affiliating Brother Loring of Beta Nu, we have initiated five new men,—all brethren of the true Delt type, and imbued with the true Delta ideals,—men who will help to advance Beta Omega to the high position at which she aims. Perhaps there is no better criterion of the chapter's progress than the fact that we have competed so successfully in our rushing with some of the oldest and most powerful fraternities in Berkeley. The "prep" rushing we have done this term makes us feel that we have prepared a goodly egg for the Beta Omega nest next year. Our chances on three men are excellent; on others the work has been so rapid that we hope to be able to do them the honors at the very first of next term. In addition to these possibilities, Brother Philip Baker, Beta Nu, will probably be affiliated with us, and Brother D. R. Curtis, Beta Omega, expects to make the Delta Tau Delta House his home.

We are grieved to have to lose five seniors this year, but Beta Omega feels that her loss in active members is her gain among the alumni; and five more enthusiastic Delts could not grace our patriarchal senate. The graduation of Brothers Dolman, McCullough, Baily, and Oliver leaves Beta Omega shorn of all save one of its charter members.

Class Day was the occasion for the usual Fraternity "at homes" and entertaining. Thanks to the able efforts of the fellows themselves, and to the valuable aid of several of the boys' mothers (*dux femina facti* here as in all entertainment) our reception was one of the biggest successes of the day,—one which all present will remember for some time, I am sure.

Two new fraternities have been lately introduced to California's Greek world — Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Delta Delta. Theta Delta Chi is also said to have established a chapter, but it has not been officially announced yet. Likewise, there are dim mutterings

of Psi Upsilon, and even a few bated whispers of an Alpha Delta Phi chapter,—all more or less apocryphal. The birth of all these infant chapters around us is beginning to make Beta Omega, itself hardly more than a stripling, feel very much like an old and wizened veteran.

E. M. RECTOR.

GAMMA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Gamma Alpha takes pleasure in presenting two new men, initiated since our last letter, Brothers Charles Moore Steele and Donald Kennicott, both of the class of '03. We still hope to add one or two more names to our chapter list of fifteen, before the close of the year.

We have had our chapter house entirely redecorated, and will occupy it for another year. May 14th we celebrated our second anniversary by giving a stag party to our alumni, and on the 19th we entertained our lady friends. Brother Bard also entertained the chapter with cards at his home. We are planning for several more informal functions before the end of the term.

Just at present we are all interested in our annual inter-fraternity base-ball tournament. Last year we had the good fortune to win the championship. We have just played our first game, in which we beat Beta Theta Pi 14 to 2. In college base-ball we seem to be having an off year, so far at least. Brothers Ewing and Rogers, however, are representing us on the team most creditably.

Brothers White and Phillips were delegates from the University to the annual meeting of the Northern Oratorical League, held at Madison, Wis. We will also have a delegate at the Western Division Conference.

Several of our chapter are planning a bicycle trip through Europe this summer. We hope any other Delts there at that time will be on the watch for them.

A daily paper has recently been started here, which bids fair to be very successful, judged by its brilliant start. Brother Barker

is on the editorial board. Our second annual comic opera has just been held. Three performances to crowded houses, and a profit of \$4000 to be given to the university settlement, testify to its success. Eight of our men took part, and Brother Lee was on the executive committee. Brother Ewing was athletic editor on our college Annual, which has recently been issued. Brother Phillips has distinguished himself in oratory, and Brother Kennicott in dramatics.

It is with regret that we have lost the following men during the last two months: Brothers Phillips, Irons, Smith, Ewing, and Martin. Various reasons have compelled them to give up their active membership.

ROBERT S. McCLURE.

THE DELTA ALUMNI.

DELTA.

'88 — Armin O. Leuschner, associate professor of Astronomy, represented the University of California at the recent conference of delegates from the great universities of the country, which met at Chicago in February, to consider matters relating to reforms in the granting of higher degrees. Professor Leuschner was the originator of the idea of the conference, and it was largely due to his energy that this important meeting was held. He was elected secretary of the conference, President Eliot of Harvard being president and President Wheeler of California vice-president.

KAPPA.

'87 — F. N. Dewey is practising medicine in Elkhart. His address is 111 N. Fifth Street.

'96 — Bro. P. W. Chase, A.M., '99, was married on April 11th to Miss Vinnie Mae Walrath of Hillsdale. Mr. Chase is serving his second term as city treasurer.

MU.

'89 — Rev. Edwin H. Hughes is just completing his fourth year of successful service as pastor of the Centre M. E. Church, Malden. This is in many respects the strongest church in the New England conference, with a membership of 950 and a Sunday School nearly as large. During his pastorate Mr. Hughes has seen constant accessions to the church membership, so that at present almost half the members are those he has received either from probation or by letter.

He was born in Moundsville, West Virginia, Dec. 7, 1866, his father being a Methodist minister, as are two of his brothers. His education was obtained in the public schools until fourteen, and he then took the preparatory course for college in the Academy of West Virginia University. He graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., in 1889. This college gave no honors except in oratory. He took this prize, and also the prize for the state of Ohio, and later the prize for oratory for the eight western states in the Intercollegiate Association.

Between his sophomore and junior years Mr. Hughes served his first church in Madison, Ia., the little prairie church being as enthusiastic in its love for him as is his present city charge. He came to the Theological School of Boston University, where he graduated as one of the speakers in 1892. Meanwhile he had served as pastor at the chapel of the Old South Church in Boston, and in 1892 been appointed pastor of the M. E. Church at Newton Centre. The same year he married Miss Isabel B. Ebbert of Atlanta, Ga. He was four years at Newton Centre, going thence to Malden, where under the time limit he has one more year to serve.

Mr. Hughes fills the seats of the great auditorium of the Malden Church every Sunday, though never resorting to any means other than those of the faithful pastor and preacher. He never preaches upon current events, except by way of allusion. Neither his study nor his pastoral work is neglected. He is aided in the opening services of each Sabbath by his assistant, Rev. J. M. Shepler. His reading of the hymns is careful; and when he makes the "long prayer", his manner is as one who is lost in devotion, the appropriate sentences following one another with the unbroken rhythm of a psalm.

After the congregation has sung the hymn, the pastor rises, carefully opens his Bible, places the hymn-book on one side of his pulpit-desk, the psalter on the other, announces his text, steps to the left of the desk, and does not return until the sermon is over. He is of medium height, but impresses one as he stands as being smaller than he is. His voice is perfectly trained, musical, and with a resonant quality which makes it easy for him to speak in any large

room. His manner is perfectly easy; he does not hesitate to laugh when he has made a convincing point, but one always feels that here is an earnest man with a message; and he never fails to have one on any Sabbath of the year. Every gesture fits the thought. — *Boston Journal*.

NU PRIME.

'79 — William W. Ballard, at Watkins, Colo., Oct. 6, 1898; aged 44 years.

'86 — George B. Stear, lawyer, at St. Louis, Mo., in spring of 1899, of consumption; aged 36 years.

PI.

'75 — G. R. Page has recently been elected president of the Bank of Clarksdale, Miss.

'78 — J. W. Cutner is president of the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board.

'86 — George Yerger Hicks and Miss Maud Baldwin were married at Canton, Miss., March 21st, 1900. They are making their home in Vicksburg, Miss., Dr. Hicks having recently been elected superintendent of the Charitable Hospital at that place.

'98 — Married, at Meridian, Miss., Jan. 23rd, 1900, Walter A. Brown and Miss Bessie Lanier. They are living in Columbus, Miss.

RHO.

'83 — Fred. S. Martinez is an engineer with offices at Havana, Cuba.

'83 — E. D. Estrada has been appointed engineer of public works for the province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

'86 — It is with deep regret that we announce to the Fraternity the death of William Chester on February 23rd, 1900.

'96 — Wallace Willett and Miss Rosamond Wilson were married on Wednesday evening, April 18th, at the Union Avenue Presbyterian Church, East Orange, N.J.

'98 — George E. Hemminger is at present in the employ of the Hudson & Essex County Gas Co., Newark, N.J.

'99 — Grant Campbell is temporarily located at Covington, Va., where he is engaged in installing the piping work for the pulp and paper mill of the West Virginia Paper Co. The work is under the supervision of the Westinghouse, Church, Kerr Co. of New York City.

'99 — The engagement of Harold Humphreys and Miss Lydia Brooks Bell of Morristown, N.J., was recently announced.

BETA ALPHA.

'89 — W. A. Miller, for some years superintendent of the Attica, Ind., schools, has accepted a similar position at Crawfordsville.

'91 — R. C. Rogers is one of the leading physicians of Bloomington, Ind.

'93 — M. L. Grimes is a prominent attorney in Bloomington.

'98 — Will A. Reed is principal of the Orleans, Ind., Schools.

'99 — Oscar L. Pond is a student in the Columbia Law School.

'99 — T. H. Harmon will open a law office in Evansville.

'99 — Fred. E. Dyer is practising law in Worthington, Ind.

Ex-'00 — F. W. Lauenstein is advertising manager on *The Evansville Democrat*.

Ex-'00 — Harry D. Tousley holds a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. in Chicago.

'Ex-'02 — W. I. Hill has been superintendent of the Dunlapsville, Ind., schools this past year. Brother Hill was married recently.

Ex-'02 — Charles Mutschler is now private secretary to the manager of the Nappanee Furniture Co., at Nappanee, Ind.

OMEGA.

'99 — On Monday, April 16th, William Sherwood Groover was married to Miss Florence Boyer of Philadelphia. After June 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Groover will be at home at 220 South Fourth Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York.

BETA ETA.

'88 — News has reached Minneapolis of the death of Charles H. Webster, a member of the class of '88 and a brother of Prof. Frank Webster of the East Side High School. His death occurred in Eveleth, Minn., through the bursting of the fly-wheel in the electrical plant of which he was the owner. The funeral was held at Eveleth, where his relatives live, but his remains were brought to Minneapolis for interment in Lakewood. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and leaves many friends among the earlier graduates. — *University of Minnesota Ariel*.

BETA THETA.

'92 — John Fearnley of Monroe, La., has been appointed rector of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. He will assume his duties in September.

BETA MU.

'92 — Brother Fred. M. Carr, whose home is in Somerville, is rejoicing at the birth of a son and heir.

'94 — Brother Omer G. Petrie died at his home in Palmer, Mass., April 27th, 1900.

BETA PI.

'96 — E. H. Pierce has married Miss Edith Heaps, who is an alumna of Northwestern University.

'97 — R. Clarence Brown has completed his contract for the printing of the Northwestern University *Syllabus* this year; and everyone is well satisfied with the result.

'97 — A. B. Potter, who graduated from the Dental School last year, has opened an office at 4705 Indiana Avenue, Chicago.

BETA RHO.

'97 — Brothers Mason Ross and George Taylor are in Arizona for their health.

'99 — Brother Durrell has a position in the cyanide plant of the American Zinc Mine near Yerma, Arizona.

Ex-'00 — Brother W. M. Kerr is travelling in Europe.

Ex-'01 — Brother H. L. Ross is with O. P. Downing & Co., wholesale druggists, San Francisco. Brother Downing is president of the San Francisco Alumni Chapter.

BETA UPSILON.

'97 — George Jobst, who is erecting the new agricultural building here, was recently married. His address is 208 W. Church Street, Champaign, Ill.

'98 — Frederick W. von Oven was married last month at Aurora, Ill.

Ex-'00 — A. Lee Moorshead has a position with the Terminal Railway Association at St. Louis.

Ex-'01 — Harry Buttingham is studying law in Chicago.

Ex-'01 — Louis M. Tobin has charge of the *Urbana Courier* at Urbana, Ill.

BETA PHI.

'95 — Brother A. E. Addison, now teacher in Columbus High School, will receive his degree in law at the coming commencement.

'96 — Brother J. R. Tanner also receives his degree in law at the coming commencement.

'96 — Brother A. C. Harvey, teacher in Columbus High School, is becoming quite popular as director for home talent plays.

'96 — Brother C. M. Addison, teacher in Columbus High School, also receives his degree in law at the June commencement of the Ohio State University.

THE GREEK WORLD.

Theta Xi has placed a chapter at Columbia University.

Sigma Chi has entered a chapter house at Tulane University.

Beta Theta Pi has leased a chapter house at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Hanover chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has surrendered its charter.

The National Convention of Zeta Psi was held in Philadelphia March 9-10.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has lost her house at the University of Michigan. The chapter occupies a rented house.

The College of William and Mary has bestowed upon Thomas Nelson Page the key of Phi Beta Kappa.

Kappa Alpha So. has recently placed a chapter at the University of Mississippi. This makes Kappa Alpha's thirty-ninth chapter.

Tulane University has been given \$50,000 for the erection of a library building.

Kappa Sigma has placed a chapter with a membership of ten at the Alabama A. and M. College.

The Alpha Tau Omega Chapter at Cornell has begun the erection of a chapter house. The contract price was \$16,000.

Alpha Tau Omega has entered the University of California with a chapter of thirteen men.

The college annual of the University of North Carolina will this year be issued exclusively by the fraternities and be devoted to fraternity interests.

J. C. Beckham, the democratic claimant of Kentucky's gubernatorial chair, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon from Central University, class of 1888.

Phi Gamma Delta maintains a permanent office of the Fraternity in New York City. It is in one of the large fire-proof office buildings, where the records of the Fraternity can be safely kept, and at the same time be open to the inspection of visiting or inquiring members. From there the actual business management is transacted through a permanent secretary.

The sororities at Swarthmore have been notified by the authorities that they will be expected to withdraw their charters at the end of the present college year. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi are affected. The reason given was that the chapters interfered seriously with the social life of the college. Permission has been given to present a defense. The fraternity men, Kappa Sigma, Delta Upsilon and Phi Kappa Psi, having chapters there, are helping the girls all they can, realizing that their turn may come next. One-third of the women students are Greeks.

At the convention of Theta Delta Chi, held in Washington, February 22 and 23, authority was given to revive the chapter at Dickinson, and place a new chapter at the University of California. It was decided to make no effort to enter the University of Chicago.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has placed her fifty-sixth chapter at the Kentucky State College. The Fraternity was petitioned by two different local societies from this institution, and the confusion resulting was so great that both bodies of petitioners came near being refused. The petition was granted to a consolidation of the two sets of petitioners.

Phi Kappa Psi held her Convention at Columbus, Ohio, on April 18, 19, 20. The executive council was authorized to place chapters at Williams, Brown, Vanderbilt, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Canadian extension was not endorsed. The charter of one chapter was withdrawn and a revision of the

Constitution was voted. The next convention will be held at Pittsburgh, in 1902.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature to prevent hazing. It provides that if death ensues as a result of hazing, the person or persons found guilty shall be held for manslaughter in the second degree. In any other case the penalty will be a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500, or by imprisonment in a county jail or penitentiary for not less than three months nor more than one year, or both.

The Kappa Alpha Sorority still stands loyally to the Frat, and if there is a slight remark made of one of the worst Kaps, while in their presence, you're treading on dangerous ground. I am told that one young man experienced a rather unwelcome sensation by this practice.

The foregoing clipping from the Wofford College chapter letter in the March issue of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* somewhat mystifies us. What is the *Kappa Alpha Sorority*? We find no reference to such an organization in Baird's College Fraternities. Perhaps it is an annex to the Fraternity for the benefit of the ladies, somewhat after the nature of Beta Theta Pi's.

The Kappa Alpha So. correspondent is authority for the statement that the faculty of William Jewell college has disfranchised the chapter of Kappa Sigma at that institution, for initiating men below the Sophomore grade. It is stated that the majority of the chapter's members will withdraw from the college.

Chi Psi held its Annual Convention in New York, at the Holland House, April 19, 21. The Stevens Chapter and the New York Alumni Association had the affair in charge.

Elbridge T. Gerry was re-elected President of the Fraternity. The proposal to establish a grand alpha or central chapter was discussed at length, but action upon it was deferred until next year, when the convention of the Fraternity will be held at Chicago, under the auspices of the chapter at the University of Wisconsin.

The following clipping from one of our daily papers will be of especial interest to all fraternity men, in view of the recent litigation by the St. Lawrence chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma :

Justice Stover, in the Supreme Court, yesterday handed down a decision which will be of interest to all members of the Masonic order, as well as those connected with other secret societies.

The decision was in the case of Robert Kopp, a manufacturer, of 78 Barclay Street, against the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of New York. Mr. Kopp, who has been a Mason for twenty-three years, and was a past master of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 94, in March, 1899, was ordered to appear before three commissioners and stand trial on the charges of having written a letter to the then Grand Master, William A. Sutherland, in which he assailed the Grand Master.

Mr. Kopp appeared at one meeting, but refused to take part in the proceedings, declaring that the commission had not been properly appointed. He failed to appear at the next meeting, and evidence was produced to show that he had written the letter. It was decided to expel him, and sentence was affirmed by the Commission on Appeals, and was fully approved at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in June, 1899.

This was the highest court in the order, so Mr. Kopp appealed to the civil courts; and in his decision yesterday Justice Stover affirmed the action of the Masonic court, holding that when men joined fraternal organizations and subscribed to their laws they must abide by those laws.

"As to the allegation that the punishment was too severe," says the Justice, "that is a matter with which this court has nothing to do. If the court below had jurisdiction to try the plaintiff, it had jurisdiction to fix the punishment of expulsion. Whether it was commensurate with the crime, or whether it was excessive, this court cannot decide. It will be seen that all of these alleged errors were, if errors at all, of judgment, not affecting jurisdiction, and were reviewable by the Commission of Appeals, whose judgment was not subject to review by the court. It was a case wholly for the Masonic tribunal.

"I am unable to discover any grounds upon which this court could interfere. When the plaintiff became a Mason, he submitted himself to the government of the order as prescribed by its constitution and by-laws. Whatever right he obtained, he obtained from the society itself. He held those rights subject to the laws of the governing body and to no other. He was bound to conduct himself in accordance with the rules and laws

of the society; and he knew that if he failed so to conduct himself he was amenable to the court established by the organization itself. He was, at the time of committing the second offense, under discipline and suspension for a former offense against the laws of the order. It was in this action that the letter of the Grand Master was written, the reply to which was the subject of the trial now under investigation. That such letter was a gross violation of Masonic obligations, Masonic conduct, and Masonic law, there can be no question.

"If I am correct in the views I have stated above, his trial was strictly in accordance with the rules of procedure established by the order; and his appeal to the Commission of Appeals, and the affirmance of its judgment by the Grand Lodge, was within the jurisdiction conferred by the rules of the order. There is no ground that I can discover upon which a court of equity should interfere to prevent the carrying out of the sentence as finally confirmed by the Grand Lodge."

The following clippings from the daily press show that the so-called fraternity troubles at Yale still go merrily on:—

A complete revolution is to be made in the workings of the secret society system of Yale University as a result of the agitation against the sophomore societies started by the present senior class. The power of the sophomore societies in Yale athletics, and, in fact, in all branches of Yale life, will be completely broken. The members of the sophomore societies agreed to the change under pressure from the entire senior class, petitions from several of the recent graduating class, and from scores of Yale alumni in all parts of the country.

The new society system was adopted at a joint conference of committees from the sophomore society and the non-sophomore society members of the senior class. The committees' report was announced today by Richard J. Schweppe, chairman for the sophomore societies' committee, and Jesse D. Dana, chairman for the petitioners' committee.

The report states that a "pyramid" system of class societies has been agreed upon. This system is based upon the principle of elimination, the idea being to have a large number of undergraduates members of general "fraternities" in their sophomore year, and a smaller number selected in junior year, with a still smaller number in senior year for membership in "societies" peculiar to Yale.

The present system of senior societies was left undisturbed, as it is compatible with the pyramid principle just adopted.

The present junior fraternities will be extended over sophomore year. They include Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. A fourth junior fraternity, Zeta Psi, not before recognized by the others, will receive recognition on the same basis as the other three, and will extend its membership into sophomore year.

The present sophomore societies, He Boule, Eta Pi and Kappa Alpha, will be made junior societies.

The four future sophomore fraternities, as now planned, will include 152 members,— thirty-eight to each. The future junior societies, under the new arrangement, will contain between sixty and seventy-five members, according as the membership of each of the three is twenty or twenty-five men. The three senior societies will continue to contain fifteen members each.

The committee reports that under the new arrangement preparatory school influences and family "pulls" will count for less in the selection of the society members, and society honors will be placed upon a basis of merit, while the formation of cliques in the early part of the college course will no longer be fostered.

The recommendation of the joint committee has yet to be ratified by the petitioners from the senior class and by the fraternities and societies affected. A meeting of the general body of petitioners has been called to take action on the report. The findings of the committee have been posted at the houses of the sophomore societies. Favorable action on the part of the local chapters of the fraternities affected is also looked for. Sophomore society men are greatly in the majority in them. It is understood that the proposed change meets with the approval of the faculty.

This of late date shows no conclusion yet of the troubles.

The present strained conditions of affairs arises over the failure of the three sophomore societies, Eta Phi, Kappa Psi, and He Boule to ratify the reform scheme which a committee from each of them agreed upon in conference with a committee appointed by the non-society men of the college, who have for years indignantly clamored for the abolition of the societies. Of course the sophomore societies deliberately turned down their own representatives by their failure to ratify the agreement but this fact did not disturb them. They saw in the situation a chance to delay the settlement of the question till after the close of the school year in June and the graduation of the present senior class.

With the accession of another senior class, they reasoned that they might expect less hostile treatment. They determined to take the risk,

and not only refused to ratify the reform system proposed, but also used their influence to block its ratification in the junior fraternities. In Delta Kappa Epsilon, in Psi Upsilon and in Alpha Delta Phi, they succeeded in preventing the ratification, and the defiance they now exhibit shows their delight and belief that the time is too short for relief measures to be taken before the close of the present term.

The case has now gone again to the faculty for action in the shape of the original petition, signed by 350 of the 375 members of the senior class, for the abolition of the sophomore societies. A meeting of the faculty has been called for late this afternoon to act upon the matter.

President Hadley has just taken a hand in the matter. He has called committees from both the society and the non-society men before him, and an announcement of his policy is expected to-morrow.

The arrogance of the sophomore society leaders was apparent last night in an act of minor importance, compared with the vital questions of equality involved in the controversy. The sophomore society men, as members of the campaign committee of the junior fraternities, prevented the election of Charles D. Francis to one of the fraternities.

Francis was ranked as a sure candidate by virtue of his office as assistant manager of the foot-ball eleven. He is the first assistant manager to fail of election to a junior fraternity. He is one of the leaders of his class in scholarship, and is earning his way through Yale by tutoring. But he has no money, and the sophomore society men, it is freely asserted, prevented his election as a junior fraternity member.

The chaos into which Yale has been thrown by the excitement over the proposed society system changes is not confined to the social side. It has cut deep into the athletic teams, and now the undergraduate body asks itself whether an athletic team captain who is a non-society man can expect proper support from members of his team who are sophomore society men, and *vice versa*. Whether the actual influence of the controversy has generally reached this stage or not cannot be asserted with accuracy, but there is no doubt that the disorganized condition of at least one of the Yale teams at the present time is to be traced to the trouble. What the effect will be on the athletic teams in the championship events with Harvard and Princeton at the close of the school year can only be surmised.

THE GREEK PRESS.

It would seem that there is quite a wide range of opinion among the members of Kappa Alpha So. in regard to an extension policy. *The Journal's* correspondent at the Southern University has this to say in the March issue : —

There is a Mason and Dixon's line in the hearts of men, and ever shall be until hell shall sing a funeral dirge over the dead body of a fallen God. "She [the South] has faded into grand America." No! She is the purest and best expression of the Anglo-Saxon race, and America's future glory is centered here. Let this be our home, and let us reign supreme here, where we find our most congenial companions.

In the same issue the Johns Hopkins correspondent takes this view of the question : —

Now, since we have covered our chosen field [the South] completely, and since there is not a Southern university left that we may enter — for we have planted a chapter at every Southern college or university worthy of one — why not let us consider the universities of the Middle West, as, for example, the University of Chicago, where almost as many Southern men go as to the University of Virginia.

The Sigma Alpha Record for March reproduces a part of Brother Babcock's article on alumni chapters with the following exception : —

On one point, and an important point at that, we must take issue with the writer in THE RAINBOW. He says it is not the highest wisdom to make any and every member of the Fraternity residing within the defined limits by that fact a member of the alumni chapter; and that just as there was selection and election in the undergraduate chapter, so there should be in an alumni chapter. This seems to us to be a wrong

view of the case. Once a member of a fraternity, always a member (barring expulsion, of course), and every fraternity man should, *ipso facto*, be eligible to membership in an alumni organization. The "selection" must be attended to before he is admitted to the Fraternity at all.

We do not admit the force of this exception. It is true that "once a member of the Fraternity, always a member." But admittance to an alumni chapter makes no difference whatever in a man's privileges of membership in the Fraternity.

Our own experiences with two of our alumni chapters convince us that selection *is* necessary if a live chapter is desired.

For many reasons a man may not fit into a local alumni chapter, although he is a most worthy Delta. For neither himself nor the chapter would membership under these conditions be wise.

If Sigma Alpha Epsilon has made it a rule to dispense with selection in making up her alumni associations, it would seem that the results were not entirely satisfactory; for in the editorial columns of the same number the fact is bewailed that out of twenty-two associations no more than half that number show any signs of life. This is just the evil Delta Tau Delta is trying to avoid; and we consider a careful selection in electing members the most fundamental principle to be observed.

We are glad to reproduce parts of a very thoughtful article upon "The Men and the Chapter" which appeared in the March issue of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The writer has called attention to a custom that we believed no longer existed in any fraternity; namely, the alumni of Kappa Alpha are empowered to pledge a man before he enters college. We do not see how it would be possible to secure the congeniality for which the author pleads when the alumni are able to saddle the chapters with any sort of men that they desire to pledge. There are many types of fraternity men. But each chapter should have its own modified type, and very seldom is an alumnus in a position

to judge whether the man he pledges will conform to the chapter's type or be entirely apart in nature and sympathy. While the writer has brought out no very new truths he has presented them with excellent clearness, and we commend his thoughts to our own undergraduate members.

On the care taken in the selection of the men for fraternity life depends the welfare of the chapter and the fraternity. There are two extremes in the selection of men; ultra-conservatism and ultra liberalism. Of these two evils the latter is probably a little the worst and an evil more frequently exhibited than the former. The middle course is the only one to success.

The prosperity of the chapter depends primarily on the *congeniality of its members*. They have become a family, a family composed of brothers, in which perfect harmony should exist. It has often been the case that one member destroys the peace and fraternalism of the entire chapter. An uncongenial member could do more harm to the chapter than anything else, unless it be two uncongenial members. For a chapter to be really a unit of a fraternity the members must be "birds of a feather." When this condition is satisfied the flocking together, at all times and for all purposes, will be perfectly natural. There can be no such thing as pretended congeniality. It is natural and not artificial. I do not mean to say that a man cannot to a considerable extent change his opinions and habits, but what I do mean is that congeniality cannot be made to appear where it is not. The principles of the fraternity and the doctrines which it teaches should form a mould which turns all its members out alike — *men* in every sense of the word. But the taking in a man with the expectation that he will be congenial is a dangerous experiment.

In the selection of men, congeniality is the first qualification, and it is one that *must* be satisfied. But it is far from being the only requisite for a fraternity man. It is hard and impossible to lay down strict rules in this matter, but there are some very general ones to be observed.

The man must be a gentleman in every sense of the word. He must be equal in character of every other man in the chapter. Good morals count in fraternity life as they do everywhere else. I don't believe that a man should be ineligible to a fraternity unless he be descended from "a long line of famous ancestors." But still every one of us would be unwilling to know of a fraternity brother who is uncertain as to the identity

of his ancestors. I don't mean to say that "family" should not be to some extent a requisite, for certainly it should. To put the matter in a nutshell, don't take in a man whose family is such as to cast reflections on the fraternity. It is impossible to say what a gentleman is, but everyone can soon determine whether a man is a gentleman or not. Some chapters are averse to initiate a man because he is from the country, and here is a big mistake. Say what you will, I know from experience that, as a class, the men from the country make the best fraternity men. The money question is a delicate one and depends largely on the chapter. But remember this, for it is the gospel truth, *Money doesn't make a fraternity man*. There are as many good fraternity men who are poor—perhaps more—as there are who are not. A chapter should hesitate before initiating a man who they know has not money enough to keep up to the standard. The man would never feel right, and if he be a sensible man he would not join a fraternity.

A thing that cannot be emphasized too much is this: *Know everything about the man before you ask him to join*. I mean, know everything about him on which his eligibility to your number depends. Nearly every mistake a chapter makes can be charged up to this fact, this carelessness. There are men in every fraternity who ought not to be there. We all know this. But it is not the fault of the man himself, but of the chapter which is guilty of criminal negligence. It is very rare that it cannot be told whether a man is suitable or not, after a little investigation. It is better to lose ten good men than to get in one who is almost a disgrace to the order. Don't be in too big a hurry. It is not a life or death matter. And this brings up a matter, seemingly insignificant, but really of great importance. I refer to the "brother" question. It often happens that a man has a brother who has been a member of the chapter and then the chapter will hasten to take him in without knowing anything of the man. A prospective initiate may stand upon his brother's reputation as to family, means, etc., but every man should be adjudged as to character on his own merits.

As to pledging men before they have entered school: When they are attending some preparatory school of the college the chapter may have ample opportunity to judge of his merits, and under such conditions I will say "pledge the man." But when he is living in his native town, what about pledging him? Our fraternity allows the alumni to pledge men, but I am sure that this is the cause of as much harm as good. But what ought to be done is this: Get the alumni to talk up your fraternity to him, and persuade him, if they can, that it is the only fraternity on

earth and that the others are mere side issues. The alumni will have great influence over the men, if they will exert it. They live in the same town, know the boys, and the boys are ready and willing to take their advice because they have been to college. The alumni should not pledge them, but should talk to them in such a way that they would join that fraternity if they received an invitation.

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