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THE EASTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The Eastern Division Conference was held in New York, at the Manhattan, February 22d. All Delts who had the good fortune to be present will agree that the meeting was a red-letter event of Deltaism. Numbers, enthusiasm, and a spirit of aggressive fellowship combined to make the occasion one of memorable pleasure and permanent profit. The attendance demolished all past records. An even hundred were present at some time during the day, and seventy-five remained to enjoy the banquet in the evening. It is worthy of notice that only once in our history, namely at the last Karnea, has there been a larger gathering than this, and the slight predominance at Chicago needed the assistance of accurate statistics in order to make itself felt in New York. These facts give the Eastern Division enviable standing, and seem to prove that although this is the latest established division of the Fraternity, nevertheless the effete East yet contains potentialities for us which are not to be neglected or despised.

Not only was the convention enjoyable in itself; its value is more enduring; it most effectually fulfilled its mission of demonstrating true fraternity spirit, and thus sowing the seeds of future power. Repeatedly did the words of the speakers show that they felt this to be the place where high ideals are formed, and whence also comes the impulse to their attain-

ment. The importance of such a meeting cannot be overestimated. Delta Tau Delta is made stronger by the Eastern Division Conference of nineteen hundred.

Much gratitude is due to Rho Chapter and to the New York Alumni for their careful preparations and for their hospitality. The accommodations and the service at the Manhattan were excellent. The Alumni Chapter was especially thorough in notifying resident Delts of the conference. This chapter has a mission and knows it. Many of its members possess a fervor and a loyalty of spirit that should be an example to every undergraduate. It is cheerful to see it thus clearly shown that fraternity relations can be persistent without being perfunctory. The activity and efficiency of these two chapters deserved the rewarding success that attended their efforts. That success is in itself an argument against changing the location of the convention. It is always unwise to break up a "winning combination," and the same principle applies here. This is not the place to re-open discussion of this question, but it certainly seems doubtful if enough would be gained by making the convention itinerant to compensate for the loss of the general enthusiasm and large attendance which the central position of New York guarantees.

Rho Chapter was present *en masse*; Omega was second with fourteen representatives. Most of the other chapters sent larger delegations than usual.

One of the most agreeable features of the day was the unceremonious renewing of old friendships which were begun on similar occasions in the past. Herein lay the impulse of that resolve, not to be absent from the conference next year. It was worth the trouble and expense of a journey from the outlying provinces just to grip hands again, and to hear the hearty greetings, and to see the well-remembered faces. Six of the Arch Chapter were present, and the longer list of lesser lights filled the room with a glow of geniality.

It is hardly necessary to present the proceedings of the day in detail. The formalities began with a welcome from the chair, which was excellently supplemented by Brother Brumm's address. The sergeant-at-arms wore a comical look of dismay when confronted with the task of identifying everyone in the room; but he stuck to his duty manfully and at last reported that only the elect and the faithful were present. The routine business occupied all the morning. In the afternoon several of the old and much-mooted questions arose and were made the subject of debate, but without the wide participation which their importance deserves. It ought hardly to be necessary to remark that these matters are of general interest, and that every delegate should have already formed opinions respecting them which he is prepared to express. This may be done without ill-temper or wrangling, and undoubtedly conduces to the welfare of the Fraternity. It would be advantageous if the delegates on their return brought before their chapters these points that have been discussed at the Division Conference. If one meeting could be devoted to the report of the delegate and to a consideration of such questions as the relation of professional schools to the Fraternity and similar topics that need not be mentioned here, the chapter would be less likely to become isolated, and the delegate of the succeeding year would be better qualified to meet the same problems should they arise again.

The last incident of the afternoon session was the election of Brother Hall of the New York Alumni Chapter as the successor of Brother Bolard in the presidency of the Eastern Division. In retiring from office, Dr. Bolard has the gratitude of the entire division for his vigorous work in behalf of the welfare of the Division. The incoming president has already held the same office; so the qualifications of experience are added to the best wishes of all as an earnest of success.

The banquet was in every way an appropriate finale to the

proceedings. At a long table at one side of the hall were seated the speakers and distinguished alumni, while οἱ πολλοί were grouped around smaller tables scattered about the room. Masses of flowers lent color to the glow and sparkle of glass and silver. The good old Delta songs, reinforced by some large and lusty college yells, enlivened the feast and facilitated digestion.

But the occasion was memorable from the intellectual as well as from the gastronomic point of view. Unfortunately, the absence of beauty that characterizes skeletons, especially those of post-prandial speeches, forbids the attempt to insert here an articulate summary of what was said by the various speakers, so it must suffice to observe that the toasts were all excellent, and to record one or two general impressions that the writer received. In the first place, an annual banquet without our genial Brother Kent to preside could meet an equal loss only in the absence of Brother Hughes' exposition of Deltaism. The remarks of the latter speaker never fail to show a keen appreciation of the value of the strenuous element in fraternity life. A fraternity has a right to expect from its members not only a passive conformity to the prescribed regulations, but also an eternal and vigorous *activity* that shall reach out and embrace every opportunity to help a brother. The effort is good for the soul, and herein lies strength.

The striking incident of the evening came when the toast-master left the room a few minutes and returned with a hale and vigorous gentleman whom he introduced as J. L. N. Hunt, one of the founders of Delta Tau Delta. When the welcome lulled, Brother Hunt described the founding and early life of the Fraternity. Delta Tau was born in Bethany, West Virginia, "amid the throes of an awful opposition." The opponent had enjoyed a monopoly of college distinctions, but its discomfiture was speedy and complete. The original motto was the work of Brother Hunt himself, and possessed a pecu-

Founders
Hunt

liar significance in view of the circumstances. The speaker named several of the members of that first chapter, and recounted, among other incidents, one which will certainly not be forgotten. On one of the battle-fields of the Civil War two Delts met: "one took the other prisoner and treated him first-rate."

At last came the familiar Choctaw walk-around; and then with much handshaking and many a hearty farewell we scattered into the night.

BERNARD EWER, Beta Chi.

“THE MAN BEHIND THE BADGE.”

[A TOAST.]

When the divining rod of fraternity selection points towards the barbarian, let the chapter first dig for gold; and woe be to that chapter which confuses fool's gold with the genuine metal.

It goes without saying that every man under consideration merits the most critical examination by those with whom he may later associate most intimately. The nature of the little pinnacle, on which he has raised himself more or less above the heads of the crowd of his fellows, and whereby attention is attracted to his fitness for fraternity affiliation, is investigated; and whether the pinnacle is a mere heap of sand or a solid rock, is the marring or making of many a man's fraternity aspirations. It is the part of great wisdom, therefore, that the personal qualifications of fraternity material should be laid on the dissecting table, and that brain and brawn and blood should pass the most strict examination.

Ever since fraternities first entered the journalistic field, their literature has teemed with dissertations bearing directly upon the characteristics of the true fraternity man. Were a composite picture to be taken of all the ideal fraternity men described in prose and verse, the development of the negative would show a freak with a four-story-and-mansard roof head from which protrudes a silver tongue, muscles of scrap iron. In one hand a pen; in the other a bat, and with one foot poised for a punt: a breastplate of medals underneath which beats the heart of an ox. And all the time he chews the Yucatan cud of deep thought and breathes forth the fragrant breath of Universal brotherhood.

But it is not of prospective fraternity men we are to speak. The man is chosen. He casts his lot with the boys of his choice, and is invested with the Square Badge of Courage. He is a Delt. We have hitherto considered him objectively; we must now consider him subjectively. For months he has been sought after, for months he has aspired to the honor; but the moment the badge is pinned to his lapel, the height of the lofty honor it brings is reached, except as the national organization grows in dignity and power. Men come and go, political parties rise and fall, wars change the boundaries of nations, but the bright effulgence of the square badge grows brighter as the years go by. The Fraternity rises to greater heights; its alumni are clothed with dignity and honor. That badge can never dishonor; that badge can never discredit. But what of the man behind the badge? What honor does he add to the badge he wears? The square badge is not charity that covers a multitude of sins. The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity conducts no sale of indulgences whereby the wearer of its badge is absolved from dishonor; neither is the chapter a reform school, even though true fraternity does throw its protecting arms around many an erring brother and saves him from himself when every other influence might have failed.

Many a man has been spurred, by honorable fraternity aspirations, to successful effort in class and field, but when the goal of Delta Tau Delta is reached relaxes into indifference, content to shine by the reflected radiance of fraternity association. Does he forget that the dignity of the Fraternity is but the sum total of that of its alumni and actives? Does he forget that he is a unit of the whole, and that by his erring he subtracts from this sum total not only the plus quantity he might have added by honorable success, but also a minus quantity to the extent of his shortcomings?

To every man, when first he dons the Delta badge, is handed the honor and good name of the Fraternity; and in

the Fraternity's book of history, a blank page is set aside for him. The diary of his daily conduct, the chronicle of his successes and failures, his honors and dishonors, his love of fellow-man and love of self; all are faithfully set down and so must stand, for no angel can drop a tear on the words and blot them out forever. How many men are there today in the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity who have been blinded by the glitter of the honor of the badge, and have thus totally lost sight of the responsibility it brings. In a chapter of twelve, the other eleven of the boys hang their heads in shame at the disgrace of one, keenly feel his mediocrity, or share alike in his honor.

Responsibility! The man behind the badge is a color-bearer in a company of color-bearers, each one bent on outstripping his fellows in advancing the flag; and who has ever heard of a color-bearer bringing up the rear? The flag has brought its bearer a responsibility so potent, an incentive so grand; its silken folds are whispering of victory. Falter, hesitate, let others lead to victory? Not in a thousand years; not with that flag. Every alumnus remembers how the evil birds of discreditable failure came home to roost in the chapter hall. In class and laboratory successful effort adds to the luster of the badge; discreditable failure dims it; and for the honor of the badge men restrain wrong inclinations, curb wilful tempers, put forth extraordinary effort in right directions, and achieve successes of note; whereas, without the fraternity spur, they might have closed their college career and entered life's broad field of battle in a state of contented mediocrity.

In this new and far-reaching responsibility lies the great potency of true fraternity. The initiate of power and strength realizes that no longer for self alone, but for the honor of the badge and of his fellows must continued and greater effort be put forth. For the honor of the badge and of his fellows he at times leaves self behind to lend the hand of help; and leaving self, learns brotherhood.

The brother of less pronounced talents soon learns that the mere wearing of the badge brings to his call no friendly genii, who at a nod transform him. On the contrary, the moment he dons the badge, he is set on a pedestal, and the searchlights of criticism are turned on him. Outside the pale of fraternity he might have continued his college career with faults and failings unnoticed. The hopes and prayers of parents might not avail, ambition might be latent; but invest the man, in whom the flame of manhood burns, with the badge of fraternity, and the shafts of criticism, the example and encouragement of his fellows, and the responsibilities of the badge wake him to action with an electric shock. And woe be to the chapter whose ranks are contaminated with men who are hardened to all these influences, who take all — give none; who feed freely at the feast of their fraternity's honors and bring nothing to the board themselves.

Show me a band of young fellows who are actuated by high and lofty motives, filled with the true, unselfish, loyal fraternal spirit, each one earnestly shouldering his share of the responsibility of the badge, — I care not if this one is not called Demosthenes, I care not if that one is not Croesus, I care not if the other is not Aesculapius; show me a such body of men and I'll point out to you a chapter that is modestly proud of itself, a chapter of the highest recognized worth in the institution, a chapter upon which the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity looks as the very hot-bed of true Deltaism, intrenched in an impregnable kopje, and every man fighting like a fiend, I'll tell you that Demosthenes *is* there, Croesus is there, Aesculapius is there; and the sparks of oratory, commercialism and profession are fanned into flame by the quickening influence of fraternity obligation.

Our badge! A symbol of all that is good and beautiful and true; — *but what of the man?*

ELMER SCOTT, Mu '91.

“THE HEROES OF THE EVERY DAY.”*

A period of warfare always brings into prominence some characters who become typical heroes in the public estimation. Such for the day are Dewey, Hobson, Lawton, Funston, and Rowan,—he who carried the message to Garcia.

But I am inclined to quarrel with public opinion in the award of prizes. I like better to dwell on the heroes of the every day: the one who does the duty before him however small with no thought of public applause; and the world is full of such men and women.

*The editor feels that this toast will not be complete without the following letter, which he received in response to his meek request that the Fraternity be dragged in by the horns:—

DEAR BROTHER ROGERS:

I have your request to use the MS. of my toast delivered by Brother Hodgdon at the conference dinner which I was unable to attend. You call my attention to a rule requiring everything published in THE RAINBOW to have some fraternity reference, and suggest that I make some amendment so as to bring it within the rule. I am quite sure that it is not worthy of publication, being a poor effort, hastily written (and padded with stories) at the last moment, when I found I could not get on to New York. I made a desperate effort to bring it within the rule, but could not bring myself to classify our fraternity boys as scare-crows, or as among the halt and the blind, or as anybody's mother-in-law. I know them in every quarter as men having keen eyes and straight limbs (before dinner) and strong lungs (after dinner), and I may add, in perfect confidence, from observations at various banquets with them, invincible appetites and unquenchable thirsts. Not one of them is like a long-bearded, dyspeptic friend of mine who once remarked that his beard was the only thing that he could keep on his stomach.

Fraternally yours,

ALFRED F. POTTS.

Indianapolis, March 1, 1900.

The light that beats upon a throne is not more dazzling than the rays which are concentrated about the man directed to perform some hazardous and conspicuous service for the public. The sight of danger is blotted out. Fear is obliterated. Fame beguiles and fascinates and leads him on. His ears are filled with the resounding applause of many hands. He feels under him a pedestal from which he looks down into upturned faces awe-struck and full of admiration. He is or will be a hero. Life is a cheap price to pay for glory. To be the idol of seventy millions even for a day is reward enough.

In base minds notoriety becomes a counterfeit of glory, and serves the same purpose to stimulate to mighty effort and to banish fear. The bullet-headed pugilist struggles to his feet from his corner and reels to the center of the ring, dizzy with the blows of former rounds, conscious that he must lose the fight, but determined to win the glorious reputation of being "game to the end", by submitting his bloody and swollen face to his antagonist for a "knock-out blow", though it may kill him.

The winning brute squares himself and strikes for a vital part in the wreck before him, taking the chances that he may be a murderer, that he may see his ugly mug in every morning paper as the hero of the sporting world, which yellow journalism is making larger from day to day.

Chivalry and honor, run to seed in old Kentucky and other Southern states, arms itself and stands ready to kill, that it may gain the notoriety of holding to old traditions which are threatening the very integrity of our republican form of government.

I like for a subject neither the popular hero nor the notoriety hunter. Give me rather the man who stands at his post and does his simple duty, though he be a scare-crow. For the scare-crow, type as he is of the unappreciated, the antithesis of the popular hero, I beg leave to raise my voice, to propose

a toast. Every passer-by makes him the target for jeers and missiles of every kind. There is no one so poor to do him reverence, no one that ever offers a word of sympathy or appreciation. It is not the fault of the scare-crow that he is ugly and deformed and illy dressed; that his hat is never straight on his head; that his face is battered in and never knows a smile. Who has ever stopped to say a kind or cheerful word to make him smile? Who has ever asked about his health, or as much as exchanged remarks about the weather on which he is so well-posted? Who has ever done one act to increase his comfort even by suggesting that he relieve one shoulder by shifting his wooden musket to the other? There he stands day and night, while the rain pelts him in the face, or the snow drifts down his back, or the summer sun dries out the marrow in his bones, patiently performing the important duty to which he is assigned, guarding the crops from marauding foes. In the language of the veteran general, he is not a hero: he is a regular. He exemplifies in his life the philosophy which we find in our poet Riley's lines.

“Taint no use to grumble and complain,
It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice;
When God sends out the weather and sends rain,
Why, rain's my choice.”

The sympathy of the world is aroused, and the glorious flag of our country is draped in black, and the streets of our cities resound with the measured tread of battalions of men marching to the beat of muffled drums behind the funeral car of some high-titled soldier who has fallen in a battle for his country. But who hears of the humble private on the picket-line whose last shot rang out in the still night air its warning of the onward march of the foe, or who is thrown forward in the skirmish that his dead body may make cover for an epauletted hero's safe retreat? No funeral pageantry for him; lucky if,

in the gruesome emergencies of war, he gets a hurried burial on the field of battle where he fell; fortunate his loved ones if they learn that he died in the line of duty.

Hobson, standing on the deck of the *Merrimac*, directing the vessel over waters which were supposed to conceal explosive mines, became a hero and continued such until he fell a victim to other more insidious explosions. But what of the privates and engineers in the hull of the ship, who had no possible chance of escape! Who can even name them? But the private soldier doing his duty well and fearlessly is not the only example of the unappreciated. They are about us everywhere, standing at their posts of duty; and some we treat no better than our veritable scare-crows.

There is the old maid whose last trace of youth is scarred with the wrinkles of age, whose once bountiful hair is reduced to meager cork-screw curls or plastered over a care-worn brow, bending beneath the weight of the sorrows and the needs of others, "tending" the children that are not her own, nursing the sick of strangers, closing the eyes of those who die in alien beds, pouring out her sympathy among the sorrowing and distressed; too plain, we say, to be within the sacred circle of our social life; living out an unselfish but unappreciated life while she carries in her pent-up soul the tragedy of a broken heart.

To the professional beggar who uses his broken arm or leg, or his sightless eyes, or his knarled or pain-racked body as his capital in trade, we may extend a perfunctory helping hand; but the thousand such, handicapped in the race of life, who take up its burdens cheerfully and go about doing useful things to make a living, scorning all charity and making no parade of their physical defects or suffering, are the true heroes of the every day.

Measured by the strain upon the nerves and soul, the dead soldier is less a hero than the helpless, heart-broken wife who takes his place in the fierce struggle for existence.

Then there is the hopelessly ugly man, — the man with a pug-dog face, or bow logs, or donkey ears, or shining pate, — the social scare-crow, who is never treated except as a joke, whose whole life is a miserable effort to escape like a dog with a can at his tail. Who will say that the restraint he puts upon his temper when he longs to bite back at his pursuers does not make him a hero? Now and then he does get even by his wits, as in a story which has just floated in. An overdressed, ill-mannered and altogether disagreeable woman got on the train, and finding no seats in the main coaches, went into the smoking-car. All the seats were full except one beside an old Irishman, who had that peculiar facial formation which seems to give most substance to the theory of our descent from the monkeys. But he had the usual Irish gallantry, and rose to give the lady the seat next the window. Sitting down beside her, he abstained from smoking as long as he thought the requirements of polite society dictated, and then took out his old clay pipe, filled it, and began puffing away with that sweet content which comes in exact proportion to the rankness of the smell of the pipe. His companion turned on him, elevated her nose, and scanning his pre-historic features at a glance, asked with biting suggestiveness, “Do know what I’d do with you if you were my husband?”

“Indade, I don’t, mum; phat would you do, mum?” he asked.

“I’d give you poison; that’s what I’d do,” she replied, witheringly.

The old Irishman took his pipe from between his teeth, looked her all over, and retorted, “Be gorry, mum, I’d take it.”

Among the heroines are the patient, long-suffering mothers-in-law, who are the butt of every idle jest, the target for every wag. The last story which comes to me, which may be very old to you of the effete civilization of the East, is of two

darkies who met after a period of separation. One says, "Sam, did yo' hear de news? Mother-in-law died las' month."

"'Deed," replied his friend; "how'd it happen?"

"Mos' singlar; strangest death eber happen, I guess," continued the mourner; "tuk mother-in-law to the minstrels. Yo' know, she'd never seen one befo'. Awful funny show. She jus' laf' and laf' and laf', til she's jus' half dead. Den I tuk her 'again de nex' night."

Another story which is working its way from the West, and may not have reached you yet: A man's wife had died, and the service at the house was concluded. The lachrymose, serio-comic undertaker was assigning the people to their several places in the carriages. Approaching the bereaved husband, the funeral director said in those soulfully sympathetic tones for which he charges so liberally in his item of "incidentals", "You are to take the second carriage with your mother-in-law."

"No," replied the bereaved one, feeling that he had suffered enough. "Put me somewhere else. I'll go with some of my friends."

"But," insisted the director, "that will disarrange the list and throw everything out."

"I don't care if it does; I'm going with someone else."

"Please," pleaded the undertaker, with tears in his voice, "don't upset all my plans; besides, it will make disagreeable talk."

"Well, all right," replied the chief mourner in a disgusted tone; "have it your own way, but I'll tell you frankly it spoils the whole thing for me."

These are examples of the stories at the expense of the mother-in-law, which add to the unreasoning prejudice against her, and so increase the sum of her misery. In simple justice let us take her point of view for a moment. How often the

sacrifice she makes calls for the heroic spirit. Think what it means for a woman whose whole life has been wrapped up in the existence of a child to give her up to the uncertain custody and care of another. The little winsome girl, with her dimpled face and trustful eyes and appealing helplessness, leaves the parental roof, while the mother must return to its lonesome shadows to be haunted by the sight of empty chairs and discarded toys and childish frocks laid reverently in bureau drawers. She reaches out with longing arms only to clasp an empty memory or to kiss with a mother's infinite love the pictures of her little girl now launched on the wide ocean of married life, whose shores are strewn with the wrecks of happy, hopeful hearts. At the marriage altar, the sunshine of a new love pours its mellow, gladdening rays over two trustful, venturing hearts; but in the shadow stands the trembling figure of a mother bravely and unselfishly trying to conceal her tears and smiling on the ceremony that often breaks for her the sweetest, tenderest ties of human life.

Let others who will applaud the heroes of the hour who stand within the focused rays of popular esteem. I am content to search in the shadows for the humbler sort, who give unselfishly of love and happiness and personal comfort for the good of others.

In every phase of life, the brighter and more glorious the sunshine in which the victor stands, the deeper are the shadows for the vanquished. The fortitude and courage which rise to the heights of heroism, which make the hero, are possessed, not alone by him, upon whose brow is placed the laurel wreath of victory, but as well by him who, having striven well and done his part, has still the spirit to submit with grace to the hard conditions of defeat; who resumes his place broken and maimed, it may be, but with no bitterness of soul or rancorous hatred toward his fellow-men. Such there are about us everywhere, — disappointed in love, bereaved by

death, wrecked in business, racked by disease or suffering, the maimed, the halt and the blind, taking up their burdens with a cheerful spirit and doing well their part within the limits of their power ; and such I hail as the heroes of the every day.

ALFRED F. POTTS, Beta Zeta '80.

“THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.”

[A toast delivered at the banquet of the Eastern Conference.]

The toast to which I am to respond tonight is “The New York Alumni.” I suppose the reason I was chosen for this task was that the Committee of Arrangements decided (in my absence) that I was an unruly member; to wit, the tongue of the Association, and deserved punishment. In assigning the toast to me, it was doubtless their desire that I give some account of the Association. I shall do so, thereby heaping coals of fire upon their heads; but what I say will be more in the nature of an interpretation than of a history.

To give the history of the New York Alumni Association would be a very serious matter indeed, and calls for more temerity than I possess. To begin with, History has been defined to be a record of the crimes of men; and I have no intention of letting the cat out of the bag to scratch my friends and myself! Furthermore, if brevity be the soul of wit, History is soulless, and can therefore come to no good end. Take, for instance, the History of New York by the renowned Diedrich Knickerbocker. The learned and loquacious historian begins at the beginning of the world and strolls leisurely towards his subject, discoursing at great length upon everything that he knows nothing about—after the fashion of a modern journalist! And yet, what a trivial matter is the History of New York when compared with the History of the New York Alumni of Delta Tau Delta! Once let me don the hoary garb of the historian, then, did I not outdo this local antiquarian in looking backward, I should lay myself open to the charge of superficiality, if not levity. Whereas, on the

other hand, if I *did* do this, I should call down upon my defenceless head ponderous volume after volume of *Kent's Commentaries*.^{*} You see, do you not, the difficulties that beset the path of the historian? It plainly lies between the devil and the deep sea. For my part, I'll none of it. I choose the humbler rôle of interpreter.

Let me begin with a question. What, I ask, is the *raison d'être* of the New York Alumni Association? If you reply, 'The same as that of any similar association', then I ask, What is the *raison d'être* of any such association? What reason, what excuse, is there for the existence of such a thing as an alumni association? Why cumbereth it the Catalogue? *Cui bono?*

There must be an underlying purpose in this Association of ours: otherwise, it should be pronounced *Association*. What is that purpose?

Dare any man say: "In order that a score or more good fellows may come together once a month or once a quarter to eat, to drink, to be merry, to sing — to sing

' Fill the cup, and fill the can;
Have a rouse before the morn.
Every moment dies a man,
Every moment one is born.

' Fill the can, and fill the cup;
All the windy ways of men
Are but dust that rises up,
And is lightly laid again.'

Only that, and nothing more." No, no *man* can say that. That were to put himself down as a brother to the ox. Such an one would not be 'A hero of the every day.' 'The man behind the badge — the *thing*, rather, obscured by the badge —

^{*}William Kent, Toastmaster.

from whom came such a reply, would be not a man, but a manikin. But, do not misunderstand me. David Harum said: "I guess the' 's about as much human nature in some folks as the' is in others, if not more." So you must not underestimate my 'human nature.' On a fly-leaf of my Bible are written these words of the heathen poet Terence: 'I am a man, and deem nothing that relates to men a matter of indifference to me.' In the ideal set before me during my college days—the 'vision in the mount' that was vouchsafed me at Sewanee—the sweetness and light of life, the sweet humanities of life, were not underrated. But, on the other hand, these things, dear and desirable as they were held to be, were not overrated. My Alma Mater did not suffer me to regard them as the *summum bonum*. 'Life,' she solemnly said, 'was neither All Fool's Day nor May Day—not just a practical joke, and not merely a children's picnic.' She recited in my ears the words with which that noble pagan Marcus Aurelius greeted the rosy-fingered dawn: 'I am rising for *man's* work . . . that for which I was born. . . . Is the end of my existence to lie snug in the blankets and keep warm?' And again: 'No human act can be right without reference to the divine, nor conversely.' She taught me to understand something of what our own great countryman Daniel Webster meant when he spoke of the awful feeling of personal responsibility for his life to a personal God. She burned the truth into my heart that the sublimest word in our language is Duty; that the *sine qua non* of a man's life is character; that character is the skeleton which sustains and gives shape to the beautiful flesh of sweet humanity.

So, while I neither despise nor disparage what I understand David Harum to mean by 'human nature' and Terence by that which relates to men, I choose to believe that, whatever may be the ostensible motive of these periodical gatherings around the board of men who in years gone by gathered

about a common altar and, in the eyes of God and brother-men, pledged themselves to live for higher things and nobler ends than the mutable many aspire to, that the real motive of such meetings is that those who attend them may see in one another's eyes the fire of an unquenched faith in fine things — the good, the beautiful, and the true — and that whatever songs or speeches may fall from their lips, the song that every man sings in his heart on such an occasion is that of Tennyson's 'Sailor Boy':

He rose at dawn and, fired with hope,
Shot o'er the seething harbor-bar,
And reached the ship and caught the rope,
And whistled to the morning star.

And while he whistled long and loud
He heard a fierce mermaid cry,
'O boy, tho' thou art young and proud,
I see the place where thou wilt lie.

'The sands and yeasty surges mix
In caves about the dreary bay,
And on thy ribs the limpet sticks,
And in thy heart the scrawl shall play.'

'Fool,' he answer'd, 'death is sure
To those that stay and those that roam,
But I will nevermore endure
To sit with empty hands at home.

'My mother clings about my neck,
My sister's crying, "Stay for shame,"
My father raves of death and wreck;
They are all to blame, they are all to blame.

‘God help me! save I take my part
Of danger on the roaring sea,
A devil rises in my heart,
Far worse than any death to me.’

Is there a man here tonight who, down in the bottom of his heart, does not humbly hope, somehow, somewhere, some day, to be a hero? But to every hero, be he never so humble, to every man who cherishes an ideal in his heart that he is ready to live for or die for, there is a ‘part of danger’ to be played on the roaring sea of life.

The college that does not plant in the bosom of its students a great and unselfish love for a noble ideal, is a stumbling-block in the path of true manhood, and a rock of offence to every right mind and loyal heart. God pity the man whose Alma Mater sends him back into the world with these twin lies of the market-place in his throat: that ‘Nothing succeeds like success’, and that ‘The end justifies the means.’ I had rather have been suckled by a she-wolf, and taught to feed upon the firstlings of the flock, than to have been nursed by such an unnatural mother. In the face of all the distorted views of truth that can be crammed into all the ‘perilous stuff’ that a conscienceless press can pour forth on a long-suffering public, I dare affirm that *nothing succeeds like sacrifice*, and that the way to noble sacrifice opens without the use of ignoble means. I know this doctrine would sound strange in the ears of your man about town, who has never stood upon Pisgah and looked down the centuries; but it should not sound strange in your ears, nor will, if your Alma Mater has been true to her trust. I am sure I speak to men who have seen the ‘vision in the mount.’

But just as Melancthon, in Reformation days, at first found ‘old Satan too strong for young Melancthon’, so those of us today whose hearts are fired with hope of better things

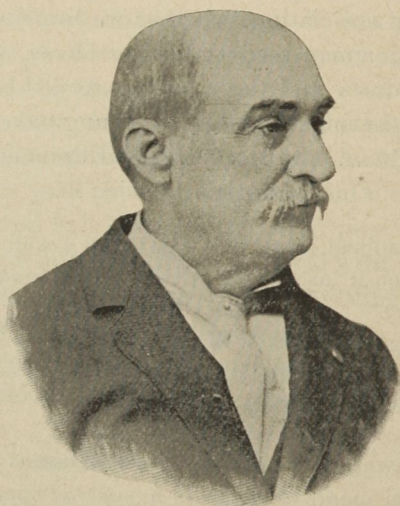
sometimes find this stubborn old world in which our lot is cast too much for us. I have no doubt that there are men who left college hugging a worthy ideal close to their bosom, but who on some cloudy day, in some crowded street, got separated from that ideal, and when next they met, so kicked and cuffed and battered and bespattered had each been during the separation that neither recognized the other. Now, as I understand it, the real purpose of our alumni association, and of every similar association, whether we confess it to ourselves or not, is to help a man recover his lost ideals, or to furbish and burnish up his dusty and rusty ones. And this these monthly or quarterly gatherings together of young men who have seen visions and old men who have dreamed dreams cannot fail to help a man do. One of our poets said :

“ The saddest thing that can befall a soul
Is when it loses faith in God and woman.

Lost I those gems,
Though the world's throne stood empty in my path,
I would go wandering back into my childhood,
Searching for them with tears.”

Brethren, we of the New York Alumni Association of Delta Tau Delta mean to make it a sort of perpetual crusade back into the by-gone years for the rescue of holy things from the hands of infidel Turks. Whatever of worth we find, we mean to capture and claim and bring into use in the present. By so doing, we believe that we shall not only enrich our own lives, but add somewhat to the honor and well-being of the Fraternity at large, yes, and of that largest fraternity—the great Brotherhood of Man.

M. G. JOHNSTON, Beta Theta '98.



LATE HON. CHAS. TOWNSEND, BETA '61.

HON. CHARLES TOWNSEND, Beta '61.

In the January number of THE RAINBOW a sketch of the life of Hon. Charles Townsend appeared. This sketch gave the chief facts in the public career of this noble Delta; but something further should be said with regard to his services in behalf of the Fraternity, and especially of Beta Chapter, and with regard to the gratitude due him and felt for him by his brethren.

The needs of a fraternity depend on place and time. The needs of Delta Tau Delta today are far different from what they were in its earlier and, we may say, its struggling years. At that time, college faculties were inclined to distrust a secret society among the students. Society in college towns looked askance at members of a Greek-letter society. A student who was in high standing with the faculty and with the society of the town was of more value probably to a fraternity than now. Beta Chapter from the first established a character for the scholarship, integrity and geniality of its members, such as, it was believed, would by their career reflect credit upon the chapter and fraternity. Thus Major Townsend, distinguished as a student, was eminently fit for membership in the young fraternity that was endeavoring to win a high rank in the university. Then, after achieving distinction in the army, as a rising young lawyer, by his position in the social circles of the town, he gave the chapter substantial help, and all along took deep interest in all that pertained to its welfare. Above all was the helpful sympathy and companionship to individual members, comforting and inspiring. Deltas were always welcomed with sincerity into the office and study of Brother

Townsend; and more than one alumnus of the Fraternity is glad to testify to his readiness to help and the efficiency of his influence to secure a place for beginning work, and then to the counsel and encouragement that brought success. His very presence was uplifting; and his appeal to man and chapter to seek high ideals of life and efficient organization was eloquent and inspiring.

The life of Major Townsend was a busy one. Even in his early professional life, his professional and official duties were so numerous that he did not have the leisure which he desired, or his brothers hoped for, to devote to the service of the Fraternity at large. In '81, however, while he was Ohio's Secretary of State, he laid aside his official work to attend the Karnea at Pittsburg, over which he presided. The convention met in August; and at the time President Garfield was lying at death's door, Brother Townsend's touching words in referring to the President's suffering will be long remembered by those who listened to his eloquent address during the convention. Again at Indianapolis he delivered an address which will be remembered with pleasure by those who had the privilege of attending that convention.

After all, it was in his own chapter that Major Townsend's sympathy and helpfulness was the most telling. His genial companionship, his high ideals, his great knowledge of history and the classics of literature, and his charming conversational powers made an hour with him delightful, stimulating one to put forth his utmost endeavor that he might reach the height that Brother Townsend pictured.

At the annual banquets of Beta Chapter the scholarly addresses of our brother never failed to arouse the brethren to a more resolute purpose and devoted service to that which is beautiful and good.

SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNI CHAPTER.

The San Francisco Alumni Chapter banqueted February 3rd. A large number of widely scattered chapters were represented around the board. The floral decorations were purple, gold and white. Photographic place-cards represented a Delta Tau Delta monogram within the rays of a crescent. It was a beautiful design, done by Philip R. Thayer, one of the charter members of Beta Omega.

President O. P. Downing presided as toastmaster. The list follows :

"The Alumni Chapter"	. . .	O. P. DOWNING, Tau '74
"Fraternity History"	. . .	KENDRIC C. BABCOCK, Beta Eta '89
"Reminiscences"	. . .	Capt. E. E. EWING, Beta '62
"Out in the Cold, Cold World,"		JOHN MASON ROSS, Beta Rho '97
"Five Minutes With Briscoe,"		JOHN S. BRISCOE, Beta Rho '00

Capt. E. E. Ewing, a charter member of Beta Chapter, which was organized in 1862 at the Ohio University, read the following poem, prefacing the same thus :

"It is a matter upon which I felicitate myself that I became a Delta thirty-eight years ago. I did not anticipate that my membership in this society would be an open sesame to so many ornate temples while passing along life's journey, where it would be my privilege to spend an occasional while with the true princes of earth. When I met with you two years ago at Palo Alto, you were so much interested in my badge, which is of primitive pattern, that you asked me the story of it. Before I slept my story had taken form ; and at your request I tell it to you tonight."

MY DELTA TAU DELTA BADGE.

Yes, this badge has bided with me
Many years; witnessed silently
The changes that have come apace
To me in life's uneven race.
'Twas placed above my heart by hands
That ne'er would smite, but Love's demands
Obey with gladness. I my way
Pursued, and other ways went they
Who by my side assumed the vow
That you assume and rev'rence now.

It may have been a sentiment,
And only that; yet I content
To wear it still, though none should know
Its meaning. More to me than show,
This silent harbinger of good,
And solace in my solitude;
A rosary it was to me —
Unspeaking, yet sweet company.
I look upon its stars, significant
Of comradery, and so would chant
The names of friends I've seen no more,
Nor shall I see till life is o'er
For me; for they have gone and wait
My coming at the pearly gate.

I scanned its crescent, and the strength
Thereby suggested came at length
To supplement my weakness, though,
In larger sense, 't was mine to know
The strength a three-fold cord combines
To hold, and be the cord that binds
Our hearts in that fraternal love

That finds approval from above ;
And till I stand by death's dark sea.
My talisman this badge shall be.

Undergraduates from Beta Omego and Beta Rho were present in force, and kept things stirred up with the rollicking songs which enliven all their initiations.

HUGH H. BROWN, Secretary.

CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER.

The Twentieth Annual Dinner of the Chicago Alumni Association of our Fraternity was held on the evening of Friday, February 23rd, at the Grand Pacific Hotel, and was a thorough-going success, though the weather, and the fact that the Cornell annual was held the same evening, kept down the attendance to some extent.

Dr. L. A. Crandall acted as toastmaster, and everything passed off with the greatest smoothness. Undergraduates were present from Northwestern, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois. Eight toasts were responded to in the order given below; but we have not space to give a synopsis of them. Two of the speakers represented chapters no longer on our active list, while Dr. Wiggin was originally an initiate of the Rainbow Fraternity before we gathered him into our Chicago fold. He is a professor in one of the medical colleges of the city. Brother Donovan came all the way from Milwaukee to give us the chance to grasp his hand and see his face once more, while Brother O'Neal came from Aurora, the home of our other brother, Congressman Hopkins, who, with Brother Mann, just missed being able to attend the dinner. Mann had been in the city on business, and only left for Washington on the afternoon of the evening on which the dinner occurred.

TOASTMASTER:

Rev. Latham A. Crandall, D.D., Hillsdale, 1873.

"After Two Years," Frank Perkins Baker, University of Chicago, 1901.

"The Man Behind the Badge," Elmer L. Scott, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1891.

"Fraternity Ideals," Herbert L. Willett, Bethany, 1886.

Recitation: "A Water-logged Town," Ralph B. Dennis, Northwestern University, 1901.

"Reformers: Wise and Otherwise," Jasper N. Hunt, Allegheny College, 1872.

"The Ideal Fraternity," Dr. Twing B. Wiggin, Vanderbilt 1886.

"Ourselves," John F. Donovan, University of Wisconsin, 1894.

"Our Increasing Crescent," Rev. Ernst Wray O'Neal, Simpson College, 1885.

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THE DELTA SYMPOSIUM.

Individual Interest in Chapter Work.

Are all of our active chapters indeed active? If not, why not? If they were, how wide would be our influence. Let us who are so deeply interested in our fraternity's welfare find out the cause of this evil and then work together to remedy it.

The writer begs leave to call attention to the principal cause of inactivity among our chapters, which is more or less predominant in all: it is that of putting upon the shoulders of one man the brunt of the work. While this plan is better than if no interest is taken by any one, how much better it would be if each individual member would do his part for the common good.

The danger of this single-workman plan is easily seen. First, suppose this single workman has a heavy college course, and is compelled to neglect his college duties in order to save the chapter, he then fails in his college work, disgracing himself as well as his chapter. If one man does the work, others become negligent; and negligence destroys the general fraternity interest. A member begins by neglecting his duty of attendance upon the regular meetings. By so doing, he loses track of the general business; and when it becomes necessary to collect from him for current expenses, he does not understand its object, and is likely to become an inactive member, whose value to the chapter is a minus quantity.

No fraternity is free from its inactive members in active chapters. A greater part of these are rendered so by permit-

ing others to do their work for them. Brothers, this is drifting from brotherly love into selfishness. Let us check ourselves before we go too far; let each active member of each active chapter of our fraternity take to himself new life, and begin to work in earnest; let each chapter make Harmony its motto, Progress its standard, Excellence its aim; and let us strive, one and all, to promote the cause of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity to the utmost limit of our ability.

WILL. C. COLEMAN, Lambda '98.

From an Alumnus.

DEAR FRANK: —

Allow me to congratulate you most heartily on the very efficient management of THE RAINBOW under its new editor. I am much interested in the fraternity news at large, and particularly, of course, in that from my own chapter. In fact, THE RAINBOW letter is almost the only way I hear from the chapter; for, although I have written to several of the boys, I have heard from none of them. I seem to have dropped out of their lives and memories as completely as if I had never had a part in their life. This brings me to a subject which I believe worthy of comment upon in your editorial columns. Glancing over the pages devoted to the old men, I began to wonder how many of them were ever thought of, or would be thought of in a year or so more, by the active members of their own chapters. I venture to say very few of them will be remembered.

Of course, it is natural that in the work and pleasure of college and fraternity life the present should more or less throw a shadow over the past, that in the presence and friendship of the new men the old are forgotten to a certain extent;

but there is no reason why they should be utterly forgotten or thrust so far back in the chapter's memory that they are only recalled when things are looking bad, and the long-forgotten and neglected alumni present a hope of assistance. The affectionate and brotherly letters mailed to addresses looked up in the catalogue may express or imply a belief in the alumnus' continued interest in his chapter that is highly flattering, but it cannot make up for months and years of previous neglect.

This is, of course, merely the chapter's side of the matter, for the chapter is the main thing after all, not merely because it is the active chapter, but because it is the basis of the Fraternity, the source of the years of post-graduate friendship and brotherhood. We cannot expect, of course, men whom we have never known to try to keep in touch with us except for the sake of the chapter. But men whom we have known for three years in the intimate life of the chapter house lose sight of one of the greatest objects in the fraternity union when they choose to forget those who have gone out. The Fraternity is not merely for the four years of college life. In our chapter we expect to take only such men as we are glad to have as friends, and we hope always that they will be life-long friends. When the absence of a few months or years puts us out of their thoughts, we are apt to think "What is the real use of it?" An alumnus may be ever so eager to keep in touch with his chapter, and yet, if he is not backed up by the chapter itself, he must invariably lose a large part of his interest in it. Therefore, the chapters owe it to us, to themselves and to their future to help us keep in touch with them, even if they will not take the initiative.

Very fraternally,

P. R. SMITH, Jr.

Pelham Manor, New York,
January 22, 1900.

From Both Sides.

MY DEAR BROTHER: —

You have my most sincere sympathy in your arduous duties if your relations with the chapters are at all like my own. This year three promising lads went from my town to colleges where we have chapters. I immediately wrote to the secretary of each chapter telling about the men, giving particulars in regard to family connections and my own opinion of the men. I have waited in vain for some acknowledgement of my letters. I should have taken no offence if the chapters had not desired to take the men, for every chapter must have its own type and ideal; but what did deal a severe blow to my alumni enthusiasm was that in no instance did the chapter take the trouble to acknowledge my interest. Alumni are generally busy men; and when they do take time from their other pressing labors to serve a chapter of the Fraternity, it is rather discouraging to have their labors appreciated (?) in this manner by the undergraduates.

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Among the many excellent editorials for which our journal is noted, it seems to me you might with advantage comment upon the case of the man who enters a college where we have a chapter, and who comes from a town where there are graduate members of our fraternity. At — we have had two cases of this sort this year. Men have entered from towns where we have members they are acquainted with, but they have never heard of Delta Tau Delta; nor has the brother living in the freshman's home town informed us of the man who was coming here. If the alumnus in that town had interested himself in the matter, the chapter would have been

saved much work and worry ; and in one case, we should not have lost our man.

It certainly would be but little trouble for the alumnus, and it would be a great service to the Fraternity. It is often some matter like this outside the immediate condition or position of the local chapter that finally influences the freshman.

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EDITORIALS.

Chapter and Alumnus.

We desire to call the attention of every undergraduate chapter to the communication of Brother Smith and the two extracts from personal letters printed in another part of this issue. From time to time through these columns appeals have been made to the alumni for support. Their response to such appeals has been decidedly gratifying; and today the Fraternity has a loyal and active body of alumni that is one of our greatest sources of pride. But what are the active chapters doing to meet this spirit and perpetuate it? Some are meeting the issue in an extremely satisfactory manner, while on the part of others of our chapters much is to be desired.

All fraternities have in their ranks alumni who will inevitably lose their interest. This results for two reasons: First, the man himself may be a person for whom "Fraternity" means little, and who was never imbued with the abiding love for and appreciation of those principles which his fraternity represents. In the second place, it may have been his misfortune to have been a member of a chapter that realized few of the ideals of a true chapter; meetings may have been few and far apart, the members may have seen little of each other and taken but slight interest. Naturally, such an undergraduate fraternity life would forge few chains of loyalty that would stand the strain of the business or professional interests of after-life.

There are many Delts who leave their active chapter life with sincere regret, and carry with them a warm loyalty for their Fraternity. If such men settle near their chapter, they

may be able to keep in some touch with the undergraduate life. Or, if they go to some city and become members of an alumni chapter, the Fraternity at large is none the poorer, though their own chapter may be.

The plunge from college into business life sees the breaking of many fond ties. It is at this time a man's memory goes back in longing to his chapter. But if he finds no warm reception around that family hearth he himself helped to kindle, there grows an abyss between himself and chapter that can never again be bridged. The tree that puts forth promising blossoms and then destroys the bond between twig and blossom will never be graced with noble fruition. No more can the successful chapter rest content with merely bringing into the Delt world noble men and not be concerned in perpetuating and conserving their fraternity interest.

The Fraternity not only loses when the chapter gets out of touch with its graduates, but the chapter itself is greatly weakened. The active chapter is ever a changing quantity. Old men leave and new men take their places; the chapter that today is astonishing the college world with the brilliance of its meteoric career may in a single college generation have passed into outer darkness. Today there is one of our chapters that has to its credit twenty-six years of uninterrupted and successful existence. It does not mean that dark days have not come to that chapter, but when its career has been menaced it has not had to stake its life on the few men on its active roll, there has stood behind it with a strong arm to help a large and increasing body of alumni whose interest was as strong as when they left the college walls. We could draw innumerable instances of chapters once strong and vigorous that have neglected their alumni, and when dark waters flowed over them found only straws at which to clutch for rescue.

The most careless undergraduate realizes the aid the chapter's alumni can render; is it, however, well for the chapter to

realize that its alumni will not be in the proper spirit to come to its aid if they are forgotten and neglected for long years.

Active alumni interest is necessary for a chapter if its policy is to be marked by any consistency and strength. New men are constantly taking up the burdens and responsibilities of the chapter; and unless the alumni are in close touch with the chapter life the misdirected and erratic enthusiasm of men new to the work is liable, by its vagrant driving, to send the Phoebus chariot of the chapter in dangerous proximity to the fierce flame of destruction.

We have considered the necessity of a chapter's keeping the allegiance of its alumni for its own welfare; but there is another side. A man has labored hard in his chapter's behalf for four years, he has made great sacrifice of time and labor, and when he steps out of the harness he leaves a large part of his heart where he has labored; his love for fraternity and chapter would still prompt him to labor for his chapter's success. But in a few months he finds the men with whom he worked have forgotten him; he is left, a shivering outcast, outside the circle of the chapter interests and plans, — what wonder if he sometimes debates with himself whether the sacrifices he has made were worth while! It is under the first sting of such ingratitude and neglect from his chapter that he begins to think that there is after all little in the bond he once considered as strong as welded steel.

There naturally comes, after a lapse of several years, a time when the small details of the chapter life cease to interest him, though his loyalty to the chapter is as strong as ever. When a man has been this long out of active chapter life a yearly circular letter may be all he needs to keep his interest alive. But the man who has left his chapter only a few months has a right to expect the men in the classes below him to keep him informed, for a year or two at least, of the events in the chapter life.

Many of our chapters are employing various expedients in keeping in touch with their alumni. Alpha has revived the "Pow-Wow"; and from the excellence of the two numbers we have received we should say it serves the purpose admirably. Beta Epsilon has also sent to her alumni a printed letter; not a dun for money, but a letter of information and fraternal greeting. Rho has the excellent custom of sending to her alumni announcements of the initiations. These give the names and classes of the candidates, and are considered invitations for the initiation. For the chapter with a large alumni list printed letters may be necessary, but a mimeograph letter would answer the requirements of most chapters. The alumni would be glad to defray by contribution the expense of such letters. If the chapter were to receive no acknowledgement from such a letter it would be justified in not sending another. Such a letter as we have in mind would be sent after the first initiation in the fall. It would give detailed information in regard to the new initiates, an account of the fraternities competed with and their present strength, and more minute information of the chapter's condition than THE RAINBOW letter permits. Then before the close of college another letter should be sent giving a record of the chapter's life for the past year and a summary of the next year's prospect.

Some such a scheme, modified as local conditions advise, we strongly recommend to the chapters. They owe it to the Fraternity, to the men who have gone before them, and to their own welfare to make every effort to bind to them the men whose labors have made possible the advantages they now enjoy.

The Eastern Division Conference.

The New York Alumni Chapter has well demonstrated its practical value to the Fraternity by the great success of the

Eastern Conference. Rho Chapter deserves a great deal of credit for her labors, but the large attendance of alumni was due to the untiring efforts of the alumni chapter members.

The Conference and banquet were unqualified successes. One hundred Delts registered in the official record book. The attendance at the business sessions was exceedingly good, and the culminated enthusiasm of the banquet was the finest tribute New York has paid Delta Tau Delta in many days. It recalled very strongly Karnea days to see the number of Delts assembled about the board and to remark the excellence of the speeches, and their signs of careful preparation. One feature in which the Conference banquet surpassed that of the last two Karneas was the fine rendering of our fraternity songs. This may have been due to the fact that several of our chapters practically attended in a body, and offered a nucleus for the spirit.

Every phase of the Conference was a most decided success, and the Conference of next year can feel assured of an even more successful entertainment at the hands of the New York Alumni Chapter. We are confident that those of the alumni who attended this banquet will make strong efforts to be present next year; and with growth, the alumni chapter can be counted upon for still more efficient work next year.

With this issue we offer the Fraternity a new department. We have received many personal letters that have brought out points of general interest to the Fraternity, therefore, we were influenced to establish the Delta Symposium. Whether we can make this department a permanent feature rests with the brothers. It is our purpose to offer these columns for free discussions of general fraternity and Delta Tau Delta interest. We shall be glad to print dissents from editorial views or further elaboration of any point we have too carelessly passed

over. Contributions for this department will be printed with or without signatures, as the writer desires.

We desire to call especial attention to the first paragraph of Beta Chi's letter. If more alumni were thus interested in their chapters how easy our labors would be! The incident speaks exceedingly well for both alumni and chapter. It shows that the alumni have grasped the National Fraternity idea, and are carefully watching the chapter's career. It is for the chapter an indication of their avoidance of an evil we have bewailed at some length in this issue. May alumni of other chapters act likewise, especially that particular alumnus whose official relation to the chapter makes it his duty to look after all negligence of this kind.

In connection with some kind words, one of our most prompt secretaries writes: "I made it, from the first, a fraternity duty to read THE RAINBOW from cover to cover."

We wonder how many of our actives take this view of their duty. The RAINBOW is compelled to limit the amount of material it publishes; but what does appear between its covers aims to be of practical value to the members. If they find no pleasure in doing so, it is well for every active to make a point of keeping posted on all fraternity matters, toward this end a careful perusal of THE RAINBOW is recommended.

We regret that we have been too busy to acknowledge the many kind letters that have accompanied the remittances of the alumni. But we assure the brothers that they have been most sincerely appreciated.

The work the alumni chapters are doing in supporting THE RAINBOW as a part of their labors for the Fraternity is of great assistance to us, and to their secretaries we also have a debt of gratitude to acknowledge.

It is desirable that the last issue shall appear before the close of the college year. To aid us in this endeavor we ask the secretaries to send their chapter letters in by May 10th at the latest. The work of the chapter secretaries has been fair; but we have been unable to have a full representation in any issue. We trust *each* chapter will see that its last letter is sent us by May 10th without any further appeal to the secretary.

The November and January issues have been completely exhausted; still we are receiving many requests from the brothers for copies of these numbers. In some instances it is to complete a file. If any members have copies in their possession that they do not care to preserve, we shall esteem it a favor if they will notify us of the fact. We will then forward postage for their return.

Should any of our colleges close before the chapter receives its copies of the June number, we will send them direct to the various members if the secretaries will *immediately* at the close of college send us the names and addresses.

THE DELTA CHAPTERS.

ALPHA — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The winter term has passed quickly and quietly. There have been few initiations this term in any of the fraternities, except of men who were pledged last term. The social life of the college has been quite active. Brother Cullum entertained the actives of Alpha with a few of their friends and a number of the local alumni, on the evening of February 7th. The occasion was a most delightful one. The chapter greatly appreciates the aid of the alumni in rushing men and in helping the chapter to a better footing.

The second number of the *Choctaw Pow-Wow* was issued in February. Interesting letters were contributed by Brothers Chryst, McClurg, and Richmond. Brother Walker also contributed a sketch on James D. Eaton, whose death occurred July 9, 1899, at Sharptown, Md. The *Pow-Wow* has proved of great service to the chapter in gaining the interest of the alumni.

Allegheny has had a successful basket-ball season, and the prospects for baseball are bright. Brother McManigle may return to college, and if he does will captain the ball team. We will then have two representatives on the ball team. Brother Dunn, who last year won the tennis championship of the college, will make a strong bid for it again this year.

The board of editors for the college annual is being made up, and we expect to have one or two representatives on it. Brother Waldraven last year did much of the sketching for it, and will probably have charge of the same this year.

While Alpha is not strong in numbers she is making herself a firm position in the college. She is represented in many of the col-

lege organizations, and it is but a question of time until she will have a full quota of earnest and loyal members.

J. E. FITZGERALD.

BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The strife between the fraternity and non-fraternity men has entirely disappeared, and Beta is holding her own against the friendly rivalry of her sister fraternities. It is with great pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity our new members, Messrs. J. Vanse Blake of Lockbourne, Ohio, and William W. Dietrich of Piketon, Ohio, both of the Freshman class.

The Ohio University has been quite active in athletics during the past term. Basket-ball has been quite popular, and the coming baseball season promises to be even more so. Brother McCord has arranged for games with the leading colleges of the state, and we are looking forward to some very interesting games. We will be represented on the team by Brother Scott.

Prof. H. S. Chapin of the department of Biology has resigned his position here to occupy a similar one in New York City. His place is temporarily filled by his assistants.

Brother J. W. McLaren has returned to college, and we expect Brother Pain, also, to be with us soon.

The lease of our rooms has been extended for two years, and we are continuing to improve them. Any Delts that may be in Athens will always be welcomed by us.

J. C. EVANS.

GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of THE RAINBOW we have settled down to a quiet life. There were but few good men entered at the beginning of this term, and consequently but little rushing to be done. However, we have initiated two good men: Mr. Joseph Frye Paull

of Wheeling, W. Va., and Mr. David Hartin Boyd of Allegheny, Pa. These men are exceptionally good fraternity material, and we are very proud of them. We have also pledged Mr. Charles Reed, Washington, Pa.

The interest in athletics has centered mainly in the series of interclass basket-ball games. We play no intercollegiate games, and as a result the rivalry between the classes has been much greater.

Our delegate to the Eastern Conference, Brother Henderson, reports a very pleasant time, and speaks very highly of the cordial treatment which he received at the hands of all Deltas.

On March 16th Brother McMahon is to give an exhibition of strength in the college gymnasium. Although a freshman, Mr. McMahon is already looked upon as the leading athlete in college, and has been entered in the intercollegiate strength contest which is to be held in the spring.

The Dramatic Association has produced two plays this winter, in each of which a Delta took the leading part.

Brothers Goedecke and McMechan have paid us frequent visits this term, and Brother Arter of Alpha came over from Pittsburg to be present at our winter banquet.

CLYDE A. WATT.

EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

As another term draws to a close, we have every reason to report a successful year thus far, and very bright prospects for the future. Examinations are at hand, and the fellows are working to keep up their past record for good work. We are not forgetting that scholarship is requisite to an ideal fraternity man, and are endeavoring to meet this requirement not alone from the standpoint of the chapter as a whole, but from the individual view-point.

We are encouraged with the outlook for one of the finest lodges on the college campus in the very near future. To aid in bringing this about, a banquet was held at the Albion Hotel, at which a full

representation of initiates and pledged men were present; also about fifteen of our alumni. At the close of a somewhat elaborate display of good things, Brother Parmeter, who acted as toast-master for the evening, called upon a large number of the alumni present to respond with their own views of the Chapter's building. Everyone was very enthusiastic for its erection. After all had spoken, Brother Woodworth, who is doing admirable work as assistant secretary of the Building Association, made his report, which proved to be all that could be expected for the time the organization has been started. Finally, a subscription paper was started around, and to the present there has been an encouraging amount subscribed for this purpose.

In the field of athletics for the winter term Albion has lost but one game in basket-ball. The outlook for Spring athletics is good, and Epsilon will have as large, if not a larger representation than usual.

During the term we have been pleased to receive a visit from Brothers Ward, Agnew, Shaughnis, and Lash, from Kappa; also Brother Byington, who is at present in Chicago, made a hasty call on us during the week.

FRED B. JOHNSTON.

ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

We are pleased to present to the Fraternity an addition to our chapter family, Mr. Warren D. Spergler of the class of 1903. We now have five men in the freshman class, and feel that our fraternal household is well rounded. All told we have nineteen active men.

There has been a slight change in our house, Brother Caldwell having taken the place made vacant by the removal of Brother Scott; yet things go on in a very satisfactory manner. Our house life has proved eminently successful this year.

On the evening of March 6th, Zeta and a few of her friends gave a very pleasant dancing party. The affair was one of the most successful of our social attempts.

Brother Tryon, '03, who was compelled by sickness to leave college soon after the Christmas recess, has so far recovered that he has resumed his studies.

The Adelbert Glee and Mandolin Clubs, in which three of our men take prominent parts, gave their annual concert March 1. The clubs scored a decided hit, and everything indicates a hearty welcome for them in their Easter trip.

Zeta will be happy to receive at her home all Deltas and their friends who happen to visit Cleveland with glee clubs during the coming concert season.

T. W. CLISBY.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa Chapter has been doing good work this year, and our ten actives are making good records both in the classroom and in athletics. Several of our members are on the basket-ball team, and others are among the "mainstays" in foot-ball and base-ball contests.

Brother Guy J. Shaughness, '00, was awarded honorable mention in a closely-contested oratorical contest of Alpha Kappa Phi Literary Society.

Kappa's annual banquet, which for the past four years has been held on Thanksgiving, was changed this year to February 22nd, and will hereafter be held on that date. The gathering just past was one of the most notable social events of our college for the year. Twenty Deltas — alumni, actives and pledged men — gathered in the parlors of the Keefer House on the evening of Washington's Birthday, accompanied by a like number of the fair "co-eds." The rooms were beautifully decorated with the purple, white and gold, and the bright lights, smiling faces, and rippling laughter and conversation made the scene an inviting one. The restraint and formality which sometimes characterize social gatherings were conspicuously absent on this occasion, which made the reception doubly delightful. At 9 o'clock the Deltas and their guests descended to the dining-room, where they were served with

a fine banquet. After the last course had been cleared away, Prof. S. B. Harvey, '87, as toastmaster, called for the toasts of the evening. C. A. Bean, '02, in responding to the toast of "Kappa Chapter," spoke of the loyalty to Kappa which marks all her men; G. J. Shaughness, '00, in "On the Threshold — the Senior," urged the thought that college fraternity was after all but a preparation for "the wider fraternity of the world." Clarence Timms, '03, the latest victim of "the Delta Goat," made his hearers shudder as he hinted at the dark and awful torture-chamber from whose ordeal he had come forth into the light and the hearty hand-clasp of his brother Delts. C. L. Bailey, '02, praised "The Delt Who Wins," and pointed to the ideal standard toward which patient endeavor and resolute purpose carry the true Delta. George S. Hill, '00, was chosen to describe "The World's Fair," and while he provoked a smile at some of the follies of the ladies, found so many good things to say of them that they forgave him straightway for daring to criticise them at all. Then, with voices blended in one of the old songs so dear to the Delta heart, and the "Choctaw Walk-around," closed one of the most successful and enjoyable banquets Kappa has ever held.

The position of editor-in-chief of *The Collegian*, the student publication of Hillsdale, for the year beginning April 1st, has been given to one of the most enthusiastic adherents of Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Chapter.

C. L. BAILEY.

LAMBDA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

College life at Vanderbilt has been rather dull since the first of the year until the last week; the spring weather brought out the candidates for the base-ball team. The prospects are very bright, as seven of last year's 'Varsity are back, and about fifty others are out on the field trying for the team. We open up the season on March 27, 28 and 29 by a game with the University of Chicago.

Brother Smith represents Lambda this year on the Board of

Editors of our college annual *The Comet*. As this is the twenty-fifth anniversary, we are trying to get out an extra fine number.

Work on the new dormitory "Kissam Hall" is progressing rapidly. It will be ready by next September. We hope that it will bring in a large number of new students.

David Lamberth was chosen to represent Vanderbilt in the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity entertained the other chapters at the University in honor of the Phi Kappa Upsilon Club, which is composed of the co-eds., on March 2nd.

Jim Cook, who is instructor in the "gym" for the Chattanooga Athletic Club, was over to see the boys of Lambda on the 8th inst.

The Southern Track Meet takes place this year on our athletic field. Outdoor training has just commenced for it.

RICHARD SMITH.

OMICRON — STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The midwinter finds us busy at our studies, for this is the best term for work, the cold weather having a bracing and stimulating effect. Fraternity affairs likewise have livened up to a gratifying extent. We seem to have company along this line, however; invitations from San Francisco Alumni, Beta Kappa, Beta Omega and Beta Upsilon give evidence of activity in this direction. We have given but one formal party this term. That one was a reception for Brother Tanner and bride. The party was a very pleasant one, and was attended by a number of our alumni and their wives. The bride, formerly Miss Helen Clapp, is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, but is also a good Delt, having a Delt husband and two brothers in the chapter.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi each gave receptions and dancing parties to the other fraternities. Both functions were very successful and proved the ladies charming hostesses.

Washington's birthday, as usual, was a holiday here: the opportunity thus afforded was used by our president and faculty in entertaining over one hundred of the State Legislature. The object of the visit was to show our legislators what we need in the way of buildings and funds, and to convince them as holders of the purse-strings of that inspiring element, "increased appropriation", that the proper policy would be to loosen up handsomely. The need of an assembly hall was demonstrated beyond doubt by about two hundred students who were unable to gain entrance to the crowded opera house in which the reception and addresses were given. The libraries, and especially the law department library, will no doubt receive a largely increased allowance, the great need of new books having made a deep impression on one of the granger representatives. As this member was being piloted around the University buildings by one of the instructors, the library was paid a visit. Here he saw the numerous cases with a not-too-great number of books of reference. Here also he was shown the Hammond Law Collection of rare and very old volumes, some of them over two hundred years old. A few weeks later the matter of appropriation was brought up in the Legislature, and was not being over-favorably considered when a sturdy adherent was found in our old granger friend who, jumping to his feet, exclaimed: "Gentlemen, them fellers hev got to hev that money. Why, you ought to hev seen them students readin' books two hundred years old. They need it, and hev got to hev it." And get it we did, a bill having just passed giving us a goodly increase.

Athletics here are picking up, and new candidates for baseball and track teams are coming out. Brother Williams represented us on the basket-ball team. He is captain of the base-ball team, and will be on the track team also. Brother Williams is a fine athlete, and we are justly proud of him.

H. S. FAIRALL, Jr.

PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

This letter finds us in a very prosperous condition. The second-term examinations are over, and spring athletics have begun in earnest. We have an excellent series of games arranged with the leading colleges of the South, among the number being Vanderbilt, Tulane, Alabama, Texas, Georgia, and Sewanee. Brother McFarland entered the Law class after Christmas, and will captain this year's base-ball team. He has a score or more of applicants for the team, and already they are hard at work. We expect to have four or five men on the team, and also to be represented on the track and tennis teams. The University will send representatives to the Southern Intercollegiate Meet, and we hope to win several events. The State legislature has given a very liberal appropriation to the University, and by next fall there will be erected a new gymnasium with all modern apparatus and a dormitory for young ladies. We are also to have a medical department connected with the University located at Vicksburg.

In the social side of college life we have also received our share of honors, Brother McDowell having been elected leader of the German Club, and Brothers Myers and McFarland to the executive committee. We expect to entertain our friends in the near future with a dinner and dance.

This is the time of our oratorical contests, and Chapter Pi hopes to capture several medals besides having some representatives in the interstate contests.

Ole Miss, our college annual, will be ready for distribution in a few weeks, and Brother Faunt, Pi's editor, assures us that it will be the best ever published.

Brother Nash was compelled to leave the University on account of bad health; so our chapter now numbers nineteen loyal Deltas. We have enjoyed visits from Brothers Pope and Leake. Any other Deltas who may chance to come this way will be assured of a hearty welcome.

R. H. HUNTINGTON.

RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The conference of the Eastern Division is a thing of the past; but thanks to the untiring efforts of the New York Alumni Chapter, who coöperated with us, it is not likely that having passed, it will be soon forgotten. It cannot but be remembered as the most successful gathering of members of the Eastern Division that was ever held; and the interest displayed in the questions brought up for discussion touching the fundamental principles and policies of the Fraternity was positive proof that every brother had the welfare of Delta Tau deeply at heart.

The room where the morning session took place could hardly hold those present; and in the afternoon a large number of alumni greatly swelled the ranks of the delegates and the actives. The crowning event was the banquet; and the enthusiasm of the eighty-odd Deltas present was raised to the highest pitch by the rousing words of the speakers.

Next year's conference will again be in New York; and we sincerely hope that any who were unable to be present on the twenty-second will be with us Feb. 22, 1901. We don't mention those who *were* present this year, for we know *they* will come.

The annual tea of the chapter took place on February 16th; so we had a busy month. We are glad to introduce to the Fraternity our new initiate, William H. Chadic, of the class of 1903. It is not likely that we will initiate again during the remainder of the college year, as we have already initiated the most desirable members of the freshman class.

Sigma Nu has established a chapter at Stevens, or rather, a society which existed here during 1899 has obtained a charter from the above-mentioned fraternity. This is the seventh Greek-letter Fraternity at Stevens; the others having chapters here are Chi Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Theta Xi, Phi Sigma Kappa and Chi Phi.

The chapter is in excellent condition; and our house was never in better shape, a number of improvements having been recently made.

FRANK J. YOUNGBLOOD.

UPSILON — RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Nothing of great importance has happened with us since our last letter to THE RAINBOW; nevertheless, the time has been very pleasantly and certainly profitably spent.

Although harassed at present to some extent by our outside work, the interest in the Fraternity has by no means decreased. The latest initiates have by this time learned to thoroughly appreciate the objects of a chapter, and are doing good work in its interest.

The last of January we thoroughly enjoyed a visit from one of our ex-members, Lancelot Phelps, who spent several days with us. Upsilon takes a great interest in these visits, and is always glad to see a Delt.

Interest is now centered on basket-ball. A fine schedule was arranged for this season with about half the games yet to be played. This is the best basket-ball the Institute has been able to boast of for years.

W. D. CORNWELL.

PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Though the midwinter term is usually a dull one, or rather, has not those qualities which characterize the fall term, such as the excitement of "rushing goats", yet Phi has enjoyed continued success and inscribed fresh honors on the pages of her history, and can give news that we feel sure will be of interest to our loyal alumni.

Since our last writing we have increased our chapter roll by the addition of one who, though for some time a Delta in spirit, yet not in truth till one Saturday night in January. So, we take great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity Brother William G. Pendleton of Wytheville, Va.

At the celebration of the Graham-Lee Literary Society, of which we spoke in our last letter, Brother Causey did not disappoint the high hopes we had centered in his success; neither did he dis-

appoint the audience nor the judges, but was awarded the orator's medal. Brother Pendleton also represented us as one of the debaters. His style of argument and his plain but forcible manner of expressing facts will make him valuable as a "rusher" next fall; and he has the making of a good speaker in him.

The winter season is the literary one; and in the celebration of the Washington Society Phi was well represented by Brother Turner as a debater; though on the weak side of the question he treated his subject in a masterful manner, and we would predict for him great success as a public speaker.

Our gymnasium exhibition has not yet become a reality owing to the fact that some members of the team were prevented from training by such infantile maladies as chicken-pox and measles, and then, making progress in the line of infectious and contagious diseases, the appearance of small-pox caused several sore arms from vaccination. However, Brother Cooke, who is captain of the team, is very enthusiastic, and will no doubt work up a good exhibition.

Brother Brück has promised to pay us a visit this spring; and Phi is now living in pleasant anticipation of it, especially as we have never yet been paid an official visit.

C. C. McNEILL.

CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

Since the appearance of the last RAINBOW, Nineteen One's Junior Prom. has taken its place in Kenyon's history; and it justly ranks as one of the pleasantest events of its kind in Gambier. Rosse Hall, our gymnasium — burned in 1897 — is now ready for use, and was opened February 26th, with the Promenade. Every energy had been exerted to make this opening dance a success, and the result fulfilled all expectations. In another respect, that class has earned the thanks and congratulations of Kenyon men. It has undertaken to publish the first Annual gotten out since 1894, and the indications are good for its successful accomplishment. The work has

been going on steadily since the opening of the college year, and the book will appear early in April. Unfortunately, our success in basket-ball has not been as great as we had hoped. For this, the fact that we have not been able to use our own gymnasium is partially responsible; but now that we are back in Rosse, we shall look for improved results.

On the 22d, 23d, 24th, and 25th, of February, Gambier had the pleasure of entertaining the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Church Students' Missionary Association, at which time we enjoyed meeting Brother A. A. Gilman of Beta Tau, delegate from the Philadelphia Theological Seminary. We were pleased also to have with us for a few days Brother Hathaway (Chi, '96) and his wife; and Brother Southworth (Chi, '98), who came for the Prom.

At a recent meeting of the Cincinnati Alumni Association of Kenyon College, Brother Herrlinger, '83, was elected Vice-President, and Brother Southworth, '98, Secretary.

HENRY G. GRIER.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Chapter life is assuming an active phase, and is becoming very business-like and practical as early Spring activities begin. Theses for the Seniors, athletics and the plays for the Juniors and Sophomores, and the Bowl Fight for the Freshmen, furnish ample material for idle thought.

Three notable events in the history of the University took place during February; the opening of the new Law School; the laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial Tower; and the annual University Day on Washington's Birthday. A large number of distinguished guests were present at the dedicatory ceremonies of the Law School, including the Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and many eminent jurists, the heads of many universities and colleges, and representatives from many more, including Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The oration on University Day was delivered by His Excellency, Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister. Earlier in the month the cornerstone of the Memorial

Tower, dedicated to the honor of Pennsylvania's sons who served in the Spanish War, was laid by Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

The "undergrads" are taking great interest in the two plays. The Mask and Wig Club will present their new burlesque "Mr. Aguinaldo of Manila," with a large cast and three choruses, immediately after the Lenten season, in Atlantic City, and then during one week in Philadelphia. Judging from the unusually large number of men who turned out for parts, and the hard work which is being put on it, the new play will in no wise detract from the reputation of some of its illustrious predecessors. Later in April the Circle Français will produce "Le Medecin Malgré Lui," Comedie en Trois Actes, par J. B. Poqudain Molière, for which a very good cast has been selected. It is gratifying to know that the chapter is well represented in both productions.

The Annual Relay Races, next month, will assuredly be the greatest athletic event of the year in America. Acceptances have been received from the invitations to twenty-seven colleges and fifty preparatory schools, while about thirty institutions have not yet formally entered. In addition, an innovation will be made in opening the individual events to all college athletes. Thus it is expected to bring together the best men in the country in each event.

The base-ball team promises to be a very evenly developed one. There are few star players among the candidates, but the general average of ability is quite good enough for a winning team. The schedule comprises twenty-four games, one-half of which will be played on Franklin Field and the rest abroad. We earnestly hope that any brother on a visiting team will let us know when he will arrive, so that we can meet him and make arrangements to entertain him.

The members of our chapter who were present at the Eastern Division Conference desire to express their appreciation of the superb arrangements and the many courtesies extended to them by the New York Alumni Association and Rho Chapter. We heartily wish that every Conference will be as well conducted and as enthusiastic and successful.

C. R. SPARE.

BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Indiana sustained a severe loss by fire on February 7. Wylie Hall was completely gutted from basement to tower. The fire originated in one of the chemical laboratories. The basement and first floor has been refitted and is occupied by the Chemistry Department. It is the plan of the trustees to rebuild it next summer, adding another floor to it and making a better building in every way.

The Law School announces that entrance requirements will be made rigorous next year, when the three year course begins. The already competent Law Faculty will be materially strengthened, and the Law Department will be one of the best schools for legal training in the West.

Dr. David Starr Jordan recently delivered a series of lectures here. Dr. Jordan is an ex-president of Indiana, and during his stay the new athletic field was named in his honor.

Jordan field will undoubtedly be the scene of many victories for Indiana during the base-ball season, just beginning. The material for a good team has been abundant, and active practice has been going on in the gymnasium all winter.

This term has been a pleasant one in a social way. Beta Alpha gave her annual reception and dance on the 23d of February. We have not been very active in recruiting since our last letter, but we announce the name of our last initiate, Mr. N. D. Hamilton of Zanesville, Indiana.

Kappa Sigma has entered this university with a chapter of ten men. They are installed in a new chapter house on Sixth street. This is the thirteenth Greek-letter society here.

The managers of the annual publications are working busily to get them out on time. Brother Heilman is one of the managers of the *Arbutus*, the Senior annual. Brother McKee was the cartoonist and illustrator of the Junior annual.

The chapter is in excellent condition from every standpoint, and has by its selection of members laid a good foundation for a prosperous future.

W. A. PATTON.

BETA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The first semester has closed, and we are well along into the second semester's work. Beta Gamma feels justly proud in stating that she suffered no loss of men on account of failure or deficiency in work, and she hopes to be able to maintain this standard in the future; a standard, indeed, over which not every fraternity at Wisconsin can boast. We attribute our good showing in some degree to our faculty committee, whose duty is to consult monthly with the different class-officers of the under-class men, and obtain the grade of work being done, a report following in the regular meeting succeeding. If the student's work is not satisfactory, measures are adopted by the chapter, which invariably incite him to bring his grade to its proper place.

The new University Library and State Historical Library and Museum Building is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy about October 1. This building, one of the most magnificent of its kind in the West, was erected at a cost of \$600,000 and is in every way a worthy addition to the splendid buildings of the university. Ground has been broken for the new building of the School of Mechanics and Engineering, and work upon it is being rapidly pushed forward. It is being erected at a cost of \$250,000, and when completed will accommodate all the branches of the engineering department.

Since our last letter to THE RAINBOW, we have initiated Mr. H. J. Saunders of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and take great pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity. Brother Saunders is a member of the track team, and an all-round athlete. Brother Husting was recently elected a member of the athletic board of control.

The Junior Prom. of 1900 has passed, but the many pleasant memories that attach themselves to it still linger in the minds of those who attended. * As the larger number of our lady-guests were from without the city, Beta Gamma gave a house-party, continuing from Friday noon, February 16, until Monday noon, February 19. The chapter-house was placed entirely at their disposal and merriement reigned supreme. Immediately following the Prom. we gave a dawn-tea. Saturday evening a formal was held in the chapter

house, attended by guests and friends; the presence of a number of our alumni greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The Western Division Conference will meet with Beta Gamma May 30 and 31, 1900. Again we wish to bring this to the notice of those who may find it possible to be with us, and hope that every division chapter will see fit to be represented, that the conference may be made one of general interest as well as of pleasure and profit for those who attend.

W. F. DICKINSON.

BETA EPSILON — EMORY COLLEGE.

At this point in our college term there is ardent preparation among the students to secure places on the various athletic teams, speakers' places for commencement, and the honors bestowed by the literary societies. Among the aspirants Delts are conspicuous factors, and are sure to have their portion.

In the recent honors at Emory we claim to have received our full share. Julian H. Jordan, '01, won the first prize, offered annually by the *Emory Phoenix* for the best original stories. It is a singular fact that Delts have always been winners in this contest.

For the first time in several years we will not be represented on the Champion Debate at our next commencement. For several years, successively, this honor has been bestowed upon a Delt, and never has one failed to reflect credit upon his society and his fraternity.

Our recent plan of sending out, to each alumnus, a letter giving the exact status, our needs at the present, and our aspirations for the future, is attaining the desired results. * Almost daily we are receiving letters filled with enthusiasm for the Fraternity and loyalty to the chapter. If the alumni are not loyal to their chapter almost invariably it is the fault of the latter. No chapter can exist successfully or long without the co-operation of its alumni.

We are somewhat isolated from the other chapters, but we feel

our responsibility as the only representative of Delta Tau Delta in Georgia, and we rejoice that there are many alumni who are as loyal as when they were actives.

If any Delts are ever in our vicinity we will take great pleasure in having them make us a visit.

J. B. DELL.

BETA ZETA — BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

The term examinations are only three weeks distant, and some of us have already begun to burn the midnight oil. Butler's winter term is so crowded with college events that its close is unusually trying.

This has been Butler's and Beta Zeta's banner term. Our college, represented by a Delt, John Carr, won second place in one of Indiana's most exciting oratorical contests. Our debating team, led by Brother Mehring, won the annual debate with Depauw University. Brother Dyer is president, and Brother Adney treasurer of the College Debating Association, recently formed.

We have not neglected social functions. In addition to minor parties, we enjoyed the annual reception to our alumni, on the 25th of February.

The spring term promises to bring our chapter further distinction. Brother Mehring is captain of the track team, Brother Watts will probably win the tennis singles, and we expect to be represented on the debating team that meets Notre Dame.

O. E. MEHRING.

BETA ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since the last RAINBOW came to us, we have initiated two excellent men. They are the right sort, and good, strong enthusiastic Deltas. Here Brother John Eldon Hynes of Winnebago City and Brother Charles Thomas De Lamere of St. Paul are introduced to the Fraternity at large. Both are 1903 men.

Great interest has been taken in basket-ball this winter. Although the team has played against athletic associations from different cities in the state, it has been defeated but twice. Wisconsin and Iowa University teams are among the vanquished.

The foot-ball outlook for Minnesota this coming fall is very bright. All of the old men excepting Quarter-back Cole and Scandrett at end will be back. Williams, Yale '91, will probably be secured as coach and athletic director. Instead of having a student manager, this work will be part of the duties of the director of athletics. This arrangement is something new here, but has met with approval from all sides.

On the 12th of February the chapter gave a party at Brother Hooker's. We had a very pleasant evening; dancing was the chief pastime.

On February 23rd the active chapter was entertained at Brother Arey's home by Miss Queen Arey.

Early in the winter an agreement was entered into by all the fraternities here to refrain from "rushing" preparatory students before they have registered for work at college. Several complications have arisen so far, as it is rather hard to draw a line where rushing begins; and some want to take time by the fore-top and make an early impression of the right kind upon some particularly desirable man.

We expect to get a place close to first in inter-fraternity baseball this spring. In fact, it wouldn't surprise us if we got first place. We are aiming high and hit pretty nearly where we aim.

Beta Eta extends her best wishes to all sister chapters.

HARRY E. SUTTON.

BETA IOTA — UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

We are happy to announce in this letter three additions to the ranks of Beta Iota. We have been so fortunate as to secure by transference Brother Clark of Emory and Brother Busch of Leland Stanford, while, as a result of an initiation, it gives us pleasure to

introduce to the Fraternity Brother James Nathaniel Dunlap of Richmond, Virginia.

Representatives were recently appointed by the various fraternities here to consider the organization of an inter-fraternity social club, and the construction of a suitable building for its accommodation. Since the beginning of the movement, however, its scope has been considerably enlarged; and it now seems that if carried to a successful termination it will result in an all-college and alumni club.

The last German of the season has been given; and there will be a lull in society till it breaks forth with renewed life in the gaieties of Easter, when athletic game and German will follow in quick succession.

Hon. Charles Dudley Warner will be the final orator for the Jefferson and Washington Literary Societies. The lack of interest exhibited in college debating societies all over the country has not failed to make its appearance in this university; but we think that a speaker of Mr. Warner's literary ability and energetic character will do much to overcome this downward tendency and to fill our societies with new life.

JNO. LITTLETON JONES.

BETA KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

If there is one thing that Beta Kappa has desired more than another it is to be able to entertain some member of our Arch Chapter: one that can tell us from personal knowledge the thoughts and work of "those who reign." There seems to be only one sure way to accomplish this result, and that by failing to pay our debts or to become a weak sister generally. If we are right in this belief, Beta Kappa is far removed from the gratification of her wish; for we are now in the midst of one of our best year's financially, fraternally, — in fact, in every way.

Just before February 9th we drew off our forces from other lines of work, and turned all our energy to the development of our

latest idea. We determined to give the finest reception and dance that the college town had ever seen, and we succeeded. We garnered the gold from alumni fields, we gathered the fruit from our own gardens, and in intervals of rest we sent out eight hundred invitations, when, lo! the whir of the sewing machine was heard in the town as the dressmakers bent to their work, and the piles of dress-suits grew high on the shelves of the tailors. The one dancing-master of the town looked with gladdened eye at the long line of awkward pupils heeling and toeing their way down his hall. The night came and grew into morning long before the last hack trundled its way to the barn. The sun rose and shone hot in the heavens. The janitor strolled lonesomely about the campus. Not until the clang of the heavy iron triangle announced the dinner hour did the first head raise from its pillow. Then only the Delta Tau Delta party was over.

We have taken in but one new man this semester. Allen W. Robbins, '01, now wears the square badge. The mock initiation was dispensed with in this instance, and the real initiation was held in our new rooms.

I have said that we are prosperous this year; we are also very active in our college life. There are only two really important college offices that we do not hold. While we have the presidency of the athletic association, we have this year neither the captaincy of the base-ball team nor that of the foot-ball eleven. The one is held by a member of a fraternity unrepresented here, and the other by a "barb." Aside from these there is hardly a position worth the having that in it some member of Beta Kappa does not represent the University. The Oratorical Contest has been held; and the University of Colorado again sends its man to the interstate, there to compete with the picked men of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio and Nebraska. May 3rd is the date of the contest, and it is to be held in Denver.

Student interests at present center around base-ball, the glee and mandolin clubs and *The Annual*. Brother Robbins leads the glee club, and Brother Long is editor-in-chief of *The Annual*.

WILLARD P. HATCH.

BETA LAMBDA — LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

During the past three or four weeks our house has been upside down, due to the fact that we are having some much-needed work done.

The base-ball candidates to the number of thirty-five have been doing steady work. Two of our men have been taken on the 'varsity squad with promising chances for making the team.

Our delegate to the Conference returned and reported that the Conference was the best he ever attended.

SAMUEL PARKE HEITSHU.

BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

The winter term to the fellows on College Hill has been one of the best we have ever known. The freshmen have now become firmly knit into our working body; and affairs are progressing in a smooth routine, which means a great deal in the workings of the chapter.

Socially in college affairs we are taking our full share of prominence, being well represented in everything where the Fraternity counts.

In the latter part of February the English department of the college gave an elaborate reproduction of one of the old fifteenth-century guild plays, in which we had three out of six of the men on the cast.

After the regular February college reception the chapter gave a supper at the house to about twenty of those present at the dance, and a very enjoyable party was the result. This was the first function that we have held in our new chapter house; and every effort was employed to make it thoroughly enjoyable, in which we believe we succeeded.

In athletics Tufts has taken long strides forward in the past year, a change due to a different stand of the trustees of the college towards athletic interests. The gymnasium has been entirely

remodeled and splendidly equipped, and a base-ball cage added; while a running track and new dance floor extending out over the cage complete the improvements. Brother Eriksson, '01, is captain of the 'varsity track team, and showed up very strong in the indoor meet February 8th, when the new gymnasium was formally opened. Two of our men ran in their class relay teams, and we were well represented in the other events. In base-ball the squad has been at work for over a month; and prospects are very bright for turning out a winning team,—one which we hope will rival in success that of last year. Brother Hazelton, '01, was re-elected captain of the team at the end of last year's season, and is now hard at work with his men. Captain Hazelton, while playing ball last summer, was seriously injured, and was unable to return to college until midyear. We are glad to give him a hearty welcome back.

Monday, January 22nd, we initiated Daniel Ashley Jenks of Holyoke, Mass.

At the Division Conference held in New York City we had four undergraduates present and a number of the alumni. All report a very enjoyable time.

L. W. COLLINS.

BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The all-absorbing topic in Ithaca just at present is the contemplation of the coming examinations, and all other activities are subordinated for the time being. In the past few weeks, however, the various teams have been rounding into shape,—the base-ball squad for the regular spring trip through the South, and the track team and crews for the outdoor work, which begins as soon as the weather will permit. The prospects this year are for good representation in all lines of athletic activity; and it is hoped that some of the reverses of former years may be atoned for in the season before us.

The brothers who attended the conference in New York report a most enjoyable time; and Beta Omicron, realizing the benefit that such fraternal gatherings give, wishes to urge all those who are

able to accompany any of their teams which may visit Ithaca in the spring; and we shall certainly endeavor to make their stay a pleasurable one.

We have been fortunate in having received visits this past term from Brothers Gibbs, '94, Barnes, '99, Hamilton, '97, Ingersoll, '97, Chapman, '98, of our own chapter, and Brothers Bolard, Alpha '72, Nelson, Kappa '66, and Clark, Kappa '96, and trust that the good work may go on.

WILLARD D. STRAIGHT.

BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The carnival of nineteen hundred has come and gone. For two weeks the people of New Orleans have been living in a whirl of excitement and enjoyment. Never before have the festivities that graced this season been organized on a system of such thorough completeness and gorgeous magnificence. Nine balls and five street pageants constituted this brilliant carnival.

After all this merry-making the boys find it a hard task to buckle down to work again and prepare for the winter term's examination, which takes place the 17th of March.

Beta Xi has rather a small membership at present; but as quality is sought by Delta Tau Delta, rather than quantity, we can not complain.

We have recently handsomely refurnished our club-room. The coziness of the room has greatly been added to by donations of pillows, pictures, etc., presented by our Delta friends.

The prospects for a good base-ball team are much brighter than had been expected. A number of old players have returned to college; and with this acquisition we hope to put a team in the field which will uphold our last year's record.

DOUGLAS M. KILPATRICK, Jr.

BETA PI—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The past two months have been a time of quiet hard work for Beta Pi. During January we were busy preparing for our regular semester examinations; and we have succeeded, I think, in keeping up to the standard of scholarship that has always been expected of members of Beta Pi.

During the short recess after examinations the Glee and Mandolin Clubs took a very pleasant trip through the northern part of Illinois. We had one man on each of the clubs, besides Ralph Dennis, who accompanied the clubs as reader, and helped largely to make the concerts thoroughly successful. This year the musical clubs have been remarkably good, and the season has been successful from a financial, a musical, and a social point of view.

Brother Dennis won first prize in the Cleveland Contest in Declamation on February 16th, and was also one of the speakers at the annual dinner of the Chicago Alumni Association held at the Grand Pacific on February 23rd. A number of our men were present at that time, and enjoyed the opportunity of meeting the alumni from our own chapter as well as from others, besides the active members of Gamma Alpha Chapter, who were nearly all present.

We have at present twelve active members, as T. C. Johnson did not return to college for the second semester. We have pledged two men, and expect to hold an initiation soon.

We recently enjoyed a visit from the Rev. James Potter, one of the charter members of Beta Pi Chapter.

Our base-ball candidates are working harder this spring than they ever worked before. Dr. Hollister is not doing any talking; but it can be easily seen that he is going to have a winning team, if such a thing is possible. Frank West is captain of the team. Track team candidates are also training hard under the leadership of Brother Elliott.

The last number of *The Northwestern*, our weekly, was something of a novelty in college journalism. It was the annual "Woman's Edition," issued by the girls of the University, and it was certainly a great success. It was more in the form of a maga-

zine than of a newspaper, and had a specially designed cover of purple. The regular editors have now gone back to work, and are trying to keep up the pace that the girls have set for them.

The alumni of the University are showing great interest in undergraduate affairs. They have instituted a series of "stag" dinners at the University Settlement and foot-ball meetings to consider plans for next fall. They have also planned a grand concert, to be given at Central Music Hall, Chicago, on March 30th, for the benefit of the gymnasium fund. The University Glee and Mandolin Clubs and the Thalian Dramatic Club will take part.

H. S. BAKER.

BETA RHO — LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Beta Rho started in the second semester of the college year with all the old men back and the addition of one of our alumni, — Brother George Taylor, '98, who has returned for a course in Law. However, we have since had the misfortune to lose both Brother Taylor and Brother Johnson for a time at least, on account of poor health.

On the evening of January 26th we had the pleasure of initiating C. E. Holbrook into the Fraternity, or rather, of seeing our Berkeley brothers do it for us. This increases our chapter membership to sixteen, and materially strengthens us.

One of the prettiest and most successful dances of the year has just been given in the sophomore cotillion. Brother Fernald represented Beta Rho on the committee.

The intercollegiate base-ball season soon opens; and, from present indications, Stanford stands an excellent show of having her revenge for the defeats of the fall.

The chapter spent a most pleasant evening at a "smoker" given by the Beta Theta Pi Chapter about a week ago, and it is our intention to return the compliment in the near future. We hope a few of these will establish a closer friendship between the different

chapters, and tend to keep the interfraternity relations at Stanford on the pleasant footing that has been the rule for several years.

ELIOT G. POTTER.

BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Charter Day was celebrated here as usual on February 15th, it being the thirty-first anniversary of the institution. A large number of people from the surrounding towns attended the exhibits of the various departments. The weather being unfavorable, the annual dress parade and inspection by the Governor could not be held; consequently it fell to the lot of the Persking Rifles to represent the Military department.

Quite a dispute has arisen in the Sophomore class over the appointing of the Junior annual board. Some time ago the constitution of the class was amended, giving the President power to appoint the board. The board was appointed, but the appointments did not satisfy some of the members. By various means these discontented ones have tried to dispose of this board, but as yet have not succeeded, and their prospects of success are still very dim. Much excitement has been aroused, and all the students are anxious to see the appointed board continue. It is now rumored that the Rump have organized a new class, and elected a board of their own. Our Phi Kappa Psi friends are at the head of the new board, while Delta Tau is well represented on the original.

The students and people of Lincoln in general were given quite a treat along the musical line February 12th, as Paderewski gave a concert at the opening of the new auditorium.

The social event of the year, the "Junior Prom," was held at the Lincoln Hotel February 16th. It was a grand success socially as well as financially, all the classes being well represented.

Mr. Clarence Eddy gave the first open concert in the armory Monday evening, February 25th, on the pipe-organ presented to the University by its alumni.

B. A. YODER.

BETA UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Since our last letter to *THE RAINBOW*, Beta Upsilon has added three good men to her chapter roll; and we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large Brothers Dedman, '02, Allen, '03, and Wadsworth, '03, making a total of eighteen active members in the chapter.

Brother Carleton, Kappa, was with us at the initiation, and his remarks at the banquet were both highly entertaining and instructive, demonstrating the fact that in spite of all honors showered upon him, Delta Tau Delta and its teachings of brotherly love never wane nor grow cold.

We are still considering the question of a fraternity house; and it is now practically settled that we will be able to go into one by the opening of the University next fall.

The University received a severe blow in the line of athletics in the refusal of the faculty to ratify the advisory board's contract with Coach Smith of Princeton for the coming foot-ball season; and our outlook in that field is not brilliant at present. However, the base-ball season promises to be a good one for Illinois.

April 6 is the date of our sixth anniversary as a chapter of the Fraternity; and on that night we will celebrate the event with our annual banquet and ball.

W. H. SHERMAN.

BETA PHI — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Again Beta Phi greets her sister chapters and wishes them every success and privilege of fraternity life.

Since the last issue of *THE RAINBOW* we feel that Beta Phi has grown stronger in fraternity work, and that we have become more closely attached to each other, enjoying the real pleasures and benefits of the fraternity work. Not only have we grown stronger in our work but stronger in our numbers. On January 29th Beta Phi initiated into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta Brothers George

Crable, '02, and Raymond Dill, '01, both of Columbus, O., whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large. Both brothers have a high standing in their college work and also in social circles. They will make good men to bear the standard of Delta Tau Delta in whatever field she may go. The chapter is now composed of fifteen active members and several active and enthusiastic alumni, all of whom are working hard for the best interests of the Fraternity.

We are well represented, both in college circles by our active members and out of college by our loyal and faithful alumni. On our college basket-ball team we are represented by Brother Walter Klie; in the cadets by Brothers Harry Scarlett, 2d lieutenant; George Crable, 1st sergeant; Ferdinand Shoedinger, corporal; Charles Hovey Van Tine and Ray Lanning, privates; in the signal corps by Walter Klie, and in the band by Forrest L. Keiser. Brother Raymond Dill resigned the office of 2d lieutenant during the second term of college.

One of the coming events of the college year, and one which is being looked forward to with a great amount of interest by the student body is the drama, "Janice Merideth," to be given by the Ohio State University dramatic club. The play is a dramatization of the popular novel, Janice Merideth, and was prepared for the stage by Brother A. C. Harvey, '96, and Mr. Walter T. Snyder. The play follows very closely the lines of the author and has every promise of success. Brother Harvey is one of the cast.

On St. Valentine's day Beta Phi gave an informal dance, which was a great success, and one of the enjoyable events of the year. Several other important dances have been given, notably that of Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Junior Promenade and Cadet hop, at all of which we have been well represented.

F. L. KEISER.

BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY

Beta Chi Chapter of Brown University is proud of its graduates, and its graduates take an active interest in Beta Chi. Immediately after the last issue of *THE RAINBOW*, when for the first time since its institution no letter appeared from Beta Chi, the chapter secretary heard in a vigorous manner from a number of the graduates. The same day on which *THE RAINBOW* appeared, Principal Thompson of the Connecticut Literary Institute, sent the secretary the following: "Dear Brother: I was terribly disappointed not to see a Beta Chi letter in the January *RAINBOW*. Who is fast asleep? You or the editor? I hope the latter. Fraternally, H. L. T." Such interest in the chapter and pressure upon the delinquent officer cannot fail of effect.

The graduates of Beta Chi, who have thus far all done well, have done much to maintain the high standing of the chapter. Principal Thompson regularly attends the initiatory banquet of the chapter, gives the new men a rough sketch of its history, and never fails to impress upon them the fact that Beta Chi always has stood for and still stands for character and scholarship. In this way the men are encouraged to maintain the standard. And I do not doubt that Brother Thompson is in no small degree responsible for the fact that the members of Beta Chi have carried off more Phi Beta Kappa keys the past few years than any other chapter at Brown University. And I also do not doubt that the same influence of the graduates is likewise responsible for the fact that Beta Chi has maintained such high standing in general character.

At the meeting of February 2, Rev. Benjamin T. Livingston, of the class of '97, and now pastor of the Jefferson Street Baptist Church of Providence, was present and told the story of the early days of the chapter, how the members made it a point to shake hands with each other when they met, took an interest in each other's work, and encouraged each other as much as possible. He said that it was impossible to come in contact with the 800 men at college, but it was possible to come in contact with the 20 men of the Fraternity, and through them with all the various departments

of work. One was going to be a lawyer, another a doctor, a third an engineer, and a fourth a poor minister. In the Fraternity they all met and became rounder men for it.

At the close of Mr. Livingstone's address, Charles H. Dow of the class of '99, and now one of the civil engineers on the Illinois Central Railroad, spoke of his work and experience in railroad engineering and building. As a number of the members of the chapter are taking engineering studies, this speech was not only interesting but of practical value.

After Mr. Dow finished speaking, Arthur H. Blanchard, '99, now a member of the faculty, and instructor in Civil Engineering, told of the steps that have been taken for establishing a new scientific honorary society at Brown. During the past summer Mr. Blanchard worked for the Berlin Bridge Company of Connecticut, and there met a Cornell member of the society who was interested in the state of affairs at Brown. At Brown the civil engineer and scientific men are practically barred from the Phi Beta Kappa. The new society, if established at Brown, will be exclusively for those men who have shown marked ability and maintained a high standing in scientific work. If a man takes the A.B. degree and also stands high in his scientific work, it will probably be possible to get both the Phi Beta Kappa and the other key, showing that he is a good all-round man. The petition for a charter in this society has been signed by all the professors and instructors along the scientific line at Brown. From all indications the society will be established here by the first of next year.

Frank E. Watson, '97, while instructor and graduate student was a regular attendant at the meetings of the chapter. Louis Allen Crocker, '98, who held the George Ide Chace scholarship for "marked ability, exemplary industry, generous aspirations and irreproachable character," and who is now at the Harvard Medical School, has visited the chapter a number of times since he graduated. John A. Clough, '99, of the Harvard Law School, spoke this year at the initiation banquet. Fred A. Smart and Arthur G. Host, '98, did while graduate students, as Bernard Ewer, Safford Beal and Arthur L. Giles often do now, add dignity to the meetings by their presence.

While the meetings are always social it is the policy of the chapter to have interesting literary features which are of practical value to the men.

The Alpha Beta Society of Pembroke Hall gave a brilliant reception, January 31. Beta Chi was represented by F. T. Hallett and Hunter White.

The Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity gave its annual reception and dance, Thursday evening, February 22, from eight to one o'clock, in Pembroke Hall. Brothers J. L. Chapman, G. L. Hunt, Cameron and Hallett were present.

A large number of the men have taught in the evening schools this year. This has made it difficult for some of them to attend the meetings at all during the last half of the first term, and has made it impossible for the others to get the meetings on time. The evening school term, however, is now practically over. The men who have taught this year are: Principals, John L. Chapman, George L. Hunt, '00, Walter S. Seamans, '02; advanced teachers, Arthur L. Giles, '99, M. Cameron, '00; common school teachers, Max M. Miller, E. H. Gilbert, H. G. Calder and W. W. Andrew.

Frederic P. Drowne has been elected treasurer of the sophomore class. John P. Gray, '01, has been elected associate editor of the *Liber*. M. Cameron, '00, had charge as secretary of the Debating Union, the trials for the Dartmouth debate.

The Debating Union extended an invitation to Col. William Jennings Bryan to address the students while here. Before this action was taken the Dean of the University was consulted. On this account a false report was sent throughout the country, stating that the Dean would not allow Col. Bryan to address the students for fear it would hurt the endowment fund. Mr. Bryan, however, was unable to address the students because he did not reach Providence till late in the day.

MONCRIEFFE CAMERON.

BETA PSI — WABASH COLLEGE.

We are almost at the end of our winter term, and can report that it has been a prosperous one for Beta Psi. One good man has been initiated since our last letter and two pledged, all of the freshman class. We have the pleasure of introducing to the Fraternity Mr. Phillip Hughes of Lima, Indiana.

The past month has been a very busy one for us socially as well as in our college work. On the tenth of February we entertained our friends for the first time in our new house, and everyone said it was a success. On the seventh was an indoor pentathlon meet between the city Y. M. C. A., the High School and College. Although we were beaten by the Y. M. C. A., Brother Earl McColum captured the medal for the highest single score in the five events. Brothers Moore and Montgomery were also on the team, making three Delts out of the four representatives. Brother Binford, '97, was also captain of the winning team.

The twenty-second of February, besides being the time for the sophomore-freshman "pushes," had unusual interest this year, because on that day our new president, Dr. William P. Kane, was formally installed. A great many of the alumni were back, and declared that more enthusiasm was shown that day than has been known for a long time. The entire tone of the exercises was prophetic of prosperity for the college. It is the general feeling that Dr. Kane is the man for the place.

The Pan-Hellenic dance, which is the social event of the season here, came March 1st. This year it was even a greater success than ever before.

H. A. WEST.

BETA OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The rushing season is over for this term, and Beta Omega has added four new Deltas to the Fraternity. On January 27th we celebrated our second anniversary and held our fourth initiation. On this date four men successfully "rode the goat"; and we wish

to introduce to the Delta world William C. Hunter, '01, of Berkeley; Alfred S. Holmes, '02, of Clinton, Iowa; John N. Carrigan, '03; and Clarence Carrigan, '03, both of San Francisco.

The celebration was a success in every way, thirty-three Deltas sitting down to the fraternal board. The time-honored Choctaw walk-around ended the general good time.

The election for senior president has taken place, and the committees for the Class Day celebration have been appointed. Beta Omega has two men on the committees: Percy Dolman is chairman of the senior ball committee, and Max McCollough is a member of the afternoon committee. We feel that this is quite a victory for us, as we are the only fraternity which has more than one representative, there being only three other fraternities with representatives. The president and other officers of the class are non-fraternity men.

The 'varsity base-ball team is down to hard work, and the prospect is good for winning from our rival. Billy Hunter holds up the Delt honors at short-stop.

The track men are also getting into training for the meet with Stanford and for the Eastern trip which is proposed. The team which goes East will probably consist of twelve men, including the manager and trainer.

On February 26th the University Cotillion Club gave its dance, which was the swellest affair that has yet been given by the students. It was practically an inter-fraternity affair, the members of the committee being all "frat" men. After the main function the chapter gave a little house party to its lady friends.

There is at present in the preparatory schools quite a large amount of good fraternity material which will make up next year's freshman class. We have three very likely men in view at present.

BENTON A. HAMMOND.

GAMMA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Since our last letter Gamma Alpha has affiliated Brothers Claude Smith and Ernest Whitney Martin, and initiated Brothers Francis Bard, Arthur Thomas, and Walter Francis. They are all excellent men, and we are proud to call them Deltas. Brother Smith has already distinguished himself by breaking three local records in track events.

Brother Stewart, formerly of Ohio Wesleyan, has entered the University for graduate work. Brother Stewart has been recently studying at the University of Michigan and in Germany.

With sixteen active members — eleven in our house — we have a strong chapter in every sense. We were never better off in any particular, and feel confident of continued prosperity. We have several men still in mind as good Delt material, and expect to add them to our numbers soon. We will undoubtedly have two star players on the base-ball team — Brothers Ewing and Rogers; and with Brother Smith on the track team we will be well represented.

The last few months have been given up mostly to society at the University. Gamma Alpha has had several very pleasant gatherings, and has a few more still in view for the near future. A number of the chapter attended the annual banquet of the Chicago Alumni Association, and Brother Barker represented us with a toast. Brother Palmquist has recently distinguished himself in debating.

ROBERT S. McCLURE.

THE DELTA ALUMNI.

ALPHA.

'71 — Chas. E. Loomis, '71, of Utica, N.Y., has been in the West among the Comanches and Sioux looking after "beef on foot." He now may be found among the Bulls and Bears on Wall Street.

'75 — F. M. Ritezel is still the active end of *The Warren Daily Chronicle*, and, as captain of the local military company, saluted Dewey at New York.

'85 — Harry C. Flood died in Santiago de Cuba on December 30, 1899, of malarial fever. He was sick only three days. Previous to his illness he was stenographer at division headquarters, U.S.A., Santiago. The remains were brought to Meadville and interred on January 24, 1900.

'90 — W. C. Deming is the editor-in-chief of *The Warren Daily Tribune*. Deming has made some good efforts towards advancements in local politics. So far the Fates have been against him. He is rapidly gaining strength, however.

'93 — Alfred J. Bates of Meadville was married on January 15 to Miss Bertha Sprague of South Milford, Mass.

'94 — R. E. Gorton is cashier for the New York & Ohio Co., manufacturers of incandescent and electric specialties. Bob is still unmarried, but visits our local lovers' lanes with suspicious regularity.

DELTA.

'95 — James M. Swift is assistant district attorney for the Southern District of Massachusetts. His address is Fall River, Mass.

EPSILON.

'70 — Henry C. Northrup, A.M., B.D., is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Corunna, Mich.

'71 — Edward Bennett Bancroft, A.M., B.D., a trustee of Albion College, is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Flint, Mich.

'78 — Charles Henry Chase, Ph.B., Ithaca, Mich., Judge of Probate, and Editor of *Gratiot County Journal*, Ithaca, Mich., has recently published "Elementary Principles of Economics" (C. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago).

'80 — George Perry Brown, B.S., is city attorney of Marquette, Mich.

'81 — Charles Albert French is secretary and manager of the Practical Farmer Co., 75 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids, Mich., which publishes *The Michigan Fruit Grower*.

Ex-'90 — Linton Beach Sutton, B.S., formerly with the Minnesota Iron Co., Iron Mountain, Michigan, is now found at 39 Mansion House, Cape Town, Cape Colony.

'92 — Thomas Carlyle Snell, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., was among the first to reach Cape Nome, Alaska, after the gold deposits were discovered. He will probably continue in the jewelry business!

'93 — Oscar B. Warren, formerly of Hibbing, Minn., is superintendent of the Dorothy Mine and Coke Works of the American Coke Co. located at Latrobe, Pa.

'93 — George Frederick Sheldon, formerly of Quincy, Mich., is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hastings, Mich.

'94 — Prof. Newell Cook, Ph.B., is pursuing post-graduate work in the University of Michigan. His address is 322 North State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.

'96 — Charles Stephen Valentine is state manager for Michigan of the State Life Insurance Co. of Indiana. He will soon move into new offices in the Majestic Building.

'97 — Fred J. Edmonds, M.D., of Farmington, Mich., has taken unto himself a wife.

'97 — Nelius D. McCutcheon recently removed to Detroit,

Mich., from Sagauniaw, where he had been studying law in his father's office.

'98 — Frank L. Mulholland, LL.B., has formed a law partnership with D. R. Austin, and has offices at 1040 The Spitzer, Toledo, O.

'99 — Ernest Linwood Ohle of Petoskey is taking work in the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, O. He reports many courtesies from Zeta Chapter men.

'99 — Benj. C. Tuthill, who is meeting considerable success in marine engineering and architecture, was recently married. His present address is 146 Oak Street., Bath, Me.

PI.

'82 — B. M. Dillard is merchandising in Tupelo, Miss.

'85 — E. A. Sears is living in Holly Springs, Miss.

'89 — W. J. Stockett is practicing law in Okolona, Miss.

'94 — J. J. Rogers is a merchant in Birmingham, Ala.

'98 — I. D. Borders is mayor of Brooksville, Miss.

'00 — I. M. Moody has a government position in Meridian, Miss.

'01 — W. N. Hutchinson is a planter near Columbus, Miss.

'02 — W. G. Poindexter is at a business college in New Orleans, La.

CHI.

'85 — O. B. Harris of Sullivan, Ind., is candidate for circuit judge on the Democratic ticket.

'97 — W. D. Blake has moved to Galena, Mo., where he has opened a drug store.

'98 — C. Southworth returned in February from his European tour, and has resumed his legal studies in Cincinnati.

'99 — D. A. Williams holds a government position connected with the Geodetic Survey at Olympia, Wash.

BETA GAMMA.

- '93 — J. F. Donovan is practicing law at Milwaukee, Wis.
- '93 — Harvey Clarke is practicing law at Monroe, Wis.
- '94 — C. W. Lamoreaux has a good law practice at Mayville, Wis.
- '95 — D. P. Lamoreux is secretary of the Malleable Iron Works at Beaverdam, Wis.
- '96 — A. P. Tompkins is an attorney at Ashland, Wis.
- '96 — L. A. Dahlman is a member of the law firm of Dahlman & McCabe of Milwaukee, Wis.
- '96 — M. A. McCabe is a member of above-named firm.
- '97 — M. G. Montgomery is at present attending the School of Mining of Columbia University.
- '97 — S. T. Walker is at present district attorney at Rhinelander, Wis.
- '97 — G. O. Buchholz is connected with the law firm of Felker, Doe & Felker of Milwaukee, Wis.
- '97 — J. O. Miller is a member of the law firm of Feeney & Miller of Marinette, Wis.
- '98 — T. B. Royce is operating a shoe store at Fort Atkinson, Wis.
- '98 — T. G. Chittenden is employed in the First National Bank of Chicago.
- '98 — C. A. A. McGee is a member of the law firm of Kanneberb, McGee & Cleaver of Milwaukee, Wis.
- '98 — J. G. Roebel is associated with his father in the Roebel Art Store of Milwaukee, Wis.
- '98 — J. B. Amazeen is a member of the law firm of Amazeen & Forbe of Milwaukee, Wis.
- '98 — C. A. Romadka is travelling for the Romadka Trunk Co. of Milwaukee, Wis.
- '98 — F. H. Kiser is practising law at Whitewater, Wis.
- '99 — H. K. Clarke has a responsible position with the Osgood Colortype Co. of Chicago.
- '99 — W. H. Wilson is attending a dental school in Chicago.

'99—D. C. Pierpont is at present in the medical department of Columbia University, New York.

'00—D. W. Stetson is in the medical department of Columbia University, New York.

'00—J. A. Graves is connected with the law firm of Fiebing & Killiaea of Milwaukee, Wis.

'00—E. W. Lambertson is associated with his father in the State Bank of Richland Centre, Wis.

BETA EPSILON.

'87—M. A. Morgan, presiding elder, McRae District, South Georgia Conference. M. E. C. S.

'87—J. L. Kee, lawyer, 7½ Whitehall Street, Atlanta, Ga.

'90—O. L. Kelley, president Perdniaut Insurance, Rockmart, Ga.

'92—W. C. Crawley, missionary to China, stationed at Pekin. M. E. C. S.

'92—J. A. Sharp, president Young Harris College, Young Harris, Ga.

'93—F. B. Shipp, principal Kissimee High School, Kissimee, Fla.

'94—R. C. Cheatham, insurance, Wadley, Ga.

'94—J. G. Sessoms, prominent railroad attorney at Way Cross, Ga.

'95—D. G. Bickers, on staff of *The Atlanta Journal*, Atlanta, Ga.

'95—T. J. Shepard, manager of Fort Valley Fruit Packing Co., Fort Valley, Ga.

Ex-'97—M. A. Fleming, practicing law at Vienna, Ga.

Ex-'97—J. C. Freeman, professor in Massey Bus. College, Richmond, Va.

Ex-'00—J. Q. Davis, of Duncan & Davis, grocers, Birmingham, Ala.

BETA ZETA.

'82 — B. L. McElroy has been appointed Clerk of the Ohio State Senate.

'87 — Omar Wilson is principal of the preparatory department at Butler.

'87 — Rev. E. P. Wise has accepted an appointment as pastor of the Christian Church at Sacramento, Pa.

'88 — Rev. A. M. Hall of New Haven, Conn., visited Butler friends the latter part of October. He has accepted the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Springfield, Ill.

'89 — T. C. Howe, professor of German, is back at Butler this year.

'90 — H. S. Schell is now superintendent of Clinton schools, Indiana.

'93 — Will D. Howe now occupies the English Chair at Butler.

'95 — Ed. T. Forsyth is now principal of the Irvington school.

'96 — Earl T. Ludlow is in business at Denver, Colo.

'97 — George Knepper is junior secretary of Y. M. C. A., in Indianapolis.

'97 — Percy B. Williams is at the head of the Educational Bureau of Y. M. C. A., Indianapolis.

'98 — Anson H. Washburn is in business with his father in Petosky, Mich.

BETA ETA.

'88 — Charles H. Webster was recently killed by the bursting of a fly-wheel in the electric plant of which he was the owner. The accident occurred at Evelith, but the remains were brought to Minneapolis for interment.

Brother Frank Webster, principal of the East Side High School, is his brother.

BETA LAMBDA.

'98 — H. B. Hershey has accepted a position in Scranton, Pa.

'99 — G. K. McGunnegele is working for the Empire Coke Company of Ruffsedale, Pa.

BETA OMICRON.

'93 — Alvin Shantz holds a responsible position with the Edison Company at East Orange, N. J.

'94 — H. D. Gibbs is secretary and treasurer of the Cataract Tool Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

'94 — Brothers Krantz, Scott and Hall, who for some time past have been keeping bachelor's hall together, have separated. Scott remaining in Pittsburgh, and Krantz and Hall having left the city to enter the employment of an engineering concern.

'97 — W. T. Howell is doing editorial work in New York, and has recently been doing a good deal of work for Ginn & Co.

'97 — "Charlie" Hamilton, accompanied by his wife, visited the chapter during junior week, and made a most pleasant addition to the house party.

'98 — Brothers McGowin and Rathbone are still in the employment of the Western Electric Company.

'99 — C. M. Chapman, who was in Ithaca on the 27th of January, is at present at Dolores, New Mexico, in the employment of the Edison Company.

'99 — Brothers Walesman and Cooley are both working in the Navy Yard at Norfolk, Va.

'99 — Eads Johnson is in the Crescent Ship Yard at Elizabeth, N. J.

'99 — Austin Barnes, who was married on Christmas Day, is still working for the Solvay Process Company at Syracuse.

BETA RHO.

'93 — Ward Bannister, charter member, — formerly from Omicron, — has removed from Des Moines, Iowa, to Denver, Colorado,

where he will practice law. He was city attorney for two years in the former place.

'95 — M. H. Kennedy, charter member,—formerly from Beta Kappa,—has returned to his home in Denver after two years' sojourn in Paris, where he studied international law and diplomacy.

'95 — Van Norman McGee, charter member,—formerly from Beta Alpha,—has been appointed head of the department of civil engineering in the Imperial University of China at Tien Tsin. He sailed for the Orient February 27th.

'98 — G. H. Busch is pursuing a course in law at the University of Virginia.

BETA TAU.

'97 — R. P. Teele is the proud father of a nine-pound boy.

'99 — Horace G. Whittemore has accepted a position with J. Sterling Mouton of Nebraska City, Neb.

BETA PHI.

'96 — Married February 18, 1900, in New York City, E. W. Harvey and Miss Fannie Nichols of Zanesville, O. At home, 57 133rd Street, New York City. Brother Harvey is now city manager for the New York office of Milton Bradley & Co.

'99 — Brother J. F. Sharp, lately from the Philippines, who has been under treatment at the Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, is convalescing.

BETA CHI.

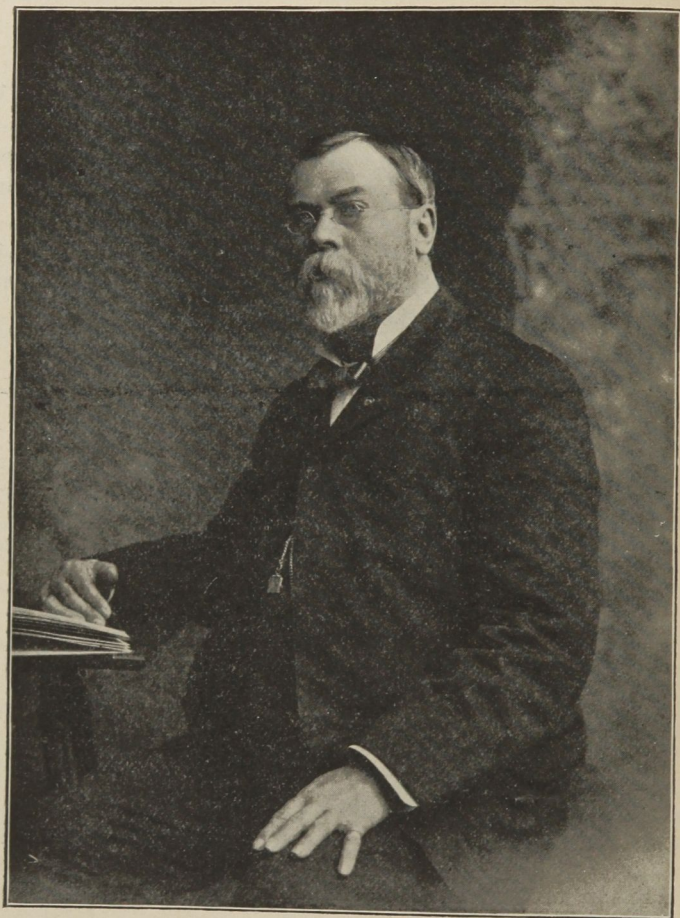
'97 — *The Watchman* of Boston says in its issue of February 8th: The Connecticut Literary Institution is pervaded by an unusually deep spiritual interest. The work here is high grade. Principal and Mrs. Thompson have the confidence of the students, the trustees, and the examining committee. Down this way we still believe in a good, old-fashioned, yet up-to-date Baptist school, and we know one when we see it.

BETA OMEGA.

'98 — Gilbert J. Rector came down from Nevada City for the initiation, and spent a week at the chapter house.

'99 — Earl Swan has given up the study of medicine to accept a position in the University of Japan. He leaves for Japan in a few weeks.

'99 — Thomas McPherson, who has been principal of the Watsonville School, has resigned this position to accept the principalship of the Santa Cruz School.



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THE DELTA AUTHORS.

EDWIN H. HUGHES.

Bugles and Bells; or Stories Told Again. By Capt. E. E. Ewing.

This book comes from the press of Curts & Jennings, Cincinnati, Ohio. Captain Ewing is of Beta Chapter, Class of '64. He was one of the charter members. This book is composed entirely of verse with the exception of a sketch entitled "Only a Story," a thrilling account of the writer's war experiences, illustrating the frequent remark that truth is stranger than fiction.

Deltas are ready to give a welcome to anything that would come from the pen of their genial brother. Captain Ewing has made a large place for himself in the hearts of the members on the Pacific Coast. He has kept his youth, and has entered so fully into the undergraduate joys that the actives speak of him only with praise and affection. But apart from the partiality that a Delta would feel toward anything that Captain Ewing would write, the book works its way into one's admiration. It has in it what must be the pre-eminent quality of all such work—the element of heart. The poems reveal the breadth of the author. They range from tributes to personal friends on to matters of Church and State, and show that in his sympathies the writer has been a really broad man. One understands on reading this book how it comes that he has made so many close and enduring friendships. The excellence of the writing is all the more remarkable when one knows that Captain Ewing is of that growing class of Americans who make literature only a pastime. In the midst of a busy life these verses have come from his pen, being always called out by some personal experiences. We wish that space allowed us to make liberal cullings from vari-

ous poems, especially from the one on Will Carleton in which Del-tas would naturally be much interested. Special mention must be made of the poem entitled "My Delta Badge." This is published in full in this issue in the article on "The San Francisco Alumni Association."

Oom Paul's People. By Howard C. Hillegas. D. Appleton & Co. New York.

Brother Hillegas was a member of our Tau Chapter at Franklin and Marshall, and graduated in the Class of '94. It is significant that so young an alumnus should have become the author of a book that has attracted so much attention. It has been reviewed by many of the leading papers and magazines, and always with praise for its fairness of spirit as well as for its literary merit. The writer's habit of going straight to the point often in a striking way is well illustrated in the first sentence of the book, which is as follows: "The population of South Africa may be divided into three great classes of individuals: First, those who are only waiting for the time to come when they will be able to leave the country — the Uitlanders; second, those who hope that that time may speedily come — the native-born whites; and third, those who have no hope at all — the negroes." Thus at the beginning one gets a good idea of the diverse elements with which the South African problem deals. The book throughout is fascinating as well as timely. It did not obtain such large sale and notice merely because it was published at the "psychological" time, but also because it is a well-written book, with the quality of justice apparent in the whole trend. It does not hide the large faults of the Boers; but it does make one aware of the larger nobilities of this misunderstood people. It may safely be said that if one begins to read the book with any leaning toward the Boers in their hopeless contest with Great Britain, this feeling is reënforced, while even an ardent advocate of England's side of the case would be compelled to modify the harsh judgments that have been maliciously foisted upon the opinions of many by prejudiced writers. This book appeared

when Brother Hillegas had been out of college only five years. If it is at all a prophecy of what we may expect of the maturing powers of the author, the Fraternity may confidently expect added honor through his work.

Judge Charles H. Chase, Epsilon Chapter '78, now Judge of the Probate Court in Michigan, is the author of a work which has already received widespread recognition and commendation. It has not been the privilege of the writer to see the book; but judged by the fine tributes that are given by individuals and by journals, the book is sure to be much used by those who favor the political lines of the author. Judge Chase's work is most flatteringly commended by John P. Altgeld and Thomas E. Watson. This, of course, indicates Brother Chase's political bent. All publishers agree, however, that the chapters are written in a most moderate and fair spirit. It would look as if Judge Chase would be the economist of the new movement in politics, if that movement eventually succeeds in any large degree. Of the book *The Chicago Chronicle* speaks thus: —

"It is a remarkably modest, simple, lucid discussion of a matter that has been much jumbled by many writers. It will be condemned by the 'orthodox' economists because it is socialistic in leaning; but if that is a sound reason for condemnation, then orthodoxy in economics itself is to be condemned, for the whole idea of taxation, even for the support of any government with an element of popularism in it, is undeniably socialistic in its nature. Epithets do not kill any more."

The Forum for December, 1899, contains an article by Brother W. F. Webster, Beta Eta '86, on the question, "Shall Greek be Taught in the High School?" This question is answered by the author in the negative. The article is very strong; even an opponent of the views given therein must concede this at once. Many, however, will not agree with its conclusions. Much that the author has written would apply equally to the study of Latin. Notwithstanding the scorn which Brother Webster puts upon the idea of studying Greek as an aid to English, there are many who still

believe that the best English grammar they ever studied was the Greek and Latin languages. The writer confesses himself among this number. Besides very much of the article could be applied against the study of Greek in the University also. If only "theologians and philologists and *dilletante* idlers will have it", neither the High School nor the University should go to the expense of teaching it, and its study would be forced wholly into special or private channels. In one conclusion Brother Webster will surely agree with the writer: that the best men in the High Schools should be taught enough Greek to be able to recognize the letters Delta Tau Delta when they enter the University.

The Forum for January, 1900, gives an article by the Hon. Albert J. Hopkins, Kappa, Class of '70. The subject is "The Tariff a Live Issue." The writer argues that the Spanish-American War and other matters, including the silver question, have obscured the tariff issue, but that it will be of controlling importance in 1904, if not in 1900. The article was written before the Frick-Carnegie suit came before the public for discussion. If all reports as to the earnings of this great protected industry be true, as items aired in court would seem to indicate, it is fairly certain that the discussion of the tariff issue will be renewed with vigor. This article is written in that clear style and moderate spirit that have made Brother Hopkins the force he is in Washington and that will make him a still larger force ere his political career is ended.

The Outlook for March 3, 1900, gives an interesting and able article from the pen of the Rev. William F. Anderson, Mu '84, on "Theology and the Inductive Method." Brother Anderson is now recognized as one of the most effective and progressive ministers of his denomination. He is pastor of the Highland Methodist Episcopal Church at Sing Sing, N.Y.

The Church Economist for March contains an article by the Rev. Harry F. Ward, Beta Pi '97. It deals with the problem of

the institutional church in the city,—a problem to which Mr. Ward has been devoting himself for many months. His paper before the Church Congress at St. Louis, Mo., attracted much attention. With a ministerial colleague he is trying certain experiments in church work in a down-town church in Chicago, and is meeting with most remarkable success.

THE GREEK WORLD.

Sigma Chi is the second chapter to enter a house at the University of Illinois.

Zeta Psi and Sigma Phi are building stone houses at the University of Michigan.

A general catalogue of Phi Beta Kappa is soon to be issued by Dr. E. B. Parsons of Williams, secretary of the united chapters.

Theta Delta Chi held her convention at Washington February 21-23. Phi Kappa Psi will meet at Columbus, Ohio, in the week following Easter Sunday.

At the University of Minnesota Psi Upsilon and Phi Delta Theta occupy the same house.

A chapter of Alpha Kappa Kappa has been established among the students of the Medical College of Syracuse University.

Beta Theta Pi has made a change in its pledge button. The new design is identical in size and shape with the badge, but is enameled in white and bears three stars in gold.

A chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa has recently been established at the Pennsylvania State College.

It is rumored that Sigma Chi contemplates entering Iowa Wesleyan University. The alumni of the fraternity in that part of the state are said to be furthering the movement.

The fraternities at Indianapolis have agreed to do no rushing or pledging among students before they enter the freshman class, and then not until six weeks after college opens. A similar agreement has been made at Minnesota.

Cornell fraternities have decided to adopt Saturday night for their meetings, in order to avoid any conflict of fraternity and university interests. No university or class function will be set for Saturday night hereafter.

Sigma Chi, with eight men and a chapter house, has revived its chapter at Lafayette. The original chapter was chartered in May, 1867; it became defunct in 1887.

The Alumni Association of Beta Theta Pi at Akron, Ohio, has quarterly banquets. The women folks of the members' families attend. We venture to say this is somewhat of an innovation in the line of a fraternity banquet.

Delta Chi lost her lodge at Cornell by fire on January 29. It was valued at \$8,000, and was insured. Seven men were severely injured by jumping from the third story, and one died later. It is said that students have turned in false alarms of fire so often that the keys to the fire boxes have been removed from the boxes to stores and residences. This makes it harder to call out the department promptly.

A correspondent of *The Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha has this to say of the fraternity situation at Johns Hopkins:

There seems to be no future for fraternities here. The conditions named seem destined to continue. There is no place for the students to get together to become acquainted. No university has a larger representation of fraternities among its students, and none a smaller number of active chapters. The reason must be that the fraternity men see how fruitless would be any attempt at maintaining a useful chapter.

The following letter to the editor of *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* may be of interest to some members of Delta Tau Delta at this time:

DEAR SIR: I am pleased to report, in answer to your question, that the DePauw Chapter of Delta Upsilon has entirely rid itself of Theta Nu Epsilon. The matter was presented to the chapter, and the two members

of Theta Nu Epsilon asked to resign from Theta Nu Epsilon. One of them complied, but the other refused, and was asked to resign from Delta U., which he did. A committee was appointed to draw up an article, which is to be signed by each member of the chapter, to the effect that he is not a member of Theta Nu Epsilon, nor will he ever entertain a proposition from that organization. This is satisfactory to us, and we hope it will be to the national organization.

We had quite an exciting time at the opening of school with our hall. The landlord being offered more money by the Phis, told us we must vacate, which we declined to do. He locked the door, and we unlocked it. He then threw our goods out, put on a new lock, and turned over the hall to the Phis. We waited until the Phis had gone out, knocked in the transom, took the door off the hinges, threw out the Phi furniture, put ours back, and mounted guard while Brothers Lewis, Newburger, Horace Smith and Fred Ritler, lawyers, filed a complaint for injunction before Brother Leathers, judge of superior court. The injunction was granted; and at present, thanks to the aid of our alumni, we are in possession, and expect to be until the expiration of our contract, when Brother Hanna expects to build us a new hall, which will be the finest in the state. — Sigma Chi Correspondent, Butler College.

It seems that the Stanford Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has initiated a member of Gamma Phi Beta. In connection with her explanation of the case, Kappa Alpha Theta makes this statement:

With regard to resignation she would say that, in accordance with her own feelings as to the rights, liberties and obligations of individuals, and with legal advice received upon this point, she recognizes resignation as valid from the moment the request for release is made, but recognizes also that fraternity courtesy demands that a reasonable length of time should be given the fraternity of whom the request is made for action upon the resignation.

To any fraternity man this will seem a peculiar view to take of "resignations." With possibly one exception, we know of no fraternity that admits the individual's right to take the initiative in severing his relations with his fraternity. Such a stand on the

part of our fair friends tends greatly to destroy the strength of their pretension to the title of "Fraternities", even if they are able to convince classical students that their assumption of the name was anything less than laughable. As an illustration of the confusion resulting from calling themselves fraternities, we noticed an exchange's correspondent referring to the organizations in question as "*lady frats*."

The circulation of a petition by the non-society members of Yale's senior class asking the faculty to do away with the sophomore societies has caused an excitement that has found its way into the columns of the daily papers. We quote at some length from an article that originally appeared in *The Sun*. It is claimed that the article in question covers the matter in a satisfactory manner, and gives a fairly accurate picture of the often misnamed *fraternity* situation at Yale.

In the old days the societies were merely organizations to encourage the consumption of beer and peanuts and the singing of songs with more volume than harmony. There were two or three of them, and pretty nearly every one in the sophomore class belonged to one or the other of them. The faculty sat upon them in great force in 1878 and 1879, and they died.

The instinct of the sophomore intellect is for secrecy. The sophomore feels better when he is quite sure that he and his companions are the sole possessors of the secret of much of his own greatness. He must have a secret society of some sort, and while the old societies were expiring a new one was being started. That was He Boule. It had seventeen members, and was ostensibly an open debating society. Inasmuch as the faculty had said that there must be no more sophomore secret societies, the young minds who achieved the building up of He Boule were very careful to say that they had not made a secret society. In reality, it was the most secret society in Yale College. Its very existence was a secret. The members wore their badges on their underclothing, and did everything conceivable to conceal the awful crime that was hidden in their hearts. The society in itself was harmless enough. The boys who organized it were among the leading spirits in their class, and they had to a large degree the confidence of their classmates. They elected as

their successors seventeen men from the class below who seemed to them to be the seventeen best men in that class so far as it had developed.

In 1881 or 1882 a second society, Eta Phi, was organized to compete with He Boule. The competition was sharp, and the selection of men for sophomore societies began to move away from the end of freshman year toward the beginning. When there was only one society, there was no necessity for electing its members until very near the end of their freshman year. The two societies in their race for men began electing them some times before the candidates had passed the entrance examinations; and it is believed that boys who were still under the roofs of Phillips Andover and Phillips Exeter were pledged to Yale sophomore societies.

This, in the opinion of students of undergraduate life here, was where the societies made their first mistake. They were choosing men not for what they had been in Yale College, or for what they had done in Yale College, but for what they had done and what they had been before they came to college and in a very different atmosphere.

A third society, Kappa Psi, was formed in 1895 under circumstances which were the result of the beginning of the agitation against the other two societies. Meanwhile the sophomore societies had become far more important in the life of the college than were the junior societies. They had made the junior societies retire into the background. The junior societies are: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. There is another junior society, Zeta Psi, which is rather outside of the society system as generally recognized. These Greek-letter societies in Yale are, of course, chapters of the general fraternities which have branches in nearly every college of the United States. Members are elected to them at the close of their sophomore year. Active membership is maintained through the junior year; and in the senior year the members come, if they want to, to the meetings, but very few of them care to take the trouble.

A light lunch is served at the meetings; and once in a while there is a play acted in the theatre, which is a part of each of the chapter houses maintained by the societies. In other colleges the state into which the Yale chapters of these fraternities have fallen is a matter of much concern. Although the Yale chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon is the mother of the whole fraternity, even she has been threatened with being cast off from her children for her degeneracy. The junior societies each elect about thirty members at the beginning. A few men receive elections to them in the senior year. These junior society elections of seniors are in

the nature of consolation prizes for men who have developed late in the college courses.

The senior societies of Yale are, of course, the end and summit of the college ambition of nine hundred and ninety-nine Yale undergraduates out of a thousand. From the day the freshman first walks into the shadow of the Yale elms, he learns to regard the attaining of membership in these societies as the greatest thing that can possibly come to him in his college life. The senior societies have reached this position by years of wonderfully careful selection of their members. First one, then two, and now three of them (with a nebulous fourth) have gone on for years choosing fifteen men each from the junior class at the end of the junior year.

The way is smooth before the man who once gets into a sophomore society. Almost without any movement of his own he is carried along in a position very near the top of his class. If he keeps his mouth shut and is pleasant to his classmates, and "makes no breaks" he is almost sure to land in a senior society.

The injustice of this state of affairs has grown upon the undergraduate body as the classes themselves have grown and as the efficiency of the sophomore society pull has demonstrated itself and increased. There are three senior societies known to exist at Yale today. There is a fourth which you sometimes see and sometimes you don't, and it may amount to something some day. It has no house at any rate. Of the three, Skull and Bones has ten sophomore society men out of its membership of fifteen; Scroll and Key has fourteen out of fifteen, and Wolf's Head has twelve out of fifteen. This proportion is true of the condition of the senior societies for the last four or five years. There have been years when forty out of forty-five senior society men have been sophomore society men.

The dissatisfaction with the state of affairs has been steadily increasing, and before they left college the sophomore society men in the class of 1896 decided that they could best lessen the feeling against the sophomore societies, of which there were only two then, by adding a third. A committee from the two societies started Kappa Psi. Kappa Psi flourished; it was not hampered by the necessity for taking in the brothers and particular friends of the members who had gone before; it had little prestige in the preparatory schools, and it had to fall back on men who developed after they came to college. As a result, it is generally conceded that it is a stronger society than Eta Phi and nearly as strong as He Boule. The addition of seventeen men to thirty-four has hardly helped the conditions brought out by the existence of the sophomore societies. It has rather done harm. The senior societies had to go out-

side of the sophomore societies for eleven at least of their forty-five men before Kappa Psi was started. Now they can get forty-five men out of the sophomore societies with six to spare.

The reform had been a thing that has worried everybody who has thought about it. Underclassmen have grown to believe that because most senior society men are sophomore society men, the senior societies would frown on any attack on the sophomore societies. The average underclassman would much rather leave college than be frowned on by a senior society, and so he murmurs only in the seclusion of his own room, or at any rate among his own classmates when there are no sophomore society men present. The juniors feel the same way about it. All sophomore society men are, as a matter of course, taken into the junior societies, and forty or more outsiders are taken in with them. The sophomore society men have not nearly the interest in the larger society which they have in their smaller society of the year before. They show their lack of interest, and the junior societies as a consequence are more dead than alive.

After the senior society elections, however, there is no further fear of the horrible "senior society sour." The frown of those august bodies is not then a matter of life or death, and plain speaking may be indulged in without excessive tremors. And so when the outburst against the sophomore societies finally came, it came naturally from the senior class. It seemed to this year's senior class that the best way to reform the sophomore societies was to abolish them altogether; and apparently it seemed to them that the best way to abolish them was to ask the faculty to do it. A petition was prepared and sent to the faculty; and an effort is being made to stir up men in the lower classes to take similar action.

THE GREEK PRESS.

We have the pleasure of welcoming two new journals to our exchange table. One is *The Latchstring*, published by the Syracuse Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma; the other, *The Journal of Phi Rho Sigma*, a medical fraternity having chapters at Northwestern, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, Rush Medical College, University of Southern California, Detroit Medical College and University of Michigan.

The initial number is a very creditable one of fifty-seven pages. Its contributions consist of chapter letters and papers on medical subjects ranging all the way from a description of a new surgical operation to a doctor's experience written in the Mark Twain style.

The March *Scroll* of Beta Theta Pi has excellent criticisms of the catalogues of Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Tau Delta. The review of our own catalogue is headed "A MODEL CATALOGUE." We reprint a part of the article.

The dates (in frequent cases the years only) of establishment of chapters, suspension of chapters and reorganization of chapters are given. The dates of incorporation of the Tufts and Tulane Chapters are also noted. The names of charter members are not mentioned. Initials only appear preceding a good many surnames in the chapter lists, but Delta Tau Delta is as well off in the matter of full names as most fraternities. A supplemental list at the end of the chapter lists supplies the names omitted by mistake and the names of members initiated while the book was in press. Then come the table of relationships, residence directory, alphabetical index and additions and corrections. The book contains no summaries or tables. Statistical tables require much labor in preparation, and to put them in type costs like smoke; but every fraternity catalogue should

at least give the membership by chapters and the total, and the number of living and of deceased members. The number of members enrolled by any chapter of Delta Tau Delta or by the whole fraternity can not be learned from the catalogue without counting the names. A marked defect of the book is that it has no running head; so that it is hard to find a particular chapter list without looking it up in the index of chapters. The page numbers should appear with the running head at the top, instead of being at the bottom of the pages. Convenient reference would have been facilitated also by arranging the chapter lists alphabetically by colleges, as in the Phi Gamma Delta catalogue, instead of according to the Greek letter titles of chapters, as few Greeks remember these titles, especially those of suspended chapters.

This is the sixth edition of the catalogue of Delta Tau Delta, previous editions having been issued in 1870, 1874, 1876, 1884 and 1889. The defects which have been noted, after a very critical examination, are small compared with the many merits of the book. I admire the book very much, and am free to confess that I consider its general make-up better than that of any similar work I have ever seen. Its size is just right; and any member starting on a trip would be quite sure to take it along, either in his grip or in his pocket, for it is small enough to carry in the pocket. It weighs one pound as against eleven pounds and five ounces of the last Phi Gamma Delta catalogue and the four pounds ten ounces of the last (1894) Phi Delta Theta catalogue. There is the greatest contrast between the Phi Gamma Delta catalogue and that of Delta Tau Delta. The latter has no illustrations, not even a frontispiece; it was made for utility and not for show. As an editor of the 1883 catalogue of Phi Delta Theta, I will say that Mr. Churchill certainly had a more sensible (perhaps I should say more practical) idea of what a fraternity catalogue should be than any other catalogue editor up to date; and I believe that his work will be taken as a model by most fraternities.

WALTER B. PALMER.

The January number of *The Kappa Kappa Journal* has an interesting article on "The Anti-Frat Legislation in South Carolina." We reproduce portions of the same.

The old idea concerning the baneful influence of a college secret society has largely disappeared. No one questions the fact that the fra-

ternities have rapidly gained ground within the past quarter century, and the net increase of institutions allowing such organizations is considerable. Why, then, has there been a retrograde movement in South Carolina?

The question is somewhat difficult to answer. In my opinion it is due in part to the mistakes of the fraternity men and the ignorance of college authorities, and thus its effects will be only temporary.

In every discussion of the present condition of South Carolina it is well to remember the Tillman movement. Up to 1890 aristocratic notions had prevailed in all departments of the state government. It was largely an "aristocracy of brains" to which the ruling powers belonged, and they were overturned by a class comprised mainly of farmers, laboring men and keen politicians. It was the boast of the dominant party that they would revolutionize the "dude factories" and build "poor man's colleges" instead.

Some time in 1896 friction arose between the fraternity members and non-fraternity men in South Carolina College. This institution, situated in Columbia, the capital, has had a long and honorable history. A great many representatives of the old families of the State are always in attendance, and strife has arisen more than once between them and the new element in politics. The main cause of this particular row, it is said, was that all of the "barbs" wished to have two Greeks expelled from college for misconduct and all the Hellenians strenuously opposed it. Each side voted its solid strength, but the fraternity men won by one or two majority. This occurred near the close of the session.

In the graduating class the following year was a certain student — a man of unusual brains and ability — who aspired to become a politician. His ambition was to be a success not only in college politics, but also in the larger sphere of life, to become a power throughout the land. He had not joined a fraternity, and now saw an opportunity to make for himself friends who might afterwards prove useful. At the same time there was in the State Legislature an alumnus of South Carolina College who believed that the college fraternities had prevented his entrance into Columbia society during his college days. He desired to have them abolished on this ground, and argued that such societies interfered with the poor man's rights. As may be imagined, this plea appealed strongly to legislators.

The trustees of the college had under advisement just then a resolution prohibiting fraternities. However, it did not suit the purpose of either of these politicians to argue the matter before the trustees. Both agreed that the fight must be taken to the Legislature, where, accord-

ingly, a resolution was introduced reciting the tremendous wrongs inflicted upon all schools by the fraternity system and instructing the trustees to see to its abolition in every college under State control.

Then began the campaign. Discussion was not allowed on the floor of the Legislature for fear of "injuring the college." The "anti" students formed themselves into a body of lobbyists and fought for the recognition of "the poor man and his boy." The objectionable preamble was stricken out, but the resolution passed both houses without debate and became law. The more thoughtful members were not afraid to vote against it, but the poor man conquered.

Immediately it was noised about that the people of the State had emphatically expressed their disapproval of the college fraternity. It was even argued in the newspapers by certain students of Furman University that unless the authorities there took similar action, all the non-frats would leave for the State institutions, where their rights would be respected.

Except Wofford, all colleges worthy of the name in the old Palmetto State now prohibit secret societies. There would seem to be reason to fear that this institution will also enact anti-frat legislation. Such action would effectually kill the Greek letter organizations in the State, and would doubtless win hearty applause from some sources.

However, I do not think this at all probable at present. Six fraternities are strongly entrenched at Wofford, and have no idea of early dissolution. Fraternities have existed on that campus since the birth of Delta thirty-one years ago with the full approval of the college authorities. They are now singularly at peace with each other and the non-Hellenic world.

In my humble judgment the anti-frat movement in South Carolina has spent its force. The reaction is almost bound to come, and the Legislature may be expected shortly to rescind its peculiarly antiquated resolution. I look for a revival among the fraternities of this State to mark the beginning of the Twentieth Century.



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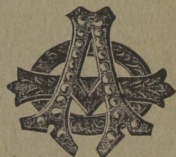
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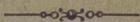
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