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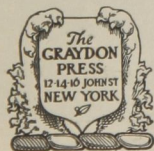
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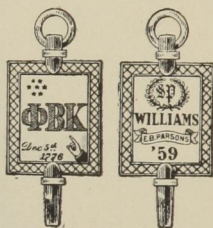
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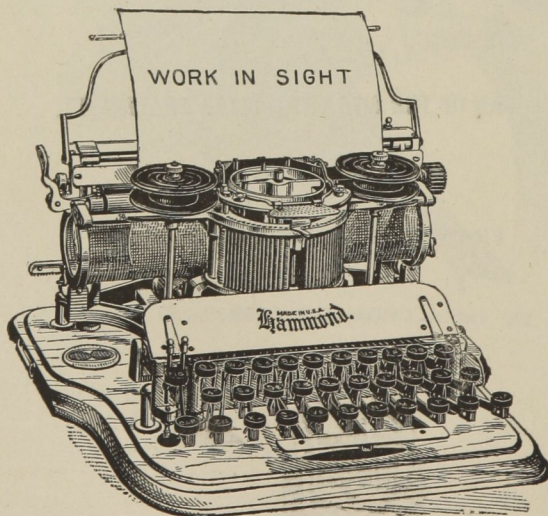
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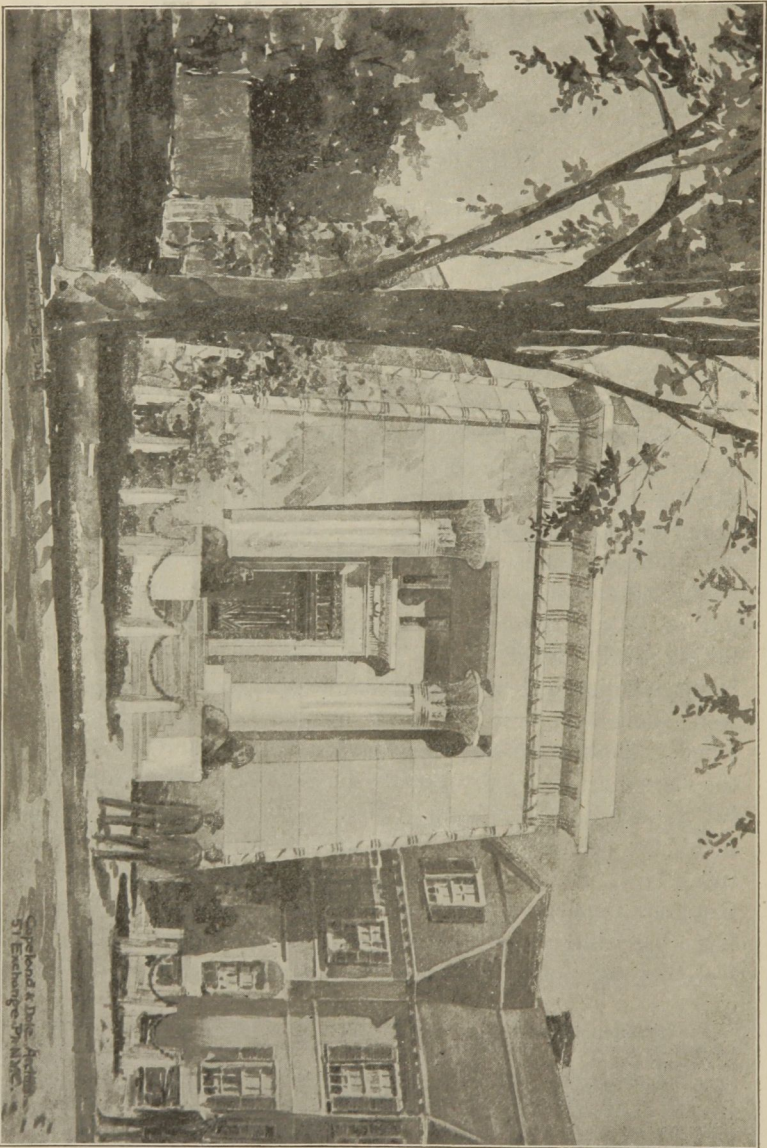
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THE TOMBS AT YALE

Yale University, situated at New Haven, Conn., 75 miles from New York, by fast train an hour and a half ride, is a little world by itself, with customs, laws and traditions of its own. A Democracy where every man is esteemed for what he truly is. Money, family, looks, genius—are nothing. He is esteemed and loved for his honesty of purpose, will-power and loving heart. He has to make his own way. Money is a detriment to place and standing—absolute worth alone counts. It is not so at any other institution as at Yale. The aim of the institution is not technical training, but to make men thinkers, leaders and rulers of others; to send them out equipped to shed abroad loving kindness, justice and love of the right. It is a place for work, self-denial, good fellowship. The society system is peculiar to Yale. Formerly there were several Freshmen Societies taking nearly all the class. Their actions became so unruly the faculty abolished them. There were Sophomore Societies—they were abolished; new ones grew up and they have been abolished. The Junior Societies have continued and increased as the classes grew larger. Finally the Senior Societies—all-powerful, mysterious and solemn. They are in the Academic Department, the original Yale College around which Sheffield Scientific, Law, Medical, Theological, Peabody Museum and the Graduate Departments have grown. The Academic Department has a beautiful and extensive system of dormitories. The men feel they are not in the college life unless they live in them.

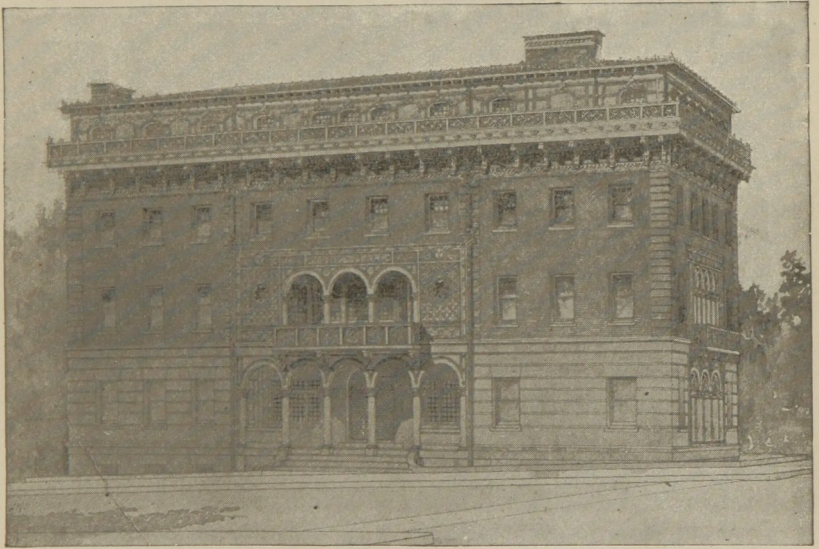
For the privilege of placing before the members of Delta Tau Delta this interesting article, as well as the generous loan of the cuts that accompany it, we are indebted to an enthusiastic member of another fraternity. His services to his own fraternity have been monumental, and this is not the first time the editor has been his debtor for kind favors. At the author's request we withhold his name and are unable to publicly give the credit where due. We would remind the reader that the courtesy of these pages has been tendered the writer, and the editorial blue pencil has been restrained. We feel that this caution is necessary, in view of certain frank expressions in the body of the article.—Ed.



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PHI GAMMA DELTA.

Therefore, these Junior and Senior Societies built halls for their meetings called Tombs. Some of them were more tomblike in appearance on the outside than those of the graveyard. The Scientific Department has always felt they were not quite in the swim of the University, not having dormitories, and so have built for themselves beautiful society dormitories, the envy of the Academic Department ; and, not to be outdone in mystery, have also built Tombs for their meeting halls. The last one, built opposite the cemetery gate, has not a window on the sides, top or basement ; more enclosed than anything in the graveyard opposite.

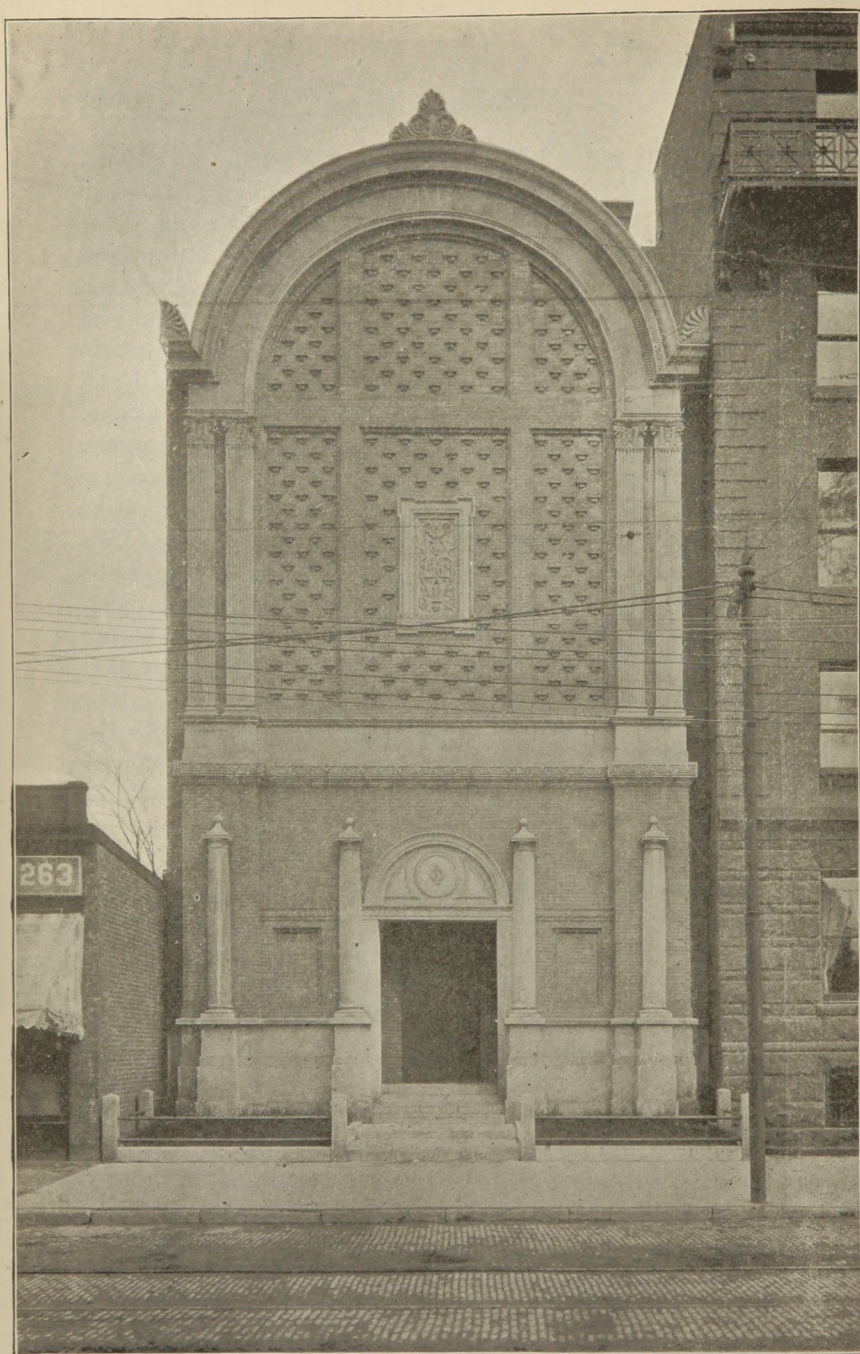


You will be interested to have me tell you in detail of these eleven Tombs that the incoming freshman looks at with wonder and awe, and speculates what can be inside and if he will be ever asked to go inside.

The Tombs are : Skull and Bones Hall, built of red sandstone, on High Street, back of the Campus, erected in 1856. Scroll and Key, on College Street, corner of Wall, of marble, about 36x60 feet in size, erected in 1869, enlarged in 1890. Wolf's Head, erected in 1883, on Prospect Street, corner of Trumbell, of red sandstone. Alpha Delta Phi, on Hillhouse, built of red sandstone size 60x36. Phi Upsilon, on High Street, built of red brick trimmed with stone, erected in 1870, enlarged 1896. D. K. E., on York Street, near Elm, originally one story of brownstone, erected in 1861, enlarged in 1896. Zeta Psi, on York Street, a small brick box erected in 1890, enlarged to 110 feet depth and two stories in 1898. All these are of the Academic Department. Of the Scientific Department are Berzilius on Prospect Street, built of brick, erected in 1877. Sigma Delta Xi, called Book and Snake from style of the pin, erected of white marble in 1900, corner of Grove and High Streets, size 47x75 feet, 55 feet high. Delta Psi, erected of red sandstone, corner Wall and College, in 1885. Phi Gamma Delta, known as the "Fijis," erected on Temple Street, 1901, an Egyptian Temple of granite, front similar in style to the old New York City Tomb, 36x60, 33 feet in height. This last society takes members from all departments to the number of fifty. It is the only society taking members from all departments of the University and Graduate Schools. It is bound to grow and have a powerful influence on the society life there.

The three Academic Senior Societies, Skull and Bones, Scroll and Key and Wolf's Head, dominate the whole Academic System. They are rich, they own houses and lands up into the hundreds of thousands ; they are profoundly secret. The pin is never supposed to leave the body while they are active members and is always worn on the vest in after life. Fifteen men are taken into each on a Thursday afternoon in the latter part of May toward five o'clock, when these societies announce their elections. It takes an hour to an hour and a half, and occurs in front of Durfee Hall near the northern end of the Campus, practically all the 330 members of the Senior Class assembling there, as

well as a large part of the rest of the University, Academic, Scientific and Departmental, with many of the faculty and of the people of New Haven and other parts of Yaledom. The observers are thronged in the windows of Durfee, Farnum and North College, on the steps and roof of Dwight Hall and all about the open campus. Each society has fifteen members, and, beginning at five o'clock, and at intervals of from two to four minutes, each of the members emerges from his hall and proceeds to the campus, walking alone, recognizing no one. With solemn face he invades the densest part of the crowd, where the most likely of the candidates from the Senior Class are gathered; finds the one particular man whose election to that society has been delegated to that particular senior, claps that man on the back; tells him to go to his room; follows the man through the crowd and across the campus to his room, wherever it may be, preserving still the same unbroken silence and grave countenance; announces within the seclusion of that room, in formal language, the election; leaves the room, the dormitory and the campus, in the same manner and with the same demeanor, and returns to his society hall, not again to emerge until the formal breaking up of the regular gathering of that Thursday evening at midnight. With this the ceremony is over, and for hours and days after the University talks about it, and this society is congratulated and that is condemned. That afternoon has left on the hearts of a score and more men as sharp and painful and deep wounds as perhaps they will ever suffer in all the battles of life. They have lost, generally for reasons which they cannot tell, that which they most desired of all the honors their fellows could give them. Many strive from their freshman year for these senior society elections, every action, every speech was shaped to ingratiate themselves with this clique.



DELTA KAPPA EPSILON

The members under all circumstances maintain absolute silence about their society. Out of 330 men 45 is a small number. Many of these 45 men become egotistical in manner and the sense of their greatness follows many of them into after life. Their secrecy is profound. No one but a member is supposed to enter their halls, but workmen and decorators have to, and they state they are beautifully decorated with every comfort and luxury. The light of Scroll and Key coming from above, the light in Skull and Bones from back, no light but electric ever comes into Sigma Delta Xi, or Book and Snake ; the fresh air is drawn in by a fan through an outside chimney and goes out through slits under the eaves. These Tombs are conspicuous features of the architectural side of New Haven. There are besides three senior societies the Sophomore societies now abolished, and there is a University Club. There are to be chapters of Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi, course Academic Societies as Beta Theta Pi now is. What standing these will have is yet to be seen. The faculty favors the University Society and has stated such societies will have its help. Why cannot such a great national society as Delta Tau Delta enter this field where not half the men ever enter any society. None of the societies furnish any rallying point for the students and not all of them combined hold the place together in a social way. The great new dining hall now being erected on Grove street, will hold 1000 and serve as a meeting place three times a day. Yale is now held together by tradition, by its religious life and dormitory life. From my four years' experience and visiting 40 other colleges large and small, I advise any boy to go to the small colleges of 300 to 500, where every student knows each other and his life is not isolated ; where he comes into close contact with the professors whose character is impressed on him, where he lives on a large campus and roams among the trees by the side of the brook and hillside, a college like Williams, Pa. State, Union, Cornell, Ohio Wesleyan, Knox, Hanover, Dartmouth, University of Vermont, Maine, Amherst or Trinity.



ZETA PSI

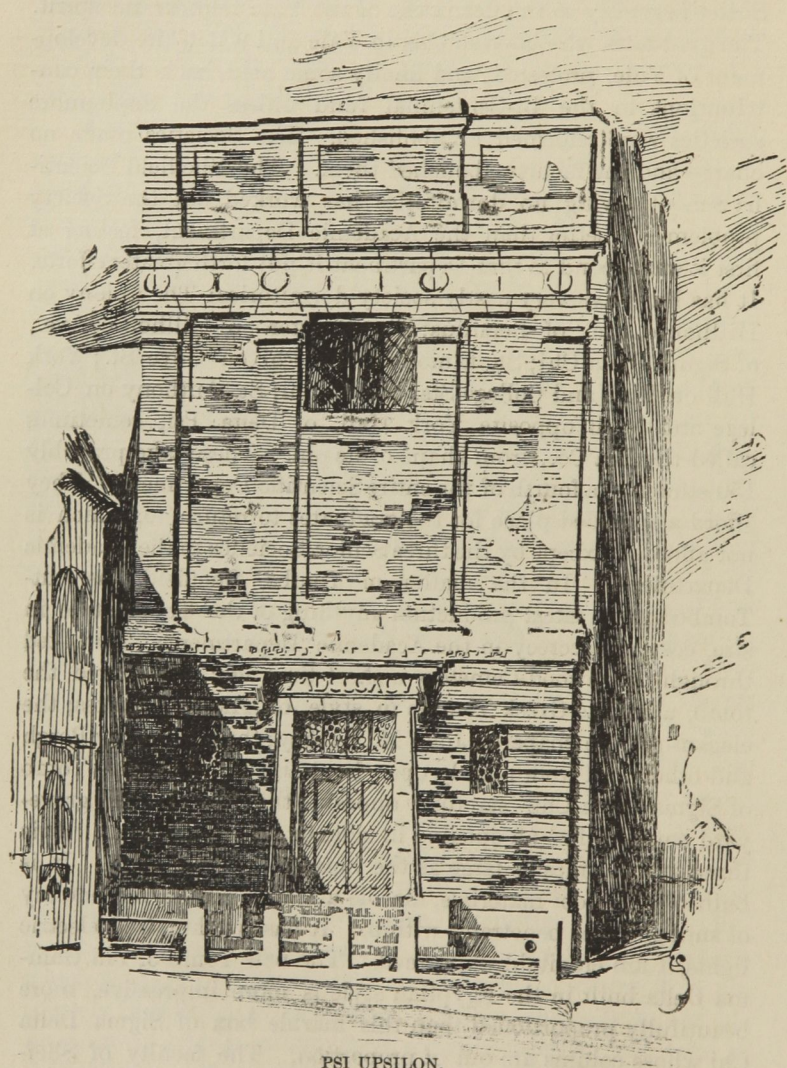
Harvard is our biggest university. I have heard it stated that a boy who goes there soon becomes a fool and a snob. Psi Upsilon withdrew their chapter from Harvard. Beta Theta Pi is not at all satisfied with her Harvard chapter, Alpha Delta Phi is in a row most of the time.

The Yale Junior Societies are lively affairs, three of them first there are in power, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and D. K. E. These three divide up the available material so apportion it that it will weigh about even with the others. Zeta Psi takes what is left, usually as good men as the others. These societies are Junior pure and simple, taking about 40 each from the Sophomore class. They are really badges of respectability in the Junior year. They are not fraternities, they care nothing for the other chapters, and after graduation pay no attention to the Fraternity in general, while in college they have no fraternity life like the chapters where they have a four years' existence. The Fraternities do not consider these Yale chapters of any strength to them. The governing bodies have for years desired to have their charters withdrawn. The great number of men they take in make a fine showing in the catalogue and among the most distinguished of their graduates are Yale men. They use membership while in college as a stepping stone to the Senior societies: The faculty would gladly make them university societies and those members of the faculty who were members once, strive to forget it. One prominent member who has attained high political preferment refused to have his name printed with his Yale Society in Greek Letter Men of New York. The Societies announce their elections with peculiar and very pretty ceremonies on Tuesday preceding Tap day, as it is called, the Senior societies give out their elections. Each society robes itself in its appropriate color; D. K. E. in red gowns and hats; Psi Upsilon in white, Alpha Delta Phi in green, and marches with full rank, double file, behind a large calcium light. Each man is supplied with more or less fireworks which makes it seem rather more interesting as the procession trails its way in and out of the campus and to the different rooms in the

various dormitories where the candidates are quartered. The fourth society, Zeta Psi, is not a party to the general agreement. It came to Yale in 1888. It announces its selections on the same night, takes fewer men.

I cannot pass by without a word in regard to the Sophomore societies. He Boulé was started as a debating society 20 years ago. It took only a few years to make it a strong Sophomore Society and to hold a rival Eta Phi. Each of these restricted its membership to seventeen men and made its choice very carefully. By this great exclusiveness and the very mystery of their existence under the ban of the faculty, membership in them became a coveted privilege at Yale. From that time until 1895, when a third similar Society, Kappa Psi, was founded these were practically the only social institutions before the Junior year. They were and are very much patronized by their members, in the Junior and Senior Societies and others, they furnish means of association between the different classes, which are rather rare at Yale. They are therefore immensely helpful and valuable to their members. They developed, naturally, from the first a great deal of criticism which was much increased and given especially good cause in certain years by the manner in which their members formed cliques and separated from the rest of the class. Their campaign committee were chosen always with the utmost care and their work was always so very thorough that they succeeded in gathering into their ranks a large proportion of the men who were bound under any circumstances to become prominent in their class. The criticism continually increased. The competition for places in the Sophomore societies is strong and however honest the efforts of the campaign committee are, it is impossible for them to guard against the influence of circumstances, which forward the chances of men whose real character it is absolutely impossible to determine. Certain cliques from the big preparatory schools go into these societies together and take in their friends. Many of the most deserving have been left out, and these cliques went on through the Junior to the Senior

Societies greatly to the detriment of the Yale Democratic spirit. The graduates who cherish this in Yale and watch the development of Yale, protested, and finally some held back their contributions to the Bi-Centennial fund unless the Sophomore societies were reformed or abolished. The Societies made no charge and the faculty abolished them. The Sheffield Scientific School having no dormitories has worked out the Society problem far better than the Academic Department, feeling at first it was second to that Department it put forth greater efforts. It has built five very costly society dormitories: The Colony on Hillhouse Ave., of Berzilius; The Cloister on Hillhouse Ave., of Sigma Delta Chi; St. Elmo of Delta Phi on Gove St.; York Hall on Wall and College Sts. of Chi Phi; St. Anthony on College and Wall opposite York Hall, of Delta Psi, sometimes called the Tea Co., from shape of its pin. These take probably 150 students, a fourth of the entire Scientific Department. They afford a splendid place for the graduates to return to, which is not afforded except by the three Senior Societies in the Academic Department. In the matter of Tombs, Sheffield has out-Tombed in its latest production anything of the Tomb style in size, cost and secrecy in the Academic Department. I walked through Greenwood Cemetery a short time ago; I observed the tomb, a granite Greek Temple in style, of Thomas Yerkes; the elegant granite chapel of John M. Mackey; those of Henry Bergh and others; all were plainly open front and back, but this Tomb of Sigma Delta Chi, standing opposite the New Haven graveyard entrance has no opening in sides or top or basement. It is three to five times as large as the biggest in Greenwood. It is built of fire-proof materials, marble and iron beams, not one ray of sunlight ever penetrates within. It has two hundred electric lights, I am creditably informed. The new Tomb of Phi Gamma Delta built in the Egyptian style is more impressive, more beautifully proportioned than this marble box of Sigma Delta Chi whose columns are out of proportion. The faculty of Sheffield are nearly all members of some of the Sheffield societies.



PSI Upsilon.

The writer has studied the Society problem, its relations to the colleges and the students, he feels that its exclusiveness works great injustice to many worthy men, ostracizing them from participating in the life they should have. The failure to be members embitters them for life. Many of the most deserving who attain distinction and fame are never chosen. The true system is one in which every student is a member of some society. The faculty at Wesleyan, Ct., endeavor to have every man become a member of some one, and aim to so influence the incoming class that one society will not be benefitted to the detriment of the other. The student coming from his family where he had the watchful, loving care of mother, father and sisters feels homesick and yearns for companionship. These societies supply that want. The senior advises with the under class men. The freshman feels some one cares for him, his heart expands in the sunshine of love, he develops as he would not otherwise. The future of Yale will be course societies. Certain parts of the Dormitories will be set aside for certain societies as at Brown, more of the National societies will come in, nearly all of the students will be taken into the societies. Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta have now started at Yale as four year course societies. Beta Theta Pi already occupies the same field with 30 men. The Academic Department with 1200 men is a splendid field for Delta Tau Delta and I am sure would be welcomed there as Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta are. The true society, and one which President Hadly desires most of all, is a University society to cultivate the feeling that Yale is a University. This system exists at all the great Universities of the land; at Cornell, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Amherst, William, Union, University of Wisconsin. These societies are for four years; they have beautiful houses, notably at Cornell. It gives a splendid place for the Alumni to return to and this keeps up their interest in the college, it brings the professors in touch with the boy, moulds his character as can not be done in any other way. The class of students at Yale socially are superior to those of any

other institution, coming from all over the United States from the best families. But institutions like Cornell, and Union, and Indiana, are turning out men more self-reliant, men who think and act for themselves. A great National Fraternity like Delta Tau Delta should be in Yale. It will do Yale good. The training of young men morally and socially is more important than mental training, for without moral and social grace men are useless as citizens. We are here in the world to get on, we must treat all men as Abraham Lincoln, did first conquer himself, develop his heart, and will, and brain, to know and feel that every man, no matter what his looks, how humble his position, has the same soul in which dwells the Almighty. The Fraternity life is a part of God's plan of the progress of the world, one way to make men. It is not boys' play, it is God's work. More good can be done the boy by proper associations and proper restraints than by the family, faculty or church. He can be trained to govern himself, for he who has learned to rule himself has conquered the world.

A YALE GRADUATE.

EASTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 22, 1901.

It is not the intention of the writer of this article, to usurp the Secretary's office, and to make any detailed statement of the proceedings of the Ninetieth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division, nor to discuss any of the issues that arose for the consideration of that body, but simply to make "Green with Envy" those of our brothers who could not or would not be present at the meeting, and to impress upon the Fraternity at large, the fact that we are thoroughly alive and progressive, and capable of calling together as loyal and enthusiastic a gathering of Deltas, as may be found anywhere and on any occasion, while our Chapters realize, to such an extent, the value and importance of this meeting, that they feel with one accord that they cannot afford to have their members miss it, much less neglect their obligation to send representatives.

At least two undergraduates were present from each Chapter in the division, excepting our unfortunate sister Beta Nu, while the number of graduate members, present from the chapters of the division, and in fact of the entire Fraternity, bespoke splendid undergraduate training by our various chapters, for it has well been said that the enthusiasm, interest and pride, of an alumnus for his parent chapter are the grandest testimonials to its precepts, stability and proper interpretation of the principles underlying our noble brotherhood. One is always loath to forsake that which he feels has been a power for good in his life and which has formed for him so many tender memories, and there is no surer proof of the exercise of these powers and functions by our chapters than this manifest desire of their graduates to perpetuate those sympathies which have brought them together, and to seek opportunity to show their gratitude for the guidance they have received.

Nearly one hundred members registered during the morning and afternoon business sessions, being about equally divided

between the undergraduates and alumni. Nearly the entire Rho Chapter was present of course, while the nearer chapters, Beta Chi, Beta Omicron, Beta Lambda and Omega were represented in force. The New York and Philadelphia Alumni Chapters were well represented and did much to encourage alumni enthusiasm, especially the former organization, to the efforts of which mainly is due the credit for one of the most successful Conferences in the history of the Division. Especially encouraging to the Alumni Chapters was the action of the Conference in granting them representation on an equal footing with the undergraduate bodies, requiring in return simply a just sharing of the expenses of the Division.

A remarkable display of generosity was shown in the ready acquiescence of the entire Conference to the request of the Philadelphia contingent to be allowed to entertain the Conference next year, for through the satisfactory manner in which Rho and the New York Alumni have arranged the recent Conferences they have a right to claim it against all competitors. But since the formation of Omega Chapter four years ago her policy has been one of earnest and careful attention to the requisites of a well regulated Chapter, with such promising results that it has been felt, that to have the Conference, with her would do much to encourage her members to still greater things and lend an increased impetus to an already rapidly advancing body. In view of the fact that New York is an eminently fitting place in which to hold the Conference, and of the exemplary manner in which the affairs of the meetings have been conducted, Omega's request was a bold one, but the unanimous vote of approval at once demonstrated beyond doubt that the policy of the Division is to direct its entire energies to that point where it may accomplish the greatest good.

In the evening, about one hundred Deltas, sat down around the banquet board, and the gathering was a representative one, not only of the Division, but of the Fraternity at large, for each of the four Divisions was well represented, as well as more than half of our entire Chapter list.

The banquet hall was arranged with small tables adequate to the requirements of the delegations or combinations of delegations and this did much to enliven the dinner, for the songs and slogans of the different Colleges sounded back and forth accross the hall in merry rivalry and tantalizing jest, the cheer of one College being answered by that of another, while even the battle cry of Stanford, coming as a distant salutation from those whom distance cannot separate, was followed by a Southern breeze charged with Tulane's pledge of faith. Interspersed with these joyous outbursts were the Delta songs, sung only as they sing them who feel the truth and value of each sentiment. And not least in our enjoyment were the speeches which rebounded in wit and humor, prophesy and reminiscence, fact and fiction and glowed with praise for our dear old Fraternity.

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HON. GEO. C. STURGISS,	Delta Pi '65	"Our Latest Revival,,
C. W. EVANS,	Mu '88	"Any Old Thing"
DR. JOHN L. N. HUNT,	Theta '62	"Our Outfit at the Dawn"
G. FRANKLIN BRUMM,	Omega '01,	"The Youngsters"
WILL CARLTON,	Kappa '69,	"Scholars out of School"

Aside from their fraternity ties, it would have been difficult to gather together men of more diversified interests. Each Toast was the best one but all were too brief, and it was almost with a feeling of deep regret, though at the same time of the keenest satisfaction, that the last toast was drunk and with the time honored and care dispelling "walk-around" the Conference was ended and our compact of fidelity, loyalty and honor was sealed for another year.

EDWIN ELLIOTT,
OMEGA '99.

ORATION, NINETEENTH CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION.

Brethren in Delta Tau Delta. The turn of the Seasons has brought us together once more, and we gather here in this room to-day that we may renew the pleasant association, which we formed but a twelfth month back. The year that has just passed, has brought many changes. Spring with its birds and flowers has come and gone and we have parted with the men whom we revered and looked up to as Seniors. Summer, with its green-gold fields, and its sweet vacation time, has merged with ruddy autumn, which in turn has whitened under December's chilly breath, bringing us round the cycle and into the new century. To some of us the seasons have brought pleasure, and we come to this tryst to-day, through pleasant paths, radiant with our success. Others have been less fortunate and have tasted bitter fruit. Yet, elated with joy or downcast by disappointment, we shall all lay bare our hearts, that we may be applauded for work well done and stimulated to further effort, or that we may receive, instead, sympathy and hearty encouragement.

We are here to-day to bind closer the bonds that unite us, to cement the ties of fraternity interest, to grasp one another by the hand that we may go back to our respective chapters bearing glad greetings of brotherly love. We are here to discuss our ideas for the future and to plan how they may best be realized. We are here to lay our tribute of honor, of reverence, of fealty, on the shrine of Deltaism.

The years that have passed since our foundation have been rich in success. We entered the field of fraternity rivalry when the country was being torn by the political dissensions which were shortly to break forth in a great internal struggle and for a time it looked as if the dim life-spark would surely die under

the gloom of overshadowing catastrophe. But it was ordained otherwise and with the cessation of civil strife, the light burst forth anew and spread itself a burning, glowing flame of brotherly love, first to the west, then north, then east, until to-day we are a national fraternity and the name of Delta Tau Delta is revered from Maine to California, from Minnesota to Texas, east, west, north and south, over the length and breadth of this glorious land of ours.

We have been torn and buffeted in our early struggles. But our infancy is over. We have passed through adolescence into young manhood, and stand to-day on the threshold of the new century flushed and rosy with power, assured and encouraged by a worthy and successful past. We look forward to growth, to development, to achievement. We see the glorious crescent far ahead, through the purple, mystic haze of fraternity, ever broadening, ever brightening, and we bow our heads and pray for the success that comes to those who deserve, to those who have exploited themselves nobly and well.

The present is the time for action. We of the younger generation must push on, struggle and strive as have the men who raised the Fraternity to its present standing. We must give our energy, our thought and our devotion to the work while we are yet blessed by the counsels of these our fathers who have done their duty in the last forty years. They have the grayer and wiser heads; they have successfully navigated the tempestuous seas and have gone through storms, and trials, and tribulations that we may enjoy the benefits we do to-day. We are the men—we, the young men—who must complete the work so nobly begun in the closing years of the century just past. The mantle is falling on our shoulders and we must bear ourselves as worthy of the honor and trust that is about to be bestowed upon us.

“Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways,
Balking the end half won, for an instant’s dole of praise.
Stand by your work and be wise, certain of sword and pen,
Ye, who are neither children, nor gods, but men in a world of men.”

To learn to be better fraternity men ; to stand boldly by our work ; to never halt, but to push on undaunted ; that is the reason we are here to-day. Inspiration, enthusiasm, devotion, we see all about us. They should incite us to further effort, and warm our hearts to white heat, that we may go back to our chapters, and weld all together in one great, surging, resistless force that will sweep all before it. As the man is to the chapter, so is the chapter, so should the alumnus be to the Fraternity. The battle before us is our battle ; the fight is our fight. Delta Tau Delta may be young, but she is sturdy and she has her destiny before her. We each and every one of us must throw ourselves into the struggle before us with enthusiasm. We must fight a good fight, shoulder to shoulder, until our Fraternity ideals have been realized, until our prophecy has been fulfilled, and on prophetic fore-told pinnacle, our purple, white and golden banner floats secure.

WILLARD D. STRAIGHT, Beta Omieron. '01.

WESTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Western Division, opened its doors at 10.30 in the German Room of the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Friday, February 22nd, 1901, and the most successful meeting in its history was begun.

Beneath the crescent, towards which every true Delt turns for his inspiration and ideals, were gathered Thirty-six, loyal men. This number was augmented from time to time by visiting members from the neighboring chapters of Beta Pi and Gamma Alpha. In the "ever-increasing light" of our growing crescent there blossomed forth a fellowship and comradeship that extended from the banks of the murky Chicago to the sunny waters of the Golden Gate, from Beta Pi to Beta Rho. It was indeed a fitting victory for the new system, inaugurated at the last Conference, of holding all future conventions in Chicago. True Delta enthusiasm was in the air; the ideals of the chapters and of the Western Division, were limned clear and bright before every man, and inter-chapter sympathy was engendered, over all hung the badge with its symbolic stars. Not a man but felt, as he grasped his brother's hand, that it was a privilege to be there, and that he was about to pass some of the most pleasant hours of his fraternity experience. The very convention-room, with its sober German furnishings, grew bright as the flame of Delta spirit was lighted in the hearts of the assembled delegates.

The conference was fittingly opened by officers selected from the different chapters: Donald Kennicott, Gamma Alpha, E. A. Sibley, Gamma Alpha, W. P. Hatch, Beta Kappa, R. B.

Dennis, Beta Pi, as the ritualistic officers. As is usual, there was at this juncture a slight delay, while several forgetful Deltas were led forward to the president's chair and again instructed in the old chapter initiation.

In a few well-chosen words, Bro. Kennicott welcomed the Deltas in the name of Gamma Alpha Chapter, and Bro. Dennis responded for the Division. Lewis K. Malvern, Beta Omicron, '92, president of the Division, then took the chair, with Bro. Durham, Beta Pi, as secretary, and the customary routine business was taken up and disposed of. The report of the Credential Committee was most gratifying. Active representatives were found to be present from the Ten Universities in the Divisions, except Beta Omega, and the San Francisco Alumni Association, the former however, was represented by Bro. Malvern, as proxy, and their report read by him. The other representatives were as follows: Beta Gamma, W. F. Dickinson; Beta Kappa, W. P. Hatch; Beta Pi, R. B. Dennis and R. H. Durham; Beta Tau, J. E. Beans; Beta Upsilon, F. G. Remann; Gamma Alpha, A. L. Jones and W. E. Francis; Beta Rho, P. R. Smith, Jr.; Beta Omega, L. K. Malvern (proxy); Omicron, B. S. Skinner; Beta Eta, C. T. De Lamere; Milwaukee Alumni Chapter, S. P. Connor; Chicago Alumni Chapter, Dr. Frank Wieland and Edward B. Witwer.

Written reports, received from every chapter in the Division, except the San Francisco Alumni, showed a steady growth and advancement along the lines of college and fraternity activity. Progress upon the part of several chapters in the building of, or the inauguration of plans for establishing, Chapter-houses, was especially encouraging, and the close questioning which followed the reports indicated an increased interest on this subject among the less fortunate chapters.

At half-past Twelve the conference was adjourned to 3.30 in order to give delegates an opportunity after lunch to visit the Armour Institute. At about four o'clock the business session,

was again called to order and a matter of close interest, to the Western Division, was discussed at length. This matter will be placed before the brothers through the regular mediums.

At Five o'clock the business session was closed, and an informal half-hour was enjoyed until the visiting groups of Deltas, adjourned to dress for the banquet in the evening, held at the same hotel under the auspices of the Chicago Alumni Association.

The Officers of the Western Division, for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Lewis K. Malvern:

1st. Vice-pres., R. C. McMillen, Beta Upsilon;

2nd. Vice-pres., P. D. Peabody, Beta Eta:

Secretary, Chas. Lory, Beta Kappa.

RALPH B. DENNIS, Beta Pi.

CHICAGO ALUMNI BANQUET.

On the evening of Washington's Birthday, just past, the Chicago Alumni Association of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, entered upon the Twenty-first year of its eventful existence. The occasion was fittingly celebrated by the regular annual banquet of the organization, held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, in co-operation with the Western Division Conference, in session in Chicago on that day.

Out of doors it was dark and blustering, but inside that comfortable hostelry the commodious and warmly-lighted parlors were thronged with light-hearted Delts, joyfully renewing old-time acquaintances with long-separated brothers and heartily welcoming with cordial hand-shake, such as only a true "Choctaw" knows how to give, the younger fraters and visiting Delts. To the alluring call of Tomaso's mandolins, with the "Ladies Ordinary" as an objective point, arm-in-arm, two-by-two, the fraternal groups slowly melted into marching lines. That hall never looked more inviting with its clustering of small, snow-white tables, grouped about the long speakers' table, all brilliantly lighted and tastefully decorated and faithfully reflecting the warmth of feeling and geniality of spirit that the assembling banqueters did not try to conceal. Soon the Sixty guests were seated and ready for the pleasure of the evening. Adjoining each other were two groups of Beta Pi and Gamma Alpha undergraduates who, at opportune moments, tested the merits of their respective college yells; in a prominent position was the table of "Wes" Mahan and his familiar cronies of the old chapter of Upsilon prime; within easy call was Roy West, of Beta Beta, and a circle of more sedate (?) comrades ready to answer the bluff repartee of the jovial ex-president of the alumni association and his table of "rhymsters." Rousing Delta songs

and roaring college and chapter yells, sandwiched the courses of the dinner. The new "Banqueting Song," composed especially for the occasion by Bro. Henry R. Corbett, Omega '87, was sung and lustily re-sung, to the air of "Son of a Gambolier," and voted an entire success.

Dr. Frank Wieland, Buchtel College, the graceful and witty president of the Alumni Association, was toast-master. The sentiment, "We Lucky Few, We Delts," is very suggestive, to the reader, of the good things Bro. W. T. Dickinson, University of Wisconsin, served out to his "lucky" listeners. Bro. H. E. Wood, University of Illinois, who was to have spoken on the subject, "The Men We Learn From," could not be present. In his stead, Bro. S. B. Connor, University of Wisconsin, who represented the Milwaukee Alumni Association at the Conference, spoke of the coming Karnea and of the attractive entertainment the Wisconsin Delts were planning for their guests next summer.

The next speaker, Prof. Warren F. Florer, University of Michigan, was, at the last moment, unavoidably detained at home on account of sudden illness in his family, and could not respond to the toast, "Alumnus and Undergraduate." However, Bro. R. H. Manley, University of Nebraska, very opportunely stepped into the breach and stirred the pulses of his frater banqueters with catchy topical songs and a clever piano solo.

"Beta Kappa and the University of Colorado" was Bro. Williard P. Hatch's subject, and his description of the mountain scenery surrounding his favored chapter and of the possibilities of that growing university, and Beta Kappa, were most captivantly depicted by him to his less fortunate "low-lander" brothers. Bro. R. M. Albright, Ohio Wesleyan University, responded to the next toast, "A Seer of Visions;" and the sentiments of the speaker on the question of fraternity "expansion" in that direction were heartily applauded.

Bro. Alfred F. Potts, University of Indianapolis, of "Chambersburg, Pa." renown, was another of the speakers, unavoid-

obly compelled to disappoint the expectant banqueters. His written toast, "The New Man," was however received and read by Bro. Lowrie McClurg, and was, like all his banquet utterances, pithy, thought-provoking and eloquent.

The position of the last speaker on a program is always difficult to fill, but Bro. Nelson C. Field, Simpson College, whose toast "College Dreams and their Realities," concluded the formal part of the program, could not be charged with having spoken a single dull word. His address was brilliant, varied and witty from start to finish.

As if the Deltas could not see enough of each other, there followed another reception and exchange of converse and good-fellowship, until the "Choctaw Walk-around" was formed, and a serpentine file of three score jovial Deltas, hand-to-shoulder and in close step, wound and twined back and forth, through the corridors and down the stair-case to the very hotel rotunda, Startling the few on-lookers, with the thrilling drone of "Wah-neh-we, Wah-neh-woe," then the long file became a circle, growing smaller and more rigid as it slowly revolved and finally stopped, each Delt sitting in the lap of the frater behind him, and with a

Rah ! Rah ! Delta !

Delta ! Tau ! Delta !

Rah ! Rah !

Delta ! Tau !

Delta ! Tau ! Delta !

which made the hotel dome fairly heave and crackle, one of the most successful annuals of the Alumni Association came to a close.

EDWARD B. WITWER, Beta Pi '95.

BANQUETING SONG.

AIR—"Son of a Gambolier."

We gather around the banquet board, the boys of Delta Tau,
 In friendship's name with one accord at Delta's shrine we bow,
 And every loyal fellow renews the good old vow,
 When we gather around the banquet board, the boys of Delta Tau.

REFRAIN.

We are, we are, we are, we are the boys of Delta Tau,
 We are, we are, we are, we are the boys of Delta Tau,
 And every loyal fellow renews the good old vow
 When we gather around the banquet board, the boys of Delta Tau.

We're just as young as we used to be, the boys of Delta Tau,
 The same old college lads are we, around the table now,
 Gray hairs upon the temples and wrinkles on the brow,
 Don't matter around the banquet board, to the boys of Delta Tau.

REFRAIN : We are, we are, etc.

Once more we sound our prophecy—the time is coming now
 When every Greek fraternity to Delta's fame shall bow,
 When in and out of college our rivals shall allow
 In every race the foremost place to dear old Delta Tau.

REFRAIN : We are, we are, etc.

The laughing eye, the manly hand, the heart so free and bold,
 The "Crescent-bearing Delta band," the purple, white and gold,
 Were dear to us in college days, and still they cheer us now,
 When we gather around the banquet board, the boys of Delta Tau.

REFRAIN : We are, we are, etc.

From Eastern shore to Golden Gate we form one loyal band,
 The RAINBOW of the sunny south is spanning all the land,
 And Delta's stars are radiant on fair Columbia's brow
 While we gather around the banquet board, the boys of Delta Tau.

REFRAIN : We are, we are, etc.

God bless the old Fraternity and brothers far and near !
 God bless for all eternity the bonds we hold so dear,
 And help us all to honor the Delta's sacred vow,
 When we gather around the banquet board, the boys of Delta Tau.

REFRAIN : We are, we are, etc.

Words by Henry R. Corbett. Omega, '87.

EDITORIALS.

KARNEA DELEGATES.

Before the next issue of THE RAINBOW is in the hands of our active chapters the majority of them will have selected their delegates to the Karnea. In the selection of these men several things should be kept in mind. Although the occasion is a matter of keen enjoyment for those participating, the men who are to be the delegates should not be selected with the view of affording a good worker in the chapter a picnic.

In the first place the chapter should see that the delegate selected meets the Fraternity requirements for a legal representation of the chapter. The laws in regard to this will be rigidly observed, and failure to comply with them will result in considerable annoyance and disappointment to both delegate and chapter. A chapter should bear in mind that its delegate will be both the chapter's representative and mouthpiece. As the former he should be truly representative. There are many excellent fraternity men who do not make a good impression from the superficial acquaintance that is all such an occasion is able to afford. While we do not want a mere figure-head, it is to a chapter's advantage to send as its representative a man of good address and one able to make as wide an acquaintance in a short time as possible.

From the very fact that the delegate must speak for his chapter and carry back as much of the spirit as he is able, he should be a man who will attend the business sessions faithfully and take an intelligent interest in all that comes up for discussion. Outside the business sessions there will be plenty of time for social relaxation, and the delegate that neglects this part of the Karnea for sight-seeing or his personal interests is defrauding his chapter of a duty he owes it. In attempting to offer these few suggestions in regard to the qualifications of the delegate it would almost seem as though we were requiring antagonistic

qualities; but we simply mean that the man should as nearly approach the prevailing Delta type as human limitations will allow. Many who are ideal fraternity workers would fail to meet the exacting and somewhat artificial standards of a representation of this sort. We know that there is no active Delta who would not creditably represent his chapter; it is only that it would be wise to select for this duty the man who touches fraternity life on the greatest number of sides.

A chapter can do the Karnea at large and its delegate himself no greater wrong than to send a delegate instructed to vote in a certain way on the various questions that will come up. By this time the chapters know pretty well what questions will be up for the Karnea's consideration. In chapter meeting these matters should be fully discussed so that the delegate will know his chapter's attitude; but he will find so much new information brought out upon the Karnea floor and so much additional light will be thrown upon the questions that he should be left free to employ his unbiased and honest judgment in their solution. At one of the recent Karnea's the evil of this practice was thoroughly illustrated. One of our chapters sent a delegate with binding instructions in regard to a specific piece of legislation that came up for consideration. The delegate's personal convictions were not strongly in sympathy with his instructions, and after the matter had been freely discussed they were quite opposed. In this case he carried out his instructions to the best of his ability, but in his defeat recognized the greater wisdom of the Karnea.

The delegate's report should not be a haphazard affair, written on the spur of the moment upon the hotel's stationery, but a carefully prepared report and message. This report should be read to the assembled chapter and approved by it. The delegate must also be well posted on every detail of his chapter's condition, for he may expect the most rigid examination from the Karnea at large. We know just the brothers who may be counted upon to detect and expose any weak spot in his armor.

Of course every chapter will be represented by one delegate at least. Under existing conditions failure to do this would be pretty conclusive evidence that the chapter should no longer be trusted with a charter. In addition to the delegate as many more of the members should attend as is possible—we mean possible by the strongest sort of an effort on each brother's part. The pleasure to be derived from the Karnea itself will be ample reward for sacrifices in other directions. No true idea of what the Fraternity is or appreciation of its value can belong to any but a brother that has participated in a Karnea. No better experience can fall to the share of an under classman than attendance at such an affair. He will take away from it a realization of the Fraternity's greatness that could come to him in no other way, and he will always be a broader and better informed fraternity man from this experience.

It seems unnecessary to point out to our graduates whose love and interest is strong and true the reason they should be present and renew their youth and loyalty at the flame of undergraduate enthusiasm. Delta Tau Delta needs them to complete the Karnea's success as much as she needs the undergraduates, and with loyal co-operation from both wings of our great army we can prophesy the greatest and most enjoyable Karnea of our history.

THE BADGE QUESTION.

Nearly every fraternity man has at some time or other had his attention called to the fact that fraternity pins are too often in the possession of persons who have no right to them. The Greek Press has frequently called attention to their being largely found in pawn broker's establishments. In the latter case, it is fairly certain, that few of them have been pawned by the owners. The sum realized in this way would be too much smaller than that which could be obtained by their return to the manufacturer, to make this step worth a man's trouble even if he were willing to do such a thing. From a personal curiosity, we visited a rather large number of New York pawn shops in search of fraternity pins. The number we found was so large that any idea we may have had of attempting their restoration to the rightful owners was discouraged. In one establishment we found eighteen pins, one fraternity was represented by five and another by three. In the course of our investigations we learned that a ready sale for such articles was found. One fraternity's pin, from its resemblance to a brooch, was in great favor with "colored ladies," and largely purchased by them; many other pins were purchased by young clerks to wear during their summer vacations. The latter information is more flattering as a testimonial to the value of fraternity pins at summer resorts that it is pleasant for fraternity men to contemplate.

Many fraternity pins are lost by the owners, but a greater number are lost through the carelessness of a fair maiden who has been allowed to wear the pin by some callow youth. The history of one fraternity pin may be interesting. As the result of a summer flirtation a fraternity youngster allowed a society girl to have his pin. During the winter in town the boy and pin were both cast aside, and the young lady later gave the pin to her maid, a negress. She in turn bestowed it upon her dusky admirer, and the members of that fraternity in a certain city had the exquisite pleasure of frequently seeing the stalwart African parading the streets with their fraternity emblem

proudly displayed on his coat lapel. Threats and bribes were alike unsuccessful in securing the pin, and only when recourse was had to a dark alley and a sand bag was it recovered.

To our way of thinking the badge should never be allowed out of the owner's possession. It is more than a mere article of jewelry and can never mean as much to any one else as it should to the owner. There may be some reason for a man's allowing his wife or fiancée to wear his pin, but even in that case a monogram of the letters would be just as good and in far better taste for both.

As illustrating the peculiar fate that may befall a badge we have an instance of our own. One of our men residing in New York was informed by the Irish lass that served him at breakfast that her sister had "a breast pin just like his." Further investigation proved that the woman really had a Delta Tau Delta pin with a name engraved on the back. It is a matter of regret that there is such a gap in the pin's history. The woman had received it from a barkeeper in Brooklyn; but, unfortunately, no trace of his whereabouts can be obtained. The name engraved on the back of the badge is that of a Delta who is now a clergyman in the South. From him we learned that such a pin had been ordered by him from an official jeweler but never received; the jeweler later sent him a second badge. The badge in question was evidently the one that went astray.

This degrading of fraternity badges would seem to result, in the main, from three causes: The practice of loaning badges to girls and loss by or theft from the legitimate owners. The first can only be remedied by an increase of good sense on the part of the individual member; the second might be largely helped by the exercise of greater care by the owner; the theft of badges is greatly lessened by the tendency of most fraternities toward plain gold badges. When the badge lacks expensive jewels there is not the same temptation for a thief, and when a plain gold badge engraved with the owner's name is lost the reward for its return is more attractive than the amount that could be realized on it at a pawn shop.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP.

In our opinion the largest measure of success with the smallest amount of waste and fiction in both national and local fraternity management is to be secured by the concentration of power in the hands of as few men as possible. The danger or advantage of such a concentration lies in the character of the men who exercise this power, and their fitness for the responsibilities of their offices is of prime importance. In the local chapter the secretary is the most important officer as far as the outside reputation of the chapter is concerned ; but the selection of the man who is to be the leader and recognized head of that chapter is a matter of the greatest concern to the members. In some chapters, especially those which enjoy house life, this officer is a sort of a patriarchal head of the chapter. His duties are heavy and exacting, and it requires exceptional qualities in the man who is to occupy such a position.

The men who most successfully wield the scepter of chapter leadership are generally those who have grown up to the position and to whom the honor comes in their senior year as the logical step in their fraternity progress. Among the actives of the chapters with which we are acquainted we can pick out from the sophomore class the men who will some day be the leaders in their chapters. It is in his lower classman days that the active builds the foundation for his later position in his chapter or fraternity councils. In every freshman class there may be observed a great difference in the way the members jump into the fraternity harness. There is the man who drifts along and shirks every responsibility as well as he who is eager to work for his fraternity's success, and is always eager to learn about its history and methods. The brother who has steadily grown in fraternity knowledge and equipment from year to year is the

logical leader in his chapter's work. His selection for the highest position is not the result of politics or combines, but the legitimate completion of his previous labors. Many a good chapter has been wrecked by reckless leadership. Only in the light of past services and previous record should a man be selected for this position.

On the leader himself rests a heavy burden. Not only do his duties demand unceasing labor and infinite tact, but he must guard against bearing so much of the burden that others can gain no training for the time when his duties pass on to them. It is natural for a strong leader to do things himself rather than subject himself to the ungrateful task of spurring others on to do their share of the work. While he holds the reins in his own hands a shouldering of all the responsibilities himself will result in present success, but after he is gone there will be a retrogression unless he has trained other men to assume his duties and carry the banner on and upward without any break in the work. While one hand guides and directs all, the chapter's fortunes should not be dependant upon any one man. There should ever be a continuous line of leaders being trained in the work to take in turn their place at the helm.

A close observer of Delta Tau Delta's successes has said "The condition in general is most thoroughly satisfactory, but there is one fault that is common to most all our active chapters. They do not hold their alumni, but allow them to drift away from the first interest." From our experience and observation we believe this criticism is all too true. A new graduate generally has very strong memories of, and affection for, his old chapter; but when added to the stress and strain of business life, there is neglect and forgetfulness on the part of his chapter, the warmest enthusiasm will be cooled, the deepest interest lost.

THE RAINBOW is most necessary as fuel for the new alumnus' fire of enthusiasm. The chapters would find it a great gain to themselves if they were to follow the example of some of the more progressive chapters and assure for each graduate a year's subscription. At least they can send the editor the correct addresses of each graduate so that they may receive the first copy and have a chance to subscribe. It should be the regular duty of the secretary or some other officer to keep in a special book for that purpose a correct and up-to-date list of the addresses of the graduate members. The first year or so of graduate life is generally the greatest strain on the alumnus' loyalty to his chapter, and his chapter is the only responsible party, if he is allowed to drift away into the frozen sea of forgetfulness.

It must be that few of our chapters realize the benefit that would accrue to them if the pages of THE RAINBOW reproduced at yearly intervals a cut of the members. The cost to the chapter is so slight as to be insignificant in view of the gain. The members of the Fraternity at large have a limited personal

acquaintance with the active chapters, and it is only in this way they are able to judge of a chapter's condition. In commenting on the fine personnel of one of our active chapters, we were interrupted by the query as to the reason why that chapter had never had a photograph of its members reproduced in THE RAINBOW if the men were of an order to be proud of.

The expense of such representation is so small as to be merely nominal, and the information of the chapter's real condition that it will furnish to the brothers all over the country, is second only to a personal visit. We hope to have more of these photographs reproduced on our pages, and we shall be glad to furnish further information on request.

We shall make a strong effort to issue the last number of this volume promptly on the 1st of June. Copy and other matter for that number must be in our hands promptly by the 1st of May. Those chapters whose colleges close before the 10th of June should send us the individual addresses of their members so that we may mail their copies direct.

The slight delay in the appearance of this number has been due in part to a change in printers. We also held it back a few days for the accounts of the Western and Eastern Division Conferences. We trust the reason will appear sufficient to the brothers.

THE DELTA CHAPTERS.

ALPHA—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Basket-ball season is now in full swing, our team having so far kept up the standard of its predecessors. Thus far, our opponents have scored only 88 points to our 255, a record of which we are justly proud.

Allegheny College has just received a munificent and timely gift of \$30,000 from Capt. John B. Ford, to be expended in the construction of a new and more modern chapel. This and the new \$10,000 observatory donated to the college by the widow of the late Mr. Newton, will add greatly to the advantages of the institution and the beauty of the campus.

The Kappa Delta Epsilon's, a sorority, which has recently been organized here, is standing on the threshold of the band of Greek letter societies. It has been established under very favorable circumstances by nine young ladies, students of Allegheny and the Pennsylvania College of Music.

GEO. S. DAVENPORT.

BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, with this issue, W. Rea Gregg of Winchester.

This term has been very lively in college circles, class spirit being very prevalent. The most interesting events which have occurred for some time, were the attempt of Sophomores and Seniors to break up the Freshman-Junior party on the night of January 23, and the flag rush the morning following.

Beta was represented by Bros. Evans, Paine, Hawkins, Gregg, Smith, Lash, Emory and McLaren at the annual Conference at Delaware, in January. All report a fine time, and are filled with enthusiasm for the welfare of Delta Tau.

Beta is holding her own along all lines, and especially in literary matters. In the recent debate between the Garfield Debating Club and the Philomathean Literary Society, Bro. Evans, of the Garfield, took first honors.

The spring term promises to be very favorable for Beta, as several of our old men expect to resume work in the University.

R. F. BISHOP, JR.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

We wish to inform you all of the handsome Christmas present our college received from Mr. and Mrs. William R. Thompson, of Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Thompson presented the pretty sum of \$50,000 for the erection of a college library, and his wife ten thousand for the maintenance of the same. Our library at present consists of but one large room in the old college building, and a gift which would be more appreciated could not have been thought of.

On February the fourteenth, was held the all-important election of the senior class. It was to elect the officers who will serve ten years. The new president immediately appointed the "hop committee," a place on which is the most coveted position of the class. Brother Myers is one of the two fortunate gentlemen comprising this committee.

Brother Boyd represents us on the nineteen hundred and two *Pandora* board as editor-in-chief, and Brother Paull on next year's board. The *Pandora* is our college annual, and is gotten out each year by the junior class.

Our Dramatic Association presented "Lord Chumley" as its play of last term, and it was a great success. No previous play given by the Association has received so much praise, and we were proud to have had two brothers, Stockton and Caruthers, in the cast, Brother Stockton being leading man.

Our boys are looking forward to the evening of February the twenty-sixth, when the girls of the town will give their annual dance for the students, and we all anticipate the regular delightful time.

Base-ball practice has just begun in the cage in our gymnasium, and we expect to make a good showing in that branch of sports this spring. An excellent schedule has been arranged, and an effort is being made to place on the diamond the best team we have had yet.

The Kappa Sigma's expect to be in a house by April the first, and all the fraternities here will then occupy houses.

We are visited frequently by our alumni and ex-members, and are always glad to welcome them, Brothers Iams, Watt, Henderson and Dougan being the most frequent visitors.

We wish to state that we enjoyed the last issue of the *RAINBOW* exceedingly, and hope to be able to say the same of all to come.

A. P. WEITZEL.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Delta Chapter is very happy to announce that her second semester begins with the acquisition of seven new men, whom she takes pleasure in introducing: Hobart Hurd Willard, Samuel Jefferson Sackett, Jr., William Sylvester Hazleton, George Woodbury Gilkie, Harold Lee Arnold and Philip Pearl Farnham.

Brother Bull was initiated on the evening of Dec. 19.

Brothers Willard, Sackett, Hazleton, Gilkie, Arnold and Farnham were initiated on Saturday, Feb. 9, at old Delta Hall, the event being at the same time the occasion of the Twenty-first Annual Banquet, and a very happy gathering of alumni. There were present, of Delta's alumni, Brothers B. S. Waite, '80, Hatch, '88, Ware, '88, Wier and Slater, all of Detroit, and Brothers Vauglin and Beattie, of Ann Arbor; of Iota's Alumni, Brother Brooks, '74, of Epsilon, Brother Bender, and of Kappa, Brother Gage.

After the initiation ceremony, the table was spread at the Hotel St. James, Brother Cummer acting as toast-master. The toasts responded to were:—

- "The Early Eighties".....Judge Byron S. Waite, Delta.
- "The Early Nineties".....Chas. H. Hatch, Delta.
- "The Present Chapter".....Robert U. Redpath.
- "Our Fraternity".....Ezra J. Ware, Delta.
- "Reminiscences".....Mark B. Beattie, Delta.
- "Greek Sensations".....Philip P. Farnham.

Brother Wier responded to the toast "Delta's Alumni," and Brother Gage spoke of "Our Western Chapters."

The company broke up after the usual Choctaw walk-around.

Brother Cummer, Delta's delegate to the Northern Conference, reports a very pleasant and profitable meeting at Delaware, O.

Delta's friends will be happy to learn of her re-instatement in her old position in the *Michiganensian*. For two years Delta was not represented in the annual, and when her claim was presented in January, it was con-

tested by most of the younger fraternities, on the ground that Delta had been extinct for two years or more. Brother Florer appeared before the *Michiganensian* Board, and presented Delta's claim, bearing credentials which proved, beyond a doubt, her continuous existence, and her right to the old position among the chapters. Delta's claim was allowed by a majority of the Board, and she now assumes her old position. This is a matter of great importance to the chapter and the Fraternity, as it determines Delta's standing and influence at Michigan.

With best wishes to all her sister chapters.

WILLIAM H. WORRELL.

EPSILON—ALBION COLLEGE.

In sending this letter we wish to introduce to the Delta World our latest initiates:—Ora L. White, '04; S. Grey Van Ostrand, '04, and E. A. Ball, '04. All are fine fellows and popular about the college. Brother White was initiated last term, and Brothers Van Ostrand and Ball Saturday evening, February 9, at which time we had with us several of our "old Delts," and received from them many good words of encouragement and advice. Among the alumni present was Brother F. T. Copens, who, until recently, has been traveling through the South for D. M. Ferry & Co., but now is in business for himself at Grand Ledge, Mich. We have also received visits from Brothers Frank Mulholland, of Toledo; Dick Bornstra, of Tuland, and Marr Byington, of Hickory Corners. Brother Mulholland is lecturing this season with marked success.

In athletics, we are as usual prominent. At a meeting of the baseball men Saturday, February 9, Brother Webster Davis, of '81, was elected captain for the coming season. This is his third year as pitcher for the college team, last year pitching his team to victory over all the other colleges of the M. I. A. A., and winning the cup. His election as captain meets the entire satisfaction of the student body. This makes the third consecutive year the Delts have held the captaincy. Brother Loud held that position in '99 and '00, and received satisfactory notice for his excellent work at second base. We have also held the foot-ball captaincy for one year, and Brother White is captain of the Freshman team for this spring. In base-ball we will be represented by four men at least, and about the same number on the track team.

The student body, as a whole, is much saddened by the fact that President J. P. Ashley is forced to retire from his duties as president of

the college for an indefinite period on account of ill health. Brother Hon. Samuel Dickie has been chosen by the Board of Trustees to act as president during Dr. Ashley's absence.

During this season of the year the students are very active in social life. On January 14 the ladies of the gymnasium classes gave their first annual reception to the students and town people, in the gymnasium, which was the social function of the season. All the sororities have given parties to their gentlemen friends, at which Delta Tau Delta has been well represented. We are planning a sleighing party into the country for this week.

At the end of this term or the first of next term, we expect to issue a chapter letter to our alumni.

FRANK E. CHURCH.

ZETA—ADELBERT COLLEGE.

During the intermission between the present and past terms at Adelbert, the members of Zeta have made further additions to the comfort and good appearance of the chapter rooms, besides the improvements reported in the last letter. A number of rooms have been newly papered and painted, and plans are on foot to make other improvements during the balance of the college year.

Brothers Arter and Caldwell report that the Northern Division Conference at Delaware, O., was both successful and pleasant. They express their appreciation of the hospitality of Chapter Mu and the entertainment afforded them there.

Zeta's second chapter dance will be held on Saturday evening, 23d of February. On the evening of the 15th of February the active members expect to sit down to dinner with the alumni of Zeta and of all other chapters at present represented in Cleveland.

Brother Shepherd, '80, the manager of the Glee and Mandolin Club, is working industriously in the interests of the organization, and a very successful home concert is anticipated. Brothers Caldwell, Findlay and Rose are members of the club. Brother Rose recently made his début as a "monologue artist." His reception gave some justification for the thought that a new rival is rising in the field occupied by Ezra Kendall and other exponents of laughter.

A series of college dances is being given at Adelbert under the auspices of the Junior class. Brother Morris is one of the committee on arrangements.

Brother Findlay is one of the editors on the *Reserve* (University annual) board.

Brother Spengler, as assistant to the college athletic instructor, is endeavoring to teach awkward freshmen to perform feats of agility and strength.

Four Zeta men are members of the Adelbert Press Club. Brother Rose, its president, is also manager of the track team. The faculty of the university recently began the publication of a weekly paper called the *University News-Letter*. It purports to fill a long-felt want. This remains to be seen.

The chapter has been on a substantial footing throughout the year, and everything seems to point to continued prosperity.

OWEN WILCOX.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

A movement is on foot to place Hillsdale College on a sounder financial basis. At the quinquennial reunion last June a committee was formed among the alumni to devise a plan for increasing the endowment. That committee named \$400,000 as the amount they intend to raise, and launched a movement early in the fall which it is believed will be successful in attaining the desired end. On February 8 an alumni meeting in the interests of the endowment was held in Chicago, which was attended by over seventy alumni. The very fact that the majority of the leaders of this movement are Kappa men, we believe will insure its success.

Brother C. L. Bailey, who left us last term to accept the position of official stenographer for the First Judicial Circuit of Michigan, seemed to feel that the burden was more than he could bear alone, so on the evening of February 1, there was a quiet wedding on the "Hill," and Miss Libbie Cilley, Kappa Kappa Gamma, became his helpmate.

Brother C. A. Robertson, who was with us last term, has accepted a position as assistant cashier of the Hillsdale Savings Bank.

At a meeting of the Athletic association last week, C. A. Bean was elected manager of the foot-ball team for the coming season.

C. A. BEAN.

LAMBDA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter Lambda has not initiated any new men; but she has not given up the struggle, thinking she has done all that she can do, neither has she taken on that feeling of satisfaction which often times results disastrously to a chapter's welfare.

Bro. Brück's visit was quite an inspiration to the new men, who are not at all lacking in enthusiasm, and his talk with them has tended to direct their enthusiasm in a proper channel to be productive of good results.

Semi-annual examinations ended last week and the attention of the students is now turned to base-ball and track athletics. The outlook is favorable for both a good base-ball and track team.

We are sorry to learn that Brother Jones, who is now at home is very ill, having had pneumonia in its worst form.

Kissam Hall has at last been completed and several of the boys have moved into the new quarters. The new dormitory is quite an improvement on the old. Several of the fraternities have taken adjoining rooms and have the advantage of being together.

W. K. Vanderbilt, the donor of the new hall, stopped off here and paid the University a short visit. His visit was not expected and came as a surprise to all.

We close with best wishes to all our sister Chapters.

IRA B. BUSH.

MU—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The social event of the season for Mu occurred on the evening of January 25th. At that time the delegates to the district Conference, then in session in this city, were tendered a reception at Monnet Hall, our co-ed. sister. The halls and parlors were banked with palms and festooned with ribbons of purple, white and gold. Music and refreshments furnished other attractions. About sixty of our Semnite friends were present, together with the members of the faculty and their wives, and all joined in making the evening a most enjoyable one for our guests.

At the conclusion of the reception, all the Deltas in the city gathered in the Donavin House for a banquet. Singing, instrumental music, college yells and toasts enlivened the affair, which lasted from midnight into the early morning. Then, as it was too late to go to bed, a delegation rendered an impromptu serenade under the windows of the "Sem."

The convention found us in a prosperous condition with eleven active members and two men pledged, who will be initiated during the year. Some fraternities, as Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta have Chapters here with membership anywhere from twenty to thirty-five, but we believe as a rule the more conservative Chapters here are most successful.

All our interest at present is centered upon the approaching debate with our friends of Western Reserve Union, which occurs in Cleveland on the 22d of February. Wesleyan sends a strong team this year, and has great hopes of adding another victory to her long string, notwithstanding the fact that our opponents represent the only college that has ever defeated Wesleyan in intercollegiate debate.

ARTHUR N. DAY.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The work this term has been very gratifying as we have the pleasure of introducing three new men, John W. Hospus, Orange City; Harry Kuhlenmeier, Burlington, and Raymond Kulp, Davenport. With the addition of these new men the prospects for next year are very encouraging as we are assured of twelve men to take up the work next fall.

February 9th we gave a large reception, this being the first formal social function given since entering our new home. It proved very successful and we feel more than repaid for the time and money expended. In the evening a stag banquet was given to the Alumni, nineteen of whom were present, this proved to be such an unqualified success it was voted to hold one annually. Brother McBride of the faculty, acting in the capacity of toastmaster, complemented us very highly on our success in erecting a Chapter house and on the strength of the Chapter. It was very gratifying to the active members and especially to the new men to see the interest displayed in us by the alumni.

G. M. MIDDLETON.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The second-term examinations have passed, the Christmas holidays are over, and the boys are back again at their regular routine of school-life.

Our base-ball team is at hard practice, and Brother McFarland is hard at work getting his men in shape to meet the colleges with which games have been arranged, and it is safe to say that our team this year will more than sustain the previous records; for the prospects for base-ball are brighter than they have been for years past.

The steam heat and electric light plant has been completed, and it is needless to say that these conveniences are most heartily welcomed by the students.

Among the social functions given by the students of the University, may be mentioned the reception given on the 26th of January by the Chi Omega Sorority, which event was a decided success in every feature, and was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present. Pi was represented by Brothers Huntington and Myers. Phi Delta Theta also entertained on the evening of the first of February with a very successful ball, at which Pi was represented by Brothers Farish and Myers.

The German Club, of which Brother Farish was elected president, has been re-organized, and will open the spring season with a german immediately after Lent.

Pi greatly enjoyed a visit from Brother McIlheney, one of the charter members of Phi Chapter, and hopes that he will soon find it convenient to stop over with us again.

Pi closes with her best wishes for all her sister chapters.

GEO. B. MYERS.

RHO—STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since our last letter we have once again added to our number, and it gives me great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity, Brother H. B. Prout, class of 1904. The chapter gave its yearly tea on Lincoln's Birthday, and the large number of guests whom we had the pleasure of entertaining, spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Two days later the chapter gave a house-party in connection with the dance of the Stevens' Social Society; and chaperones, guests and members all agreed that college life is not always such a weary grind as it is painted.

Just before the present writing, the chapter received word that Brother Harold Humphreys, Rho, '99, had been drowned in the Nile. This sad event has plunged the chapter in gloom, for nearly all the present members were closely associated with him in active fraternity life, and had learned to know and love him as a man of sterling character and worth. A fact which makes this accident doubly sad for us is, that he was the son of Brother Alex. Humphreys, one of our most well-known alumni. Each and every member extends to the bereaved family his heartfelt sympathy and condolence. No details of the accident are at present known, beyond the meagre facts conveyed by a cablegram stating that his younger brother fell into the river, and that Brother Humphreys tried to save him, but was unsuccessful, both being drowned.

We have recently received visits from several brothers, and hope that many more will drop in to see us in the near future.

F. J. YOUNGBLOOD.

UPSILON—RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

The new term has opened with good promises for Upsilon. After three weeks of reviews and exams, which caused many sleepless nights and troublesome days, we hastened to forget our troubles by giving our annual banquet and smoker to our friends, and those we think should make good Delts. A delightful evening was spent in clouds of smoke, listening to songs and stories by some who were artists in that line. A feast followed, and then more smoke and song. Everybody had a good time, and we feel well repaid for our trouble.

On the night of February 1, Calculus was cremated by the class of 1902. All the students headed by a band, and the class of 1902 bearing the coffin, paraded to the hall, where they whooped and yelled, while their enemy went up in smoke.

The Conference will be over when this issue of the RAINBOW emerges from press, but just at present all feel an interest, and hope that this year will be a record breaker.

C. V. Yunker, class of 1900, has returned from the West, and accepted a position at the West Side Foundry, Troy, N. Y.

We do not have the pleasure of seeing many out of town Delts. We wish all that pass this way would stop at No. 1740 5th Avenue, for at least a few minutes, and give us a chance to become acquainted.

W. D. CORNWELL.

PHI—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Fraternity life at Washington and Lee has been uneventful since our last letter, and there will probably be very few further initiations during the present session. Phi continues to gain prestige, both in college and among the fair contingent of Lexington society.

One of the Delta girls will entertain the chapter this evening, and it goes without saying that her bewitching manner and "fraternal" feeling toward us will make the occasion a delightful success. All of our "sisters" here will be present.

We have lately lost one of our alumni who has been with us almost ever since his graduation, and been a regular attendant upon our weekly meetings. Brother Armistead has accepted a professorship in Lynchburg, and left us very much grieved at losing him. However, he is to be congratulated on the position which he has secured, and upon the general regret among his friends at his departure.

Brother McNeill, one of Phi's members last year, who is this season teaching in Staunton, will be with us at our meeting to-night, and attend the entertainment given in our honor. We are much delighted to have him again with us as he was so popular, both among us and the whole student body.

John Marshall Day was celebrated here with appropriate ceremonies, as was the anniversary of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birth, on which date the Graham Lee Literary Society held its ninety-second annual celebration. The Washington Literary Society will celebrate in a similar manner the birth of Washington on the 22d inst.

The latter society recently held a meeting, to which the young ladies of Lexington were invited to hear the question whether Washington and Lee should adopt a policy of co-education debated. Brother Turner presided over the deliberations of this august body with his accustomed dignity.

Base-ball is beginning to attract the interest of the students now, and the outlook for a good team under the captaincy of Brother Andrews is bright. Two members of the chapter are promising candidates for the boat crews, and we feel sure that we will be well represented here.

With fraternal greetings to all.

BEVERLY DOUGLAS CAUSEY.

CHI—KENYON COLLEGE.

A man with an axe to grind; ground it and the result was a sharp axe. The man with a Chapter letter to write did some scribbling and the result is appended below.

Only two weeks in December was college in session and nothing of consequence happened except the final examinations for the term and the worry they caused us then and since.

College had been only open two weeks when the Northern Division Conference was held at Delaware, Ohio, under the auspices of Chapter Mu. Brother Voorheis was Chi's delegate and on his return he reported a very enjoyable and profitable time during the two days the Conference lasted. Chapter Mu had things well arranged and carried them out as well. The banquet Friday evening was a fitting close and truly it was inspiring with its fifty men and the fine toasts.

The Saturday following, the *Reveille* board presented a vaudeville performance in the college gym. Brothers Hammond, Smallman and Jackson upheld Chapter Chi on the program, Hammond by his singing in the quartette, and Smallman by his impersonations and "Rube"

sketch (in the latter he was assisted by Jackson). Jackson sang in the quartette, played the banjo, helped in "Rube" act, and did some cake walking and dancing dressed as a colored lady. This is the first time in years Chi has had men behind the footlights.

The next Saturday evening the Chapter gave its second party in the college gym. The Delta Tau girls from Harcourt Place helped make it a success. Besides our ten actives we had three pledged men from the Military Academy and Brother Chamberlayne of Beta Iota with us.

When the term opened Brother W. Lloyd Moore '04 who was initiated last autumn failed to return. He is at present attending Lewis Institute, Chicago.

At a meeting of the Senior Class, J. A. Higbee, Jr., was elected President.

Brother Brandon, '02 is chairman of the Junior "Prom" Committee which plans and manages the "Prom"; this event occurs February 18th in Rosse Hall.

The basket ball team has two Chi men on it, Brothers Brandon and Morris. The former is captain. Brother F. R. Jackson, '04 is substitute.

Two of our Men, Brothers W. S. Jackson and Hammond have been showing what Chi men could do in Chemistry, by getting almost one hundred per cent. on examinations. Brother Jackson did receive such a grade on one examination. Not all of us are such good students or may be we do not work so hard, for the last term some received conditions; However, these are rare, and a Chi man never fails to make his class.

Numerous improvements have been made in the college buildings during the past summer and autumn. Furnace heat was put in those buildings which did not have it, and natural gas for fuel is now used. Just before Christmas gas was put in old Kenyon for lighting purposes and in some ways it is an improvement.

Since the last letter was written Psi Upsilon has added one more man to her number or will add one soon. He is a pledged man who during the winter vacation passed College examinations and is now a full freshman.

Alpha Delta Phi has fourteen men, Delta Kappa Epsilon ten, Delta Theta Pi fourteen, Psi Upsilon ten, and Chi ten.

Just now every one is looking forward to the "Prom" and then as Lent is coming on there will be six weeks of hard study.

GEORGE BURTON VOORHEIS.

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OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The most important event in Omega's chapter life recently was the occasion of the celebration of her fourth anniversary, on January 26th. The banquet to celebrate this event was held at the Hotel Flanders and just forty Delts, including our own active members and alumni from all over the country, helped us to celebrate our fourth birthday in grand style. The dinner committee had very tastefully decorated the table with pansies, and the menus, in harmony with the occasion, were printed in purple and gold. Best of all, three members of the Arch Chapter, Bros. Duerr, Rogers and Bolard, honored us by their presence, and one, Brother Duerr, was toastmaster for the evening. Our Alumni Chapter turned out in full force, and when they counted heads, they found great cause for rejoicing in the fact that the old Delts outnumbered the members of the active chapters present. We of the active chapter rejoiced with them, for here was a visible proof of our growth in the last four years, and a sign of our strength in the outside world here.

Our first college term has just ended, and we are glad to say that, as usual, our members have all passed successfully their mid-year examinations, and we have none to record who dropped by the wayside. After the ordeal just mentioned, we are looking forward to the Eastern Division Conference at New York, where we expect to send a good delegation to represent us.

Brothers Seward and Rogers, who were present at our banquet, stayed with us over Sunday.

Brother Heitshu, Beta Lambda, visited us recently, and Brother Shengle, Omega '99, has been with us for several days.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon recently installed a Chapter at Pennsylvania and there are rumors that a like step may be taken by another Fraternity in the near future.

W. PAUL O'NEILL.

BETA ALPHA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

A silent, earnest atmosphere of hard work hangs over Indiana at present. Our whole attention is centered on our studies. Everyone is "boneing" for the mid-term exams.—the good students to make high grades, the poor ones to make up for lost time.

On Washington's birthday will be held the inter-class indoor meet. The general opinion is that the Seniors have the strongest team. On the 23d we play Butler at basket-ball. Everyone expects an easy victory, as

Brother Fitzgerald, who has just recovered from an injury received in practice, will be able to play. Our annual banquet and reception, to be given on the 22d of this month, promises to be a great success.

Since our last communication we have initiated another man, and I take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Claude Archer Smith, '03, of Owensville, who is in every way a typical Delt.

This year has, indeed, been a successful one for Indiana in oratory. Not only did we defeat Illinois at Champaign, but we also won first place in the State Oratorical recently held at Indianapolis.

S. L. SCHWARZ.

BETA BETA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta has the pleasure of introducing to the Fraternity Brothers John Brown, '03, and Arthur Strickland, '04, of Indianapolis, Ind., who now unite with us in greeting the other chapters in our Spring letter.

Our fall term was closed successfully, and every Delt passed the exams. with the ease produced only by confidence and hard study.

In the last letter I mentioned the fact of a proposed banquet at the State Oratorical. This plan was, unfortunately, not consummated, but the foundation was laid for a banquet next year, by which we hope to establish a precedent which will advance the interests of Delta Tau Delta in Indiana.

In the spring athletics Delta Tau will be well represented by Brother McKinney, pitcher, and Brothers Strickland, Galeiner and McCarty on the base-ball team, and Brothers Greene and Hatfield on the track team.

Dual track meets will probably be arranged with other colleges, and our base-ball schedule shows all the principal colleges in Indiana.

We recently received visits from Brother Moore, of Beta Zeta; Brother Fitzgerald, of Beta Alpha, and Paul Williams, a pledged Delta from Butler.

With our increased membership a chapter house for next fall is almost an assured fact.

So with best wishes for Delta Tau Delta and her continued success, we are, fraternally,

C. R. STRICKLAND.

BETA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The examinations of the first Semester are over and the boys are just starting on the work of the second. The examinations are usually a source of a great deal of worry to the chapter and to the members, and the one past was not an exception. Our boys came out of it very well and we will not loose more than one, if any. This is a better result than most of the fraternities can boast of and it is probably due to the efforts of our "Hill Committee." We have a committee of upper classmen who see the Class Officers of the Freshmen and Sophomore classes at the end of each month and report the work our men are doing to the chapter. If any are in danger they are helped and urged to do better work, in this way we have a chance to help a man before it is too late.

Since our last letter we enjoyed a short visit from Brother Dennis of Beta Pi. Brother Dennis is a good loyal Delt and we were all glad to meet him and hope to have him with us again.

On Friday evening, February 15, the annual Junior "Prom" occurred. Beta Gamma entertained its guests by giving a "house party" from Friday until Monday. We turned the house over to the girls and chaperones, and gave a formal party on the evening following the Prom at the chapter house.

Brothers John Donovan, Law, '95, of Milwaukee, J. O. Miller, '99, of Marinette, William Donovan, '94, of Eau Claire, and Harvey Clark, of Monroe, have visited us since our last letter. We are all glad to see the "old" fellows, and hope that they as well as any Delt who is near us will always feel like coming around and making themselves at home.

Brother Clarence B. Fisher returned to college this semester, after being absent since June. He spent his vacation as well as the first semester of this year in China. He went there with General Humphrey in August as a clerk in the Quarter-Master's Department.

Brother Robert E. Deitz, of Mayville, Wis., spent a few days in town, attending the Prom. and visiting the boys at the chapter house.

Brother Frank Barney, of Minneapolis, was in to see us the past week while in town on business.

The Conference of the Western Division will be held in Chicago on the 22d of February. Brother W. F. Dickinson will represent Beta Gamma.

Brother Maurice McCabe, Law, '95, is a member of the Legislature. He is a member of the firm of Dahlman & McCabe, of Milwaukee.

A bill has just been introduced in the Legislature here to put the fraternities at the institutions that are supported by the State, under the direct control of the Faculty of the different schools. The chapter

must submit its By-Laws and Governing rules to this Board of the Faculty under penalty of expulsion for non-compliance. The fraternities are then given the right to build houses on the Campus. The probabilities are that the bill will be killed in the committee.

With best wishes to the members and her sister chapters Beta Gamma sends greetings.

M. J. CLEARY.

BETA EPSILON—EMORY COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to the RAINBOW, we have taken another man through the mysteries of Deltaism, and it is with much gratification that we introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother S. K. Smith. We are pleased to say also that we have pledged two men in the Sub-Freshman Department, who give promise of becoming loyal and enthusiastic Deltas after their initiation. These men stand at the head of their class, and it is certain that one of them will win the scholarship given by the Preparatory Department.

On the 21st of January the club went to Atlanta for the purpose of having a group picture made. While there we had the pleasure of meeting the genial president of our Southern Division, Brother Farrar, who kindly consented to sit with us in the picture, were expecting a visit from Brother Farrar on last Monday, but, much to our regret he could not come on account of sickness.

In the matter of college honors Beta Epsilon has come in for her full share. The *Phoenix*, our college magazine, has for several years given prizes for the best three original short stories. The contest is open to the student body, and it is a singular fact that one or more of the prizes have been won by Deltas every year. Three years ago both first and second prizes came our way; last year we got first, and this year second prize was awarded to Brother Thos. Hutcheson. In the prize story line this is a record of which Beta Epsilon is justly proud.

Brother Redding is the Historian of the Senior Class, and no doubt his effort on Arbor Day, March 5th, will be a delightful treat. Brother Redding has recently been elected to represent the Phi Gamma literary society in the Champion Debate during commencement, and considering his ability as a speaker and his loyalty to the society, it is an honor justly bestowed.

Brother Marvin Callahan was elected last Monday to champion the cause of Few Society in the May debate. Brother Callahan received the highest number of votes cast for any one delegate, which entitles him to the leadership of his side.

Although somewhat isolated, and consequently suffering to some extent thereby, Beta Epsilon has started in the new century with increased zeal and renewed determination, which, if continued, must necessarily result in good for the chapter. Already we see the favorable results from our renewed efforts, and now the condition of the chapter is better than it has been for some time past.

We extend to all Deltas our best wishes, and hope for them a pleasant and successful year in Fraternity life.

H. D. BUNN.

BETA ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since our last chapter letter we have initiated Brother Charles Roy Sharood, of St. Paul, whom we are pleased to introduce to the general Fraternity.

A short time before the holidays the subject of rushing seniors in the high schools was brought before the Fraternities, and it was decided to break the agreement entered into last year, which provided that there should be no rushing of high school students until they were enrolled as students of the University. There was a great deal of competition among the fraternities for the most desirable men, but we are pleased to state that we are satisfied with the men we obtained; as all who are pledged to us are stars, and will make good Delts next year.

Some trouble was caused by a couple of Fraternities pledging men who were not yet seniors, and President Northrop found it necessary to call a meeting of the fraternities, at which he forbade the pledging of any high school men who were not as good as seniors in their course.

The sororities here also had some difficulty, as the others claimed, that Kappa Kappa Gamma had made engagements with senior girls before the agreement was broken. But it is understood that Kappa Kappa Gamma was coached by one of the most prominent lawyers in the city—who proved to the other sororities that the Kappa Kappa Gamma invitations were not delivered until two minutes after the agreement was declared off.

On February ninth, the day of the Minnesota-Iowa Basket-Ball game, we were favored with a visit from Brother Clyde Williams, of Omicron Chapter, whose visit we enjoyed very much, and regret that he could not have remained longer.

The prospects for a winning track and base-ball team at the University this spring are very promising. Ed. Freeman, the crack pitcher of last year's team, is captain of the base-ball team.

The Twin City Alumni Association of Delta Tau Delta are again giving their monthly dinners which they began last year, and a majority of the active chapter always attends and enjoys the re-unions with the alumni very much.

Brother Charles De Lamere will represent us at the Division Convention, held in Chicago, February twenty-second of the current year.

Beta Eta extends best wishes to her sister chapters, and hopes all visiting Delts will make her chapter house their home while remaining in Minneapolis.

PERCY D. PEABODY.

BETA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Fraternity rushing over, the foot-ball season gone, and the base-ball season not yet well in sight. This is the ideal time of the year for hard concentrated study. The men of Beta Iota have seized the opportunity. For some time back we have been acting on the principle that studiousness is a very desirable, perhaps an essential constituent in the character of the best fraternity man. Still we have by no means a Chapter of "grinds." Beta Iota wants well rounded, cosmopolitan, sociable men. "*Noctes ambrosianæ*," warm greetings, a song, a story, wit sparkling like wine,—these have their place in Fraternity life.

Our Chapter rooms rank among the most desirable in the University. Though somewhat limited as to size, they are fitted up in a manner quite conducive to comfort and pleasure. For frequent gifts of literature, statuary, and the like, we are indebted to the generosity of our individual members. While we are pleased with our rooms, we are by no means satisfied with them. We have now under consideration a plan for entering next year more strictly into chapter-house life. We have provided in this respect for the more distant future by placing a provision in our by-laws for a chapter-house fund, such fund to be composed of certain annual dues, and, in addition to these, of all sums accruing from fines and the like. This fund is to remain intact until it shall become of sufficient size for purchasing a home, when it will be expended for that purpose.

As some indication of what the Deltas are doing, it might be mentioned that Brother J. H. Chamberlayne won the prize offered in the English Literature Course for the best descriptive essay ; Brother Frank Harris carried off the prize given for the greatest proficiency in Comparative Anatomy ; Brothers Gregory and Jones have been elected business manager and associate editor respectively of the University of Virginia Magazine.

Brother H. L. Willett was with the University some time back engaged in work under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and made himself quite a favorite not only with the Deltas, but with the college at large. While here he attended the Chapter meeting and we trust that we may have the pleasure of his presence frequently in the future. Brother Willett was a member of our Bethany Chapter, and gave us some interesting accounts of that old College, so famous in the history of Delta Tau Delta. Brother Paul Shafer gave a dinner complimentary to the near-by Deltas during the Christmas holidays ; it is needless to say that those so fortunate as to be present had a most enjoyable time.

There is considerable controversy in college just at present on the advisability of continuing our Alumni system of coaching, and "*College Topics*," our weekly paper, is well supplied with arguments "pro and con" on this matter. A compromise whereby there shall be a foreign head-coach with alumni sub-coaches seems to be the wish of the majority of the students. This question will probably be settled in our annual General Athletic Association election.

The Literary Societies have a plan on foot to ask the University authorities for a holiday on Jefferson's birthday, and to celebrate the day, if so acquired, by appropriate exercises of a literary and athletic character. Jefferson has been very properly called "The Father of the University of Virginia." Not only did he draw up plans for the various buildings and superintend their construction, but he selected the courses of study, and shaped the whole policy of the University. So permanent has been his influence that even to-day the University is but a living exponent of his ideas. Surely she could do nothing more incumbent upon her than celebrate in a fitting manner, the birthday of her founder.

JNO. LITTLETON JONES.

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The close of the semester examinations found us a little worse for wear, and on February 2d we tried to regain our normal condition; and succeeded by giving the full mysteries of Delta Tau Delta to Norman Read, '04, of Denver, Colorado, and Beta Kappa is pleased to introduce him to the Fraternity at large.

A mock initiation was given in which several of our alumni gave very material assistance, and the ritual work was followed by an informal spread, and the walk around.

Brother Walter Christensen of Beta Tau, now in the State School of Mines, at Golden, Colo., made us a short visit and attended the initiation.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs are hard at work, preparing for their concert and trip over the State. They will be out about three weeks, starting the last of March and appearing in all the important towns in Colorado. A very pleasant time is anticipated, the clubs being the central figures in many social events. The chapter will be represented by Brother Wigton on the Mandolin, and Brother Davis on the Glee Club. Chapter Eta of Omega Upsilon Phi was installed in the medical department in the latter part of January. The chapter starts with eight men, and one of the professors as an honorary member.

For the first time in many years, Beta Kapa was represented at the Conference of the Western Division, and both the chapter and our delegate, Brother Hatch were honored by his having a toast at the banquet.

Brother Lory, as President of the Athletic Association, has been very instrumental in securing land on the campus for our athletic field. The University is very enthusiastic over the idea, and over four hundred dollars in either cash or work at twenty-five cents per hour have already been subscribed. With this impetus, track work, will probably flourish as never before.

The eyes of the University are now centered upon the State Legislature, regarding the action it will take upon the emergency warrants issued to meet the private subscriptions to help the University fund; and the passage of the revenue bills. The growth of the University calls for much money in the way of appropriations, and new revenue bills are needed to meet these wants.

Beta Kappa sends her greetings, and wishes for all success, and good fortune to her sister chapter, and extends a cordial invitation to all brother Deltas who may wander this way.

H. C. DODGE.

BETA LAMBDA—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Since our last chapter letter Beta Lambda has had the pleasure of initiating two more men into the fold of Delta Tau Delta, Frank G. Burrows, of Williamsport, and Henry F. Campbell, of Newberry. Both these men are the most desirable men of their class, and will well repay the long time spent in rushing them. Brother Burrows played center on the varsity foot-ball team this fall, which makes three men in the chapter now wearing the "varsity L." On the nineteenth of January the chapter gave its annual banquet to the new brothers, which it is needless to say was the most pleasant function of the year.

The Physical Laboratory which was destroyed by fire last April, has been rebuilt and opened. Although the destruction of the old laboratory was very disastrous, it will prove beneficial to the course of electrical engineering, as the new building is better adapted to such work, and is far better equipped.

The first of the year the chapter had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Taylor, who is with the Portland Cement Co., at Castalia, Ohio.

Brother MacLean who has been in business in Philadelphia for some time past has again returned to Bethlehem to stay, which makes it very pleasant for the chapter, as he is a very enthusiastic member.

We have had the pleasure of hearing of Brother Neilson's position of supervisor of the Northern Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

W. H. PEEPELS.

BETA XI—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

This time of the year finds Tulane in the midst of revelry, due to the approaching carnival celebrations. The nights are passed at balls, Germans and operas, while the days never seem to pass.

Tulane has several important events scheduled to come off between now and commencement week.

The Texas-Tulane debate will take place in Gibson Hall on April 19, and great interest is being manifested in this contest.

On April 26-27, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association will hold their annual field games on the Tulane Campus.

The base-ball team has been practicing for the past week, but it is too early yet to judge whether Tulane will have a winning nine. The most important games will come off on our diamond.

Founder's Day will be celebrated on the 20th of March, and it is unnecessary to state that this is the most gala event that takes place at Tulane.

Owing to the splendid material coming to college after the summer vacation, the rushing season has started unusually early. Heretofore it has been against the policy of our chapter to pledge men so far ahead, because there is no telling whether they will be able to matriculate in college or not. But as all the other frats. were "spiking" men, we had to change our tactics in order to keep ahead of the procession; so we have pledged two men who were rushed by the best frats here. We also have two other men in view, who will surely come in with us, as soon as they are positive of their entering college.

A chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma has lately been installed at this University.

DOUGLAS M. KILPATRICK, JR.

BETA OMICRON—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The first term examinations have gone into history, and now we need not worry again until June. This two term system which has been established here this year seems to be working fairly well, but there is still great objection to it in some departments.

Junior Week has just passed, and I think we can safely say it was the best on record. In the first place, our house party of eight girls and six chaperones was both fine and large, and everyone threw himself into the week's joy for all it was worth. On Thursday afternoon we gave our annual reception to three hundred invited guests, and it went off with the precision and real enjoyment that have always characterized it. Tuesday night the Masque gave its play of "The Private Secretary," and the critics say it was the best they have ever done. One of our freshmen had a leading part in the cast. After the Masque play, dances were given by Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi, the latter of whom have just blossomed out into the social life here with their fine new house. At the Sophomore Cotillion we had sixteen in our party: while at the Junior Prom. we had a large double box, and thirty-five enjoyed its hospitality. The Musical Clubs gave their concert on Thursday night, and Saturday we had a little informal dance at the Lodge for our own house party, just to finish off the week in good style.

Two new men have become enthusiastic Delts since Christmas: Robert L. Dempster, '03, Law, Buffalo, N. Y., and Edwin A. Seipp, '04, Chicago, Ill. They are of the sort that make their mark.

Plans for our addition, which is to cost \$6000, approximately, have been completed, and blue-prints of them will soon be sent to all our alumni. This addition, together with the general refurnishing of the whole house, will make our Lodge one of the prettiest and most useful for fraternity purposes of all the fraternity houses at Cornell.

Much to our surprise, Brother J. C. Ridall, '02, returned to the University about the middle of January, and you may be sure we were glad to see him with us again. Our delegates to the Eastern Conference will, be W. D. Staight and G. W. Ferguson.

L. P. WARNER.

BETA PI—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The men and women of Northwestern have just passed through the strenuous season of the regular semester examinations, and now with more or less of self-satisfaction and considerable relief, are taking a five days' breathing-spell for contemplation of past accomplishments, and anticipation of new ones. The college work has gone steadily on as usual with few occurrences of interest to those not directly concerned in them.

The annual Junior and Sophomore Plays have been recently given with even more than usual success. Brother West in the former and Brother Coffman in the latter, played leading parts, and reflected credit on the chapter. The Glee and Mandolin Clubs gave their regular yearly concert a little while ago. They are now out on a short inter-semester trip, filling dates in nearby towns. The chapter is well represented by R. B. Dennis, reader, and A. V. Coffman, soloist.

Dr. Hollister has just finished the arrangement of a very complete base-ball shedule for this Spring. Brother West still holds his position as captain of the team; there being considerable good material, both old and new, we are hoping to see a great improvement over last season.

The chapter has two men on the *Syllabus*-board for next year; in spite of the opposition of a strong combination of fraternities, Brother Dickens was elected editor-in-chief. He has also been appointed one of the five speakers on the preliminary for the Northern Oratorical League contest this year.

Beta Pi is still progressing in membership. We have two initiates to report this quarter, Walter W. Reed, of Waco, Kansas, and Edwin R. Ladd, of Elgin, Ill. Reed has a brother in Gamma.

Owing to a recent sickness, Brother Folsom has left us for the rest of the year, but intends to return next September. He is now at Whiting, Ind.

BETA TAU—UNIVERSITY NEBRASKA.

We are just beginning the second semester of the year, having experienced no losses during the last term, by graduation or otherwise, and with the prospect of increasing our numbers soon by two men whom we have recently pledged.

The principal festivities since the last letter have been the Senior Prom. and the Pershing Hop, both well attended and very enjoyable. The Pershing Rifles are a company of men picked from the Battalion, and organized and named in honor of Lieutenant Pershing, a former commandant under whom the department reached the very zenith of its excellency. Their annual dance is one of the occasions of the year.

On the Wednesday evening before Christmas the chapter gathered around a large and brilliantly lighted tree for their annual Christmas party. After the distribution of the presents, which consisted of jokes on the members of the chapter, all adjourned to another room where a "feed" was waiting; after this was demolished some time was spent in a general good time, and some flash-light pictures were taken before the party broke up for the evening.

Brother Henderson has been elected base-ball manager, and we are sure he will make this season a successful one. On Friday, February 15, the University will celebrate the thirty-second anniversary of the granting of its charter. During this comparatively short time the institution has grown from a small and almost unknown school, to one ranking very near the top among State universities, and having an enrollment of about twenty-five hundred. A large, three manual organ, the gift of the alumni, will be dedicated on that day.

Dr. Ross, who will be remembered in connection with the recent trouble at Leland, Stanford has accepted the chair of sociology here, and has already begun his work for the semester.

J. E. BEANS.

BETA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Examinations for the first semester at the University of Illinois ended Friday, February 1, and partly to celebrate the event Beta Upsilon gave an informal dance at the fraternity home.

The dance, however, was not a joyous function alone, for it bore a graver significance, as it was in the nature of a farewell party to Brother William H. Sherman, '01, who has since gone to his home in St. Joe, Mo., to practice law. Brother Sherman, for the past five years, has been one

We have had two most enjoyable visits from Eastern Delts within the last two months. When Brother Elliott, of the Philadelphia Alumni, dropped in on us very unexpectedly one evening, our only regret was, that the lateness of the hour and the shortness of his stay prevented us from showing him how glad we were to see him. We were also glad to welcome Brother Brück, who, with Brother McClurg, spent an evening with us a short time ago. Brother Malvern also ran out to see us last Sunday, bringing with him Brother Clark, of the Chicago Alumni, so that altogether the chapter has been unusually favored.

We should appreciate it if more Delts passing through Chicago would remember that trains run from the heart of the city to Evanston in twenty minutes, and that 628 Hamlin is still our address. We hope the good work will continue, and will try if possible to make visiting Delts as glad to see us as we are to see them.

RALPH H. DURHAM.

BETA RHO—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

When college opened for the present semester Beta Rho missed three men from her ranks: Brothers J. E. White, H. E. Scales and W. G. Scales. However, these men will all be back with us next Fall, and it is not a permanent loss. We are glad to announce the return to college of Brother J. E. Healey Ex. '00. We have also the pleasure of introducing a new man in the person of Harold Hall, '04, of San Francisco. His introduction to the brotherhood was kindly taken in charge by the men of Beta Omega on the occasion of the celebration of their third birthday, February 2. This semester we have with us one less than was the case last semester.

The excitement among the students, alumni and those interested in Stanford University over the recent resignations of several members of the faculty has about died down, and student life is resuming the even tenor of its way. The sensational stir made by the newspapers over this matter will probably effect next year's attendance, but the University is too richly endowed and too firmly established to suffer any real check from this occurrence.

C. E. HOLBROOK.

of the towers of strength in the chapter, and its progress in that time has been due in no small measure to his efforts. There was probably never a better liked member of Beta Upsilon, and everybody was sorry to see him leave the college world, hereafter to be enrolled among the "alumni." Brother Sherman will return in June to take the final law examinations, and the "spare-room" will always be ready for that and other visits.

Since the last report another initiation has been held, and Beta Upsilon is pleased to introduce to the Delta world Henry Thomas Wheelock, '04, of Moline, Ill., and Nathan J. Higinbotham, '04, of Arcola, Ill. The first-named initiate came to Illinois with Delt blood in his veins, as an elder brother wore the square badge at the University of Iowa.

Brother E. P. Storey, ex-'02, re-entered the University at the beginning of the new semester, joining the Sophomore Class. Since leaving the University most of his time was spent in Europe with his parents.

Fraternity house life is better liked by the members the more experience they have. The newness has worn off and everything is running in accustomed grooves. At present eighteen active members room and board at the house, a larger number than any of the other Greek letter societies can accommodate. "House rules"—not Puritanic, but just as they should be—have reduced everything to a system, and all feel that it is a "home" indeed.

The new agricultural building at the University has been completed. Brother George J. Jobst, '96, had charge of the construction for the firm of Val Jobst & Sons. The building is considered the finest in the United States for its special purpose. The Board of Trustees plan to dedicate it with appropriate ceremonies before the close of college, and it is probable that Secretary of Agriculture James G. Wilson will be asked to deliver the principal address. Brother Eugene Davenport, Dean of the College of Agriculture, has contributed no little to the upbuilding of our agricultural department, which is to be so finely housed.

The "season" may be said to be in full swing, and what with fraternity annuals and other functions the socially inclined are busy. Beta Upsilon's annual party will be held on the night of April 19, and it is hoped that numerous "old grads" will straggle into town, revive old memories and visit Beta Upsilon.

Base-ball and track athletics are interesting enthusiasts. The base-ball team will make its first trip East this spring, playing Princeton on May 25. A contest with either Columbia or Georgetown will also be played. In addition to these games, a full western schedule has been arranged for the team, for which every one has high hopes.

JOHN N. DIGHTON, JR.

BETA PHI—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The mid-winter examinations are past and all of our members are back in college.

Nine members from this chapter attended the Northern Conference held at Delaware on Jan. 24-25. All report an excellent time and vote that Mu chapter is a capital entertainer. All the members feel that they derived great good from the meeting and we hope that next year, when the Division meets with us, there will be a great outpouring both of members and of spirit.

On Jan. 19th Brother Raymond Dill entertained the chapter at his home on Grant Avenue. Cards, college songs and stories furnished the amusement of the evening. Light refreshments and cigars helped to enliven the occasion, and all left with memories of a most pleasant evening.

The Junior promenade was given Feb. 15th. It was strictly a college affair and the most important social function of the mid-winter. We were well represented, ten of our members being present.

Indoor practice for base ball has commenced and indications are for a fine team. All are enthusiastic for the work, and we hope that the team will be able to make a record so that the wearers of the "Scarlet and Gray" will not only be champions in foot-ball but also in base ball.

Brother Brück made a short visit to this city Jan. 31st. Only a few of the members had the opportunity of meeting him, but the few who did were much impressed with the brother, and feel that the rest missed much by not being able to meet him. We hope that Brother Brück will make us another visit in the near future.

On Feb. 19th Brothers Foster and Day, of Mu, dropped in and made us a short visit.

Since the last letter we have pledged one man whom we expect to initiate soon.

F. L. KEISER.

BETA CHI—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Life at Brown has been fairly quiet since the writing of our last letter. The hurry and bustle of rushing season over, and neophytes having successfully retired from the shrines, we have again taken up the usual routine of college work.

Indoor base ball practice in the cage has begun, and both the quantity and quality of new men trying for the team, give Brunonia good reason to look forward to a successful season on the diamond. Several new games have been added to our schedule this spring, among the more important being those with Columbia, Cornell and Chicago.

For the first time in the history of her athletics, Brown has a basket ball team. A large number of men have been working hard in the gymnasium, and, although this is our first season at this game, we expect to make a creditable showing.

Our hockey team has begun its games, and at present leads the league, which is composed of Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Brown. We have defeated Penna, 7—0, and Yale, 1—0, and expect again to carry off the championship honors.

The entire interest of the college at present is centered on the coming debate with Dartmouth. A contest with this old rival never fails to bring out an immense amount of spirit and enthusiasm. Last year Brown was victorious and we hope to repeat the trick next month. Brothers Calder and Seamans are promising candidates for the team.

The Junior Class is planning an elaborate celebration for the week immediately following Easter. The occasion is to be known as "Junior Week," and is to be one round of pleasure; a season filled with dances, receptions and all the gaities that go to make up a period of social successes. Any Delt passing through this section of the country at the time would confer an honor upon us, and a pleasure upon himself, by spending the week with Beta Chi. We are ably represented on the committee of arrangements by Brother Calder.

The chapter is preparing a calendar containing the names and addresses of all her alumni, which will undoubtedly prove of immense value in years to come.

Since our last letter, we have enjoyed a visit from Brother Eliot, of Chicago, and are pleased to have with us again Brother Walter I. Bartlett, ex-'99. Brother Bartlett was obliged to leave college during his Sophomore year, because of ill health; but he is now back, and hopes to complete his course.

Beta Chi sends best wishes to all sister chapters, and hopes to have the opportunity to entertain some of her Delta brothers in the near future.

JOHN PACKER GRAY.

BETA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Beta Omega began the new year with fourteen of her old members back. Since then fortune has seemed to smile upon us, and February 2d,—Beta Omega's third anniversary—witnessed the birth of four new Delts into the chapter. We take pleasure in presenting Brothers C. P. Holt, '92; James Kutz, '04. J. W. Boothe, '04, and J. S. Dibert, '04; also Brother Herbert West, '02, an affiliate from Beta Psi. The initiation and banquet were perhaps the most memorable occasions that have occurred in the chapter's history since the night three years before when the fourteen pioneer members of Beta Omega were installed at the Delt Lodge, at Stanford. About forty-five were seated around the festive board, subsequent to the initiation, many of the old boys from the S. F. Alumni Association being present, and also a good representation from Beta Rho. Brother Hugh Brown, Beta Rho, '96, attended to the duties of toastmaster in his usual jovial way. The toasts responded to were: "My Initiation," Dr. E. E. Kelly, Xi, 1885; "The Beginning," F. W. Fairchild, Beta Omega '98; "The Infant Delts," C. Parker Holt, Beta Omega, '02; "The Chapter," W. C. Hunter, '01, and "A Voice from Beta Rho," Arthur Leyschon, Beta Rho '04. It is such occasions as this that make a man look back upon his natal night in Delta Tau as one of the happiest occasions of his life. and Beta Omega is a firm believer in extending to every new comer into the Fraternity such a rousing welcome as is befitting for an occasion that is a mile stone which marks not only his College life but his whole career.

We much regret that the chapter is about to suffer the loss of two more of its active members—Brothers Curtiss and Spengler. Brother Curtiss leaves soon for Sumatra, where he will be one of a party of astronomers from this University that will take observations on an eclipse that will be visible on the island. His is a position of considerable honor and trust, and we wish him God speed. Brother Spengler expects to go into active business life and leaves us, temporarily, at least, on that account.

College activities are very light at this season of the year. Practically, all of the social events of the year, such as the Freshie Glee, Sophomore Hop and Junior Day occur during the first semester; the second term is hence almost entirely devoid of social features. The U. C. annual the "Blue and Gold," is published in about two months. Preparations for Spring athletics are beginning to be rife, and the series of Intercollegiate football games with Stanford begins very soon. Brother W. C. Hunter is the present Varsity captain.

Beta Omega regrets that it is unable to send delegates to the approaching Western Division Conference. The ability to participate in

the workings of its Division and to come into closer contact with its sister chapters, we believe should be part of the aim and desire of every chapter, but our isolation has so far prevented our being represented. We hope, however, to see the time when, even at our great distance away, we may send a delegate to every Conference.

E. M. RECTOR.

GAMMA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Since her last letter, Gamma Alpha has received four men into the fold of Deltaism, and has pledged one more. I take great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity at large Brothers Frank Michael McKey, '03; Robert Spring Butler, '03; Charles Forrest Leland, '04, and Theodore Ballou Hinckley, '04. Our last initiation, held in the chapter house on February 2d, was most enjoyable in every way. After the new Deltas had received the right hand of fellowship, all sat down to a board loaded with good things, and, in due time, came to the feast of wit and reason that naturally follows. We were fortunate in having with us as speakers Brothers Wieland and Mahan, of the Chicago Alumni Association, and two of the charter members of Gamma Alpha, Brothers Irons and White.

The glee, mandolin, banjo and guitar clubs of the University are planning to take a trip South in the near future.

During the past two years, the students of the University have devoted a part of their time in the spring quarter to the presentation of comic opera, the proceeds going to the University settlement. The program is to be varied this year. The plan is to present "As You Like it." The play will be given in June, out of doors, on the campus.

The annual Conference of the Western Division, to be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on February the 22d, promises to be one of the best, if not the very best in the history of the Division. Delegates are assured from six of the ten chapters; and the nearness of Wisconsin, Northwestern and Chicago, to say nothing of the Chicago Alumni Association, insures a large attendance besides the actual delegates. The Division banquet, to be held in connection with the Alumni Association, will no doubt be a memorable occasion. Gamma Alpha expects to entertain the delegates during their stay in the city.

During the past year a number of the alumni of Gamma Alpha have been married; but now the lightning is striking nearer home. Brother Vernon S. Phillips, '01, was married on December the 27th, to Miss Lilla May Kushel, in Milwaukee, the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are making their home in West Pullman, Chicago.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of entertaining a number of Deltas, and we were delighted to number among them Brothers Malvern, Arter and Brück.

ALBERT L. JONES.

GAMMA DELTA—WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

The closing weeks of the present quarter end three months of quiet routine. However, the term has been a prosperous one for the University. The attendance shows a marked increase over any previous winter quarter. The new buildings are progressing rapidly—the beautiful arch of the Library door-way especially appearing to advantage. The grading on the athletic ground is nearly completed. While on the subject of athletics, I may add that the prospects of the base ball team are bright for the coming season. Our team held the championship in the State College League last year, and this season opens more favorably than usual.

The University Glee Club recently made a tour of the state. We were represented by Brother Stump.

The fraternity situation here in regard to rushing is one different from the majority of colleges. I think it may prove of interest, so I will give it. With the four quarter system in vogue, there are new men coming four times a year. However, no activity along fraternity lines is manifested during the summer quarter. The majority of fraternity men are satisfied with nine months of work, and are not present in the summer quarter. There is not much new material added during the winter term, but in the fall and spring quarters rushing is at its height. The spring quarter men are usually spiked for the fall initiation. So we have two rushing seasons, instead of one, which is usual with most chapters. We are expecting several good men in the coming quarter, and expect to get at least two of them. Our membership at the present is about the average number here.

Among the other fraternities there is little of interest. All of them have initiated from one to four men. There is one especially noticeable effect due to the addition of Beta Theta Pi and ourselves. It is that the leading fraternities with a usual membership of twenty each now have an average with ourselves of twelve members.

The local societies that petitioned national sororities have not yet learned of their success or failure.

Our representative at the Northern Division Conference made very enjoyable visits to Mu, Beta and Beta Phi while on his trip. He was very much pleased with the brothers he met at these chapters.

ALEX. McVEIGH MILLER.

NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The year 1900 which has just closed has been a very prosperous one for the rejuvenated Alumni Association in as much as in that short space of time the Association has passed through its ethereal existence and has emerged a positive and aggressive fact.

From the original thirteen its membership has increased until at the present time the numerical strength of the Association comprises forty energetic members. The difficulties which naturally arose from time to time were in each case met with and successfully overcome, the result being that the Association at present is in a remarkably healthy condition and full of promise for the future.

Regular monthly meetings have been held throughout the year. These meetings were held at the various well known restaurants about town, and though a great amount of necessary business was transacted, the social atmosphere formed no small part in making the meetings entirely successful.

During November an open meeting was held at the "Arena" on Thirty-first Street, near Broadway. The meeting was a most successful one especially as several of the older Delts turned up and helped the game along.

We have been fortunate in thus attracting the attention of many of the older members of the Fraternity, several of whom have already become members of the Association. Their efforts in our behalf have been very much appreciated and it is hoped that we shall have many more recruits from their ranks.

We shall endeavor to make the year 1901 a memorable one in the history of the Association, for by united and energetic effort we expect to increase numerically at the same time intensifying the interest in the Association and in its several aims.

Under the efficient officers who served during 1900 we flourished "Like a green bay tree" and so, as they say in the vernacular, "It is up to" the present staff of officers to maintain and if possible exceed the high standard set by the former.

As New York City is considered the Metropolis of the Western Hemisphere the number of visiting Delts in the city ought to be greater than in any other city of the Union. This being the case, it is only natural that we expect a great many visiting Delts to look us up when in the city. Our meetings are always held on the second Thursday of each month and every Delta who is in the city limits may be certain that he will receive a royal welcome at our meeting.

To obtain full particulars regarding the time and place of these meetings address the Secretary of the Association at No. 520 Manhattan Avenue, New York City.

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THE PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI CHAPTER.

The last meeting of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter was perhaps the most successful in the brief history of that organization, and was in every respect a great encouragement to those who so much desire to make it of great service to the general Fraternity. Eleven chapters were represented at the banquet, and this together with the fact that it was Omega's fourth anniversary celebration, was the cause of much congratulation. Besides this we were honored by the presence of Brothers Rogers and Seward, of the New York Alumni, while the Arch Chapter was represented by the Treasurer, Ritualist, and Editor of *THE RAINBOW*, the former two being active members of our chapter.

Although Philadelphia must depend largely upon Omega for her Alumni, still, each year brings new acquisitions from other cities, and it is hoped that our organization may prove the means of uniting and holding together many who otherwise might feel that they were without a fraternity home, and who thus would not be kept in such close sympathy with the parent body as is desirable.

There are several good reasons why alumni chapters should be maintained, particularly in those cities which also boast an institution having an undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity.

First, it gives encouragement, prestige and guidance to the undergraduate body ; second, it gives a union to those who graduate and remain in the city ; and third, it can do much toward caring for the graduates of other chapters who may come to the city either to settle in business or to pursue graduate work in the institution in which the younger chapter exists, or in a cotemporary institution.

Many men of this latter class feel that they have served their terms of undergraduate work with its rushing, initiations and social functions, and prefer a less active, though interested, participation in fraternity affairs; and this is exactly what an alumni chapter affords, namely, a bond of fellowship between its members or those who may be temporarily with them, without imposing any of the responsibilities which devolve upon members of undergraduate chapters. Besides this, in many cases where a chapter is located in a large city which is more or less a centre of learning, it is quite possible that if those coming from other chapters had to depend on it alone for their fraternity ties, there would be great danger of it losing its distinctive individuality and of merging into more of a graduate club, which, though possessing a stronger bond of union than its name implies, nevertheless would lack those qualities of ambition, aggression and enthusiasm which are so essential to the real success of every chapter.

And so it is the desire of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter to afford the means for all within its reach to keep in the closest sympathy with the Fraternity and her aims; to keep fresh the fires of ambition and enthusiasm, and to perpetuate the college days of its members.

This, we hope, will be our contribution to the Fraternity's success, and we trust that our efforts may be eminently successful.

EDWIN ELLIOT.

WISCONSIN ALUMNI CHAPTER.

Matters in the Wisconsin Alumni Chapter have been rather quiet since our last letter. Outside of an informal dinner given on the 28th day of December at the Hotel Pfister, there has not been much done in the way of entertaining; that dinner was a most enjoyable affair, and although the attendance was not very large, everybody present enjoyed himself to the utmost.

We are now all looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the Conference of the Western Division, to be held in Chicago on the 22d. Our chapter will be well represented, and a good time is anticipated.

We expect at that time to receive many favorable suggestions as to the Karnea to be held in this city next August.

We wish again to urge upon every Delt who is interested in the success of the Karnea to make such suggestions as to him may seem wise. From reports thus far received the Milwaukee Karnea will no doubt be the largest in point of numbers ever held, and we hope to be able to make it the most successful from every other standpoint.

E. J. HENNING.

THE DELTA ALUMNI.

ZETA.

'90—Dr. Robert E. Ruedy who recently married Miss Wilson, of Ironton, has resumed the practice of medicine in Cleveland.

'00—William S. Couch is reporting for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

'00—Verne W. Clisby, at present with the *Painesville Republican*, hopes to have a position with a Cleveland paper soon.

KAPPA.

'77—Fred. H. Stone entered upon his duties as Probate Judge of Hillsdale County, on Jan. 1.

'81—Prof. D. M. Martin has gone to Arizona to look after some mining interests. He attended the banquet of the Alumni at Chicago, Feb. 8.

CHI.

'87—William Wallace Lowry is practicing law at Indianapolis, Indiana.

'94—The Rev. Charles Thomas Walkley of Palmyra, N. Y., who has succeeded the Rev. George Le Baron Johnson as curate of Grace Church, has been appointed a chaplain of the Fire Department in place of the Rev. Mr. Johnson. The appointment was made recently on the recommendation of the Rev. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church. The new chaplain, accompanied by Father Smith, the Catholic chaplain, visited Fire Headquarters on Tuesday, and was introduced to the Fire Commissioners and Chief Croker. Then he returned to Palmyra to take leave of his congregation. About a year ago he did substitute duty for six weeks in the Grace Chapel settlement on the East Side. He is an athletic person, and those who know him say that he is eminently fitted for the work he is about to undertake. He will have the rank of battalion chief without the pay.—*Exchange*.

'95—The Rev. George Frederic Williams, of Tiffin, Ohio, has just accepted a call to be rector of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio.

'96—Robert Le Roy Harris who has been in charge of the Calvary Church, Toledo, Ohio, has recently moved to Newport, Ky., to take charge of a church there. On January second Mr. and Mrs. Harris received into their family circle an infant daughter, by name, Katharine Brandon Harris. By this arrival there is one more Delta Tau Delta queen.

BETA ETA.

'89—J. P. Goode is at the University of Pennsylvania this year studying for a Ph.D.

'92—Lyman L. Pierce was recently elected General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

'97—Ernest B. Mills is now located in his new law office in the Endicott Arcade Building, St. Paul.

'98—Wirt Wilson is now assistant county attorney of the County of Hennepin and City of Minneapolis.

'00—W. B. Richardson is Assistant Secretary of the State Judiciary Committee during the Thirty-third Session of the Legislature at St. Paul.

BETA MU.

'94—Herbert E. Benton is now pastor of the Universalist Church at Little Falls, N. Y.

'95—William R. Whitehorn is an instructor in the Bromfield Pier-son School at Tuft's College.

'96—J. Albert Stover has his law offices in the Empire Building, 71 Broadway, New York.

'97—Charles B. Green is in the post-graduate department of Harvard University.

'97—Rolla E. Healey is an electrical expert with the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company, and is located in that company's building at 125 Milk St., Boston.

'97—Warren S. Parkes is with the Equitable Life Assurance Society with present headquarters at 18-19 Stewart Building, Utica, N. Y.

Ex-'98—John A. Cousens, of John E. Cousens & Co., dealers in coal and wood, is doing a hustling business in Brookline and Boston, Mass.

'99—Charles A. Bean is in the Third National Bank of Boston.

'00—Clarence A. Pettengill has entered the Tufts Dental School, Boston.

BETA PI.

'99—John M. Springer intends to go to Africa as a missionary next May.

'00—John G. Windsor is teaching a country school about seventy miles south of his *alma mater*.

BETA CHI.

'98—Louis Allen Crocker is among the leaders of his class at the Harvard Medical School.

'99—Rumor has it that Charles H. Dow was recently married in Illinois, where he is employed by the Illinois Central R. R.

BETA OMEGA.

'98—Brother G. J. Rector has been recently appointed to the position of Assistant Cashier in the Bank of Nevada County, at Nevada City, California.

'99—Brother Thomas McPherson has an excellent position in the public schools of Santa Cruz, Cal. Brother Percy Hall ('99), and also Brother Thayer ('98) are among the prominent young business men of Oakland, Cal.

'00—Brother Percy Dolman is a student at the Cooper Medical College in S. F.

'00—Brother Herbert Bailey is studying law in San Francisco, preparatory to taking a course in one of the Eastern Colleges.

'00—Brothers McCollough and Oliver are still in Manilla engaged in educational work. Brother Alex. Colt ('01) is also there, having a position on the U. S. Geodetic Survey.

'00—Brother Conrad Lorey has a good position in the Island of Guan, where he is on the U. S. Geodetic Survey.

GAMMA ALPHA.

'98—Clayton W. Mogg is spending the winter in Alabama.

'00—Joseph C. Ewing is attending law school in Chicago.

NECROLOGY.

ALPHA, '82.

Major Charles E. Richmond was born November 23, 1859, in the City of Meadville, Pa. In 1882, he graduated at Allegheny College as orator of his class, and as ranking captain of the Allegheny College Cadet Corps, three years later taking the degree of A. M. at the same institution. In the fall of 1882, he received an appointment on the staff of Major-General Hartranft, as aide-de-camp with the rank of major, in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, being the youngest officer of that rank in the State. In May 1886, he was admitted to practice law at the Crawford county bar, and has ever since been a member of the firm of A. B. Richmond & Son, Meadville, Penna. He first took the stump in the Garfield campaign, and since has made many able speeches in this and neighboring States. Major Richmond has been an earnest and untiring worker, and by his genial manner and liberal spirit has gathered around him a host of friends.

The firm of which he is a member, has been employed on one hundred and eight homicide cases. The senior member of the firm, Hon. A. B. Richmond, who takes special charge of this branch of the practice, has written several books referring to the criminal law, while the junior member attends more especially to the civil and corporation cases, and devotes much of his time to lectures on legal and literary subjects in connection with his practice.

The above article appeared in the *Pennsylvania Record* about a year ago, and leaves but little to be added now that he is dead. Chip Richmond as he was familiarly called, was a man of striking personality.

On entering college he at once took high rank in the literary societies and the college functions. He naturally joined the Delta Fraternity as his two older brothers had done before him. From the day of his initiation until the day of his death he never ceased to work for the fraternity, and no gathering of Choctaws was complete without him.

During his undergraduate days when Alpha governed the fraternity he was editor of the *Crescent*, which office he filled with honor to himself and great good to the fraternity. By those deltas who have returned to Meadville from time to time, and especially the active chapter, he will be greatly missed.

Bro. Richmond was a prominent Freemason, having passed the chairs in the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

“Take him all in all, his like we’ll not soon see again.”

J. A. B.

ALPHA, '81.

Major Charles E. Richmond died at his home at Meadville, Pa., on Jan. 4, 1901. He received his degree of A. B. and A. M. from Allegheny College in 1885. Since then he was engaged in practicing law.

ALPHA, '01.

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1901, T. Stanley Walraven died at his home at Meadville, Pa., of diphtheria. He was born Jan. 31, 1880, and became a Delta in Sept., 1899. His death was a severe blow to the chapter, as he was with us within ten days of his death. He was a young man of high ideals, and one to whom no task however great, either in fraternal or college life proved too difficult for him to solve.

THE GREEK WORLD.

Alpha Tau Omega has revived its chapter at Columbia University.

The chapter house of the University of Wisconsin Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, together with most of the personal properties of the members, has been destroyed by fire.

The University of Minnesota chapter of Beta Theta Pi has built a chapter house at an expense of \$6,800.

There is said to be a strong anti-fraternity organization at Lombard University.

Phi Gamma Delta has entered a house at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A non-fraternity senior society called "The Golden Bear," has been founded at the University of California.

Phi Kappa Psi has entered a chapter house at the University of Indiana.

At the University of Indiana Beta Theta Pi has entered a new house, built at an expense of \$9,000.

Pi Kappa Alpha has entered the North Georgia Agricultural College.

John Clark Ridpath, the historian, who recently died, was a member of Phi Gamma Delta at Asbury University.

Alpha Tau Omega's seventh bi-ennial congress met in Boston during the holidays. The next one will be held in Chicago in 1902.

Governor-elect Van Sant, of Minnesota, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta from Knox College.

The faculty of William-Jewell College have forbidden the building or existence of chapter houses.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu states that a large part of the men whom Beta Theta Pi granted a charter at the University of Colorado had previously petitioned Sigma Nu.

At a dinner tendered Bishop Hartzell by the New York City members of Phi Gamma Delta, Will Carleton, Kappa '69, was a guest and speaker.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon held her bi-ennial Convention in Boston during Christmas week. The next one will meet in Washington in 1902.

Sigma Nu has placed a chapter at the University of Oregon. The institution has an endowment of \$150,000, a library of 8000 volumes, seventeen professors and three instructors.

A new fraternity, composed principally of Spanish-American students has been organized at Lehigh under the name of Psi Alpha Kappa. It is planning to establish chapters at Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, and Troy Polytechnic.

The editor of *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi has a novel method of acknowledging the receipt of subscriptions. In each issue of the journal he, prints the names of those who have paid their subscriptions since the issue of the last number.

Phi Gamma Delta has placed a chapter in the University of Washington. The institution has an annual appropriation of \$75,000, the faculty numbers forty-two, and the registration of students is 514. Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, and three local sororities are also located here.

It is rather amusing to us to see the amount of rushing that has been done here this term. Nothing like it was ever known before, but it is very easy to account for it in this way. The Beta Theta Pi eagle has made her nest at the University, and the other fraternity hawks are becoming very much alarmed at their prospects.—Beta Theta Pi correspondent, University of West Virginia.

At the recent Convention in Chicago Sigma Nu adopted a new ritual, granted a charter to the University of Oregon, and

refused one to the Colorado School of Mines—a compromise was effected with the T. N. E. and kindred societies, any member is allowed to join these societies if his chapter favors his membership in such an organization by a majority vote.

The Kappa Alpha Southern correspondent at Kentucky University, announces the installation at that institution of a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, and a Hebrew fraternity. He observes that the Hebrew fraternity is the only one of its kind in the country. This is an inaccuracy ; for an organization of the same nature with the euphonious name of Alif Ha has been in existence at Stanford University for the last four years. Its badge is a sunburst of pearls with a green centre, displaying the two Hebrew letters.

Phi Gamma Delta has a committee to investigate the possibility of placing another chapter at Stanford University. Phi Gamma Delta had a strong chapter at this institution which left the fraternity in 1897 and, being refused a charter by Alpha Delta Phi, organized under the local name of Sigma Rho Eta. This organization is still in existence, and has lately been petitioning D. K. E.

After many long weeks of labor and toil we put through a very neat initiation, "well strung out," so the culprit said, one of the greatest fellows that ever came to M. S. U. () from one of the best families in Kansas City, and made an excellent record at high school during his four years' course. When he came here a very strong influence was exerted upon him for ———, and in a short time he was wearing that Fraternity's pledge pin. This made us work that much harder, and the result was that the man took his time to consider. Every means of ours were exerted, and during this time another frat had also piked the man. On October 23 a member of ——— having wind of some little affair, telephoned to the chapter house for ———. He was told that ——— was "very busy" right then and would be for sometime, but that we would gladly take him any word he had ; strange to say, we

were cut off and did not hear the answer. Some frats are mighty backward about saying what they think.—Sigma Nu correspondent, Missouri State University.

The Kinetoscope has been the occasion of a great wrangle between the fraternity men and non-fraternity men, in which the “nons” came off victorious. The annual was originated by the fraternities, but in order to make it truly representative of the college the “nons” were invited to take a share in it. This offer they refused so long as the publication was a venture. However, after the first issue, which was a great success, they desired to be represented on the board of editors, and were given two places, each of the six fraternities having two. The following year they were given two more editors. This state of affairs continued up to the present college year, when the “nons” came forward with the demand that they be allowed eight editors as against the fraternities’ twelve. After a deal of wrangling the fraternity men made this concession, thinking it to be the best interest of *The Kinetoscope*. After being granted this much the “nons” wanted the earth, and then came forward with a constitution which they wanted adopted. This constitution provides that hereafter each fraternity shall be allowed only one editor, while the “nons” shall have a number which shall always equal but never exceed the number of all the fraternity men combined. The fraternities at once raised a hue and cry, but as each one had candidates for the various offices on the board they dared not take any decided action against this encroachment lest they should ruin the political prospects of their men, and they therefore submitted.—Kappa Sigma correspondent, Mercer College.

THE GREEK PRESS.

We reproduce the following as a sample of how others do it, and do not mean it at all as advice for our own brothers :

Second, I believe that when we spike a man, we should pledge him as soon as possible and initiate him as soon as possible. If we want him, where is the wisdom of allowing him to be interviewed by other frats? A man is, as a rule, impressed most by the first frat that rushes him, if that frat be a good one. Sometimes men are lost by allowing other frats to see them, when you know that you yourself want them, and could pledge them if you work hard enough. Let us take warning.—Kappa Alpha Correspondent Mercer University.

There has been a great deal of anti-fraternity feeling in college this session. In fact, there has been so much of this feeling that the "barbs" have even gone so far as to organize into a sort of "barbarian club," and to elect a president and the other officers. At the coming elections of the Athletic Association the "non-frats" intend to have everything their own way; but we think the fraternity men will show the "barbs" a thing or two, and that the "fraters" have a say-so in the matter as well as they.—Kappa Alpha Correspondent University of Tennessee.

But there is a difficulty, an evil, which both the women of the college as individuals and as sororities seem to ignore. If there is one thing which strengthens a woman's character more than anything else, that is intercourse with men of refinement and good morals; if there is one thing which tends more than any other to make her shallow and frivolous, it is to be in the society of careless, dissipated creatures who attend a university only for the fun there is in it. Now, the fraternities and the sororities naturally feel in sympathy with each other; their interests are much the same, they are supposed to be working for the same ideals. Though there are many refined and noble-minded "barbs," the fraternities believe that they have selected the best which the place affords. It is but natural then, that, when fraternity men seek the

society of women, the women whom they select should be those belonging to sororities ; and in turn it is not surprising that these women should prefer the company of the fraternity men. But it often happens that a fraternity possesses some men who are far from the desired standard. Still, society recognizes them, and what we call the "nicest" girls seem to enjoy their company.

Outsiders say, "How can Miss — go with Mr. — ! She surely cannot help knowing what a bad fellow he is !" The criticism is just, but a trifle severe. In her own home the girl may refuse a man's attentions and offend no one else by so doing, but at school it is an entirely different matter. She can refuse his company to be sure, but if she does, the fraternity to which he belongs (no matter how worthy the other members may be) immediately cuts her. It is a case of "Love me, love my dog," and it has come to pass that men are rather encouraged in their vices than restrained, simply because of the feeling, "We must stand by each other to the end." She not only is ostracized from their parties so long as she maintains her stand, but is apt to lose the friendship of other fraternity men, for they soon hear of what she has done and disapprove, thinking that if she dares to "insult" one set of men she will not be more considerate of the rest. At last, she is made to feel that while her action has accomplished no good, it has really injured her in the opinion of the students with whom she is thrown in contact. — *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

During the past few years various schemes have been put forward for the fostering of pan-hellenic spirit. Among these are Theta Nu Epsilon and its sister, Omega Psi. These so-called fraternities are much the same in plan and organization. Members are chosen from all or most of the fraternities represented in college, and these persons bind themselves by a constitution and ritual similar to that of other fraternities. Their meetings are held *sub rosa*, and, in fact, no proceedings of the society are to be divulged. There is in the majority of chapters of Omega Psi no rule as to the number chosen each year from various fraternities. Theta Nu Epsilon, while claiming to foster pan-hellenic spirit, frankly avows itself for a good time, and has brought more discredit upon college fraternities than any other one thing. These things cannot be brought down to exact figures, on account of the secrecy of the proceedings of most fraternities ; but from what can be learned, I will venture to assert, with some assurance, that Theta Nu Epsilon never entered a college without causing trouble in every chapter represented. Omega Psi is a sister to Theta Nu Epsilon, formed upon the same lines and with the same pur-

pose, and I believe the same can be said of its influence upon sorority life. It is comparatively a new organization, and it may possibly be that some of my readers are hearing of it for the first time. The object of the organization is avowedly to promote pan-hellenic spirit and to "have a good time."

Omega Psi makes feeling among members of the same chapter. No, my dear sister or champion of Theta Nu Epsilon, not because we are narrow or jealous, but because Omega Psi strikes at the corner-stone of our sorority life, which is friendship. Yes, the kind of friendship which, knowing fully the ins and outs of each life, having fullest confidence in each, is able to smoothe difficulties, to advise and help. The chief ingredient of such friendship is confidence. Now, is not confidence cruelly jarred when two or three members secretly join an organization, so similar in nature to their own chapter, choosing as intimate friends from another sorority as they have in their own? It strikes me that this is a division of allegiance which is weakening to confidence, and so to friendship, to say the least.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

It is sometimes appalling to a conservative Delta U. to hear men, who have been in the fraternity anywhere from ten days to three weeks, expressing themselves with the utmost freedom upon matters of chapter policy, and even proposing instructions for delegates to the general convention. The fact is that many of our upper classmen have gone altogether too far in the promotion of brotherly equality and self-abnegation. Unless a senior is admittedly a fool, he must, after three years' experience, know more about chapter affairs than a man who has not yet passed his novitiate. The exaggerated ideas of equality, which undoubtedly prevail in some of our chapters, can do the chapter itself nothing but harm, for a freshman is not, by reason of his inexperience, fitted to guide or manage a chapter.

As to the effect of this policy of equality upon the man himself, it has been urged that to encourage a freshman to express his opinions, to advance him to office, and to treat him in every way as the peer of any member, ensures his loyalty. The writer has, however, known freshmen who, because of this same policy, never were put down, and have, as a consequence, shown a tendency to ignore or regard with indifference the traditions and principles of the fraternity. Familiarity breeds contempt in the mind of youth. Certainly world-wide experience has not taught us that new students should be ranked as equals of upper classmen in a university. In England, France and Germany, problems of student discipline have been studied for some centuries, and the English schools and

colleges have evolved the fag system, which requires an under classman, be he noble or gentle, to fetch and carry for his senior, to brush clothes, run errands and make himself generally uestful. In German universities, the freshman or "Fuchs," is obliged to obey, not only one senior, but each and every senior who may choose to set him a task ; he is "little fox" for everybody. France has a similar order, and our own older colleges have been deeply influenced by these systems, and possess them, only in a less degree. Ordinarily a freshman comes from some high school, where he is one among a few to whom a college education is possible ; perhaps, also, he is an only son. Once matriculated, he has showered upon him the attentions and favors of the rushing season, and what wonder is it that he regards himself as a superior person? When you add to this that he is placed in office in the fraternity and listened to on questions of which, manifestly, he knows little or nothing, then, if familiarity has not bred contempt or indifference in the mind of such a freshman, at least he has missed the chance of his life to learn gracefully, and at kindly hands, that the way to salvation is through the gate of humility, and that a sense of one's own insignificance is a man's first victory. Many an incipient case of egoism and selfishness has been cured by timely administration of discipline.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*



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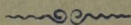
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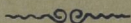
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