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of  
Delta Tau Delta

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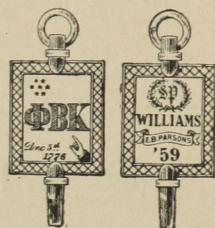
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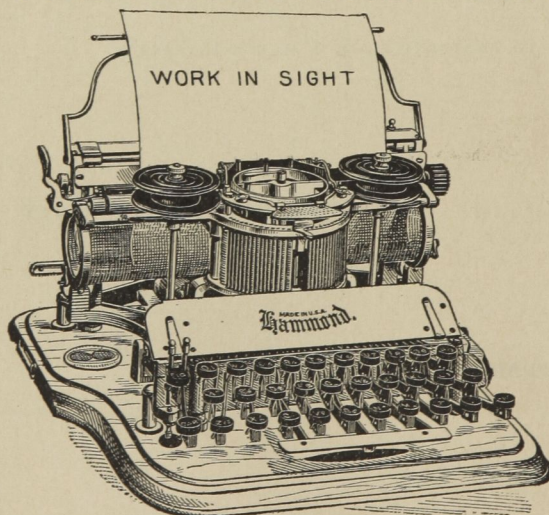
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## BETA MU CHAPTER, TUFTS COLLEGE.

Tufts College, in the present period of its history, is in striking contrast to the struggling institution first placed on the bare and wind-swept hill in 1855. From the one building then constructed, the recitation halls and dormitories have spread until now there is no more new construction going on at the top of the hill; but leaving that as being well taken up, the latest additions have all been on the lower grounds about it. Now there is an equipment of fourteen buildings on the "Hill," besides the Medical and Dental Schools, which are in Boston, about four miles away.

The number of students registered in the last catalogue is 802. (Our chapter draws its men from only those in the College of Letters, about 320.)

The college is generously endowed, rating very high for its size, standing seventeenth in the country for total amount of productive funds. As a consequence of this, there is a very liberal number of scholarships and awards.

Student interests common to most colleges flourish here on the "Hill." Our musical organizations are of high grade, and every year there is something given in drama by students taking courses pertaining thereto. There are two literary periodicals and an engineering publication, debating clubs and

so forth. Athletically, Tufts is steadily gaining ground in competition with her rivals. The student body is made up of live men, who are kept up to the mark by being the close neighbors of the intellectual, athletic and social influences of Boston, with its numerous institutions of learning.

It was in this field that our chapter of Delta Tau Delta was started by Elmer T. Felt, a graduate of Buchtel, who was



CHAPTER HOUSE — BETA MU.

taking graduate work in the Divinity School. He gathered about him a body of men whom the Fraternity deemed worthy to become part of itself. After the installation of the chapter in 1889, measures were at once taken to establish it on a legal basis, and it was declared a corporate body on March 3, 1890.

From the very outset, though hampered by the most unfavorable conditions, the members struggled toward an



ideal which has been the objective point of every succeeding class. So high an ideal is singular to our chapter in the Fraternity life at Tufts, we believe; its influence is felt in the position we have maintained in the esteem of the college public, and in the internal workings of our chapter life.

During the presence of Henry R. Rose, '91, in college, he did an immense amount of energetic work for his Frater-



PARLOR.

nity, both in public and private life. At this time were brought into the chapter the graduating classes of '93 and '94, from whose advent the beginning of the more rapid growth of Deltaism at Tufts may be dated. From among those initiated in 1890, five are at present on the college faculty. During the year '93-'94, the subject of a chapter house was agitated, and this resulted in the opening of one. In doing this the

fellows were making a long leap in the dark, for it was the first Fraternity to have rooms at the college, and the attempt to establish such was closely watched by the others. Then came the struggle to live up to the standard in college which we had set by opening a house. It was a hard pull, but successful; and when it was found that we were firmly established, the other fraternities, realizing the importance of the



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step, quickly followed suit, and now all are so equipped. I can do no better in showing existing conditions than to quote a few lines from an editorial by a member of a rival fraternity in one of the periodicals: "The formal opening of a chapter house by the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity . . . was significant for two reasons: The courtesy shown by Delta Tau Delta to the other fraternities was a most eloquent tribute to the good



feeling existing between the different fraternities here ; and the fact that one fraternity has a chapter house must, of necessity, add stimulus to the efforts of the others to procure houses. . . . . Meanwhile, obeisance to Delta Tau Delta."

After the chapter was well under way, our men began to make a mark in college affairs, and right through the years since we have had our full share of prominence in the activities on the "Hill," and we feel stronger with each succeeding year.

At present we are located in a practically new house, which has been obtained on lease, and which very comfortably quarters us. While very close to the college buildings, we have an extensive view from the front of the house, which overlooks the college athletic fields, the tennis courts, running track and golf links. One of the most appreciated features of our new house is its library, in which idea we were in the initiative as far as the other chapters were concerned ; and here, again, all followed our example. There are now on our shelves 250 volumes of up-to-date books, selected with reference more to recreative reading than to the heavier style ; the college library furnishes more than enough of that to supply our literary wants. The number is steadily increasing by means of a system which we have adopted, and which calls for a contribution from each man every year. We are proud of our new home, and hope that we can welcome to it more and more of our brother Delts who come into the vicinity of Boston.

L. W. COLLINS.

### FRATERNITY EDUCATION.\*

As the hour approaches when this, the Fifteenth Conference of the Western Division, draws near its close and I look back over the happenings of the last two days it is hard to resist the expression of the feelings of pride and pleasure that I have experienced from the fraternal intercourse with this band of Delta brothers. The grasping of their hands makes the heart grow warm, quickens our loyalty and makes us proud to sing the praises of Delta Tau Delta.

Education has been defined as moral, intellectual and physical training. It can not be denied that a fraternity is a moulding force for good or bad upon the morals of its members. Whether it is an educator of intellect must depend upon the chapter's attitude towards the class-room and college work. As a physical educator, aside from a few evenings in the year when a man's nerve is being tested by the impetuous and ferocious onslaughts of our whiskered friend, our Fraternity scarcely fits the classification. The definition I have just given is lacking in comprehensiveness and inclusiveness. Education is that which gives us a broader view; it is that which elevates and enables us to look out over a wider landscape; it is that which implants in us an appreciation and sympathy to see the whole world about us as it really is. This, broadly, is the true idea of education; and is the education our Fraternity should represent, the education that enables us to see, grasp and understand the principles of Deltaism.

Our Fraternity is a great university of learning, a uni-

\* A toast delivered at the banquet of the Fifteenth Conference of the Western Division.



versity in which we are being trained. In our university there are both under-graduate and post-graduate departments. It has no regular and distinct faculty; the functions of this body are entrusted to the great student body itself. Although no regular faculty exists no waywardness or breach of discipline is allowed, for our actions are carefully watched over and guarded by a band of regents whose constant interest and advice, with occasionally a lash with the "cat-o-nine-tails," rarely fails in reminding the disobedient that they are members of a strong and growing institution, one that confers degrees for worth and merit alone.

The young brother when introduced to the broad arena of Deltaism has pictured to him much that has but an emblematic significance. He stands on the threshold and views the towering superstructure of his Fraternity, he sees blazing from its portals the brilliant lights of its glorious principles which illuminate the pathway ahead of him as he starts on his journey towards that goal of whose high and lofty eminence he has been told in solemn and prophetic strain. What are the educational influences that will be brought to bear on him during that journey? They are those things that enkindle on our heart's altar the flame of fraternity enthusiasm, those motives that make for vigorous chapter life, elevating its members to the higher conception of manhood.

As the future prestige of our Fraternity is dependent upon the material from which we build, upon the education of this material to an appreciative understanding of the real motive and value of fraternal brotherhood, it is imperative that the education a chapter gives its members should stimulate in their breasts a noble ambition combined with honesty, courage and enthusiasm. It should foster truth, fidelity and loyalty; in short, all that goes to the making of the most perfect type of noble manhood.

So much for the under-graduate department of our

university, but the graduate department is no less important; for from the graduate Delta we expect a practical application of the instruction his Fraternity has given him. Does he ever forget while he is struggling and wrestling with the sterner duties of life the old home that helped so nobly to school him for the fight, that helped to implant in him the elements of true character? The truly educated Delta will be one whose memory of his under-graduate schooling has not grown dim, and whose willingness to labor in his Fraternity's vineyard has not waned, but increased with his years in the graduate department. Often times the improperly educated Delta will be willing to have his name associated with his chapter when all goes well with it and no small amount of honor accrues to him from the connection. But the time that tests the education of the man is when his chapter has fallen on evil days, when clouds lower, and even his moral support would do much to tide the bark over the troubled sea into a haven of calm waters. Then it is that the quality of his education and his loyalty to his Fraternity is tested. Too often he finds it easier to drop his relations and withdraw all countenance from the chapter. The best chapter is liable to meet adversity and tremble in the balance at some time or other. This is the time the graduate members should rally to its help, and give their labors to bring it safely through the dark days. The man who will nobly respond to an appeal of this sort exemplifies the finest type of the educated Delta. The education he received in his under-graduate life has been of the right character, and he has nobly built on it through all his after life in the graduate department of our great university.

Let us then strive to direct the training of the under-classman with the view that he, at no distant day, must assume the role of the alumnus. We are proud to believe that the men on our rolls who have left college walls are the noblest examples of the educated Delta, and that they are working as loyally in



the post-graduate department of our university as the benefits of their under-graduate training demand. Let us then join in carrying grandly forward the banner bearing the symbols of our Fraternity. May the bond that joins us grow and wax strong, that in unity of heart and purpose we may ever advance nearer the lofty and enobling eminence of our Fraternity ideals; and worthily honor that Fraternity that has conferred so much honor on us her children.

W. F. DICKINSON, Beta Gama '01.

## OUR BADGE.

Given as shield to warriors bold,  
Badge of four square sides ;  
Guard our hearts with thy ruddy gold  
When black fear darkly rides.

Buckler be, and protection sure,  
Holding the world at bay ;  
Strengthening arm and heart to endure  
To the end of their little day.

Let the blazoned words and symbols grand  
Gleam on thy ebon field ;  
Bidding thy knights take firmer stand —  
Fight and never yield.

Ward from our hearts and dash aside  
Poisoned arrows of hate ;  
Grant us courage to wait and abide  
Unseen missiles of fate.

After our well-fought battles are o'er,  
Palsied our steps and slow ;  
Shine bright and clear on memory's door,  
Warming our hearts to a glow.

Then, when laid in the vault's cold gloom,  
Shut from the world away ;  
Be on our breasts to illumine the tomb  
With thy irrefragible ray.



## A FRESHMAN'S LETTERS.—PART III.

MY DEAR BOB :—

Since my initiation the new work and the foot-ball fever have kept me so busy I have had no time to write to you ; but I shall take a little time from my “cramming” for the terminal exams. to post you up again.

I have learned that one policy of my fraternity is to make its men get out and do something if they have any one talent. “Doc” Robinson, one of our Glee Club men, decided I had a chance for the club, and, after some private coaching, he made me come around for the “try-out.” Much to my surprise I was accepted and am getting a good deal of pleasure out of it. By myself I should never have dreamed of making the attempt ; but with the frat. back of me and the belief that by winning a place I should be helping my fraternity, gave me the courage. Though I was actuated by unselfish motives to make the trial I find I am at the same time getting lots of personal pleasure from it.

You need not fear that we freshmen are not looked after. Jim's job is to wash the dog and mark out the tennis court, Harry has to look after the library, and my duty is to get the mail and take care of the pipes. All of us have something or other to do, but none of our tasks is unpleasant, and the fellows are all so good natured about it that we do not mind. Each freshman class has had to do these things in turn, and we know next year we shall have the pleasure of seeing other freshmen do it.

I will not deny that I have had my blue spells, but some of the fellows have always come round and shaken them out

of me before I got very deep in them. Ned Burke has done more to brace me up than any other one man. As I wrote you, he is a senior and the head of things. He is not only the official head, but he is almost like a father to the crowd. He sits at the head of the table and is the general umpire of all disputes. He is a fine chap and the fellows all think worlds of him. To us freshmen he has been almost an object of worship. He always seems to know just when we need a word of encouragement or advice. He is awfully busy, but he always leaves his door open for any of the fellows who really need help. When he is working he will not have any fooling in his room, but when a man honestly needs a talk he always puts his work aside and helps you. Besides that he makes a point of having a talk with all the freshmen every week. He does us a lot of good and he is getting us well posted on fraternity history and methods. At times he can be just as severe if it is necessary. Jimmy Sterns had gotten in with a rather fast set and came home one night under the weather. There was very little said by the fellows in general, but that night Ned took him out for a long walk and when they came back Jimmie looked like a pup that has been caught sucking eggs. He told me afterwards that Ned's talk made him feel awfully cheap. Ned didn't sail into him, and give him a Sunday school talk; but he told him that his actions affected the chapter, and he believed he had too much love for the frat. to do anything that would hurt her good name. Jimmie said Ned felt so broken up over it that he himself felt like crying right there.

We have an awfully jolly life together. The fellows are mighty congenial, and we cannot help but care a lot for each other. So many of the fellows sing or play some instrument that the house is so attractive we hate to leave to go out. We have our best times after dinner until eight; but at eight on week-day nights we freshmen have to go to our rooms and



study, and the other fellows are not allowed to make any racket. It is a mighty good rule, for we have such a good time that we should never do any work if there wasn't something of this sort.

Last month I neglected my lab. work a good deal, and by some means or other Ned found it out. One night he walked over after the mail with me, and spoke about it in the kindest way. He said they all thought too much of me, and had too great hopes of my future fraternity value, to run any risk of losing me by a flunk. I know he has done the same thing with several of the others, and we are all paying pretty close attention to our work as a result.

I am surprised at the number of upper-class men I am getting to know. There is a good deal of visiting done between ourselves and some of the other frats, and I get to know the men in that way. All our upper-class men seem to have a good friend in some of the frats, and they frequently drop in for a meal. Saturday nights quite a crowd of them often come around for a smoke and a try at the chafing-dish. We freshmen keep somewhat in the back ground; but all the same I have gotten to know a lot of prominent upper-class men, who would never have taken any notice of me if it were not for my fraternity.

I have a whole lot more about our life to write you, but I am afraid I shall tire you. Anyhow, the lights are going out, and I shall have to turn in.

Yours as ever,

WILL.

## THE DELTA SYMPOSIUM.

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### Chapter Backsliding.

When a graduate member of a fraternity takes it upon himself to lecture his undergraduate brothers on their mistakes and short-comings, he is very apt to hear, more or less distinctly, murmurs of disapprobation and hints to the effect that he thinks he knows it all, or that he should have tried his wisdom himself when it was in his power to do so. Such murmurs are, fortunately, more of a bark than a bite, for, on consideration, the Delt undergraduate sees not only that one looking on from an outside vantage point may see the whole field, while he sees only his own small corner of the work; but that the older man may have been through the troubles now surrounding himself, and while unable to see the way out at the time, has doubtless profited more or less by his very failure, and can now see what he might have done. So we outside the undergraduate life may look over the battlefield of active chapters and see some, at least, of the causes of failure, and possibly suggest a remedy, or at least an aid.

One of the most common sights in fraternity life today is a chapter one year at the very pinnacle of its greatness and the next in the very depths of despair; one year able to take anything in sight, the next forced to take more or less undesirable men to maintain the quota, and keep up expenses; when a chapter does this it may count on a long uphill fight in the future. Not that I mean to say that a chapter must take the men rushed by every fraternity in college, or nothing. Men practically unnoticed often make the very best material,



but they are men taken as discoveries, and not to pay expenses.

I come to the matter directly in hand, that of chapter backsliding. Why is it that when a chapter is in a high state of excellence it can so quickly fall? The causes are not far to seek; first comes the overweening sense of superiority, and the sentiment that "we can get anything we want," resulting in a let-up in work. Then it is a practical application of the old saying that he who does not go forward must go backward, for a chapter cannot afford, even if it is the only fraternity representative in the college, to relax its efforts for one moment. Too much cannot be said against this spirit of complacent trust in Providence without keeping the rain out of your powder. It deprives the chapter of its life, its energy, and its power of attracting men. It makes the men snobbish, and such men will attract only snobs. When the men of the chapter begin to think they can do anything they please without lifting a finger, then the incentive is gone, and the relapse begins. I do not mean to say that this is always the cause of a chapter's fall, for sometimes the very gods of misfortune and the devils of ill-luck play against it, but almost invariably, even when this is the case, it will be found that the chapter has laid itself open to their attacks, by allowing the rust of self-satisfaction to eat through its arms and armor.

A chapter is never better, never healthier, never more of an harmonious whole, than when striving with might and main for something, whether just above or just in sight. The men of a chapter will work like beavers for a house, planning and hoping for years, now seeming almost to have it, and then seeing it fade farther away than ever; but so long as they can strive for it, and hope for its ultimate attainment, the chapter thrives; and when finally, the object attained, the men enter to enjoy the fruit of the labors of generations of men before them they must guard well indeed if slothful content does

not creep in and rot the foundations so long building. Something else must be supplied, some other outlet for the enthusiasm and energy of the men, something more to attain. In short there must be always something, concrete if possible, abstract if necessary, towards which the chapter can work with enthusiasm; there must never be a time when a particular object attained, the chapter can settle into its place and say all is attained. This, to my mind, is the cause, in a general way, of chapter backsliding. The complacency that comes with prosperity is, if not death, at least paralysis; and it can be warded off only by maintaining something ahead to work towards. This can be done only by constant watchfulness. If I were asked to give in short form a few guiding rules for chapter stability and progress, I think I should say:

1st. Never allow yourselves to feel that you have reached the top, for that means descent.

2nd. Never for one moment be without some unsatisfied desire to work toward.

3rd. Never allow yourselves the feeling that you can take anything you want. You will find you can't.

4th. Don't let the facility with which you get ready-made frat men, or the desire to get them, blind you to the good in the rough material; it is often better than the other when polished, and always more enthusiastic.

5th. Strive, as well as you can without loss of dignity, to keep on good terms with the college at large. If you get the name of snobs you may be forced to become snobs, which merits death.

P. R. SMITH, JR.

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### The Ultra Joys of an Alumnus Who Keeps in Touch with His Chapter.

To me Alma Mater always arouses a truly filial affection, and her success gives real pleasure; but, true as this is, there



is a sad lonesomeness and awkward self-consciousness that completely depresses me every time I return to college and note the many changes both in conditions and in the student body. I feel an almost absolute isolation when visiting the very spots where but a few years ago I was perfectly at ease and truly at home. The very buildings seem strangers, and the students give me not so much as a respectful glance. At the moment, college memories are but painful phantoms. This alumnus, however, knows that there are at least a few places in the old dormitories where he can still feel at home; there are at least a few students who will deign to look at him; aye, who will speak to him; yes, even shake his lonely hand, and shake it right well, too, and will say to him, "Come in, old fellow. Mighty glad to see you again. It is good for sore eyes to look into your face once more. Let me take your hat and coat. That's right. Sit down. I'm off for a few seconds to call the boys."

Back he comes, sooner than it takes to tell, with several Deltas and some soon to be.

"This is ——— '96, boys."

We shake all together. I have brothers attached to every finger, all shaking hands with me at once.

"Glad to see you." "Glad you received our invitation."  
"Glad you came."

The door opens and still they come — "these few, these happy few; these who are a band of brothers."

Soon I have a banquet ticket; am told the time and place; am offered every courtesy. I am taken into Jack's room, then into Arthur's, and now into Will's. College changes find no lodgement now in my thoughts. Now there is no time for lonesome and depressing reflections. I am experiencing the ultra joys of an alumnus who, ever since his graduation, has kept in close touch with his chapter. I do not believe an alumnus should in any sense try to dictate or manage his

chapter; but I do most emphatically believe in his keeping in close touch with it, both for its and his own good.

The banquet referred to above was a rattling success. I felt at home—that I belonged there. I knew the boys were glad to have me with them; and the best of it all was I was but one of several graduates who were present, some coming from a distance. How pleasant it was to pass those few hours together amid Delta speeches, Delta music and Delta cheers! The Chocktaw walk-around came all too soon, but with it came renewed solicitations for my comfort. We parted—I, at least, with my old heart overflowing; and you will pardon me for sending you these few drops of joy, as it were, which I call *ultra* in that they are not known to any *alumnus* except the one who keeps in close fraternal touch with his chapter.

Yours fraternally,

H. L. THOMPSON, Beta Chi '96.

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DEAR BROTHER:—

After a lapse of nearly six years I am trying to get back in touch with the actives again. The last Karnea gave me this resolve, and since then I have seen more or less of five of our chapters. I can not help but be struck by the different way they do things. Whenever I go over to — the fellows always have someone to meet me at the train, and to the last hand shake on the car steps I am given a royal good time. At the same time I am not made to feel that any especial effort is being made to entertain me. It is quite different at —. The men are just as cordial, but it seems to be a conscious effort for them. I should enjoy myself far more if they would just lead their ordinary life and let me share it. Instead of



that I always feel as though the men were on dress parade and would give a sigh of relief when I cleared out.

At — they are a good crowd of fellows, but they do not seem to have the first idea of entertaining. It may be that they have not been in a house long enough to get on to the ropes. They seem to be scared of me, and you know I am not an awe-inspiring object. I have been down to see them three times, but there does not seem to be any change in them.

I have only been able to visit my own chapter, —, once; but that time I felt more like a stranger than with any of the other chapters. The present members did not seem to know anything about the graduates of a few years ago, and I don't believe they would have known who I was if it had n't been for Churchill's catalogue. When I asked for the chapter history they were dumbfounded and said they had never heard of it. The next day I rummaged around and found it in the attic; but I tell you I was mad when I found there had not been a word written in it for four years. There it was, complete from the founding of the chapter; and if each class had kept it written up to date it would have been an invaluable possession.

I have enjoyed going up to — ever since my first visit. The boys seem to have a great home life. — has a good voice, and with three of the other men they have a good glee club. They have men who play various instruments, and all together they can have among themselves a mighty pleasant evening. They take me right in and make me feel like one of the crowd. One thing that impressed me most was the internal harmony and the real affection they seem to feel for each other.

However the chapters I have visited may differ in their methods, they had one thing in common that pleased me immensely. They seemed to all be well up on Fraternity history

and workings. This was not the case in my day and I believe it is a mighty good change.

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I was glad to find the men of the different chapters so much of a type. I noticed this in the Karnea delegates, but it made a greater impression on me when I found it held true with the entire chapter.

Yours in the bond,

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## EDITORIALS.

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### A Suggestion.

Age and evolution have carried the fraternities far away from many of the old time moorings. In most instances this is an improvement and sometimes not to be regretted; but, in the nature of things, much that was good and desirable has been lost at the same time. No instance of this sort is more to be regretted than the disappearance of the literary side of fraternity life. Under present-day conditions we realize that the old order of things can not be brought back; but we often think that there would not be the same lack of available contributions to the Fraternity Journal under the old order. The thing to be regretted is that nothing else has taken its place or been able to compensate for this loss. In most of our colleges the literary society has also disappeared, or where it does survive is of little aid.

We venture to say that no more noticeable loss from this change can be found than at fraternity gatherings. The active who is able to make a fairly satisfactory speech from the floor of a convention is in the minority. Oratory is not what is needed; but it would be a satisfaction to have the men able to express coherent ideas in fairly decent English. Despite some brilliant exceptions, the two last Karneas have demonstrated the fact that our actives are sadly untrained in the art of extemporaneously expressing their views. Many more are deterred by a diffidence that practice would dispel.

In seeking for an improvement along this line we are confronted by two facts. The technical school offers its

students no aid in public speaking; in the second place, few of the other colleges give any material assistance. Lecture work and written examinations have supplanted to a large extent the drill resulting from individual recitation. Where the semblance is retained the size of the classes generally counteracts any appreciable good.

It is evident that any improvement along this line must come from the chapter itself; but we should be the last one to advocate a return to the stilted literary exercises of a decade or two ago. We believe the best results will be obtained by encouraging open discussion in the regular meetings and the adoption of a plan that has been employed by one of our chapters for several years with very satisfactory results. It has been the custom in that chapter to have a somewhat informal banquet once a month in addition to the elaborate initiation banquets, and two annual affairs of the same nature. Quite often these informal banquets, or "feeds" I believe they are called, are provided for by postponing the regular dinner and having a light supper earlier in the evening. At other times they were given by some member as a penalty for having a birthday. Of whatever nature they were the speaking was always a prominent feature. At the more formal affairs there were always set speeches, at other times there were music, songs and informal talks from each man as the loving cup was sent around. No excuse for silence was allowed; every man had to get on his feet and say something. The result was that in a short time the man who formerly was only able to stammer out a toast found thoughts coming in due order, and he soon was able to clothe them in fairly intelligent language.

The inception of this custom was in a desire to unite the men more closely and smooth over any internal trouble that may have arisen; not only was this accomplished and more harmony insured than the regular meetings could produce, but



in a short time the chapter became noted at its college for the fluency of its members. While it may not have produced any very great orators, the average member of that chapter is perfectly able to hold his own at most any banquet table or upon any convention floor.

With such changes as local conditions might require we would recommend this scheme to our chapters as a valuable training for their members and a potent aid to harmony and the strengthening of the common bond.

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### Chapter Officers.

“Our chapter has probably suffered from a policy which, though perhaps unwise, still had beneath it good intentions. We have had men who were splendid men personally, but who seemed to lack interest in fraternity work and life. Desiring to arouse them we would send them to conventions and place them in offices in the local chapter that would compel them to give more thought to the chapter and general fraternity life. In some degree the policy has been successful, but meanwhile the chapter has suffered somewhat in the estimation of the general fraternity officials; for some of these good men (in the local chapter) have not been as prompt and painstaking as a real enthusiast would have been.”

The above extract from a personal letter throws considerable light upon the cause of the negligence of chapter officials in their dealing with the members of the Arch Chapter. As a cure for one evil it inflicts a far greater one upon the good name of the chapter. The officers of the Fraternity have a personal acquaintance with but few of the active chapters, and their opinions and impressions of a chapter's condition are formed largely by their correspondence with that chapter's officers. Although the chapter itself may be in the best of condition, the careless work of its secretary may indicate an immediate need for investigation.

In the same way a chapter may do itself incalculable harm

by sending the wrong sort of a man as its delegate to Karneas or Conferences. Too often is such a task assigned a man as a reward of merit or for some consideration of privilege or seniority. We can recall several instances where a chapter suffered severely from this sort of a mistaken policy.

In allotting chapter offices, no consideration but merit should have weight. Fortunately, a chapter is so small and compact a body that politics are generally absent; but too often some consideration like the one mentioned in the letter, deludes a chapter into placing a totally incapable man in an important position. While the novelty lasts he may perform his duties in an indifferent manner, but sooner or later he is sure to neglect them. The offices in a chapter are not posts of glory, but rather additional opportunities for those who desire to work; and they should be assigned to the men who have shown their fitness for the responsibilities the offices entail.

A case of very much this same nature came under our personal notice. In one of our chapters there was a man who possessed all the qualifications of a first-class fraternity man; but from his initiation, when he tried to shirk the horse-play by pleading a sprained ankle, he dodged all responsibility and shirked all work. In the meantime he had become a popular man with the college at large. By the time he was a junior he was captain of the team and in possession of a slightly enlarged head. His idea of his own importance impelled him to seek a position of considerable responsibility in his chapter. He coveted the office as a recognition of his importance rather than from any desire to work, and the chapter was weak enough to give it to him. We think it will be a few years before that chapter tries the experiment again.

In another instance the chief office in the gift of a chapter was bestowed upon a man because he was the only available Senior and would have been disgruntled at any other action.



It took that chapter several years to recover from the damage caused by this action.

While we advance it only as a personal opinion, we believe better results would be obtained by retaining efficient and conscientious men in office. To fill an office with a new man is always an experiment; he is unseasoned timber, and with the best of intentions may prove a dismal failure. Besides this consideration, it always takes a man some time to master the routine of an office; and the work will run along much smoother if too frequent changes are not made. On the other hand, there should never be any hesitancy in removing an inefficient officer. The general welfare of the chapter is of far greater importance than the feelings of any individual, and after a fair trial a man who can not or will not perform the duties of his office should be gently invited to step out for the welfare of the chapter and as a warning to others.

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### Scholarship.

One phase of college life that none of our chapters can afford to neglect is the class-room work of its members. In the pleasures of fraternity life and the many interests it brings with it, a new man is in especial danger of neglecting his studies. We should not lose sight of the fact that the original reason for being a college man is the scholastic opportunities offered. The man who sees no life outside his books and class-room work is falling into a grievous error; but the freshman who allows the new freedom to blind him to the need of conscientious work is making just as great a mistake. Too often a good man has had the four years of fraternity life that were his by rights, cut down to one semester because he wanted to enjoy it all at once and neglected his regular college work.

It is a question of self preservation that should prompt a chapter to the supervision of the scholarship of its members. No matter how successful the rushing season may be, a chapter will find itself badly weakened if it loses a part of its members by failure or withdrawal from college. It is especially necessary that the freshmen should be closely watched and gently compelled to keep within the danger limit. The man who comes fresh from the compulsory work of the preparatory school seldom understands the correct way of meeting the larger freedom of the University; but the older heads in his chapter can generally prevent the disaster of a failure by a little suggestion and kindly supervision.

There are some of our chapters that initiate a large number but graduate ridiculously few; we often wonder if the cause is not the absence of the foresight that would dictate a due regard for scholarship. It is highly desirable that a chapter should be identified with as many phases of college life as possible; representation in the musical clubs and athletic teams is highly commendable, but no matter how prominent a man may be his value to his chapter is zero if he does not devote enough attention to his class-room work to keep in college.

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Friday, February 22, 1901, is the date for the Conferences of both the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Fraternity. We regret that we are not able at this time to give more definite information; but the Eastern Conference will be held in New York City, probably at the Manhattan Hotel. Though we have not received formal permission to make this announcement we feel safe in saying that any brother who desires further information may obtain the same by corresponding with the secretary of Rho Chapter.



The Conference of the Western Division will meet at some place in Chicago. Every Delta knows to what source of information he may apply in regard to any Delt happening in that part of the world. Both Conferences promise to be exceptionally enjoyable, and we urge every member of the Fraternity in the neighborhood of either town to make especial efforts to attend. The banquets in the evening, we feel safe in asserting, will fully repay any effort to be present.

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A remarkable piece of fraternity work has been done by Brother Bolard in securing twenty-eight RAINBOW subscriptions among the alumni of Alpha. It shows in Brother Bolard a loyalty to Delta Tau Delta and her interests that is only what we expect in the light of his record. For Alpha it is a service of no uncertain value. It is a guarantee for the chapter's future, and announces in no weak voice the loyalty and interest of her sons.

## THE DELTA CHAPTERS.

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### ALPHA — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Since the writing of our last chapter letter we have not added any men to our number; but we have been engaged in looking after a few promising preparatory students whom we hope to present in our next letter. Our alumni have been of great assistance to us, E. P. Cullom and Archibald L. Irving having recently given us two most delightful stag parties.

On the night of Oct. 23, Brother Dull generously opened his home to the friends of Delta Tau. It was the swellest event of the year. Bounteous refreshments were served, and the evening was enlivened by dancing and a few vocal numbers by local artists.

The management of the foot-ball team was especially fortunate in securing the services of Coach Hekel of Pennsylvania State, and it was due to his excellent work that the team, which is the lightest in the league, finished the season in better condition than any other.

Basket-ball practice has begun in earnest with about fifty candidates for the team. The prospects for a championship team were never better; four of last year's swift team are in college, besides several who showed up to advantage in the scrub of last season. The college faculty, departing from the usual custom, has permitted the second team to schedule two games with outside teams.

GEORGE S. DAVENPORT.



## BETA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter we have initiated Mr. M. H. Williamson of Amanda, O., and take pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity.

Examinations are at hand, so little is going on in college circles. There has not been as much class spirit as usual shown this year. The seniors entertained the sophomores, but, aside from that, nothing had been done until the juniors caught the spirit, and challenged the seniors to a literary contest. It remains to be seen whether or not this will be accepted.

The first number of the new series of the *Ohio University Bulletin* has been issued, and will no doubt be welcomed by many alumni. It is partly a supplement to the catalogue, but mainly a medium through which the alumni and friends of the University can be reached.

The Garfield Debating Club has challenged the two literary societies to a debate, and these debates will be held in January. They will add greatly to the interest of the societies. Beta will be represented in them.

We expect several of our members back next term, and are looking forward to a prosperous term.

J. C. EVANS.

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GAMMA — WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

With the foot-ball season of 1900 a thing of the past, all interest at Gamma is now centered on, and all efforts are directed toward, the approaching final examinations.

Brother Phillips has captained our team through one of the most successful seasons of our foot-ball history.

Since our last letter we have pledged Chalmers '06, Pittsburg, Pa., and expect to obtain one or two more good men before the college year of 1900 and 1901 closes; so our prospects for the future are bright.

The Beta Theta Pi's have recently changed their location, and now occupy one of the best fraternity houses in town.

Monday, Nov. 5, the Phi Kappa Psi's gave a dance, which was highly enjoyed by our two representatives, Brothers Myers and Gaston.

On the evening of Nov. 17, after the dedication of the Washington County Court House, Gamma Chapter assisted in receiving at an informal reception in the Court House, at the invitation of Judge Taylor, a brother Delta.

Gamma welcomes heartily Brother Paull's return to college, after an absence of four weeks on account of sickness.

Within the last month we were favored by visits from several of our alumni — Brothers Sherrard '91, Johnson '94, Martin '96, and Dongan '97; Brother Martin remaining with us for several days.

Brother Stockton wishes to state that he enjoyed the visits, and was well pleased with the reception he received at Chapters Beta Pi and Gamma Alpha.

We request all Deltas who can so arrange it to pay us a visit and meet all our brothers.

A. P. WEITZEL.

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DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Delta sends greeting to her fraternity brothers, and announces the affiliation of Harry M. Kimball of Kappa. She is also happy to announce that she has two pledged men, worthy of herself and Delta Tau Delta, distinguished in their classes, popular with the fellows, and well worth our effort. We hope to announce their initiation in our next letter.

The new year and century find us in good condition and with fine prospects. We are aware that it takes considerably longer to grow an oak tree than to mature a pumpkin; and that, although the latter makes good pies and jack-o'-lanterns, and sometimes stays by us several days, an oak tree, on the whole, lasts longer, and is



better to build upon. We are not trying to grow a pumpkin here at Delta, to be trodden under foot and squashed or to be left to rot in the fall rain, but we congratulate ourselves that we have added several inches to the sturdy stem of old Delta, and we are content to have it so, even if it is a slow process.

We were honored by a visit from Brother Eberth of Chi, who came up on Nov. 24 to attend the game with Ohio State University.

In closing, we wish our sister chapters all possible good fortune for the coming year.

WILLIAM H. WORRELL.

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EPSILON — ALBION COLLEGE.

As the term draws to a close, the students turn their minds from the excitement of the fall athletic contests, and begin to prepare for the examinations, which are coming soon. Albion College has been more successful this fall than usual. The new regime in athletics, instituted last year, begins to show a decided effect for the good. Out of ten foot-ball games we have lost but one. Our team has been well supported by the students, and also by the people of the city. In the future we do and have a right to expect much of our college along the line of athletics, as well as in other well-established departments of the college.

Much interest is being shown by the ladies in basket ball. A fine schedule will be arranged, and we expect the best team that Albion has ever had.

Since our last letter Epsilon has moved, and we are now residing in new quarters. We are satisfied that the change is for the better, as the hall is much more convenient and in a much pleasanter location than the other hall. We assure all Deltas who will come and visit us a hearty welcome.

WEBSTER DAVIS.

## ZETA — ADELBERT COLLEGE.

The annual initiation of Zeta chapter was held in the Chapter rooms at Adelbert Hall on the evening of the 13th of October. The initiation ceremony was followed by an informal banquet in the dining room of the hall. Brothers McLane, Bemis and Arter, three of the original Zeta chapter, and to whose interest and faithful assistance the chapter owes so much, were, as always, present.

The chapter list was increased by the addition of the following names: Chas. B. Shaw, Frank H. Pelton, Harold E. Langdon, Raymond C. Warner and Leonard C. Loomis.

One of the most highly-prized honors open to freshmen at our institution is a position on the editorial staff of the *Adelbert*, the college organ. Brother Raymond Warner won first place in the Freshman competition, and hence becomes freshman editor. With one exception this prize has been secured by Zeta men for a number of years, and four Deltas now hold positions on a staff of nine members.

Until this year the chapter has lived for some time past in a rented house, and consequently it was not possible to fit out a meeting hall consistent with our wishes and the plans provided. But in our present home, which we regard as relatively permanent, a suitable room has been prepared, and we hope that it will be strictly in accordance with all technical demands.

Brother Sherman Arter, whose name is familiar to the fraternity at large, intends to make his home with us shortly. We anticipate much pleasure and profit from his association with us.

On December 15 the first fraternity dance of the year will be held. A number of alumni will be present and all look forward to a pleasant evening. This year we instituted the plan of having a "spread" for members only every three or four weeks. Although far from elaborate, the entertainments provided have met with the approval of everybody, and, in consequence, our "entertainment committee" has not been idle. On the whole, we are considerably elated over the prosperity which has attended the chapter so far this year. We hope and expect it will continue, not only with us, but with all Delta chapters.

OWEN WILCOX.



## KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The working force of Kappa has been somewhat diminished by the loss of two active men since the beginning of the fall term.

Brother Cliff C. Garrison, a recent initiate, has withdrawn from college to take charge of the piano department of the College of Music at Salem, Ore. Mr. Garrison graduated from the music department last June, and is well fitted for the duties of the new position which he has undertaken, but it is with regret that we lose him from the circle of Deltas at Hillsdale.

Brother C. L. Bailey has also given up his college work to accept the position of official stenographer for the First Judicial Circuit of Michigan. Brother Bailey has for several years been deputy stenographer of this circuit, being able to pursue his college work also, but has now been compelled to sever his connection with the chapter as an active member, although we feel sure the interests of Delta Tau Delta will always be dear to him.

The boys of our chapter congratulated one of their alumni, Brother C. P. Hulce, '96, over his election to the position of county school commissioner, so warmly and earnestly that he opened his heart—and his pocket-book—and entertained fifteen wearers of the square badge and their "pledged" men with an oyster supper on the evening of Dec. 8.

The routine of college work, with which most of us are so busily occupied, affords few "news items" of special interest to members of other chapters; but the individual members of Kappa are as ever devoting themselves to earnest, steady, hard work, both in the class-room and in the literary societies, the results of which will appear later in the year. Brother C. A. Robertson, '02, now holds a position on the *New Collegian*, our college paper, having charge of the literary department of that publication.

C. A. BEAN.

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LAMBDA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

The heat of the "rushing season" is about over, but there is still some good material in the "Barbarian world." There has

been a notable holding off of the freshmen and a careful selection on the part of fraternities. Since our last letter Lambda has had two initiations and wishes to introduce to the sister chapters Brother Eugene Humphreys, '02, and Brother Richard Hall Hudson, '04. The prospect is still good to harvest more material, and by Christmas the work of rushing will give place to the regular routine of fraternity life.

Kissum Hall has been delayed in its completion and the students still cling to West Side Row. It is hoped that the rooms will be ready after Christmas, and this will give room for the students who have been rooming in the city and bring the student body in closer contact and add much to the college spirit.

The foot-ball season closed last Thursday with a game with University of Nashville and resulted in a complete victory for Vanderbilt. Although the team was rather weak at the beginning of the season it showed up good and strong at the end and played Sewanee a close game, which was lost only by failing to kick both goals.

Several of the Sewanee men were down to the game and we had the pleasure of meeting several of Beta Theta's men, and a finer set of fellows it has not been my pleasure to meet in a long time.

James Cook, one of Lambda's old men, has been with us for the last few days, and also H. M. McIlhany of Phi. We are always glad to have the older fellows around and can always draw something from their experience which is beneficial to us.

One of the events of Thanksgiving week was a reception given by Sigma Alpha Epsilon to the members of the other fraternities. It was an enjoyable occasion and helped to promote the era of good feeling between the fraternities here.

The question of not initiating men until their sophomore year is being agitated by some of the fraternities here; but at this time it is hard to foresee the outcome.

IRA B. BUSH.



## MU — OHIO WESLEYAN.

Since her last latter, the event of most interest to Mu has been the junior class election. In this election the places for next year's *Transcript* corps, for the *Bijou*, the college semi-annual, and for the next year's lecture course committee are filled. Brother Orin J. Barnes was elected editor-in-chief of the *Transcript*, running far ahead of his ticket. Mu also received the local editorship. As is customary, the fraternities nominated a thoroughly representative ticket and then, with the exception of Phi Delta Theta, stood by it. The actions of the Phi Delt juniors, however, are inexplicable from any honorable standpoint. From all indications the *Bijou* ought to be one of the best ever issued.

As evidence that Mu has not gone to sleep after the first rush of the fall, we gladly introduce to the fraternity our latest initiate, Brother Rollo Marchant of Washington C. H., Ohio. We are watching several other men now, but are taking a good look at them before deciding. Jumping at men we have ever found a poor policy.

On October 28, the chapter attended in a body the funeral of Brother E. E. Ewing, alumnus of Beta chapter. Brother Ewing's daughter, Mrs. Jessie Ewing Stokes, is the wife of Brother Horace Stokes of this city.

One day about the middle of the term we found Brother Elmer Scott, '91, down at the University hunting for Brother Grave, the professor of Latin. He came up to the hall in the evening, and if he had half as good a time as did the actives, he will come again soon. Brothers White, '00, and Houseworth, '00, were with us during the Thanksgiving recess, and as only a few of the boys went home, it was almost as good as having them in the regular grinding-time, when all are in.

Phi Kappa Psi is probably in a house by this time, and a very nice house at that. She is the fourth of eight frats here represented to make the move. Mu ought to be no farther down the list than fifth, and does not expect to be.

We are planning to issue a Chapter Letter pretty soon. If

any of our alumni do not receive one by the time their RAINBOW comes, we hope they will write to us about it.

The Northern Division Conference meets with us in January, probably the 24th and 25th, and Mu extends a hearty welcome to anyone who can possibly come. If you want to know more about it, write to us, and we will be only too glad to answer. Mu is especially eager to have her alumni, and the chapters near her, fully represented.

Mu sends best wishes for a happy and successful New Year to every one in Deltaism.

C. E. PERSONS.

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OMICRON — UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Omicron still continues on its road to prosperity. We had hoped to have some pictures of our new home for this number of the RAINBOW, but have put it off to get things in the best possible shape.

Last week we had a pleasant visit from Brother Fairall of Superior, Wisconsin; also from Brother Walker, an alumnus of Boston Tech.

Brother Williams, who has played on our foot-ball team for the past three years, was recently elected as captain for next year. He has played at quarter for the last two years and has filled his position so admirably that he was selected as quarter and captain of this year's All-Western team.

Iowa finished this season as well as she did last year, without losing a game or having a touchdown made against her. The prospects for a team next year are even better than this year, so that Iowa can be looked upon as a dangerous opponent for any team in the West.

G. M. MIDDLETON.



## PI — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Since the last letter very little of importance has happened at the University of Mississippi that would be of interest to the General Fraternity. Owing to some political trouble our foot-ball team was not quite as successful as it would most certainly have been had all the members of the team worked in harmony. But whatever we lack in foot-ball will be more than made up for by our base-ball team, whose prospects, as was stated in the last letter, are better this year than they have been for many years past.

The work on the electric light and steam-heating plants has been almost completed, and the students are looking forward to the convenience of these with a great deal of pleasure.

The students of the University will give a Twentieth Century Ball and Banquet some time near the close of January. This is to be one of the most elaborate affairs of the kind that has ever been given by the students of this institution, and it is needless to say that Pi is well represented among its promoters. One of the chief features will be a general reunion of the alumni, and Pi expects to have with her many of her old men who have done so much to add to her glory, and have left records behind them of which we are justly proud. We expect also to have with us on this occasion students from other universities, and we hope in this manner to have the pleasure of seeing many brothers from the adjacent chapters.

We are at present, however, on the verge of our first term examinations and every one is getting in readiness for them and looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the Christmas holidays.

It is with a great deal of regret that we report the withdrawal of Brother W. D. Myers from active relations with the chapter. He was called home near the close of last month by a telegram stating that his brother, Stanley Myers, was very ill. Brother Myers left immediately for home, where his brother died of typhoid fever the following Sunday, the second of December. The deceased was initiated into this chapter last year, being a member of the class of 1903. He was one of the most loyal supporters the chap-

ter had, and his influence, uprightness and high-mindedness in her councils will be deeply felt. The chapter grieves deeply over the loss of this beloved brother, and each and every member extends to the bereaved family his heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

GEO. B. MYERS.

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RHO — STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The tenth and last regular meeting of the term was held on Friday evening, December the 7th. Everything connected with the chapter is in a most satisfactory condition; we now have fifteen active members, seven of whom live in the house, and we have several good men in view for next year.

Examinations begin on the 13th, and when they are over we are going to make the most of our Christmas holidays, which are shorter this year than usual. We have received visits from several Delts, and hope many more will run in to see us in the near future.

The annual smoker of the musical clubs was held on Friday evening, November 23, and was a success in every respect; the clubs appear to better advantage than they have for a number of seasons, and there is every prospect of a most successful series of concerts.

Rho wishes all the chapters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F. J. YOUNGBLOOD.

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UPSILON — RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Upsilon takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity William Harry Murray and Earl Prentice North. Since our last letter we have lost one of our members, Mr. Jacobsen, who has left to accept a position. We are now just a dozen. Although the rushing season proper is over, everyone keeps his eyes open. Upsilon is on the watch for men who will make worthy Delts.



Our twenty-second birthday, which was on Nov. 3, passed quietly by without much fuss. Little attempt at an elaborate demonstration was made, owing to the room being torn up while improvements were made.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, we were agreeably surprised by a visit from M. H. Ranney, class of '85. A very enjoyable evening was spent listening to his stories of old times.

Who will be our delegate to the next Conference is one of our topics just at present. The lucky one will be announced later.

Foot-ball ended here, as in many other places, on Thanksgiving Day. The fellows are very well pleased with their work during the season just passed, considering the disadvantages under which athletics labor here. Indoor games, basket-ball and base-ball especially, will occupy the spare time of the athletic individuals.

We close with best wishes for our sister chapters.

W. D. CORNWELL.

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PHI — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter we have made a valuable addition to our number in the person of Brother Thomas Green Stone of Washington, D. C., and it gives us pleasure to introduce him to the Fraternity.

Our university, as well as the nation, has sustained a great loss in the death of our honored president, William Lyne Wilson. During his short administration of little over three years, President Wilson accomplished much for the university, and will ever be remembered as one of her greatest presidents. His deep personal interest in the university, and in every one of its students and officers, endeared him to all, and each one of us feels in his death an individual loss.

The examinations of our first college term are now upon us, and we are employing all our energy and industry in preparing for the ordeal. The fraternity initiation period has about passed by, and few, if any, additions will be made to most of the chapters

here during the remainder of the session. Some of them, which were last year practically dormant, have this year been unusually active, and have swelled their chapter rolls. Some of them, we think, are not over-conservative in their selections. We consider a conservative policy eminently the best, and always pursue such; consequently, we are a perfectly harmonious and fraternal chapter.

We wish each and every Delta a merry Christmas, and trust that each one will labor to make the new year bring more prosperity and power to Delta Tau Delta than she has ever known in the past.

B. D. CAUSEY.

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CHI — KENYON COLLEGE.

Since Oct. 1, Chapter Chi has led a typical college life. She has mixed in politics, athletics, literary societies, and other college affairs. Soon after this date, W. Clyde Moore of Lima, whose brother was a Delt at Beta Rho, was pledged, and at the regular initiation held Oct. 31 he was initiated. At this initiation John N. Kendig, M.D., ex-'97, and H. F. Williams, '96, were our only old men back. Three Beta Phi men — C. H. Fullerton, Fred H. Schoedinger and C. H. Van Tine — and one Beta Iota man, L. P. Chamberlayne, were with us, and helped us make the evening a successful one. The three men initiated, whom we now introduce to the fraternity, are Karl Dayton Williams, '03, Fletcher Rockwell Jackson, '04, and William Cloyd Moore, '04. They come from Monroeville, O., Springville, N.Y., and Lima, O., respectively.

After the initiation ceremonies were finished, the banquet was prepared in our main room. The committee in charge had done its work well, and a splendid repast was the result. H. F. Williams, '96, the toastmaster, introduced the following men, who responded to the toasts opposite their names:

C. H. Fullerton, Beta Phi, '98, "Delta Tau Delta;" W. S. Jackson, Chi, '03, "Fraternity Ideals;" G. B. Voorheis, Chi, '02, "The Crescent;" F. C. Denallman, Chi, '03, "THE RAINBOW;" J. K. Brandon, Chi, '02, "Our Absent Brothers;" J. A. Higbee,



Jr., Chi, '01, "The Square Badge." Impromptu toasts followed, in which almost every one took part. It was after 4 o'clock when the gathering broke up with the "Choctaw walk-around." Then, as is customary in Gambier, we all went serenading. This lasted until 6 o'clock. The next day being a holiday we were given an opportunity to recuperate.

In college elections we have secured our share of the offices.

J. Kell Brandon, at a meeting of the junior class, was elected President.

J. A. Higbee, Jr., was elected President of the Philomathesian Literary Society.

Walter James Morris was elected to the Executive Committee of the Kenyon College Assembly. This consists of three members, who appoint all managers.

The basket-ball team re-elected J. K. Brandon its captain for this year. We will have two men on the team, and perhaps three. Walter Morris is sure to play, and W. S. Jackson, '03, and Moore, '04, are to try for it.

Clarke C. Hammond was made business manager by the *Collegian* board. He was assistant last year.

Fletcher R. Jackson, one of our freshmen, was appointed assistant tennis manager.

During the foot-ball season we were represented on the team by Brothers Morris and Brandon at right-half and full-back, respectively. Brothers Voorheis, Hammond and F. Jackson were members of the second team.

It is a little early for base-ball, but the outlook is exceedingly bright. Four of our fellows will try for the team, and at least two are almost sure to make it.

On Nov. 10 we gave a Delta Tau Delta party to our young lady friends at the college gymnasium. The committee in charge had made complete arrangements, and all enjoyed themselves.

Two weeks preceding Mrs. Brooks entertained us at her home. The affair was in the nature of a reception, at which we met for the first time some of the young ladies who attend school at Harcourt Place Seminary.

We have had visits from several of our alumni. Brothers Charles and Jack Reifsnider, Walter Doolittle and John N. Kendig have spent a few days with us at different times this autumn.

All but one of the chapter went to Columbus Thanksgiving Day to witness the final game of the season between Ohio State University and Kenyon for the State championship. Kenyon had won every game she had played and Ohio State University had lost but one, so a close game was looked for, but Kenyon lost after a plucky fight by the score of 23 to 5.

The night after Thanksgiving the Beta Phi Chapter of Ohio State University entertained Chapter Chi at a dancing party. Only six of our men were present, but they all reported a fine time.

The week before Thanksgiving we were pleasantly surprised by a visit from Brother Elmer L. Scott, Mu '91. He is at present located in Chicago with Sears, Roebuck & Co., and was taking his vacation by making a tour of the Delta Tau Delta chapters throughout the Middle Western States. He intended to visit some Southern chapters also.

Psi Upsilon, who had pledged no men at last writing, pledged two freshmen and initiated one other whom she had pledged last spring.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has lost two men who have left college.

Alpha Delta Phi lost one of her freshmen by death. His loss was felt not only by her, but by the whole college, for he was a manly fellow.

The foot-ball captaincy remains with Delta Kappa Upsilon again next year.

At present Chapter Chi is getting all it can out of its college life, and at the same time keeps in mind the fact that final examinations are scheduled for next week, on the 14th. At the close of these the college will be given a three weeks' vacation.

GEORGE BURTON VOORHEIS.



## OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Omega takes great pleasure in presenting to her sister chapters Brothers Howell Dundas Pratt, '04 college, and Walter Davis Banes, '04 college, both of Philadelphia. We held our initiation at our chapter house, Saturday evening, November 17. After the initiatory ceremonies we adjourned for our banquet to the Hotel Rittenhouse, several brothers joining us there. Including the alumni of our own and of sister chapters, there were just thirty loyal and hungry Delts around that table, and if, as they say, a cook is always pleased at the interest shown for the products of his art, the self-complacent smile of that individual on this occasion must still be a source of great joy to all who see him. Brother Elliot, '99, our own alumnus, was toastmaster for the evening, and the different speakers gave our new brothers an insight into the true life and spirit of our Fraternity which, I think, they will never forget.

Our foot-ball season ended here on Thanksgiving Day with our annual game with Cornell, whom we took into camp rather easily. We expected a victory, or a very close game with Harvard, on account of our exceptionally good scores in preparatory games, but for the third consecutive time Harvard took our scalp, and at the end of the season we can claim only third place in the "Big Four." The Annapolis-West Point game, which has now become an annual event under the auspices of the University, took place on December 1. This is the great society foot-ball game of the year. The students of both academies are present in a body in their uniforms; generals and admirals are with their respective partisans; and two members of the Cabinet are always present, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. Annapolis won this year, thus avenging her last year's defeat, and the army mules, brought down for the occasion, trotted off the fields in disgust.

Omega has been especially favored during the past two months with numerous visits from the brothers of other chapters. Brother Rogers, of the Arch Chapter, favored us with a visit one evening, and we trust he was favorably impressed with what he saw. A few

days later, as a memento of his visit, he sent the chapter his own copy of the Leland Stanford Tales, and I take this occasion, on behalf of the whole chapter, to thank him for this delightful remembrance.

At dinner on Thanksgiving we had with us Brothers Plumb, Quick, Ferguson, L. Warner, I. Warner, Moore and Fellows, of Beta Omicron, who came down from Cornell to see the Cornell-Pennsylvania game.

Later in the day Brothers Peepels, Van Allen and Massena, of Beta Lambda, also dropped in on us, making quite a respectable gathering of Delts.

Brother Cheyney, Beta Delta, on a visit to Philadelphia, also found his way to the house, and during his stay here one of our brothers took him to see the battle-ship Alabama, the pride of Brother Cheyney's state.

Before this letter appears, the twentieth century will be with us, and Delta Tau will have forty years of prosperity and fame to look back on with pride. Let every loyal Delt in every chapter resolve that with the new century shall dawn a new era of prosperity and advancement for Delta Tau Delta unrivalled in the history of the Fraternity.

W. PAUL O'NEILL.

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BETA ALPHA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to the RAINBOW we have initiated another man, and take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Brother A. M. Beeler of Bluffton. Brother McKee, '03, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever and unable to enter college this fall, will be with us again next term.

Besides our house, which is situated mid-way between the campus and town, and is the most comfortable of any of the fraternity houses here, we still retain our chapter hall. On Thanksgiving Eve Beta Alpha gave her term dance. The Indianapolis Rag Time Orchestra furnished the music, and the dance hall and parlors were



beautifully decorated with palms and ferns. Among the out-of-town guests was Brother Geo. D. Heilman of Evansville. Brother Venneman, '95, and Brother Halstead, '98, were also recent visitors of Beta Alpha.

Brother Patton is our representative on the Fret and Strut Club, and Brother De Vilbiso on *The Arbutus* board. Brother McKee will probably do most of the illustrating for *The Arbutus* this year. Brother Fitzgerald is a promising candidate for the baseball team.

Indiana closed a most successful foot-ball season with its glorious and deserved victory over Purdue on Thanksgiving Day, and again won the championship of the State. Preparations are being made to celebrate our victory with the annual foot-ball reception.

Indiana's new astronomical observatory is nearing completion. It is a handsome stone structure and adds much to the beauty of the campus. Its equipment is one of the best in the West.

G. L. SCHWARTZ.

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BETA BETA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Since writing our last letter Beta Beta has been steadily growing. We have pledged another man, Howard Tayte, who was eagerly spiked by three other fraternities, and we are proud of him, for he is an all around man.

After Christmas Brothers Voliva, Ellis and Durham, who have been out during the fall term, will re-enter college as juniors and we are confident of securing two other men who have had close connection with Delta Tau in Indianapolis. This makes us twelve actives and two pledges.

We regret very seriously the loss of one of our new men, Brother Waterbury, but he will enter the University of Illinois, where he can be nearer his home, so he will still be an active Delta Tau.

During the foot-ball game with Wabash at De Pauw, Beta Psi made us another pleasant visit, and at a call meeting of Beta Beta,

Beta Alpha and Beta Psi were well represented. The plans for a Delta Tau Delta banquet to be given in Indianapolis at the State Oratorical were adopted. This will mean a great revival of Deltaism among the chapters. The alumni will be invited and any other Delta who should happen to be in the State will be most fraternally welcomed.

Socially Beta Beta is upholding her old record and is still among the foremost entertainers, with banquets and receptions.

Since De Pauw has closed her very successful foot-ball season, interest is being centered on class "scraps," the peculiar part of which is the *height* to which they are carried. One "bloody bout" in particular was waged on the roof of East College one hundred feet in the air, but the strife has somewhat subsided and every one is "cramming" for the term examinations.

So we in closing wish our sister chapters and the Fraternity at large a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

CLARENCE STRICKLAND.

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BETA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since our last communication Beta Gamma has initiated six very desirable men. We take pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters as brothers in Delta Tau Delta, Frederick Phelps Bowen, '04, of Richland Centre, Wisconsin; Herbert Aloan Lundahl, '03, of Chicago, Illinois; William Crane Nichols, '04, of Fargo, N. Dakota; Frank Earl Doseker, '04, of Plattville, Wisconsin; Walter Bowen Saunders, '04, of Council Bluff, Iowa, and Charles Elmer Connor, '03, of Clinton, Iowa.

Never in the history of fraternities at Wisconsin has the "rushing" season closed so early. In less than two weeks every chapter had a full quota of men. This was probably due to the abundance of "frat" material that entered with the freshman class. Beta Gamma got her share and we are well satisfied. Besides the six new brothers we have three good men pledged, who will be initiated after the Christmas holidays.



The foot-ball season just closed has been, we feel, a successful one for Wisconsin. We met defeat but once — by Minnesota, and that was by the close score of 6 to 5. Wisconsin herself lays no claims to the championship, though most critics place her first among the Western teams. Brother Driver played full-back and is the choice of the best judges for that position on the All-Western team.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Husting Low, '00, for a few days since our last letter.

In response to a very kind invitation from Beta Eta, seventeen of our boys went to Minneapolis to see the Minnesota-Wisconsin foot-ball game. The entertainment and good time given us by Beta Eta was beyond our expectations, and was such as only good loyal Delts can give. We are unanimous in voting the Minnesota boys right royal entertainers. Our boys, with a similar number from Chi Psi, made the trip in a special car. This broke the monotony of the long ride and added materially to our enjoyment of the trip.

Brother C. A. A. McGee made us a short visit during the past week. Brother McGee spent the entire fall in campaign work.

Brother A. B. Grindell is Beta Gamma's representative on the Junior "Prom." Committee. Brother Bowen will represent us on the Glee Club, while Brother Cleary will manage the University Track-team during the current year.

Beta Gamma will give an inter-fraternity smoker on the evening of December 15. This will be the first thing of the kind given here, and is given with a view of drawing the different fraternities into closer social relations. In the past there has been a lamentable lack of intercourse between the different "frats," this is not only felt by fraternity men themselves but it has excited unfavorable comment from outside. Delta Tau is taking the initiative to do away with this condition and we hope it will be continued and the desired object be accomplished.

Beta Gamma will always be glad to welcome and entertain any and all Delts who wander near us.

M. J. CLEARY.

## BETA EPSILON — EMORY COLLEGE.

The most important thing that has occurred this year in Georgia college circles was the recent meet of the State Oratorical Association, which was held in Atlanta on the night of Nov. 2. The association is composed of the five leading male colleges in the State, viz.: University of Georgia, Emory College, Mercer University, Georgia School of Technology, and North Georgia Agricultural College. Since its organization five years ago it has been each year growing in prominence, until a climax was apparently reached at the last contest. Emory's representative was an easy winner of second place, and his eloquence will long be remembered as deserving most noteworthy praise. In the way of sponsors, Emory may well be envied, having as her champions Wesleyan Female College and Agnes Scott Institute, the former of which enjoys the distinction of being the oldest female college in the world.

Since our last letter we have again experienced that most pleasing ordeal of initiating a candidate, and it is with a degree of gratification that we commend to the Fraternity at large Brother Charles R. Reed, '03.

Brother Marvin Bunn, on account of serious illness, has left us. This, we trust, is only a temporary misfortune, for he expects to return in January.

Brothers Morton, '02, and Davis, '03, represent us on their respective class basket-ball teams.

Brother Morton will champion Phi Gamma's cause in the Few-Phi Gamma debate, which will take place on Dec. 1, and will, no doubt, creditably represent his society. Brother Davis was recently chosen from Phi Gamma as one of her representatives on the spring term debate.

During the past month Brothers Gibbons and Morton, '00, have visited us. Always enthusiastic and loyal, their visit was productive of much pleasure and good to the chapter. We sadly miss their genial and pleasant presence, but feel that, even though they have graduated and left us behind, they will ever remain true to the "old gold, the purple and the white."

JULIAN HEIDT JORDAN.



## BETA ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Beta Zeta was in good shape at the beginning of the fall term, but there is always room for improvement in a chapter, and we are in better shape for the winter term. Because of the new rule in vogue here, that no men are to be pledged until after six weeks of college attendance, we were not able to announce the names of our initiates in the last number of the RAINBOW. Beta Zeta now takes great pleasure in introducing to the General Fraternity Brothers George W. Brewster, '04, of California, Horace M. Russell, '04, of Texas, and Earle M. Edson, '02, of Nebraska.

Fred J. Frick, '04, of Peru, Indiana, who was pledged several weeks ago, will be initiated soon. Mr. Gil. W. Clark of Hannibal, Mo., was also pledged, but was compelled to leave school before his initiation because of sickness.

Present at our initiation was a number of the members of Beta Beta at Depauw College. After a good run of "horse play" and an impressive ritualistic exercise, we had a social session, which lasted until the "we sma' hours."

Our new men have entered with a most commendable spirit into the Fraternity work, and are already among our best workers.

In college life, Beta Zeta is still at the top. In the primary oratorical contest, held on the evening of Dec. 7, we had two contestants, and Brother Orval Mehring received first place. The Delts of Indiana will give him loyal support in the State contest to be held in February. Brother Huggins, as the President of the Athletic Association, is arousing more interest in that line of work than any of his predecessors have done.

The University of Indianapolis made a great finish in the football season. The first two games were lost by a large score, but towards the end of the season the team was strengthened, and by the defeat of Depauw College on Thanksgiving Day we won the championship of the minor colleges. Brother Mehring was captain of the team.

The matter of a chapter house has been a much-mooted question with Beta Zeta, but now conditions are more favorable, and ere the

passing of many moons we hope to be housed in a home of our own.

We have had several pleasant visits from brother Deltas who have drifted into Indianapolis, and we wish to renew our invitation. The street cars run from Indianapolis to Irvington every seven minutes, and the Delta latchstring always hangs on the outside.

FRANK B. LONG.

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BETA ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Now that the excitement of one of the most successful football seasons that Minnesota has ever known, and which has won for her the title of "champions of the West," has passed over, the students have settled down to good hard study.

Brother Price Wickersham, manager of the team, is deserving of much praise for his work. Last year, with a losing team, he enlisted the hearty support of the student body, and managed the finances so carefully that, at the end of the season, the athletic board of control found itself with considerable money in the treasury after paying off a heavy indebtedness. With athletics on a sound financial basis, the board was able to employ Dr. Williams of Yale, one of the best foot-ball coaches in the country, to take charge of all athletics at Minnesota for a period of three years.

In one season he has developed a team which we are justly proud of, and in which we have the greatest confidence for the future.

Inter-collegiate athletics offer fraternity men numerous opportunities of meeting brothers from other chapters, and of renewing old friendships, which is even more enjoyable. All of our games but one were played at home this year, and we had the pleasure of meeting two or three brother Deltas at nearly every one.

With the Wisconsin team, several hundred students came to Minneapolis from Madison. Beta Gamma was represented by a delegation of about fifteen men, whose visit we enjoyed very much.

Four of our men visited Beta Tau at Lincoln, Neb., on Thanks-



giving, when Minnesota played the University of Nebraska. On Thanksgiving night Beta Tau gave a dancing party in honor of the visiting Delts, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and appreciated the efforts made for their entertainment.

Such visits as these are conducive of an increased appreciation of the value of Delta Tau. Beta Eta gives a standing invitation to all Deltas who may find themselves in her vicinity to visit her at her chapter house.

Oct. 12 we held our annual initiation and banquet at the West Hotel. The Minneapolis Alumni Association took charge of the banquet, and materially assisted the active chapter in its work.

Rev. Charles Bayard Mitchell officiated as toastmaster, and the responses included some of the most inspiring and enthusing speeches that could be wished for. They made a deep impression on all present, and especially on the initiates, who will long remember the words of their older brothers on that night.

The initiates were Elbert W. Spring, Louis J. O'Marr, Huntley Downs, Percy Peabody, Guy V. Houghton, Drake Bottenfield and Arthur Dowd, whom Beta Eta is proud to present to the General Fraternity.

H. FREEMAN COOPER.

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BETA IOTA — UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Since we last wrote Beta Iota has initiated two men. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Brother Thomas J. Walker of Montana and Brother Ferdinand Gross of Texas. This gives us a total of twenty members. All of our new members are entering into the chapter life with an admirable zest, while without, in the college at large, they are acquiring good standing for themselves.

The foot-ball season is over, and our hopes and fears, so far as this sport is concerned, are ended for the year. The season has not by any means been a booming success; at the same time, it has been no failure. We lost several games that we would have liked

very much to have won; yet we were victors in the two closing games—the one with our old rival, North Carolina, and the one on Thanksgiving with Sewanee. After these two victories there is little question that we are still champions of the South. The work of the season demonstrates that alumni coaching at the University, however conscientious it may be, is not a success.

We are happy to report that Brother J. H. Chamberlayne, who has been out of college for some time on account of sickness, has now about recovered, and will soon be with us again.

Brother Houston is among the new additions to the Cotillion Club. Brother J. H. Chamberlayne was elected by the chapter as its representative on the board of *Corks and Curls*, our college annual. The board appointed Brother Coates as art editor. This gives us the enviable record of being the one fraternity in college represented on the board by two members.

JNO. LITTLETON JONES.

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BETA KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Matters have been very quiet with us since our last initiation, and the enthusiasm and interest in the foot-ball team have been the only things worthy of mention. However, the season was one of disaster for us, the team losing each of the four big games, and we seemed to succeed only in keeping a number of men in the hospital all the time; but, in spite of "Boulder luck," the team and its followers did not give up for a moment, and ended the season as pluckily as a winning team would do.

The chapter was represented by Brother Hatch, who played end until disabled by a dislocated shoulder; and Arthur Kendall, one of our pledges, was a substitute half-back.

The election of a non-fraternity man as captain of next year's Varsity over a fraternity man, who has been three years on the team and the star of this last season, savors of a deal which promises some interesting developments.



Brother A. W. Robbins, '01, at present located in Denver, is working very hard in the interest of an alumni chapter, and reports very good success. We know there are Deltas in Denver who should work for such a chapter, and we of Beta Kappa greatly feel the need of one, as we are a long way from any sister chapter, and the additional interest an alumni chapter would give would benefit us immensely.

The chapter recently gave a "turkey feed" to our pledges and local alumni, which was a great success.

Our two pledges will be initiated soon after the Christmas holidays.

Beta Kappa can never estimate the good her alumni have done her, both socially and financially, and it is a good argument in favor of a chapter keeping in close touch with her old men.

With the kindest wishes to all Deltas, Beta Kappa looks for a very prosperous new year, and ever extends an invitation to any brother who may find his way to Colorado.

H. C. DODGE.

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BETA LAMBDA — LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Beta Lambda is right in the middle of the first term at college, Lehigh having but two terms. The foot-ball season now being over, and it being too early to talk base-ball, society seems to have the preference, and I am glad to say the society boys of Beta Lambda are keeping up their usual reputation. They have given a big dance already, and are looking forward to another. We are very fortunate in having two men on the varsity foot-ball, two men on the college glee club, and three men in the minstrel chorus as well as the leader, S. P. Heitshu, who is acknowledged to be the best singer in college. The minstrel show which is on December 15, this year, promises to be the best one Lehigh has ever given. Brother Hughes being honored by the leadership this two years it seems but natural that his experience should make it a go, after the success he had last year. We had a short but pleasant visit from

Brother Chatard of Rho. Brother Lukens, 1900, is at present located with Harbissee & Walker, of Pittsburg, Penn. This far we have pledged four men as well as taken in Brother Folsom, who comes to us from Beta Theta. This is the hardest year of rushing we have experienced for some time, and we are only waiting until after the Christmas holidays on a few men who seem to think they must consult the parents, and from what I heard other brothers say, it seems this hard pledging is universal. Two new chapters have been installed at Lehigh, the Psi Alpha Kappa, and the Kappa Sigma, which makes fifteen chapters in all, and enrollment of only four hundred and fifty students, it is easy to see how hard it is to get desirable men.

W. H. PEEPELS.

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BETA MU — TUFTS COLLEGE.

Chapter life is now in full swing, with the fraters and the freshmen initiates working well into the harness of fraternal associations and responsibilities. This feature of the progress of fraternal evolution in the first year of a neophyte is extremely interesting to the older fellows, and very gratifying to the chapter if rapid affiliation is brought about.

Our initiation took place on Thursday, November 1. The following men stepped over the threshold of our fraternal life: George R. Spofford, Hudson, Mass., '01; and the freshmen, Clarence P. Scoboria, Somerville, Mass.; Melvin H. Waterhouse, Westbrooke, Me.; Alfred M. Bond, Hudson; Benjamin F. Adams, East Huron, N. Y.; Roland G. Holt, Hudson; and Arthur W. Burton, Cambridge, Mass. After the initiation we held the annual banquet in Boston, at the Hotel Essex. The banquet was successful, several brothers being with us from Brown; the bill of fare was excellent, and the speeches were but the expression of the active interest which our men are taking in their chapter and fraternity life.

In the outside college life we have again come to the front;



having one of our freshmen, C. P. Scoboria, win the entrance scholarship prize, and in the awarding of commencement parts, William M. Joy of Meridien, Conn., received the only one which is awarded each year to a member of the Engineering Department. After the most successful season of foot-ball for three years, the athletic men are now turning their attention to the indoor work, preparatory to outside track work in the Spring.

Track athletics are steadily coming to the fore in college, as is shown by the increased interest shown in the indoor meets held at intervals during the winter.

Socially the season has but just begun, but the series of Assemblies given in the Gym. during the winter have always been very popular, and well attended by our fellows. Our chapter alumni night, which comes the last night before the Christmas vacation, took place on December 17, and was successful in the best sense of the word—a large number of the old men being back.

There is one thing which Beta Mu has taken up this year, and to speak of it here may act as a good suggestion to some of the other chapters. In order to keep fresh in our minds the various details of our work a plan has been adopted by which a part of our by-laws, ritual, or constitution is read at each meeting. This serves to keep fresh the memory of the upper-class men as well as to help the freshmen in the learning of their duties.

L. W. COLLINS.

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BETA XI — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The Fall term examinations are over, the holidays have gone, and we have returned to college to start the new year with many good resolutions.

The foot-ball season just closed has been the most successful in the history of Tulane. We played five games and rolled up a total of 105 points to our opponents' 0. Brothers Stevens, Libby, and Ellis represented Beta Xi on the team.

We are just as prominent in the other branches of college life, holding offices in all the organizations. We have six men in the German Club, and as this is the most select body at Tulane, we are very prominent in the social world.

There are at present seven fraternities represented at Tulane — Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Delta Tau Delta. The chapters of Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu have gone out of existence. The best of feeling prevails among the fraternities represented. Few universities can boast of this.

New Year greetings to our sister chapters.

DOUGLAS KILPATRICK, JR.

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BETA OMICRON — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The most important thing that has happened since our last letter was the initiation on October 20, of the following nine men: R. Irving Dodge, '01, Harry Clinton, '03, and Elbert Moore, Phillips Mallory, Irving Warner, Charles Tuttle, Harry Hunt, Louis Clinton, all of 1904. At the banquet which followed, thirty-five Delts enjoyed a bully good time, and the new men received their first lesson in Delta Tau Delta spirit from the enthusiasm of three of the chapter's charter members and co-founders.

During the past foot-ball season we were visited by Brothers Phillips, Reed, McMahon and Fence of the Washington and Jefferson team, Brother Myers coming with them as a rooter. Delts are certainly the whole thing there in the foot-ball line at least, — and it is needless to say we enjoyed meeting them and comparing notes on various fraternity topics. Brother Warren Parks, Beta Mu, '97, also stopped off to see us while on his way through the city.

On November 10 we had our usual fall house-party, the attractions being the game with Oberlin, Military Hop, and our own informal dance at the house. The fellows have always enjoyed this so much every year we have had one, that it has now



become an annual affair with us, and several other fraternities, notably Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Phi, have decided to follow our example next year.

In addition to the three fraternities building new houses mentioned in our last letter, Theta Delta Chi have just started a \$10,000 addition to their house. In view of this activity, we are looking still more seriously to our own position, and we think you will hear from us soon.

Ground has been broken for the new Medical building, which is to be in a line with the Library and Law buildings, and of the same style of architecture.

L. P. WARNER.

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BETA PI — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

As the men of Northwestern approach the Christmas holidays, they feel that they have made a beginning of the prosperous year which has been prophesied for so many months. Of course, the foot-ball team is the most evident cause of satisfaction. Of late years, it has been the universal complaint of those going home for the holidays that they have had no answer to make to the slurs cast upon our athletics; but this season we hear nothing of the sort. The teams have achieved even more than we hoped. The only defeat which any of the "Big Nine" has been able to record against us was the score with the championship team at Minnesota, for the first time in four years the Purple came off with the honors from the annual struggle with our neighbors in Chicago. The burning of two new twenty-foot beer-signs (an innovation in this prohibition city of Evanston) in celebration of the victory, gained the heartfelt gratitude of the citizens of the place. To crown the season, the tying of the score on Thanksgiving Day with Iowa, who had already made claims to the championship, has made us more than satisfied with our team. As most of our men are likely to be back next year, we are not feeling at all worried about future prospects in this line. Our greatest regret is that Brother Hunter,

whose field-generalship has been universally praised even in the worst periods of our athletic experience of late years, is retired by the time-limit. The chapter was represented on the team by Brothers Hunter, Elliott, Davidson, and C. E. Dietz, captain. Brother Dietz has been re-elected to the captaincy for next year.

The annual play given by the Junior Class takes place next week. Brother West is in the cast. Prof. P. M. Pearson, who is one of our chapter alumni, is conducting the rehearsals, and we expect the play to be up to its usual high standard. The Student Lecture Course, which is conducted annually by the College Christian Associations, has a finer list of lectures this year than ever before. *The Northwestern*, our University weekly, has been decidedly improved, and is receiving good support from the students. Under the management of Brother Dietz, the subscription list has been built up so that now the paper has a very fair circulation.

The University is still waiting for the Committee to select a President; as yet nothing definite has been heard concerning the matter.

The Faculty is considering the plan of keeping the Library open longer hours than heretofore, and there is little doubt that the idea will be carried out. The question has been agitated for some time, as the University has been somewhat behind sister institutions in this respect, and as the students feel the need of greater accessibility to the reference books.

Since the last report, we have initiated four men, R. D. Parker, H. Van Patten, W. S. Corlis, and F. A. Davidson, all of '04. Brothers Mayo, Swayne, and McClurg, of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, were with us at our initiation, which we considered a decided success. Brother Davidson has already earned a good reputation on the foot-ball team; as this is his first year here, we expect that he will help support the athletic side of the chapter for some time to come.

In addition to our fifteen active members, we have two pledge-lings whom we intend to initiate next week. Five of our alumni are frequently present at our meetings; so that; taking into consideration the excellent condition of the chapter in other lines as well, we consider ourselves stronger than we have been for many



years, possibly stronger than ever before. We are now intending to incorporate the chapter as soon as possible, a step which we recognize we are a little late in taking, as many of our sister chapters are already incorporated.

On the whole, the progress of the University and the Chapter is all that has been expected, and we shall try to see that we never fall short of the standards which we are now endeavoring to establish.

RALPH H. DURHAM.

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BETA RHO — STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Beta Rho has the pleasure of presenting to the Fraternity at large three initiates from the freshman class: Arthur Teyshon, W. G. Scales, and H. C. Scales. The chapter has been greatly strengthened by the affiliation of Brother Slaker of Gamma Alpha.

In our annual Thanksgiving game of foot-ball with the University of California Stanford gained the championship of the Pacific coast by winning a hard-fought contest, by a score of five to nothing. The chapter was well represented by Brother Slaker, who put up a magnificent game at full-back. As a result of practical college politics, Brother Slaker was defeated by a narrow margin as captain of next year's team.

The dormitory crowd has failed in its efforts to secure a charter from Delta Kappa Epsilon and disbanded; one of the members has since joined Chi Psi. Rumor has it that Sigma Rho Eta is still persevering in her efforts to secure a D. K. E. charter, but the rumor has been afloat so long it is hardly seaworthy.

Beta Rho has enjoyed visits from Brothers Durrell, '00, and Jack Healy, ex-'00. At present preparations for the semester examinations claim us for their own.

C. E. HOLBROOK.

## BETA TAU — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Beta Tau takes pleasure in introducing four new Delts, initiated since the last letter, Brothers Charles Lyman, Sterling McCaw, Norris Huse and Earnest Bridge.

On Thanksgiving Day Nebraska met Minnesota on the gridiron here, and we feel quite proud of the showing, considering the fact that this was our first game with a really first-class college foot-ball team. We were visited by four of the boys from Beta Eta Chapter, who came down with the team, and also by many of our alumni. It is needless to say that we enjoyed the visit immensely, and hope it may be renewed in the near future.

Alpha Theta Chi, a local fraternity, is trying hard to get a chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, and there was a member of that fraternity here Thanksgiving week inspecting their chapter.

Since the military promotions Beta Tau has a captain, a first lieutenant, an adjutant and some minor offices in that department.

Brother A. K. Barnes has begun work as one of the editors of the *Junior Annual*, and expects to have one of the best ever issued.

J. E. BEANS.

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BETA UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The "rushing season," fierce and turbulent, with the trials of the reluctant freshman and the everlasting anxiety of their entertainment, is over. As the curtain, with seven more months of hard word, rises, Beta Upsilon can look back with the satisfaction of knowing that she has been successful on her merits. This chapter never had brighter prospects than now.

We take pleasure in introducing to the General Fraternity Brothers Albert Errett of Keewane, Henry Fraser of La Salle, Charles Jenkins of Sullivan, Howard Kellogg, Arthur Clark and Fred Holstman of Peoria, Ill. These men have all entered the Fraternity in the proper spirit, and have proven a valuable addition



to Beta Upsilon. We also take pride in presenting our two spikes: Henry Wheelock, '04, Moline, and Nat. Higinbotham, '04, Arcola, Ill. Both of these men have musical talent, and will undoubtedly be on the Mandolin Club next year. Brother Jenkins, one of our strongest new men, was compelled to withdraw from college in order to assist his father in his business. The chapter regretted it very much, and we consider it a material loss.

Beta Upsilon was very much grieved a few days ago upon hearing of the death of one of her brothers, John Lowery, '94. He was professor in mathematics at Eureka College.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from two brothers from other chapters this year — Brother Walker from Beta Nu, who is now a travelling salesman, and Brother Hawyard from Chi, who is an instructor in the Decatur, Ill., High School. We enjoyed their stay with us very much, and hope that we will have the opportunity of greeting many others before the close of the year.

Of the seven fraternities at Illinois, six are in houses, and three of the five sororities are also in houses. Beta Theta Pi has several men pledged here, and the chapter will begin active work next year.

We extend best wishes to our sister chapters.

R. C. McMILLEN.

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BETA PHI — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The foot-ball season is over, and Ohio State University is again recognized as State champions. Much of this year's success has been due to the untiring efforts of Brother Rightmire, who has managed the team. In the last and one of the hardest games of the season we had two representatives — Brother McLaren at right half and Brother Boothman at left and end; both covered themselves with honor, and received more newspaper praise than any other men on the team. Brother McLaren has always been known as a star half-back, and the performance of Brother Boothman is especially gratifying on account of its being his first game. There

is no doubt but that both will have permanent positions on next year's team. In the same game there were also two brother Deltas from Chi.

During the foot-ball season we have had visits from brothers of Mu and Chi chapters.

On Nov. 3 we had our only initiation of the year. Brother Howard Handshy, '04, of Zanesville, was the man who was shown the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta. After the initiation the members adjourned to the Southern, and after doing justice to the banquet, toasts were given by the candidate and various members of the chapter. As a fit ending of the evening the entire body sang fraternity and college songs, and as a grand finale made the lobby ring with the fraternity yells.

Nov. 14 the chapter celebrated its sixth anniversary in its hall. Lunch was served, and the old members recalled some of the trials of the earlier days. All the active members were present and several of the alumni. Brother Dietrich, '98, of Grovesport, O., and Brother Smyser, assistant in economics, honored us with their presence.

We have given two dances so far this year. The last was given Nov. 30 in honor of the Chi boys. Most of the actives were present, and some of the alumni of the city were also there. The visiting brothers from Chi were Morris, Brandon, Jackson, Munger, Hammond, Reifsneider of Tiffin and Van Nest. Brother Hudling, '98, Beta Phi, was also with us.

The chapter was entertained Nov. 23 by Mr. and Mrs. Klie. It was Brother Walter Klie's nineteenth anniversary, and was surely fittingly celebrated. Cards, singing and eating were the specialties of the evening.

The work in the chapter has been most satisfactory this year. All the members work in harmony, and it is more like one large family than members of many families. All seem to be working for the good of the chapter and the General Fraternity as well as themselves. Dissension is unknown among us, and since "in union there is strength," we feel that we are getting stronger every day.



A cordial welcome is extended to all, and we hope that we may become better acquainted through the visits of all brothers who may come our way.

FORREST L. KEISER.

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BETA CHI — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

There seems to be no better way of opening Beta Chi's letter than the introduction to the Delta world of our new brothers. On Oct. 26 we initiated the following men :

Walter Leslie Tandy, '02, of Gardner, Mass. ; Charles Perkins Webber, '02, of Wakefield, Mass. ; Willis Warren Harriman, '03, of Whitinsville, Mass. ; Arthur Ewen Cameron, '04, of Providence, R.I. ; Howard Foss Esten, '04, of Pawtucket, R.I. ; Charles Shailer Hascall, '04, of New York City ; William Chace Hascall, '04, of New York City ; Oscar Leonard Heltzen, '04, of Providence, R.I. ; Royal Nesmith Jessup, '04, of Brooklyn, N.Y. ; John Prior Thornley McBay, '04, of Providence, R.I. ; Lester Hutchinson Nichols, '04, of Bennington, Vt.

We do not want to boast, nor do we wish our pride to become too manifest. It is true, nevertheless, that our delegation this year is the equal of that of any other fraternity at Brown. Their worth will be all the more appreciated when it is known that most of them had "bids" from one or more of the other thirteen frats. in college. Each and every one of them has already become thoroughly imbued with the true Delta spirit and the true Delta ideals ; and they will, we are sure, prove themselves fully worthy to wear the square badge that we all love so well. It is true that the number of initiates is large — larger than any in college, and larger than the conservative policy of Delta Tau Delta would, as a general rule, sanction ; but the material was so good, and the opportunity of greatly strengthening Beta Chi so obvious, that we decided to take in a large number of men. Quality was not sacrificed for quantity, however, as we know the next four years will show.

Our banquet, held on Oct. 26, was an ideal Delta gathering,

and the spirit and the enthusiasm stirred up at that time have not died out yet. "Father" Thompson, as usual, gave an exhibition of his loyalty to his Fraternity, and travelled a hundred miles to be with us for only one evening. Among other Alumni present were Brothers Livingstone, '97, Crocker, '98, Clough, '99, and Giles, 1900. Brothers Safford, Ericson and Armstrong of Beta Mu were also there. After a very tempting *ménu* had been properly attended to, the following toasts were given, Brother Clough acting as toast-master :

"College Memories," Brother Crocker, '98; Piano Solo, Brother Esten, '04; "Frat. Life with Chapter Houses," Brother Ericson, Beta Mu, '01; "The Initiates," Brother W. C. Hascall, '04; "Brown and the Big Four," Brother Gray, '01; Banjo Solo, Brother Harriman, '03; "The Faculty," Brother Blanchard, '99; "Delta Esprit de Corps," Brother Livingstone, '97; Mandolin Solo, Brother Heltzen, '04; "The Fair Sex," Brother Beal, '01; Piano Solo, Brother Nichols, '04; "The Tree is Known by its Fruit," "Father" Thompson, '96.

With many a ringing Delta cheer and many a hearty Delta grip we separated, greatly strengthened in the fraternal bonds which unite us, and better prepared for the duties of life.

We are going to send a good-sized delegation to the Eastern Division Conference this winter, and hope there to come into close touch with some of our sister chapters.

Brown's foot-ball team this fall began the season with prospects bright for a very successful campaign. We began the season by holding Pennsylvania down to 12 points and defeating Chicago 11-6. By the time of the Princeton game, however, Brown took her customary mid-season slump, and was beaten by a third-rate team, 17-5. The year ended in a fizzle, Brown's substitute team barely escaping defeat at the hands of Syracuse. Bates, '02, of Delta Upsilon, has been chosen as our next captain, and a better record is looked for in 1901.

Beta Chi's athletics are looked after by Brother Tatem on the track team, and by Brothers Conant, Thompson and C. S. Hascall on the foot-ball teams.



Brother Ewer recently established a new bowling record for the University alleys, which bids fair to stand for some time.

Brother Gray represents us on the *Liber*, the college annual. Brother Austin is associate editor of the same publication.

Brother Esten has made the Mandolin Club, and Brothers Nichols and Harriman are among the best banjoists in college.

Brown's new memorial arch gateway is fast nearing completion, and we shall soon have a new entrance to our grounds from the top of College Hill. The new dormitory, not yet named, at the southeast end of the campus, is nearly ready for occupancy.

Beta Chi to-day stands among the first fraternities in college. She possesses representative men of all classes; athletes, students, musicians, etc., would all find congenial company in her ranks. Our bond of brotherhood is close-knit and strong, and in our unison lies our strength. Our finances are solid, and our future in every way is bright for Delta Tau Delta.

To be sure, we are out here in the easternmost corner of the Delta square, but we are not entirely out of the way. We are within easy reach of any Delt passing through this section of the country, and we do not want a brother to come this way without giving us a call.

JOHN P. GRAY.

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BETA PSI — WABASH COLLEGE.

After the last excitement of the rushing season has died away and the late fall initiations are over, Beta Psi finds herself able to introduce two more worthy men to the Fraternity—Brother Roy Massina of Warsaw, Ind., and Brother Clarence Courtney of Converse, Ind.—thus swelling the number of our active men to seven. To the larger chapters in the larger institutions this number may seem rather insignificant, yet among the chapters here we rank second in point of numbers, and we feel that we are able to challenge you to find another chapter where fraternal feeling exists in a stronger degree, and where all work as one man. Our fewness of

numbers is itself the most potent factor that holds us so closely united in the triple bonds.

Wabash has lately been greatly excited over the escapade of some of the students and the expulsion of six of them. To fraternity circles this has been of special interest, since it leaves the local chapter of Phi Delta Theta with only two members, and will also probably have a disastrous effect upon the Glee Club and other organizations, as the men expelled were among the most prominent in college affairs.

Our foot-ball team, under Coach Chez, ends a very satisfactory season on Thanksgiving Day with a game with Rose Polytechnic, and the students will then turn their attention to the coming oratorical contest and to a mock convention which is to be given in the interest of the college Oratorical Association.

On Nov. 21, Founders' Day was first observed by the college. General Black of Chicago was the orator of the day.

Beta Psi still maintains her usual high position in the society circles of the city, and at present we are making rather elaborate preparations to close our fall term with a Christmas dance.

PHILIP HUGHES.

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BETA OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The closing days of our first term find Beta Omega in a condition which, although prosperous, is not what we had anticipated. Several of the unforeseen mishaps that are invariably attendant upon any chapter's life have left us somewhat weakened in numbers, but that is all. One more brother Delt, Alexander Colt, has left our midst to begin his career as a Government surveyor in the Philippines. Brother Colt makes, with Brothers McCollough and Oliver, the third one of our "old boys" in the Islands.

We are soon to suffer the loss, both from the chapter house and the chapter also, of Brother Spingler, who intends entering into active business life in the East. This will leave our number reduced to thirteen men, eight of whom will be in the house. On



the other hand, we have three men pledged, so that next term we expect to be "ready for business" with a full quota of sixteen or more men, with ten or twelve living in the chapter house. This will place us on a splendid financial status — a very vital thing for a young chapter especially, and one which has ever been a point of pride with us, perhaps, more than any one other thing.

We have not entertained to a great extent this term, as we have been too busy with the host of details that so often beset a fraternity at the beginning of the college year. Junior Day, with its traditional "prom" and farce, is scheduled for Dec. 8, and with it all student activity in a social way ends, as the mid-term examinations begin.

The Thanksgiving intercollegiate foot-ball game resulted in California's defeat by Stanford, with a score of 5-0; but the showing made by our boys was so excellent that California cannot but feel the sting of the inevitable "might have been."

Among our achievements in the University world I may mention the election of Brother William Hunter to the Skull and Keys Junior and Senior Society. The initiatory rites of the Skull and Keys, conducted on the campus, is one of the most interesting and unique occasions of the college year.

It is now almost exactly three years since Beta Omega first saw the light, and after the many reverses it has recently overcome, more than ever it feels that it has earned for itself a position secure among California's best chapters; and we are happy to be able to say that there is not a member of our chapter nor of our alumni but that has the pride and confidence born of true fraternity health and soundness.

E. M. RECTOR.

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GAMMA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The autumn quarter is nearly over, and the rushing season is drawing to its close. It is not entirely over, however, and it is yet too soon to say with perfect definiteness just what has been accom-

plished. We feel, however, that in the competition for desirable men, Gamma Alpha has taken as high a position as any chapter in the University. The rushing has been in charge of a regular rushing committee, and most satisfactory results have been obtained. One man has been pledged, and we believe that a number of the best prospective fraternity men in the University will accept our bid at the end of the quarter.

For some time we have felt a growing need for something to take the place of the "pledge-colors," which have been unsatisfactory in many ways. After investigation, we concluded that the best thing to do was to have a number of pledge-pins made, according to a design which would display not only the colors but also some one of the symbols of the Fraternity. Acting on this idea, and making use of some talent indigenous to the chapter, we have obtained a pin with which we are much pleased. In form it is a gold scarf-pin. The head of the pin is a small crescent of burnished gold, in which are set two stars, one of white the other of purple enamel. Every Delta who has seen it, has liked it very much: and we intend to take steps looking toward its adoption by the National Fraternity as the official pledge-pin.

There is one influence that has been very powerful in moulding and strengthening our chapter in the past, the influence of the Chicago Alumni Association. Gamma Alpha has enjoyed to a remarkable degree the interest and sympathy of this strong body of alumni, and hopes that she may continue to do so in the future. Some of the members of the Association are frequent visitors at our chapter house; and the interest taken by them in the chapter's welfare and progress is fully as great as that of the active members. This relation existing between the chapter and such a strong body of alumni, must inevitably lead to the steady advance along fraternity lines, and to a higher and broader outlook on fraternity matters in general. We feel very deeply the need and helpfulness of such associations, and trust that we may continue to be thought worthy of them.

Delta Upsilon will enter the University January first of the coming year. Ten fraternities will then be represented here.

Gamma Alpha will soon be incorporated.



It has been our pleasure during the past few months to welcome as visitors Brother Reff of Alpha, Brother Grier of Chi, Brother Stockton of Gamma, and Brother Manley of Beta Tau, to say nothing of about half the membership of Omicron chapter, who came to Chicago at the time of the Chicago-Iowa game. We hope to see all of them again whenever it is possible, and trust that no Delta will pass through the city without paying us a visit at the chapter house 5731 Monroe Avenue.

ALBERT L. JONES.

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GAMMA DELTA — WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

As evidence of our activity, we take pride in introducing to the Fraternity the first four initiates of Gamma Delta: Brothers Frank P. Corbin, '01, Morgantown, W. Va.; Walter M. Duke, '04, Baker-ton, W. Va.; Lawrence P. Miller, '02, Alderson, W. Va.; Darrell K. Koonce, '04, Halltown, W. Va.

Following the conservative precedent given us by the Arch Chapter we were the last among the Fraternities that have initiated this Fall. We were honored on this occasion by the presence of Brother Brück.

The next evening the chapter was invited to take supper with Brother L. Scott, a visiting Delt from Chicago. The meeting following this was one of great value to the new men.

We are now rushing three more good men — with an eye upon sundry preparatory students and students who are to enter in the future. The situation here makes it best and sometimes necessary to pledge "Preps." This custom obtains among the best fraternities. It is likely that we will get at least two of the three. Our initiates take kindly to fraternity work.

Brother L. Miller was recently elected associate editor on the University Annual. The junior law election resulted as predicted. We are expecting the presidency of one of the literary societies; also two honors in the Senior class. Brother John recently carried off first honor in the oratorical contest.

The past few weeks have seen remarkable progress on the new University buildings and improvements on the athletic grounds. The Fall Quarter has been an unusually successful one, both as to the number of students and work accomplished. Our foot-ball team was rather ragged during the past season; but its prospects for next year are better.

With the exception of one rather bitter fight the fraternities have been outwardly harmonious. Of course the usual hostility to newcomers has been shown us. I note in the latest copies of the Kappa Alpha and Beta Theta Pi journals that their correspondents from here speak as if they have chapter houses under construction. This I do not believe, for such a movement is not now in their reach, and if such was the case there would be rumors here to that effect. The Board of Regents is considering a plan to allow chapter houses to be built on the grounds of the University. Until these plans are announced I do not believe that any fraternity will undertake the erection of a house.

Two out of the three local sororities were recently visited by representatives of the sororities which they have petitioned for charters. The officer of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority was given a fitting reception the last night of her stay. A banquet was the leading event during the visit of the Kappa Alpha Theta's representative.

Owing to a mistake in regard to leaving it unsigned the article on the West Virginia University in the last RAINBOW was accredited to myself instead of brother John, its author.

I take pleasure in correcting this error because the aid was given me at a time when I was overwhelmed with work and had not the time to prepare the article myself. Having rendered "unto Caesar his due" I will close until next issue.

ALEX McVEIGH MILLER.



## CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER.

The November monthly meeting of the Chicago Alumni Association was a repetition of the successful informal dinner given in October. Twenty-nine Delts, including several undergraduate visitors from the Chicago and Northwestern University chapters, were present. The fraters in Chicago, new and old, display much enthusiastic interest in the General Fraternity, and in the affairs of the neighboring chapters. The presence of the young men makes the "old boys" forget their age. If the Arch Chapter does not change the meeting-place of next summer's Karnea, the Chicago Association will undoubtedly be able to send a large delegation to Milwaukee.

As mentioned in the preceding alumni letter to THE RAINBOW, the next annual dinner of the Chicago Association, (the 21st, by the way), will be held on the evening of Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1901. Every *transient* Delt in the middle west is cordially urged to arrange his itinerary so as to be in Chicago on that date and attend. The meeting-place will be chosen as soon as joint arrangements can be made with representatives of the Western Division Conference, which will be in session here at that time. The undersigned will be able in a week or two to give definite particulars and will gladly answer any inquiries.

EDWARD B. WITWER.

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WISCONSIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Wisconsin Alumni Chapter consists of a small nucleus of Delts who reside in the city of Milwaukee, and the more enthusiastic Delts who reside throughout the State of Wisconsin. Because of this fact we have, as a rule, only one good, rousing meeting during the year.

It was decided at our annual meeting in May of this year to hold the next meeting in the Fall, at the time of some collegiate

athletic event in Milwaukee, figuring that the added inducements would tend to bring everybody to this city at such a time.

Accordingly our annual meeting and banquet were held Saturday evening, October 13, at the Hotel Pfister, perhaps the finest hostelry in the Northwest. While, as a matter of fact, about all the Delts in Wisconsin were in the city that day and evening, for the purpose of witnessing the annual Wisconsin-Beloit football game, as well as attending the annual meeting and banquet of our chapter, we found that many of the boys of athletic proclivities were so carried away with enthusiasm over the glorious victory won by their *alma mater* (University of Wisconsin) that many of them found it impossible to break away from the procession of overjoyed rooters, who paraded the streets of the city until a late hour—some of them so late that they missed everything but the business meeting. We decided then and there that we had made a mistake in the choice of our date, and that we must have a “semi-annual” banquet some time during the winter.

In spite of all drawbacks, however, the banquet was well attended, and a great success. Among the visiting brethern were A. K. Clark and Dr. J. J. Davis, of the Chicago Alumni Association, both of them great favorites with Wisconsin Delts, and without whom our banquets would not seem complete.

The toasts were exceptionally well rendered and enthusiastically received. They all had the true Delta ring, and made many of us older boys renew our vows, as the happy days of yore were recalled to our memory. The list follows: Toast Master, E. J. Henning, Beta Gamma, '94. “We Confer Honors Justly,” Hon. James H. McGillan, Beta Gamma, '91; “The Tie That Binds,” C. W. Lamoreux, Beta Gamma, '94; “Chapter Beta Gamma,” Harry Hewitt, Beta Gamma, '01; “Medley,” L. A. Dahlman, Beta Gamma, '96; “Why I Am a Delt,” Dr. Wm. E. Durr, Beta Gamma, '88.

A number of our Fraternity songs were sung with a true college spirit, and it was long after midnight before the boys could persuade themselves to transform the banquet into a business meeting, but it was finally brought about. The officers of the past year were all unanimously re-elected, amid much enthusiasm, as follows: Edward



J. Henning, President; Harvey Clarke, Vice-President; Charles G. Riley, Secretary; Sharp Todd, Treasurer; Samuel P. Connor, Chairman; Alfred T. Rogers, George A. Kingsley, Executive Committee.

In view of the fact that the next Karnea is to be held under our auspices, Bro. E. J. Henning was appointed chairman of the committee on arrangements with power to select the additional members. Adjournment was then had, and the enjoyable affair closed with the "Choctaw Walk-Around," which started on the fifth floor of the hotel, and remained intact for several blocks down the street, almost stampeding the hotel force, and puzzling the Milwaukee police.

While, as before stated, we have but one real complete meeting during the year, the Milwaukee members meet frequently, in an informal way, and derive much pleasure therefrom. Frequently some of our out-of-town brethren drop in on us, and such an event is always a signal for a "special" meeting.

We all greatly regret the removal from this city, to Kansas City, of our genial brother J. C. Jocelyn, Epsilon, '76, and his periodical visits here on business always means a "gathering of the clans."

We expect to entertain the next Karnea on a grand scale, and, subject to the approval of the Arch Chapter, have chosen the Hotel Pfister as headquarters, where we will be given the use of its fine club room for meetings. We hope to have the largest Karnea, in point of numbers, that was ever held, and will guarantee a royal good time to all who come. Excursions on Lake Michigan, to Waukesha Beach, (the Saratoga of the West), Whitefish Bay, and other resorts, will be provided.

We ask for suggestions from any and all Delts as to anything that is in their mind in relation to this subject. Will endeavor to give you the best all 'round time you ever had.

E. J. HENNING.

## THE DELTA ALUMNI.

## ALPHA.

'76 — Colonel Louis Walker is chairman of the Building Committee for the new chapter house of Alpha.

'77 — Thomas D. Sensor is superintendent of schools at Pittsburg.

'78 — L. L. Davis and John N. White are lawyers in Pittsburg. The friendship formed in college have held them together in the same office for the past twenty years.

'79 — Rev. Dr. E. C. Locke is filling the best Methodist Episcopal pulpit in Buffalo.

'79 — Rev. Dr. C. B. Mitchell is one of the most popular ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now stationed at Minneapolis. Charlie was once editor of our journal, and has not forgotten his love for Delta Tau; but is often found with the boys of Beta Eta, with whom he is a great favorite.

'80 — Stewart M. Decker is now serving his country as a colonel in the Philippines.

'80 — Frank S. Chryst is one of the leading lawyers of Warren, O.

'80 — Charles A. Ensign owns the largest drug business in Youngstown.

'80 — Charles M. Snyder is the owner of a newspaper advertising agency in Philadelphia.

'80 — Frank Lippitt is secretary of the Beman Oil Can Company of Meadville, Pa.

'81 — James R. Andrews and Wesley B. Best are leading lawyers at Meadville. They are a great help to the boys.

'83 — Wesley Best was the Republican chairman for Crawford County during the recent campaign.



'87 — W. B. Fulton has accepted a position as cashier of the First National Bank of Union City, Pa.

'89 — Colonel Ned Arden Flood campaigned the central portion of Pennsylvania.

'90 — Harry Dunn of Connellsville, Jack Watson and Jim Wakefield of Pittsburg attended the commencement at Meadville in June.

'90 — Fred Russell has recently taken to himself a wife.

'90 — Will Heiser of Maysville, Ky., came to Allegheny to the reunion of the class of '90.

'90 — Kay C. Krick is running a large hardware store in Conneautville, Pa.

'90 — Fatty Kistler is in the banking business in Warren, O.

'97 — Archibald L. Irvin is now holding office in the new First National Bank of Meadville, Pa.

'98 — Walter G. Harper has succeeded his father as manager of the Harper Lumber Company at Meadville, Pa.

## ZETA.

'90 — Dr. R. E. Ruedy was married in October.

'94 — S. D. Shankland, superintendent of the Willoughby schools, has been reappointed school examiner for Lake County, Ohio, for a period of three years.

'96 — F. M. Wood, principal of the Willoughby High School, recently began the publication of a new newspaper, the *Willoughby Delta*.

'96 — Dr. George C. Clisby was married to Miss Harriet F. Smith Nov. 20, 1900.

'98 — Harvey Hurlebaus is tutor in the Wick family of Youngstown.

'98 — Frank Meyer is teaching Latin at Hillsdale.

'00 — W. S. Couch recently left an Ashtabula paper to accept a position on the *Painesville Republican* staff.

## KAPPA.

'96 — Charles P. Hulce was on Dec. 8 elected commissioner of schools of Hillsdale County, Michigan, to succeed the former commissioner, who had resigned to take another appointment under the new State administration. Brother Hulce is a young man of marked ability, and, with his experience in teaching and knowledge of educational matters, cannot fail to make a record in his new position.

## LAMBDA.

'97 — Harry Stokes is to be married in a few days to one of Nashville's society belles.

'00 — Richard Smith has a good position with A. B. Raines, druggist, at Columbia, Tenn.

'00 — LeRoy McGregor and John Cannon are meeting with success in the practice of law in Nashville, Tenn.

## MU.

'89 — W. Hormell, our professor of physics, has been granted a year's leave of absence, which he is spending at Harvard.

'90 — Frank Dyer is superintendent of schools at Wachita, Kansas.

'92 — Olin H. Basquin is making a business tour through Europe.

'94 — Eddy Rynearson is principal of one of the Pittsburg high schools.

'97 — H. L. Torbet is assistant pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Dayton, O., and is filling the place of the regular pastor, who is ill.

'98 — Tom Wylie is mayor of Ripley, O., and is the youngest mayor in the State.

'99 — S. J. Colter holds a position in the pension office at Washington.



## PI.

'85 — B. G. Humphreys, ex-district attorney of Mississippi, is a successful lawyer of Greenwood, Miss.

'87 — Albert G. Eyrich is in the merchandise business at Jackson, Miss.

'91 — James Ellen Pope is a very successful lawyer at Jackson, Tenn.

'94 — John Sidney Sharp is a prominent physician of Ware Hill, Miss.

'96 — Andrew Bostwick is employed by the Memphis Queensmore Company of Memphis, Tenn.

'96 — Memory E. Scope is one of the most renowned lawyers of Tupelo, Miss., and expects soon to be appointed to a judgeship.

'99 — Walter Fletcher Brown is book-keeper in the Bank of Holly Springs, at Holly Springs, Miss.

## RHO.

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

'95 — The engagement is announced of William G. Raoul to Miss Mary Cunningham of Atlanta, Ga.

'95 — R. E. Hall and Miss Elizabeth Learned were married on the afternoon of Oct. 3 at St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, Mass.

'99 — Harold Humphreys and Miss Lydia Brooks Bell were married on Dec. 15 at Morristown, N.J. They will spend four months in Egypt, after which they will settle in England.

## CHI.

'85 — Orion Boyd Harris was elected circuit judge of the circuit near his home at Sullivan, Ind., by a majority of 1,409 votes, at the late Presidential election.

Ex-'96 — Charles Valores Webb, who is now practicing medicine at Farrington, Conn., was married to Miss Charity Isabel Beers of the same place, Oct. 24, 1900.

'96 — Robert L. Harris and Edward J. McCutcheon, ex-'01, witnessed the Ohio State University-Kenyon game on Thanksgiving.

Ex-'97 — John N. Kendig is now practicing medicine at Akron, O.

Ex-'00 — Jack Reifsnider and Hugh F. Van Nest were also at the game, and attended the Beta Phi dance the next evening.

Ex-'03 — Hugh F. Van Nest entertained eleven Chi and three Beta Phi men at dinner at the Chittendon on Thanksgiving night. The spirit of good fellowship which prevailed, together with many rousing Fraternity songs, made the affair a true Delta Tau Delta gathering.

#### BETA ALPHA.

'98 — William Reed is a Government clerk at Washington, D.C.

'98 — Benjamin Halstead is practicing law at Petoskey, Mich.

'99 — Oscar Paul is attending Columbia Law School.

'99 — Frank Griensley is managing a branch agency of the Swift Packing Company at St. Paul, Minn.

'99 — Ford Dyer is practicing law at Worthington, Ind.

'00 — D. A. Wasmuth is a grain speculator at Roanoke, Ind.

'00 — George D. Heilman is practicing law at Evansville, Ind.

Ex-'02 — Charles Mutchler is superintendent of the Nappanee Canning Factory.

Ex-'03 — Arthur B. Cook is a cadet at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

#### BETA ZETA.

'89 — Lewis J. Morgan has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of Butler College of the University of Indianapolis.

'90 — Frank L. Jones was re-elected State superintendent of public instruction of Indiana on the Republican ticket.

'95 — Howard Armstrong is teaching school at Kokomo, Ind.



'97 — Ira J. Shrader is engaged in the hardware business at Louisville, Ky.

'00 — Shelly D. Watts is engaged in the insurance business at Winchester, Ind.

'00 — John R. Carr is teaching school at Wanamaker, Ind.

'00 — Carl R. Loop will be the cashier of a new national bank to be opened soon at Lebanon, Ind. Brother Loop recently finished the course at Chicago University.

## BETA MU.

'97 — Warren S. Parks is a special agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Company of the United States, with headquarters at Utica, N.Y.

## BETA OMICRON.

'99 — Wiley Wakeman has accepted a position with the New York Ship Building Company at Camden, N.J., starting work Dec. 1.

'99 — Harry Young is assistant engineer of the sanitary department at Havana, Cuba. His address is Tacon 3, Department of Havana, Havana, Cuba.

'99 — Eads Johnson played left end on the Orange (N.J.) Athletic Club team this fall.

'00 — C. W. Babcock has hung out his shingle as attorney and counsellor-at-law in Kenosha, Wis.

'00 — Samuel McClary is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and enjoys Omega's chapter life there very much.

'00 — A. D. Warner, Jr., is with Charles Warner Company of Wilmington, Del.

'00 — Frank Baker is studying law with his father in Rome, N.Y.

'00 — A. S. Blanchard is working in a railroad shop near Chicago.

'00 — G. P. McKenzie will soon be practicing law in Rochester, N.Y.

Ex-'00 — H. S. Pyle is with his father in the morocco business in Wilmington, Del.

## BETA PI.

'95 — Phineas L. Windsor, who was last year an assistant in the law division of the New York State Library, has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Library of Congress.

'96 — R. C. Brown has just married the sister of Brother E. H. Pierce, also of '96.

'96 — Professor P. M. Pearson is drilling the cast of the junior play this year.

'98 — Rob Wilson is professor of mathematics at his alma mater.

'99 — John M. Springer is still in Garrett Biblical Institute, and is frequently present at the meetings of the chapter.

## BETA RHO.

'99 — H. W. Durrell is connected with the assaying department of a gold mine at Ogilby, Cal.

'00 — George L. Seward is engaged in business investigations in the province of Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Ex-'01 — H. R. Leland holds a position with the New York branch of the International Produce Company.

## BETA TAU.

'94 — J. H. Johnston has been elected county attorney of Custer County, Montana, at a salary of \$2,000 a year. He received a majority of 226 out of a vote of about 1,600, which was considerably better than the average majority of the candidates on his (the Republican) ticket.

'98 — Elmer Meliza died in Montana a few days ago. The remains were sent to his home in Falls City, Neb., for burial on Dec. 2.



'98 — Will McKay has recently been sent to Springfield, Ill., to fill a place in the Weather Bureau.

'98 — Robert Manley has been appointed dramatic critic on a leading Chicago paper.

'98 — Otis Whipple is engaged in general contract work with his father at Omaha.

## BETA UPSILON.

'96 — Harry Beasley is city engineer at Peoria.

'97 — Charley Liese paid us a short visit a few weeks ago.

'99 — Robert Fowler has an excellent position in Colorado engineering some railroad construction.

'99 — T. L. Burkland is recognized as one of the best officials on the Western gridiron.

'99 — Roy Hamilton was married to Miss Mabel Zilly of Champaign, Oct. 17, 1900. Charles Terry and Richard Vail, both ex-'97, attended, and visited the chapter while in town.

'99 — W. E. Hazletine was married to Miss Ruth Rayman of Sidney, Ill., Oct. 23, 1900.

'00 — E. J. Schnieder has resigned his position at Chicago for a much better one in Omaha, Neb., as civil engineer.

Ex-'00 — A. Lee Moorshead paid Beta Upsilon a visit not long ago.

Ex-'01 — Harry Hoover, who has been teaching at the Pontiac Reformatory School, will attend Notre Dame after Christmas.

'01 — Elsworth Storey, who has been travelling in Europe the past year, will re-enter the University in a few weeks.

Ex-'04 — Henry Keller is attending a medical school in St. Louis this year.

## BETA PHI.

'98 — Brother Dietrich, who is located at Grovesport, has made us several visits so far this year.

'98 — Brother Debes of Mt. Vernon visited with us, and also took in the excursion to Ann Arbor to the big foot-ball game.

'98 — Brother Weidling of Tiffin spent Thanksgiving with the different boys of the chapter.

## BETA CHI.

'99 — The engagement of Arthur H. Blanchard and Miss Mary Burt, both of Providence, R.I., has been announced.

## GAMMA ALPHA.

'98 — George L. White has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of McCook, Neb.

'98 — Fred C. Hack is taking the work of the junior year in Northwestern University Law School, and will go to the University of Michigan next year to complete his course.

'00 — On Oct. 23, 1900, Mr. Charles E. Carey and Miss Carrie Selby Gilman were married at the home of the bride's parents in Chicago. The wedding was an exceedingly pretty one. The bride's sister, Miss Margaret Selby Gilman, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Ernest E. Irons was the groom's best man. After a trip through the East, Mr. and Mrs. Carey have gone to Glenwood, Ia., where they will make their home.

'00 — Ernest E. Irons is holding the fellowship of bacteriology in the University of Chicago.

'00 — Frank R. White is occupying a position with the Chicago Bureau of Charities.

'00 — Joseph C. Ewing has brought to a successful close the foot-ball season of Colorado College, Colorado Springs; the team having, under his coaching, won every game played, and captured the championship of the State.



## NECROLOGY.

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DELTA, '89.

The many friends of C. Kirke Eddy, '89, will be deeply grieved to learn of his death, which came Nov. 10, as the result of an automobile accident. Mr. Eddy was one of the well-known men when in college, and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Since graduation he has been engaged in business at Saginaw, where he died, and was widely and favorably known as one of the most promising young men of the city.—*Michigan Alumnus*.

## GAMMA.

News of the death of Dr. H. P. Hugus in the Hawaiian Islands on July 30 has been received. He was born Aug. 30, 1839, at Salem, Crozo Roads, Westmoreland County, Pa., and was one of a number who received his first classical instructions from Dr. Alexander Donaldson of Elders' Ridge. In the fall of 1860, Dr. Hugus with others entered the junior class at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., and graduated in 1862 as A.B. He joined Delta Tau Delta in 1861, and was always a zealous member. In 1865 he graduated in medicine, and for about four years practiced in his native town. Then he moved to Orrville, O., and later to Ravenna, O. About 1886 he went to Los Angeles, Cal., partly in search of health, and from there to Hawaii, where he resided until his death, except for about two years (1893 and 1894) he remained in Ravenna, having come back to the State to see the Columbian Exposition. He attended the Indianapolis Karnea. He leaves a wife, but no children. Dr. Hugus was one of the "men amongst men," always ready to respond to the call of the needy. He was a

successful physician, and leaves behind him a host of friends to mourn his departure, as well as quite a large circle of relatives, who can never forget him for his many virtues. R.

## PI.

*A. Myers*

Stanley Algers, who was initiated into Pi Chapter last year, died at his home in Byhalia, Miss., of typhoid fever, on Sunday, Dec. 2, 1900. He was born Dec. 18, 1880, in Byhalia, Miss., lacking only a few days of being twenty years old when he died. His death was a great shock to the chapter, as he was just budding into young manhood, and we expected to see him with us again next year.

## BETA UPSILON.

On Nov. 19, 1900, Mr. John A. Lowry died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lowry, in Gibson City, Ill. Brother Lowry was born in Wadsworth, O., July 16, 1871. In 1889 he graduated from the Gibson City High School, and in 1894 received the degree of civil engineer from the University of Illinois. In September, 1895, he was elected professor of mathematics in Eureka College, and he held this position until February, 1900. Early in this year failing health resulted in a severe attack of pneumonia, and this soon developed into consumption. This, in spite of all that change of climate could effect, rapidly became worse, until death put an end to his sufferings.



## THE DELTA AUTHORS.

*English: Composition and Literature.* By W. F. Webster, Principal of the East High School, Minneapolis, Minn.

The object of this book is to secure better results in the teaching of English, so that young men and women may write English accurately and clearly. At the Washington meeting of the National Educational Association in 1898, Mr. Webster presented a paper which was virtually endorsed by the Secondary Department of the Association at the Los Angeles meeting in 1899.

"English: Composition and Literature," is a development of the ideas presented in this paper. With the belief that our fathers and grandfathers wrote well because they read well, Mr. Webster has made a course of study which provides for the study of literature and composition side by side for the entire course. His plan calls for the reading of specified simple and interesting literary masterpieces three hours a week, for the writing of compositions one hour a week, and for the discussion of the principles of correct writing one hour a week. Following each chapter are valuable questions and exercises such as only an experienced teacher and thorough student of literature could propose.

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In the Thanksgiving number of *The Blue and Red* of the University of Pennsylvania appeared an article by Brother Straight of Beta Omicron. We reproduce the article in full:

## THE FRATERNITY SYSTEM AT CORNELL.

The fraternity system at Cornell exerts upon the student body a peculiar influence which is hardly to be found elsewhere. It is not an outgrowth of the University, for the fraternities are as old as Cornell; three of the local chapters (Zeta Psi, Chi Phi and Kappa Alpha) were organized the first term the University was opened. Although the proportion of fraternity men is now only about one in four, in general no hostility is manifested toward them by the non-fraternity men. In one

way only do the two classes oppose each other. This is in class politics. Combinations are often formed which include both fraternity men and independents, but there is a well-defined political antagonism between them. The Greek-letter societies are recognized as a powerful factor for good in the University, and the faculty has come to rely upon their co-operation in many important student affairs. The Cornell system is the most perfectly developed in the country, and this claim is based on an untarnished existence of thirty-two years. In this period no complaint has been made against them, either by the faculty or by students who are not society men. There are now twenty-seven fraternities at Cornell, and their combined undergraduate membership last year was 560. Although there have been no new chapters since Kappa Sigma was organized in 1892, only two or three national fraternities are unrepresented. But one fraternity was ever founded in the University. This was Delta Chi, which has increased to ten flourishing chapters in the United States and Canada since 1890.

Every Cornell fraternity has a chapter house about which the life of its members centres. About half the societies own their own houses; the others rent substantial buildings in the town. The first house was built by Alpha Delta Phi. The houses owned and occupied by fraternities range in value from \$10,000 to \$250,000. The \$250,000 house, occupied by Chi Psi, is the finest fraternity home in the world. It was built by Jennie McGraw Fiske, whose family have done so much for Cornell, but was purchased by the fraternity when nearing completion. It was finished to meet student needs, and has room for thirty or more men. Zeta Psi also owns an expensive house of yellow brick, only a few years old. Kappa Alpha has just rebuilt a model fraternity house of red stone, on the ruins of the house destroyed by fire two years ago. The gray stone house of Delta Kappa Upsilon and the Colonial headquarters of Theta Delta Chi are typical modern fraternity houses. The lower floors — library, parlors, drawing-rooms, smoking and billiard halls — are all connected with wide doors, and, with their hardwood floors, make a dancing hall of great convenience. Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta have quaint-looking plaster-houses on Edgemoor Lane, which never fail to attract the attention of visitors. The accumulation of gifts by "old grads" has enabled the Greek-letter societies to actually grow wealthy. They own, on a rough estimate, \$675,000 worth of real estate alone.

At Cornell the fraternities admit a man at the very beginning of his course, and aim to develop him into a good Cornellian by bringing him



under the influence of older men who have learned by experience the best way to serve the University.

The successful operation of this system necessitates the practice of "rushing," which, as it is at present conducted, is highly objectionable. Most fraternities know beforehand several fellows who will enter the University in the fall, and this knowledge enables them to get an advantage over their competitors which counts for a good deal. To a certain extent, the candidate for admission to a fraternity is free to learn the good and bad points of the different crowds he has been invited to join, and to choose the one that suits him best; and yet a man can seldom form an accurate judgment of a fraternity from his observations while he is being rushed. When several different societies get hold of a desirable man, a contest ensues to see who will win him, and in the fight much time, money and effort are needlessly spent. Each fraternity vies with the others to make itself more attractive, and this practice offers a sore temptation to run down other crowds, which is certain to lead to ill-feeling between them. Every fraternity has men who are more or less prominent in university circles, and the records of these men are pointed out to the freshman as attractions worthy of his consideration. Everything which can possibly create a favorable impression in the mind of the freshman is resorted to in the effort to win his pledge. When three or four societies, between which there is very little choice, each rush the same man, they go to expensive extremes to get him. The theatre, athletic contests, drives and banquets are a few of the many ways in which the fraternities spend money during the rushing season. Added to this must be the immense tax required to keep up the best possible appearance when the freshmen are near, and the tiresome ordeal of talking to them incessantly in a strain which must be more or less nonsensical. There are advantages for the freshman in this system of rushing, if there are not for the fraternities. By meeting a number of different older fellows, a new man quickly learns the ins and outs of the University, and is saved from many mistakes which he might otherwise make. Of course, this is more absolutely true after a freshman has joined the society; but there are always holes in which to fall before he is pledged, which knowledge gained in the ordeal of rushing may enable him to avoid. Under the circumstances, it is difficult to see how the objectionable features of rushing can be avoided; but, if they could, it would do away with whatever jealousy now exists between the fraternities, and would immeasurably benefit Cornell by leading to a more undivided University spirit.

The fraternity spirit at Cornell has its great advantages. In the absence of dormitories, they serve a useful purpose in looking after the younger men. President Schurmann has declared this to be the greatest possible argument in their favor. It is true that in the fraternities the freshmen are subjected to a great deal of harmless ridicule, but the older men are also ready to aid them by all possible means in making their way about the University. In most of the societies, freshmen are forbidden to frequent drinking places down town. This prohibition, and others like it, in many cases start a freshman in the right direction when he might otherwise have gone wrong. The name of a good fraternity always acts as a social guarantee to its freshmen, opening the way to a welcome at almost any of the popular homes of the town. Another advantage which cannot be overestimated is that fraternities in a large measure take the place of dormitories. These are Cornell's greatest need, for nothing can do their work in fostering sociability and University spirit. In the absence of dormitories, the fraternities exert an invaluable influence in rounding out good Cornellians.

On the other hand, the Cornell fraternity system presents some few drawbacks, although they are outweighed by its advantages. The chief objection to the system is that there are too many fraternities here. With twenty-seven active chapters to be supplied each year with new men, it is hardly possible that all of them should maintain a high standard. It is without question true that some of the weaker societies take away from the dignity of the stronger ones. Outsiders are prone to judge of the whole group of fraternities by the men with whom they have come in contact, and these men may be far from true representatives of Cornell fraternities. Perhaps this is natural, but it is unjust to those societies which are powerful influences for good in the University. There is also a dangerous tendency among the Greek-letter societies to foster fraternity spirit at the expense of a large interest in the University. Desire to be represented in student activities may lead a society to put its own men forward without regard to those who are better fitted. Again, fraternities are likely to take too little interest in those student affairs with which they are not directly connected. There is no doubt, however, but that the better fraternities strive to overcome this tendency.

The Cornell fraternities have undergone some severe strains, and that they could have withstood them is a powerful argument in their favor. They have established themselves firmly, and it is safe to say that without them Cornell's prestige and reputation would suffer beyond conception.



## THE GREEK WORLD.

Phi Gamma Delta has 775 active members, forty-eight chapters, occupies twenty-five houses, of which eight are owned.

Beta Theta Pi, with a membership of 1,160, has sixty-four chapters, forty-one houses, owns eleven of them.

Phi Delta Theta, with 1,200 actives and sixty-five chapters, occupies forty houses and owns ten of them.

Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Nu have entered houses at the University of Iowa.

Miss Julia E. Closterman is the new editor of *The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

The Phi Kappa Psi chapter at Columbia University has entered a chapter house.

Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi at the opening of Wabash had one and two men respectively.

Beta Theta Pi has revived her chapter at North Carolina with a membership of four.

Phi Delta Theta held its national convention in Louisville during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Delta Upsilon has granted a charter to a local society at the University of Chicago, known as the "Order of the Iron Key."

The chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Kansas lost its chapter house a week before the opening of the University.

Editor Baird, through the columns of the *Beta Theta Pi*, announces that the chapter of that fraternity at Yale is the only one "attempting to run a regular fraternity chapter."

It is said that an alumnus of Kappa Alpha Southern is to build a house for the chapter of that order at Millsaps College.

Delta Tau Delta has had good success and now possesses a chapter of 15 men. Most cordial relations have existed between them and Phi Delta Theta for many years. — Phi Delta Theta correspondent, University of Iowa.

At Lafayette fraternities will be allowed to build chapter houses if they have \$10,000 in hand and will use it all. Sites will be given on the campus to applicants in order as they are ready to build.

Delta Kappa Epsilon held its annual convention with the Brown University chapter November 14–16.

Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta rent houses at Ohio Wesleyan.

The average membership of the Amherst chapters is thirty-five. The chapters have the custom of extending no invitations of membership after college work begins. This confines the rushing to the few days before.

On the nineteenth of October, Phi Kappa Sigma celebrated at the University of Pennsylvania its semi-centennial. There are 1,926 living members of the fraternity.

The Sororities at the University of Minnesota entered into an inter-sorority compact, during the past rushing season, to defer pledging until six weeks after the opening of college. The plan has been generally disapproved.

The Yale sophomore society trouble seems to have been settled by the agreement of the three societies to increase the number of men each initiates from seventeen to twenty-five.

The Earlham faculty, which has permitted local fraternities in spite of its anti-secret society rules, has given the applicants to Sigma Chi from that institution to understand that no general fraternity will be allowed to enter the college.



"Sigma Chi, who was our strongest rival last year, opposes us this year with only 3 men, and as Delta Tau Delta, with her 7 men, is far from formidable, we have but little opposition, socially or politically." The Phi Delta Theta correspondent at the University of Indianapolis is responsible for this naive information.

In this department of the November issue a mistake was made in stating that Phi Kappa Psi had entered Blacknell University. Phi Kappa Psi has had a chapter in this institution since 1855.

A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon published in the *Atlanta Constitution* an article on College Fraternities. We wonder where he obtained the following information: "The constitution and by-laws are very important: the most perfect constitution and by-laws now belong to Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

The charter of the Kappa Sigma chapter at Washington and Lee has been withdrawn because the Kappa Sigma authorities consider the "fraternity atmosphere" there "no longer healthy," and the system of rushing one "that no chapter of Kappa Sigma will ever be permitted to engage in."

Delta Tau Delta's chapter at Washington and Lee does not seem to be having such a difficult time of it. The condition of the chapter is thoroughly satisfactory.

A tablet, the work of J. and R. Lamb, is about to be erected at the new site of the University of New York to commemorate the semi-centennial celebration of the founding at that institution of the Zeta Psi fraternity, one of the oldest of the college Greek letter secret societies.

The founding of the Zeta Psi fraternity is one of the many cherished events connected with the history of the University of New York. Its founders were John Bradt Yates Sommers, William Henry Dayton, and John Moon Skillman.

There is a general impression among fraternity men that the

initiations of the Sororities are rather tame affairs. This newspaper clipping may correct that idea.

One hundred girls of the freshman class of Boston University have been made to walk planks blindfolded, climb ladders, wheel the juniors about in wheelbarrows and do other stunts for the amusement of their seniors while undergoing initiation into the secret rites of the Gamma Delta Fraternity. A number of candidates for admission fainted during the initiation and all were badly scared.

The leading social function of the college year at Boston University is the "klatsch," and the edict went forth "No initiation, no klatsch." The notice was posted up in crimson and blue and was decorated with the skull and crossbones of the Gamma Delta. The notice was enough to make every new girl place herself at the mercy of the upper class girls, and the biggest initiation in the history of the university was the result.

A number of the more timid girls were carried out of the gymnasium in a fainting condition and a large number were brought to the verge of hysterics. After the initiation a reception was given in the chapel and luncheon was served by the officers of the various fraternities.

Thursday is meeting night for those two very mysterious societies at Yale, Skull and Bones and Scroll and Keys. Some of the brokers who still wear the little gold pin of membership in those organizations still slip up to New Haven on Thursdays to renew their acquaintance with the darksome exteriors and jolly interiors of their fraternity houses and see that the fifteen active members of each organization maintain a profound silence as to the gruesome goings-on behind the heavy iron doors, and keep the political wires from getting tangled. One of them was up there on Thursday and brought back word that there is another mysterious house to be added to those already in existence. It is to be called The Tombs, and is to be built like one, with no windows in the forbidding walls and a skylight in the roof through which prying eyes cannot penetrate as they have tried to at the Skull and Bones mausoleum. This latest addition to the list of Yale mysteries is to be a Sheffield Scientific School affair, but what else it is to be no one knows, nor does any one know who are to be members. As a mystery it is the most mysterious of all the college fraternities. No one is to know who the members are, as the elections are to be given out in the dark and not in the dusk, as are those to Skull and Bones, Scroll and Keys, and Wolf's Head. Its politics is to be carried on sub-rosa, and the silence as to the other societies will



therefore be as noisy as a dynamite explosion compared with that which surrounds The Tombs. No one knows the name of the new society, and it is said that the members will wear their fraternity pin attached to their undershirts, where no one will be able to even catch a glimpse of it. Members of the rival societies take no interest in the new one, they say, and Skull and Bones men ignore its existence and refuse to speak of it, just as they do of Scroll and Keys and Wolf's Head. All of which has a tendency to excite the risibility of people who do not know how much of a factor these college societies are in the social life of the university.—  
*New York Times.*

## THE GREEK PRESS.

The editor of *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi has a complaint to make that is a new one among the editors of the Greek Press. Most of us are more than satisfied if the chapter letters are received a week after they are due ; but in this case the complaint is that the letters are received so long before they are due that the news gets stale.

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We can easily see that some fraternities have policies, at least that they act as though they had, and that others have none. Delta Psi aims to strictly limit its operations to its present chapters and to secure wealthy men of social pretensions, Zeta Psi acts upon somewhat similar lines, Psi Upsilon desires to enter colleges which are educationally prominent and to secure men of wealth, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi drift along and seize favorable opportunities for extension and try to get men of a certain standard. Delta Tau Delta is making over its chapter-roll, replacing weakening institutions by stronger ones, and endeavoring to secure leaders in college life. Alpha Delta Phi is tied down to a literary standard among its members and bound by a conservatism which is apparently sapping much of its vitality. The standard of Sigma Phi, Delta Phi and Kappa Alpha is different, but the non-progressive condition is much the same.

And so every general observer in fraternity life makes up his mind what is the policy of each fraternity. The chances are few have any policy. That is, there is no well-defined sentiment that progress within the fraternity should be within certain settled lines. — *The Beta Theta Pi.*

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We are now sensibly nearer the ideal, not only of a national, but of a continental, fraternity. But we have not yet quite reached it. Our center of gravity is still markedly in the northeastern corner of the United States. Every New England State has at least one chapter. Maine has two, New Hampshire, one ; Vermont, one ; Massachusetts, three ; Rhode Island,



one; and Connecticut, three. New York has eight. Of the thirty-seven active chapters in existence, nineteen, a clear majority of all are in New England and New York. These States contain about one-sixth of the population of the Union, not to speak of Canada, and one-tenth of its institutions of learning.

Whether the Fraternity should go beyond the limits of the old United States is another question. To make it a cosmopolitan institution would alter its distinctive character. And yet there seems to be no good reason why it should have a superstitious dread of crossing a geographical line if the conditions on the other side appear favorable. This is an era of expansion.

Canada and the United States are so closely associated, and the methods of education, habits of life and ways of thinking on both sides of the boundary are so similar, that our true policy seems to me to be to consider any Canadian application for a charter purely on its individual merits, without discrimination on national grounds. The chances are that at least a quarter of the graduates of any Canadian chapter will find themselves settled sooner or later in the United States. The first man on the roll of our new Toronto chapter has become a college professor in Missouri.

There have been great changes in the educational world in the past half century. Institutions that were promising when the majority of our chapters were founded have sunk into insignificance, and others that were obscure or non-existent then have grown into mighty centers of learning. When thirty or thirty-seven active chapters were created, Johns Hopkins, Leland Stanford and other important universities did not exist, and of those institutions that now manifestly control the destinies of education in America, the majority were obscure and struggling establishments, whose future was discernible only by the eye of faith. Delta Kappa Epsilon must move with the times. — *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

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With the November issue the *Kappa Alpha Journal* changed hands. Mr. R. E. Pritchard is the new editor, and his first issue is a most creditable number. We congratulate the editor on his showing and Kappa Alpha on its choice. We quote rather largely from the wealth of good contributions it contains.

The importance of a well-conducted initiation cannot be exaggerated, if the new member is to realize from the start that he has joined a frater-

nity having a serious purpose, and not a rowdy convivial society. An initiation is a drama. It is a solemn play in which every act and every scene has a serious, not to say religious, significance. Every actor's part requires to be played with readiness, accuracy and grave decorum. A new Kappa Alpha is in the making! To the capable and thoughtful member what event could be more important?

Obviously it is the duty of members present at initiations to treat the novice in such a way as to show that they respect him and themselves. The more preparation for an initiation, therefore, the better. The room should be specially decorated and brightened for the occasion. Members should attend in their best clothes — in dress suits if possible. Dowdy attire when making acquaintance with a new K. A. cannot possibly indicate respect for him, or for one's self, to say nothing of the mysteries in the initiation. If the members are boys, let them for once act like men, exhibiting the deportment of refined gentlemen of intellectual tastes.

Every chapter may not possess all the paraphernalia that is prescribed. Every chapter cannot obtain the effects produced by suitable rooms, furniture, costumes, etc. In lacking these things a chapter lacks a great help toward successful initiations. But a little paraphernalia goes a long way, if the ritual is observed in a faithful and reverent spirit. Indeed, the most impressive initiations the writer has ever seen were without any paraphernalia at all, the earnest, solemn and grave demeanor of officers and members supplying their place.

To get the best effect, of course, the critical part of the ritual must be committed to memory. This does mean more than two hours of work at memorizing. One hour will suffice if by previous inspection the parts that may be read are definitely discriminated from the brief portions that must be known by heart. To see a (I) reading from a book passages that require to be uttered by the actor with appropriate gesture and proper intonation of voice, fills the conscientious member with dismay, not to say disgust. Such slovenliness and inefficiency is inexcusable, since it deprives the drama of all its grace and gives to the world nothing but the bare ideas of the ritual.

Not infrequently in some chapters some of the indispensable accessories of the initiation are forgotten till the last moment, or not provided at all. What is done is poorly done all around. At critical moments everything will be spoiled by whispering, by tittering, by antics among the members who are looking on. The writer on one occasion heard a member hum a tune. Not seldom the atmosphere is laden with tobacco smoke. In rare cases the proprieties are so far forgotten that a cigarette



is smoked while the initiation is in progress. Hardly any offense that a thoughtless boy can commit is omitted.

All this results, of course, from defective Kappa Alphaism. The ritual has not been studied. The purposes of the Order are unknown and largely ignored. It is taken for a convivial society of which horse-play is the chief object, the solemnities of the ritual being regarded as a joke. "What is a fraternity for," it is asked, "if not for fun?" This demoralization exists chiefly in those chapters that administer the so-called "Third Degree," and is largely produced by it.

The "Third" Degree — one cannot but wonder why it should be so numbered, as it might as well be called the 38th — is violent horse-play of an undignified character, which, however amusing to boys, cannot but be offensive to a novice who is a refined man. It is chapter hazing and contains within it — owing to youth and want of judgment on the part of the hazers — all the dangers to health and life that other college hazing contains. It consists of various "ordeals." Among them there are sometimes intellectual and moral ordeals, such as difficult mental operations, confronting an imaginary danger, etc., but always there is more or less physical violence of a dangerous and humiliating character such as no gentleman should be compelled to undergo. — *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

In the stress and strain of college life the relations between the active chapters of different fraternities at the same institution are often of a less pleasant nature than we could wish for; but when the national organizations are also drawn into the local dispute it is a matter of sincere regret. Such a trouble between Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta is indicated by the following editorial of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*:

It is a serious thing for one Fraternity through its official and public organ to charge whole chapters of a sister Order with grossly insulting the ties of Pan-Hellenism. Before this is done careful and considerate examination should be made in the particular case, and then the facts should be stated with truth.

The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, in its October issue, sees fit to charge the Georgia chapters of Kappa Alpha Order with lying concerning its fraternity during the last "rushing" period. It is evident on the face of the editorial that its author has made no investigation of the situation, that he is, probably unintentionally, unaware of facts concerning the fraternity situation in Georgia. We hope it is not a fact that the editor of the *Scroll* has so little regard of its responsibilities that he will

editorially make a statement, the verity of which he knows not. But it certainly has been done. The editorial is nothing but a libel, and a contemptible one at that. The charges made by that august dignitary are in brief thus :

“The Georgia members of K. A. — we mean members at the University of Georgia, Emory and Mercer — in recent spiking seasons have told freshmen who were bid by both K. A. and Phi Delta Theta, that negroes were initiated into the latter in the North. This year Kappa Alphas at Emory have again brought forward this hoary, bare-faced fabrication. They have also misrepresented Phi Delta Theta by declaring that it is a very expensive organization, some of its chapters having an initiation fee as high as \$100.”

If we understand it right, the charges are that the only chapter that used these means during this particular season was our Epsilon at Emory College. For the present we can, therefore, drop all allusions to the other chapters in Georgia. Every man in Epsilon denies the truth of the charges made by Phi Delta Theta, declare that no such things have been mentioned in rushing, and that they have conducted themselves in the proper way in every respect. Let us call attention to a few other points right here. The Phi Delta Theta chapter at Emory was established by two men who were expelled from one fraternity, and since the founding have initiated men expelled from other fraternities. Furthermore than this Epsilon men charge that the Thetas resort to all sorts of tricks, and they cannot say that most of the members of that chapter are gentlemen.

We agree with the Editor of the *Scroll* in saying that it is ungentelemanly in the extreme to resort to abuse of another fraternity to get men. There should be a perfect chivalry among fraternity men, and only the fairest words should be spoken during the rushing season. Throwing mud at another fraternity or chapter is the worst thing imaginable. Had we, upon investigation, found that members of our chapter in Georgia had been guilty of such conduct we should certainly have recommended that they be dealt with for their misdeeds.

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All college Greek-letter fraternities, so far as is known to the writer, require that a man must be a regularly initiated member and in good standing in order that he may have the privilege of wearing any of the jewelry devices of the brotherhood. Men who have been expelled have, of course, no more right to wear fraternity devices than those who have never been initiated; and pledged men who wear a pin, made especially



for the purpose of their identification, have not the privilege of wearing any of the designs of the fraternity which they will join.

A number of the States have laws imposing a severe fine upon those who, without having the right to do so, wear wilfully the badges or emblems of any of the secret orders; so for reasons of personal safety no less than for motives of honor and sentiment, it is entirely improper for any persons not members of a fraternal organization to make use of any symbols or devices adopted for the exclusive use of such a fraternity or brotherhood.

Every member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity is urged, immediately upon initiation, to possess himself of a badge of the Order, made after the designs approved by the fraternity in the most recent convention. This pin should be of a small or medium size, tasty, neat, and jeweled according to the conditions of the new member's finances.

Besides this pin, one of which, for many reasons, is supposed to be owned and kept in surveillance by each member of the fraternity, there are a vast number of other designs of jewelry that may be used by members of the fraternity at will.

The following are some of the various articles of jewelry that may be used by members of the fraternity with the entire approval of the Order, provided, of course, the designs of the badge to be placed therein shall conform to the orderings of the convention: Rings, cuff buttons, scarf and stick pins, watch fobs, charms, lockets, shirt studs, pen-knives, watch keys, watches, napkin rings, book marks, tie clasps, cigar cutters, ash or pin trays, match boxes, cigarette cases, canes, toothpicks, etc., etc.

Any of these articles of jewelry may, in most instances, be worn or used with perfect propriety upon such occasions as other plain jewelry is worn or used, except as shall be stated in the next division.

Decency itself, however, forbids "loud" effects in any kind of jewelry worn. For that reason flashy cuff-buttons, shirt studs, stick pins, etc., are never in good taste. All these things should be neat, modest and unobtrusive.

To make a general statement, the regular badge may be worn at any time, or upon any occasion. So far as we know, there is no social function that forbids gentlemen to wear fraternity pins, though, to be entirely proper, one must sometimes change the badge to suit different occasions.

In general, fraternity stick pins may be worn like other stick pins, provided they be not too heavily jeweled or too large; but when it comes to the correct position for the regular fraternity badge the question is rather a complicated one, and there is a diversity of opinion upon it.

It is generally stated by the best authorities that the badge should be worn upon the clothing of the left side of the body in the safest and least conspicuous place possible, provided, of course, it can be readily seen by those with whom the wearer comes into contact. The place, then, is the lapel of the vest, or in absence of the lapel, upon the place where the lapel was to be folded, or immediately below.

It is considered caddish and kiddish (though a large number of the younger element do it) for members to wear a pin upon the flap of the pocket (this outside upper coat pocket has disappeared at the behests of fashion, but may reappear at any time), on the extreme lower points of the vest, on the outside of the coat, upon the sleeve, or anywhere on the right side.

If the wearer of a fraternity pin has no vest — and there are many such in the summer season — the pin may be worn in the lapel of the coat or upon the shirt immediately underneath where it should be worn on the vest.

We cannot speak definitely for any fraternity except Kappa Alpha, but we are of the opinion that few if any of the college fraternities refuse to the “sisters” the privilege of wearing their symbolical jewelry.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity leaves the choosing of sisters entirely to the individual members of the Order, and it has as a body such confidence in the discretion of its men that it allows them the privilege of badging such ladies as they may deem worthy of the honor.

So far as we know, the privilege has seldom if ever been abused; but the authorities very rightfully contend and insist that the matter is an important one, and that K. A.'s should exercise their very best judgment when they go forth for the purpose of choosing sisters for the order, whether they make their decisions by the eye or the heart.

All those ladies who are married to members of the Kappa Alpha Order may wear any article of the fraternity's jewelry with perfect propriety. *Cela va sans dire.*

Only those young ladies who are so much in love with Kappa Alpha or Kappa Alphas that they refuse under any ordinary circumstances to wear the jewelry of any other fraternity should be willing to accept as presents or as loans from members or others, any article of jewelry showing the symbolic devices of the fraternity.

It is considered entirely improper, except in depraved communities, for a young lady to wear or keep on hand pins of more than one fraternity at a time, or to change her fraternity oftener than she changes her beau, or to change her beau oftener than is absolutely necessary for the



peace and dignity of the community. It is improper for a young lady to wear a fraternity pin and a badge of a ribbon society at the same time unless the owner of each is one and the same person.

It is entirely improper, if not dishonorable, for a young lady to allow a gentleman not a member of a fraternity or a member of some other fraternity to wear or keep in possession a fraternity pin which has been given or intrusted to her by another friend; and it is considered presumptuous and rather in bad taste for her to allow another member of the same fraternity or another "sister" to wear the pin without full permission from the owner or donor thereof. If the young lady is entire owner of the pin, and feels under no restraint whatever, she should be careful and conscientious to see that the fraternity which it represents should never be injured or brought into question by any disposition which she might make of the pin.

Besides the fraternity pins, there are a number of beautiful fraternity devices, made especially for the use of the Kappa Alpha girls. Among them may be mentioned: Rings, locket, scarf and stick pins, viniagrettes, cuff-links, garter buckles (*honi soil, etc.*), bon-bon boxes, hat pins, belt buckles, pen knives, pin trays, glove and button hooks, paper cutters, mirrors and book marks.

Any of these articles, provided they are chosen with taste, are entirely appropriate for the use of the young ladies, and they should see to it that they are supplied with them by their K. A. friends.

There is no question about the proper place for wearing any article of fraternity jewelry except the regular badge, and even that does not cause so much controversy as it has in the case of gentlemen. The young lady is supposed to have sufficient taste — indeed, all of them have — to wear the fraternity pin in its proper place. However, we beg to be allowed to observe in an humble way that the pin is not generally worn on the right side, for reasons of sentiment; that it is never worn in the hat or the veil, for reasons of modesty; and that it is not proper to wear it on the skirt or the sleeve, for reasons of the badge's safety.

Delicate crown-set fraternity pins cannot safely be worn as buttons for the sleeve or buckles for the slippers. The young lady might accidentally strike them against some article of her furniture and injure the furniture's veneer. The Kappa Alpha does not complain of the injury to the pin, for he is a Kappa Alpha in the first place, and then again he is a gentleman of the old Southern stock, and is too gallant to make a suggestion.

But the fair lady — ah! it were an honor, indeed, to have her touch

with so much as her little white fingers a badge that belongs to us, and we would not care — did we not know it would hurt her feelings and her pride to speak of her carelessness — if she were to grind our puny little possessions into powder.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

With due respect for the “Spirit of Southern Chivalry,” we beg to observe that, in our opinion, the habit of loaning pins to the ladies is the cause of more fraternity emblems reaching undesirable hands than anything else. We have quite a number of instances to bear out this view, but lack of space will demand their withholding until some future time. This custom of Kappa Alpha’s may account for the fact that the editor found among eighteen fraternity pins in one New York pawnshop five of Kappa Alpha’s pins.

In regard to “fraternity novelties,” we believe Delta Tau Delta was wise in prohibiting them. The pin of our Fraternity is more than a badge; it is an emblem and a sermon; any use tending to cheapen or degrade it should not be tolerated. Our long-standing feeling against “fraternity novelties” was crystalized into strong disapproval upon our seeing the badge of a fraternity furnished in the form of a garter buckle.





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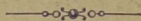
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