

A SUGGESTED CHAPTER HOUSE



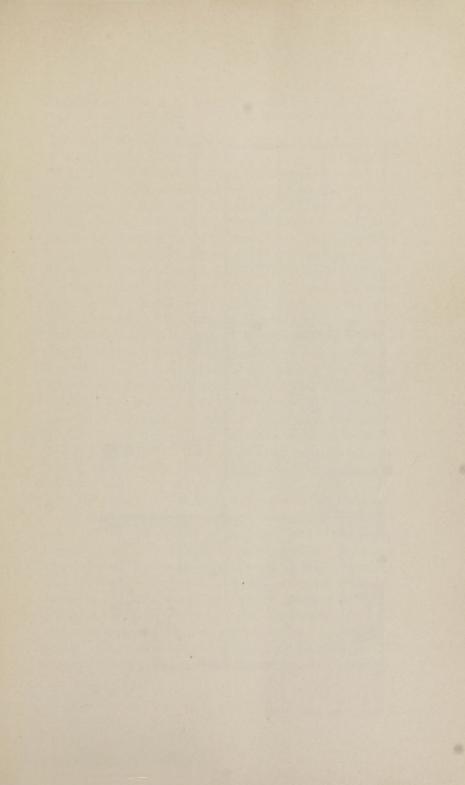
Suggestions for a Chapter House

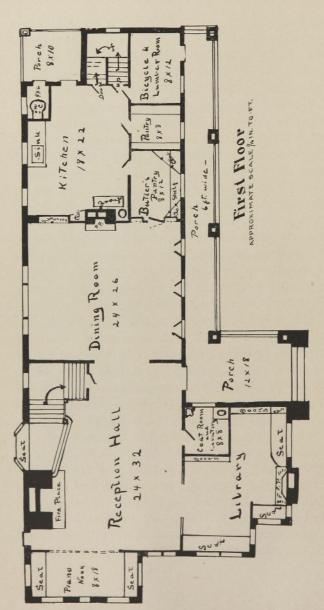
COSTING \$10,000 TO \$13,000.

No chapter can consider itself permanently housed until it has built a house of its own and one designed especially for the particular purpose in view. The planning of a chapter house is generally left to a local architect, and the result is that the design offers no distinctive features indicative of its purpose. In general, chapter houses are either modified private dwellings or pretentious colonial structures resembling the public school or library building of an aspiring country town. The exterior of a chapter house should indicate its use and suggest the comfort and coziness of its interior arrangement. In this interior arrangement certain points are of particular importance, and their discussion will be taken up separately in the plans and detailed description we offer herewith. The writer has planned and lived in one chapter house, and he has been able to see and study a large number of the chapter houses of our own and other chapters in various parts of the country. In the light of this personal observation and of experience in this specific branch of architecture and its needs, the accompanying plans are offered as a design for a chapter house well suited to its especial requirements.

One class of design will not suit all chapters. The chapter limited to a city lot will require a different structure from that of a chapter so located that plenty of land is obtainable. The design herewith offered requires a lot at least 75x150 feet, and 150x200 would be better. The house is designed to face east, and a study of the plans will indicate the satisfactory exposure of the more important rooms and their advantages of light and sun. A reference to the perspective drawing reproduced as frontispiece will convey an idea of the pleasing and distinctive appearance of the exterior. This has been secured, without entailing any unnecessary expense, by the shape of the house, the broken roof lines, projecting eaves, irregular-sized diamond-paned windows, and the lack of stiff uniformity in their positions. The house is to be built up to the second story of rough-hewn stone, gray limestone preferably, laid with wide joints of dark red mortar. The second story projects beyond the first by eighteen inches, supported by exposed beams. This second story is covered with shingles, stained a dark brown, about the tone of the brown Flemish oak finish. The roof is shingled and stained a deep moss green. The large, exposed chimney is built of dark brown semi-vitrified, or clinker, brick, and it is an important key note to the general design.

The plans will fairly well explain the interior arrangement. The scale to which they are drawn is approximately one-sixteenth of an inch to the foot. One enters a large reception hall directly from the porch. If climate requires it a glass storm vestibule can be built outside this entrance door. The walls of the reception hall are oak panelled to the ceiling, and the ceiling itself is of hardwood supported by heavy oak beams. The woodwork throughout is plain





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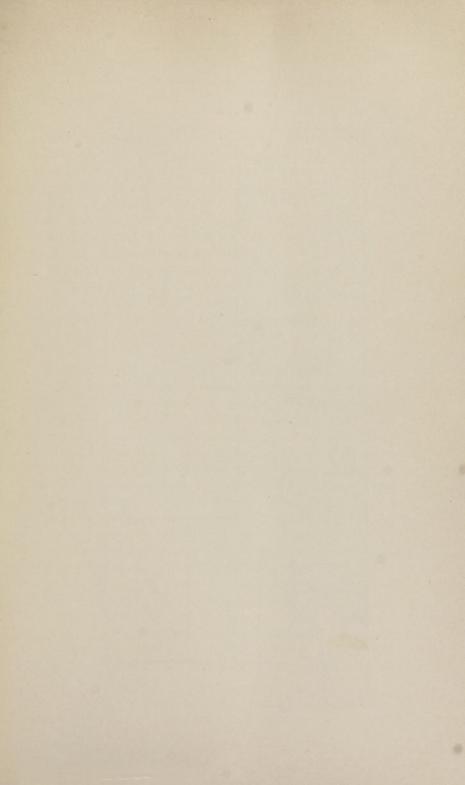
and simple, distinguished by the absence of fancy moulding and fret work. This dignified plainness will be attractive in its very simplicty and afford an appropriate setting for solid furniture in old mission design. The fireplace is massive and is built of rough-faced stone. To the right of it is the stairway. The first landing, elevated twelve inches above the general level of the floor, has a seat built into a bay window of leaded and art glass. The stairway is separated from the hall by a grille of plain square uprights running from the steps to the ceiling, as shown by the detail sketch. It is a general habit with chapter house dwellers to drop hats and coats on the nearest article of furniture, no matter how much it may litter up an important room. These plans seek to correct this by providing a proper place for hats and coats, so convenient to the entrance as to insure its use in preference to the furniture. This is the "coat room and lavatory," as shown in the plans, and in the everyday life of the chapter it would be found very conveniently placed. If it is desired to provide for a billiard table in the library or secure more room by utilizing the space devoted to this coat room, the latter could be placed under the stairway.

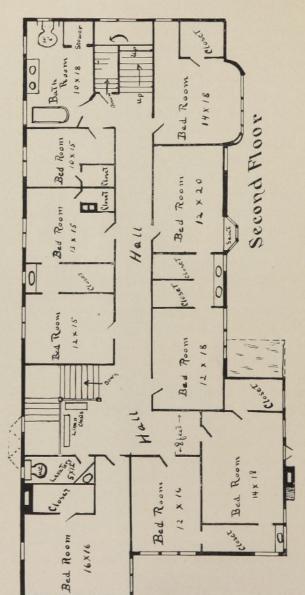
The library is especially designed as a cozy, inviting "bumming" place. Its attractive fireplace, deep window seats and well-filled book cases should make it the most popular room in the house; while its combined south and east exposure assures its cheerfulness. It may be entirely shut off from the large reception hall by folding doors and heated independent of the rest of the house. This room should be finished in Flemish oak wainscoting, with Indian red burlap above, and exposed rafters supporting the ceiling. The dining room is entered from the reception hall through a wide arch, and when these two rooms are thrown

together they afford a dancing floor of about 24x58 feet. Facing this arch is a built-in sideboard, fireplace and door to the butler's pantry and kitchen. The fireplace should be built of green glazed tiles and be flush with the wall. On either side of the door to the butler's pantry are narrow china closets with leaded glass doors. In the east wall of this room are three long French windows of leaded diamond panes, opening on the porch. An attractive finish for the dining room could be secured by covering the walls with dark green burlap or some one of the more expensive fabrics. Six feet from the floor should be run a six-inch wide strip of wood supporting a narrow stein or plate shelf, and the space below this shelf should be divided into vertical panels by four-inch strips of wood running from the baseboard to the stein shelf. This room is of a dimension that will allow a large square table, two long ones or, better yet, a large round table seating twenty-eight.

The kitchen, butler's pantry and attendant closets are all designed with a view to convenience and isolation from the rest of the house. The stairs at the left lead from the kitchen to the cellar and those at the right to the second floor. The lumber room, having access from both the kitchen and porch, merits a word in passing. It is designed for trunks and the storage of various articles, but it will be particularly popular as a convenient depository for bicycles, which are generally left to ornament the front lawn. A well-finished cellar should extend the full length of the main part of the building, and here will be located the heating plant, servants' rooms and storeroom.

The arrangement of the second floor requires little explanation. The bed rooms are all of good size, well lighted, and provide accommodation for eighteen men. Each bed room has a large, roomy closet and a conveniently acces-





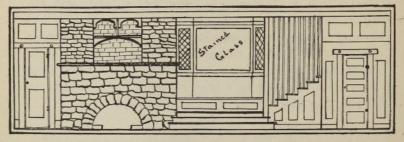
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sible washstand. The halls, while long, are sufficiently wide and are well lighted. The space at the head of the main stairway can be utilized and rendered attractive by two large oak linen chests, which will cost little if included in the building specifications. The main bath room provides a shower bath in addition to its other fixtures. The attic can be divided and finished off into five or six comfortable bed rooms. A chapter hall may be located in either the attic or the cellar. We would recommend the latter. All the cellar space under the reception hall should be entirely cut off from the rest of the cellar by a brick partition wall and entrance had to it by stairs under the main stairway.

POSSIBLE ECONOMIES.

The cost of building such a house as here specified will vary according to the difference in cost of materials and labor in different parts of the country. The plans have been prepared primarily to embody certain desirable features, but they have also been modified, where no real loss in advantages was involved, to obtain economy of construction. Under average conditions such a house should not exceed \$13,000 in cost, including plumbing, heating equipment and inish as described. Considerable could be saved by the substitution of cheaper woods in the interior finish. But the plumbing should always be of the best procurable. The furnishing of this house would be a small item, for the builtin features, such as sideboard, bookcases and window seats, in themselves more than half furnish the lower floor. While, if specified in the plans, they add but little to the total cost of building.

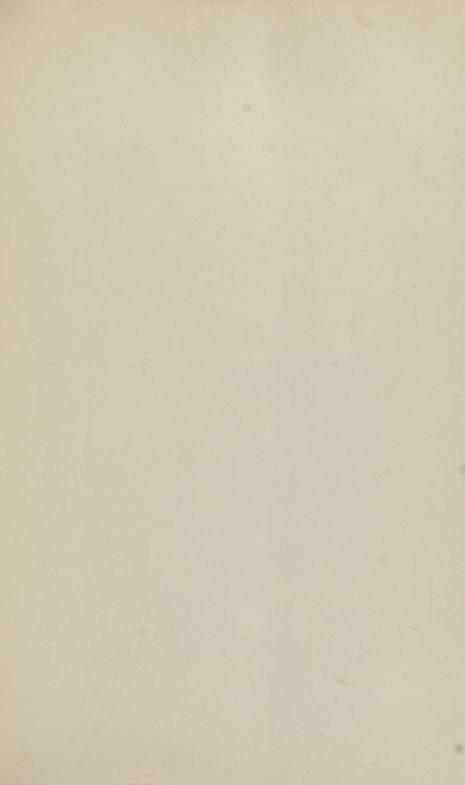
Where rough dressed stone is not available or is too expensive the first story can be built of clinker, or semi-vitrified brick. The variations in color of these bricks and their inequalities of surface would give a very pleasing effect. In fact, the entire house could be shingled with good effect in sections where a frame construction would effect a considerable saving over stone or brick.



RECEPTION HALL, FIREPLACE, AND STAIRWAY.

Economy is quite often attempted by building as much of the house as the available funds will allow and providing for a future addition. We seriously question if this is a real economy. The house without the projected addition is always unsatisfactory, and when the addition is built it is always disproportionately expensive. It would be cheaper in the end and more generally satisfactory to build the house entire and economize by leaving some part of it, such as the attic, unfinished. Any builder will explain the economy of this over the building of a separate addition at some later time; and the exterior of such a house gives no indication of the unfinished interior. Finishing such an uncompleted interior at a future date will not be so large or difficult a financial proposition for the chapter as would additional building.

Any chapter raising funds for building should provide a surplus of at least two thousand dollars above the contract cost of the house to provide for furnishings and for putting





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the grounds in shape. This latter feature is almost as important as the house itself in its contribution to the final result and general effect.



LIBRARY FIREPLACE.

Beta Zeta and Her Home

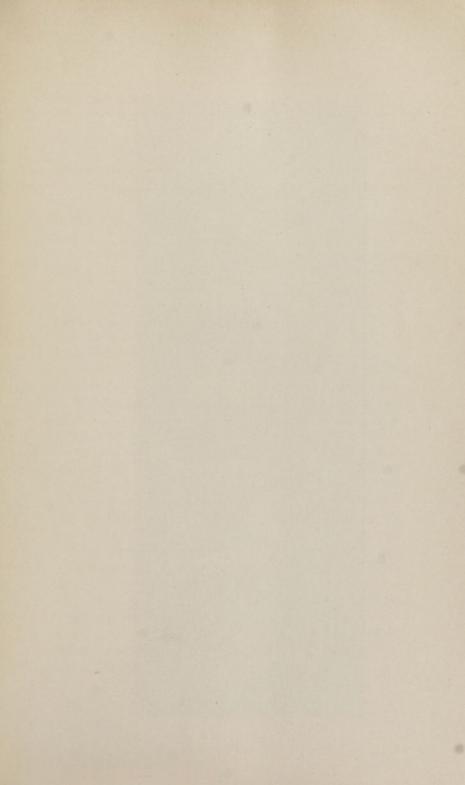
Butler College is a few years older than Delta Tau Delta, and it is a noteworthy coincidence that the same great influences were moving in the early history of both.

About 1850 a number of leaders in Indiana of the Disciples of Christ, or, as they were often popularly called, "Campbellites," began agitating the cause of a college for Indiana. This was finally organized under the name of the "Northwestern Christian University," with Rev. Ira L. Harbour, a celebrated Indiana minister, as president. In 1854-5 the college held its first session, and in the spring of 1855 graduated its first senior class.

This unusual circumstance of graduating students in the first year of the college's life came from the same disturbing influences which are so intimately connected with the early life of Delta Tau Delta.

Bethany College, the birthplace of Delta Tau, is also looked upon as the educational birthplace of the Disciples of Christ. Here Alexander Campbell, the founder of the movement, was educated, and afterward became president. Bethany naturally became the centre and source of the movement, and as the movement flourished, so Bethany gained in influence. In the years just prior to the Civil War Bethany had gained an enviable place in the educational system of the South.

But the mutterings of the great conflict entered the busy life of the college in the little Virginia mountain town, and here, as elsewhere all along the border, divided fellow against fellow. Bethany drew its support largely from the





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high spirit and hot blood of the South. Northerners were in the minority, and some Northern opinions became decidedly unpopular.

So it came about that the movement for a college in Indiana drew to it not only the patronage of its surrounding territory, but a considerable part of Bethany's Northern following. The first senior class in the Northwestern Christian University were students who had been forced to leave Bethany on account of an outburst of student partizanship.

Northwestern Christian University was located in a spacious campus, at what is now College Avenue and Thirteenth Street, Indianapolis. It was fortunate in having at its head and in its faculty men of power and ability, and it rapidly grew in influence.

The period of the Civil War confused the plans of the university and turned the energies of its friends in other directions. During the war, while the Indianapolis high schools were badly disorganized, the university, to a large extent, took their place. Men sufficiently advanced to be college students had other duties to perform, and many students left college to go to the front. Of those who returned from the great muster-out, some gave up their college aspirations and went to the neglected duties of civil life. Others, as Scott Butler, who afterward became president of the college, returned and completed their courses.

The period succeeding the war was a trying one. Money was needed in greater amounts than the friends of the college could supply. Finally, in 1872, Mr. Ovid Buttler, a friend of the college from its foundation, came to the rescue and placed it on a firm basis.

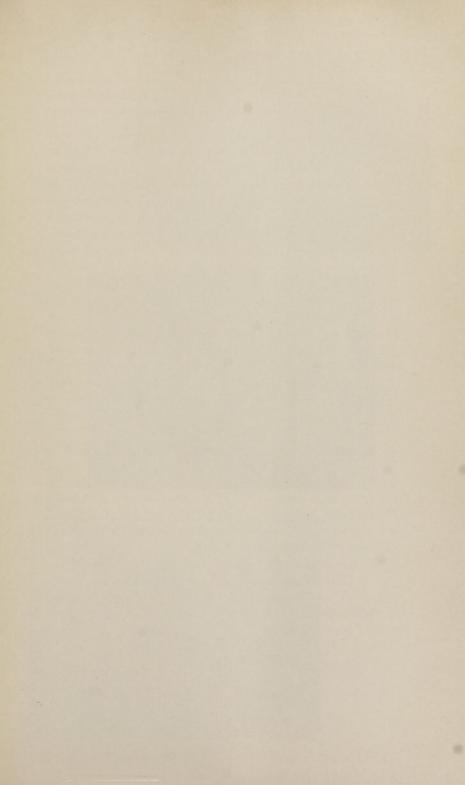
This gentleman, a distinguished citizen of Indianapolis, had amassed a considerable fortune in business, and now liberally endowed the college.

The board of directors, wholly unsolicited by Mr. Butler, and indeed without his approval, voted to change the name of the institution to Butler University. [At a much later date this was changed to Butler College.] At the same time it was decided to dispose of the property at College Avenue and Thirteenth Street, which had become a valuable part of the city, and to apply the handsome profit from this transaction to the establishment of the university in the newly organized suburbs of Irvington.

This change was made, and the only reminders which remain of Butler's first site is the street which retains the name College Avenue and the cars with the "College Avenue" signs. It is, however, a time-honored joke, which every freshman class is said to keep green, that some freshman, on his arrival in the city, eager to reach his future Alma Mater, takes the first "College" car that passes and only finds his mistake when he lands at the end of College Avenue line, about ten miles from his destination.

Irvington, the new site of the college, was in many ways an ideal place for such an institution. Designed as a residence suburb for people of culture and refinement, organized with paternalistic requirements and limitations, laid out with winding streets which defy despatch and invite ease, it was nothing if not ideal. With the common fate of such enterprises, however, Irvington could not keep closely to the ideals of its founders. It was finally, a few years ago, after little opposition from the old citizens, made a part of Indianapolis, and bids fair to become a far more populous suburb than its founders intended. It is about four miles and a half from the centre of the city, on the old "National Road," which, as in Indianapolis, forms the principal thoroughfare in so many cities of Middle States.

The directors of the college secured a campus which









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has proved ample for all requirements. The first building erected is still the main building of the college. The chapel and assembly room is on the third floor, and the cupola or "tower" on the roof suffers every year from nocturnal expeditions of classmen in hair-raising feats of painting and flag-raising.

The next building erected was the dormitory, first divided for use by both men and women; but now used exclusively for women. Next came the building used by the science departments, which was named for O. A. Burgess, at one time president of the college. The gymnasium and power house was the next in order. This building was materially helped by the profits from the football team, which for years held the championship of the State. An astronomical observatory which, though not an impressive structure, is well equipped for its work, was added later.

Last year the Bona Thompson Memorial Library, the most beautiful and best equipped building of its kind in the State, was completed and dedicated to the college. The latest improvement to the campus is the gift of Mr. W. G. Irwin, '89, in the form of an athletic field. The field was graded last fall and will be equipped in the spring for all track and field athletics. The buildings at present are not adequate to the growing needs of the college, and the near future will see some notable additions to the campus. The endowment fund has been materially increased the past year and the board of directors are active in promising greater things for Butler.

Into the student life of the college Phi Delta Theta was the first fraternity to enter. Sigma Chi, in its first years of rapid expansion, soon followed. Beta Theta Pi established a chapter which flourished for a number of years. In 1878 John A. Bolard, then a senior in Allegheny College, and pres-

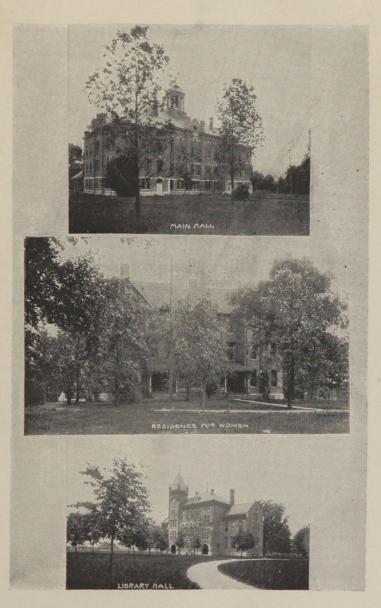
ident, ruling from Alpha Chapter of the Fraternity, signed the charter for the petitioners from Butler. John H. Oliver, now known as one of the greatest surgeons in the Middle States, was "No. I." In his father's office on Ohio Street the new chapter was instituted, and here for several years the chapter held its meetings. The site where the office building stood is now occupied by the magnificent new Federal building. Last winter when the old building was being wrecked two Beta Zeta men secured a window sill from the old office room, and from that fragment were made two gavels, now guarded among our greatest treasures. The young chapter was active from the first, and, through the years, we find its members occupying positions of trust in the college.

In 1884 Beta Theta Pi withdrew its charter, and the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority withdrew about the same time. Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority entered Butler in 1878. Pi Beta Phi was chartered in 1897. These two sororities, with Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Delta Tau Delta, fill the Greek field at Butler. A local sorority, Sigma Delta Theta, said to have aspirations toward a Kappa Alpha Theta charter, made its appearance this year. None of the fraternities at Butler own chapter houses, but it is safe to say chapter houses are probabilities for all of them. A strip of ground on the campus was graded and reserved for that purpose last fall.

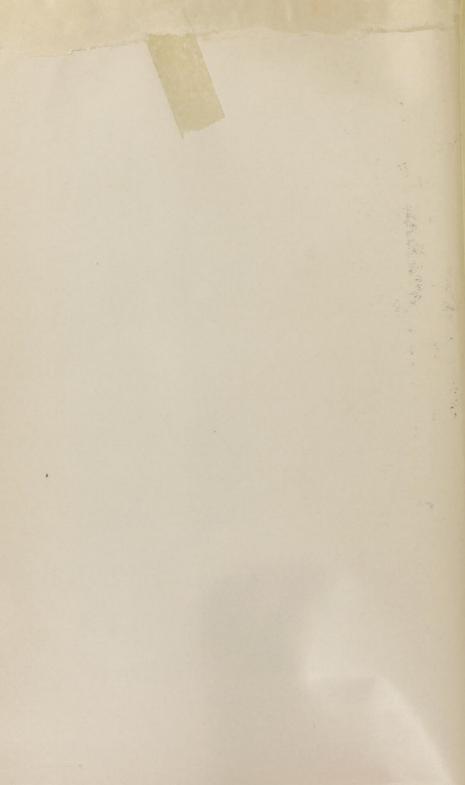
Our chapter's story, told in events, is soon done. One hundred and fifty-three men have gained the right to wear the square badge from Beta Zeta, and to them we point with pride for the record of Beta Zeta's years in the ranks of Delta Tau Delta. It is a fine record, and a clean one. We are proud of it and of our college. We are working together, alumni and actives, to make the record longer and finer and to keep it clean.

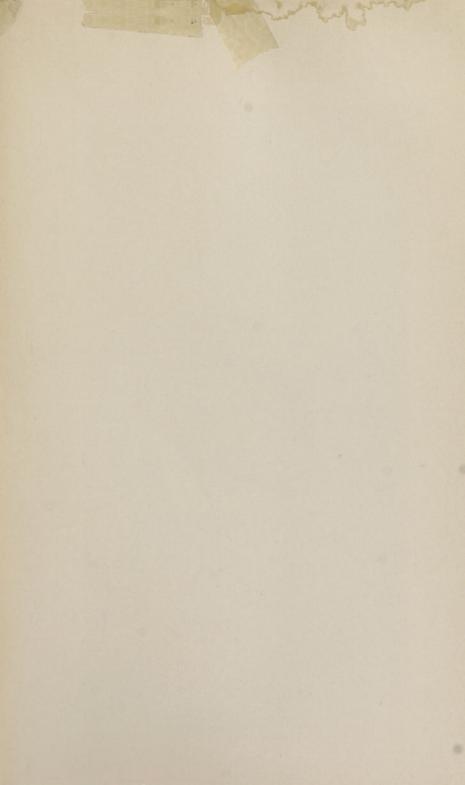
HORACE M. RUSSELL,

Beta Zeta, '05.



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PHI-Washington and Lee University

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Possibly there is no State in the Union which has more famous institutions of learning than Virginia, and among these institutions none holds a higher rank than Washington and Lee University. The university is situated at Lexington, in the beautiful and historic valley of the Shenandoah. No doubt it would be impossible to find an institution of learning which has gone through more stages of development, had more misfortunes, but finally came through them all with its reputation undiminished and its honor unscathed.

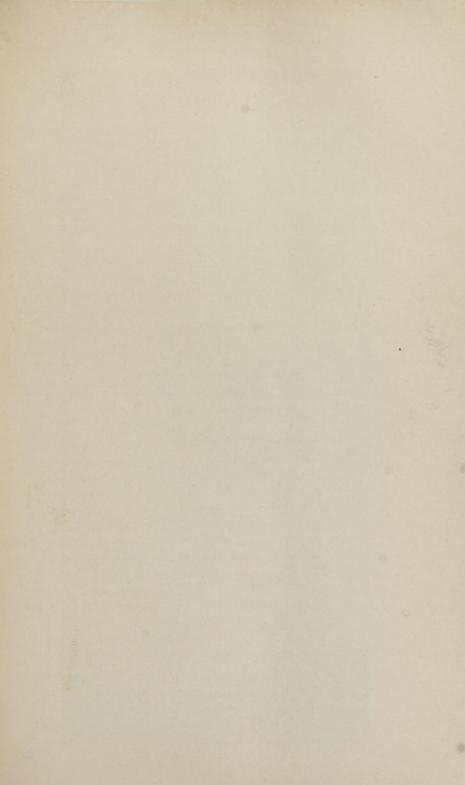
The school, which was afterwards to become Washington and Lee University, was first established in 1749 by the sturdy Scotch-Irish immigrants as Augusta Academy, and was situated about fifteen miles from what is now the city of Staunton, with Robert Alexander as its first principal. After changing its name and location several times, it finally became fixed in 1780, with the title of Liberty Hall, in the immediate vicinity of Lexington. Here it was maintained a number of years under the Rev. William Graham, by whose influence it was incorporated in 1782.

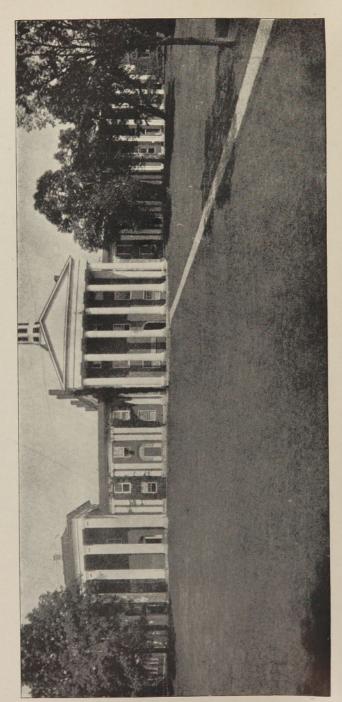
In 1796 General George Washington conferred on the academy its first endowment, and in appreciation of this, as well as in acknowledgment of the great and noble character of its benefactor, the name of the school was changed in 1798 to Washington Academy. In 1802 the academy building was burned, financial difficulties accumulated, and it seemed that the debt-laden school must be abandoned. Owing to the unselfish devotion of the Rev. George Baxter,

however, who was the president at that time and who felt that Washington's endowment imposed a sacred trust, the difficulties were finally surmounted and the crisis tided over.

In 1804 a building was first constructed on the present site of the university, and in 1813, by an act of the legislature, its name was changed to Washington College. From that time on we find the college maintaining an assured position and going steadily forward on the road of progress. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War the work of the college was discontinued, most of the students enlisting in the Confederate service, and during the war some of the buildings were badly injured by the Federal armies. After the war was over, however, money was borrowed, the buildings were repaired, the work of the college began again, and has continued uninterruptedly until the present time. In October, 1865, General Robert E. Lee became president, and retained the position until his death, in 1870. During his administration the growth of the college in influence and numbers was wonderful. By his strength and nobility of character he commanded the unstinted loyalty and affection of the students and impressed upon them strongly the necessity of yielding to the results of war and submitting to constituted authority. His remains are interred in a mausoleum, in the rear of the chapel, which he built. Over them a recumbent statue of him, by the sculptor, Valentine, has been placed.

In 1849 a law school was founded in Lexington and brought to a high stage of development under Judge John W. Brockenbrough. This school was changed in 1866 to the "School of Law and Equity of Washington College," which still continues as one of the most important departments of the university. Soon after the death of General Lee, in the year 1871, the name of the institution was





FRONT VIEW OF MAIN BUILDING-Washington and Lee University

changed to its present corporate title, "The Washington and Lee University." In the same year General G. W. Custis Lee succeeded his father as president, and held this post until 1897, when he was elected president emeritus, and was in turn succeeded by William L. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson died in October, 1900, and in 1902 Dr. George H. Denny, the present incumbent, became president. He, by his energy and administrative ability, has greatly increased both the number of students and the influence of the university. During the past year a stately engineering hall has been built, as well as a large dormitory, which had become necessary owing to the ever increasing number of students. These two handsome buildings, besides making it possible for the students to receive better instruction and to be more comfortable, greatly add to the general appearance of the campus and form a beautiful and harmonious addition to the already many handsome buildings. At the present time the prospects of the university seem extremely bright. Situated in the beautiful and fertile valley of the Shenandoah, its climate is one of the healthiest in the world; each of its professors holds a high position in his own line of instruction, and the buildings are modern and well-equipped. During the past five years the number of students has increased about one hundred and fifty. Three new buildings have been erected and some of the other buildings have been completely remodeled, besides other less important improvements. Taking these facts into consideration, it is impossible to conjecture what the future of the University will be, but it is at least safe to say that ere many years have passed, the attendance, as well as the high standard of the University and its thoroughness of instruction, will be unsurpassed by that of any institution of learning in the South.

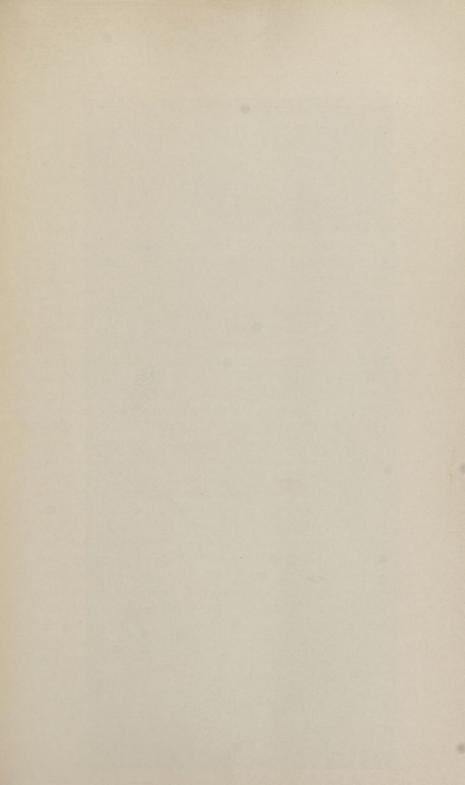
In the University nearly every object of student activity

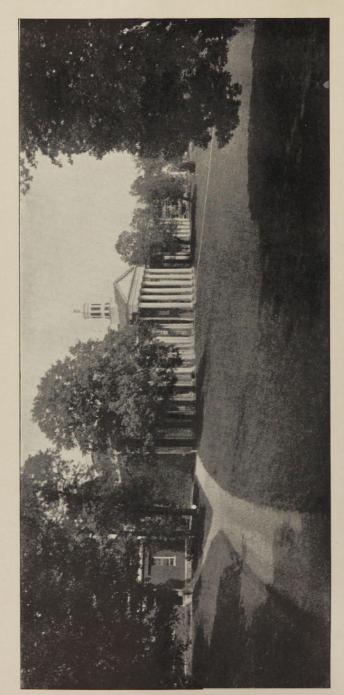
is represented — literary life, athletic life, and fraternity life.

Besides the college annual, the Ring Tum Phi and The Southern Collegian are both published entirely by the students. The Ring Tum Phi is the college paper, which is published weekly, while The Southern Collegian is the college magazine, and is published monthly. Of these two The Southern Collegian deserves especial mention, as it has gained the reputation of being, both in appearance and subject matter, one of the best college magazines of the South.

In the athletic world tennis, baseball, football, boating and golf are represented, besides the gymnasium and track work. Of these baseball and boating are possibly the favorites, as it is in these that Washington and Lee has been the most successful. There are two boat crews, the Harry Lee and Albert Sidney, and their annual regatta is one of the most interesting and exciting events of finals. The winning boat crew has for three successive years contested for and won a cup from the Richmond Boat Crew. The last season of baseball was of especial success for Washington and Lee, and she won with ease the championship of the South.

The Greek world is well represented, and possibly there are too many fraternities for the amount of material available. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Sigma Nu, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, and last, but by no means least, the Delta Tau Delta fraternities have chapters here. The fraternity life at Washington and Lee is especially profitable and conducive to fraternity enthusiasm, as a frat man associates almost altogether with his own fraternity brothers. At present no fraternity lives in a chapter house, but they have chapter lodges, which have





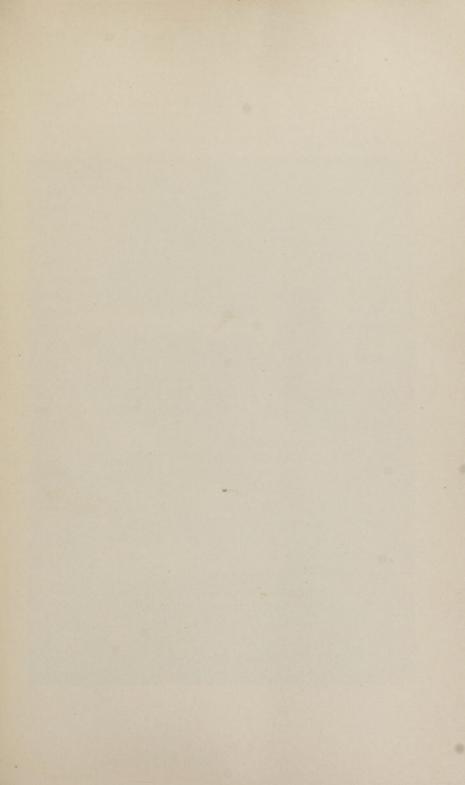
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heretofore proven entirely adequate, as a great many of the students board in the town and, as a general thing, the majority of the fellows belonging to one fraternity strive to board at the same place. Thus the same end as chapter house life is attained through different means.

In such an atmosphere of college activity and goodwill, on June 26, 1896, Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta came into being. She was not exactly a new-born babe, but rather an adopted child who had not been found wanting in the necessary requisites of Deltaism. Phi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta was formed from the Alpha Chapter of the old Phi Theta Psi, which had dissolved in 1805. It was a chapter which had been living for ten years and had always taken a prominent place in college affairs. It had been hampered to a certain extent, however, in contending with the other fraternities, by the comparatively small number of its chapters, which were limited almost entirely to the State of Virginia. The only thing which it had needed to make it a complete success was the associations and prestige of an old and honored national fraternity. This it secured when it was weighed in the balance by Delta Tau Delta and found to possess the true Delta spirit. Phi started out with seven charter members, who were as follows: H. M. McIlhany, Jr., Thomas J. Farrar, J. D. M. Armistead, H. W. M. Drake, H. E. Hyatt, Paul S. Felder and Louis F. Wilson. Of these, Brothers H. E. Hyatt and J. D. M. Armistead are still intimately associated with the Chapter, Brother Hyatt being an instructor at Virginia Military Institute, which is situated at Lexington, and Brother Armistead being president of the Southern Division of the Fraternity. Phi, in her young life, was not hampered by the difficulties of carving out a place for herself, which is generally the lot of every new chapter. Her place was already assured in the foremost rank of fraternity life. Since Phi was established she has not had any period of depression in her career, but has maintained with undiminished success that position which she took at the beginning of her existence. Every year has added to her numbers and prestige.

During the present year the chapter consists of the largest number of men which it has yet attained, containing seventeen men, all of whom are active in college life, and a large proportion of whom occupy prominent positions. There is no phase of college life from which Delta Tau is absent. In the literary world she is represented both on the board of the Ring Tum Phi, the college paper, and on the board of The Calyx, the college annual. Possibly, however, Delta Tau has been most prominent during the past few vears in the field of athletics. Last year there were two Delts on the winning boat crew, who gained medals besides their monograms, and the year before there were three Delts who won both the monogram and medal, and one who won only his monogram. Three Delts won their monograms on the gymnasium team last year and two won their monograms on the gridiron. A Delt was captain of the football team of the past season. During this same past season two Delts won their monograms on the 'varsity team, while three others played on the second team, which assures us of bright prospects for next year. In the spring athletics Delta Tau is sure of two men on the gymnasium team and two on the boat crew, and has bright prospects for the track work and baseball team.

At the beginning of the present year the chapter opened with twelve actives and initiated five "goats," who were as fine as any obtainable in college, if not the very best. But, of course, the other Delts will think it is natural for Phi to think her men are of the very finest. Brother



RUINS OF LIBERTY HALL, Burned in 1802-Washington and Lee University

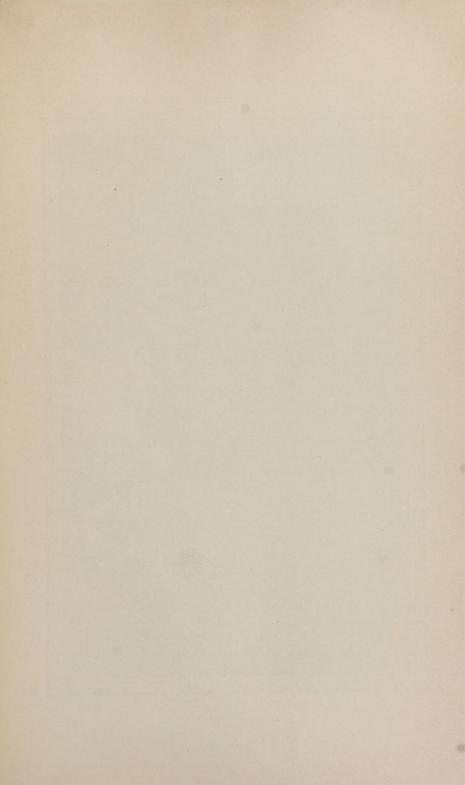
Deltas, if you doubt it come to Lexington and visit us, and we will not only allow you to pass judgment on our "goats," but will assure you of a very hearty Delta welcome.

L. P. HOLLAND.

Conference Northern Division

The twenty-fourth conference of the Northern Division is over, but the spirit reigneth still. Beta Phi has eclipsed all records, and I really believe that this hustling Ohio chapter began making arrangements for this conference before the twenty-third was a thing of the past. But, be as it may, we bow to them as hosts, for they certainly made it "the best ever." The clans began to assemble in Columbus on Thursday, February 23d, and when the session opened on Friday afternoon at the Great Southern Hotel, with President Buell in the chair, every delegate was present. Each one had a life, a will and a character of his own, and the session was as full of good fellowship as can be imagined. Brother Mellinger of the entertaining chapter welcomed the visiting brothers in such a way that none could miss the drift of the spirit.

At five, after some of the routine business had been taken care of, the convention adjourned to the chapter house to take part in the initiation of Charles P. Cooper. Few Deltas have had the privilege of entering the Fraternity with so many godfathers. In the evening forty-four of us attended the Empire Theatre, where Beta Phi's committee, Lipton and Nye, had made arrangements for a play to the liking of all. Following this came the indomitable, everenjoyable smoker, where we felt even more keenly than ever what a vital force in life good fellowship is. That the Saturday morning session did not open promptly at nine is, perhaps, the best testimony I can give of the evening's entertainment.





NORTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE BANQUET, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1905

The chapter reports given on Saturday were by far the most thorough, instructive and best we have ever had. They were excellent, but few failing to show that the Karnea committee in sending Sherman Arter as advance Immigrant Agent was too late. Nearly every report brought out the intention of having a goodly number at the Karnea, and all showed that for real company and friendship nothing can beat a Karnea.

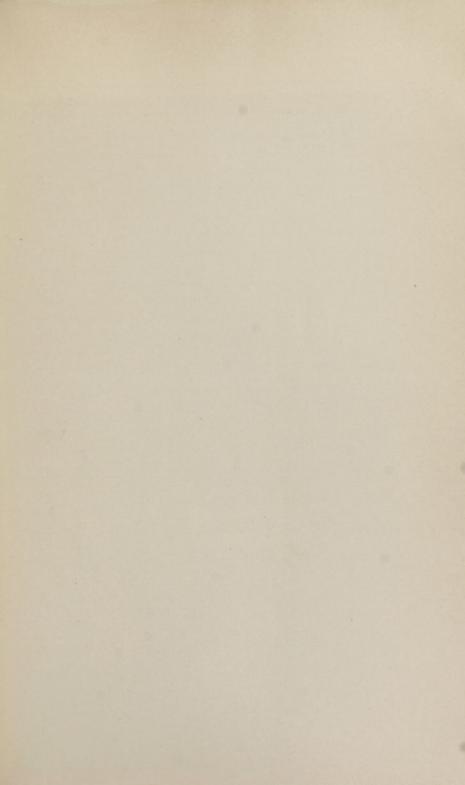
The last session of the conference was held in the large banquet hall of the Great Southern Hotel on Saturday evening, and showed eighty-five Deltas ready for the business of the evening. Brother Fred H. Schoedinger presided at this meeting, and those who missed Fred Schoedinger missed hearing him at his best. Three long tables, with the speaker's table, graced the dining hall, but noisy enthusiasm made it seem as if there were three times three. The toasts were splendid. Prof. Benj. F. Dimmick, of Ohio Wesleyan University, in his story of "What is Your Greek to me?" plainly showed it was everything, and more, too. President Buell, on the "Northern Division," was the same "Tom" we have always known. And then came our "Sunny Jim," with his apropos subject of "Force"—

The toast so neat I'll not repeat; But 'twas a treat, And sans conceit, The humor meet And Force complete.

He had travelled far to reach the city, even claiming that he had walked from Pittsburg, yet we who knew him (and every one of the eighty-five knew him before the evening was over) knew that he had left all smoke and haze behind him. He was grand—crisp as ever. Then there was his old time Alpha brother, Kay Krick, whom you must all know next summer. Start them telling of each other's experiences and you will learn much of Alpha. We missed "Father" Wieland's ever jovial countenance, and his sorrow in being obliged to disappoint us at the last moment found ready echo in our own hearts.

It was a joy to see so many old Deltas there, and still more a joy to hear them say they would be on hand next year.

We are not annoyed that the Eastern brothers outnumbered us by 32. We congratulate the Eastern Division and anxiously await August, 1905, when we will all join in the grandest, longest, best "Choctaw" Delta Tau has ever had.





The Eastern Division Conference

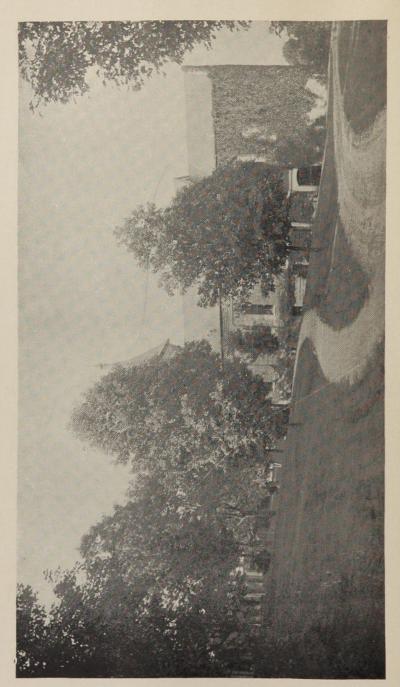
Noah Webster must have had a vision of the annual conference of the Eastern Division at the Hotel Manhattan, New York City, February 18, when he inserted in the dictionary the word "joyous." The delegates from the University of Pennsylvania and Stevens would probably describe the gathering as having been peerless and princely; the representatives from the chapters in the vicinity of Faneuil Hall might characterize it as having contained the wondrous quintessence, the perfect flower and efflorescence of all the rhapsody on the terraqueous globe; Cornell's men undoubtedly would apply to it the superlatives which made Ithaca water famous, while only Brother Bolard knows what language Alleghanv's delegate might have coined to describe the meeting if the annually snow-bound trains had not held the representative back until long after a loval British subject who missed being a Delta by a generation he is the father of two Deltas - had called it the most iridescently magnificent exposition of the comity of man that he had ever witnessed.

But the historian must be, above all things, staid, sober and conservative in describing conventions. Bearing in mind that the Karnea, soon to come, is scheduled, planned and arranged to be the most excellent gathering in history, it is necessary to save the superlatives which might with truth be applied to the conference, and to stand or fall on "joyous." It was joyous in the sense that it was successful from every standpoint: it established a new record in point of attendance — one hundred and forty-five men at the ban-

quet. It was almost wholly arranged for and conducted by undergraduates; the delegates won President McClary's praise by leading for the first time in the business sessions' discussions; every chapter report was an honor to the Fraternity, and the banquet was far and away the most enthusiastic of the twenty-three held in the history of the Division. And not a minor contributing cause of the great success,—and certainly one of its most pleasing features—was the presence and the active participation in the affairs of the meeting of Brother J. L. N. Hunt, one of the honored founders of the Fraternity, and Brother Wieland, who, as president, is as zealous in the work of Delta Tau Delta as founder ever was.

The affairs of the conference began with a smoker at Gamma Epsilon's magnificent new chapter house, No. 419 West One Hundred and Eighteenth street, on the night preceding the convention. Rho Chapter joined with Gamma Epsilon in welcoming the delegates and alumni, and the subsequent proceedings which led to the prompt establishment of the entente cordiale were responsible in a great measure for the success of the following day's events. Gamma Epsilon, though still in swaddling clothes so far as its Fraternity connection is concerned, showed that night that its members have the true Delta fibre, that for establishing a chapter and a large chapter house on a firm basis, financially, socially and fraternally, in about a year's time, it is worthy of all the enconiums it received, and that with Rho it will be sure to arouse the admiration and provoke the affection of every Delta who takes part in the August Karnea. To describe the details of the evening's entertainment would detract from the joys of Karnea week, for Gamma Epsilon has plans for that occasion which it would be lese majeste to reveal at this time.





REAR OF CHAPEL, SHOWING ENTRANCE TO TOMB OF LEE-Washington and Lee University

The business sessions, in the morning and afternoon of the following day, were attended by about one hundred delegates and alumni, and were of supreme interest. Every chapter in the Division, except Alpha, whose delegate was delayed in the untutored Alleghanies by a barbarian snowbank, was represented by at least one undergraduate. Stevens, Columbia and Pennsylvania had almost every active and numerous alumni there; Cornell, Rensselaer, Lehigh and Massachusetts Technology were uncommonly well represented, and Dartmouth, Weslevan, Washington and Jefferson, Tufts and Brown each had several men besides their delegates. And in the happy throng were alumni from various other Divisions. Some of them had not attended a Fraternity affair of any kind for years, and these, under the spell of the rejuvenated Delta spirit, were led to vow that thereafter they would never miss another such glorious opportunity to make the delegates nervous by quizzing them concerning the internal affairs of the chapters.

The conference was opened with prayer, and an address of welcome was made on behalf of Gamma Epsilon. James T. Petty, Alpha, '88, responded, and then Dean Corsa, of Beta Lamda, delivered a striking oration on Delta ideals. The reading of the delegates' reports developed the fact that every chapter is on a firm financial foundation and that several of the chapters have geniuses of finance of the conservative, unfrenzied kind. The report made by Delegate Elliott, of Beta Nu, told of such brilliant work performed by that chapter that the conference was enthralled. President Wieland complimented Beta Nu highly; President McClary declared that it was one of the best reports made in years, and Brother Elliott and his associates were literally overwhelmed with congratulations. Against great odds and despite shoals which threatened to wreck the chapter, Beta

Nu's men established themselves as one of the strongest organizations at Massachusetts Technology, secured one of the best chapter houses at the institution, furnished it elaborately and expensively, and not only paid about \$5,000 current expenses and started a sinking fund, but actually made financial provision so that next year when some of the more zealous men will be graduated there will be absolutely no danger of the chapter's disintegration. Is it any wonder that President Wieland was so pleased with the report that he volunteered to have it printed and distributed throughout the Fraternity as showing the glorious work a chapter can perform?

The reports of the other delegates, while not of such extraordinary interest as that of Beta Nu, showed that all the chapters are healthy, belligerent and filled with the Delta spirit to be leaders. Gamma Epsilon had a noteworthy report, and it evoked enthusiasm. This "baby," as the men of the New York Alumni Chapter love to denominate it, has done wonderful work in its brief existence. Its chapter house has been made a success in a few months, and its members are among the leaders of Columbia's undergraduates. Brother Bolard reported for Alpha that the chapter has emerged from a long period of gloom with new life, new enthusiasm and an incomparable body of men. Brother Stevens declared that Rho is strong, stable and quite prepared to retain for years to come the distinguished position it has held so long at Stevens.

Gamma, Upsilon, Omega, Beta Lambda, Beta Mu, Beta Omicron, Beta Chi, Gamma Gamma and Gamma Zeta had reports which showed that none is retrograding and that all are well supplied with good men, money and fraternity spirit. Each delegate's report provoked discussion and a series of questions, which, in numerous instances, caused the delegate to show by his manner that he was unaccustomed

to such an inquisition, but that he was quite capable of sustaining his chapter's course against the combined assaults of alumni and undergraduate.

In the midst of the proceedings, President Wieland entered unexpectedly, and then even President McClary aided in fracturing every canon of parliamentary law. A decidedly enthusiastic welcome was given to the head of the Fraternity, and he responded with an address that warmed the cockles of every Delta heart. After pleading in behalf of a Fraternity endowment fund — which is "The Wieland Doctrine"—he outlined the growth of the organization in the West, told of the opportunities which are open to Delta Tau Delta in that part of the country, and declared that hereafter the Fraternity must devote the greater part of its attention to the institutions west of the Mississippi. Epitomized, the speech paraphrased Horace Greeley's remark into: "Go West, Delta Tau Delta!"

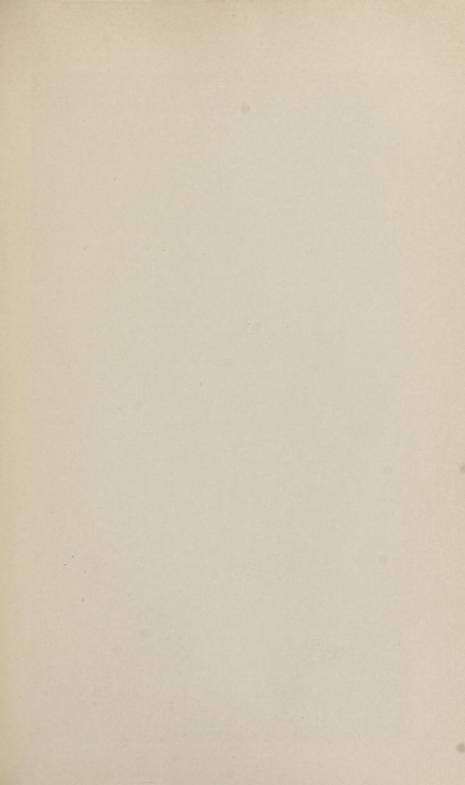
The banquet in the evening was a fitting close to a day of enthusiasm. There may have been more joyous occasions of a similar nature at previous conferences, but even that reminiscent being "the oldest alumni" had forgotten about it. And, verily, none of it was bibulous joy, either, for whatever of intoxication there was came from pure, unfermented enthusiasm. The Columbia and Pennsylvania men shared in the prize college and fraternity calls and in the singing, but the other chapter representatives made it a close contest, the effect being to blanch the cheeks of the chef and his barbarian minions. In a brief respite from the cross-fire cheering and singing that preceded the responses to toasts, the gathering had the novel pleasure of paying a personal tribute to a man who is what many Deltas would like to be and what few of them are - the father of two Deltas, the Brothers Iones of Beta Omicron,

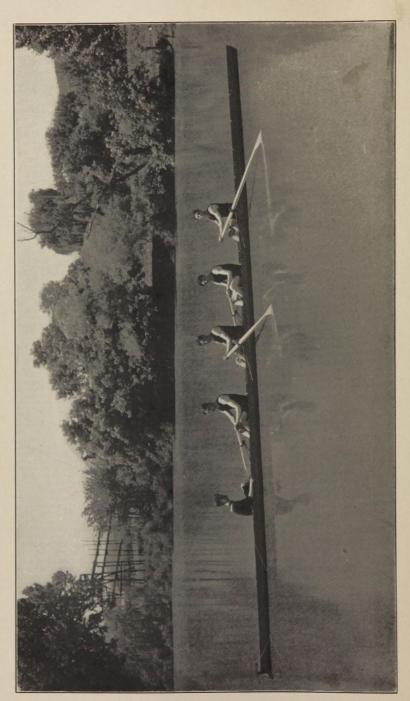
The Rev. Dr. Charles Henry Wells, of Woodstock, Vt., was the toastmaster. In a speech filled with wit he called attention to the fact that 145 Deltas were gathered in the room, and that the conference established a record in that respect. Charles O. Maas, the "King," representing the New York Alumni Chapter, extolled the virtues of the Fraternity and drew such a vivid verbal picture of the glories of the coming Karnea that when he had finished strong men sang roundelays to his great artistic ability and stronger ones pledged themselves to carry their whole chapters to New York next August.

Bryant Lang, of the Philadelphia Alumni; Frederick C. Hodgdon, of the New York Alumni, and James A. Wakefield, the "Sunny Jim" of the Pittsburg Alumni, spoke of the strides which their organizations are making, praised the work of the active chapters in their respective neighborhoods and gave assurances that each alumni chapter would do its part to make the Karnea an unprecedented success. Incidentally, they narrated some anecdotes that were epics.

President Wieland briefly reviewed the progress of the Fraternity in the year, and gave a fine tribute to the heroism of Brother W. M. McLaughlin who died so bravely in the Iroquois Theatre disaster. When he referred to the serious illness of Brother Frank F. Rogers, editor of The Rainbow, and explained that the critical stage had been passed, the banquetters cheered lustily and later voted to send a congratulatory message to the convalescent. The President urged that all members of the Fraternity should join in the endowment movement, and did it so effectively that after the session he was flooded with promises and checks.

Brother Cross, of Beta Chi, responding to the toast "The Undergraduate," and Prof. Hunt, telling of the pleas-





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ure it affords him to mark the growth of Delta Tau Delta, closed the speech-making most brilliantly. The Choctaw walk-around, to the music of Brother Bausman, Tau, the New York Alumni Chapter's impresario, concluded the banquet and the conference.

HOWARD C. HILLEGAS, Tau, '94.

Conference Western Division

The first session of the twenty-fifth conference of the Western Division began with a meeting at the Gamma Beta chapter house Friday night.

The first session was taken up largely by the presentation and acceptance of credentials, the appointment of committees, and the report of Brother Hewitt. The conference assembled again on Saturday morning at De Joughes. The delegates read their reports, and many interesting and helpful questions were asked and discussed. Much valuable information was gathered, especially in regard to ways of raising and managing house funds.

There were delegates present from six undergraduate chapters, the chapters at Colorado and Stanford being represented by proxies, and California failing to send in a report. After the reports of the chapters the committees reported, and then followed discussion upon many important and vital questions. Great earnestness and zeal was shown in these discussions concerning our policies. The reports of the delegates showed a very great improvement in the finances of this Division. The excellent showing of the Western Division at this convention is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of Brother Hewitt, president of this Division.

The banquet was held in the evening, and over one hundred and twenty-five Delts sat down at the tables. An elegant menu was served, after which Brother Elmer Scott, as toastmaster, arose to introduce the first speaker. It was some time, however, before the boys ceased their cheers for

"The only Scott" and allowed him to proceed. Brother Hack welcomed us, as only a brother can, in his toast, "We Bid You Welcome." Brother Donoghue spoke to us upon the subject, "Deltas In and Out of College." Brother McGee, of Beta Gamma, spoke upon "The Spirit of the Conference." The toast of Brother Hughes, Mu, upon "The Spirit of the Age," was one of the most beneficial and eloquent toasts ever given at a Delt banquet. It was a great opportunity to hear Brother Hughes, and every one hopes to hear him again. Brother Henning, of Beta Gamma, filled us with enthusiasm by his words upon "Modern Paganism."

Brother O'Neal, Xi (prime), gave the toast, "Putting Out the Aurora." His talk was full of logic and earnestness, and all were charmed by his oratory. Dr. Wieland spoke to us, and enthusiasm ran rife as our chief arose. His presence made the banquet a success. Every one was filled with good cheer, as was evidenced by the college songs and yells that followed each other in quick succession.

The refrain, "If You Want to Be a Tau Delt," rang through the banquet hall in a way to prove that behind it all was something more than mere words. The Delta Tau spirit was there and would not be checked. The famous "Choctaw Valk-Around" was led by Brother Elmer Scott, and as a leader he is unequalled. To the Chicago Alumni Association the delegates are greatly indebted for the way in which they were entertained. Business and pleasure combined to make this the most helpful and enjoyable conference ever held in the Western Division. The delegates left Sunday for their chapter homes, declaring that the conference had been a great success, and had enabled them to carry much of value back to their chapters, and vowing that to sit in a conference presided over by Brother Hewitt, and to

be entertained by Brother Scott as president of the Chicago Alumni Association, was not only beneficial, but inspired them to a greater love for their fraternity.

Roy W. Snell, Beta Pi.



CHAPTER HOUSE ALCHEMY We do not urge the importance of every chapter being housed primarily because such a situation will strengthen a chapter's position in its local field and materially assist it in its rushing work. The greatest

advantages of chapter house life are the greater cohesion it gives a chapter and the more effective moulding of the new material it makes possible. This latter is the most essential factor in the entire fraternity system, and it is the most important of a chapter's duties. Every fraternity man looks back with keenest appreciation to the education and shaping he owes his chapter. If all the benefits of the fraternity were confined to the four years a man spends in the chapter house, he would still owe his fraternity a debt of gratitude a whole lifetime of loyalty and service could not repay.

College life in itself does much for one. It opens a new world of thought and is a keen incentive to the eager mind of youth. But chapter life is a far more important factor in a man's life and leaves the stronger impress on his character. This great fact is the reason why, in the selection of his fraternity, a man should give the character and personnel of the local chapter he is asked to join a greater importance in influencing his decision than he allows all other considerations combined. These are the men with whom he will have to live on the most intimate terms for four years. For all concerned to successfully stand this test there is need of a basic liking and congeniality. But there is a still more important consideration for the freshman. These men are

the pattern of what he will be, and the qualities he finds in them will be his also. Not that he will weakly copy them, but unconsciously he will more and more form himself on the common type of his chapter brothers. He will absorb the prevailing sentiments, he will broadly imitate his brothers because he loves and admires them, and, without taking any particular thought to it, he will unwittingly conform to the general type in habits, dress and speech. If the type is a worthy one, the man gains much and loses no more of his real personality and individuality than does the iron that is shaped into the keen-edged chisel.

The fraternity becomes a factor in a man's life at his formative period, when he is peculiarly receptive of new impressions, and it continues as a strong influence during his years of forced growth and unfoldment, when he is building the character and forming the habits that will remain with him for the rest of his life. For our readers we need only indicate how Delta Tau Delta insures that these important influences shall be of the highest character and such as shall minister to the most worthy ends. To her votary the Fraternity is more than the hand-maiden of his pleasures; even more than a kindly, fostering mother. She is the jealous, but loving, mentor of his young manhood and the painstaking architect of his character. Cognizant of her high responsibilities and limited in the exercise of her potent power for good to the active chapters as a medium, she must be especially concerned that these avenues of influence are themselves both efficient and high-grade. Her more abstract principles of manhood and character are inculcated by precept, though exemplified by all her members. But the elimination of faults and the acquisition of most of the small, every-day virtues of the fraternity man are gained in the intimate, close daily life of the chapter house. Selfishness,

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conceit and hypocrisy are instinctively hated by the healthy young fellow, and in the chapter house life they find a soil too well cultivated to support their noxious growth. To shape and improve its men a chapter but infrequently has need of outspoken criticism. Moral force and the prevalence of a strong, healthy general sentiment will usually accomplish the desired result, though in especial cases very effective assistance may be lent by a muscular delegation of sophomores.

In chapter house life there is a profound stimulus, a pressure forward. Every man encourages the next man's talent. The entire chapter will work and hope steadily for each member's success, whether he be football player, musician, athlete or journalist. Every freshman is ordered to come out for something, be it Phi Beta Kappa, the hurdles or the glee club. At no place can discussion be more frank. sincere and well-meant than in a chapter house talk. may come from opposite sides of the continent, men differing in experience, in home training, in political, social or religious views. But when these elements occur in a small coterie founded on friendship, equality and true brotherly regard, and blend, as they can blend, in a good chapter house, the result is broadening and uplifting to every individual. As a man's mental horizon enlarges he becomes a more broad-guage, capable citizen, and many a successful business or professional man looks back and sees that those qualities to which he owes most of his success were acquired in his undergraduate fraternity days. Chapter house life means years of family life and of business partnership at the same time. The fraternity man acquires executive power. As a freshman he learns to obey; as an upperclassman, to command. He learns the work of committees, and he may in turn serve as a treasurer, secretary and president. He has learned to estimate a man in a glance; he can force, persuade, threaten and conciliate.

Alumni chapters and individual alumni are doing good and important work for the Fraternity. But the active chapter is the one indispensable feature of our Fraternity organization, and the possibilities of its influence for good or bad are greatest. It stands at the very gateway of Deltaism, and we must depend on it and the wisdom of its selection for the quality of the new material that year by year is being incorporated in our Fraternity ranks. More important than even this duty is the task of moulding, shaping and developing this new material with a lively and conscientious realization of the great responsibility involved. This consideration gives the active chapters their important place in the councils of the Fraternity, makes their welfare of prime importance to the Arch Chapter, and cautions conservatism in any further extension. The houses of our active chapters are more than pleasant Delt homes and centers of fraternal good-fellowship. They are our great Fraternity laboratories, in which the crude ore is freed from its dross and transmuted into the pure gold of Delta Tau Delta.

TOUCHING THE ALUMNI

Every year the alumni members of a fraternity are becoming a more and more important factor in its work. It is not our intention to speak at this time of the

strength Delta Tau Delta has received from their larger share in her councils, nor of the valuable services rendered the common cause by our excellent alumni chapters. Rather, the phase of the question claiming our present interest is the relationship a chapter maintains with its graduate members.

Looking at it in its narrowest aspect, a chapter is sacrificing one of the greatest sources of strength if it does not

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retain the interest and loyalty of its alumni. Financial assistance is only one means by which an interested alumnus can help his chapter. There are countless other ways in which he can contribute greatly to its advancement. Several of our chapters would today be represented by grave stones if at a critical time alumni assistance had not come to their aid. If a chapter gained nothing more from its alumni than their presence at banquets and reunions, the resulting stimulus and inspired enthusiasm would still be worth every exertion on the chapter's part to preserve this interest.

In recent years our chapters seem to have awakened to the necessity of getting, and keeping, in touch with their alumni, and much creditable energy has been displayed along this line of endeavor. The least a chapter can do is to send each of its alumni a circular-letter twice a year; the more gossipy and personal its tone the better. If a discouragingly large number of such letters remain unacknowledged by their recipients it does not always mean that they have fallen on barren ground and that those alumni have lost all interest in the chapter. The undergraduate should remember that the alumnus is generally a busy man, with countless demands on his thought and time. If he has been entirely neglected by his chapter for a number of years, it may not be possible to arouse him to any great interest by one letter. The second may not elicit a reply, though it will stir his conscience and quicken his memory; but repeated assaults of this nature are certain to finally break down the barrier of his silence.

If by means of any particularly enticing invitation, such as the prospect of meeting some of his old chapter brothers, he can be enticed within reach of the chapter's hospitality, it will be the chapter's own fault if he is not won back to a lasting interest.

We have frequently observed in these columns that a

very efficient means of keeping alive alumni interest is supplied by THE RAINBOW. Since prevention is always better than the cure, it would well repay each chapter to collect from every graduating brother some form of dues from which the chapter could pay for his subscription to this journal for the first few years of his alumni life. In the line of circular-letters to alumni, none has come to our notice that seems to us so well adapted to this purpose as that issued by the Beta Upsilon Chapter. This has many good points, but we will only mention, in addition to its frequency of issue and general newsiness, the copious and interesting alumni notes that would probably be the first thing to arouse the lapsed interest of an alumnus receiving it. We should advise each chapter to write Brother Louis M. Tobin, of the Beta Upsilon Chapter, for a copy of this sheet and other information.

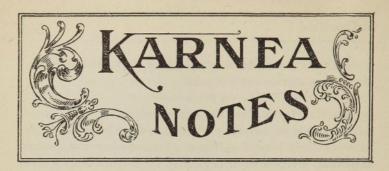
We can get back to our text and also emphasize all that we have tried to bring out by quoting from one of our Delt wits: "Before a chapter can successfully touch its alumni it must get in touch with them."

We doubt not but that our readers will be as disappointed as the Editor that we are unable to present in this number the regular installment of Brother Brück's Historical Notes. Press of other work and inability to secure in time certain essential data has caused the postponement, but we can promise a continuation of these interesting articles in the June and future numbers. Other brothers have also in preparation for future numbers of The Rainbow valuable and interesting special articles on different customs and historic features of the Fraternity. The first of these will be an unusually interesting account of the old Choctaw customs of Alpha Chapter, and will be illustrated by rare photo-

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graphs of some of the moving spirits of those days and of the very elaborate early regalia.

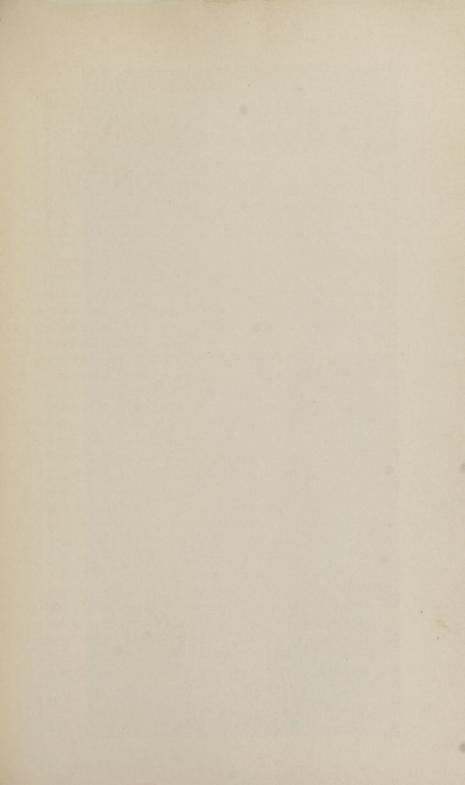
We shall try to place the June number of The Rainbow in the hands of our undergraduate subscribers before the close of their several colleges. This number will contain important information in regard to the Karnea and the final official program of the various entertainments provided for our enjoyment on that occasion by the New York brothers.

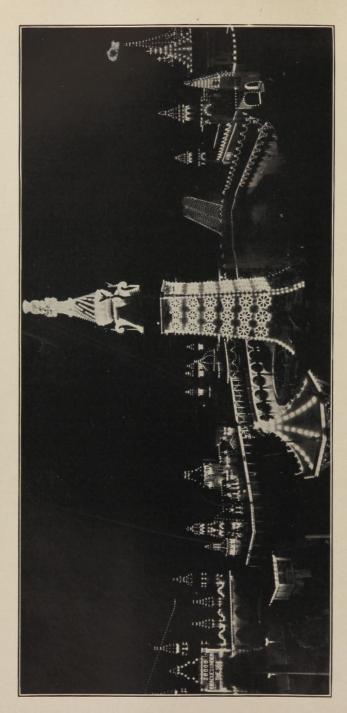


The official call for the Karnea in New York City says that the Arch Chapter will meet on Monday night, August 21, and that the business sessions will be held on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following. It is hardly necessary to remind Deltas that the Karnea will be of such a nature that none can afford to miss any part of the proceedings, for the New York Alumni Chapter has arranged to dispose of every hour of time that the visiting Deltas will be in the city.

Recent reports from the Division Conferences indicate that the alumni are becoming enthused and that scores of them have already arranged to spend a part of their vacations at the Karnea. An alumnus writes from San Francisco that he has never seen Niagara Falls nor attended a Karnea. He adds that he has arranged to have his vacation in August, so that he may "see the two wonders in one trip." Like many other persons, he may be disappointed in Niagara, but the Karnea will exceed his most vivid expectations.

Here are some hard, solid facts for the alumni to ponder over: Almost one-half of the active chapters have started individual cash funds for the purpose of sending other men than their regular delegates. These are among the chapters that are doing this kind of loyal work: Beta Omicron, which reported that it will probably have every active present; Beta Eta, which has started two funds; Kappa, from





NIGHT SCENE ON THE BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GREATER NEW YORK.

The 1905 Karnea Committee has arranged for special classes during, August. It has been demonstrated that students can learn more here during a very short summer course than at any other institution in the country, and Delts who expect to attend the Karnea would do well to communicate with the Committee.

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far away Michigan, will send at least three undergraduates; Lamda, Phi, Gamma, Alpha, Gamma Gamma, Beta Mu, Beta Theta, Beta Upsilon and Beta Chi are certain they will have from four to six each to accompany their delegates; Beta Psi, Beta Alpha, Chi, Beta Gamma and Gamma Theta each are gloriously sure of having more than one man to accompany their delegates; Rho, Gamma Epsilon, Beta Nu, Gamma Zeta and Gamma Eta—five chapters, please observe—are counting on having every active there, and promising it, too, while Beta Phi, of Ohio State, with the light of triumph already in its eye, modestly proclaims that it "will have more men at the Karnea than any chapter of equal age west of the Alleghanies!"

But the undergraduate chapters are not alone in making a practical display of their loyalty and enthusiasm. The Eastern Division conference, in New York on February 18 -which, by the way, was Karnea-like in its enthusiasmbrought out the fact that the alumni in the East are hard at work putting the going-to-New-York spirit into those Deltas who have drifted away from attending Karneas and conferences since they left college. The Chicago conference learned its duty from President Wieland, and it was decided to arrange to send such a large body of alumni that the East's representation would pale into insignificance. President A. L. Mooreshead, of the St. Louis Alumni Association. has been at work for two months arranging an excursion from that city. He plans to have the alumni of St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and the Middle West meet in St. Louis, board special cars chartered at a reduced rate for the purpose, and proceed to New York. This is such an excellent, practical idea that when the alumni in the Middle West hear of it they may want to join the excursion and make the crowd so large that Brother Mooreshead may be compelled

to stand on the "special cars" plan and go to the Karnea in a special train. Brother Mooreshead's address is Room 210, Union Station, St. Louis. If you are in the Middle West, write to him. He will gladly tell you everything about rates, program and details of the entertainment on the trip.

The undergraduates have promised to do more than their share in securing the largest attendance that any fraternity convention in New York has ever had. The alumni must do the rest, and if they fail to rise to the occasion it will be unprecedented. The various alumni chapters are asked to take immediate steps to arouse their members to the necessity of attending. The individual alumnus is adjured to communicate with Deltas in his vicinity so that excursion parties like the St. Louis affair may be formed. An enthusiastic alumnus, L. D. Woodworth, of Syracuse, N. Y., makes the magnificent suggestion that the chapters appoint a small committee of actives and alumni to bombard every alumnus of that chapter with letters and personal appeals until he joins the delegation going in a body to New York. Will you not show your affection for the Fraternity by personally aiding in having such a chapter committee appointed?

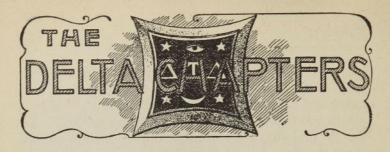
At every Karnea one of the features is the Choctaw Walk-Around after the banquet. The chapter that leads in it is honored. In August the lead will be taken by the active, alumni or "defunct" chapter which, in the opinion of an unbiased committee, makes the best showing in the matter of attendance; the size of the chapter, distance from New York and like conditions being taken into consideration. In other words, the chapter that wins this honor will be the "star" of the Karnea.

Sherman Arter, of Cleveland, Ohio, in particular, and

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of the whole world as far as Deltaism is concerned, writes he is certain that never before has there been such great enthusiasm so long in advance of a Karnea, and this leads him to believe that the New York gathering will be the best that the Fraternity has ever had. Brother Arter is secretive about the plans he and his colleagues in the Lake region have in view, but it is inferred from the vague hints that exude from him that he will go to the Karnea on the pilot of a locomotive drawing a trainload of exuberant Deltas.

The New York Alumni Chapter has almost concluded the arrangements for the Karnea. It has arranged the program so that every Delta will be kept interested from the moment he reaches New York until he leaves. The members of the various committees of arrangements up to this time have planned to entertain 500 Deltas. Recent indications lead to the belief that at least 600 men will be in attendance. The plans have been enlarged, and it is arranged now that even if a thousand Deltas go to the metropolis, each and every one of them will have the most enjoyable week he has ever had in his separate and individual existence.



ALPHA—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The midwinter banquet held at the Saegertown Inn on the night of February 11th, was a grand success. The old guard were out in large numbers, and the toasts responded to by them were brimming over with fraternal spirit and enthusiasm. The speakers of the evening were Percival Cullum, Frank Lockwood, Wesley Best, Frank Lippitt, Branch Rickey, Malcolm Dewey and J. Claude Aiken.

Previous to the banquet, Phil E. Porter, '08; Guy Lippitt, '08, and Otto H. Houser, '08, were initiated into the rites and mysteries of Delta Tau Delta.

We also wish to introduce Brothers Paul Henderson, '08, and James Finlay Hawk, '07, who were initiated recently.

Allegheny's basketball team is up to the standard of former years, and thus far has a clean sweep of victories. The team has met and defeated Yale, Marietta, Geneva, Oberlin, University of West Virginia, University of Indiana, and Westminster. Alpha is represented on the team by Brothers Russell, forward; Aiken, guard, and Clark, assistant manager.

Brother Rickey, Mu, '04, has had the candidates for the baseball team practicing hard since the first of the year, so we shall expect a great deal of this year's team. Alpha will be well represented.

Brother Hawk, our representative to the Eastern Division conference, was so unfortunate as to get snowbound. He, however, arrived in time to join in the walk-around,

which he reports was done in the most approved Choctaw manner.

Brothers Rickey and Russell had better luck than "Jimmy"; they managed to get to Columbus in time for the Northern Division conference. Both reported a very enjoyable time.

During the past term we have received visits from Brothers Crocker, Gamma Alpha, '07; Grouniger and Strickler, Gamma Delta, and Faber, of Beta Alpha.

Deltas, if ever you are in Meadville, don't forget the Choctaws on the hill will be delighted to welcome you.

DAVID A. BOLARD.

BETA-OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Ohio University. New appropriations have been granted by the State Legislature that place the finances in a fair condition, and two new buildings have been erected to accommodate the increasing attendance.

Fraternity life has not been unequal to the progress of the college. All three fraternities are now located in chapter houses—and Beta was not last on the list. Beta's condition at present is very gratifying. We have eleven men in the house and five pledges in the immediate vicinity. The winter term opened up with all our old men back in their places, and two men have been taken in since the term opened. Beta takes pleasure in introducing to the Greek world Brothers Fred Nixon Cunningham, of Steubenville, Ohio, and Robert Bright Snow, of Athens, Ohio, entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Delt Tau Delta Fraternity.

The chapter finds herself well represented in college activities this year. Brothers Cunningham and Cooley represent us on the basketball team; Gullum on *The Mirror*

staff; Cooley, president of the Philomathean Literary Society; Hoover, manager of the Schubert Mixed Quartet, and Wilson, manager of the Athenæum Mixed Quartet; Gullum, Connett and Evans on the Science Club. We take a little pride in our representation in the Science Club, as we are the only fraternity represented, and it is one of our strongest college organizations.

During vacation, Brothers Smith, '04, Professor of Mathematics in the Piqua (O.) High Schools; Hawkins, ex-'05, now affiliated with Beta Omicron, and Morrow, ex-'04, of Bethany, were pleasant callers. Beta extends greetings to all.

RALPH B. WILSON.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

All attention is directed here toward the semester examinations, which come next week; when that season is past college life will have a brighter aspect. Basketball season opened two weeks ago, and two games have already been played. The faculty steadfastly refuses to permit the organization of a college team on the ground that one season of the year should be devoted exclusively to study; but the inter-class games arouse considerable interest and often intense rivalry. Baseball practice has begun in the cage, and the prospects in that direction are very favorable.

Gamma Chapter is still flourishing; the dance given before Christmas was a great success, as every one admits. Two more preparatory students have agreed to join us when they enter college a year from next fall, and a member of the senior class, who expects to continue his studies at the University of Pennsylvania next year, has also been pledged. Before this letter is published we hope to initiate Mr. Arthur West Hopper, of Canonsburg, Pa. Mr. Hopper is considered the best basketball player in college, and

has no mean rank as a student; we feel sure that he will make a good Delt.

Our men are still to be found on the basketball teams. In addition to Mr. Hopper, who is the captain, Brothers Ferguson, Herriott and Moore have regular positions on the senior team, and Brother Jackson is captain of the sophomore team. We feel the loss of Brother Dickie, who is this year playing center for the team at Western University of Pennsylvania.

Six of our number attended the banquet of the Pittsburg Alumni Chapter last week, and report a very enjoyable time. Brothers Jackson and Smith expect to attend the conference at New York in February.

In closing, we cordially invite all Deltas who pass through Pittsburg to make a side trip to Washington and be heartily welcomed by us.

ROBERT A. SHERRARD.

DELTA CHAPTER—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

At the present time every one is deep in school work, on the homestretch before examinations. The one consolation is that it is soon "all over," and in the relaxation that follows we can enjoy the Junior Hop, which is followed soon after by the Sophomore Prom.

The Junior Hop occurs Friday evening, February 10th, and is, as always, the social event of the year. This year we are especially pleased at the expectation of having with us as our guests at the hop Brother and Mrs. Max Koehler, of St. Louis, Mo. Aside from the usual dances, drives, etc., which are always associated with house parties, the University Comedy Club is to repeat its performance of "The Green-Eyed Monster," at a matinee, Saturday. A previous performance given by the club on January 28th was a remarkable success. In the evening, Saturday, there will be

the annual J-Hop Concert by the Musical Clubs. The clubs are especially good this year; in fact, about the best they have ever been, and the Faculty have at last lifted the ban which has existed since the rather disastrous trip in '96, and allowed an extended trip to be made. The trip lasted twelve days, and included Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Springfield, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Davenport, and several cities in Michigan. We have been well represented on the Glee Club by Brothers Packard, Hall and Kimball, although, owing to personal reasons, Brothers Packard and Hall were not able to go on the Christmas trip.

Brother Hall is chairman of the reception committee and is to lead the Sophomore Prom this year. The Prom is one of the most enjoyable events of the year, being a smaller and strictly fraternity affair.

Brother A. W. McKinnon, Delta, '05, spent several days visiting the chapter. He is now in the lumber business in California, near Fresno. Brother Myron Hickok, Delta, '06, of Toledo, also spent several days with us.

We are to lose two of our brothers at the end of this semester. Brother "Stud" Dighton leaves to go into the banking business at Monticello, Ill. Brother Dan Kimball also will complete his course here at the end of the semester and enter engineering work.

Delta wishes good luck to all brothers in their term examinations and hopes to meet many of them at the Karnea in New York next August.

Dan Kimball.

EPSILON—ALBION COLLEGE.

With this issue of The Rainbow, Epsilon desires to introduce to the general Fraternity Mr. Richard E. Black, of St. Joseph, Mich.; Mr. Charles Sumner Porter, of Leonidas, Mich., and Mr. Warren J. Frye, of St. Joseph. These three

brothers were initiated into the mysteries of Deltaism Friday evening, January 20th, at which time occurred our annual "stag" banquet and initiation. The chapter was honored at this time by the presence of Brother Dorr Buell, of Battle Creek, formerly of Delta Chapter, besides a number of our alumni, who always attend upon this occasion. Following the initiation and banquet, Brother E. R. Loud, toastmaster, called for the following responses: "The Duty of an Alumnus to His Chapter," D. B. White, '04; "The Delt That Wins," W. S. Bowers, 07; "The Ideal Delt," Dorr Buell; "Responsibilities of the Underclassmen," C. S. Porter, '08. Brother Farley, '79, of Battle Creek, led the "Choctaw Walk-Around," without which no Epsilon gathering can be a success.

Epsilon started the new term with an active chapter of six men, Brothers F. O. Eldred, W. S. Bowers and J. O. Conville having failed to return to college. However, Brothers Brown and Bowers still remain quite "active" and they, together with our active membership of nine men, constitute a well-balanced, hard-working chapter.

During the vacation period the Chapter enjoyed pleasant visits from Brother F. E. Church, of Duluth, Minn.; Brother Ora L. White, of West Branch, Mich., and Brother G. C. Knickerbocker, of Bronson, Mich.

Prospects for strong athletic teams next spring are bright. Epsilon, as usual, will be well represented, and at present holds the captaincy of the baseball and football teams. Seven men in the Chapter have been awarded the honored "A." The Chapter has endeavored to maintain a high standard of scholarship in the classroom, and, as a result, not one man failed in a single subject last term.

Epsilon, though well represented in every phase of college life, considers the local chapter of Sigma Nu a

worthy rival. Sigma Chi, by virtue of her ability to initiate men from the commercial and preparatory departments, manages to maintain a fairly good-sized, though not very representative, chapter. Alpha Tau Omega is practically inactive, and appears to be in a rut from which it can not extricate itself.

A circulating letter, sent out by the Chapter to its alumni, has served to bring Epsilon into closer touch with every alumnus. Many replies are being received daily, which serve to show the interest our large body of alumni take in us and the work we are doing.

We expect to hold an informal for our ladies this term, our annual formal to occur some time during the spring term.

In closing, we wish to extend hearty greetings to every Delta chapter and to invite all Deltas who may pass through Albion to stop over with us.

E. L. Knickerbocker.

ZETA—ADELBERT COLLEGE.

We are now in the throes of examinations, and by hard work we expect to do credit to ourselves. For some time past the other fraternities here have wildly scrambled for men in the "prep" and high schools. Many juniors have been pledged, and one fraternity even went so far as to pledge a sophomore. There could be only one possible result to this pitiful state of affairs—a reformation. As a result a Pan-Hellenic movement has assumed a definite form, and much good is expected. Brother Burroughs acted as our delegate, and was elected secretary of the organization. Many important matters were presented for discussion, but the following were sent to the various chapters for ratification: The rushing of high school men should be confined strictly to the senior class, and take place only during the last

semester. The meaning of the pledge button was also rigorously defined. Much credit is due our representative for the tactful manner in which he performed his duties, as the foregoing articles clearly define our stand in the matter.

Our basketball team has surprised her most sanguine admirers, and Reserve will prove an important factor in the State championship race. Brother Caldwell, '02, has been playing a star game at forward, and Brother Pelton, '04, has proved himself an efficient coach. We are also represented on the freshman team by Brothers Brereton and Wonders.

Brother Bemis has been selected as one of the speakers in our second annual debate with Washington and Jefferson on the question of appropriations for our navy. The fight for the place was bitterly contested, and the selection reflects much credit upon the appointee. January 14th marked the close of a series of four dances which were given during the past semester, and we are now endeavoring to arrange a similar series for the coming term.

From all indications the coming Northern Division conference will be a howling success, and Zeta expects to have her quota present.

ALFRED A. CARTWRIGHT.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The mid-year examinations are over and everyone is in the best of humor over the result. The rushing season being a thing of the past and everything moving without break, we expect to accomplish much more during the remaining half of the year. Kappa has been very fortunate in securing the best men in school; of course, she should, and she has reason to be successful. This semester begins with ten active men, having lost no one since the beginning of the year.

Although Hillsdale College is smaller in number of students than some other colleges with which she has to compete in athletics, she has men who are of the best material, and who by proper training are destined to be the makers of winning baseball and track teams. Basketball enthusiasm seems to be on the wane just now, and interest centers mostly on indoor baseball and cross-country running, which latter is under the direction of H. C. McRae, athletic coach. This is the first experience at indoor baseball, and it will probably prove an excellent preliminary and preparation for baseball. In the spring a winning team may be looked for, although it will be composed almost entirely of new men—three good pitchers are on the ground now.

The first of this term the active and pledge men, with their lady friends, enjoyed a sleigh ride to the former home of Brother Ray C. Woodworth, at Church's Corners, a distance of twelve miles. The excellent sleighing, the summer weather and the cordial reception made it an ideal sleighing party. On Friday evening, February 3d, the Chapter and lady friends were entertained by Brother A. A. Willoughby and your corresponding secretary, at the home of the latter.

We are now looking forward to our division conference, at Columbus, O., which we hope will be the best ever.

LOWELL P. SMITH.

LAMBDA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

While the occurrences of the winter months are usually few and without interest to the general Fraternity, this is the period when the best college work is done. Our men have just passed through that most trying ordeal, the intermediate examinations closing the first semester. With what degree of success it has not yet been learned.

Three members of Lambda, for a like number of States, attempted the Rhodes' examination, held at Vanderbilt in January. We were glad to have with us for the same pur-

pose Brother Wheat, of Beta Theta. Results have not been announced.

Recently an honor of no small importance was bestowed on Brother Woodrow in his election as editor-in-chief of *The Comet*, our college annual. John R. Fisher.

MU-No Letter.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Soon after our return from the holidays, Omicron entertained her friends with a "mid-winter" party, which proved to be a most successful one. The actives of the Chapter presented the chapter house, in the way of a Christmas present, a liberal donation of furnishings for the parlors and den.

We wish to acknowledge a visit paid to us by Brother George Morrisey, of Beta Rho, also from our alumni; Brothers Beckman, Williams and Boysen. The latter is expected to enter school the second semester.

The local fraternity, Alpha Iota, which has been petitioning for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was granted their charter during the holidays.

February 22d, the opening of the new gymnasium will take place with appropriate ceremonies, followed by a formal dance in the evening. Iowa's outlook for the spring is very bright. There is an abundance of material for the baseball team, and Coach Chalmers is highly pleased with the outlay of freshman material for the track team. John Kunz.

PI-No Letter.

RHO-STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The first term of the college year has passed very rapidly, and the examinations on the work of the term are about to commence. The time is almost here for another Eastern

Division conference, which we all hope will be greater than any of its predecessors.

The term just passed has been a very successful one for Rho, both financially and at college, where we hold positions of prominence in all the various departments.

Rho will hold her annual tea on Saturday, February 11th, from 4 until 7, and it is hoped that we will have the usual large attendance.

The Junior Prom will be held on Friday, February 17th, in the Carnegie Laboratory of Engineering. The Prom is always the great social event of the year at Stevens, and the committee hope to make this year's Prom surpass all others.

In closing, Rho wishes her sister chapters a very prosperous and happy New Year, and, furthermore, hopes that the brothers who attend the conference will spend three cents and cross the river so as to pay us a visit.

L. A. HILLMAN.

UPSILON-No Letter.

PHI-WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The students of Washington and Lee are beginning to stretch themselves and grow active again after the dormant months of the winter, and within a few weeks outdoor, sports will be once more in full swing.

Before this letter reaches the readers of The Rainbow our gym team will have given its annual exhibition, and will have, in all probability, entered into contests with the University of Virginia and other institutions. Brothers Boice and Withers represent Phi on the team this year, the latter having been elected captain.

The baseball team will soon begin work, in preparation for an already excellently arranged schedule. Several old players will be on the field at the first practice, and the good material offered by the freshman class gives a bright tinge to prospects for the future. The crews will begin training shortly, with two Delts competing for their old places and one or two others trying to make oars for the first time.

At the present date the boys are still affected by the monotony of the first few weeks of the winter term. The chapter life, however, with the genuine congeniality and fraternal spirit that has always been characteristic of Phi, does much to allay low spirits and keep up the interest and enthusiasm of the men in their college work. The Chapter has no enemies in the Greek letter world of the university, either from political or social reasons. Phi is on the best of terms with other Greek letter organizations, and individually the men have many friends in addition to their fraternity mates, without disturbing the continuity of their fraternal relations.

In regard to our contemporaries at Washington and Lee, it may be said that the standard of the Greek letter colony here seems to have been generally raised this year. There are few chapters which are not improved over last session, and perhaps only one or two which have not entirely recovered from the weakened condition generally caused by the graduation of a chapter's oldest and best men.

Phi's warm regards to her sister chapters.

JAS. J. CHAFEE.

CHI-KENYON COLLEGE.

At the time of this writing we are at the busiest of our semester. The "exams" fall due in a couple of weeks, and every one is preparing for the ordeal. After a very pleasant vacation, all our men have returned, and we will probably finish the year with the present chapter of eleven men. Everything is running along very smoothly and we are getting along nicely.

Through the kindness of Brother Barber, a large brick open fireplace has been built in the Lodge, and we are enjoying many pleasant winter evenings with this as a center of our chapter life. Evenings of this sort we feel will bring the men into closer companionship and brotherly feeling.

The week immediately following the "exams" will be given over to the festivities of Junior Week. We are all anticipating a pleasant time. Many of our "old men" have promised to be with us at that time. The actives are also expecting many of their friends of the fairer sex to visit at Kenyon for that week. All will be on hand to have a big time and then go back to work again.

The Mandolin and Glee Clubs are preparing to take a trip shortly after Prom Week. We are represented in the clubs by three men. The trip will include the leading cities in Ohio. The baseball squad is working in the gym at handball. This is supposed to be good training for both arm and eye. We have the captain of baseball this year, with four other men trying for the team. Prospects are good for the team this year. The schedule will include many schools where our Fraternity is represented.

The crowd of men who were petitioning Theta Delta Chi, and were seemingly refused, have now organized a local called Zeta Alpha. They are still hoping to obtain a charter from Theta Delta Chi. This makes the sixth active fraternity represented at Kenyon. For the size of the school, five are sufficient, and the addition of the last named will make the work harder for all others. It is generally expected that one will have to drop out of the race.

We were very glad to receive a visit from Brothers Duerr and Buell shortly before our Christmas vacation. They gave us a great deal of Delta news and advice, which has proved very beneficial to us in our work. It seemed to add a new stimulus to the men.

We are greatly relieved to have our Lodge in such good condition and we feel quite proud of it. Our one chief aim now is to pay off the debt which hangs over it. Then our cup of joy will be complete. In conclusion let me say that we wish all our sister chapters a successful and happy New Year.

HOWARD FISHBACH.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Omega is buried up to her ears in mid-year examinations just now. In truth, doth evening, midnight and early morning oil flow freely to make up for those many, many moments once cast aside as useless. The day of reckoning is at hand. Some of us fully expect to hear the "Well done!" of the magister; whereas, for others the welcoming hand depends entirely on the humor of this our good magister. Brothers, let us humor him. We don't like to do it, but we must. We will cast our bread upon the waters; if it doesn't come to the surface with our reports, it certainly will when we take the re-exams—so let us be of good cheer.

Athletically, affairs at Pennsylvania are rather quiet. Our basketball team has beaten both Lehigh and Cornell. Princeton, however, was too much, and defeated us 37-35. The indoor track season has opened with many candidates and much enthusiasm.

Our anniversary banquet, the eighth, was held at Hotel Flanders, Saturday evening, January 21st. Between sixty and seventy brothers, alumni and visiting Deltas, were present. Brother Wakefield ("Sunny Jim"), Alpha, '89, and Brother Maas ("The King"), Beta Xi, '88, were on the toast list. Those of you who attended the Eastern confer-

ence, held at New York last February, can best appreciate the enthusiasm of a banquet presided over by both Brother Wakefield and Brother Maas.

The Karnea at New York in August is engrossing much of our spare moments. We mean to go, as Brother Hodgdon says, * * * "if it takes a leg!"

FREDERICK EBENEZER MACMILLAN.

BETA ALPHA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The stranger who stepped into the Delta Tau house here would certainly find the most optimistic crowd of fellows whom it had ever been his pleasure to meet. And we think that we have reason to feel optimistic and proud of our prospects for the coming year, inasmuch as we are at last happy in the possession of a house, a thing which seemed well-nigh impossible at the beginning of the college year. Already its good effects are being felt, and the enthusiasm that is being instilled into the freshmen is something that bids fair for the success of the Chapter. Half-hearted interest, when we were separated, has changed into a whole-souled feeling which bends itself to the best efforts directed toward the good of the Chapter.

To our chapter enrolment this term were added Brothers Austin and Zimmerman, both of whom have been away from us since last year. This brings us up to the very good working number of seventeen, to which number will be added the name of Brother Kempf, who has been occupying a position at the St. Louis Fair. With such a membership we have reason to believe that we will be about "all right."

There are seven other fraternities here now: Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma and Phi Kappa Psi. All are working in comparative harmony, now, an improvement over the order of things which existed some time ago. An effort was made some time ago to get a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, also one of Alpha Tau Omega, but in one case the petitioners were unsuccessful and the result of the other plea is not yet known.

This term comes our big "annual," and we intend to cast all other functions into secondary prominence by it. Among the "stunts" we have indulged in this year was an alumni banquet. We had a very enjoyable time and derived a great deal of entertainment from the recitals of the chapter life and experiences of the old grads.

The student play, a play the cast for which is recruited from the student body, is now a thing of the past. Brother Boyle, in the leading role, and Brother Zimmer, received words of high commendation for their work.

A most delightful visit was made us by Brother Buell. The only thing that marred his stay was the fact that he had to leave, but since Brother Buell contended that he was his own master, we necessarily were forced to let him go. Thus far none other of the brothers have seen fit to brave the Monon ride and visit us, but here's hoping that they will soon take courage, and any other paraphernalia needed, and hang up their hats on the Beta Alpha hall tree.

NOBLE T. PRAIGG.

BETA BETA-DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Having failed in getting a letter in the last number of The Rainbow, we wish here to express our regret, and to advise the Arch Chapter and our alumni that this shall not occur again.

Some days ago Beta Beta had the pleasure of pledging a Mr. Bean, whom we wish to initiate very soon. This gives us a chapter containing nine active men and two pledges. This condition of affairs is indeed encouraging. Living together in a house has bound us together in a way that adds greatly to our love for Delta Tau. The longer a chapter lives thus, the more it is impressed with the fact that our Fraternity stands for all that is best, for all that is noble in life. The brotherhood of man—in its broadest sense—becomes an inherent element in its belief and in its dealings. By this close relationship in a house the scholarship is raised and the morals elevated. Men brought up to live selfish lives become unselfish in helping their brothers and in working for the good of the Fraternity.

Four of our men—Shultz, Hamacher, Mote and Gucker—were members of the University football squad. Dr. Stephenson, of the Department of History in De Pauw, says that "Football is the highest expression of modern civilization." If this be true—and I believe it is—Delta Tau is an example of the highest development of our modern times. This is true, and it is daily becoming more true.

De Pauw has more students today than she has had for some years past. Not only has the number increased, but also the old spirit has returned with renewed force. Rooms that were vacant two years ago are now seats of activity. Departments that were asleep are now awake and have stepped into line with the general spirit of growth. A university that was dead—or so considered—is now alive, and the tramp of its upward march resounds throughout this country. Old ideals, backed by new ones, are at the head of this great forward movement. Achievement and success are but a short way ahead.

For the bringing about of this ideal of success, Beta Beta intends to work, since the development of De Pauw Univer-

sity furnishes a broader field and hence greater development for our own chapter, and, as Brother Blackstock puts it, "For the best fraternity on earth."

Every Delta Tau in America, or elsewhere, is welcome to the best that Beta Beta can give.

ARTHUR H. HAYS.

BETA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

At Wisconsin we are now studying for the examinations which will occur in one week. Although all are busily engaged, not much anxiety is felt, for we expect no one will be conditioned out, as is the unfortunate fate of not a few men at the end of the first semester. Even with "exams" so near at hand there is much talk concerning the Junior Promenade, which will be held February 17th. This is the greatest society event of the year. The fraternities turn their houses over to the young women from out of town, while the men secure rooms where best they may. The Junior Prom itself is held on Friday night. The next day an informal dance will be held at the chapter house in the afternoon. That evening we will attend the annual play given by the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club. Brothers Walter Darling and Edward Hoffmann both take prominent parts in the cast. This is the strongest dramatic club in the University. and their play will be a dramatic as well as a social success. Sunday most of the boys will go ice-boating in the morning. and in the afternoon a number will drive out to a town some twelve miles distant and have dinner. The whole affair will end with a college Sænger Fest around the fireplace.

On the first Monday after the Prom, February 20th, the Glee and Mandolin Clubs start out on their annual trip. The large cities which they expect to visit are Milwaukee,

Chicago and Indianapolis. At some town, not decided at present, Wisconsin expects to give a joint entertainment with the Purdue musical organizations. Brother Nevius is a member of the Glee Club and first bass on the University quartet.

Fraternity activities have been pursued in the line of bowling and hockey teams. For several years a bowling league has existed, but the idea of forming hockey teams is rather new. A large skating rink has been made under student management, and shortly after examinations will occur the inner-fraternity hockey contest. We expect to win first or second place, as in former years, at the inner-fraternity relay race to be held in the gymnasium at the next indoor meet, some time in February. Some mention was made in our first letter of the new movement at Wisconsin by all fraternities toward purchasing their own houses. Since then Gamma Phi Beta has purchased a lot upon which they will build a stone house in their sorority colors, brown and mode. A new national sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, has been installed at Wisconsin. This makes the ninth national sorority in the institution.

The Hares Foot Dramatic Club gave a play January 20th. This was given as a benefit to the Milwaukee Settlement Association. At the Naval Ball, given just after our Christmas vacation, the University succeeded in clearing over one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the crew. For the senior play, to be given this spring, Brother Darling is a member of the committee. W. S. Wheeler is chairman of the Senior Swingout; W. G. Hamilton was chosen vice-chairman of the student conference committee. B. R. Nevius has made the "Inner Gate," the Sophomore Society, and H. G. Montgomery was elected a member of the Commercial Club, and two of our freshmen have made the Fresh-

man Society. Brother Frank F. Rogers paid Beta Gamma a flying visit. The boys were all glad to make his acquaintance, not only because he was a member of the Arch Chapter, but also because of his pleasing personality. If this is not printed, it will be on account of the close censorship of The Rainbow.

The condition of Wisconsin athletics has been a source of much regret to all loyal supporters of the cardinal. President Van Hise, chairman ex-officio, in order to have the students and Faculty work more in harmony, organized a student conference committee chosen to represent every phase of student activity. These men, as representing the student body, with committees from the alumni, the Faculty, Regents and the Athletic Board, will revise the athletic constitution, and will place it before the student body in order to be ratified. We all have confidence in the future. Besides the revision of the athletic constitution, the board has had the choosing of a new football coach, a new track coach, an athletic manager and a trainer. The position of athletic manager is the only one filled at present. Outside the narrow horizon of athletics, however, Wisconsin has made great strides in the past two years, and will make greater in the future. The higher the standard of the college, the higher may be the standard of our Chapter. We mean to keep our present position in this democratic institution. Not only do we have before us the ideal of success for our Chapter, but we never forget that as students under the bounty of the State we must work not only for the success of our Chapter, but we must keep ever in mind the growth and development of our University. Thus working for the highest and best interest of the whole institution, we can truly claim that "We are for Wisconsin."

HARRY G. MONTGOMERY.

BETA EPSILON-EMORY COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon's membership now numbers ten good men, every one having returned after the holidays. We hope to initiate one or two good men when the spring term begins, as quite a number of new students will enter college then.

Just at present the fall term "exams" are the most important topic for Beta Epsilon's members to think about. The first half year is practically over, and we are about to begin the last half year's work with renewed strength and zeal, determined to do more than ever before for the advancement of Deltaism. This is decidedly the dullest part of the year with us, from an athletic standpoint. Aside from the series of interclass basketball games, which will be played early in February, there will be nothing doing in athletics until the baseball season opens up. Little interest is promised for the basketball games, but the prospects for an interesting baseball season are much brighter. Beta Epsilon, as usual, will be represented on both the basketball and baseball teams.

Emory will again send a team to the State track meet, in Atlanta, this spring. We will have at least two men on this team.

Beta Epsilon is enjoying a season of prosperity now, and this promises to be the brightest year in her history.

We extend best wishes to all sister chapters.

RUFUS E. SPEARMAN.

BETA ZETA—See Illustrated Article.

BETA ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The members of Beta Eta have just finished their midyear examinations and are now resting from the strain these occasioned. Although some of the brothers do not profess to be sharks in their studies, we trust that our number will not be diminished when the slips come out.

Of course, all social activities were suspended during examination time, but we are once more fully aroused. Several things are brewing in the social line, and the sky looks very bright. Our old custom of a party every other Friday night has been resumed, and we expect by this means to pledge several good men before the term closes. In college activities Beta Eta is, as usual, holding her own. We have two members on the Pan-Hellenic, or junior ball committee, and the greater part of the Chapter intend to be present at this event. Owing to unlooked for circumstances, we were able to give but one informal during the first term, but have all resolved to put nothing before our parties during the new year.

One of the annual events of interest has been creating more than its usual excitement this year. This is the election of officers and members to the Athletic Board of Control. For two weeks or more there was waged one of the hardest political battles ever seen in the institution. It was all over the old question of Barb. or Fraternity control of athletics. We are glad to say that we elected four men out of the five we ran. We carried the offices of president, vice-president, academic representative and medical representative. These offices went respectively to Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Delta Phi; a Barb. who was backed by the fraternities, and Delta Tau Delta. Brother Rowe, who was elected medical representative, won over his opponent in one of the fiercest and most hotly contested fights of the campaign. Brother Asher also was tendered the office of treasurer of his class, but declined it, as he did not believe it good policy to hold a freshman class office. In athletics here we are more or less at sea. Nebraska won two games of basketball from us recently, but our team expects to acquit itself more creditably when it gets into condition and starts on the annual Eastern trip.

Sigma Nu has at last a chapter in Minnesota. Just before Christmas she took over a local organization formed especially to petition her. She gets sixteen men about evenly distributed among the various departments. The wisdom of this step remains to be seen, as the fraternity field here is already congested. Since our last writing we have pledged two men, and we hope before spring initiation to have enough to bring our number up to twenty, which number Beta Eta considers an ideal chapter.

Just at present we are all talking house, and as the "Twin City Alumni Association" is right at our door, we hope to go into a house of our own next September.

Our alumni visit us often and we were glad to welcome back not long ago Brother Harold H. Keeler, ex-'03, who has returned from Chicago and is in business here. We are looking forward to a visit from Brother Hewitt in the near future, and hope to gain many new ideas from him.

Beta Eta extends her best wishes to all her sister chapters, and sincerely hopes that any wandering brother will look her up when in the city.

H. S. BLISS.

BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Beta Theta sends greeting to all Deltas wherever dispersed. We are now enjoying our long vacation, which comes to us in winter, and consequently we have not much to say. Before we left the mountain, however, we had a good, rousing meeting and full of enthusiasm for the forwarding of Delta Tau's interests discussed some of the plans for the advancement of Beta Theta.

The men are keeping in touch with each other by means

of a circular letter, which is passing from one to the other, constantly increasing in volume from contributions by each man. From these letters it appears that Beta Theta will not meet in March with all the names on her roll-call answered to, but this fact will only cause the remaining brothers to strive harder for the fulfilment of the Delta prophecy.

ROBERT T. PHILLIPS.

BETA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Since our last letter we have held a second initiation, and we take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity Brother John Roberts, of Abingdon, Va. Brother Roberts, who is a first-year law student, has already been elected Assistant Business Manager of the *University of Virginia Magazine*. We have one man pledged and hope to initiate several others before this letter appears. The Chapter has received several visits from Deltas, among them Brother W. R. Ross, of Beta Upsilon, who was on his way home from Florida.

The annual Thanksgiving game between the universities of North Carolina and Virginia has been changed from Richmond to Norfolk. Brother J. H. Drake, Jr. (Beta Iota, 1903), came up to the University on the committee selected to present Richmond's claims for the contest. Brother Drake is an active member of our Richmond Alumni Chapter, which has a strong hold on us, as so many old Beta Iota men settle in Richmond.

This session marks an epoch in the history of the University of Virginia—Madison Hall, the Y. M. C. A. Building, has just been completed at a cost of \$60,000. It is the gift of Mrs. Wm. E. Dodge, of New York, and is justly considered the most elaborately furnished and best equipped building of its kind in any college of America. The new addition to the hospital is in use, and the clinical facilities for our

Medical School have been greatly increased by the extra number of patients. The number of students is increasing, and when the Jefferson Memorial Fund begins to pay, the University of Virginia will be on equal footing with the Northern colleges in most respects.

Beta Iota has striven to keep pace with its college. The Chapter is represented on Corks and Curls, the annual published by the fraternities, by the Editor-in-Chief and a member of the board; on College Topics, the semi-weekly paper, by the Editor-and-Chief and Assistant Editor-in-Chief; while on the University Magazine we have two of the five editors and the Business Manager and his assistant. We are represented on the Glee Club, have the present Historian of the Academic Class and the Historian-elect for the Law Class.

The Chapter is on the best of terms with the other fraternities in college, and remains so by carefully avoiding any frat politics. The chapter house has been improved somewhat recently, and is always open to visiting Deltas.

CHAS. S. McVEIGH.

BETA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

We are in the midst of semester examinations, but all hope to weather the storm.

During a late cold spell, coasting was very much in order; we had a coasting party about every evening while the snow lasted. One evening we devoted to a sleigh ride, and ended up with a lunch at the chapter house.

The first part of December we gave a delightful house party, and later, during the Christmas holidays, we entertained again at the chapter house. At present invitations are out for a dance, to be given February 10th. Beta Kappa wishes to announce the initiation of Harry W. Clatworthy, of Fort Morgan, Colo.

GEO. A. WHITELEY.

BETA LAMBDA—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

At the present time Beta Lambda, in common with the rest of the college world, is occupied with its semi-annual struggle with examinations, but by the time this letter appears we hope to have forgotten all about them. We are sorry to announce that Brother W. S. Wilson, '07, has left college to go into business with his father.

On the twenty-first of January five of us spent a very enjoyable evening at Philadelphia, at the celebration held in honor of the founding of Omega Chapter. Serfass, "Sunny Jim"; the "King," and others, made speeches, and it is needless to say that the talks of the old days, the days to come, the convention and the Karnea were inspiring. We hope to make some return to Omega on February 4th, when we hold our annual initiation, a number of the Pennsylvania boys assuring us that they would be present.

Lately we have enjoyed visits from Brothers Francis, Beta Omicron, and Long, Omega. Dean Corsa.

BETA MU-TUFTS COLLEGE.

The student body at Tufts was agreeably surprised on reassembling after the holidays to hear of Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$100,000 to Tufts for a new library building. It will serve to fill a long felt want. The present library building at Tufts is a small affair, which has existed since the earliest days of the college. It has long since grown inadequate for the college needs, and much of the large stock of special scientific literature has been given room in the various buildings devoted to engineering and general

sciences. The Divinity School Library is also a separate offshoot.

The reassembling of many of these smaller libraries in the new building will afford more space in our already crowded recitation halls and laboratories. A site for the new building has not been chosen as yet, but it is believed that the site between the Chapel and Divinity School will eventually be taken.

There has been little out of the regular routine in our chapter life since the last letter.

Brother Parks, as leader of the Mandolin Club, has had a very busy and successful season, and reports from cities visited by the club show the good results of his leadership.

Brother Mackenzie has been chosen as one of the debaters on the team from Tufts to meet New York University in April. This is the second time that this honor has fallen to Brother Mackenzie. In the previous debates Tufts has been victorious. Brother Mackenzie took a very prominent part in a recent debate between the two local debating societies, and his side won.

Tufts will enter a track team in the B. A. A. Meet against University of Maine. Brothers Proctor and Smead will be entered.

Mid-year, with its season of fears and anxiety, is about on us, and until it is safely passed all hands are grinding.

Francis J. Seery.

BETA NU-MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The semi-annual examinations at Tech are just drawing to a close. The anxious period begins now and lasts till February 4th, when the reports come out. By the time this appears we shall know our fates.

Beta Nu has held two very successful initiations. Our

very good friend, Brother Chas. H. Wells, came down from Woodstock to attend the first one, and took part in the ceremony. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world the following men, who have learned the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta at our shrine: J. T. Glidden, '05, of Cambridge, Mass.; Lawrence Allen, '07, of East Freetown, Mass.; E. C. Ballou, '07, of Providence, R. I.; V. S. Rood, '07, of Jeanesville, Pa.; M. J. Cole, '08, of Lowell, Mass.; W. G. Pfeil, '08, of Philadelphia, Pa.; W. W. Rawlinson, '08, of Lowell, Mass.; H. R. Sewell, '08, of Hastings, Neb., and C. E. Whitten, '08, of Lynn, Mass. In addition to the above, we have affiliated Brother A. H. Hastings, '08, from Alpha. Brother F. L. Niles, '07, was called home just before Christmas, but expects to return next year. The Chapter now numbers twenty-nine active members.

Financially, and in other ways, Beta Nu has prospered. Our running expenses are less than our receipts by a comfortable margin. All the rooms in the chapter house are occupied, and many are the good times we have. Our Chapter, though large, seems every bit as harmonious as it was three years ago, when there were but seven of us. Instead of the Japanese servants that we had at the beginning of the term, we have secured a matron, who attends to all the details of housekeeping.

During the football season we had many pleasant visits from Deltas from the Eastern chapters. Next to attending a conference, these visits are the pleasantest part of our fraternity life.

With fraternal greetings to our sister chapters,
HENRY F. LEWIS.

BETA XI-No Letter.

BETA OMICRON—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

At the time of writing this letter the mid-year examinations are upon us, and everybody is endeavoring to successfully pass up the work of the first term. It seems that this thought and the cold weather of Ithaca were too much for Brother S. E. Francis, '05, and he has left us to enter business in Wilmington, Del. Brother G. R. Wilkins, '06, has returned to college and will continue his work in the Law School.

Our tennis court was flooded and has been nicely frozen over for several weeks. Recently it has been the scene of considerable hockey practice. Last week we were challenged to a game by the Chi Phis, and they were beaten by a score of 12 to 6. Games are now being arranged with several of the other fraternities.

This year, in addition to the regular schedule of events for Junior Week, we are to have an ice carnival on Beebe Lake. It is to be held on the first day, Monday, February 6th, and it is planned to have the lake, woods and toboggan slide decorated for the evening with electric lights, bonfires and Japanese lanterns. The usual number of dances are to be given at the different fraternity houses, and on Thursday Beta Omicron gives her annual reception to the Junior Week guests.

The 1905 senior class book, of which Brother H. S. Warner is editor-in-chief, bids fair to be most successful. Several new departments have been added this year. 'Varsity crew practice has commenced, and quite a number of men are out trying for places. Only four of the men who were in last year's boat are back in college, but Coach Courtney expects to turn out a winning crew this year.

It is with pleasure that we can announce the affiliation of Brother Frank Hawkins, of Beta, '05, and the pledging of

one new man, whom we hope to be able to introduce to the Fraternity in our next letter. WARNER D. ORVIS.

BETA PI—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last letter to THE RAINBOW a new sorority has been added to the number at Northwestern. Sigma Alpha Iota, a local at the University of Indiana, has installed a chapter in the School of Music. There is much more sorority than fraternity material here, and the new chapter begins life with a strong membership.

At present the mid-year examinations overshadow everything. When they are over the season of formal parties will open and training for baseball and track athletics will begin in earnest. Our prospects for good teams are fair, and Beta Pi expects to be represented on each. Brothers T. S. Snell and R. E. Miller were recently elected to the board of editors for next year's annual. Brother Hubbart will take a leading part in the junior play, which will be presented in March.

Brother Frank Rogers paid us a visit toward the end of January. Only those who have had the pleasure of meeting Brother Rogers can appreciate how much we enjoyed having him with us.

GEO. A. ROCHELEAU.

BETA RHO-STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter an old semester has died and a new semester has begun, but conditions at Beta Rho have not changed materially. The first semester was an unusually good one for the Chapter in point of scholarship—not a man in the house receiving even as much as a warning card. That is a record that seldom comes to a Stanford fraternity these days.

During the Christmas holidays the house was kept open, as an unusually large number of the fellows remained on the campus. There were ten men in all who did not return home for the vacation, and though, of course, nearly all of them were absent for some part of the time, there were always enough on hand to keep things moving at the house. The tenth of January saw all the men back except Brother Williams, who decided to leave college and go into business. Beta Rho is sorry to lose him—we had hoped and expected to have him with us for another year and a half.

The middle of the winter is a dull time for college activities, and there is not much to report in the line. Brother May has put in a good deal of early work on the *Quad*—the college annual—of which he is editor, and the two other men in the house who are on the staff have also found the time opportune for getting their share of the work under way.

It is still too early to venture many forecasts of the coming athletic season, and the victories of the fall are already too far behind to warrant further comment, but on the whole Stanford is better stocked with hopeful prospects than she was when we last wrote. After the successes of th football season there was for a time little to look forward to, as the prospects both in baseball and track were darker than usual. But the opening athletics of the semester have tended to throw off the shadow to quite an extent: the baseball material is panning out better than was expected, and a coach has been secured in whom there is all confidence-D. V. Cowden, the student-body treasurer of last year. The first track try-outs, also, have been decidedly encouraging, as the amount of new material is all that was counted on, and the quality well above the average. Several of the new men give promise of establishing records before they graduate. The return of old men, too, has been encouraging. Lanagan, who last year took both the hurdles in the Intercollegiate, has returned unexpectedly, and should be able to better his performances of that season. Rowing is still an almost unknown quantity at Stanford, and while the facilities for training a crew are as yet no better than last spring, the probable recognition of the sport as an intercollegiate event ought to go a good way in awakening interest and bettering Stanford prospects. In the Chapter there are several men trying-out for baseball, a couple for track, and at least-one is planning to work out for the crew, but it is too early as yet to even guess what their efforts will amount to.

Altogether, then, the opening of the semester finds the college active, the Chapter more active and the actives most active.

M. M. Stearns.

BETA TAU-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since we were last heard from we have initiated three men, and they are first-class fellows, too. Permit us to introduce Brothers John D. Read, '07; Fred Haggart, '08, and Benjamin H. Johnson, '08. The goat was turned loose shortly after the Christmas vacation and did his duty to perfection, as the candidates will testify. The customary feed and chin music took place after the initiation.

The Chapter expects to have to face the problem of getting a new home next year, and active measures have been taken to land us in a good house not far from the campus next fall. The house we now occupy is well located, but is not suited for a fraternity house. It will be necessary for the Chapter to live in houses of other people for some years to come, but we hope to own a home of our own in time.

The baseball management has not yet completed its schedule, but it is sure to include a few Delt colleges, as games have been offered by the largest schools in the Middle West. Two men of Beta Tau will be out for places, and it is reasonable to hope that we will be represented on the team. Brothers Rine and Denslow will try for honors on the diamond. If they do as good work in the 'Varsity try-out as they did in the inter-frat games last year they will surely do some business.

The University campus is beginning to assume a filledup appearance. The new Physics Building is being used regularly, and the Administration Building will soon be begun. These additions have given athletics a body blow. The field is greatly reduced in size and a long string of ground rules will have to be adopted for all games played there. It has been decided to play the games the coming season on the campus, in spite of the fact that the diamond will have to be distorted.

The Chapter continues to prosper, and we have no kick coming for anything that the world has served up to us, and we will be happy to meet everybody in New York next summer.

E. M. Marvin.

BETA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Beta Upsilon has started the second semester with a membership of twenty-four congenial actives. The Chapter is somewhat smaller than usual, but this is not at all to its detriment. We have been active in social affairs, and now that the semester examinations are over we know we have not been lax in our University work, for we feel sure that our scholarship at present is of a higher grade than it has been for some time.

Since our last letter we have initiated Henry Zeising, '08, of Glencoe, Ill., and have pledged Glen Berry, of Beardstown, Ill.

We are now making preparation for our annual dance and banquet, to be held April 14th and 15th. We sincerely hope that the whole "Delt world" can arrange to be with us, for they will be welcome, and if reports are true, we will have a better time than we did last year, for "Top Mast John" will surely be with us unless detained by something stronger than "irons." The delegation from Chicago will surely contain such men as President Wieland, "Wes." Mahan, "Doc" Janss, Elmer Scott, "Shorty" Long, "Stock," and others who are shrewd enough to know where to go for a good time. It is said there will be a delegation large enough to charter a special car.

As for the banquet—leave that to us. The toast list is not complete as yet, but what we already have is enough to warrant your coming. Now, remember April 14-15, and come.

Beta Upsilon is at present also making strenuous efforts to get photographs of all its alumni. We must have them, and make this an appeal to our alumni. Send in your photos. Brother Robert E. Doyle has left school to go West for his health. He is at present at Roswell, N. M. We know he will make good wherever he goes, and he has the Chapter's best wishes. Pledge Heidrich, '08, was injured in a railroad wreck while returning to school from his Christmas vacation. We hope he will soon be in shape to resume his work.

Our campaign for the new chapter house is meeting with good success. We have been able to meet all requirements so far, and know that with the further support of our alumni we are assured of a new house. We are glad to hear that Brother "Doc" Colby will return this semester. We sincerely hope that he will return before the gentle spring breezes make our grate fire superfluous.

The annual sophomore cotillion was held recently. Brother Reynolds was a member of the committee. Brother Strong is a member of *The Illio* board. *The Illio* is the year book of the University of Illinois.

Brother Meier is editor-in-chief of *The Technograph*, an engineering magazine, published yearly by the engineering societies.

Delta Kappa Epsilon was installed here last December. They have started with a good crowd of fellows, and we wish them much success.

Phi Delta Theta has moved into a new, handsome fraternity house. Other fraternities here are taking steps toward the purchase of lots for new houses, and remember—so are we.

Brothers Radcliffe, '96, of Beta Omicron; Morrisey, of Beta Rho, and J. D. Bagby, '77, of Upsilon Prime, have visited us in the past month.

We feel grieved to report the death of four of our alumni: Roy McClure Kennedy, Leslie A. Weaver, Joseph Van Nest and W. D. Rudy. We deeply mourn their loss, as they were all of them typical Deltas.

We wish to advise our alumni to subscribe for The Rainbow, as that is positively the only way to keep in touch with the active Chapter. Several of our alumni have done this, and we wish they all would.

Of course, you are all coming to our annual dance and banquet, April 14-15, and remember—let us know when you are coming.

ERNEST E. MEIER.

BETA PHI-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter there has little of interest happened here at Ohio State. The term "exams" have come and gone and we are all back in school. The basketball team has been doing things thus far under the management of Brother Paterson. Wisconsin and Purdue have been defeated. Brother Raymond plays right forward on the team.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs gave a very successful concert at Chapel and are now busy giving entertainments at surrounding towns. Four of the fellows are in the Glee Club and Brother Tracy works a mandolin. Brother Guilford manages the combination.

The Dramatic Club opened up the events of the winter term by presenting "She Stoops to Conquer." Brother Nye was in the cast. The club will probably take a week's trip through the State during the April vacation, and play here in Columbus late in the spring for the benefit of athletics. Brother Haller manages the "Strollers."

Delta Upsilon Fraternity has now a chapter here. She took in a local, Lambda Nu, of six years' standing. This brings the number of fraternities in the University up to twelve, besides four sororities. There are also four local fraternities. There has been a Pen-Hellenic Society formed here in line with the general college movement for study of the Bible and the promotion of a broader fraternal spirit. Brother Petersen was elected president of the society.

Our annual debates with West Virginia and Western Reserve come off this term. Brother Shoemaker is president of the Debate and Oratory Council. Preparation has begun on *The Makio*, our college annual. Brother Tipton is the associate editor of the book this year. The track team is preparing for a meet with Indiana soon. Coach Sweetland, who has been retained here throughout the year, will probably get out a good team. We have three men trying for it.

Brother Tom Buell spent several days with us on his tour

of the Northern Division. We are looking for him back soon for the Northern conference. By the time this is read the greatest Northern conference ever given will have passed into history. We did our best, anyway.

We have just pledged Charles Proctor Cooper, of Caldwell, O. He is now living in the house with us, bringing the number here up to seventeen and the chapter roll to twenty-four.

Several of us were up to Mu's initiation recently. We give our annual formal dance soon. The Junior Prom came off on February 17th. Brother Kinney recently offered a "Sophomore Hop," also. Brother William J. Scarlett was recently awarded one of the John Harvard scholarships, granted by Harvard University this year. Brother Scarlett is at 204 Craigie, with Brother J. R. Cole, Beta Phi, '06.

We urge all Deltas who reach Columbus not to forget to come up to 169 West Eleventh Avenue. Brother Earle, on the third floor, has just purchased a fire escape, and we assure you there is absolutely no danger any longer.

WM. A. NYE.

BETA CHI-BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Affairs are running very smoothly at Beta Chi's modest lodgings, although we feel more than ever the need of a chapter house. At present Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and Delta Epsilon are living in fraternity houses, and we are looking forward to the time when we, too, may enjoy this great advantage.

Brother Watson represented us on the Sophomore Ball Committee, as well as filling ably the position of reader to the Musical Clubs. Brother Lewis is managing editor of our annual, *The Liber Brunensia*, while Brother Smith is a member of the Junior Week Committee. Brother Corp has

made the University water polo team, and Brother Saul again made the hockey team.

Brothers Ingalls and Radele were regulars on the fastest basketball team that Brown has ever had. Brother Hascall has been instructing in the gymnasium during the winter term.

We were glad to see and hear Brother Laing on the Dartmouth debating team, although his team did not win.

ALFRED W. INGALLS.

BETA PSI-WABASH COLLEGE.

Since the last letter from this Chapter, Beta Psi has taken into her ranks two new brothers, whom we are proud to introduce to their Fraternity: Brother Roy H. McIntosh, of Indianapolis, and Brother Laurence J. Ulrich, of Kokomo, Ind. And we have pledged Clyde Early, of Rushville, this State, whom we expect to initiate before the next issue of The Rainbow.

To our loss, Brother L. O. Shaw was obliged to drop out of college this term, but we expect him back again for the spring term. Neither is Brother Schultz in school at present; though, living in town, he is one of us as much as before.

So far this year we have had our usual share of college honors. On the gridiron, Brother Frurip was one of the strongest ends in the State, and for the second season was given that place on the All-Indiana team. Wabash is justly proud of the record of her eleven; for she proved most conclusively her right to the secondary championship of the State, after holding Purdue to one touchdown and the State University to a single field goal.

In basketball she has highest hopes of the State championship, having already defeated Purdue, Rose Polytechnic and the State University, in one game with each of the three. Brother Pierce represents Beta Psi on our winning team, playing guard, where he is ably sustaining an enviable reputation.

Our Chapter will have at least two men on the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, which make their annual two weeks' tour early in the spring. We also have two men on the track squad, and will have two or three candidates for the diamond, among whom is Brother Rubush, out for his third season as pitcher.

Just at present Wabash is trying to innovate some system of regulating the annual freshman-sophomore scrap of Washington's birthday in such manner as to make unnecessary the usual expulsions and losses of credits following such affairs. And as soon as this interest is settled the annual Pan-Hellenic dance will take our attention. In all these activities Beta Psi has an active part.

Since last writing we have enjoyed a most instructive and pleasant visit from Brother Buell, when he brought us suggestions and ideas, the best, from sister chapters. And Brothers Scott and Harshbarger, Beta Psi men now at Purdue, were with us for a short visit early in the term. Then, only a few days ago, Brothers Taber and Cunningham, of Beta Alpha, came up on the occasion of the I. U.-Wabash basketball game.

We feel that a great advance has been made during the past year in increasing the mutual interest among the chapters of our own Division, and we can not give too much credit to Brother Buell for his earnest endeavors toward this end. Beta Psi hopes to see more of visiting brothers, and will take it as a slight if such fail to notify us of any expected stop at Crawfordsville.

In closing we wish all our sister chapters the speedy

fulfilment of their highest ambitions for true Delta growth and prosperity.

WALTER E. HARTLEY.

BETA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The 16th of January, 1905, saw Beta Omega back at work with an active membership of fifteen, nine of which are living in the house, the remaining six residing at their homes about Berkeley. We have succeeded in pledging two men and affiliating Brother R. J. West, from the University of Colorado. Brother West is taking a two-year course as a post-graduate in the Engineering Department, so we hope to have him with us for a time to come. We hope to secure more men before the initiation and annual banquet on the 11th of February; but the material this year is scarce. Nevertheless the spirit is good, and all our men are anxious to do their best for the Fraternity.

The greater University of California we might say is at hand, for with the completion of California Hall and the Mining Building, it is only a question of months before they will be ready for use, we may begin to see the realization of what we have always hoped for. By the end of the spring term the new Doe Library will be well under way, and it gives promise of being a fine structure. Six hundred thousand dollars ought to go a long, long way towards securing a splendid library.

The University had its general cleaning out process at the end of the fall semester, and two hundred and four students were refused the privilege of re-registering. One hundred and twenty withdrew "in the face of the enemy's fire." In President Wheeler's opening speech, he said that the fraternity in college life ought to be a large factor in maintaining the continuity of attendance in the University. He went on to say that the strength of a fraternity lay in the solidity and presence of its members, and it should allow no man to fall below the standard of scholarship required at California. All of us realize this, and it gives us a two-fold ambition: our college and our Fraternity.

The outlook for a victorious season is most promising. There are eleven men to fill the nine positions. All these men are 'Varsity veterans, while at Stanford the majority of the men going out this year have never played on the 'Varsity. Track work, too, is giving signs of growing strength, as an amazing long list have signed up for the coming season. There is considerable discussion as to whether or no we should have graduate football coaches. The general sentiment seems to be in favor of abolishing the present system and returning to the Eastern man as the instructor of the great American game in the West.

STUART CHISHOLM.

GAMMA ALPHA—THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Gamma Alpha opened the new year under favorable auspices. All the men of last quarter returned, as did also Brothers Clark and Taylor, who had been out since June. We have the following freshmen pledged, all of whom will probably be initiated before this issue of The Rainbow is published: C. T. Morris, W. F. James, Jr., J. R. Hopkins, of Chicago; C. B. Jordan, Ottumwa, Ia., and A. C. Allyn, Fort Scott, Kan. The Chapter will then number twenty actives. Brother Leland, '04, has also returned to take post-

graduate work. Brothers Watkins and Blair will graduate in June.

In college activities this college year Gamma Alpha has more than held her own among the Greeks of our institution. Brother Blair, who was last fall elected president of the Class of 1905, has also been chosen to lead the Washington Promenade, the big social event of the year. Brother Hunt was recently elected captain of the basketball team. The team played its first intercollegiate game last Saturday evening with the team from Beloit College, and came out victorious by 46 points to the opponents' 16. We have one member on the Senior College Council, and four, including the presidency, on the Junior College Council; pledge-man Allyn is a substitute on the water polo team; Brothers Blair, Taylor, Clark, Lightbody and Mabin, and pledge-man Morris are on the track team. We have our first indoor meet with Illinois on February 11th. Brother Steinbeck is on the Glee Club. The presidency of the Y. M. C. A. is also retained by a member of the Chapter for another year.

During the Christmas vacation we were favored with a visit from Brother Tarbox, of the University of Michigan. Brother Wieland has paid us frequent visits, and his company is always a source of pleasure to the boys of Gamma Alpha. We have further been honored recently by visits from Brothers Buell and Rogers, of the Arch Chapter. It was but today that we learned with regret that Brother Rogers is confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia.

We are hoping to meet many of our brothers in the Western Division at the annual conference here in Chicago on February 25-26. Always are we ready to welcome visits from any of our brothers.

C. F. Axelson.

GAMMA BETA-ARMOUR INSTITUTE.

Gamma Beta is on the high road to success, and in a short time we hope to be able to introduce to the Fraternity five new members, who are gifted with the requirements which make up a true Delt. Besides these qualities these prospectives are collegiates and will be strong factors in the strength of our Fraternity for the ensuing year. With this increase our chapter roll will number twenty-six actives.

Social life at Armour is very dull during our winter term. Notwithstanding this fact, the Glee Club will give a concert on February 10th. In this club our Chapter is well represented, having five members. At present we are looking forward to the coming conference to be held February 24th and 25th. The opening meeting will be held in our house, and we fully expect a large representation of Delts from the Western Division.

Our athletic outlook for this spring is much brighter than in previous years. In the years gone by we have been greatly handicapped by not having any place for practice, but through the generosity of Mr. J. Ogden Armour we now have a campus. Dates have been scheduled with the University of Illinois, University of Chicago and several other prominent schools. Brother Parker will captain the team, on which we fully expect to have several more players.

In closing Gamma Beta sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and extends a cordial invitation to any and all Delts visiting in Chicago to come and see us.

W. E. SCHERMERHORN.

GAMMA GAMMA—DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The Christmas vacation with its many enjoyments has come and gone, and the New Year finds us hard at work with our studies. "Exams" are but a little way off, and every one is looking forward to the time when they will be matters of the past. We were glad to greet back among us once again Brother Paul Hagburg, who was obliged to leave us a year ago. His return makes the active enrolment of the Chapter thirty-four men.

During the recess our Glee and Mandolin Clubs took their annual Christmas trip. Concerts were given in New York, Brooklyn and Springfield, Mass., all of which were very successful. Our Vaudeville Club also made a very successful tour through many of the New England cities. Gamma Gamma had three men upon the Glee Club—Brothers Estes, Bainie and Andrew. Our debating team met Brown University on January 21, and though unsuccessful, the question was hotly contested. Brother Laing was a member of the team again this year. The manager of the team was also a Delt.

Our basketball prospects are very bright. All the old team are back, and there is an abundance of good substitute material. Thus far our record has been very good, and we hope to maintain it to the end of the season. Cage work in baseball will have been commenced before this is in print. Our prospects in this branch are also very bright, as we lost but two of last year's team by graduation. Our track athletes are rapidly getting into shape now for the B. A. A. Meet, which is held in Boston on February 10. We meet Williams again this year in the relay race, and hope to be the winner.

During the winter months Dartmouth, located as it is some one hundred and fifty miles from Boston among the hills of New Hampshire, is pretty well separated from the rest of the college world. By being thus separated from the outside world, the internal life and spirit of the college

are fostered to a larger degree than is possible in colleges located nearer centers of civilization. The life is not, however, a disjointed and clannish one; hardly a week goes by but what we have several interesting events which bring the college together and makes the life a unit. For want of outside attractions every one takes hold of the activities of college the harder, and thereby makes the college life a real life to him.

The Eastern conference is but a little way off, and Gamma Gamma hopes to send a good delegation to help break the record of a year ago.

A. T. Melvin.

GAMMA DELTA-WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

In this letter we want to say something, based on our experience, that will be an encouragement to many of our sister chapters. Gamma Delta has entered upon her second year of chapter-house life. A year ago twelve actives and two pledges of a chapter with thirteen actives and three pledges moved into a newly purchased house. We were, as we see it now, in a sense, unacquainted with each other, and strangers to real fraternity life. We were in our own average strength, and held a standing among the fraternities of the University in Delta Tau's usual place-among the first. The impetus in enthusiasm given by the possession of a house was naturally slightly stayed by the proposition before us in owning it, and the uncertainty of success in conducting and enjoying proper chapter-house life. However, we made the venture with a good will. This year we have seventeen actives and three pledges in the University, and sixteen actives and one pledge in the house. We count this good progress towards filling the house with actives. The growth in real fraternity spirit has been so rapid and distinct that it is the most marked advantage of fraternity

life fostered by our home. Sociability has thrust itself upon us so gradually, but surely, that we seldom pause, while yet in its enjoyment, to look back to this or that special time as pre-eminent in our social functions; and yet we have had such functions of the highest order. We are willing to have fair judgment as to our present standing in college life passed by friend or stranger. To group up in the hall in fraternity for a chat after dinner, or to circle about the open fire and chant a Delta song in celebration of a newly placed "double triangle," is to enjoy times of life not given to even the fraternity man who is not a dweller in a house. We would testify, then, that the possession of a chapter house, though a difficult task and a responsible undertaking, is well worth extra work and also extra cost.

There is much activity in the fraternity circle here. A Pan-Hellenic Association has been organized and bids fair to perform effectually the just purpose for which it stands. A chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has been installed. The two local sororities have been especially active in increasing their membership and persistent in aspiring to national life.

Recently we have had the pleasure of entertaining Brother C. G. Coffman, '04, a practicing lawyer of Clarksburg, this State, and Brother J. A. Higbee, Chi, '01. Brother W. F. Anderson, Mu, '84, lectured in the Methodist Church of Morgantown the last Tuesday of January, and after the lecture was informally entertained at our house.

S. E. Taylor, '07, is our latest pledge. At this writing he and Brothers Strickler, '07, and Gronninger, '07, captain, are on the first trip of the basketball team.

Brother C. M. Ramage, '07, has been elected delegate to the Northern Division conference.

Our last initiates, whom we proudly introduce to all Deltas in Greekdom, are Brooks S. Hutchinson, 'o8, Fairmont, W. Va.; Edward S. Bock, '08, Coshocton, O.; W. Gay Tough, '08, Fairmont, W. Va., and Anthony F. McCue, '07, Persinger, W. Va.

D. E. McQuilkin.

GAMMA EPSILON—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Since our last writing the Gamma Epsilon Chapter has enjoyed its Christmas celebration, entertained the New York Alumni members, has held its third initiation for the year and is now making plans for the coming conference and banquet.

The Christmas entertainment was of the usual Santa Claus and Christmas tree type, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the six or eight men who spent their vacation at the frat house.

On the occasion of their regular January meeting the members of the New York Alumni Chapter were entertained at the Gamma Epsilon house. The meeting was a successful one and the evening proved very enjoyable to all who were present. The third initiation was held on the evening of January 16, 1905, and Brother J. F. Prince, '08, was added to our number.

Of greatest interest to all concerned now is the approaching conference, which will be held in this city in February. The business meetings of the conference will take place on the morning and afternoon of the 18th at the Manhattan Hotel, and the banquet will occur at the same place in the evening. On the 17th of February the Gamma Epsilon Chapter will hold an open smoker at its house, to which all Deltas who expect to attend the conference are most cordially invited.

Frank C. Hall.

GAMMA ZETA—WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.
When this copy of The Rainbow reaches its readers a

large number of us will have been through another period of those ordeals which we call "mid-year exams." Gamma Zeta feels that she has made some long strides in scholastic attainments during the first half year. The secretary of the Faculty informed one of our members that our freshman delegation was a "good bunch" for grinding. As far as we know, every one of the delegation has passed the first freshman examination—that in Solid Geometry. Of the twenty-five juniors whose names were posted by the English professor as being proficient in English, four were from Gamma Zeta. One member of our senior delegation will receive his degree after only three years of study, which is an unusual achievement in this college, where the requirements are so high.

In debating lines we feel that we have more than held our own. Brother Neumann is the manager of the college debating team, which defeated Williams last November and which will meet Syracuse in the near future. Brother Kennedy, '08, is conceded to be the leading member of the freshman team, and has a bright chance for making the 'Varsity.

Brother Deming is on the 'Varsity basketball team, and Brother Wriston has been playing in some of the freshman games. Brother Monroe, the baseball captain for this year, has issued his first call for candidates, and the prospects are that we shall have a winning team. Two of our freshmen have had considerable experience in baseball, and will try for positions.

The Chapter has not neglected its social duties. We gave a dance early in February, and are planning a reception for some time in the spring. It is said that the Delta Tau fellows are known to be great "fussers," but as to that it is not for us to judge.

A word about our freshmen. The delegation, twelve in number, got together recently and told each other what each was going to do for the Chapter. One is trying for the *Argus* board; another for the *Lit*; two for the baseball team; others for track work, etc. This is just the kind of spirit we like to see, and we believe our new initiates will make a good record for themselves.

O. T. Noon.

GAMMA ETA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Things have been going along quietly since the writing of our last chapter letter. Some of us are now in the throes of our mid-year "exams," some are "boneing" for the expected agony, while others are pulling themselves together and estimating the damage done.

Our prospects for the coming baseball season are very promising. We have games scheduled with some of the best teams in the East, the season opening on March 25th with the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, followed by games with the University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, Rutgers, Dickinson, etc. Gamma Eta, as usual, will have a good representation on the diamond, and will be certain to give a good account of herself.

The third annual initiation and banquet, held at the New Willard on December 3, 1904, was a complete success, and all agreed, after the good old Choctaw Walk-Around, finished in the wee sma' hours, that we had had a grand, good time.

During a few respites, given us on Saturday evenings by our worthy "Profs.," we have had some very enjoyable evenings at the chapter house, where it was our honor to be assisted by the ladies in making "Rah! Rah! Delta!" resound through Delta's majestic halls—also several squares away. Speaking of the ladies, reminds me of an important announcement omitted from our last letter; that is, the introduction to the Delta world of—Brother Philip Buettner—Benedict.

We are pleased to learn that Brother Lee Warner is to return to us in a very short time from the wild and woolly West.

Brother Beeler, second year law, has been elected Business Manager of the *George Washington University Annual* for 1905, and also to represent his class on the *Annual* board.

Brother Lee has also been elected as a member of the Annual board.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Ewing, Sewanee. A reception will be held in honor of the alumni at the chapter house on Wednesday, February 11, 1905.

Gamma Eta sends greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters, and extends a special and cordial welcome to all brothers coming to Washington, D. C., to help inaugurate our Teddy and assist in carrying the "big stick" in that grand pageant of March 4, 1905.

CARROLL SEWALL MIDDLETON.

GAMMA THETA—BAKER UNIVERSITY.

Baker opened the winter term with the largest enrolment in her history. All our fellows returned to us after the holidays except Brother Frank Postlethwaite, who enters the Law School of Kansas University. Gamma Theta has pledged a new man since the holidays, Winfield Baker, '07, of Concordia, Kan. By the time this letter is published he will have been initiated into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta.

Everything is in a prosperous condition in the Chapter. During the holidays we had the third story of the chapter house finished and we now have four more of our men in the house, making a total of sixteen.

Brother E. A. Riley has won the local oratorical contest and will represent Baker at the State contest held at Wichita, Kan., March 3d. On the night of March 6th the greatest event in our university life takes place. At that time the Athenian Literary Society gives a mock inaugural of the President of the United States. This program, given only once in four years, is the most elaborate affair in college life. About one hundred and fifty characters are represented, including the president, vice-president, justices of the supreme court, cabinet officers and the entire United States Senate. Brother E. A. Riley was unanimously elected president of the inaugural program. We are represented on every committee, having the chairmanship of the general arrangement and banquet committees.

In closing we wish to extend hearty greetings to all the other Delt chapters and to invite all Delts passing through this part of the Sunflower State to drop in and see us. A warm welcome always await them at our chapter house.

W. M. HUDSON.

GAMMA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Gamma Iota resumed labor after the Christmas recess with all members at their respective stations and all ready for another term's hard work. Each returned full and overflowing with Christmas reminiscences and the usual share of New Year's resolutions. Each has begun the new year with a determination to work with greater zeal for the ultimate success of the Chapter. We realize to a man what

Brother Rogers, the Arch Chapter, and the Fraternity at large, are expecting of this, the very youngest member of Delta Tau, and it is our aim to measure up to their expectations in every particular.

The Chapter has not been inactive in literary work. Brother Simpson, one of our new initiates, won a place on the team which will debate Tulane University on the 21st of April. Brother Johnson has an article in the January number of the *Texas School Journal*, entitled "Geographical Notions Before the Discovery of America, Illustrated by the Sources."

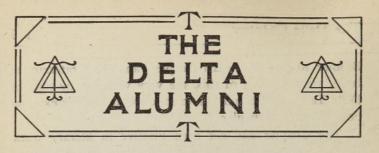
University politics has waxed warm recently over the election of the president for the final ball. Brother McCarty has been appointed chairman of the alumni committee of that function. He is also chairman of a committee of students appointed by the Faculty and the president of the students' association for the purpose of inquiring into fraternity conditions in other universities, with especial reference to the various methods of regulating the so-called evils of "fraternity rushing."

Since our last communication we have pledged two more new men and will introduce them to the Fraternity at large in our next letter. With the present number the Chapter will be on a good solid footing at the opening of next session.

A banquet and reunion for Delt alumni residing in Texas is being planned for by the Chapter, aided by the Delts of Austin. The date will probably be April 4, the anniversary of the installation of the Chapter.

In conclusion we extend a hearty welcome to all Delts who may happen to come this way, and trust they will make our chapter house their headquarters while in Austin. Gamma Iota extends best wishes to her sister chapters.

JAS. F. JOHNSTON.



NEW YORK ALUMNI CHAPTER.

On January 12th the members of the New York Alumni Chapter were the guests of Gamma Epsilon Chapter at a smoker held in the new chapter house of Gamma Epsilon, at 429 West One Hundred and Seventeenth Street. Gamma Epsilon has most comfortable and attractive quarters and is well fixed to entertain. Everyone present had a fine time. There was good music and good fellowship, and no two opinions were possible about the provisions for the comfort of the inner man.

On Friday evening, February 17th, Rho and Gamma Epsilon will entertain all Deltas at a smoker. This will be held at the home of Gamma Epsilon, and will serve as a prelude to the twenty-third conference of the Eastern Division, which occurs the next day at Hotel Manhattan. Among the speakers expected at the conference banquet are the President of the Fraternity and the Editor of The Rainbow. It is expected that the attendance at the conference will exceed that of last year. Albert L. Jones.

SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNI CHAPTER.

Again the annual invitations to the various Division Conferences are coming to us, serving as a reminder of our separation from the advantages of inter-chapter life of the East and Middle West. Compelled as we are by time and distance to forego the pleasure of these veritable little Karneas, we have decided to make amends as far as possible

and have a first-class representation at the coming thirty-eighth Karnea in New York, August next. President McNair in his enthusiasm expects to take at least half a dozen live members with him to the celebration in New York at that time, but in any event it is safe to say that the San Francisco Alumni Association will have a larger number of members there than at any previous Karnea.

In regard to the affairs of the near future, we are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the annual anniversary celebration of the Beta Omega at the chapter house in Berkeley. This year the event will occur on February 11th, and it is expected that, as in the past, there will be brought together a large number of the Delta alumni.

The plans for the Delta Tau Delta Club of San Francisco are still being perfected by President McNair and his bunch of Delt bachelors. The whole proposition being so new to us and presenting so many phases that must be considered, it has been very wisely decided that we must not enter into it without mature deliberation. The various ideas on the subject are being carefully weighed, however, and when the club is once launched into existence it may be expected to be a success.

HERBERT SAMUEL BONIFIELD.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI CHAPTER.

The past two months have been exceedingly active ones for the Philadelphia Alumni Association, and the present finds it in a most flourishing condition with unlimited future possibilities. Our membership to date is larger than that of any preceding year—our meetings have never been so well attended—and with the additions that we can expect from new alumni in town, this year promises to be the most successful that the association has as yet experienced.

Our December meeting was in the form of a very informal supper at the Garrick Hotel. Our circular called for a "little vaudeville—a good lunch—and a few songs." But the enthusiasm of the meeting reversed this order, and the professional talent that the committee had procured was drowned out by the flood of amateur ability of some of our members. Twenty-eight Delts were present, and gave evidence of the growing strength of our alumni in Philadelphia.

But this meeting only paved the way for the eighth anniversary banquet of Omega Chapter, in the celebration of which, on January 21st, we joined with Omega Chapter. The committee in charge assured the success of this when they received acceptances to respond to toasts from Brothers Orrin Serfass, of our old Lafayette Chapter; "Sunny Jim" Wakefield, of Pittsburg, and "The King"-Charles O. Maas, of New York. The rest was easy. These names were the Mecca that brought together sixty Delts at the Hotel Flanders on the evening of the 21st at the largest local banquet that the Fraternity has ever held in Philadelphia. Brothers L. P. Chamberlayne, of the University of Virginia; Dean Corsa, of Lehigh, and Frederick MacMillan, of Pennsylvania, rounded out the toast list and made the banquet as much of a success oratorically as mine host did gastronomically.

Our next meeting will be in New York in connection with the twenty-third annual conference of the Eastern Division, and by the time this letter appears that meeting will only be the glad memory of what is now an anxious anticipation.

Samuel Lloyd Irving.

MILWAUKEE ALUMNI CHAPTER.

A half dozen members of the Wisconsin Alumni Chapter

have incorporated for the purpose of issuing stock and raising a fund for the purchase of a chapter house for our Chapter at Madison. The plan is meeting with great success, and already four thousand dollars have been subscribed. The work is entirely in the hands of the alumni and is doing a great deal to bring the boys together. On Monday evening, the 23d of January, there will be a meeting at the chapter house at Madison of some twenty alumni with the active chapter to devise further plans and schemes for raising money, and also informally to discuss some plans for the Alumni Chapter.

It is more than likely that a number of our boys will be in New York City to attend the Karnea, and perhaps three of the active chapter will be there.

All in all, our affairs are in fine shape and the Delta spirit high.

E. J. HENNING.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNI CHAPTER.

We played hookey when the call was made for letters for the last issue of The Rainbow. But it's all Ed Clifford's fault. I said to him one day: "Ed, what in the world shall I write for The Rainbow this time?" He said: "Haven't you got anything to write?" and upon my replying in the negative, suggested, "Well, I wouldn't write anything, then."

But at our meeting last Saturday, January 21, officers were elected for the ensuing year. The only thing about the proceeding that merits attention is the fact that all the old officers were reëlected—which fact may mean one of two things: Either that no one else would have the offices, or that the present incumbents have managed in some way to hypnotize the members of the association to such an extent that they have not been impeached for malfeasance

in office. As an officer, I am inclined to believe that the first horn of the dilemma is the true one, but I don't care. I'd just as soon do some things that other people would not do, especially when it comes to being an officer in the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

The Secretary was elected delegate to the Northern Conference.

Brother Ladd, of Beta Pi, and Brothers Parker, Holloway and Fatout, of Beta Zeta, were our guests.

CARL R. LOOP.

BOSTON ALUMNI CHAPTER.

The Boston Alumni announces the following officers for the coming year: President, Oscar Storer, Beta Sigma; vice-president, Louis M. Potter, Epsilon; treasurer, Louis S. Murphy, Beta Mu; secretary, Arthur S. Gaylord, Beta Chi.

The membership list is growing constantly larger and our organization consequently stronger. During the present year we expect to have more meetings than on previous years.

A. S. GAYLORD.

ATLANTA ALUMNI CHAPTER.

At its last meeting in 1904 the Atlanta Alumni Chapter elected the following officers: President, Dr. W. E. Wilmerding; secretary, Thomas J. Farrar; treasurer, W. L. Hunnicutt. The one goal toward which we are turning our eyes is the entertaining of the next Southern Division conference. Though this event is still some time off, we have entrusted the raising of necessary funds to T. C. Turner, who has already made a creditable beginning.

For several reasons our fall meetings were interrupted and irregular. We hope that the new year will bring renewed interest and full attendance. At our January meeting we were glad to have with us Brothers Phillips and Bostwich, of Beta Theta. All visiting Delts are cordially invited to meet with us on the second Wednesday of each month, or, if in town between times, to call at 213 Prudential Building, where our genial President will welcome them and tell them where they can find the rest of us.

At our last meeting we discussed the matter of having a representative at the Karnea. We hope we can have two, but can not as yet tell what we will be able to do.

Brother F. A. Cundell, who left us more than a year ago to accept a position in Memphis, is again with us, and will add to the pleasure of our meetings.

THOMAS J. FARRAR.

JACKSON ALUMNI CHAPTER.

This being our first letter to THE RAINBOW, must be our letter of introduction. We held our first regular meeting as an alumni chapter March 14th, when our permanent organization was effected. The chapter list comprises: Wesley Sears, Kappa, '74; John I. Breck, Iota, '84, Delta, '86; Dr. E. A. Martindale, Kappa, '95; Rev. John A. Cole, Kappa, '94; H. G. Grier, Chi, '00; D. B. White, Epsilon, '02; Dr. E. L. Morrison, Delta, '03.

We purpose to hold regular meetings and dinners on the second Thursday of each month, and we cordially invite all Deltas who may be in the neighborhood to join us on these occasions. We shall every one of us be glad to see any Delts who come to our city at any time, if they will let us know of their coming, or look us up by means of the city directory.

H. G. GRIER.

EPSILON.

'76—E. B. Bancroft is one of the trustees of Albion College.

'76—Guy E. Clark, a charter member, is identified with the Alamo Engine Manufacturing Co. at Hillsdale, Mich.

'77-'79—C. M. Ranger, '77, and W. D. Farley, '79, are still in partnership in the furniture business at Battle Creek, Mich.

'80—Dr. E. L. Parmeter is Albion's oldest practicing physician.

'81—Henry W. Mosher is located at Iron Mountain, Mich., as president of the Bell Telephone Co.

'84—R. L. Griffin is preaching in the Rock River Conference at Lena, Ill.

'85—Dr. C. C. Landon is a practicing physician at Battle Creek, Mich.

'86—C. H. Gordon left Lincoln, Neb., in 1903, going from there to accept the position as professor in geology at Washington University. His attempt to establish a chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Washington was unsuccessful. In 1904 Mr. Gordon accepted the position as instructor of geology at Socorro, N. Mex., where he is now located. Brother Gordon was instrumental in establishing ——Chapter at Evanston, Ill.

'87—James T. Docking has achieved great success in a new line. After filling some of the leading pulpits in New England for ten years, Dr. Docking was unanimously elected last August as President of the Cookman Institute, in Jacksonville, Fla. This is one of the oldest and strongest schools in the South for the colored race, and according to accounts in Southern papers the school is enjoying a most remarkable year of prosperity under Dr. Docking's administration. Brother Docking is also making a brilliant record as a public speaker and educator.

'89—Ed. A. Edmonds is manager of the Rhinelander Paper Co., at Rhinelander, Wis.

'92—Geo. F. Sheldon is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Sturgis, Mich.

'92—Frank E. Allen is seeking his health at Rodonda Beach, Los Angeles County, California.

'00—F. T. Coppens and H. Marr Byington are associated in business at Grand Ledge, Mich.

KAPPA.

'73—Rev. L. A. Crandall, D. D., pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church at Minneapolis, is counted one of the strongest ministers in the city.

'73—R. M. Lawrence is in the employ of the United States government, conducting civil service examinations.

'74—Sam S. Ashbaugh is still engaged in the practice of law, with offices at 200 and 202 Sedgwick Block, Wichita, Kan.

'79—William C. Wilson is president of the Old Bankers' Home Life Insurance Co., with the home office at Lincoln, Neb.

'82—Samuel W. Norton has resumed the practice of law at 516 Reaper Block, Chicago, Ill.

'83—Fremont D. Davis is superintendent of the Escanaba (Mich.) public schools.

'00—James H. Lash, because of impaired health, has been compelled to give up his studies at the Union Theological Seminary of New York City, and will recuperate in Mexico.

'04—Allan P. Rice, who taught the sciences in the Hoopeston (Ill.) high school last term, has accepted a position in Cuba, in the interest of a large investment company.

Ex-'07—Chas. H. Mann, who is with Powers, Higley & Co., of Valparaiso, Ind., is just recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

LAMBDA.

'96, M. D.—John Pelham Bates, of Nashville, has received an appointment as surgeon, to report at Panama.

OMICRON.

'90—Paul Mellen Chamberlin is Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Lewis Institute, Chicago, Ill.

'96—On Sunday, January 1st, Cloyd Mason Chapman was married to Miss Florence L. Fisher at Hartford, Conn.

'02—Arthur F. Brinckerhoff has changed his address from Boston to 1326 Prudential Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

'03—The engagement of Lea Pusey Warner, of Wilmington, Del., to Miss Edna Gausler, of Camden, N. J., was recently announced.

'03—The engagement has just been announced of Peter Fisher, Jr., of Kenosha, Wis., to Miss Amy Corry, of Ravenswood, Ill.

XI.

'72—William Henry Berry is still practicing law at Indianola, Ia.

'72—Clarence K. Kennedy is at present located at Albion, Mich., where he is acting as editor of the Albion Recorder.

'76—James Martin is now an attorney and counsellor-atlaw, Fort Dodge, Ia.

'77—Ross P. Anderson is still engaged in the practice of the law at Seward, Neb.

'77—John Madison Brown is likewise engaged at Sioux City, Ia.

'77—Solomon F. Prouty is president of the East St. Louis Walnut Co., East St. Louis, Ill.

'79—George Blanchard is auditor of the Sumpter Lumber Co., Sumpter, Ore.

'79—George Julius Delmege, president and organizer of the Century Fire Insurance Co. of Des Moines, has more than doubled the business of his company during the past couple of years.

'80—Judge Guy R. C. Read has left the bench and entered practice again. His offices are in the New York Life Building, Omaha, Neb.

'80—William B. Whitney is likewise engaged at Beaver City, Neb.

'84—Charles H. Miller is sales manager of the Osborne Co., 31 Union Square, New York City. Brother Edmund Burke Osborne, Xi, '89, is president of this company and also of the American Colortype Co., one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the world.

'85—Dr. Charles W. Johnson has left the practice of medicine and is now engaged in farming at Campbell, Ia.

'85—Robert O. Miller is proprietor of the Norwood farm, Norwood, Ia.

'85—Frank Louis Pearson is proprietor of the Pioneer Store, Lanesboro, Ia.

'86—Fred L. Denman is auditor of the Pacific Cold Storage Co., Tacoma, Wash.

'87—Simpson L. Van Scoy is still in the dry goods business at Belle Plaine, Ia.

'88—Robert Cleland Harbison is the proprietor of the Sun, San Bernardino, Cal.

'88—Frank Ellis Meech is cashier of the American Ice Co., Yonkers, N. Y.

'88—William D. Trimble is in the real estate business, North Tonawanda, N. Y.

'89—Olin A. Kennedy's interests are in real estate, insurance and mining, First National Bank Building, Ogden, Utah.

'90—Herbert A. Youtz is professor of systematic theology at the Chicago Theological Seminary, 81 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago.

'92—Nelson C. Field is said to have amassed a fortune in the real estate business, now being located at Moberly, Mo.

'93—Dr. E. B. Henderson is engaged in the practice of medicine at Marengo, Ia.

'93—Sherman Stahl is practicing law in Chicago, with offices in the Roanoke Building.

'94—Joshua R. Youtz is engaged in farming at Valley Junction, Ia.

'96—Gerald F. Gilbert is likewise engaged at Alpena, S. Dak.

'96—John Lewis Jones is likewise engaged at Norwalk, Iowa.

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'80—Mr. John W. Lieb is the recipient of high honors at the hands of His Majesty the King of Italy. Mr. Lieb recently acted as host and guide to a commission from Italy, which inspected electrical and mechanical installations in various parts of the United States, and it is partly in recognition of the many favors tendered these gentlemen that the decoration comes as it does.

BETA ALPHA.

'03—Brothers Pinks and Smith are studying law at Columbia.

'04—Brother Fred Purnell is practicing law at Crawfordville, Ind.

'04—Brother Oscar Shields is superintendent of schools at Owensburg, Ind.

'04—Brother Otto Geiss is practicing law at Evansville, Ind.

Ex-'05—Brother Adolph Geiss, who was forced to leave college this year through illness, is at his home in Evansville, Ind.

Ex-'05—Brother Adam Beeler is attending the George Washington University.

Ex-'06—Brothers George and Worth Brehm are studying art in New York.

Ex-'06—Brother Lloyd Smith is engaged in business in Indianapolis, Ind.

BETA DELTA.

'83-A. B.—G. F. Hunnicutt has succeeded to the editorship of the *Southern Cultivator*, of Atlanta, Ga.

BETA EPSILON.

'87—Brother J. F. Johnson is in mercantile business at Oxford, Ga.

'87—Brother J. L. Key is practicing law in Atlanta, Ga.

'87—Brother H. M. Strozier is in the furniture and hardware business at Savannah, Ga.

'90-E. M. Landrum is a merchant at Talequah, I. T.

'93—J. H. Moore is studying law at the University of Texas.

'94—J. G. Sessoms is in wholesale grocery business at Andalusia, Ala.

'95—T. J. Shepard is in the newspaper business at Brunswick, Ga.

'96—W. A. Covington is a member of the Georgia Legislature and practices law at Moultrie, Ga.

'97-R. F. Morton is with the American Tobacco Co.

'97—N. P. Walker is a surgeon at the Georgia State Sanitarium, Milledgeville, Ga.

'00-I. P. Morton is a merchant at Athens.

'00-George Gibbons is in business in Philadelphia.

'oi-H. D. Bunn is in the naval stores business at Fair-fax, Ga.

'or-J. H. Jordon is a merchant at Adrian, Ga.

'02—T. C. Hutcheson is principal of White Hall Academy, White Hall, Ga.

'02-M. R. Smith is studying for an M. D. at the Augusta College of Medicine.

'02-W. H. Morton is with the Coca-Cola Co., of Atlanta, Ga.

'03—H. S. Allen is vice-president of the South Georgia Conference College, at McRae, Ga.

'03-C. D. Read is teaching at Camilla, Ga.

'03—E. Y. Davis is teaching in the government schools at Santiago de Cuba.

'04-R. H. Alderman is teaching at Harveson, Ga.

'04-M. D. Callahan is teaching at Parrot, Ga.

BETA KAPPA.

'99-W. W. Shilling is in business in Cripple Creek, Colo.

'99—H. P. Gamble has been reappointed county attorney of Boulder County, Colorado.

'OI—Frank I. Ewing is the father of a new "Delt." Buck" is practicing law at Greeley, Colo.

'OI-Frank West is practicing law at Boulder, Colo.

'o1-W. E. Clark is practicing law at Denver, Colo.

'oı—A. W. Robbins is practicing medicine at Durango, Colo.

'02—John Nixon is practicing law at Denver, Colo. '04—Wm. Bell is principal of schools at Ouray, Colo.

BETA NU.

'91—W. G. Peter is a member of the firm of Marsh & Peter, architects, Washington, D. C.

'02—J. R. Morse is local agent of the Columbia Improvement Co., and has charge of erection of the new power house of the Tampa Electric Co. Address: Tampa, Fla.

'03—R. B. Yerxa is with the Hoffman Hinge and Foundry Co., in Cleveland, O.

'04—R. E. Adams is with the Federal Mining and Smelting Co., in Kellogg, Idaho.

'04—C. C. Carhart is with the Friday Gold Mining Co., in Pearl, Idaho.

'04—F. N. Turgeon is connected with the Lowell Machine Shops, Lowell, Mass.

Ex-'05—F. E. Guild is junior partner in the firm of Peacock & Guild, manufacturing jewelers, in Providence, R. I.

BETA TAU.

One of the charter members of Beta Tau, Wilmer W. Johnson, is the leader of the minority in the lower house of the Montana Legislature.

Another of our chapter members, Brother Adam McMullen, is in the State Legislature of Nebraska.

BETA UPSILON.

'76—Brother Staley is county judge of Champaign County and is located at Champaign, Ill.

'77-J. D. Bagbey is located at Rushville, Ill.

Dr. J. J. Davis is practicing at Racine, Wis.

'78—W. H. Mahan is president of the Drexel State Bank at Chicago, Ill.

August Zeising is vice-president of the American Bridge Co., and is located at Chicago.

'79-James A. McLane is located at Chicago, Ill.

'96—L. F. Hamilton and Chas. D. Terry are at Kewanee, Ill.

C. L. Babcock is located at Omaha, Neb.

Geo. Jobst is a contractor at Peoria, Ill.

'97—J. L. Schroeder is in the mail service on the Yukon and White Pass R. R., with headquarters at Yukon Territory.

Wm. Dighton is cashier of the Monticello State Bank, Monticello, Ill.

H. B. Errett is at Clearfield, Pa.

R. N. Bramhall is practicing medicine at Boston, Mass. Geo. Liese is at Danville, Ill.

'98—F. W. Von Oven is connected with Love Bros., at Aurora, Ill.

'99—Ed Schneider is with the American Bridge Co. at Kansas City,, Mo.

Harvey Wood is practicing law at Joliet, Ill.

E. J. Mantz, ex-'99, is cashier at the Pell City (Alabama) Bank.

Wm. and Henry Frazer are located at Mojave, Cal.

H. M. Ely is located at Danville, Ill.

H. Brittingham is at Danville, Ill.

'or—E. P. Boyd is in Manilla, P. I., as civil engineer in the government employ.

Roy Stipes is in business with his father at Champaign, Ill.

E. B. Forbes is professor at University of Missouri.

Bryant Dedman is at Marietta, O.

Fred Reiman is practicing law at Vandalia, Ill.

W. C. Evans is practicing law at Danville, Ill.

'OI—C. J. Peeples is assistant State bank inspector for Illinois, with headquarters at Chicago, Ill.

W. H. Sherman is at St. Joseph, Mo.

J. F. Baker is practicing law at Sullivan, Ill.

N. J. Higginbotham, ex-'01, is at Kewanee, Ill.

Geo. Steeley, ex-'01, is at Boston, Mass.

'03-E. P. Storey is at Seattle, Wash.

'04—A. W. Allen is with his father in the contracting business at Peoria, Ill.

H. H. Barter is at Springfield, Ill.

Frank Lindsay is at Oklahoma, Ind. Ter.

Perry Barker is at LaSalle, Ill.

H. T. Wheelock, ex-'04, is at Moline, Ill.

B. C. Nelson, ex-'04, is with his father and brother in the grocery business at Champaign.

B. W. Errett is at Kewanee, Ill.

'05-Harry Mitchell, ex-'05, is at Peoria, Ill.

Bert Hull, ex-'05, is at Chicago, Ill.

Harry Beasley, ex '05, is at Trail, British Columbia.

BETA OMEGA.

'o1—Ralph Hamilton Curtiss, since taking his Ph. D. at California, has been continuing his research work in astronomy at Lick Observatory, on Mt. Hamilton, California.

Ex-'04—J. Marshall Steele, Beta Omega, has returned from St. Louis, where he represented the University of California, and has taken up his business duties again in Berkeley, Cal.

'04—J. H. McCollough, Jr., Beta Omega, is engaged in business near Irvington, Cal.

Ex-'04—Frank Kutz is now situated in San Francisco with Crane & Co., the large hardware firm.

GAMMA ALPHA.

Ex-'03—Benjamin G. Lee and Miss Ellen Howard Ray were married on New Year's day at Burlington, Ia. They will make their home in Kansas City, Mo., where "Benny" is engaged in business.

'04—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Frank McKey to Miss Elizabeth Hull, of St. Louis, Mo. The wedding will take place on February 25th.

GAMMA ZETA.

'02—N. K. Silliman has left the Hartford Theological School and intends to go to Colorado or Minnesota for his health.

'03—Olin M. Caward is to begin preaching June 1 in the Bethesda Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is to be assistant pastor.

'03—Floyd S. Leach has returned from a trip to Florida. Ex-'03—Robert E. Briggs is in Boston now. His address is 241 Milk Street.

'04—Merritt J. Hopkins is studying in the Jamaica Normal School, Brooklyn, with the view of teaching history in the New York City high schools.

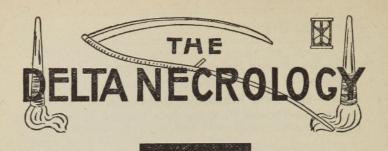
'04—David D. Whitney is studying for a Ph. D. in the Biology Department of Columbia.

'04—Geo. M. Newell has arrived at Foo-Chow, China, and is teaching sciences in the Anglo-Chinese College.

'04—John McG. Gibb is in the University of Peking, China. He has formed a military company, is training a track team and is arranging a physical laboratory. Ex-'06—Russell Bailey has left college.

Ex-'06—Edward Goldbacker has announced his engagement to Miss Edna Schultz, of Yonkers, N. Y.

Ex-'06—Thomas W. Coote is in business in Springfield, Mass.



BETA UPSILON.

LESLIE A. WEAVER.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from us our beloved brother, Leslie A. Weaver, and

WHEREAS, In his death Beta Upsilon loses its best friend and counsellor, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, extend to the bereaved family of our departed brother our most sincere sympathy in our mutual affliction and loss. Be it further

Resolved, That we go into mourning for a period of thirty days in memory of our departed brother. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Rainbow, and that a copy be engrossed and sent to the afflicted family.

Ernest E. Meier,

WALTER R. Ross,

Committee.

BETA UPSILON.

ROY McClure Kennedy.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to

take from us our beloved brother, Roy McClure Kennedy, and,

WHEREAS, In his death Beta Upsilon loses a valued and beloved brother, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, extend to the bereaved family of our departed brother our most sincere sympathy in our mutual affliction and loss. Be it further

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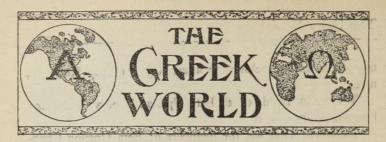
WALTER R. Ross.

Committee.

LAMBDA.

ELIJAH S. ASHCRAFT.

Elijah S. Ashcraft, LL. B., of Nashville, Tenn., died June, 1904.



The University of Kentucky has chapters of Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu and Kappa Alpha (So.). Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta are the only ones that occupy houses.

Besides the chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, lately installed at the University of Illinois, a charter has been granted a petitioning body by Delta Kappa Epsilon. This makes a total of twelve fraternities and three petitioning clubs at this institution.

At its convention held in Chicago the latter part of October, Delta Upsilon provided for the incorporation of its executive council, the revision of its ritual, as it was thought "the changes of a few years ago simplified it at the cost of dignity." A charter was granted a local at the Ohio State University which has been petitioning for several years. This increases the chapter roll of Delta Upsilon to thirty-six.

Chi Phi has established its Omega chapter at the Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga. Its last convention was held with the Franklin and Marshall Chapter at Lancaster, Pa., November 25. This society has given up its magazine, but issues in lieu thereof an annual in book form which gives the members information usually contained in a periodical. It also issues semi-occasionally a little pamphlet called the *Chakett*, containing chapter rolls and reports. They are very full and frank.

The chapter of a certain fraternity at Columbia regularly sets aside a stated night each month as "alumni night."

Where a chapter is located in a large city or accessible to a fair number of alumni members such a custom is a very good one and should materially benefit both actives and alumni. The near-by alumni should have the date frequently called to their attenton, and know that on the stated night of each month they would be sure to find all the active chapter at home, and perhaps some especial stunts and a chafing dish for their entertainment at the chapter house.

"The taking of 'honorary' members into undergraduate chapters is not, as some have fondly fancied, out of style, passé. Instances of it are cropping up constantly. No fraternity, however, appears to have gone into the matter so enthusiastically, so hilariously, as Phi Kappa Sigma. The Columbian chapter of this fraternity recently initiated ex-Secretary Cortelyou, of the Department of Commerce and Labor—now chairman of the Republican National Committee—Dr. Needham, president of the institution, and several popular professors. It is rumored that such unattached members of the faculty as were, in the rush, accidentally overlooked feel decidedly hurt."—Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The following are among the provisions of the revised constitution of Kappa Alpha (So.):

"The editor is given 20 per cent. of receipts from subscriptions, so that if he gets the Journal out always "on time" and looks after subscriptions, his income will be over \$500 a year. The Annual Catalogue is hereafter to contain only the initiates of the past session, and may be printed in the October Journal. The date of issue of the Journal is to be October 1st, December 1st, etc. The budget is made authoritative, so that the K. C.'s responsibility for the solvency of the order shall be more complete. The C. S. is required to procure paid subscriptions to the Journal, if possible, from members about to leave college permanently, and is relieved of the duty of reporting facts for the Annual Catalogue.

"The minimum number of male academic students of fresh-

men and higher grade required at colleges seeking a charter is raised to 75. The K. C.'s council is required to be unanimous in the issue of new charters. To restrict the alleged ad hoc organization of alumni chapters they are required to be two years old before receiving power to vote in convention. The K. C. is authorized to begin the partial payment of traveling expenses of delegates to conventions when he has funds sufficient for the purpose. The square 'button' is abolished and the 'pledge badge' is materially modified. Members are forbidden to join 'rival' fraternities, and the K. C. is to decide what fraternities are rivals.

"The procedure in trials is wholly reformed and very greatly improved. The officers of conventions are required to be members thereof. A smaller majority is required to validate amendments of the constitution, but the credentials of delegates are more rigidly defined. The names of persons voting for amendments of the constitution are required to be recorded in the minutes. The order of business is made part of the constitution.

"Chapters are authorized to make their own by-laws within certain limits. They are subject to a fine of \$5 if reports to general officers are neglected. Humiliating physical ordeals, known as 'hazing,' are forbidden."



THE GREEK PRESS



We warmly recommend for each unhoused chapter of Delta Tau Delta a close perusal of the two following extracts from our exchanges. The main thing for a chapter to do is to take the *first* step toward securing a home, start a fund for this purpose at once—no matter how small the beginning is. We recently had a case where a chapter could have had a house built for it if it had owned a lot. If this chapter had possessed an accumulated fund of a few thousands available for such an emergency the rest would have been plain sailing.

"The difficulties attending the occupancy and even ownership of a chapter house are not nearly so great as they may seem. Several of the chapter letters in this number speak of the increased strength attained by means of the chapter house, and now at the beginning of a new college year we ask every chapter not already housed to see if some means can not be devised to secure a permanent and attractive habitation. It will no doubt seem to some that the question of the tremendous worth of a chapter house has been so often written about that nothing new and original can be said. This is true. But an important fact in fraternity welfare can not be too often urged. That a fixed and permanent abode for a chapter is one of the strongest elements of success no one can deny, and the personal observation of the editor impels the statement that those chapters are strongest which possess an ideal home. The fraternity man wants a place where he can enjoy and appreciate his chosen associates. He wishes to spend his college days in their companionship as much as possible. In fact, such is the true idea of fraternity. The idealists may write of the great precepts of fraternity life, but none of those precepts are quite so potent with the student as the idea of a close companionship with congenial spirits. There is no place like a chapter house for fostering this companionship, and the best efforts of our fraternity workers should be directed to increasing our number of chapter houses."—Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.

"It is to be hoped that before many years every chapter of our fraternity will build and own its own house. The effect it has on a chapter is indeed striking. It refines, it checks carelessness, and develops order; it is a school whose teachings are never forgotten, and last, but by no means least, if properly managed is a good financial investment.

"No one in the fraternity will question the advantages that the ownership of a well-equipped chapter house brings. This is perhaps more particularly appreciated by the younger members. The older members are more familiar with the old regime, where rented rooms somewhere or anywhere were satisfying, for all their rivals were similarly accommodated. Nowadays the members of our homeless chapters see their more fortunate house-owning rivals easily persuading the annual flock of freshmen to be gathered into their well-equipped lodges—lodges in which one is proud to claim ownership.

"Gradually the feeling grows that a house is power, and first one and then another is heard to say, 'Well, we must have a house. I wonder how we can get one? For it is quite evident that we must have one.' Quite true, brothers, you must have a house of your own. Today the chapter without a house of its own is falling behind in the fraternity race.

"It is after all not such a difficult matter to own your own house, and to have it built simply and solely for the particular needs of your own particular chapter. With the many reputable building and loan associations scattered throughout the country, money can be obtained, and your house built and absolutely paid for in a stated period of time, and this, too, at but a slight advance, in some cases perhaps none at all, in excess of the rent you are now paying every year for uncomfortable and unsuitable quarters.

"Probably there is not one of our chapters without a long list of enthusiastic graduate members, who, if the need was but only presented to them, would willingly subscribe to a chapter house fund, who would take pride in the chapter house that would result from their liberality, and who would always continue to give in order that the house might become more and more nearly perfect as time went on.

"This is the way our more fortunate chapters have already provided themselves with lodges. An old proverb says that the first step is the difficult one. Let our homeless chapters take their first step; begin a house fund. It will grow; grow sufficiently to buy the lot that some other fraternity also wants, and the lot once bought means a house soon started."—The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

The general officers of most any fraternity are usually busy men, sacrificing to their fraternity work time that already has many demands on it. The sacrifice for legitimate ends is cheerfully made, but it does seem unreasonable that an additional burden should be laid on such officers by negligent or lazy correspondents. The following exchange clipping voices the sentiments of the editor exactly, but we suppose the men who most need its admonition will be the very ones who will not read it.

"A fraternity's work must be done by the writing of letters, and (save the mark!) by the answering of them. The inference seems pretty plain that where there is no writing of letters, or, let us say, no answering of them, the work accomplished by any fraternity is scarcely an appreciable quantity.

"Under these conditions, certainly not too abstruse for even a simple intellect to grasp, it seems a little odd that a great many men who would do a good deal in the way of personal sacrifice to help the good cause along, will shun the putting of pen to paper as they would the black scourge. In other matters they are beyond reproach. If you tell them that the 'old' chapter is picking up fast and must have a house of its own, they will, with real enthusiasm, reach for the check-book. If a dinner or a smoker is in process of arrangement, they have simply got to be counted in. If it is a matter of organizing an alumni association,

or assisting at a rushing-bee, or saying a pertinent word to a parent, they always have a shoulder ready for the wheel. But they will not write a letter. That is all there is about it—the long and the short and the gist of it.

"Perhaps the worst excuse ever offered for failure to answer a letter, as well as the commonest, is the mendacious plea of lack of time. There was hardly ever a man too busy to answer a letter if he thought it really worth while. Offer any business man a legacy, provided he acknowledges the offer promptly, and it is dollars to peanuts that the reply comes by special messenger. The same man will tell you, a few weeks too late, that he would have been glad to give you the information you needed so urgently, except that he 'had no time.' It is noteworthy that we all of us, however, manage to find time for the things we really want to do.

"Where a man gets a large volume of correspondence, and has only a limited time to attend to it all, as is the case with the members of our supreme council, there is some little excuse for negligence or delays; but even this somewhat shadowy justification does not extend to the great majority of the men engaged in carrying on the work of the fraternity. The letters that most of us get in this connection are very few, and of inefficiency in handling these few it is difficult to be very indulgent. It is an unusual letter that can not be answered, sufficiently for all business purposes, in ten minutes; and every man, however busy, has to go to bed some time. Starting with these two general propositions, let us assume that the recipient of a letter stayed out of bed ten minutes longer than his personal inclination would indicate, and what is the result? So far as we can reason it out, the letter would be answered and a duty efficiently discharged; and no man was ever the worse, we will hazard, for ten minutes' loss of sleep, though the incredibly sudden ringing of his alarm clock of a morning may originate a temporary impression to the contrary.

"Of course, in the last analysis, the trouble is not in the lack of time, but in the lack of inclination. We do not really mean to be negligent, but our judgment is always so much better than that of our correspondent. If he has written to ask us a question, we feel ourselves at liberty to decide that he has probably found out all about it from somebody else by this time, or else

we know that the matter referred to is all right and requires no attention, or that it is too trivial for us to write a whole letter about anyway. And so, because of our own better knowledge of what the man at the other end really wants, we leave him awaiting our pleasure, and the work of the fraternity, or that particular part of it, is deadlocked in a stagnant standstill."—Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

In the following extracts will be found excellent material for the use of those chapters confronted with faculty opposition or needing to remove parental objections during rushing season. A fraternity man is generally unable to conceive of any one's doubting for a moment that the fraternity system is the best and most perfect thing under the sun. But he will often run across a freshman who has had his mind poisoned against fraternities in general, and familiarity with the concise arguments herewith reproduced will be found of value by every fraternity man.

"It must be acknowledged that fraternities are real and firmly established institutions, having so strong a hold upon American colleges that to attempt to annihilate them would mean dire disaster. It is true that in the earlier years the idea was somewhat crude, and the chief thing contemplated was social companionship, but as time progressed the system became more crystalized, the ideas and aims soared higher and the scope became broader. It was not many years ago that my friend, John Bell Keeble, one of the ablest fraternity journalists who ever wielded a pen, declared that 'Fraternities have no right to exist, when considered from the standpoint of the higher aims, unless they hold fast to the ideals of manhood that they profess, and do all that men can to make young men better and truer in every sense of the word.' It is upon these lines that fraternities are working at the present time, and the Greek letter society of this age, as compared with that of half a century ago, is as the sun to the twinkling star. Much might be said in a general way, but the time allowed makes it necessary to dive at once for the pearl, which represents the theme, on this occasion—'The Influence of Fraternities Upon the Student and the College.'

"The atmosphere seems very depressing to the young man who, for the first time, puts his foot upon the 'classic campus,' and he feels much like sinking to his knees, crossing his breast, and has woven a story of upper-class tyranny which appalls him and he looks wildly about for the dreaded sophomore. The first relief comes when he has safely passed the portals of his chosen fraternity, and finds within the walls of this sanctuary that all class distinction is absent. He goes forth to fight his freshman battles with a stronger heart, conscious of the fact that he has friends near by who will, his heart tells him, be loyal under all circumstances. Next we see our tyro standing up in the fraternity meeting, in the presence of the august seniors, making his first extemporaneous speech. He has lost the fear which possesses him in his class room and speaks his mind freely. Here he begins to get the self-confidence, which grows with his growth, and, as he advances in his college course, enables him to cope with his fellows, and bring out the best that in him is. With all deference to our venerable, much honored and dearly loved professor, whose gentle and persuasive eloquence endeavored to strengthen the speaker's trembling knees and extract from him extemporaneous speeches, on the dear old chapel platform, in the days long gone by, I am forced to confess that all his efforts in that direction were futile, and had it not been for the training received in the old fraternity lodge room you would never have been permitted to listen to his voice upon this occasion. Not only does the student learn self-confidence in public speaking, but also to concentrate his thoughts and apply ideas instantly to existing conditions. This enables him to better absorb the instruction he receives from day to day in the class room, and, of far more importance, to apply it to the problems of life later on. In fact, this is all education amounts to: a training of the mind for the greater schools of the world.

"It has often been said that a man forgets his fraternity as soon as he leaves college. A little story in a Greek journal touches on this point very nicely. Two fraternity men were conversing five years after graduation upon the fraternity feeling or interest in their society, and one said to the other, 'Do you know that the old fraternity grows higher and nobler to me

every year? My fraternity experience grows richer and richer, though it be dead to outside show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty. Great men are not more distinguished for greatness of mind than for greatness of heart, and the great-hearted man is your true fraternity man. I think fraternity training even superior to college training because it cultivates the heart as well as the mind.'

"This extract tells the whole story. The experience of all is alike, and it is this hallowed influence in after life which makes it a delight for every older brother who occupies position or power to give his young brother a start in life. The intercollegiate admiration of the weaker brother for his stronger companion follows him, and he aspires to the success of his older brother and is stimulated to redoubled effort thereby.

"It has been said the day is rapidly approaching when college men will rule the world. It may some day be truly asserted that Greek letter men rule America, at least. Observation shows that not all college men rise to the situation when buffeting the waves on life's stormy sea, but fraternity men who do not succeed are few and far between. When failure ensues it is always from some personal failing. So it may be said that when the moral tone is satisfactory success is sure.

"How can it be that a body of intelligent and educated gentlemen such as all college faculties are supposed to be made up of, can consistently consider college fraternities in a questionable light when accepting the conditions brought about by the athletic rivalry of the present age. The speaker has heard many parents criticise without stint the excesses permitted by colleges in this direction, because of their danger to life and limb, and the detraction of the student's mind from the educational feature of his college life, while he has yet to hear the first protest against fraternity life by any parent who had been intelligently advised as to the true inwardness of the fraternity system.

"The greatest success of any institution of learning, however, is brought about by the attachment of its graduates, and the influence exerted by them in its behalf. There is no argument so strong for a college as to see the sons of old alumni returning to take the place of their fathers. This argument convinces other fathers and their sons also swell the throng. But what is

it that keeps up the interest of the graduates? Without question some who pass out from the college sink into oblivion and are never heard of after. How many fraternity men are there, think you, who forget their alma mater? Who are they who return year after year, at commencement time, to renew the associations of youth? Whose sons and grandsons are sure to be found in Lafayette to maintain her glory? To whose influence does Lafayette owe the presence of the handsome body of young men I see before me today? The same answer will fit each question. It may seem a rash assertion—but in my inmost heart I believe no man can gainsay it—it is the fraternity men who are doing ninety per cent. of this work."—Clay W. Holmes, Theta Delta Chi.

"The fraternity is a counterpart of the training of the class room. It is really a school in itself, and offers a kind of instruction just as important as that of the college faculty. It teaches, first of all, the lesson of friendship.

"The friendships formed in college, especially in the college fraternity, are among the truest friendships of life. Those of earlier days are largely determined by relationship and by the social circles of our families; many of those of after years are the artificial ones of business or professional connnection. But the friendships of the fraternity chapter are pure and genuine and natural. They grow spontaneously upon soil rich and productive, under skies clear and gracious, in climate sunny and genial. The friendship of the father and the son is of a different and larger kind. Its roots are sunk deep in the hearts of the race; its fruit is more abundant and excellent. But the conditions under which it exists are less favorable. The father is busied with the duties of his occupation, the son is engaged in study and amusement. Their ages, their tastes are different. But in the college fraternity is a band of men leading a common life, common in both its inner and outer relations. Fraternity men 'have all things common.' And there is no ground so fertile for the fair growth of friendship as this community of lives.

"Human insight is born, certainly not of book lore, but of just such comradeship as this. These ties of sentiment bind one so closely to his fellows that he may read with ease the story of their inner lives. A man not only marks the brilliancy of a

student in the class room, and listens to the cheers that greet his prowess on the athletic field, but he probes the motive which prompts all this activity. He looks at his comrade from within as well as from without. He learns why some men succeed and others fail. He comes to understand how to read his fellows correctly, how to encourage them in the right, and how to dissuade them from the wrong.

"Such friendships are a constant source of inspiration to the good and honorable in life. Brothers rejoice with the student in his success. Indeed, the anticipation of their joy was half his incentive to put forth the effort necessary for success. But this is not all. When he becomes careless and erring they do not visit his faults with flattery or neglect, but their sympathy and honesty in revealing him his mistakes attach him to them the more strongly. What an uplifting power is this! Twenty men, urging one to achieve something noble, willing to help him, equally glad with him when he succeeds, equally sorry with him when he fails.

"Who shall estimate the value of this lesson of friendship to life's equipment? Cicero says that the immortal gods have given to us nothing better than friendship, except virtue. Not only does the fraternity man learn the lesson of friendship, but he holds in lasting possession the love and sympathy of those devoted comrades from whom that lesson was derived. And to them, as long as life shall last, he can always turn for renewed help and encouragement.

"So, first of all, a fraternity teaches friendship. But it teaches more than mere passive friendship. It teaches coöperation. The ideals of the organization must be realized, its interests must be perpetuated. One man can not do this work alone; a share in it devolves on every man. All must coöperate.

"Coöperation is one of the greatest lessons a person can learn. Upon it our whole social order is founded. Upon it depends the welfare of the family, the city, the State, the nation. Whether a man be an engineer or an artist or a teacher is of secondary importance. He is a citizen first of all, and his duties are the duties of citizenship. Although our peaceful and secure society, established by the unselfish and united efforts of our fathers, and handed down to us a rich and glorious inheritance, does not demand our constant and immediate attention, and

allows us a grand opportunity for the exercise of our talents in the attainment of individual ends, still its obligations are no less binding. And the fraternity, with the equality of its members and its democratic government, drills one in the great principles for which American citizenship preeminently stands.

"Fraternal coöperation teaches self-denial, patience, obedience, leadership. Individual preferences must be subordinated to the will of the majority. A man, though alert and ever ready himself and eager for the adoption of important measures, must wait for his less active comrades. He has to gain the quality of patience which every worker with his fellows must possess. As an underclassman, a member of the Greek letter society has to obey those who are older and whose experience has been more varied and extended than his own. As he advances and shows his capacity, he is given positions of leadership. Thus men learn the lesson which coöperation teaches, and when the chapter room changes itself into the Senate chamber, and the men who successfully lead their fraternities now while in college become the chosen keepers of a nation's destiny, these lessons will not be forgotten."—Delta of Sigma Nu.