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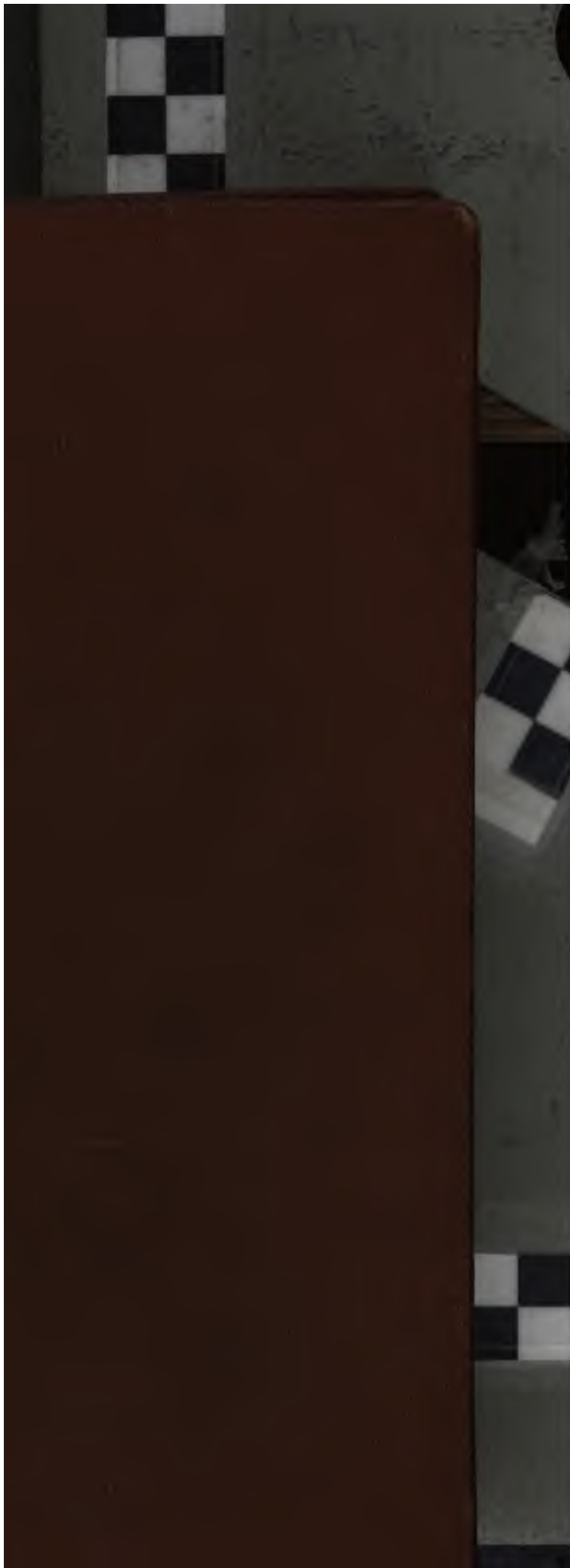
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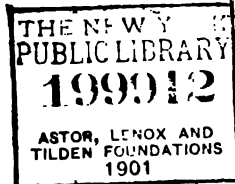
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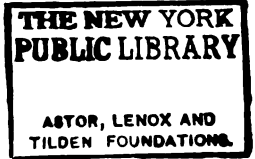
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

For a number of years the alumni Phis of Cincinnati have been desirous of establishing a chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Cincinnati. A good opening was presented last year, when an application for charter was made by the local society Gamma Nu Sigma. The application was strongly indorsed by every Phi in the city and by many others throughout Ohio. At the solicitation of the members of Gamma Nu Sigma and of alumni of Phi Delta Theta, I visited the institution last April. In *The Palladium* for May I gave a description of the university and personal information about the applicants. The vote in favor of granting a charter was unanimous. I am satisfied that no mistake was made. On the contrary I believe that the effect of a chapter at the University of Cincinnati will be greatly to strengthen the Fraternity. During the past ten years Phi Delta Theta has been very conservative about establishing new chapters, and, in fact, has withdrawn more charters than she has granted new ones. But fortunately Phi Delta Theta has not yet become so ultra-conservative that no advancement is possible. The history of the Fraternity has been one of constant progress. Unless Phi Delta Theta is to change her heretofore successful policy, careful attention will always be given to well equipped institutions, and advantage will be taken of opportunities for establishing chapters where present conditions are favorable and prospects for the future promising.

The growth of the University of Cincinnati during the past five years has been so rapid that, at a distance, the institution is hardly appreciated as highly as it deserves. It has a broad foundation, large resources and liberal support, and seems destined to occupy a prominent position among the leading institutions of the country. The university owes its existence to the generosity of Charles McMicken, who bequeathed to the city of Cincinnati property, at pres-

ent valued at \$700,000, to found an institution of learning. Under an act of the general assembly of Ohio, in 1870, the city accepted the bequest, and proceeded to establish the University of Cincinnati. The institution was formally organized in 1874, the academic department being the only department at first. The university now has academic, law, medical, pathological, dental and pharmaceutical departments. The academic department is located in Burnet Woods Park, the other departments at different places in the city, but all within twenty minutes' ride by electric cars.

In addition to the original McMicken bequest, a number of other public spirited citizens have contributed to the endowment of the institution, among them: Matthew Thoms, \$110,000; Henry Hanna, \$70,000; Samuel J. Browne, \$20,000; John Kilgour, \$20,000. The bequests during the past year, I am informed, amount to \$40,675, not included in the above. Under an act of the state legislature, the city of Cincinnati has for several years levied a tax for the benefit of the university. The levy has been two-tenths of a mill on the assessed valuation, but last spring, by an unanimous vote of the board of legislation, the levy was increased to three-tenths of a mill. The income from this source alone amounts to \$60,000 annually, all of which goes to the academic department. The total income of this department from taxation and interest on the endowment amounts to over \$100,000 a year.

The campus of forty-three acres in Burnet Woods Park was donated by the city. On this site are McMicken Hall and Hanna Hall, both handsome buildings of buff brick with stone trimmings. McMicken Hall is a very commodious structure, and contains lecture rooms, the library, assembly hall and gymnasium. The cost of the building and equipment was \$180,000, and was paid for by the city. An annex contains the heating and ventilating appliances. Hanna Hall, which with equipment cost \$75,000, was specially designed for the chemistry and civil engineering sections of the academic department. Plans provide for the erection of a building similar to Hanna Hall and for a separate library building. The observatory, including four acres of ground, crowns the summit of Mount Lookout. It was given by the Cincinnati astronomical association to the university in 1887.

The academic department offers nine groups of studies, extending over four years, and leading to the degrees of bachelor of arts, bachelor of letters and bachelor of science.



ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITY PARK.

The courses of study include English, Latin, Greek, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Semitic languages, mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, geology, civil engineering, political economy, history, philosophy and biblical instruction. A high standard is required for entering the freshman class or for graduation. To residents of Cincinnati tuition in this department is free. The institution is co-educational.

In the academic department there are 13 professors, 15 instructors and 5 fellows. The number of students matriculated last year was 386, including 46 graduate students, who were candidates for the degrees of master of arts, master of letters and master of science. Besides the 386 matriculated students, there were 135 'non-matriculいたes,' who in other institutions would be designated as special students, or those not candidates for degrees. Adding the 386 matriculates and the 135 non-matriculいたes makes the enrollment of the academic department 521.

In 1887 the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, founded in 1845, and the second oldest dental college in the world, was affiliated and became the dental department of the University of Cincinnati. In 1887 the Clinical and Pathological School of the Cincinnati Hospital, founded in 1821, became affiliated with the university. In 1896 the Medical College of Ohio, which was chartered in 1819, became the medical department of the university, its board of trustees transferring its charter to the board of directors of the University of Cincinnati. It is much the oldest medical school west of the Alleghenies. The law school of the Cincinnati College, founded in 1833, was the first law school established west of the Alleghenies, and it has become one of the most famous in the United States. In 1897 it was consolidated with the law department of the University of Cincinnati. Quite recently the old College of Pharmacy of Cincinnati has become affiliated with the university, and it is probable that other professional schools will soon be added.

Each of the professional departments has its own building and library, and some of them have considerable endowments. Tuition fees are charged in each of these departments. The attendance at the whole university last year was as follows: Academic (matriculates and non-matriculいたes), 521; law, 149; medical, 213; pathological, 182; dental, 208; total, 1,273; counted twice, 71; net total, 1,202. In all departments there are 91 professors and 61 instructors.



McMILLIKEN AND HANNA HALLS THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

With the approval of the faculty, students in the junior and senior years of the academic department may take, as their electives, courses in the medical or law departments. The medical faculty accepts the academic courses in chemistry, physiology and histology for equivalent courses in the medical department. As the medical course covers four years and the law course three years, a year may thus be saved by students going up from the academic department.

Athletics are an important feature of student life here. The student publications are the *Burnet Woods Echo*, weekly; *McMicken Review*, monthly; and the *Cincinnatian*, annual. The professors of science issue bi-monthly a magazine called *Terrestrial Magnetism*.

The fraternities having chapters at the University of Cincinnati, with years of establishment there, and their membership, last year were as follows: 1881, Sigma Chi, 7; 1889, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 18; 1890, Beta Theta Pi, 17; 1897, Gamma Nu Sigma (chartered by Phi Delta Theta, 1898), 11; 1891, V. C. P. (ladies-local), 17; 1892, Delta Delta Delta (ladies), 21; 1890, Phi Delta Phi (law), 10; 1892, Nu Sigma Nu (medical), 10. Until the entrance of Phi Delta Theta no general fraternity for men in the academic department had been established for eight years, and during that time the institution had made wonderful strides.

The association between the students in the academic and law departments is particularly close, and the fraternities of the academic department, from among their graduates, usually have a good representation in the law department. Very rarely do they initiate men from the professional schools, however. Cincinnati will always be a great center for professional education, and our active chapter in the University of Cincinnati will doubtless always have affiliates from other chapters taking professional courses. Another great benefit of an active chapter at the University of Cincinnati is that it will be the means of reviving the interest of Phi alumni in the city and constantly keeping them in touch with the Fraternity.

To me the University of Cincinnati appears to have many of the characteristics of one of the larger western state universities, only it is backed financially by a large city, instead of a state. Our college chapters in large cities have done well; instance New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, New Orleans, Chicago, St. Louis and (near) San Francisco, as well as the smaller cities of Providence, Syracuse, Columbus, Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Nashville. A college chapter at Cincinnati ought to succeed equally well.

WALTER B. PALMER, P. G. C.



VIEW OF UNIVERSITY PARK.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The second day of July, 1898, contained four and twenty hours of as unendurable heat as any other day of the early summer. Consequently the Phis, who turned in at the gate of the Scottish Rite Cathedral on that evening, were neither so formally attired nor so numerous as they would have been had the ceremonies taken place a few days earlier or a few days later. The usual Independence day exodus of Cincinnatians, too, was responsible for the absence of several local alumni who had been active in working with the applicants for a charter, as their wives failed entirely to appreciate the necessity of their remaining in the city for a stag banquet. But this does not mean that there was nobody there; far from it.

The Phis-to-be sat at the entrance, fanning and chaffing each other as mysterious packages and muffled objects were whisked past them. The veterans fanned and gasped as they were ushered back into the sanctuary, where the cool air of outer day was excluded, along with its garish light. There were introductions, reminiscences, a word or two about the weather (one word in particular) and then preparations for the work of the evening. Through the influence of our high Masonic brother, Bonham, the paraphernalia and surroundings were exactly what we should have wished them—a condition of things not always attained in installation ceremonies. Bro. Zwick had also lent very efficient aid in making the preparations perfect.

Bro. Jouett H. Shouse, *Missouri*, '99, was in charge during the initiation, being assisted by Bros. Frank P. Kenney, *Central*, '94; Robt. W. Hobbs, *Indianapolis*, '99; Karl H. Zwick, *Miami*, '00; Marshall H. Guerrant, *Central*, '92; Don D. Tullis, *Ohio*, '97; N. S. Bayless, *Central*, '93; Scott Bonham, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '82, and others.

After the requirements of the ritual had been satisfied and the participants had succeeded in reducing their temperature somewhat, the shrine hall was thrown open for the banquet. Here the attractive menu was elaborated with songs and some of the best after-dinner speeches those present had heard for a long time. The songs were more successful than is usual on such occasions, owing to the thoughtfulness of the committee, or of some of their advisers, in placing ten favorite Phi songs on the toast card.



THE MEDICAL COLLEGE AND CLINIC.

The speakers were the following: Hon. D. D. Woodmansee, 'Phis in the War'; Dr. Andrew C. Kemper, 'Old Miami'; Col. W. E. Bundy, 'Phis in Public Office'; Prof. Hugh Th. Miller, THE SCROLL; Dr. J. E. Brown, The Semi-centennial; Judge J. B. Swing, 'Phi Lawyers and Politicians'; Walter M. Schoenle, 'Farewell to Gamma Nu Sigma'; President Walter B. Palmer, The General Council. Besides these, Bros. M. H. Guerrant and Frank P. Kenney responded to calls for further remarks. Hon. Scott Bonham was toastmaster. Bro. Bonham happened to be pretty intimately acquainted with the previous history of most of the speakers, and his introductions were very much to the point and highly appreciated by his auditors. Judge Swing was delightfully witty, and when Colonel Bundy was done, honors were even between him and the toastmaster. Bro. Woodmansee roused our patriotic enthusiasm, and Dr. Kemper took us back to the shrine of Phi patriotism in an eloquent tribute to the boys of Old Miami—and the girls—and the oldest chapter.

Dr. Kemper is the father of James Brown Kemper of the new chapter, and was one of Ohio Alpha's early initiates. In the 'Crisis of '51,' about which much has appeared at various times in THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* (see references in SCROLL, June, 1898, page 470; *Palladium*, March, 1898, pages 52-54, 57-61), he resigned after the expulsion of his two friends and became later a charter member of Kappa chapter of Δ K E. Having resigned his membership in Δ K E, on the night of the installation he signed the Bond anew as his son signed it for the first time.

Many letters and telegrams of congratulation were read by the toastmaster and others during the evening. Among those who were heard from were: Hon. Cyrus Huling, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '78; Dr. A. B. Thrasher, *Indianapolis*, '73; Hon. L. J. Fenton, *Ohio*, '72; Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, *Centre*, '57; S. J. Flickinger, *Cornell*, '76; J. W. Lindley, *Miami*, '50; A. W. Rogers, *Miami*, '51; Gen. John C. Black, *Wabash*, '62; J. B. Elam, *Miami*, '70; E. G. Hallman, *Emory*, '97; W. B. Putnam, *Buchtel*, '93; Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, *Lafayette*, '77; F. S. Ball, *Ohio State*, '88; W. R. Brown, *Minnesota*, '89; F. D. Swope, *Hanover*, '85; H. H. Ward, *Ohio State*, '90; J. C. Moore, Jr., *Pennsylvania*, '93; C. A. Bohn, *Washington*, '93; T. H. McConica, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '81; Harry Weidner, *Miami*, '89; W. W. Case, *Allegheny*, '84; Rev. A. G. Work, *Miami*, '94; W. S. Peters, *De Pauw*, '98; Schuyler Poitevent, *Virginia*, '98; Judge Elam Fisher,



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Miami, '70; R. A. Hiestand, *Miami*, '92; H. H. Hiestand, *Miami*, '93; Dr. Ed. Francis, *Ohio State*, '91; T. H. Sheldon, *Ohio*, '00; F. M. Brown, *Miami*, '01; P. J. Van Pelt, *Miami*, '01; F. J. Warner, *Allegheny*, '85; V. C. Lowry, *Ohio*, '78; A. G. Sulser, *Centre*, '97; S. L. McCune, *Ohio*, '96; Dr. W. A. Dixon, *Indianapolis*, '60; J. M. Smedes, *Vanderbilt*, '79; L. R. Cartwright, *De Pauw*, '00; T. L. McDougall, *Lafayette*, '99; R. A. Bunn, *Hanover*, '98; Dr. A. W. Smith, *Central*, '72; H. M. Blantou, *Central*, '98; and Rev. Robt. Morrison, D. D., *Miami*, '49.

The charter members of the new chapter are Walter Markbreis Schoenle, '98 (law, '00); Nathaniel Carleton Davis Murray, '98; James Brown Kemper, '99; Charles Theodore Perin, Jr., '99; William Owen Stovall, '99; Clifford Cordes, '00; Gordon Battelle Hamilton, '00; Oscar William Lange, '00; Stuart Aldridge McGill, '00; Oliver Herman Schlemmer, '00; Guido Gores, '01. Mr. Hamilton was absent on a vacation trip in Europe and was not initiated until September, when he returned. Edward Francis, '98 (pathological), and Albert Clarence Shaw (medical), '00, were also associated with the applicants in their work for a charter, Bro. Francis being a member of Ohio Zeta, '91, and Bro. Shaw of Ohio Alpha, '97.

The Phis present at the installation were: Dr. John Edwin Brown, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '84; Walter B. Palmer, *Vanderbilt*, '80; Marshall H. Guerrant, *Central*, '92; Hugh Th. Miller, *Indianapolis*, '88; Judge James B. Swing, *Hanover*, '76; Hon. Scott Bonham, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '82; Col. W. E. Bundy, *Ohio*, '86; Dr. Andrew C. Kemper, *Miami*, '53; Hon. D. D. Woodmansee, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '81; Don D. Tullis, *Ohio*, '98; Frank P. Kenney, *Central*, '94; Chas. E. Kincaid, *Centre*, '78; Jouett H. Shouse, *Missouri*, '99; Hugh D. Schell, *Miami*, '01; G. C. Bauer, *Ohio*, '97; J. L. Kohl, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '98; Karl H. Zwick, *Miami*, '00; Robert W. Hobbs, *Indianapolis*, '99; N. S. Bayless, *Central*, '93; and the members of the new chapter.

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STUDENT LIFE AND FRATERNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The University of Cincinnati is an institution of such comparatively recent origin, that the student customs and traditions which come only with age, the intense local color which only an even and undisturbed existence of years and

years imparts, must not be expected to appear until later. Springing up in the midst of a large and growing city, sharing its progressive and iconoclastic spirit, the university must naturally seem very modern, very practical, very worldly to one who is familiar with the cloistered, dreamy atmosphere of some of the centenarian colleges of the north-east.

A few features of student life, however, are likely to stand out, in spite of any modification that regulations of those in authority or tendencies and prejudices of locality may attempt to impose. These are college and class and fraternity spirit, in some form of manifestation; and so it is at Cincinnati. In her ball teams and musical clubs, in her rushes and receptions, in chapter life and rivalry, Cincinnati is, after all, no older, nor so very much younger, than Virginia or Pennsylvania or Nebraska.

In spite of the fact that all students who are deficient in even so little as one hour of freshman requirements are classified with the entering class, the division into classes follows the natural law of expectation and intention, as it does even in the schools where the class system is ignored, and here, as everywhere else, the freshman-sophomore feud is the first general feature of each new year's academic life. The Cincinnati freshmen are expected to fly their flag from a pole on the campus for twenty-four hours, at as early a date in the fall as possible. The favorite hour for unfurling the colors is nine or ten at night, and then the freshmen hover and shiver about the standard till dawn, alternately encouraged and cast down by cheering exclamations or discouraging predictions of juniors who stand by in the hope of seeing a few sophomore heads broken, and sometimes panic-stricken by false alarms. If their defense of the flag is successful, the class is treated with slightly more consideration for the rest of the year, and its stock of conceit is unbounded. The question of supremacy, however, is not held to have been decided until the class foot ball and basket ball games have been played. By this time the freshmen are either thoroughly annihilated or become unendurably self-important.

The freshmen are not always the despised rabble that some would suppose. Besides the gratuitous privilege of occasionally walking through the halls unmolested, it is customary for them to be given a reception by the sophomores. Students, professors and instructors are thus afforded an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the incoming class. At this gathering by-gones are forgotten. A

smooth, waxed floor, good music and a bewildering throng of pretty girls help to make the freshman reception an incident worth remembering.

An event, important in the eyes of all the classes, is the Thanksgiving foot ball game. This contest marks the end of the foot ball season, and hence is the means of bringing to life all the suppressed enthusiasm of loyal students. Last year we played the Carlisle Indians.

During the Christmas holidays, besides the hops and receptions given by the fraternities to their friends, we have the annual trip of the glee and mandolin clubs. Early in the new year the clubs give their Cincinnati concert, which is quite a society event.

During the second semester not much is heard of the freshman and sophomore classes. About the middle of February the most pretentious event of a social nature occurs—the junior promenade, given by the junior class to the seniors. In return for this entertaining function, the seniors invite the juniors to the senior boat ride, which takes place during commencement week. It is safe to say that no more jolly cargoes of young people ever ride over the turbid waters of the Ohio.

In addition to the usual festivities of commencement week, alumnal day is celebrated. On this occasion the graduating class is welcomed into the alumnal fold. A part of this celebration consists in the planting of the senior tree. After the registration of the new freshmen, the buildings are deserted, the large stone steps no longer furnish a lounging-place for fraternity scouts, and the college year is over.

The fraternities at the University of Cincinnati are ΣX , $\Sigma A E$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, V. C. P. (ladies—local), $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ (ladies). The fraternities in the professional departments are $N \Sigma N$ (medical) and $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ (law). The honorary fraternity $\Phi B K$ granted a charter to Cincinnati at its last council. $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ each rent four rooms in the law school building located in the heart of the city. ΣX has two rooms in the Pike Building on Fourth street. $N \Sigma N$ occupies a house very close to the medical school. $\Sigma A E$ is at present without a local habitation, but will take quarters in the fall. The sororities $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ and V. C. P. meet semi-monthly at the homes of their members.

ΣX , $\Sigma A E$ and $B \Theta \Pi$ have representatives in the faculties and student bodies of the law, medical and dental departments. In the majority of cases, however, these men do not constitute a part of the active, academic chapters. It is

the policy of these fraternities to recruit their strength strictly from the academic department. Exceptions to this rule are not wanting but of rare occurrence. It is a common thing for an academic fraternity man to take his electives in the law department.

Σ X, although at present weak in numbers, with strong alumna support hopes to regain its lost prestige. B Θ Π is materially aided by a number of prominent men who have revived an old Beta organization called the Diogenes club. Its members have a hall adjoining the rooms of the local chapter. B Θ Π's initiates, although by no means inattentive to college politics, lay more stress on social standing. The fraternity gives quite a number of dances during the year and an annual reception during the Christmas holidays. During the past summer Cincinnati was honored by having the national convention of B Θ Π. Σ A E has made great progress since its establishment at the University of Cincinnati, being now represented in all phases of university life. The alumni of the fraternity are not very numerous in Cincinnati. During the winter the sororities entertain their friends frequently.

Early in September, 1897, a local society was formed and named Γ N Σ. Its *raison d'être* lay in the fact that none of the chapters then existing in the university seemed to be of a character at once distinct, broad and worthy of the highest ambitions. A fraternity and a chapter of this kind formed the ideal of the founders of Γ N Σ: they have found the former in Φ Δ Θ and will use their best efforts to make the Cincinnati chapter a congenial member of the great Phi family. A detailed account of the movement for a charter has already appeared in *The Palladium* for May and *THE SCROLL* for June, of this year. It is too early to make definite announcements in regard to the house plans of the new chapter, but the next issue of *THE SCROLL*, at least, will give some news on the subject.

No agreement exists among the fraternities as to the time and place for rushing new men. Each fraternity does its best at its earliest opportunity. An attempt was made some years ago to formulate an agreement in this matter of rushing, but the effort failed. The present system has its defects and drawbacks and is not conducive to the best of friendly relations among the various fraternities.

The University of Cincinnati owes its existence to the generosity of Charles McMicken and was formerly known as McMicken University. Although the institution can

boast of but 24 years' existence, she is fondly called by all her friends 'Old McMicken.' Within the last few years great changes have taken place, but they have not caused the memory of Charles McMicken to be held less dear. His wish that the Bible be used as a text-book has been gratified. Every week one hour is set aside, during which no other work is done, for a systematic study of the Bible by all who so elect. Thus it has been provided that no matter how prosperous the University of Cincinnati may become, her students can never forget him whose liberality made higher education free to all who live in this city.

STUART A. MCGILL, *Cincinnati*, 1900.

OLD FRATERNITY RECORDS.

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In looking over an old expense book while in college, I find that July 7, 1849, I bought my society pin from Beggs & Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio.—Allen A. Barnett, Jerseyville, Ill., to George Banta, Sept. 22, 1881.

Enclosed you will find the prospectus of *The Miami University Journal*. It will be issued before commencement if enough subscribers can be obtained to justify the undertaking. I know that *you* will do all you can for it. It is a scheme of 'Old Dad Wilson,' and of course must receive all Phi influence. However, Wilson is not concerned in it yet; it is supported by the faculty and will do the university much good it is hoped.—J. A. Anderson, Miami University, to Robert Morrison, May 19, 1851.

Somers, Kenosha county, Wis., Jan. 14, 1898. Mr. Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn. Dear Sir: Your letter of January 3 was duly received. In reply would say that, although I was a member of the Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Miami University, yet as I came in about 1851, I know very little about the facts concerning its organization. I remember that one of the founders of the society told me that the main object aimed at by its members was the keep-

*I request chapters and individual Phis to examine their old fraternity papers, and to loan me those that may be of interest, or to send me copies of same, or of such portions as are of importance. The materials for a history prior to 1878 (when THE SCROLL was permanently established), are meager, and almost any letter relating to Phi Delta Theta before that time would be of value in filling out gaps in the record. This notice does not apply to the chapters at Miami, Indiana, Wabash, Hanover, Centre, Wisconsin, Cornell, Lafayette and Wooster, whose archives I have examined. WALTER B. PALMER, Editor of the History of Phi Delta Theta, 511 South Spruce street, Nashville, Tenn.

ing up of a high moral standard in the university. A large majority of the members of the Alpha chapter were connected with the Presbyterian Church. While possibly the Phi Delta Theta society was not intellectually above the other Greek fraternities, I believe that in the '50's their moral weight was greater than that of any other society. In the literary society to which I belonged, a hard fight was made against us by the Alpha Delta Phi and the Beta Theta Pi, but as the Delta Kappa Epsilon boys united their forces with ours, we generally came out ahead. During the session immediately preceding the withdrawal of the Alphas and Betas from our literary society, there was a good deal of bad blood manifested by both parties. I recall one amusing incident. During a discussion in regard to some matter connected with the society, Benjamin Harrison and three or four others among the younger members of the Phi Delta Theta advocated a certain line of action. One of the older members of the Alpha Delta Phi, in replying, spoke contemptuously of those who were opposed to him, calling them a set of callow youth, who would know more when they were older. The next Friday p. m. the division led by Benjamin Harrison was on for declamation. It so happened that the man who had ridiculed the boys was sitting near the left hand side of the platform. When Harrison's name was called, he walked over opposite to his opponent, and, with much earnestness, gave Pitt's reply to Lord Walpole, beginning, 'The atrocious crime of being a young man.' The appropriateness of the speech and the dramatic way in which it was delivered brought down the house. When the next man was called he had the same speech, and as the first six in the division were either Phis or sympathizers with the Phi party, they each gave 'The atrocious crime.' When the regular declaimers had finished and volunteers were called for, a little white-headed fellow, one of the smallest and youngest in the society, also gave 'The atrocious crime' with such fervor as to eclipse all who had gone before him. Yours sincerely. Henry L. Brown.

At the time of the organization of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in 1848, it was understood that the $B \Theta \Pi$ was extinct, and that Milton Saylor was the only member of the $A \Delta \Phi$ at Miami; I am not sure that he was in college at that time, for, as I remember, he was absent for a year from some cause unknown to me. It was thought by some of our members, about 1851, that he had lost his interest in the Alphas, and that we might secure him, and he was sounded by a member—

Swing I think—who quickly found out that he was still a member of the Alphas; and soon after he began to resuscitate his society in the university. I know of no particular reason for keeping the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ secret for so many years, except that some thought that we could accomplish more by remaining *sub rosa*. There never have been any anti-fraternity statutes at Miami, and, as I remember, it was Wilson and Ardivan Rodgers who were chiefly instrumental in keeping us from 'badging out' for so long. The badges were first publicly worn at a party given by Dr. W. C. Anderson, the president of the college, to the senior class of 1852, in June of that year. Anderson's date of June 26th is probably correct. I do not think that any formal vote was taken on the subject, but that it was done by unanimous consent, *nem. con.* I remember that Saylor was quite curious about the pin, and inspected mine quite closely. My reasons for stating that I then wore the first pin manufactured are these: Beggs & Smith had made the first pin from a design sent to them, and after some consultation and minor changes. When it was received, the members concluded it was rather large, and directed Beggs & Smith to reduce the size, which was done in all subsequent ones made. This pin must have been paid for out of the general funds of the society, because it was always kept in the box with the constitution and other records of the society, which had been kept in my room for a year or more, as the meetings were held there for a considerable period of time; and as I had charge of it, and had no pin, I wore it. The pin was still with the constitution and other papers when I left Oxford in March, 1854. In regard to the internal troubles in 1851-52, I do not know that I can add anything additional to the facts already brought out in THE SCROLL. I thought at the time, and still think, that a mistake was made in reconsidering the action taken in regard to Childs and McNutt, and allowing them to resign, as they were not repentant, and, in 1853, used all their influence to, and came very near succeeding in, preventing John A. Anderson from being admitted to the society of the alumni of the university, apparently for no other reason except that he, with others, had been instrumental in punishing them for drunkenness. I am quite sure that Robert Morrison is mistaken when he says that David L. McDill importuned some of our members to join the Betas. Robert V. Moore, who attended at Miami, but was graduated at Center, where he went through sympathy with some of his friends who

were in the snow rebellion, came to Oxford, in 1851 or 1852, to reorganize the Betas, and had the names of more than half of our members on his list of suitables, and tried several of our members before he found out the existence of the Phis. Moore, whom I knew quite well, told me once, shortly after, when I was taking him in a buggy to his sister's at Darrtown, four miles from Oxford, what a mistake he had made with the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. He finally secured Henry T. Helm, of the class of 1853, and left the matter in his charge. My recollection is very clear in regard to R. V. Moore's agency in the matter. Robert Morrison has confounded the names of David L. McDill and J. W. McDill. David was a United Presbyterian preacher who lived at Oxford, while J. W. was, as you have stated, of the class of 1853, and was not in a condition to importune our members in 1851 or 1852.—J. Knox Boude, Washington, D. C., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., July 4, 1888.

In answer to yours of 10th inst., we have to say that we made no agreement to make the society pins for \$5. They can not possibly be made in any quantity for that price. After a close calculation, we are now prepared to say that we can not make them of same quality and weight as heretofore, for less than \$6.50, for single pin, or \$6 for a quantity, say five or six at once, including all engravings.—Beggs & Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Theo. W. McLean, Miami University, Feb. 13, 1854.

The first members at Bloomington were the two Elliotts—Samuel and Robert; they were initiated at Oxford and brought the order to Bloomington. They initiated me; the next was Josiah Miller, who married the belle of Bloomington. We were very choice; only one or two more were added before I was graduated in 1851. Another brother I just now remember was Matthew Woodburn. The society had a grand origin; none but the best as scholars and moral men were admitted then. I look back and feel it was an honor that I was chosen a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. We used to meet in the woods often in summer. The members wrote essays by turns; these were prepared with more care than those in the public societies. The existence of the society was not known before I left. I had a very pleasant visit with the brothers at Oxford in 1850. John Wilson was one of the leading spirits there then. My pin I lost and never obtained another. I should like to know more of the Phis of to-day.

—Nelson K. Crowe, Delaware, Ohio, to A. Gwyn Foster, about 1880.

In 'Old Fraternity Records' published in *THE SCROLL* for October, 1887, was included a letter written by M. M. C. Hobbs, dated Wabash College, June 14, 1852, in which he said: 'We are only three in number here. Messrs. G. White and E. C. Johnston, together with myself, constitute our order.' On January 2, 1857, Will W. Hill, of the Wabash chapter, wrote that the following name had been left out of a previous report: 'George H. White, missionary to Turkey.' George H. White is mentioned also in several other reports, but in the following letter he denies that he ever joined the fraternity.

Your favor of October 31st is at hand. I was graduated from Wabash College in July, 1852. E. C. Johnston was a classmate and a most intimate and valued friend. M. M. C. Hobbs also I knew quite well. Still the fact remains that I was never initiated into the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and never attended one of its meetings. My friend Johnston several times urged me to unite, but I could not conscientiously do so. Just before my entering college in January, 1849, there had been a great commotion about secret societies; there were several of them, and the faculty, whether right or wrong I do not know, felt they were a very serious damage to scholarship, and they determined they must be disbanded, even if not a student was left in college. Two literary societies were formed, the Lyceum and the Caliopean, and these were the only societies except the Society of Religious Inquiry, allowed in college. I distinctly remember Johnston wishing me to join his secret society, but I never did. I do not recollect Mr. Hobbs ever speaking to me on the matter; how he happened to put my name down as a member I do not know.—George H. White, Grinnell, Iowa, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 3, 1890.

It seems from this that White could not have been a member; I omit his name from the catalogue.—Frank D. Swope, Louisville, Ky., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 23, 1890.

The difficulty with Wittenberg chapter was its ephemeral existence, occasioned no doubt by the brief stay at Wittenberg of Joseph MacHatton, who was the founder of the chapter and an enthusiast in the order.—W. H. Wynn, Ames, Iowa, to Walter B. Palmer, July 23, 1880.

The minutes of the Ohio Alpha say that J. H. McRae was elected to and accepted membership, and was authorized to establish a chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at Hanover, April 27, 1852. I have a shadowy idea that he visited Miami University and was elected on the recommendation of Sam Hibben. I am not certain of this point, however.—Robert Morrison, Aurora Springs, Mo., to F. D. Swope, Harvard University, April 14, 1886.

My roommate and classmate, J. H. McRae, died early in 1853 (I forget the exact date), and shortly after his death Mr. Morrison wrote to me telling me of the papers in Mr. McRae's possession, asking me to read them, and, if I were willing to take his place in the initiatory work of the fraternity, to signify my willingness. I read the papers, and, of course, found nothing objectionable. As the matter was something entirely new to me I could have no objection to the fraternity, nor had I then formed any opinion on the advisability of such societies existing in a college. My sole reason for declining to go into the matter, as far as I can now recall the matter, was that I was nearing the time of my graduation, and it did not seem to me best to take part in it. Mr. Morrison also asked me if I could not see my way to take hold of the matter to approach someone in whom I had confidence and see if he would do so. I did this, and spoke to Dr. E. H. Rutherford, now of Paris, Ky., but found that he was already initiated into the $B \Theta \Pi$, and, of course, could do nothing. I then wrote to Mr. Morrison the facts of the case, and there the matter ended as far as I was concerned. I do not know that Mr. McRae ever visited Oxford, though he may have done so. He was from Texas and spent his vacations North, and may have gone there while I was at home. I do not know anything of the attempt to establish a chapter of your fraternity in 1860 or 1861. You will understand from the above that I then had no adverse views to the Greek fraternities. All such views have been formed since I became a professor.—J. B. Garritt, Hanover, Ind., to F. D. Swope, Harvard University, Dec. 25, 1888.

You spoke of the possibility of establishing chapters at Hanover and Franklin. Hanover 'played out' from some cause unknown to us, and we can not secure the proper materials to begin anew, for our motto is quality not quantity.—R. A. D. Wilbanks, Indiana University, to Kentucky Alpha, June 20, 1864.

A copy of above being sent to Wilbanks he wrote Jan. 2, 1889, to Frank D. Swope: I have no recollection about it.

South Hanover was the original name of the village, to distinguish it from a North Hanover or Hanover Center in Lake county. But about 1864, there was so much trouble about the mail for the two places that a petition was sent on and the name of the post-office in Lake county was changed to Brunswick, and the 'South' was dropped from our name.—J. B. Garritt, Hanover, Ind., to F. D. Swope, Harvard University, Dec. 27, 1888.

To the Kentucky Alpha of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$: We, the attendant members of the Gamma chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the state of Kentucky, deeming our organization no longer necessary, or favorable to the welfare of the order, respectfully resign to you our charter, _____, President; _____, Secretary; _____, Warden.—E. S. Swain, George Miller, J. P. McMillan, Danville, Ky., July 5, 1855.

The Ohio Delta was established at the Ohio Wesleyan University during the college year 1859-'60. It died sometime during the college year 1860-'61; I can not give the exact time as I was not there after the commencement of 1860.—A. P. Collins, Solomon City, Kan., to S. W. Carpenter, Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1874.

The charter members, and the order in which they appeared on the charter, were as follows: A. P. Collins, D. Humphreys, C. H. Gray. To the best of my recollection, the order in which the other members were received was as follows: Martin, Edgington, Bryfogle*, Blackford, Sauser*, Knox*, Dustin, Schnebly. Our charter was not granted by the Oxford chapter. When the Delta was established at Delaware, there was no live chapter of the fraternity then in existence in Ohio. Our charter was granted by the Indiana Alpha at Bloomington, which was then the Grand Alpha. I am glad to learn that the chapter at O. W. U. is now in running order. I mail to your address with this letter my copy of the 1860 catalogue. Allow me to make a suggestion if in order. Let the Grand Alpha establish if possible in good hands a chapter at the State University of Kansas. The institution is well endowed with lands by Congress, in addition to which the state makes ample provision for its support. It is a good school, and must, as

* The reason these names are not included in our catalogue should be investigated.—W. B. Palmer.

now, lead all educational institutions in this state. A well-managed chapter there would be an honor to the order.—A. P. Collins, Solomon City, Kan., to S. W. Carpenter, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1874.

I inclose the circular of Rev. Thomas Tracy, Kentucky Alpha, '65, who says that a man by the name of Lawrence Robinson, whose name is not in the last catalogue, was initiated at the same time as himself. Robinson has been dead a good many years, and the school with which he was connected, Presbyterian University, was broken up by the war.—Dwight N. Marble, Louisville, Ky., to E. H. L. Randolph, New York, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1891.

You remember of my telling you that Thomas Tracy, Kentucky Alpha, '65, told me when here last December that Lawrence Robinson was a member of the Fraternity, though his name does not appear in the 1883 catalogue. I went out to see his mother last week, and asked her if she knew anything about the existence of a chapter at Dr. Stuart Robinson's school, if she knew anything about Lawrence's connection with it, or with any other fraternity, or with any other college society of any kind, or if she had ever heard Lawrence mention this or any other fraternity before his death, or if she had ever seen him wear a badge anything like mine. To all of these I received negative replies, and had given up in despair and risen to go, when I asked her if Lawrence had left any pin or badge of any kind. She had one little pin, the only article of jewelry belonging to him that was left. When she brought it out I saw it was a plain gold shield, hardly as large as a dime, with the eye and 'Φ Δ Θ' on the face, and on the back 'L. C. Robinson, Ky., Γ, '61.' Quite a find wasn't it? I obtained from Mrs. Robinson a short account of his life, and sent it to Randolph.—Dwight N. Marble, Louisville, Ky., to Frank D. Swope, Hernando, Fla., Feb. 22, 1891.

Inclosed find extract from a letter from Marble which may be of some interest to you in the history. It was on this same point, I think, that I saw H. V. Escott for you a year or two ago.—Frank D. Swope, Hernando, Fla., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., March 2, 1891.

Sometime ago I received a letter from the Illinois Alpha. The secretary of your chapter desired a response in regard to the assistance this chapter would give to yours in its efforts to print a monthly paper. You have had no reply; at least

the secretary has not been authorized to write anything in return. This is no part of an official communication, but for my part I am willing to take a copy of the Phi journal. Certainly I shall gladly subscribe for a copy if it will give any assistance or encouragement to its publication. It appears to me that to publish a journal of the size of the *Atlantic Monthly* will be a task too great to be met, but you know your own facilities and resources for the accomplishment of the work better than I can.—W. H. Moore, Indiana University, to R. A. D. Wilbanks, University of Chicago, Dec. 13, 1865.

Indiana Epsilon was organized the fall of 1868, by Bro. Bergen, he having been initiated the summer before at his home in Franklin, Ind., by a Wabash student by the name of R. B. Stimson. I was the first member taken in by Bro. Bergen. After that we initiated Bros. Evans and Yocum. Evans was from Illinois and Yocum was from Greenville, Miss. We borrowed our badges from Wabash College, and appeared first at the fall exhibition of the Phil Society. Soon after we took in two more men, Thos. Cummings of Sedalia, Mo., and a man by the name of McCarthy of Logansport, Ind., which proved a severe blow to the new chapter, as McCarthy was expelled from college, and Cummings was a stumbling block until we finally expelled him from the chapter in 1870. In 1870 and 1871 new life came into the chapter, and, when I left in 1872, we had some fifteen or twenty men—the best in the college. We had a hall that cost us \$500 to furnish, which I understood was sold for the rent in 1875 or 1876.—J. L. Fletcher, to F. D. Swope, Jan. 25, 1886.

It was at the solicitation of Bro. Stimson of Wabash, who was then residing at Franklin, Ind. (my home), and with whom I had long been acquainted, that I was initiated in the middle of the summer. My reason for attempting an organization at Hanover was because I did not like either of the existing fraternities and found as I believed good material for a Φ fraternity. My recollection is that we came out with the badges before the formal reception of the charter. They had all been initiated and were anxious to come out before it was found out.—S. S. Bergen to F. D. Swope, Feb. 10, 1886.

Bergen was initiated at Franklin, Ind. The meeting was held in the Runion House. There were present my brother, S. C. Stimson, now my law partner, and I think one or two

others. Possibly Gabe Overstreet, Jr., of the Indiana Alpha, then a lawyer at Franklin, and a brother by the name of Lambertson resident at Franklin, were present. I was at Franklin in 1868, spending my vacation, having just completed my sophomore year at Wabash College, and, learning from S. S. Bergen the situation at Hanover, and that there were a number of first-class men at that college unconnected with any fraternity, I suggested to him the organization of a Φ chapter there. He adopted the suggestion, and I corresponded with Charles Groenendyke, secretary of the Beta chapter at Crawfordsville, and had the matter laid before that chapter, and received authority to initiate S. S. Bergen at Franklin as the first step toward the organization of a Phi chapter at Hanover. The college at Franklin, if I remember correctly, had at that time suspended its work, and the Delta chapter of Phi located there had become in a manner disorganized. At the initiation of S. S. Bergen we had the constitution and by-laws of the Beta chapter, which had been sent to me by express from Crawfordsville, and I think I furnished a copy to Bro. Bergen.—R. B. Stimson to F. D. Swope, Aug. 18, 1887.

My impression is that there was some trouble at Bloomington at the time we were getting our charter. That may account for some of the trouble you find in getting a true history. The man that secured my initiation was Robert B. Stimson, 320½ Ohio St., Terre Haute, Ind. Perhaps he can give you some information. Of one thing I am certain: he was too true a man to do anything that was not honorable to advance the order he loved so much. I have been told there was an attempt to establish a chapter at Hanover before the war but that is all I know about it.—S. S. Bergen to F. D. Swope, Aug. 26, 1887.

I am unable to state with any more certainty than my letter of the 18th who was present at the initiation of S. S. Bergen besides myself and S. C. Stimson, my brother, who was also a member of the Indiana Beta. I was at that time a very enthusiastic Phi, and felt that the fraternity was not gaining ground as it should. I was not fully acquainted with the powers of the Alpha chapter, which did not at that time seem to have as much vitality as the Beta chapter. I presume the organization of the fraternity is much more complete and the powers of the various chapters more clearly defined now than then, and our proceeding in the initiation of Bro. Bergen must naturally appear more irregular to you

than it did to us. The end justified the means, and I have always taken pride in the success of the chapter of Hanover.—R. B. Stimson to F. D. Swope, Sept. 7, 1887.

Charter was granted to S. S. Bergen, J. L. Fletcher and W. T. Evans. It was signed by Samuel Dalton, president; A. R. Howe, secretary, and Samuel Mahan, warden; these fellows of course being from Indiana Alpha. Meetings were held in Odd Fellows' rooms until January 26, 1870.—'Hal' (H. C. Johnson), Hanover, Ind., to F. D. Swope, Harvard University, April 6, 1888.

This is only a renewing of an old chapter that was here before the war; it was the Epsilon chapter. We would like very much for you to send us the charter soon, etc.—S. S. Bergen, to W. H. Moore, Indiana Alpha, Nov. 16, 1868.

Copy of this having been sent by F. D. Swope to Bergen he wrote, Jan. 5, 1889:

I readily recognize the letter you quote from and know that at the time it was written I had good reasons for believing that there had been a chapter at Hanover before, but what those reasons were I can not remember now.

The Phi Delta Theta society will meet this evening in the lecture room of the opera house. The art gallery will be open to the delegates and to the members of the society. An oration will be delivered by Hon. Orlan F. Baker, of Indiana. Capt. Wm. P. Black, of Illinois, will read a poem. Delegates to the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta societies will assemble at the Briggs House parlors this morning at 9 o'clock.—*Times*, Chicago, Ill., June 9, 1869.

The annual reunion of the Phi Delta Theta, which took place in this city yesterday, was duly commemorated at Crosby's Concert Hall, last evening. A number of invitations had been extended and the gathering was large and decidedly fashionable. According to the programme, Hon. Orlan F. Baker, of Indiana, should have delivered the oration, and Captain William P. Black, of this state, the poem; but neither of these gentlemen made an appearance; and, in lieu, our home artist, J. F. Gookins, delivered a lengthy and very excellent poem on themes suggested by the occasion. At nine o'clock, the audience was invited to a private view of the art gallery, and, with seeing and admiring, another hour was spent with great enjoyment. Meantime, the hall had been cleared and at 10 o'clock Vaas' Band struck up a lively waltz, and the pleasure of the evening

was entered upon in real earnest. It was an enjoyable occasion and we hope the gentlemen of the Phi Delta Theta will reunite at Chicago again on the earliest opportunity.—*Tribune*, Chicago, Ill., June 10, 1869

The annual convention of the Phi Delta Theta association was held yesterday afternoon in one of the Briggs House parlors. The society being of a secret kind, the convention sat with closed doors. Delegates were in attendance from the states of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, New York and Illinois, and the proceedings were characterized by great good feeling. After the usual order of business had been transacted, the following officers were elected: President, Orlan F. Baker, of Vincennes, Ind.; Secretary, C. O. Perry, of Greencastle, Ind. At 5 o'clock the members of the association sat down to a magnificent dinner prepared by Messrs. Skinner and French of the Briggs House. About 50 plates were laid, including those for the invited guests, and a general good time followed. In the evening the annual reception of the society was given in the lecture room of the opera house. Invitations had been issued by the Phi Delta Thetas, and the result was a handsome gathering of ladies and gentlemen, including several persons of well-known literary and artistic ability. The programme had been arranged so that a short address of welcome could be delivered by President Baker, to be followed by the reading of an original poem by Capt. Will P. Black. Unfortunately, however, for those who had expected something good from his pen, it was announced that Capt. Black had suddenly taken unto himself a wife, had gone on a wedding tour, and had thus forfeited his part of the programme. This announcement was received with much surprise by a majority of the audience, and it was whispered around that, although he might be supremely happy, they were terribly disappointed.

But it was only for a short time, for when it was announced that his place would be supplied by their artist brother, Mr. J. F. Gookins, the pleasure was noticeable in every part of the room; and when Mr. Gookins stepped forward, he was greeted with applause worthy of the distinguished artist. The subject of his poem was 'Charity, the Angel of Redemption.' Whilst the gentleman was reading it, the audience was considerably annoyed by the arrival of gentlemen and ladies whose footsteps were none the lighter because they came late. The poem, however, was well

read, and at times received well-merited applause. It was interposed with humorous rhymes in sufficient number to make it laughably pleasing. Then should have come the address of welcome by the President, Mr. Baker, but unfortunately his whereabouts were not known, and an apology was necessarily made for his absence. This was done by Mr. Perry, who also stated that the society did not understand why the gentleman should be absent on such an occasion. The audience then passed out of the room to the art gallery above, where half an hour was spent in looking upon the many beautiful paintings. This was through the courtesy of Messrs. Aitken & Fuller of the art gallery. After viewing the many works of art, prominent among which was a landscape by the poet-reader of the evening, the company returned to the lecture room, and until an early hour this morning whiled away the time in dancing to the music of Vaas' Light Guard Band.—*Times*, Chicago, Ill., June 10, 1869.

The annual convention met this forenoon for the transaction of regular business. At 5 o'clock this afternoon, the members dined at the same place, on which convivial occasion a sumptuous repast was spread for twenty-five persons. Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia were represented. . . . Within the past week invitations have been issued to nearly 500 persons, of which the following is a copy:

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PHI DELTA THETA.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE ORDER TO YOURSELF AND LADIES FOR THE
LITERARY EXERCISES.

*Wednesday evening, June 9th at 8 o'clock, Opera House
Lecture Room, Chicago.*

Orator: Hon. Orlan F. Baker, Indiana.

Poet: Capt. Wm. P. Black, Illinois.

Committee of Invitation: Rev. Chas. Elliott, D. D., Illinois; Hon. Thos. H. Nelson, Indiana; Rev. Robert Morrison, Kentucky; Elam Fisher, Ohio; S. E. Mahan, Indiana; R. C. Story, Michigan; R. W. Bridge, F. A. Smith, W. H. Fitch, Jr., J. F. Gookins, H. C. Mabie, C. A. Stearns.

Dancing and a private view of the art gallery at 9 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock the opera house lecture room was filled with a brilliant assemblage, composed of the *bon ton* of Chicago society. Representatives of the *Sans Souci*, *Sans Cremonie* and *La Favorite* clubs were present. After exquisite selections by the orchestra, R. W. Bridge, Esq., President of

the Convention, announced that the expected poet had married himself a wife and consequently could not be present. What had at first seemed a great loss would however be more than compensated by a poem from the pen of Chicago's favorite artist, J. F. Gookins. [Half a column of the poem 'Charity, the Angel of Redemption' is given.] At the conclusion of the poem, Mr. Bridge stated that the orator had failed to put in his appearance, and invited those present to pass a half hour in the art gallery above. Several of the studios were thrown open, and with the gallery were soon filled by the elegant and appreciative crowd. After a pleasant promenade and a full view of the many attractions, dancing commenced in the lecture room below, the music furnished by six pieces from the Great Western Light Guard Band.—*Republican*, Chicago, Ill., June 10, 1869.

The second day's session of the Phi Delta Theta convention was held yesterday in the Briggs House parlors. The number of delegates in attendance was largely increased, numbers having arrived by the trains on the previous evening. A large amount of business was transacted of importance to the order. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President: R. W. Bridge, Illinois.
 Vice-Presidents: Harvey Lee, Ohio, and R. V. Cantrell, Illinois.
 Secretary: Wm. Thomson, Illinois.
 Assistant Secretaries: J. B. Elam, Ohio, and L. B. Williams, Indiana.
 Marshal: D. M. Hillis, Illinois.
 Executive Committee: Elam Fisher and Harvey Lee, Ohio; F. A. Smith, Illinois; C. O. Perry, Indiana; R. C. Story, Michigan; D. A. Planck, Kentucky; D. B. Floyd, Virginia; J. A. Owen, Wisconsin.

President Bridge, on taking the chair, gave a short speech of congratulation to the convention, and a hearty welcome to the delegates from other states. Brig.-Gen. Thomas J. Morgan, of Rochester, N. Y., was chosen to deliver the oration before the next annual convention, with Lycurgus Railsback, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, as alternate. Rev. Chas. Elliott, D. D., was re-elected poet for the next reunion of the order, with Gen. J. C. Black, of Champaign, Ill., as alternate. The convention adjourned last evening, to reassemble at Oxford, Ohio, on the second Wednesday in May, 1870.—*Republican*, Chicago, June 11, 1869.

I have the honor to submit to you our first annual report. Our chapter was organized in May, 1869. Since that time

it has been progressing in a very satisfactory manner. We first numbered four, now have ten. We have been very discreet in our selection, having the best material from the higher classes, and think that our chapter will compare favorably with any in the state, considering its youth. We yet lack one very essential thing, and that is a permanent home. We have been holding our meetings at the residences of members and in the school buildings, but prospects are growing brighter, and we hope ere many months to have a home in which we can welcome our brethren.—J. Lee Gordon, Terre Haute, Ind., to Indiana Alpha, Jan. 29, 1870.

The delegates from the various chapters composing the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity met in the chapel of the theological seminary on Wednesday the 8th of this month. They held sessions each morning, afternoon and evening, until Thursday evening, when the public oration was delivered, in the Second Presbyterian Church, by the orator of the occasion, Gen. Thomas J. Morgan, of Brownsville, Neb. The president of the convention, Mr. Chas. O. Perry, of Indianapolis, Ind., announced that the poet, Mr. J. S. Walker, of Oxford, Ohio, owing to sickness in his family, was unable to be present at the convention. The oration of General Morgan was a chaste and classic effort, and was listened to by the large and brilliant audience with marked attention. The audience was entertained by the splendid music made by the choir of the church. The selections of pieces sung were made with special reference to this occasion. All can testify to how well they were executed. After the close of the exercises at the church, the members of the convention with the invited guests repaired to James' Hall, to close the exercises of the evening with a grand banquet. The president of the convention, Mr. Chas. O. Perry, assisted by Gen. Morgan and some distinguished invited guests, presided. The regular toasts were as follows, and were responded to by the following gentlemen in an appropriate and elegant manner: 1. 'The Orator,' by General Thomas J. Morgan, of Brownsville, Neb. 2. 'The Blue Grass Ladies,' by James Robinson, Crawfordsville, Ind. 3. 'The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity,' by W. F. Rankin, Oxford, O. 4. 'Kentucky Hospitality,' by W. S. Tingley, Indianapolis, Ind. 5. 'The Law,' by Jno. D. Goodloe, Danville, Ky. 6. 'The President,' by Chas. O. Perry, Indianapolis, Ind. All of the responses were well received, and were frequently interrupted by rounds of applause. Of the 100 or

more persons present, we do not recollect any occasion where there was so large a percentage of beautiful young ladies. The convention assembled again on Friday morning for a short time before the delegates left for their homes. We understand the next regular convention of this fraternity will take place at Athens, Ohio, in May, 1873, at which time the quarter-centennial anniversary of this organization will be celebrated. The programme for that occasion will contain some very interesting features. It is expected to be the largest, most interesting and important convention ever held by this society.—*Kentucky Advocate*, Danville, Ky., May 17, 1872.

Above is a correct copy of so much of the article as you may want. The convention was held in the Masonic Hall, and was thoroughly business-like in its character. The success of the convention of 1872 could not be referred to without speaking of the most valuable services of Bro. S. S. Bergen, an alumnus, and as whole-souled a Phi as one could wish to meet. At that time he must have been near forty years of age; we all took to him greatly. Delegates to this convention were entertained by the citizens of Danville, and no board was charged. I shall always remember my Danville trip with great pleasure.—Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., June 12, 1885.

1873.

We have ten men in college at present, which is the average, our Fraternity being reported as high as any of them. The Zeta chapter of this state lost one member by his resigning from the Fraternity, and only four of the other boys returned. These squandered all last term without doing anything, and then they sent in their charter and asked to become correspondent members of the Alpha. We yet have five chapters in Indiana—more than any other fraternity.—A. W. Fullerton, Indiana University, to R. H. McClelland, University of Wooster, Jan. 30, 1873.

It is something like pulling teeth to establish chapters in these eastern colleges. The older societies have the start, and have taken up all the good men. We have 'euchred' them in several instances, and 'swung' some good men. We at present number *nine*—six sophomores, two freshmen and one junior—the undersigned. We are after a senior and a couple of juniors, and then we will suspend operations for the time being.—N. W. Cady, Cornell University, to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, Feb. 3, 1873.

At present there is considerable excitement here among the secret societies. Two members of the opposition society, B Θ Π, became dissatisfied with their society, and our boys took them. Hence, the Betas are considerably agitated on account of losing two of their best members. Next term when we all get in, there will be fifteen Phis. Our boys can get just what positions they want at commencement from the literary society. Since I wrote we have taken in five new members. At present we are far above any other society in college, both in scholarship and social standing, and from present appearances will remain so. Indeed it now looks as if B Θ Π would breathe its last in our college at the end of this year. We have fifteen live, energetic boys who are true to the cause.—G. W. Holland, Iowa Wesleyan University, to C. S. McClelland, University of Wooster, Feb. 10, 1873.

I suppose you heard our chapter at Greencastle was defunct. H. Clay Darnell went back on the boys, and they became disheartened and sent in their charter. I do not think they had as much zeal as they might have had. All the other Indiana chapters are in good working order. The chapter at Franklin has been resuscitated, and is getting along nicely.—Beverly Gregory, Brooklyn, Ind., to Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 15, 1873.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition, having eight members and four correspondent. We also have one ready for initiation; all are good men.—O. J. Richards, Ohio Wesleyan University, to G. E. Patterson, University of Wooster, Feb. 23, 1873.

Our chapter was in a very flourishing condition last term. We had thirteen active members, but several of them went to other colleges, leaving us only nine. We have initiated two making eleven. All of them have taken very good stands in their classes, and also in the literary societies. We have the first three in the freshman class, and two in the sophomore, but the X Φ's have the first in the junior and senior classes.—L. C. Smith, Emory College, to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, March 2, 1873.

Our chapter is getting along finely; eleven members on the roll now, one senior, two juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen.—Nelson W. Cady, Cornell University, to Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., March 3, 1873.

Our chapter is getting along very well. We have nine good men. Our literary societies elected orators for June,

and five of them are $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s. There are three fraternities besides ours in college, $B \Theta \Pi$, ΔK and $A K \Phi$; so you see we have opposition. Have you heard whether Virginia Beta has been established?—C. R. Anderson, Centre College, to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, March 4, 1873.

You may mail the charter to my address. I will take the necessary steps to have the Georgia Beta constituted the Georgia Alpha.—G. F. O'Byrne, Miami University, to Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., March 15, 1873.

We have ten men at present, with a fair prospect for more. We have three seniors. We will not get out a catalogue this year. The news from all parts of the country is cheering—all chapters reporting success, and I believe our old ship is riding the waves proudly wherever it has been launched.—A. W. Fullerton, Indiana University, to R. H. McClelland, University of Wooster, March 16, 1873.

I have had my eye on the University of Minnesota for a long time with the same end in view, but the proper time has not arrived yet. It is yet in embryo, and the faculty will not allow secret societies. But just as soon as it can be done you may be assured that I will attend to it.—A. M. Shuey, Minneapolis, Minn., to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, March 17, 1873.

I would gladly join with you in the establishment of your Fraternity at Lafayette, but as I am at home now during vacation, I will be unable to see to it until I return to college, at which time I will see what I can do and let you know.—J. C. Irwin, Indiana, Pa., to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, March 29, 1873.

We have twelve noble boys, all of whom take fine stands in their classes. There are two other secret fraternities here, $\Sigma A E$ and $X \Phi$ (southern division). The first has about twenty members, but some of them are very poor. The latter is in a rather poor condition; they would better rub out and commence again. I think I can truthfully say that our chapter is far ahead in Mercer. I suppose that a pleasant time is anticipated at our next convention. Of course, being so near, you will certainly send a delegate. I fear that our chapter will not be able to be represented in the convention this year, but we will send a delegate next time.—A. A. Marshall, Mercer University, to A. Z. McGogney, University of Wooster, April 18, 1873.

I have returned to college and have been ascertaining the views of some as regards this matter, and as there are eight fraternities here at present there are very few men outside of them who are willing to join. I was this way myself before you wrote me, but would be willing to join with you at present if a sufficient number could be got to go into the matter. But at present I can only find one man outside of any fraternity willing to join with me. Regretting my inability to serve you further, and thanking you for your favor, I remain yours, etc.—J. C. Irwin, Lafayette College, to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, April 19, 1873.

I am strongly tempted to take up the cudgel in behalf of our chapter accused by a gentleman from this institution of a lack of 'tone.' I myself am in doubt as to the precise meaning of the term. Perhaps he only meant we are not 'loud,' don't get tight semi-occasionally, and don't conduct ourselves like the 'golden youth.' If so he was right. If he meant lack of brains he was certainly wrong. Our chapter has some of the finest intellects in the university, men who stand at the head in all their classes, and men *who have never been 'conditioned.'* We are not gifted with a superfluity of cash, and don't wear such fine clothes as many here, but still we keep up as good an appearance as any one here. There are several very 'high-toned' fraternities here, very high indeed, in which the main, and apparently only, requisite for admission seems to be an abundance of money and 'store cloths,' brains being a mere secondary consideration. Two of these 'high-toned' fraternities are plotting trouble for us as soon as they imagine we have served their turn. I speak from what I have seen, things that opened my eyes to what was going on while we were yet weak. *Now* they profess a great interest in us, for the *Æra* elections are soon coming, and they have logs to roll. Please tell me who it was that intimated our lack of 'tone' to you. I should like the honor of his acquaintance, as he is no doubt very 'high-toned' himself. We have received notice of the convention to be held at Athens and shall send a delegate. If things turn out as I expect them to, I shall be there as a delegate and hope to see you there, for I want to have a talk with you about matters and things connected with the Fraternity. You speak about our badge as not bearing a reputation for taste. Here at least it is regarded as the handsomest badge worn on account of its very simplicity and elegance. In my opinion the amount of enamel work that is on some badges sim-

ply spoils them. Moreover, our badge has the merit of being *distinctive*, which the Z Ψ, X Φ and other monogram badges are not. Many shield badges are so much alike in their enamel and 'ginger bread' work that it is difficult to distinguish one from the other. We number at present only eleven, but we have every prospect for the addition of at least two and maybe three more before the end of the term.—N. W. Cady, Cornell University, to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, April 20, 1873.

Your tax for the coming convention and anniversary of our Fraternity will be \$1.50 for each active member.—Emmett Tompkins, Athens, Ohio, to E. A. Galbreath, University of Wooster, May 5, 1873.

We have been prospering finely since you heard from me. We now have fourteen men in college, three in the senior class and one professor. We shall have a banquet June the 6th. Some of our brothers at Monmouth College will be with us at that time. We initiated a good man last week, a sophomore. The Betas tried hard to get him, but he thought we had the better chapter. We took him in, but kept the badge off for four days; and after he was a Phi, the Betas asked him to join them and pleaded with him. The next morning he wore the Phi badge. The Betas looked sold.—C. F. Knowlton, Iowa Wesleyan University, to C. T. Jamieson, University of Wooster, May 23, 1873.

I attended the convention at Athens. It was the first one of our conventions I ever attended, and I am not prepared to say it was the best we ever held, but I can say in behalf of the delegates that we never held a more enthusiastic one. We had five regular sessions, and we had so much business we did not get through with it. We revised the order of initiation and made it more impressive. We elected officers to take charge of the permanent fund we are raising, and we elected a 'Grand Banker' to manage it. We are going to try to equalize the expenses of the delegates, so that it will cost each chapter the same to send a delegate. We passed a motion to have Greek numerals in our next catalogue. We also decided upon an emblematic design for each chapter to hang in its hall. There was a motion to make a new classification of the chapters—to classify them alphabetically in the order they were established, and do away with the state classification. The Terre Haute chapter sent a long letter to the convention asking to be taken back; I do not think the convention took any action at all on it. I was surprised

that the members asked to be received back after acting as they did in the matter. I believe these were about all the points of much importance brought before the convention. Elliott, the poet, was not there, but Ransford Smith's oration was very fine. The banquet was very nice and well attended; in fact I call the convention a grand success. There were about fifty Phi sitting in the convention all of the time—more than we ever had before. I have never learned of any western fraternity having as large a convention as this one of ours was. The next convention will be held at Crawfordsville with our Beta chapter there, and it will be a splendid place for such a thing. I got acquainted at the convention with Brother C. M. Beckwith, delegate from the University of Georgia. I tell you he is a fine fellow; he had more influence than any other man in the convention, and he made many friends, and gained much honor for the southern chapters. His speeches were eloquent, and when he would rise on the floor, the countenance of every member would brighten with enthusiasm. They gave a party in his honor at Indianapolis on his return home.—Beverly Gregory, Brooklyn, Ind., to Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., June 10, 1873.

Yours of 30th ult. received. I think very little can be done here. Such organizations never found favor in the university. The old chapter 'fizzled.' The records are all lost as I have heard. I do not know that I can aid you.—Wm. F. Vilas, Madison, Wis., to C. T. Jamieson, University of Wooster, June 3, 1873.

Do not fear that Miami will close and that the Grand Alpha will be sent elsewhere. But should the Grand Alpha ever be removed from Miami, not only will Ohio, but the chapters in the different states, work against any scheme of carrying it into Indiana. . . . We number thirteen, four of whom are seniors. We are the strongest fraternity here.—D. H. Pottenger, Miami University, to C. T. Jamieson, University of Wooster, June 5, 1873.

On Saturday the 7th inst. three young men from the California University met at my office in San Francisco—Chamberlain, Jackson and Christy—and were duly initiated in the brotherhood. A finer trio of young men could not have been selected from any institution, and I felt proud of them. They seemed full of zeal and interest in the order. After initiation, we opened the chapter by choosing temporary officers, and the secretary began taking minutes of the

meeting. He opened his watch, saying, 'Let's make a note of the exact time when we commenced transactions as a chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.' The hands of the watch were in immediate conjunction, at about 22 minutes past 4 p. m., which we took to be an omen of our future unity and harmony as a chapter; and then commenced a hearty handshaking and expressions of a determination to make the principles and precepts of the order acknowledged and professed by many men of intellect, whose hearts would be swayed by affection and brotherly love. Elections of officers for the current university term were then made. I accepted the office of president for the present, but before the expiration of this term we will have enough to carry on the chapter without me. We, immediately, on that day, 7th day of June, sent for the charter. Yesterday the brothers met again at my office, and we initiated one man, and in one week, 19th inst., we shall initiate three others. We are very cautious and particular, so as to keep up to a high standard, being determined to have none but the cream of the classes. I have submitted a draft of the by-laws to be acted on at a subsequent meeting when we have become more numerous, and have thought that if you would send us a copy of your by-laws, it might give us a few valuable hints. We feel already under the strongest obligations for what you have done for us. We have taken measures to obtain information concerning other institutions in California, with a view of establishing other chapters and do all in our power to extend the order in this state.—L. S. Clark, San Francisco, Cal., to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, June 13, 1873.

Oxford, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1873. To the members of the Ohio Delta, greeting: At a meeting of the members of the Grand Alpha chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Aug. 11, 1873, it was decided to transfer the business of the Grand Alpha to the Ohio Delta, until the convention, with full power to transact the same in the name of the Grand Alpha, on account of Miami University being closed. Mr. Walter Spencer, who intends entering Wooster University in September, was appointed to communicate the same to you, and to give any information concerning the business of the Grand Alpha chapter that you may desire. Hoping that you will cheerfully perform the duties devolving upon Grand Alpha, we remain yours in the Bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.—Z. T. Jones, secretary of Grand Alpha chapter.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKA
ALPHA.**

It would be of interest to the teamsters who hauled the brick for University Hall by wagon from the Missouri river in the early seventies to visit the campus now. The original building still stands, with nine modern structures in an uncertain half circle behind and alongside it. The characteristic levelness of the campus is now relieved by half-grown trees and artistic flower beds. A substantial iron fence is all that separates the little college world from the busy city at its gates.

Nebraska's university was authorized by an act of its legislature in 1869. Its chief sources of revenue are a direct tax upon the people of the state, and the income from the leases of some 136,000 acres of endowment lands, which have come into the university's possession through acts of congress providing severally for the maintenance of state universities, their industrial colleges, and agricultural experiment stations. It is intended that the university shall be a part of the public school system of the state, carrying on the work where the high schools leave off. While the high schools remained below the necessary standard, the university filled up the gap by a two years' preparatory course, which the satisfactory preparation now given by the secondary schools has caused the authorities to abolish. The general government of the university is vested in a board of six regents elected for a term of six years. The principal schools and colleges are: The college of literature, science and the arts, the industrial college, the graduate school, the law school, and the school of agriculture. The first two colleges offer general, special and technical courses. The work is mostly elective in the last two years.

Dr. George Edwin MacLean has been chancellor since 1895. He is a man of broad culture and is firmly in the good graces of his students. He was called from the chair of the English language and literature in the University of Minnesota to take the helm at Nebraska. The policy of the administration is well given in the catch phrase, so familiar with us, 'culture and agriculture'—the graduate school seeking after the highest culture, with the broad foundation of the school of agriculture giving simple and practical instruction in the sciences that enter into everyday life.



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A FRONT VIEW OF THE GROUNDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The graduate school, since its inception in 1894, has had a remarkable growth. During the year 1897-8, 143 were candidates for advanced degrees. The state is particularly fortunate in having its school of agriculture an integral part of its university. The one faculty and equipment is thus enabled to a large extent to do the work of two. The state farm is two and a half miles from the campus and is connected with it by an electric car line. It comprises 320 acres of cultivated land with seven buildings and is the scene of the experimental work of the agriculture, dairy and sugar beet schools and the U. S. experiment station.

The law school offers to its students the opportunity to visit the legislature; also every kind of court from that of the justice of the peace up to the supreme court of the state. The libraries of the university, city, and the state are available.

Nebraska's faculty numbers more than two hundred, and among them are men of national and even international reputation. It is to these men that the institution owes its eminence in educational circles. They came here when things were new, shaped the course of the young college, formulated its policies and stood by it despite tempting offers from older and richer universities. A debt of gratitude is due these men which, I fear, will never be substantially paid.

Nebraska is essentially an agricultural state, and the university is deeply in touch with it. The crop and other bulletins of the experiment station are a distinct help. The farmers' institute, the state dairymen's and the beet sugar associations, the state horticultural, agricultural and other kindred organizations hold conventions each year at the university, meet the university's science men and profit by contact with them. Pending the formation of state surveys, university professors are acting in the capacities of state geologist, botanist and chemist, respectively.

The student body at Nebraska is western, is possessed of an honest poverty, is hard worked and hard working. It has the usual promenades, dramatics, minstrels, concerts and athletics, but isn't fond of play as a general thing and has to be forced into it by a few of the more frivolous. The military department is perhaps of the most universal interest among the men, because, since the drill is compulsory, so many are concerned in it. Military honors are much sought after, and to the proud cadet-major of the university regiment of '97-98 the action of the captain, who, in the early

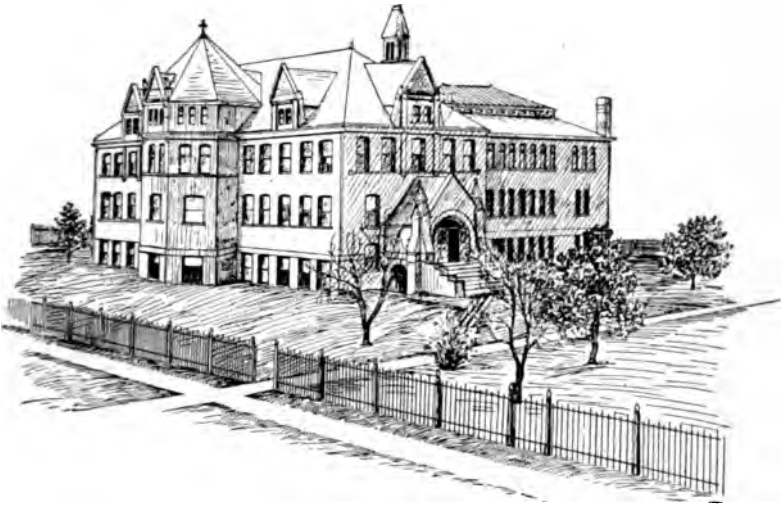


CHANCELLOR GEORGE E. MACLEAN.

days, resigned to beat the bass drum in the band, is incongruous and not to be understood. In the national competitive drills of 1892, held at Omaha, the cadet battalion carried off the maiden prize—\$1,500. A silver cup was given the battalion by the citizens of Omaha, and for this a competitive drill between the companies is held each year. The 'mighty parade,' held at the end of examination week and just before the cadet encampment, is looked forward to eagerly, and with each parade new fantastic features are developed. It is the custom for the governor at commencement to present to the cadet officers commissions in the state militia, it being understood that in case of war these men, in consideration of their four years of practical and theoretical military training, are to be given active commissions in the militia service. When the call for troops came last April, the holders of these commissions were ignored, and it was the men with personal or political influence who carried off the prizes. This fact made the governor's presentation of these commissions at last spring's commencement little more than a farce.

Debating and oratory hold a prominent place in student activities. The literary societies, debating clubs and oratorical association are prosperous and aggressive. Debates with universities of the immediately surrounding states are of great interest to the students.

In athletics foot ball is the lion. The rivalry developed in the western inter-collegiate foot ball association, comprising the state universities of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska, has spurred Nebraska to her best efforts, and she has put out two pennant winning teams in the last four years. The lack of nearby rivals has kept Nebraska back in track athletics. There has been a revival of interest lately, however, and the track teams under the new physical director show decided improvement. University athletics are under the control of an athletic board of ten members, elected by the athletic association, five of whom are from the faculty and five from the students. This board last year adopted the rules of the Chicago conference of November, 1896, which rules have also been adopted by Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. At least a semester's gymnasium work is required before a man can qualify for any track events. For the girls' part, they are simply wild over basket ball, and it is not an unheard-of thing to meet at a promenade a proud co-ed blushing behind a black eye received in the afternoon's practice. If present plans are car-



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THE BUILDINGS AT THE EASTERN END OF THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS.

ried out, a team from Chicago University will be brought west this year for a match game.

Several years ago the most noticeable peculiarity in the college atmosphere was the intense anti-fraternity feeling. This has since almost entirely disappeared, and the fraternities, always strong, are steadily increasing in numbers and influence. Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Phi and Alpha Theta Chi (local) are represented. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi of the women's fraternities have chapters at Nebraska. Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi have been recently established.

The first attempt toward the establishment of a Greek-letter society in the University of Nebraska was made in the early part of 1872. J. Stuart Dales, our present steward, representing his classmates Frank P. Hurd, W. H. Snell, W. M. Stephenson and Melick, did some corresponding with Alpha Delta Phi concerning the establishment of a chapter. Nebraska, however, was too far west, and he met with prompt discouragement. It was left for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to be the fraternity pioneers in Nebraska.

In 1875 G. M. Lambertson, Indiana Delta (Franklin), '72, not long out of college and with a strong enthusiasm for Phi Delta Theta, got together a small crowd of men with the establishment of a chapter in view. These men were Clarence Rhodes, Amos E. Gantt, James Otis Sturdevant, Willis Sweet and Francis Marion Lambertson. Meetings were held in Judge Lambertson's office, a charter was soon secured, and arrangements were made to have some Phi from a distance come on to do the initiating. To the best of the recollection of Lambertson, Rhodes and Gantt, this man, whoever he may have been, failed to show up, and the men were never formally initiated. It evidently did not occur to Lambertson that he might do the initiating himself. The meetings became more and more infrequent, and with the close of the school year in June, 1876, the organization died a natural death. The affair scarcely assumed definite enough shape to receive notice from the faculty, either favorable or unfavorable. Of these old men Sturdevant has since died, Lambertson has been lost track of, while the other three, Rhodes, Gantt and Sweet, despite their slight fraternity experience, still cherish a hearty interest in the present chapter. The charter and all records are lost.



NEBRASKA HALL.

In January, 1883, the Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi was established in the university and entered on an active and prosperous career. In January of the following year the re-establishment of Nebraska Alpha put a healthy rival in the field with Sigma Chi.

Arthur Eyman Anderson, a member of Indiana Gamma, entered the university in the fall of 1883, and at once saw the feasibility of gathering about him the Phi Delta Theta associations he had left behind him in Butler College. He carefully picked his men and with the help of P. L. Sever, then president of the province, soon secured the charter. It bears date of December 10, 1883, with the following as charter members: Edmond John Churchill and George Conway MacMillan, '85; George Bell Frankforter and James Robert Foree, '86; Elton Henry Fulmer, '87; Arthur Eyman Anderson, Roy George Coddington and Caleb Almon Canaday, '88.

Anderson, with the assistance of Fulmer, initiated the men at the home of Conway MacMillan the evening of January 5, 1884. In recognition of his efforts in securing the charter, 'Papa' Anderson was elected the chapter's first president. An attempt was made to keep things quiet until the badges, which were immediately ordered, could be secured. A letter to THE SCROLL, however, gave it away to the Sigs, and the existence of the chapter became generally known. It was not very gracefully received by the Sigs or the Barbs. Acting Chancellor Manatt is said not to have been in favor of secret societies, but he put no active opposition in their way.

The men remained in the literary societies and took a prominent part in their work. The first gun in the 'Frat-Barb' fight was fired in May, 1884, when the Barbarian leader challenged MacMillan to a debate on the fraternity question. Mac. saw the futility of such a debate and declined. The Barbarian, not to be put off, arranged a debate between two lower-class men and took his shot in a general discussion which followed.

Kappa Kappa Gamma appeared in the fraternity horizon, May 30, 1884. Their organization was a direct result of a suggestion of one of our men to one of the Kappas' charter members. They were banqueted by the Phis commencement week.

The final meeting of the year was held after this banquet. There was a general squaring up, a sort of 'experience meeting,' and the crowd broke up with the best hopes and prospects for the fall. In the '83 *Sombrero* Nebraska Alpha

had this to say for herself: 'The prospects for fraternities in the N. S. U. are very encouraging. The university is young. Only fifteen years have elapsed since it was established. It is growing, however, very rapidly and gives promise of a bright and glorious future. The banner of the Phis is placed here to stay. Nebraska Alpha chapter is loyal and enthusiastic, and, with its favorable outlook and elevated tone, it hopes to advance into the front ranks of the hosts of Phi Delta Theta.'

All the charter members were back in the fall of 1884, and Newcomber and Gates were soon initiated, making ten men. The Sigs had a numerical strength of seven. Early in this year the growing bitterness of the Barbarians against the Greeks came to a head. The fight was precipitated in October by the introduction into the literary societies of a constitutional amendment to exclude fraternity men from membership. The Barbs cited cases in other colleges where fraternities had killed the literary societies. This was their ground for action, and to show that they were actuated by principle alone the amendment was not made to include those fraternity men already in the societies. After a long hard fight the amendment was passed at a joint meeting, and the fraternities immediately withdrew. This left the two societies, the Palladian and Union, without presidents and several minor officers. Steps were at once taken to form a literary society among the Greeks, and the 'Philodician' was the result. It had a very prosperous existence for a time, but the growth of literary exercises in fraternity meetings soon caused its decline.

From 1885-6 to 1891 the chapter varied in size from six to fourteen men. The hall in the State Block, the two front rooms and 'goat-pen,' was secured in the fall of 1885. Odd as it may seem, the fight for men then was not wholly between us and the Sigs, but the Barbs also had to be overcome. However, no particular difficulty was experienced in winning men to the fraternity side.

In 1887 there were but 300 students in college, of which number almost an even tenth were fraternity people, divided among Sigma Chi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Delta Theta. In 1888-9 Beta Theta Pi appeared with seven charter members and Delta Gamma with five.

In May, 1889, we entertained the Eta province convention. Iowa Alpha was represented by E. H. Scott; Kansas Alpha by William Allen White and V. L. Kellog; and Min-

nesota Alpha by W. L. Stockwell. A most enjoyable banquet was given. It is interesting to note that Mr. Stockwell responded to the toast, 'The National Fraternity,' and went directly back to Minneapolis to take part in the D. K. E. lift.

The men of the early chapter were an earnest and energetic lot. The prominent part they took in all the departments of college life and activity is remarkable, though due in part no doubt to the small number of students in the university and the correspondingly enlarged sphere of the individual. The back elections to Phi Beta Kappa show a number of Phis greater than any two of the other fraternities put together can boast. Their literary exercises were carefully prepared and had a real merit.

The chapter has always maintained a very strict moral code, particularly the older chapter. It is reported that at one time exception was taken to the advertisement of cigarettes in THE SCROLL. In a letter to Mr. Palmer, Conway MacMillan says: 'In those days at Nebraska, a very rigid code was maintained by some, and I recall that one man I wanted initiated was almost unanimously black-balled, because a member had been told by another individual that he had distinctly noticed an odor akin to that of beer on the candidate's breath. I attribute the success of the Nebraska chapter in great part, however, to the strong, although perhaps narrow, self-respect and austerity which it maintained throughout the years when the little Nebraska institution—little in those days—was learning the college customs of America.'

The year 1893-4 was the only time the number of men returning has been dangerously small. But six men returned in the fall. The initiation of nine men during the year, however, put the chapter safely on its feet again.

During the summer of 1894 the hall was remodeled, refurnished and enlarged. This gave us as our quarters the entire third floor of the State Block—seven rooms entirely shut out from the outside. The two front rooms were elegantly papered and draped and fitted with hard wood floors. The other rooms were used as bed rooms. Here for the next three years from six to ten of us lived, and Bohemia, much Bohemia, reigned supreme. Here we had our dancing parties; here in 1895 we had our first alumni banquet. It was in the old hall that we had our loveliest rough-houses, our wildest stag hops and war dances, our impromptu burlesques and living pictures. Memories crowd

upon each other at the very mention of the old hall, and it was with the keenest regret that it was finally given up after twelve years of uninterrupted possession.

Two years of house talk culminated in a removal in the fall of 1897. The hall had long since been outgrown, and, besides, a house was altogether a more desirable home for the Fraternity. After some lively scouring around the Betas were prevailed upon to take the lease on the hall off our hands, and the home of Brother C. A. Atkinson was secured. The move was made at once, and by Sunday before the opening of the fall term we were comfortably settled in our new home and had four men initiated. Mr. E. N. Robinson, Zeta Psi, from Brown University, our foot ball coach, lived with us during the season, and his company was thoroughly enjoyed. W. H. Hayward represented us in foot ball as the right tackle of the 'varsity, and W. H. Oury as manager. To Oury is due the credit for the innovation of a foot ball park on the campus. The chapter gave a coaching party to the Kansas game.

Through the efforts of Brother Randall, a chapter house fund has been established. The scheme adopted is that each member, upon graduation, shall sign five notes for five dollars each, falling due one each year for the five years immediately following graduation and drawing ten per cent. interest from the date the first note reaches maturity. Five hundred dollars has already been raised in the active chapter. The alumni has not as yet been 'touched up.'

Brother Tukey's energy resulted in the establishment of a culinary department at the beginning of the second semester, and of all the pleasant features of life in a house, Brother Tukey's department takes the palm.

The fourth alumni banquet was held at the house March 12, 1898. Thirty-seven enthusiastic Phis—from freshmen to the gray-haired General Webster—sat down to the table. Judge Lambertson was present—the first Phi banquet he had attended since the convention banquet of 1889.

With the beginning of the second semester a series of chafing-dish parties was inaugurated. Each of the women's fraternities was entertained in turn, the chapter vaudeville was gone through with, and the parties were counted a great success. The Saturday night meetings throughout the year have been characterized by an unusual earnestness and a great zeal for the welfare of the chapter. Literary exercises have been kept up, and a number of very creditable

programs have been given. Current topics have been thoroughly discussed at each meeting.

When the call for volunteers came our chapter responded nobly. Of the eleven Nebraska Alpha men in the service seven hold commissions, while the other four are non-commissioned officers. Seven of these men were from the active chapter, but as they were nearly all seniors the chapter will not be materially weakened the coming fall.

RALPH S. MUELLER, *Nebraska*, '98.

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.

It seems very fitting that the semi-centennial convention of the Fraternity should be held in Ohio, and that Columbus should be chosen as the city in which the visiting Phis



ON THE RIVER, OLENTANGY PARK.

should assemble. Founded at Miami University, Oxford, in this state, the Fraternity now comes for its first convention fifty years later in the capital of the commonwealth which gave it birth. It is an honor to any body of Phis to entertain the national convention, and the members of the Fraternity living in Columbus and central Ohio are appreciative of this fact in the selection of Columbus for the 1898 convention.

The city is the capital of the state and has a population of 130,000. It is in the geographical center of the state, and from it a network of railroads diverges in all directions, putting the most remote portions of the state within a half



THE STATE CAPITOL.

day's railroad distance of the city. The trunk lines—Pennsylvania, Big Four, and Baltimore and Ohio—put it on the direct line of travel from the east, west and south-west. The new union station, completed in 1897, is a model of its kind and is unsurpassed in beauty by any other station in the country. Columbus is the seat of a number of state institutions, each of which possesses points that will be of interest to visiting Phis. Chief among these of course is the



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY—THE MAIN BUILDING.

Ohio State University. Founded under the land grant act of 1868 as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College, its admirable location being made possible by the generosity of the city, it developed along the lines of its original charter, until in the early eighties the state started on the liberal policy which has resulted in the building up of a true university, with an income and equipment which rank it with its sister state institutions of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The beautiful park-like grounds of the university are three miles north of the capitol, and its twelve buildings



THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE UNION STATION.

will be open to all visitors during the convention. In the afternoon of Thanksgiving day the annual foot ball game between Ohio State University and Ohio Wesleyan University will occur on the university athletic field.

The state capitol, which, by the way, is to undergo extensive remodeling and enlargement this coming year, stands on a large park in the center of the city and is a splendid example of massive but plain architecture. Besides the usual features of interest in such a building, this from the north and south will be interested in the museum of war relics, which contains an extremely valuable collection of



THE STARLING MEDICAL COLLEGE.

flags of the Union and Confederacy. Within a few minutes ride of the center of the city are the state institutions for the blind and for deaf mutes, schools enrolling respectively 350 and 275 pupils, and models of their kind. The Ohio penitentiary is the largest penal institution in the United States, and to it are sent more United States prisoners than



THE OHIO INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.



THE O. S. U. ARMORY AND GYMNASIUM.

to any place in the country. Over 2,300 men are confined within its stone walls, and a visit through its corridors and shops is replete with interest and instruction. In the prison annex are confined until execution all men condemned to death, the electrocution chair being a gruesome ornament of this department. To the west of the city are the state institution for imbeciles, with its model farm, and the Columbus state hospital for the insane, to walk about whose continuous walls means a trip of one and a half miles.

The Chittenden Hotel is to be the headquarters of the Fraternity during the convention. It is but two blocks from the union station and is in the business center of the city.



THE OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY.

It is a handsome buff brick fire-proof building, erected some three years ago to replace the old hotel of the same name, which was destroyed by fire the year before. Its handsome lobby is so arranged as to make it an ideal place for the rallying of the Phis, while the accommodations as to rooms and table are first-class in every way. The rates will be \$3 per day. Members can reduce this to \$2.50 per day by two occupying single rooms together. Street cars to all parts of the city pass the door every five minutes.

The Phis of Columbus have formed an organization as the Central Ohio Association of Phi Delta Theta Alumni, and have been granted a charter by the General Council.



THE WILLOWS, OLENTANGY PARK.

There are some thirty-five alumni living in the city. The prosperous Ohio Zeta chapter at the university usually numbers from sixteen to twenty men, and maintains a chapter house at High street and Seventh avenue. This is on the way to the university and is reached by street cars passing the hotel entrance.

As to the program of convention week, not all particulars have yet been arranged, but it may be said that besides the business sessions it will include (1) an informal smoker at the Ohio Zeta chapter house; (2) the convention banquet; (3) a general reception tendered visitors by the local alumni and their friends; (4) an informal theater party,

and possibly public literary exercises at the university auditorium. The Phi who comes within our gates that week is assured of his welcome, and our hospitality will be limited only by our abilities. Travel is education. Commingling with fellow-men of kindred tastes broadens one and incites one to one's best attainments. The semi-centennial convention of Phi Delta Theta will afford to the undergraduate and to the alumnus an opportunity to enjoy Thanksgiving week of 1898 in a way above any other. The Phis of Columbus and Ohio Zeta hope to greet a host of their brothers on that occasion.

JOHN EDWIN BROWN.

PHI DELTA THETA IN THE WAR WITH SPAIN.

IN THE NAVY.

First Lieut. Cyrus S. Radford, *Seawave*, '84, marine corps, U. S. S. *Texas*.

Lieut. J. B. Patton, *South Carolina*, '87, past ass't engineer, U. S. S. *Brooklyn*.

Lieut. L. W. Spratling, *Auburn*, '86, past ass't surgeon, U. S. S. *Columbia*.

Ensign L. R. De Steiguer, *Ohio*, '87, U. S. S. *Montgomery*.

Ensign W. H. Ulsh, *Gettysburg*, '90, ass't surgeon, U. S. S. *Yankton*.

Ensign W. T. Cluverius, *Tulane*, '94, U. S. S. *Scorpion*, Guantanamo, Cuba.

Ensign Raymond Stone, *Alabama*, '91, U. S. S. *Alliance*.

Ensign S. B. Palmer, *Mercer*, '90, surgeon, U. S. S. *Annapolis*.

Ensign W. H. Thomson, Jr., *Cornell*, '98, ass't engineer, inspection duty, Elmira, N. Y.

Naval Cadet J. W. Fesler, *Indiana*, '86, U. S. S. *Vermont*.

Seaman J. W. Judson, *Michigan*, '00, Michigan naval reserves, U. S. S. *Yosemite*.

IN THE ARMY.

Brigadier-general (U. S. V.) Henry V. N. Boynton, *K. M. I.*, '58, Camp Thomas, Chickamauga.

Colonel Frederick Funston, *Kansas*, '92, 20th Kansas,* San Francisco.†

Lieutenant-colonel Devereux Shields, *Seawave*, '86, 2d Mississippi, Jacksonville.

Lieutenant-colonel J. B. McDonald, *Auburn*, '91, 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.

* All state troops are understood to be volunteer infantry, unless otherwise designated.

† Stations given are those of the last week of the war, in most cases.

- Major Edgar Jadwin, *Lafayette*, '88, 3d U. S. V. Engineers, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
- Major W. F. Starley, Jr., *Virginia*, '93 (*Sevance*, '91), surgeon 1st U. S. V. I., Galveston, Texas.
- Major M. W. Beck, *Georgia*, '82 (*Mississippi*, '81), 3d Georgia, Griffin, Ga.
- Major Richard A. Barr, *Vanderbilt*, '92, surgeon 1st Tennessee, San Francisco.
- Major Ben X. Smith, *Knov.*, '90, judge-advocate, staff of Gen. Merritt, Manila.
- Major R. W. Johnson, Jr., *Knov.*, '76, surgeon U. S. V. (captain and ass't surgeon U. S. A.).
- Major Edward L. Pinckard, *Alabama*, '86, 2d U. S. V. Engineers, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

CAPTAINS.

- Edgar Russel, *Missouri*, '82, U. S. V. signal corps (1st lieut. 6th Art. U. S. A.).
- Frank B. Hawkins, *Washington and Jefferson*, '96, Co. D, 10th Pennsylvania, Manila.
- W. H. Oury, *Nebraska*, '97, Co. B, 1st Nebraska (2d lieut. U. S. A.), Manila.
- Geo. H. English, Jr., *Missouri*, '97, Co. I, 5th Missouri, Chickamauga.
- W. H. Hayward, *Nebraska*, '97, Co. C, 2d Nebraska, Chickamauga.
- J. W. Clark, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '92, Co. M, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
- J. R. Hodges, *Mercer*, '85 (*Emory*, '85), Co. B, 3d Georgia, Griffin, Ga.
- H. C. Armstrong, Jr., *Auburn*, '87, Co. H, 3d Alabama, Mobile, Ala.
- W. W. Davies, Jr., *North Carolina*, '91, Co. A, 3d Georgia, Griffin, Ga.
- E. W. Winfield, *Virginia*, '92 (*Vanderbilt*, '89), U. S. V. signal corps.
- W. M. Walker, *Alabama*, '93, 5th U. S. V. I., Santiago.
- H. M. Bankhead, *Alabama*, '97, 5th U. S. V. I., Santiago.
- Randolph Buck, *Sevance*, '87, 2d Mississippi, Jacksonville.
- D. Y. Beckham, *Central*, '96, Co. C, 2d Kentucky, Chickamauga.
- M. A. Reeve, *Sevance*, '94, Co. K, 3d Tennessee, Chickamauga.
- H. C. Alexander, *Vanderbilt*, '95, Co. K, 4th Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Romaine Boyd, *Alabama*, Alabama V. I., Jacksonville.
- E. K. Everts, *Indianapolis*, '75, ass't surgeon U. S. A.
- R. W. Dowdy, *Sevance*, '84, Adjutant-general's office (U. S. A., recently retired).
- H. P. Williams, *Iowa*, '95, chaplain 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
- F. W. Foxworthy, *DePauw*, '94, ass't surgeon 160th Indiana, Newport News.
- John B. Haden, *Pennsylvania*, '91 (*Sevance*, '88), ass't surgeon 12th New York, Chickamauga.

Chas. G. Haines, *Missouri*, '93, commissary 3d Missouri.
 C. M. Miller, *Richmond*, '90, ass't surgeon, Virginia, V. I.

FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

Guy E. Manning, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '93, 3d Ohio, Tampa.
 R. M. Wilson, *Washington*, '97, 1st Missouri, Chickamauga.
 Philip H. Stern, *C. C. N. Y.*, '91, 5th U. S. V. I., Santiago.
 J. R. Vidmer, *Alabama*, '85, adjutant 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.
 R. S. Edmunds, *Missouri*, '99, Co. I, 5th Missouri, Chickamauga.
 H. B. Walker, *Missouri*, '93, Co. M, 5th Missouri, Chickamauga.
 E. T. Miller, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '95, staff of Gen. J. Warren Keifer, Jacksonville.
 G. C. Conner, Jr., *Mercer*, '93, Co. F, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 E. L. Glasgow, *Kansas*, '90, Co. M, 20th Kansas, San Francisco.
 V. M. Elmore, Jr., *Auburn*, '97, Co. D, 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.
 Oscar Wilder, *Sewanee*, '98, Co. B, 1st Kentucky, Porto Rico.
 E. H. Agnew, *Kansas*, '97, Co. D, 20th Kansas, San Francisco.
 H. H. Seckler, *Kansas*, '98, Co. C, 20th Kansas, San Francisco.
 D. S. Fairchild, Jr., *Iowa*, '94, ass't surgeon 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
 Frank H. Hamilton, *Illinois*, '95, 2d U. S. V. Engineers (resigned—captain engineers, Illinois National Guard).
 H. P. Jones, *Tulane*, '93, ass't surgeon U. S. V.
 F. E. Bamford, *Wisconsin*, '87, 15th Inf. U. S. A., Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
 A. B. Johnson, *Knov*, '72, 17th Inf. U. S. A., Santiago.
 Alex. S. Porter, *Dickinson*, '87, ass't surgeon U. S. A.
 W. S. Alexander, *California*, '77, 4th Art. U. S. A., Porto Rico.
 Samuel G. Jones, *Sewanee*, '83, 5th Cav. U. S. A., Santiago.
 W. L. Simpson, *Lansing*, '81, 9th Inf. U. S. A., Santiago.
 J. M. Kennedy, *South Carolina*, '84, ass't surgeon U. S. A.
 H. E. Gettier, *Gettysburg*, '93, ass't surgeon Pa. V. I.
 W. H. French, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '93, Co. M, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
 C. H. Tebault, Jr., *Tulane*, '90, medical supply dep't, Santiago.
 W. H. Winship, *Auburn*, '96, 2d Georgia, Tampa.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

E. W. Hearne, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '94, Co. F, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
 W. C. Mentzer, *Nebraska*, '95, Co. D, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
 W. B. Bankhead, *Alabama*, '93, U. S. A.
 Otho W. B. Farr, *Colby*, '92, Battery A, 2d Art. U. S. A., Santiago.
 James B. Kemper, *Cincinnati*, '99, 14th Inf. U. S. A., Manila.
 A. W. Brent, *Missouri*, '90, 6th Missouri, Jacksonville.
 W. M. French, *Hillsdale*, '96, adjutant 21st Kansas, Chickamauga.
 W. C. Harkins, *Alabama*, '99, 5th U. S. V. I., Santiago.
 Clay Allen, *Northwestern*, '98, adjutant 22d Kansas, Camp Alger, Va.

- David G. Anderson, *Pennsylvania*, '91, 2d U. S. V. Engineers, Honolulu, H. I.
 L. A. Curtis, *Wisconsin*, '94, Co. I, 12th Inf. U. S. A., Montauk Point, N. Y.
 P. W. Russell, *Nebraska*, '98, Co. D, 1st Nebraska, Manila.
 C. V. Nusz, *Nebraska*, '95, Co. M, 2d Nebraska, Chickamauga.
 R. C. Hazelhurst, *Mercer*, '87, Co. F, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 E. O. Weber, *Nebraska*, '95, Co. K, 1st Nebraska, Manila.
 Andrew Hudson, *Kansas*, '99, Co. H, 22d Kansas, Camp Alger, Va.
 T. F. Roddy, *Nebraska*, '98, Co. A, 2d Nebraska, Chickamauga.
 J. F. Crook, *Alabama*, '89, Co. H, 3d Georgia, Griffin, Ga.
 J. T. Bullen, *Auburn*, '82, Co. A, 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

- Sergeant-major Royall H. Switzler, *Missouri*, '98, 5th Missouri, Chickamauga (later second lieut., Co. B).
 Sergeant-major B. D. Whedon, *Nebraska*, '99, 1st Nebraska, Manila.
 Sergeant-major Robt. L. Moorhead, *Indianapolis*, '96, 158th Indiana, Chickamauga.
 Sergeant-major Tom T. Connally, *Texas*, '98, 2d Texas, Jacksonville.
 First Sergeant R. G. Cousley, *Westminster*, '00, Co. M, 4th Missouri, Camp Alger, Va.
 First Sergeant T. G. Fee, *Iowa*, '00, Co. E, 50th Iowa, Jacksonville.
 First Sergeant Robt. W. Brown, *Missouri*, '96, 4th Missouri, Camp Alger, Va.
 First Sergeant R. P. Dow, *Centre*, '94, Co. E, 2d Kentucky, Chickamauga.
 First Sergeant C. A. Gleason, *Case*, '99, Co. C, 5th Ohio, Tampa.
 Color Sergeant Richard G. Holmes, *Lafayette*, '00, 1st Colorado, Manila.
 Line Sergeant Otis W. Cole, *Lansing*, '99, Co. E, 31st Michigan, Chickamauga.
 Second Sergeant A. S. Williams, *Alabama*, '97, Co. C, 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.
 Sergeant Andrew Cooke, *Northwestern*, '99, Co. M, 1st Illinois V. Cav., Chickamauga.
 Sergeant A. W. Gifford, *Indiana*, '96 (acting second lieutenant), 160th Indiana, Newport News, Va.
 Sergeant L. A. Westerman, *Nebraska*, '97, Co. H, 2d Nebraska, Chickamauga.
 Sergeant W. A. Kah, *Ohio State*, '00, 3d Ohio, Tampa.
 Sergeant R. W. Haggard, *Nebraska*, '98, Co. K, 2d Nebraska, Chickamauga.
 Sergeant F. G. Gardner, *Cornell*, '91, Troop F, 1st Illinois V. Cav., Chickamauga.
 Sergeant G. R. Lewis, *Nebraska*, '97, Co. F, 3d Kentucky, Newport News, Va.

Sergeant A. M. Baker, *Emory*, '96, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 Sergeant H. E. Wynne, *Georgia*, '87, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 First Corporal W. C. Banks, *Alabama*, '95, Alabama, Jacksonville.
 Corporal C. W. Eicher, *Washington and Jefferson*, '96, Co. I, 10th Pennsylvania, Manila.
 Corporal Jason Randall, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '99, Co. F, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
 Corporal C. A. Hearne, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '99, Co. F, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
 Corporal K. C. Corley, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '96, 50th Iowa, Jacksonville.
 Corporal W. M. Purman, *Cornell*, '95 (*Lehigh*, '94), 1st U. S. V. Engineers, Porto Rico.
 Corporal C. C. Collins, *Central*, '94, 2d Kentucky, Chickamauga.
 Corporal J. L. Rogers, *Hanover*, '01, Co. F, 159th Indiana, Camp Alger, Va. (later in hospital corps, Santiago).
 Corporal G. B. Sierer, *Kansas*, '98, Co. D, 22d Kansas, Camp Alger, Va.
 Corporal Frank Henley, *Purdue*, '00, 160th Indiana, Newport News.
 Corporal R. D. Tyler, *Case*, '98, Co. C, 5th Ohio, Tampa.
 Corporal J. K. Ragland, *Wisconsin*, '99, Co. I, 5th Missouri, Chickamauga (now in 3d U. S. V. Engineers, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.)
 Corporal J. H. Byerly, *Case*, '95, Co. B, 71st New York, Santiago.
 Corporal F. W. Lambert, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '97, Co. K, 50th Iowa, Jacksonville.

PRIVATES.

Karl C. Banks, *Wabash*, '00, U. S. A.
 Jesse B. Williams, *Indianapolis*, '96, hospital corps, U. S. A., Jacksonville.
 Geo. F. Maitland, *Missouri*, '99, Co. A, 1st U. S. V. Engineers, Porto Rico.
 L. G. Coleman, *Washington*, '98, 1st U. S. V. Cav. (Roosevelt's Rough Riders), Santiago.
 George Judson, *Northwestern*, '02, 1st Illinois V. Cav., Chickamauga.
 Clifton Maloney, *Pennsylvania*, '95, Philadelphia City V. Cav., Porto Rico.
 J. H. McReady, *Miami*, '89, hospital corps, 1st Ohio, Tampa.
 Edwin Lennox, *Purdue*, '99, hospital corps, 160th Indiana, Newport News.
 W. G. Hicks, *Iowa*, '97, hospital corps, 52d Iowa, Chickamauga.
 Austin Funk, *Indiana*, '96 (*DePauw*, '96), hospital corps, 159th Indiana, Camp Alger, Va.
 Charles M. Doland, *Pennsylvania*, '01 (*Williams*, '00), Battery A, Pennsylvania Lt. Art., Porto Rico.
 H. D. Alfrey, *Wabash*, '01, 27th Battery, Indiana Lt. Art., Porto Rico.
 Ed. Middleton, *Franklin*, '97, 27th Battery, Indiana Lt. Art., Porto Rico.

- J. C. Patten, *Indiana*, '99, 27th Battery, Indiana Lt. Art., Porto Rico.
 H. G. Kimball, *Pennsylvania*, '96, Battery A, Pennsylvania Lt. Art., Porto Rico.
 Hiram Miller, Jr., *Pennsylvania*, '99, Battery A, Pennsylvania Lt. Art., Porto Rico.
 H. R. Douglass, *Lafayette*, '00, Battery A, Pennsylvania Lt. Art., Porto Rico.
 Davis G. White, *Georgia*, '98, Battery A, Georgia Lt. Art., Chickamauga.
 E. C. Grant, *Ohio State*, '01, 1st Batt'n Ohio Lt. Art., Chickamauga.
 F. S. Knox, *Ohio State*, '99, 1st Batt'n Ohio Lt. Art., Chickamauga.
 N. C. Robbins, *Cornell*, '94, Astor Battery, Manila.
 Walter O. Woods, *Kansas*, '94, 22d Kansas (orderly on staff of Gen. Miles).
 S. F. VanPelt, *Miami*, '01, musician (head drummer), 1st Ohio, Tampa.
 Charles W. Carman, *Cornell*, '97, Co. K, 71st New York, Santiago.
 H. W. Reynolds, *Pennsylvania*, '98, Co. D, 1st Pennsylvania, Chickamauga.
 C. C. Hooper, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '99, Co. F, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.
 Daniel V. Noland, *Franklin*, '00, Co. M, 7th California, San Francisco.
 G. B. Baskervill, *Vanderbilt*, '01, 12th Inf. U. S. A., Santiago.
 H. H. Potter, *Knox*, '01, 6th Illinois, Porto Rico (seriously ill with fever).
 E. S. Tuttle, *Brown*, '98, 1st Rhode Island, Camp Alger, Va.
 Joseph W. Evans, *Hanover*, '98, Co. H, 4th Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
 Lee W. Branch, *Emory*, '91, Co. F, 3d Georgia, Griffin, Ga.
 Alexander Eicher, Jr., *Washington and Jefferson*, '99, Co. I, 10th Pennsylvania, Manila.
 W. E. Ralston, *Washington and Jefferson*, '01, Co. H, 10th Pennsylvania, Manila.
 A. C. Johnson, *Ohio*, '97, 8th Ohio, Santiago.
 C. H. Woods, *Ohio State*, '98, Co. H, 7th Ohio, Camp Alger, Va.
 H. L. Charter, *Ohio*, '98, Co. B, 7th Ohio, Camp Alger, Va.
 Gerald Brown, *Buchtel*, '00, Co. B, 8th Ohio, Santiago.
 H. B. Williams, *Missouri*, '98, Co. I, 5th Missouri, Chickamauga.
 F. L. Kriebel, *Dickinson*, '98, 8th Pennsylvania, Camp Alger, Va.
 A. K. Foot, *Tulane*, '96, Co. D, 2d Virginia, Camp Alger, Va.
 H. W. Weirich, *Washington and Jefferson*, '97, hospital corps, 10th Pennsylvania, Manila.
 K. F. Flanders, *Chicago*, '98, Co. C, 1st Illinois, Santiago.
 E. P. Bailey, *Dartmouth*, '97, Co. E, 1st New Hampshire, Chickamauga.
 W. H. Mitchell, *Dartmouth*, '98, Co. E, 1st New Hampshire, Chickamauga.
 C. E. Carr, *Dartmouth*, '98, Co. E, 1st New Hampshire, Chickamauga.

- Julius Newman, *Emory*, '98, Co. F, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 W. D. Turner, *Dartmouth*, '98, Co. E, 1st New Hampshire, Chickamauga.
 Chas. Seaman, *Wisconsin*, '94, 2d Wisconsin, Porto Rico.
 Anderson Clark, *Emory*, '95 (*Mercer*, '94), Co. F, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 H. H. Honing, *Ohio*, '94, Ohio V. I.
 Leland C. Speers, *Washington and Lee*, '97, Co. F, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 S. J. P. Anderson, *Missouri*, '95, Co. D, 1st Missouri, Chickamauga.
 A. D. O'Brien, *Pennsylvania*, '97, Co. D, 1st Pennsylvania, Chickamauga.
 A. M. Stokes, *Pennsylvania*, '99, Co. D, 1st Pennsylvania, Chickamauga.
 J. C. Murtagh, *Pennsylvania*, '94, 6th Pennsylvania, Camp Alger, Va.
 Th. C. Longino, *Virginia*, '93, Co. F, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 R. L. Dugan, *Hanover*, '02, 1st Kentucky, Porto Rico.
 M. E. Garber, *Hanover*, '01, Co. F, 159th Indiana, Camp Alger, Va.
 E. S. Bridges, *Hanover*, '00, Co. F, 159th Indiana, Camp Alger, Va.
 J. D. Munnerlyn, *Georgia*, '87 (*Emory*, '86), Co. B, 2d Georgia, Tampa.
 Ralph W. Clark, *Lansing*, '99, Co. E, 31st Michigan, Chickamauga.
 U. J. Griffith, *Indiana*, '91, Co. K, 161st Indiana, Jacksonville.
 Roy Kern, *Randolph-Macon*, '98, Co. E, 2d Virginia, Jacksonville.
 R. L. Sparks, *Mercer*, '93, Co. F, 1st Georgia, Chickamauga.
 John H. Bacon, *Wisconsin*, '97, 3d Wisconsin, Porto Rico.
 Paul Andrews, *Vanderbilt*, '90, engineering corps, U. S. A.
 Joseph F. Black, *Alabama*, '98, Co. F, 1st Alabama (died in the hospital at Jacksonville).

The foregoing list contains 194 names, but is by no means complete. All our readers are urged to send to the editor any additions or corrections they may be able to make. In two or three cases we have not yet been able to learn the company and regiment. In half a dozen others they may have been given to us incorrectly. Fifteen or twenty chapter correspondents have sent no report as yet.—Ed.

DETAILS ABOUT SOME OF OUR SOLDIERS.

Colonel Funston has been in command, as senior colonel, of the second brigade in the division at Camp Merritt. The general in command has urged that Colonel Funston be made brigadier-general.

Corporal Joseph L. Rogers, who had himself transferred from Co. F, 159th Indiana, to the hospital corps in Cuba, was among the convalescents brought back to New York on the *Seguranca*, on September 21.

Andrew Hudson, *Kansas*, '99, enlisted as musician in the Twenty-second Kansas; was soon promoted to second lieutenant and acted as mustering officer when the colored troops of Kansas were mustered in under the second call for volunteers.

Joseph F. Black, who was graduated this year at the University of Alabama and who enlisted at once in Co. I, 1st Alabama, is the only Phi in the army whose death has been reported. He died in the division hospital at Jacksonville, of typhoid fever.

Corporal C. Ward Eicher, Co. I, Tenth Pennsylvania, was in command of one of the out-posts that was driven in behind the entrenchments at the beginning of the engagement at Malate, in the suburbs of Manila, on July 31. One man in his squad was killed.

At El Caney, G. B. Baskervill, *Vanderbilt*, '01, of the 12th Infantry U. S. A. and orderly to his colonel, was in the thickest of the fight. He and the colonel were the first to reach the fort in the charge. Bro. Baskervill got a bullet-hole through his hat and had the fever after the surrender, but is now well again.

Lieut. C. H. Tebault, Jr., M. D., was summoned to Santiago from New Orleans, early in August to aid in the fight against yellow fever among the troops. When he arrived, he found that the most work was to be done in the medical supply department, which had failed to equip properly the first transports sent home. He got himself assigned to this work and has made a fine record in preventing farther trouble in this line. He is reported to have made short work of red tape where it interfered with prompt and effective medical service. Bro. Tebault will be remembered as a former president of old Delta province.

Lieut. Cyrus S. Radford is one of Col. Huntington's marines who so distinguished himself in the fighting at Guantanamo, where the first landing was made on Cuban soil, that he received a brevet for gallantry. This was the first time since the civil war that the marine corps had been called into action. Bro. Radford is at present assigned to the U. S. S. *Texas* and was on board of her during the chase and destruction of Cervera's fleet.

Corporal J. H. Byerly was a charter member of the Case chapter, but as he was working in New York, and was a member of the militia there, he enlisted in the 71st regiment from that state. He was in the fighting at Santiago and is charged up with the death of two Spanish soldiers. He brought home, as a souvenir, the belt of a wounded Spaniard who shot Lieutenant Ord after the latter had ordered him to be carried to the rear to the hospital.

Lieut. James Brown Kemper is one of the charter members of the new chapter at Cincinnati. He is one of the second lieutenants appointed from civil life, after examination, by President McKinley. He has been assigned to the 14th Infantry, U. S. A., and ordered to Manila. The Cincinnati boys will miss him sadly in their first year's work, as he was a leader in the chapter and in the university, being a member of the glee club and of the eleven, as well as a good student.

Lieut. Harry H. Seckler was selected by Gen. Chas. King, while at Camp Merritt, to act as major for an Oregon battalion and 'lick it into shape.' This goes to show that he was at least as well drilled as any officer below major in King's command; in fact one who knows him well says he is 'the best drill-master in King's command and the equal of any in Merritt's whole expedition.' As a cadet Bro. Seckler won distinction in drill and discipline beside being a fine student. He goes to the Philippines with the last expedition.

Lieut. J. B. Patton is passed assistant engineer on the U. S. S. *Brooklyn*, having been ordered thither at the outbreak of the war from Pittsburgh, where he was inspecting armor plate. When Admiral Cervera's fleet came out of the harbor on July 3, the *Brooklyn* had steam in only half her boilers. It is generally admitted that the *Cristobal Colon* would have escaped but for the *Brooklyn's* speed, and so it is pleasant to note that the press reports make special mention of the way the chief engineer and Bro. Patton 'shoved the *Brooklyn* along.'



LIEUT. H. H. STECKLER, KANSAS, '98.
Twentieth Kansas Volunteers, Manila.



CORPORAL J. H. BEVERLY, CASE, '95.
Seventy-First New York Volunteers, Santiago.

Ensign W. T. Cluverius, who is one of the survivors of the wreck of the *Maine*, took part in some very hot fighting at Manzanillo, on July 18, when the shipping in that port was destroyed and the town bombarded by the Americans. Bro. Cluverius was with the U. S. S. *Scorpion*, one of the fleet converted yachts used as auxiliary cruisers. New Orleans holds him in high esteem, as his picture has been loudly cheered as it was thrown on the vitascope screen along with those of Dewey, Schley and Hobson, at West End, the summer resort on lake Pontchartrain.

Lieut. L. A. Curtis comes of a military family and is one of the nominees from civil life who have passed the examinations and been commissioned as second lieutenants in the regular army. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war in the First Wisconsin, and was mustered in as second lieutenant of Company G. He was stationed at Jacksonville while a volunteer. He is now in Co. I, 12th Infantry, U. S. A., which has recently been ordered from Montauk Point, L. I., to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He is a brother of W. A. Curtis, *Wisconsin*, '89, well known to readers of *THE SCROLL*, and to the fraternity world generally.

Alex. Eicher, Jr., who would have been captain of the Washington and Jefferson eleven, had he not enlisted, made a run on the night of July 31, at Malate, that was much more exciting than any he ever took part in on the foot ball field. When the ammunition began to fail, the commanding officer sent Bro. Eicher and an orderly, who gave out on the way, back two miles to Gen. Greene's headquarters to ask for ammunition and reinforcements. Mauser bullets and shells flew thick around him, but he was able to make his run to headquarters and back without harm. Reinforcements and 24,000 rounds of ammunition followed him promptly, and arrived in the nick of time. It is hardly saying too much to say that his run saved the day.

Gen. H. V. N. Boynton, who was for many years dean of the newspaper corps in Washington, was presented with a handsome testimonial by his former associates on July 22. It consisted of a solid silver and gold brigadier-general's sword, with belts, sash, chapeau, epaulets and spurs, and was accompanied by a very complimentary note. As the founder of Chickamauga Park, Gen. Boynton is very popular with the citizens of Chattanooga, who also presented him with a handsome sword. He would probably have



ENSIGN W. T. CULYERIUS, TULANE, '94.
U. S. S. Annapolis, Guantanamo.



LIEUT. L. A. CURTIS, WISCONSIN, '94.
Twelfth Infantry, U. S. A.

been assigned to command the third brigade of the first division of the first corps had not peace led to the mustering out of the entire first division. He remains in command of the guard at Chickamauga, and has recently attracted wide attention by his favorable report on the condition of the camp at the time the regiments were leaving.

Color Sergeant Richard G. Holmes, of Co. I, of the First Colorado, is a conspicuous target for the enemy, with his six feet, five and one-half inches of height. He became a Phi while a freshman at Lafayette, and that year was substitute guard on the famous '96 eleven (coached by Bro. Parke Hill Davis, of Princeton) that tied Princeton and defeated Pennsylvania. He left college the next year and went west for his health. He enlisted last April, and was soon on his way to Manila. It was he who, when Manila was taken, on August 13, climbed the ramparts of Fort Malate under fire and raised the stars and stripes, just after a comrade who hauled down the Spanish colors had been killed. Sergeant Holmes is one of the most popular men in the regiment, as he was at college and at Denver. He is a musician, an athlete and a favorite in society. His captain wrote home that the natives at Manila said Sergeant Holmes was the greatest man they had ever seen, being the tallest, and it was suggested that he be made king when the Spanish were driven out. The colors displayed in the picture we give of him were presented to the regiment by the Colorado Sons of the Revolution.

Lieut. Otho W. B. Farr was born at Oakland, Me., in 1871. He entered Colby University in 1888 and was soon initiated by Maine Alpha. He was an active member of the chapter for but one year, as he then received an appointment to West Point by virtue of his excellence in a competitive examination. He was graduated from West Point in 1893, and was assigned to the artillery as second lieutenant in the Second Regiment. Lieut. Farr first served in the heavy artillery in stations at Ft. Preble, Me., and at Ft. Warren, Mass. In 1895 he was transferred to the light artillery and since has been stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan., and at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. At the beginning of the war with Spain he went with Light Battery A (Grimes's Battery) to Chickamauga, where he remained one week. He then went to Tampa and accompanied the first expedition to Cuba under Gen. Shafter. Lieut. Farr took part in all the engagements of the campaign against Santiago, in which by mis-



COLOR SERGEANT RICHARD G. HOLMES, LAFAYETTE, '00.
First Colorado Volunteers, Manila.

take, as it happily proved, he was reported wounded. His battery opened the engagement at San Juan and suffered severely during the fight. (*Scribner's* for September gives several incidents and pictures of Battery A at San Juan.) After the surrender of Santiago he remained in Cuba until August 17, after which he went to Montauk Point, L. I.

Lieut. Farr is a brother of W. B. Farr, *Colby*, '87, a successful lawyer of Boston. In addition he has a brother-in-law, Woodman Bradbury, '87, author of the words and music of the well-known Phi song, 'Rolling Home,' and a cousin, W. A. Bates, ex-'98, enrolled in Maine Alpha.

There have been many meetings of *Phis* in the army this year. First, we had the nine Nebraska boys keeping up chapter meetings in the camp at Lincoln, till one regiment was ordered to San Francisco and one to Chickamauga. At San Francisco the four Nebraska *Phis* and the five from Washington and Jefferson found each other out before they left for Manila, while it was not long before there was a meeting at Chickamauga. The first one there was held on Snodgrass Hill, Sunday, July 10; the second, a week later. At the second eighteen were present: Cooke, Hayward, Haggard, Westerman, Nusz, Brent, H. B. Walker, H. B. Williams, Switzler, Gardner, Moorhead, Speers, Foxworthy, Patten, Knox, Grant, English and Middleton. Gen. Boynton failed to receive notification in time but wrote afterward expressing his regrets and saying he should have attended.

On July 1, quite a notable gathering of soldier *Phis* took place at Locksley Hall, the palatial home of Bro. C. O. Perry, *De Pauw*, '69, near San Francisco. Among the invited guests were Col. Funston and Lieuts. Glasgow, Agnew and Seckler, of the 20th Kansas; Capts. Clark and Williams, Lieuts. Hearne, Fairchild, French and Mentzer; Corporals Hearne and Randall and Bros. Hicks and Hooper of the 51st Iowa; a number of the active and alumni members of California Alpha, and a proper proportion of California young women. The soldiers and their friends spent the late afternoon enjoying the view which has given Belvedere its name, and were served an elaborate dinner at nightfall on one of the verandas. Toasts were responded to by Bros. Glasgow, Williams, Seckler, Hearne and Clark. At the close three cheers were given for the army and navy and the president of the United States, and the party returned to San Francisco in launches.

The *Phis* at Camp Merritt, at Camp Alger, at Chicka-



LIEUT. ORTHO W. B. FARR, COLBY, '92.
Second Artillery, U. S. A., Santiago.



CAPTAIN FRANK B. HAWKINS, W. & J., '96.
Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Manila.

mauga, at Lexington and at many other places have been hunted up by visitors from civil life, and many delightful acquaintances formed.

Captain F. B. Hawkins is in command of Co. D, Tenth Pennsylvania, which had the first engagement and lost the first men in the Philippines. His company helped bear the brunt of the fight and with Company E lost the most men. Everyone is now familiar with the story of the fight at Malate, on July 31, in which the Pennsylvanians made such a gallant resistance against great odds. The work of Companies E and D is thus described by John J. McCutcheon (a Purdue Σ X, by the way), artist and correspondent of the *Chicago Record* at Manila :

The general alarm was given that the Spaniards were attempting to flank the American trench in the swamps to the right of the breastworks, evidently with the intention of enfilading the Americans. Maj. Cuthbertson immediately sent word to Maj. Bierer, commanding the reserves, to proceed to the right flank and repel the Spaniards. To do this the men of Companies E and D were compelled to cross from the beach to the road, nearly 200 yards, absolutely exposed to the sweeping storm of bullets that passed over the breastworks, and on into the exposed fields beyond. The Spanish machine guns were being directed like a hose along the full length of American breastworks, and their heavy guns were sending screaming shells along the beach and road, making those two approaches, the only practicable ones leading from the camp at Tamko to the breastworks, almost certain death to anyone of them. It was the gallant march of the E and D companies across the open field, through the blast of bullets, that laid so many of them low in death and injuries.

Of Captain Hawkins's conduct during the battle letters received from Manila speak in the highest praise. Lieut. Blaine Aiken, of Company H, says :

Frank Hawkins's company was under the hottest fire. Frank had one of his revolvers shot out of his hand, but he escaped being wounded. His men fought like tigers, and he commanded them like a veteran. Frank says, and others too, that the Spaniards advanced close enough for them to be able to distinguish their features. Frank had one man killed and several wounded.

Captain Hawkins is the youngest captain in the army at Manila. When the war began he was a lieutenant in Company H, but was afterwards elected to the captaincy of Company D. An estimate of what he had to contend with in this new position is best given in the following extract from a letter written home by an officer of Company H, Captain Hawkins's former company :

By the way, speaking of Company D, there's a young man in command who is making a record in military matters. He and I were always on opposite sides in old Company H, but common fairness demands this tribute. Pride in a fellow-townsmen has a little to do.

with it too. Company D was badly demoralized at Mt. Gretna ; all her officers and all enlisted men except about 20 being dropped, giving him practically an entire company of raw recruits. In spite of limited opportunities for drill the company now compares favorably with any in the regiment.

Captain Hawkins is a born soldier. He is a son of Col. A. L. Hawkins, of the Tenth regiment, and before entering the volunteer army had seen many years service in the national guard of Pennsylvania. He enlisted as a private in Company H, as soon as he was old enough, and had seen service at the Morewood coke strike and at the Homestead riots. He was an efficient soldier and rose to the position of first sergeant, until he was elected first lieutenant. From this position he was advanced to be captain of Company D.

He was graduated from Washington and Jefferson with the class of 1896. He was a popular man in college and a loyal Phi. He had registered for the study of law in Washington and was a student when war was declared.

MORE OF A KINDRED NATURE.

R. F. Ligon, Jr., *Auburn*, '82, is adjutant-general of the Alabama National Guard.

W. M. Wright, *Indianapolis*, '86, is brigade surgeon of the Indiana National Guard.

Gen. L. V. Clarke, *Alabama*, '85, is the ranking officer of the Alabama National Guard.

F. H. Hamilton, *Illinois*, '95, is captain of the engineering corps in the Illinois National Guard.

Dudley W. Welch, *Ohio*, '92, was a contract surgeon at the Leiter general hospital, Chickamauga.

Jesse W. Clark, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '92, now in the 51st Iowa V. I., is ranking captain of the Iowa National Guard.

C. A. McAllister, *Cornell*, '87, who was for some time with Cramp, is a draughtsman in the bureau of steam engineering, in the navy department.

W. G. Souders, *Dickinson*, '98, has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work among the Pennsylvania regiments encamped at Mt. Gretna during the summer.

The following Phis are known to be at West Point : E. G. Scotten, *De Pauw*, '97 ; W. A. McCain, *Mississippi*, '98 ; F. W. Hinrichs, Jr., *Columbia*, '99 ; J. F. Bell, *Washington and Jefferson*, '98.

Three Central Phis have been working in the quartermaster's and commissary's offices at Camp Hamilton, Lexington Ky., this summer. They are M. H. Guerrant, '92; J. J. Greenleaf, '93; H. A. Douglas, '99.

The following Phis have been in the war department, at Washington, during the war: Clay Buntain, *Northeastern*, '94; C. M. Shepard, *Ohio*, '95; M. C. Summers, *Lombard*, '91; F. P. Gibson, *Alabama*, '89; P. R. Cook, *K. M. I.*, '87; W. M. Smith, *Delaware*, '87; Capt. R. M. Dowdy, *Seaside*, '84.

A new way to get battle pictures was recently put into operation at Chickamauga. General A. P. Stewart [*Miami*, '42] is writing a history of the great battle at that place, and in order to secure a realistic illustration of the celebrated charge on Snodgrass Hill, he obtained the temporary loan of the Second Kentucky Volunteers. Six companies, wearing blue, held the hill, while six other companies, uniformed in brown, charged up the hill. All the incidents of the battle were reproduced, while the camera was worked industriously for the benefit of the soldier-author.—*Pittsburg Dispatch*.

Among the war correspondents have been the following Phis: John Randolph Spears, *Indianapolis*, '72; Ed. L. Keen, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '91; Edwin Emerson, Jr., *Miami*, '89; R. H. Little, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '95; Stanhope Sams, *Vanderbilt*, '81. Bro. Spears was with Admiral Sampson's fleet and represented the New York *Sun* and *Harper's Weekly*. He contributed a description of 'The Chase of Cervera' and an account of 'The Affair of the *Winslow*' to the August *Scribner's*, and further sketches to the October number. He was known as the 'commodore' of the newspaper fleet. Bro. Keen represented the Scripps-McRae papers at the southern camps, chiefly at Chickamauga. Bro. Emerson represented *Leslie's* and *Collier's Weekly*. He made a thrilling tour of Porto Rico, in disguise, during the war, and has written articles for the September *Century* and July *Review of Reviews*, recounting his adventures, imprisonment, escape and impressions. He has written for several other papers, as well, on subjects connected with the war. His portrait was given in the *Review of Reviews*. Bro. Little represented the Chicago *Tribune* at Tampa. Bro. Sams represented the New York *Times* and made a tour of Cuba during the war, bringing back a very unfavorable report of the condition of the insurgent government and army.

INCREASE OF FRATERNITY MEMBERSHIP.

The 1898 edition of Baird's American College Fraternities gives not only the present membership of fraternities, but also summaries of their membership, as shown by the 1883 and 1890 editions. Taking these figures as a basis, the increase of each fraternity's membership is found by computation to have been as given in the following table: The percentage of growth is calculated for the seven years, 1883 to 1890, the eight years, 1890 to 1898, and the fifteen years, 1883 to 1898. The fraternities are arranged in the order of greatest increase during the whole fifteen-year period.

GENERAL MEN'S FRATERNITIES.		Membership.			Per cent. of growth.		
Founded.		1883	1890	1898	1883 to 1890	1890 to 1898	1883 to 1898
		1869	Sigma Nu.....	238	971	2,864	308
1856	Sigma Alpha Epsilon..	1,218	2,342	5,668	92	142	365
1865	Alpha Tau Omega.....	1,060	2,061	4,261	94	107	302
1865	Kappa Alpha (Southern)	1,087	2,057	3,855	89	87	264
1868	Pi Kappa Alpha.....	307	310	1,061	1	242	246
1848	Phi Delta Theta.....	3,367	6,803	9,609	102	43	191
1867	Kappa Sigma.....	1,267	2,048	3,466	62	69	174
1860	Delta Tau Delta.....	2,437	4,044	5,670	66	40	133
1839	Beta Theta Pi.....	4,874	6,995	10,577	44	51	117
1848	Phi Gamma Delta.....	3,009	4,244	6,330	41	49	110
1855	Sigma Chi.....	2,951	3,999	6,051	36	51	105
1852	Phi Kappa Psi.....	3,819	5,302	7,435	39	40	95
1854	Chi Phi.....	2,146	3,147	4,048	47	29	89
1848	Theta Delta Chi.....	1,830	2,817	3,411	54	21	86
1834	Delta Upsilon.....	3,432	4,871	6,275	42	29	83
1846	Zeta Psi.....	2,876	3,590	4,827	25	34	68
1841	Chi Psi.....	2,288	2,930	3,718	28	27	63
1827	Delta Phi.....	1,854	2,205	2,914	19	32	57
1844	Delta Kappa Epsilon..	8,316	10,353	12,948	24	25	36
1833	Psi Upsilon.....	5,757	7,124	8,585	24	21	49
1847	Delta Psi.....	2,057	2,504	2,989	22	15	45
1825	Kappa Alpha (Northern)	986	997	1,395	1	40	41
1850	Phi Kappa Sigma.....	1,536	1,878	2,153	22	15	40
1827	Sigma Phi.....	1,609	1,820	2,190	13	20	36
1832	Alpha Delta Phi.....	5,781	6,236	7,933	8	27	36
	Total.....	66,012	91,848	130,233			
	Average.....	2,640	3,674	5,209	39	42	96

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Mr. Baird does not reproduce a summary of the membership of fraternities as shown by the first (1879) edition of his book, doubtless because the figures in many cases were very incorrect. It was impossible to obtain accurate figures for a first edition, and some fraternities were credited with many more members than really belonged to them.

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Examining the table with reference to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ particularly, we find that, with 3,367 members in 1883, it occupied seventh place, being ranked by $\Delta K E$, $A \Delta \Phi$, ΨY , $B \Theta \Pi$, ΔY and $\Phi K \Psi$ in order. The three eastern fraternities, $\Delta K E$, $A \Delta \Theta$ and ΨY , were then the leaders numerically. In 1890 $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was exceeded by only $\Delta K E$, ΨY and $B \Theta \Pi$, and in 1898 by only $\Delta K E$ and $B \Theta \Pi$.

The increase of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ from 1883 to 1898 was 191 per cent., which was larger than that of any other fraternity of western origin. But the largest percentage of this increase was from 1883 to 1890. During those seven years it was 102, which was larger than that of any other fraternity, except ΣN . During the eight years from 1890 to 1898 it was 43 (the average being 42), which was exceeded by $B \Theta \Pi$, ΣX , $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and all but one of the southern fraternities.

It will be noticed that in 1890 $B \Theta \Pi$ had 6,995 members, exceeding $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ only 192, but in 1898 it has 10,577 members, exceeding it 968. This appears strange, because since 1883 $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has had a larger number of active chapters than $B \Theta \Pi$ —larger, in fact, than any other fraternity. The ex-

planation is that B Θ II has added to its list the alumni of societies which have united with it.

All the members of the nine chapters of the Mystical Seven society who offered no objections have been enrolled by B Θ II since 1890. Thus the chapter at Wesleyan, where B Θ II entered in 1890, is credited in the last edition of Mr. Baird's book with 169 members, many of them, of course, perhaps the large majority, having belonged to the parent chapter of the Mystical Seven, founded at Wesleyan in 1837. Thus, also, the Dartmouth chapter is credited with 415 members, though B Θ II did not enter Dartmouth until 1889, in which year it absorbed the Σ Δ II society. Thus, also, the Missouri chapter is credited with 262 members, though B Θ II did not enter Missouri until 1890, in which year it absorbed the Z Φ society.

Thus, about 100 members of Φ Σ were affiliated by Φ Δ Θ , when it absorbed that society at Lombard in 1878, the only occasion when Φ Δ Θ has done anything of the kind. Such practice is very common with Ψ Υ and some other fraternities.

The large excess of members of Δ K E over both B Θ II and Φ Δ Θ is due to the immense membership of its Yale and Harvard chapters. The Yale chapter has the enormous total of 1,822 members, and the average number of initiations during the 54 years of its existence (1844-98) is 34. The Harvard chapter has 1,359 members, and the average number of initiations during the 36 years of its active existence (1851-56 and 1861-91) is 38. The chapters of Ψ Υ , A Δ Φ and Z Ψ at Yale have also been run as class societies, and the chapters of these fraternities at both Yale and Harvard have initiated very large delegations from each class.

It is undoubtedly true that Φ Δ Θ and B Θ II, owing to their extended roll of chapters (the former having 64 and the latter 62), are now adding more members each per year than any other fraternity. The annual report of the H. G. C. in THE SCROLL for last June shows that from 1892 to 1898 inclusive, the initiation by Φ Δ Θ varied between 425 and 442 per year. In 1897 the active membership in college was 1,065, which, curiously enough, was the exact active membership of B Θ II, and which considerably excelled that of any other fraternity.

WALTER B. PALMER.

EDITORIAL.

It seems a happy coincidence that our semi-centennial chapter is the nearest of all the rest to old Miami. Our loss of the chapters at Buchtel and Wooster makes it eminently fitting that two strong and promising schools like Case and Cincinnati should receive two of our most recent charters. And when the new chapter starts out not only in a state but in a city, as well, where Phi Delta Theta's alumni are unusually numerous and renowned, in a university which gains added wealth, numbers and honor every year, with a band of such ambitious, versatile, earnest young men as charter members—when these are the favoring circumstances of its founding, success is at once made doubly sure.

The alumni Phis of Cincinnati represent many chapters and many sections of the country, but their support of the application for a charter was not only unanimous but enthusiastic even to the verge of impatience. Nor has their ardor cooled. They arranged at once to meet with the new men to discuss ways and means to begin joint occupancy of fraternity headquarters. One alumnus, a former editor of THE SCROLL, by the way, who was unable to attend the installation ceremonies, not only accompanied his regrets with a check to help defray the expenses of the evening, but unsolicited subscribed a handsome sum in advance to a chapter-house fund.

Within the last month the University of Cincinnati has been chartered by Phi Beta Kappa ; within the last fortnight a wealthy citizen has given a sum sufficient to erect another extensive building ; next year the income from municipal taxation is to be increased fifty per cent. Facts like these speak for themselves. The institution, the location, the men, are all we could ask.

Phi Delta Theta may well be proud that she has never fallen under the spell of that conservatism, falsely so-called, which would persuade itself that all the best young manhood

of America is to be found in a few colleges and universities in some limited section. Progress and development need not lower standards; the self-sufficiency and unspeakable pride of Spain and China make them neither good nor great. Here's long life to the chapter on the Ohio and to the policy that gave her life!

AND here's to the Phis who went to war! There may be those who can count as many men as we under the flag, on land and sea; we doubt it exceedingly. But none can show men who have done their duty better, whether caring for the wounded, heading the column in a charge, facing the fire of an ambushed foe, driving the engines that drive the great gray ship, flying on errands of danger, waiting the weary summer out in southern camps. We honor Hobson and Roosevelt and Fish, and every other Greek who showed the stuff our best college men are made of. But above all we honor the men we know and love best—our own. Every American felt a special interest and pride in his state's regiments, or in the ship that bore her name, in his own townsmen and kinsmen and college mates. And so have we looked eagerly through one list and anxiously through the next, whenever the names of the honored living or of the honored dead appeared. To some on the outside, four or five months in camp seemed a mere summer outing, whose chief hardship was monotony and restraint. But there are some—no, many, who see in poor Joe Black, dying of fever in Jacksonville, the same patriotism and heroism we all see in Frank Hawkins, holding an army in check before Manila with his handful of men, or in Richard Holmes, as he swung out the stars and stripes over Malate in the bullet hail.

Did somebody say the editor's pen had run away with him? When it comes to patriotism and some other things, we are ashamed to speak out what we feel, more's the pity. But why should not we write it, at least—and read it?

FOR those, however, who insist on the practical and business-like we have news, also—good news. One year ago this month we reported that four chapters had just taken

houses for the first time. The record for last year includes Case, Chicago, Union, Nebraska, Georgia and Purdue. This year starts out as well. Indianapolis rents a house for the first time, the first and only chapter house so far at Butler. Northwestern is housed. Dickinson has her new lodge well under way; Gettysburg will complete hers by Christmas. Pennsylvania is building the finest chapter house in the state. California has bought a house and lot and, as a climax, another lot besides. Moreover, four other chapters made an honest effort that all but succeeded in each case. They promise complete success within a year. What sort of a report will our homeless chapters bring to Columbus? One will be called for.

January first is an excellent time to take a house. You know exactly how many men you can count on, as you do not in October. You have a whole quarter to work the matter up, with your committees on the spot and under your eye. Why, it does not take even a committee, if you work hard! One man raised all the money that is building one of the houses named above; but he kept at it. Who is the next?

THE September *Palladium* carried our message to the rushers. By the time this number goes to the chapters the active rushing season is over in most of them. We need only to repeat what was said last year: Don't neglect the men who develop, who were not conspicuous at the start; some of them are better than the freshmen everybody spiked the first day. Be on good terms with all the non-fraternity men, as well as with your rivals; and don't cut a man if he happened to decline your invitation. His real reasons for going elsewhere doubtless reflect no particle of discredit on you or on your chapter.

Profit by your mistakes of this year while you remember them. If you needed more copies of Baird or of the Manual, get them now and study them with your freshmen. If you failed to be on the ground in time, lay plans to begin the next

campaign in June. If men come up who knew Phi alumni but did not know you, do as Miami, as Michigan, as Case did, and get out a summer letter to all Phis in the territory from which your freshmen come.

Put the freshmen to work, learning fraternity facts and figures and rushing other freshmen.

DR. BROWN'S article covers the convention quite thoroughly from the local standpoint. The November *Palladium* and December SCROLL will speak of the important legislation to come up. For the present each chapter should early select a delegate who fills all the requirements, with an alternate like him, who can go if called upon, and each alumnus should resolve and plan to be with us in Columbus Thanksgiving week.

A GREAT deal of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ history is packed away in the 'Old Fraternity Records' now appearing in THE SCROLL. The installments published in the April issue and this issue contain many items of interest. Rev. Henry L. Brown relates a diverting incident that occurred in one of the literary societies at Miami, in which Benjamin Harrison, then a very young student, successfully turned the laugh on his older $A \Delta \Phi$ opponent. Letters show that the badge was first made in 1849, and first publicly worn at Miami in 1852. In 1865 a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ magazine was proposed by that indefatigable Phi, R. A. D. Wilbanks, and in 1872 that equally indefatigable Phi of a little later period, C. T. Jamieson, made the same proposition, while Indiana Gamma urged the publication of a fraternity history (would that it had been done!). Quotations from Chicago and Danville papers tell of the 1869 and 1872 conventions, respectively, while a letter written in 1873 gives a good account of the 1873 convention at Athens.

One of the first members of Indiana Alpha writes of the early days of that chapter, and mentions that often in summer meetings were held in the woods, although the existence of the chapter was then not generally known. Some

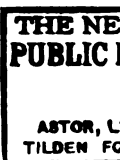
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light is thrown upon the beginnings of the Wabash chapter, which was organized in 1850 or 1852, it is not certainly known which. Comparatively full particulars are given about the organization in 1868 of the chapter at Hanover, which, perhaps, had an ephemeral existence before the war. Various letters furnish details about the organization of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter in 1860, the Emory chapter in 1871, the Mercer and Cornell chapters in 1872, and the Lafayette and California chapters in 1873. A charter was refused to applicants at Denison in 1872, not without strong protests against such refusal. The final document printed in this issue is the letter of formal transfer of the powers of the Grand Alpha from the Miami chapter to the Wooster chapter, upon the suspension of Miami University in 1873.

Again we desire to urge that chapters utilize these 'Old Fraternity Records' and the archives in their possession to compile chapter histories. Brother Mueller, of Nebraska Alpha, has recently gone through all the records of his chapter and prepared an historical sketch, which is entertaining and valuable, and which will become more so as the years roll by. It should serve as a reproach, a model and an inspiration to many of our chapter historians. The next convention will no doubt order the publication of our history, and it behooves the delinquents to gather their materials and work them up. Bro. Palmer's task can be made twice as easy if the historians will do their duty.

Another matter should engage the attention of the chapter historian or of some other member with industry and enthusiasm. That is the collection and binding of a complete set of THE SCROLL. Bro. Weed has been working for two years to provide the Sewanee chapter with such a set. It is quite possible, if one has time and patience.

THE proposed constitution and code will be presented for adoption to the approaching convention, and their consideration will make a very important part of the convention proceedings. Our constitution has not been revised since 1886, though amendments have been adopted at each convention



since then. A standing committee on revision, with W. B. Palmer as chairman, was appointed four years ago, and a printed report was presented to the convention two years ago. Some of the sections were adopted as amendments, but for lack of time to consider properly the whole report, it was re-committed, with instructions that a revised report should be presented to the convention of 1898.

The proposed constitution and code have been revised in a very painstaking manner, and it is believed that many improvements will be recognized. Phi Delta Theta has grown a great deal during the past twelve years, and now needs a more comprehensive system of laws than the amended constitution of 1886, in order that the Fraternity may be governed with the greatest degree of efficiency. The printed report will be ready about the time that this number of THE SCROLL is issued, and a copy will be forwarded to each chapter for consideration and criticism. It is hoped that each chapter will study the proposed constitution and code very carefully and send comments thereon to the committee on revision, so that all amendments suggested may be compared and harmonized before the convention assembles.

THE 1896 convention of B Θ Π sanctioned a dispensation for the Rutgers chapter to initiate students in a neighboring institution, supposed to be Princeton, where anti-fraternity laws have long prevailed. A majority of the chapters in the district did not favor the project, and it was abandoned. It appeared from a letter in the *Beta Theta Pi*, some time since, that several other fraternities represented at Rutgers have *sub rosa* chapters in Princeton, which, however, are said not to be flourishing. The Princeton authorities are strangely inconsistent in prohibiting general fraternities from placing chapters there. The writer of an article about Princeton in *Scribner's Magazine* last year showed that the Caxton Club, and other social organizations, are conducted on the same plan as chapters of fraternities, except that they are local.

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Besides these commencement honors taken by the outgoing seniors, Bro. Austin, '99, received the Thompson prize of \$30 in junior Latin ; Bro. Brooks, '99, was elected president of the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa ; Bro. Marriott, '99, is now president of the New England inter-collegiate press association ; Bro. Klaer, '00, was chosen captain of next year's athletic team.

College re-opened September 15, with an entering class of about 120. Bros. Stevens, Roden and Marsh, all of '01, have not returned this year. Bro. Stevens will affiliate with New York Alpha ; Bro. Marsh will return in January.

The rushing season is now about over, and from the entering class we have eleven good men pledged, whom we shall be pleased to introduce to the Fraternity in the December SCROLL.

Yours in the Bond,

Amherst, September 17, 1898.

DEWEY H. HURD.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

New York Alpha of Phi Delta Theta probably never passed through a more successful year than the collegiate year of '97-'98. With thirty active members few things took place at Cornell in which $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ did not have a leading place.

In athletics we were particularly prominent. There were fifty 'varsity C's in the whole university, seven of which were held by $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ men. On the '97 foot ball team were Bros. Whiting (who will captain the '98 team), Hackett and Dempsey. On the track team were Bros. Thomson, Zeller and Kinsey, while Bro. Haskell represented us on the '98 base ball team, Bros. Brower and White playing on the second 'varsity. We also had Bros. English and Fay to represent us on the freshman crew, while Bro. Bassford upheld the honor of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on the fencing team.

On the musical clubs $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was well represented, Bros. Wynne and Bassford being leaders of the glee and banjo clubs, respectively. Bro. Morrison, '01, secured a place on the dramatic club, while Bro. Ihlder is one of the editors of the *Cornell Sun* for the coming year.

But $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s men did not devote their time to pleasure alone. Bro. English carried off the first Sibley prize, and the following list of degrees shows that we had our students: H. H. Haskell, B. S.; A. E. Whiting, LL. B.; T. W. Wright, LL. B.; C. F. Hackett, M. E.; W. B. Newton, M. E.; W. H. Thomson, M. E.; S. E. Whiting, M. E.; J. H. Wynne, M. E.

When, during the war with Spain, the call for volunteers came, Bro. Thomson, '98, responded, took the examination at the Brooklyn navy yard, passed and is now an assistant engineer, U. S. N., with the relative rank of ensign. He is inspecting shells at Elmira, N. Y., for the navy.

We are sorry to say that several faces besides those of the graduating class will be missed from New York Alpha the coming year. Bro. Baldwin, '98, left college before the close of the collegiate year to accept a position in California. Bro. Smith, '00, left us to accept a position in Philadelphia, and Bro. Andrews, '00, also left to accept a position. Still we expect to fill all these vacancies with men equally as good and able to uphold the fair name of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

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Ithaca, September 12, 1898.

KELTON EWING WHITE.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

At the one hundred and forty-fourth annual commencement of Columbia University, on June 8, 1898, New York Delta saw one of her sons, Bro. Stallo Vinton, receive the degree of A. B., while three others, Bros. H. W. Egner, A. W. Opp and O. W. Ehrhorn, received that of LL. B. Of the Phis who received the higher degrees there were Bros. George A. Goodell, *Amherst*, '94, who received the degree of A. M., and Bro. John A. Mathews, *Columbia*, '95, who received the degree of Ph. D.

As foreshadowed in our letter to the June SCROLL, B. M. L. Ernst, '99, college, was duly initiated prior to the end of the term and will prove a source of strength to the chapter. Bro. Van Gelder, '96, instructor in the department of chemistry, has severed his connection with the university and accepted a lucrative position with the Repanno Chemical Co. of Chester, Pa. Bro. Spaulding, *Vermont*, '94, who pursued graduate studies at Columbia, has left for Germany, where he will spend two years in further study and research.

Bro. F. W. Hinrichs, Jr., has entered West Point, but we are expecting the return of Bros. W. E. Hailey, '98, medical, who has been sojourning in Indian Territory for his health, George Farish, who has been traveling in Africa, and Charles E. Fleming. We also expect several affiliates.

During the summer vacation Bro. Otto Hinck has captured two silver cups in the tennis tournaments at Montclair, N. J.

With the opening of the college in October the hitherto perennial problem of chapter quarters will again present itself as a live question, but as the undergraduate chapter will unite with the club in obtaining a house or rooms adequate to the needs of both, and suitable for permanent occupancy, future members of New York Delta should be spared this annual distressing search and be left free to devote all their efforts to internal development and improvement.

In the Bond,

New York, September 10, 1898. OSCAR WEEKS EHRHORN.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

College opened on Thursday, September 8, with a freshman class of fifty-seven, a slightly smaller number than last year. During the summer vacation, the preparatory building was entirely renovated and refurnished. In the college department there have been no material changes, save the appointment of Prof. Brede, of Germantown, Pa., a graduate of Johns Hopkins, to the chair of modern languages, recently made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Martin.

We lost two men by graduation last June: Bro. Singmaster, who was a second honor man and one of the commencement speakers, and Bro. Krafft, who was ivy poet. Bro. Singmaster expects to enter Lehigh this fall, where he will pursue a course in chemistry, while Bro. Krafft will be with us again as a student in the theological seminary.

Brothers Lantz, '94, and English, '94, who were graduated at the seminary last May have charges at Millersburg and Saxton respectively.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world as pledged brothers, Mr. Percival Heinselman, '01, of Fayetteville, Pa., and Mr. Maurice H. Floto, '03, of Berlin, Pa. Mr. Heinselman has entered the sopho-

more class from the Chambersburg Academy and before this letter is published will be a full fledged Phi. Mr. Floto, being a prep., will not be initiated until he becomes eligible.

Last year was the first that $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ refused to initiate preps., while ΣX and $A T \Omega$ still do it, last year ΣX having six and $A T \Omega$ one. Two of the men whom ΣX took did not return, and one is still a prep.

At our banquet last June, we had about twenty-seven Phis with us, among whom were Bros. Welsh, *Lehigh*, '01, and Bro. Hartung, *Allegheny*, '08. Bro. Lantz, '94, was toastmaster, and the toasts and reminiscences that came afterward all dwelt on one theme—our new chapter house.

During the evening we pledged \$650.00 in additional subscriptions. We had hoped to have the corner-stone laying during commencement week, but we learned that it is easier to plan such things than to execute them, and work has not begun. Before October reaches us, however, we expect to be well under way, and the chapter house that SCROLL readers and many others, I am sure, have begun to think nothing more than an idle dream, will at last be a reality. Owing to the action of the faculty, the Gettysburg chapter houses may be nothing more than lodges, but we expect to have a lodge that will outstrip any on the campus. The plans call for a house built of white limestone, roof and gables to be of stained shingles, and a porch, 40x10, along the front. On the first floor we will have smoking and reception rooms, and the second story, which will be a dormer story, will be devoted to the uses which concern none but Phis and Phis about-to-be. $\Phi K \Psi$ and ΣX have one-story lodges, while $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has a two-story house of Moorish design, to which last spring they added an old colonial porch, making, to say the least, a rather striking combination.

The fraternities as they returned numbered as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, 7; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 11; ΣX , 6; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 6; $A T \Omega$, 3. Last year there was a crowd of applicants for a $\Sigma A E$ charter, some of them going so far as to exhibit $\Sigma A E$ pillows, but they have been turned down, we believe. Another crowd had aspirations after $\Delta K E$ but, failing that, decided to perpetuate themselves as a new national fraternity. They have been very secret in their doings, and we can not find out just what they intend.

Bro. Coble, '97, will take a course at Johns Hopkins University this winter and Bro. Kain, '97, who was with us as instructor in mathematics in the preparatory department, expects to enter the Harvard law school. Bro. McClean, ex-'01, is reading law preparatory to entering the same school. Bro. Gettier, '93, received an appointment in the surgical corps of the army.

Bro. Beerits, '99, is president of the athletic association and base ball manager for the coming season. Bro. Markel, '00, is class president and assistant editor of the *Spectrum*.

In the annual inter-fraternity tennis tournament last June, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was represented by Bros. Carver and Huber. The different fraternities were paired as follows: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ vs. $A T \Omega$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ vs. $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi K \Psi$ vs. ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$ vs. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The games were closely contested throughout, we defeated $A T \Omega$, but were unable to down the $\Phi K \Psi$'s in the finals.

The prospects for a successful foot ball season are considerably brighter than last year, notwithstanding the fact that the captain has been lost to the team by enlisting in one of the Pennsylvania regiments. A coach has been secured, and practice has already begun in earnest. Several Phis will try for positions on the team and, we hope, will be successful.

Pennsylvania Beta will be represented at the semi-centennial convention by Bro. Beerits, '99, delegate, and your reporter as alternate, and by several of the alumni, we trust. Bro. Beerits will be remembered as one of the visitors to the Philadelphia convention.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to our new brothers at the University of Cincinnati and hope for them and for all the old chapters in this our fiftieth year, a wave of prosperity such as has never before been known.

Very sincerely yours in the Bond,

HIRAM H. KELLER.

Gettysburg, September 10, 1898.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

The ninety-eighth year of Washington and Jefferson College opened on Wednesday, September 14. So far 114 new students have been enrolled, making an increase in the enrollment, as compared with the first day of last year, of 31. It is thought that the total enrollment will exceed 300 students and be larger than last year. The prospects for a large enrollment this fall were not considered so bright a few weeks ago as now. Thirty-six men left with the class of '98, thirty or more are in the volunteer army, and these with the usual number of men who do not return made a large number to be replaced by new students. However, the war has not had a bad effect on the attendance, and the prospects are good for many new men.

The rushing season is now at its height. There are many desirable men among the newcomers, and Pennsylvania Gamma will get her share. All the fraternities had 'advance details' here to look after their interests, and the new men will be well cared for. We shall pursue a conservative course but shall not let any good men slip. The chapter house scheme has fallen through for this year, and we are now engaged in beautifying our hall, expecting to hold forth there for another year at least. Our chapter house venture would have been a success had not the owner of the house we were negotiating for suddenly died. The scheme is not dead, however, and we will have a house some time.

Pennsylvania Gamma's men are nearly all back in school. Of our four '98 men, three are here and will take active interest in the fraternity work. Brothers Baker and Rule will be here all year, Brother Moore until October 5; Brother Bell is in West Point. Brother Logan, '99, has gone to Princeton, Brother Eicher, '99, is with the Tenth Pennsylvania at Manila, and Brother Craft will be out this term on account of illness, having the typhoid fever. All the others are here.

Commencement last June was a memorable one and was most patriotic in every way. One member of '98 in the army secured a furlough and came home for graduation. He was the lion of the week. In addition the recruits for the Tenth regiment were encamped in Washington, and many student members were in the battalion. Gen. Beaver was present and presided over the alumni meetings. Reference was frequently made during the exercises to the members of '98 then *en route* to Manila.

Our Phis in '98 were all graduated with honor. Brother Rule was graduated *cum laude* and Brothers Bell and Baker with honorary orations. Brother Moore was not a candidate for graduation. Brother Baker, in addition, was awarded the first prize of \$100 in physics and chemistry. He was a member of the committee on the senior prome-

nade, and Brother Rule was orator at the class day exercises. Brother Bell was at West Point and received his degree *in absentia*.

Since graduation our Phis are still gathering in the honors. Brother Rule has been elected principal of the Washington high school, succeeding Brother A. A. Hays, '95, who was advanced to the position of superintendent of all the schools of the borough. Brother Baker will be in Washington all year taking graduate work at the college, and Brother Moore will enter the Allegheny Theological Seminary next month.

We are all proud of the fact that it was the lot of the Tenth Pennsylvania to open the engagement at Manila and to shed the first blood there. The regiment did nobly and is an honor to the state and nation. We are proud that so many Washington and Jefferson students and graduates are members of the regiment as officers or enlisted men. Nine of '97's foot ball team are in the command, including Captain Eicher. An account of the part taken by the Phis in the battle of Malate is given elsewhere in this issue of THE SCROLL.

Foot ball prospects are looming up brightly. They had never seemed so discouraging before, but many new men, including the captains of four other teams, have entered college, and the outlook is good. Theurer, for three years a tackle on the team and a fellow-townsmen of Captain Eicher, has been elected to succeed him. Core, the star guard, has secured his discharge from the Fourteenth regiment and will be back to play. The schedule as arranged last spring will remain intact. It includes games with Princeton, Lafayette, Pennsylvania State, Adelbert, Pittsburgh Athletic Club and D. C. & A. C. of Pittsburgh. The season opens on Saturday, September 24, with Marietta College, at Washington. Preliminary practice was begun September 1. Twenty-four men have already reported for practice. W. D. Inglis, captain of the team in '96, assistant coach last year and left guard for four years, is coach.

We wish to thank those brothers who have written us of the coming of new men to Washington and Jefferson. We are looking them all up and hope to make good Phis of all that we have been written about.

With this letter your reporter lays down his pen very reluctantly after nearly three years' service. He has enjoyed talking to the Phis through THE SCROLL and shall always look back with pleasure upon the years of his active fraternity life and his term as reporter.

With best wishes for the success of all chapters of Phi Delta Theta in the rushing season and congratulations on all new men, I remain always

Yours in the Bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,
Washington, September 16, 1898. D. GLENN MOORE.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The past year has been a very favorable one for our chapter. It was begun with a heavy debt, all of which was removed before its close, and we are now in an excellent financial condition.

Phi Delta Theta had a large share of honors in the college organizations. Bro. McClenthen was the editor-in-chief of the *Red and Blue*. Bro. Wise was the coxswain of the victorious university crew which lowered the colors of Cornell but a short time after the latter had defeated Yale and Harvard.

At the close of the last foot ball season Bro. Outland was chosen to

captain the eleven on the field this year. A Phi thus received probably the highest athletic honor in the gift of the university.

We lost by graduation Bros. Barker, Craig, Lawson, Moses, McClen-then and Wise. Their loss is deeply regretted by the chapter, but they are certain to make their influence felt as alumni.

The recent war caused considerable excitement in university circles. Bros. Doland and Miller, of our active chapter, as well as Bros. Stokes, O'Brien and Kimball, of our young alumni, took up arms for their country.

That which is of the greatest interest not only to ourselves but also to the Fraternity at large is yet to be spoken of—the new chapter house. The work in its erection is progressing, and we fully expect the dawn of ninety-nine to witness the completion of the finest fraternity house in Pennsylvania.

With greetings to all Phis, I remain

Yours in the Bond,

Philadelphia, September 10, 1898.

J. H. ACKER.

BETA PROVINCE.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL the most successful year in the history of the University of the South has drawn to a close. The commencement program was an unusually interesting one; among the most important events being the laying of the corner stone of the Hoffman dormitory, the cost of which will be \$50,000. The number of visitors far exceeded that of any previous year, which manifests the growing interest taken in Sewanee and the rapid progress being made.

Though we only had one member of the graduating class, our chapter is very unfortunate in having lost several of the oldest members, whose past work and wise counsel will be very much missed. Bro. Hodgson was graduated with the degree of B. A., but we are glad to say that he will remain with us another year, during which time he will pursue his M. A. studies.

Bro. Weed, who has for several years been a tireless worker and the father of our chapter, so to speak, was ordained in St. Augustine's chapel, August 15. With our deepest regret at losing him, but with the best wishes of every member of the chapter, he has entered upon his duties at St. Mark's church, Philadelphia.

Bros. Harding and Spears will attend the theological seminary in New York city. They are both enthusiastic Phis, and in them Tennessee Beta has lost two loyal members. Bros. Laird, Slack and Williams, F. C., have left college to engage in business at their respective homes.

As the closing days of last term and the brothers who left us have been accounted for, we now take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world, Bro. Boberg, of Louisiana, and Bro. Mitchell, of Missouri, both of whom have entered the theological department, and Bro. Smith, of Texas, who has entered the academic department.

Bro. DuBose reflected great credit upon himself and Tennessee Beta by winning the contest in declamation of the Sigma Epsilon literary society. Bro. Smith, our latest initiate, who was graduated from the Sewanee grammar school in August, won the medals in mathematics and history, being the only graduate receiving two medals. Bros. Hodgson and Parrott are again secretary of the senior German club

and athletic editor of the *Purple*, respectively. We are in receipt of the good news that Bro. Wilder, who is now on duty in Porto Rico, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant of his company in the First Kentucky.

We have recently made some improvements upon our chapter house and grounds, among them being a new hard wood floor and repairs on the tennis court. For the greatly improved appearance of our house, we are, however, indebted to four loyal Phi sisters, of whom we are justly proud, as we are honored by the fact that they wear the badge of Phi Delta Theta.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Hudson, of Alabama Alpha, who will affiliate with us.

The chapter at present is in a splendid condition as regards numbers, quality and finances; consequently we are looking forward to another very prosperous term. With best wishes, I am

Yours in the Bond,

Sewanee, September 7, 1898.

ROBT. S. JEMISON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

The late commencement at Emory College was fraught with honors for Georgia Beta. The Phis here enjoy the distinction of having won three of the four medals offered for oratory. Bros. Tilley, senior, Campbell, junior, and Quinney, freshman, composed the successful trio. If there is anything upon which the Phis at Emory lay special pride and stress, it is the art of declamation and speaking. The consequence is, we lead far and away the other chapters in this feature of college excellence. Bro. Tilley was also champion debater from Few literary society, in which capacity he further emphasized his ability as an orator. Bro. Tilley was also selected by the faculty as alternate in the Georgia state oratorical contest, which occurs in Atlanta in October. Bro. Jesse Wood captured the sophomore essay medal, and Bro. Murray the mathematics prize. We lost three men in the class of '98, Bros. Murray, Bradley and Tilley. We reluctantly give them up, but we are glad they have been with us and heartily bid them God-speed for the future. At this writing I have every reason to believe that we shall enjoy a most successful opening this fall. We lost only three men by graduation and may reasonably rely on sixteen of last year's Phis returning. With this advantage there is no reason why we should not build up an exceptionally strong chapter during the coming year.

Bro. Will Tindall has been elected to succeed the undersigned as reporter.

With best wishes to THE SCROLL and Phis generally, I remain

Yours in the Bond,

Oxford, September 10, 1898.

FRANK S. PALMER.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO DELTA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The Ohio University opened on September 13 with an attendance which seems to indicate that the year of '98-'99 is to be an exceedingly prosperous one.

Since the increased income has been given to old O. U. her pros-

pects seem brighter than ever before. We lost last year from our faculty Prof. L. B. Phillips the instructor in instrumental music. This place has been supplied by Miss Nellie Van Voorhees of this city. Dr. Crook, who has held the president's chair for the past two years, has resigned and Dr. C. W. Super, our former president, has been made dean of the faculty. The laboratories and buildings have been renovated and enlarged and made much more pleasant than they formerly were.

We lost by graduation last June Bros. O'Brien, Scott and Tullis. Bro. Scott will continue the study of medicine in Pittsburgh this winter. Bro. Tullis has secured a very remunerative position with the Western Union Telegraph Company in Cincinnati. Bro. C. G. O'Brien will continue his work in the newspaper world. We begin with nine men but are naturally expecting more before the year is over.

Our banquet, which was held on June 21, at Hotel Berry, was a success in every particular, as on that evening about thirty-five Phis with their ladies enjoyed Phi songs and refreshments until the wee sma' hours.

During the vacation the resident Phis were visited by Bros. Dent, '88, of New Haven, Conn., A. E. Leonard, '88, of Syracuse, N. Y., and DeCamp, '94, of Gallipolis, Ohio. The number of 'Athenian Phis' has been increased by Bro. F. S. Coultrap, '74, formerly of Nelsonville, Ohio, who has secured the position of superintendent of the Athens public schools. Bro. R. C. Super, '95, who has been studying in Germany for the past two years, is expected to return to his home here within the next month.

Since our last letter we have initiated Bro. Walter S. Sheldon, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity. We hope, before the time for the next letter to THE SCROLL shall have arrived, to have initiated more good men.

Hoping to see all Phis that happen our way and with best wishes, I am

Yours in the Bond,

Athens, September 15, 1898.

DORR C. CASTO.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

Ohio Eta begins the fall term with eleven active men, all in good standing as to fraternity and college work. Although the chapter has been much weakened by the loss of what we believe to be some of the best men the Fraternity has ever known, we still hope and shall faithfully try to keep Ohio Eta up to the standard which these men have set for her.

With the class of '98, Bro. Frank E. Hulett left the active chapter, a graduate in the mechanical engineering course with the degree of A. B. Bro. Hulett was the last remaining charter member of Phi Lambda Omicron, and to him, perhaps, more than to any other one man, Ohio Eta owes her present standing. In his devotion to the Fraternity and his utter unselfishness wherever the Fraternity was concerned, Bro. Hulett could scarcely be equaled, never excelled. He is now with the Webster, Camp & Lane Co., of Akron, O. Bros. Orrin F. French, David Jones and Wilbur J. Watson also left us with the class of '98. Bro. French, who is now with the Home Telephone Company, was graduated in the electrical engineering course with the degree of A. B. Bro. Jones, now managing a medical gazette, was graduated in the physics course with the degree of A. B. Bro. Wat-

son, who is with the Osborne Co., was graduated in the civil engineering course with the same degree. These are all true Phis and men of sterling worth and will leave a gap in the chapter ranks hard to fill. Bro. Edwin B. Baltzley, who affiliated with us a few days before commencement, was graduated in the chemical course with the degree of A. B. Ohio Eta was the only fraternity at Case to graduate men with the class of '08.

Commencement exercises were held on June 2, an excellent address being delivered by President Andrews, of Brown University. On the evening of commencement day the senior reception took place in the main building.

Since the granting of a charter to Ohio Eta it has been customary for the underclassmen to give a banquet to the seniors, and this year was no exception to the rule. Hence, June 7 was the occasion of a most enjoyable spread, the mighty graduates outdoing themselves in their toasts and words of wisdom.

In athletics our chapter was well at the front during the spring term. On the base ball team we were represented by Bros. Diebold, Nieding and Quarrie, while Bro. Jones acted as manager. The joint field day between Case and W. R. U. resulted satisfactorily to ourselves, although we were defeated by ten points. On the track team Bro. Jones, who was captain, took fifteen points and Bro. Quarrie ten. Bro. Jones was awarded the faculty medal as best all-around athlete.

With Bro. Nieding as captain and Bro. Clyne as assistant manager, foot ball bids fair to flourish at Case this fall. While the team has been greatly weakened by the loss of several old men, still the raw material present gives a very encouraging outlook.

The *Differential*, edited by the junior class, was conceded to be one of the best books ever published at Case. Bro. Stephan was editor-in-chief and Bro. Diebold business manager.

Last year we made our first efforts in the way of securing a chapter house, and the plan was unanimously voted a success. Starting with absolutely no money, we procured our furniture on the installment plan, rented a large house, hired a matron and proceeded to pay our debts. This, too, with but from four to six men rooming at the house. Neither were our personal expenses much increased by this extravagance. Our success in this line was largely due to the help given us by our mothers, sisters and other Phi girls, whose untiring efforts did much to make our house the Phi home it was. Chapters who have not tried it have no idea how a house unites the boys; there seems to be no excuse why every good, healthy chapter should not have a home of some kind.

Of the three other fraternities at Case, Z Ψ and Ω Ψ (local) are extremely weak, having but three or four men each. Α K (local) is comparatively strong and is now in a house.

On May 25 we gave a reception for prospective new men, which was apparently much enjoyed by all. Through the summer our new president, Bro. Stephan, has been very active, getting out two circular letters, one to active men and one to alumni, requesting information regarding men about to enter Case. Our men at the front have proved an honor to the chapter, as we knew they would. Bro. Gleason has been promoted to first sergeant and Bro. Tyler to corporal of Co. C of the Fifth Ohio. They are at present at Fernandina, Fla.

Yours in the Bond,

Cleveland, September 10, 1898.

ROY C. GIFFORD.



THE CASH CHAPTER, 1898.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CHAPTER.

Our first letter to THE SCROLL must necessarily be very amusing to the Fraternity at large, owing to the 'greenness' of the chapter, and especially of the reporter, in the handling and writing of fraternity records.

At our first meeting we elected officers to act during the summer months, Bro. Schoenle, '98, law, '00, being our first president; Bro. Schlemmer, '00, is treasurer, and Bro. McGill, '00, historian. We decided that to be ready to meet our rivals on an equal footing it would be best for us to hold meetings every week through the summer and so accustom ourselves to the details of fraternity work as well as possible. Our rushing, hall, badge and furnishing committees were all appointed and have been busy and untiring in their efforts in behalf of the chapter. Our Cincinnati alumni will hold a meeting on Saturday noon, September 24, to confer and co-operate with us in securing a hall.

We established a camp on the Big Miami river this summer, and kept open house for some four weeks, where we had unlimited opportunities for hunting, fishing, rowing, swimming, and enjoying ourselves generally. One of the beauties of the camp was its quiet and solitude, owing to its location on a lonely road, accessible only by a very rough bicycle path.

We expect to keep our standard very high and make the semi-centennial chapter a model one, always pursuing a conservative policy. We expect to be in our hall within two or three weeks; and it is going to be a beauty, as our alumni seem determined to see that it is furnished in proper shape. The reporter is the only active member the chapter will lose this year. We have several good men 'on the string,' and our new reporter will probably be able to write a much more satisfactory letter than this one can be.

My chief regret in leaving Cincinnati is the necessary severance of my connection with our active chapter, but I am delighted to know that so many good Phi soldiers are already in the Philippines, and that so many more are soon to go. I hope to meet them all.

Yours in the Bond,

Cincinnati, September 20, 1898.

JAMES BROWN KEMPER.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Although school has not opened at Butler the outlook is unusually gratifying to those interested in Indiana Gamma and in Phi Delta Theta. We will abandon our hall of former years for a chapter house, the first and only one so far maintained at Butler. The class of '02 promises to be by far the largest in the history of the college.

We lost two members by graduation, Bros. Dalrymple and Rioch, each of whom will soon be engaged in his chosen line of work. Bro. Dalrymple will be instructor of Latin in the Peru (Ind.) high school, and Bro. Rioch will go as a missionary to India. Among our alumni, Bro. Blount took his A. M. last year, and Prof. D. C. Brown, who has been so seriously ill, resumed his place in the faculty.

On account of the delay in getting the field in proper condition last spring, the track team failed to get its requisite training, and Butler captured no first place at the state field day.

At the local tennis tournament Bro. McGaughey, '01, was easy winner of the singles, securing a place in the doubles, as well. He also represents $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on the glee club. Phi Delta Theta as usual was well

represented in the commencement week exercises, Bro. Hobbs being unanimously chosen by the juniors to be their speaker on all occasions. At the close of the year ΣX and $\Delta T \Delta$, our two rivals, numbered seven actives, while we number six. Hoping that all chapters may soon add many men who will uphold the honor and fame of Phi Delta Theta, I am

Yours in the Bond,
Irvington, September 9, 1898. JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The college year of '98-'99 will open at De Pauw on September 21. All indications point to an attendance of about the same number of students as last year. An organized effort to increase the endowment by \$500,000 has met with flattering success.

In pursuance of a policy of retrenchment, the teaching force has been decreased by the dismissal of the following instructors in the preparatory school: Hanawalt in mathematics, McIntosh in history, and Riley in physiology. Miss Kern will take Miss Weaver's place in the French department. The chair of philosophy vacated by Dr. Bigham will be assumed by Dr. Gobin. The entire theological department has been abolished.

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Bro. A. R. Priest, '91, professor of oratory, who has accepted a position at the University of Wisconsin. By his departure the athletic interests lose an ardent supporter and the chapter a devoted and helping friend. In his place we are glad to welcome Bro. John M. Walker, '96, who has been teaching in the Maryville (Mo.) Seminary.

By graduation we lost five as worthy brothers as ever wore the sword and shield of Phi Delta Theta: C. D. Meade, Ph. B., member of the debating team, lieutenant and adjutant in the D. C. C.; W. S. Peters, A. B., member of the Skull club; C. C. O'Dell, Ph. B., member of the track team and *Palladium* board; F. I. Stults, Ph. B., business manager of the *Mirage*, member of $\Theta N E$, Skull and glee clubs; B. F. Roller, foot ball and track captain, member of Skull and glee clubs. Bros. Peters, O'Dell and Meade were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Bro. Peters was chosen tutor in Latin for the coming year. Bro. Thomas was elected assistant editor of the *Palladium* and Bro. Elkins, advertising agent.

Bros. Hodges and Macy will not return on account of sickness. Bros. Sims, Collings and Elkins will teach at their homes. Bros. Edwards and Baird will not return. $B \Theta H$ will probably return 15 men; $\Delta K E$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 13 each; ΣX and ΔT , 10 each; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 8; ΣN , 7; $\Delta T \Delta$, 5.

Yours in the Bond,
Greencastle, September 19, 1878. CHAS. B. CAMPBELL.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Illinois Beta of Phi Delta Theta will start the college year of 1898-9 under much more favorable circumstances than last year, when but four men were returned. This year we begin with six active members, one pledged man and several whom we hope to affiliate.

Brother Hales will return to us after a year spent in teaching, but

we will give up to the profession in his stead Bro. Garrey, '99, right end on last year's foot ball team. Bro. Garrey will teach during the year in the West Aurora high school and will re enter the university in the fall of 1899. Bro. Leake, '01, will also be missed this year but will return next. Bro. Calhoun, '98, captain of the track team last year, has been granted a graduate scholarship in geology and will return for advanced work in that subject.

Of our graduates, Bros. Wilson, Mosser and Ickes, all of '97, are still in the neighborhood of the 'varsity and will live in the fraternity house, if we are so fortunate as to have one. Bro. Stockey, '98, has departed to Colorado, where he is assisting in running the state university in the capacity of private secretary to the president of that institution. Bro. Flanders, '98, returned in excellent health recently with the First Illinois from a trying campaign in Cuba. Bro. Flanders stood well the hardships that brought so many of his comrades low.

Bro. Fulton, ex-'99, received an appointment on the staff of F. W. Peck, U. S. general commissioner to the Paris exposition and left a short time ago for two year's stay in the gay capital.

Bro. Laval, of Indiana Beta, is preparing to enter the university and has cast his lot with ours to the extent that he is living with us. We hope to affiliate him soon. Bro. McKee, of Ohio Delta, has entered the graduate school and will work for a doctor's degree in chemistry. Bro. Hoke, of Indiana Gamma, is here for the year as a graduate student, and others are expected.

Numerically, the Betas were the strongest at the close of last year, with the Dekes crowding them closely. Reverse these two chapters, and you have the standing of the fraternities in respect to general strength, with Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi trailing along behind. It is a well observed policy here to keep all the chapters small.

Psi Upsilon has taken a large house for the year and is in a fair way to find an elephant on its hands unless it picks up in membership. Delta Kappa Epsilon gave up the splendid quarters it was occupying and is casting about for other shelter. The Betas are reported as having given up the idea of running a house this year, and the Sigs are homeless. The Q. V. club, late the Sigma Nu chapter, is anxious to give up the lease of its flat, while Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta will rush freshmen at the old stands.

Illinois Beta will be glad to have all visiting brothers, foot ball or otherwise, call.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

Chicago, September 19, 1898.

H. L. ICKES.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Illinois Delta commences the college year with twelve active and two pledged members, having lost by graduation Bros. Adcock and Raymond. Bro. Adcock will study law at Northwestern the coming year. Eight other members of last year's chapter will not be in college this year. Bro. Brown, '99, will study music in Chicago; Martin, '99, enters into business in Omaha; Johnson, '00, in St. Louis; Ingle, '01, in Chicago; C. H. Mead, '01, in Chillicothe, Illinois; W. W. Williams, '01, will not return on account of ill health; Tunnicliff, '01, will enter the University of Illinois; H. H. Potter, '01, with Co. C, 6th Illinois, is sick in Porto Rico. The chapter has been strengthened by the return to college of Bros. G. M. Strain, ex-'97, H. N. Rex, '99, and W. M. Phelps, '02.

Illinois Delta takes great pleasure in introducing into the Phi world Bro. Harry N. Torrey, '01, of Creston, Iowa. Knox has a larger attendance than ever before, and a most prosperous college year is predicted. October 7 will be celebrated as Knox day at the Omaha exposition. Prominent alumni and a large delegation of students are expected to be present from here.

Foot ball prospects for a successful season are especially bright. G. D. Stuart, of the University of Michigan, has been secured as coach, and old and new men are rapidly getting into shape. Bro. W. M. Lewis, '00, is manager of the team and has arranged an unusually good schedule. At a recent meeting of the athletic control board Bro. Clyde A. Finley, '99, was elected captain. Bros. Blodgett, '99, and Clyde W. McCormack, '01, are probable candidates for the two ends. The first game of the season is scheduled with the University of Chicago on September 24. At the inter-collegiate Y. M. C. A. meeting at Lake Geneva, last June, Bro. Finley, '99, won first in the 220-yard hurdles.

In the literary field we are well represented. The *Coup d'Etat* and *Knox Student* have been united under the name of *The Knox Student* with Bro. Blodgett, '99, as editor-in-chief. Bro. Strain, '99, is literary editor and three others on the staff are Phis.

Bro. Lewis, '00, is editor-in-chief of the college annual, the *Gale*.

Illinois Delta extends best wishes for a most prosperous year to all sister chapters.

Galesburg, September 22, 1898.

In the Bond,
HAROLD M. HOLLAND.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Seven Phis have returned to bear aloft the white and blue for Iowa Wesleyan. These will contend with five Betas for the opportunity to pin upon the incoming freshmen the colors indicative of victory.

At least three brothers are prevented from being with us because they are now in the volunteer army. They are Chas. A. Hearne, '99, Jason Randall, '00, and Clyde O. Hooper, '00. B Θ II lost but one man in this way.

Our military department is non-existent this year on account of the absence of our commandant, called away by the exigencies of war. If it is organized during the year it will certainly prosper, as it will be officered largely by Phis.

The *Iowa Wesleyan* has as editor-in-chief your correspondent. Bros. Crawford and Stafford are advertising agent and subscription agent, respectively. Bro. Crawford is also president of Hamline literary society. The three brothers graduated last spring are now widely separated. Bro. Helphrey, A. B., is in Washington on a tour of the west. Bro. Hukill, B. S., has gone to Colorado, where he hopes to find a more agreeable climate. Bro. Smith, Ph. B., is teaching at San Jose, Ill.

During commencement week a reunion of visiting Phis was held, and the spirit of loyalty manifest cheered the heart of every one. The chapter house was discussed and met with enthusiastic consideration.

Among the new members of the faculty is Prof. Edwards, a Phi from Ohio Beta. That our chapter was agreeably surprised to learn of his coming goes without saying. He has the true Phi spirit, and

the chapter appreciates his presence. As president of the German college Bro. E. S. Havinghorst, Iowa Alpha, '87, has begun his administration. In him we have another warm friend.

In the Bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

Mt. Pleasant, September 19, 1898.

JESSE MCF. BECK.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

At commencement Missouri Alpha had her share of the honors. Bro. Thompson received the degree of LL. B. *magna cum laude*. Bro. Royall Switzler was given A. B. *cum laude* and has been made teaching fellow in mathematics. Bros. M. R. Conley and Tiedeman, were made bachelors of laws, and Bro. H. B. Williams was graduated as A. B.

Four of the seven chapters here each gave their annual June ball during commencement week. Ours, as usual, was a great success.

Bro. Harry Smiley, *Westminster*, '97, is to teach here in Christian College this year. If Missouri Beta can get another as enthusiastic a Phi to fill Bro. Smiley's place in the chapter she is indeed to be congratulated. The chapter was glad to welcome back to Columbia Bro. S. F. Conley, '90, who has spent several years in California. Bro. Conley is as loyal and enthusiastic a Phi as can be found, and has already been of great assistance to the chapter. He brought back with him Bro. D. S. Conley—the fourth brother, all Phis—who is a member of the class of '99.

Missouri Alpha will return twelve men, and we expect to continue our good work and get several more. We now have three good men pledged, who are ready for initiation. With this number we expect to continue our victorious career. Bro. English, A. B., '97, law, '99, is a candidate for the master's degree in arts. Bro. Switzler, A. B., '98, will also be a candidate for the A. M. degree.

Bro. T. J. J. See, '89, has been invited to deliver a course of lectures on astronomy before the Lowell Institute of Boston, Mass. This is a very high honor paid Bro. See's ability as a scientist, as only the most distinguished of scientific men are invited to deliver these lectures, which, being given annually, have become a most prominent feature of the system of public lectures offered by the Lowell Institute to one of the most cultivated and intellectual audiences in the country. Bro. See spent a few days with us this September, and we are much richer in good advice and good wishes.

Bro. H. T. Cory, '94, of the chair of civil engineering here, has again resumed his duties after a trip to Europe. Bro. Cory often gives us the benefit of his advice and encouragement. He tells interestingly of his experiences in attempting to explain to the German student the American college fraternity as compared with his own *corps*, and the intricacies of foot ball in contrast to duelling.

With best wishes to all the chapters in the Bond, and with a hearty welcome to our new Cincinnati chapter, I remain

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

Columbia, September 16, 1898. CHARLES SHUMWAY RUFFNER.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha enters upon the sixteenth year of her existence and the semi-centennial of Phi Delta Theta full of vigor and abundant promise. We return with a smaller number than ought to be and feel a slight quaver for the day when the P. G. C. learns of the fact,

but we will guarantee to prove before the year is out that we are not a 'fatal few,' unless, perhaps, to our rivals.

Although several of last year's under-class men failed to show up for various and obvious reasons, our greatest loss was sustained through the graduation of our senior quartette, John Lee, Tom Henry, Lon Wilcox and Harry McLaughlin. No stronger men were ever gained or lost by any chapter. All of them were prominent in general lines, yet each with his particular trait—Johnny, a power with the athletes and musicians; Tommy, with the 'Profs'; Lonnie, with the girls and Mac with the boys.

But the greatest havoc in our ranks has been wrought by no less a malady than matrimony. Four of our good brothers of last year are now gone beyond recall, victimized by Kappas, Pi Phis and Thetas.

Last year was a very profitable one to the university in all ways. A good representative senior class was graduated; their class efforts were attended with fair success, though largely under Barb management. Bros. Wilcox and Cooper figured very prominently in the senior play—in the passive voice. Two new university buildings are nearing completion, a power-house on the site of the old one which burned last spring and fine new machine shops erected through the generosity of Mr. Fowler, of Kansas City. A few minor changes in the faculty are announced. The foot ball outlook is splendid, more than half of the old men returning and much excellent raw material on hand.

At present Kansas Alpha recites with Wordsworth, 'we are seven.' But with three good pledgelings almost at the start and many on the string, and the prospect of Bro. Hudson, lieutenant in the Twenty-second Kansas, being mustered out in a few days, we will soon begin to expand into a fuller and larger life.

Cordially inviting any and all Phis to let us know when in this vicinity, I remain

Yours in the Bond,

Lawrence, September 13, 1898.

FRANK E. CASE.

CALIFORNIA BETA, LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY.

California Beta opened the college year with the brightest prospects. With the exception of three men, all are back, and already four new Phis have been ushered into the Fraternity. We take pleasure in presenting Bros. C. E. Waite, Ralph D. Frisselle, J. E. Johnson and G. C. Bowman, all of '02. We were pleased to have with us at the initiation Bros. McDuffie and Stilson, of California Alpha, and Bro. E. W. Hearne, second lieutenant of Co. F, 51st Iowa, now encamped at the Presidio, San Francisco. During the summer our chapter house was repainted and tinted, while since our return much new furniture has been added, till now our house compares very favorably with the best, so far as furnishings go.

Bro. H. P. Hill, '98, is now attending the Toland medical school in San Francisco, and has already made us a visit. His brother, H. G. Hill, '99, also a Phi, is at present ill at his home in Redlands, but will be with us again after Christmas, if all goes well.

Rushing has been active here this year, but $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has held her own with her rivals and got the men she went after. Several of our rivals have been handicapped by failure of their old men to return. $Z \Psi$ lost two men by enlistment last May.

The reporter met Bros. Capt. W. H. Oury and Lieuts. Phil Russell and E. O. Weber last June, while the First Nebraska was encamped in San Francisco on its way to Manila.



THE MERCER CHAPTER, 1898.

There are now in camp at the Presidio ten Phis in the 51st Iowa, four with the 20th Kansas and one with the First Tennessee. California Alpha and Beta are planning a joint banquet to be given with the assistance of their alumni to these visiting brothers.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

Stanford University, September 12, 1898. EDWARD T. MAPLES.

ALUMNI.

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

On the evening of July 27 the Phis of Evansville met at an informal smoker. Twelve were present, several of the resident members being out of town.

Dr. Ed. Walker, *Hanover*, '69, also a charter member of the Missouri chapter, was master of ceremonies. Menu cards with the guest's name were at each plate, and a fine lunch was served. Bro. A. H. Funkhouser, *De Pauw*, '81, gave a toast on Phi Delta Theta. He spoke of the Fraternity and of its great men. He moved that we have a meeting once a year and, as soon as the men in college are through, take steps toward organizing an alumni chapter. This was seconded and adopted. Bro. Folsom, *Indiana*, '94, of Boonville, responded to a toast. The other speakers were Bro. H. W. Little, *Wabash*, '92, now at Johns Hopkins University; Bro. McGregor, *Wabash*, '95, and later at Purdue; Bro. K. M. Douglas, *Sewanee*, '94, and Bro. D. M. Hinkle, *Lafayette*, '97. The other Phis present were Bro. Anderson, *Stanford*, '91, a charter member of his chapter; Bro. Porter Linthicum, *Indiana*, '96, now at Yale; Bro. O. C. Klein, *Indiana*, '97, of Mt. Vernon; Bro. Chas. Little, *Wabash*, '90, now at Johns Hopkins. The other Evansville Phis are Bros. Isham Taylor and Lewis Taylor, *De Pauw*; Bro. A. F. Funkhouser, *De Pauw*, '83; Bro. Sam Gilbert, *Wabash*, now in Alaska; Bro. Chas. Welding, *Wabash*; Bro. Chas. Laval, *Wabash*; Bro. Lowry Gillett, *Sewanee*; Bro. Oscar Torian, *Sewanee*, now at the University of Pennsylvania.

Yours in the Bond,

Evansville, August 4, 1898.

DAVID M. HINKLE.

DENVER.

Nineteen Phis of Colorado met in reunion at the Brown Palace Hotel, on Saturday evening, June 18, 1898. Every one of the eighty Phis in Colorado, whose name was known to the committee, was notified of an informal reunion to be held upon the above date, and about 40 replies were received. To many this was the first intimation that an alumni chapter existed in Colorado.

The Colorado alumni chapter differs somewhat in its organization from any other chartered by the General Council in the particular that any Phi who may reside within the state is eligible to membership; in other alumni chapters the membership, I believe, is restricted to the Phis resident in the city where the chapter is established.

Application for a charter was made to the General Council late in 1892 and was granted in a short time; the organization was perfected at a banquet held at the Brown Palace Hotel, in March, 1893; an account of which was published in THE SCROLL. Those present at our last reunion were: Dr. Alston Ellis, *Miami*, '67; Rev. David Utter, *Indianapolis*, '67; John F. Toartellotte, *Wisconsin*, '82; Oscar J.

Frost, *Wisconsin*, '82; Chas. L. Hover, *Wisconsin*, '87; Howard E. Barton, *Wisconsin*, '93; Charles A. Bohn, *Washington*, '93; David H. Holmes, *Washington*, '95; John L. Fetzer, *Missouri*, '73; Ezra W. Davis, *Lombard*, '73; Albert P. Smith, *Lombard*, '94; Wilbur H. Williams, *Northwestern*, '95; Edmund J. Churchill, *Nebraska*, '85; Clarence W. Rhodes, *Nebraska*, '76; Albert A. Stover, *Kansas*, '92; Jo. A. Fowler, *Kansas*, '86; H. W. Spangler, *Dickinson*, '82; Dr. H. C. Snitcher, *Michigan*, '68; Geo. E. Preble, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '92.

After the banquet Bro. Churchill made a few remarks and then called upon Bros. Utter, Snitcher, Bohn, Tourtellotte and Ellis, and each was listened to with much interest.

This reunion is the first meeting held since the organization of the chapter, more than five years ago, but every one who attended this meeting demanded that Alumni day be observed regularly; so you may expect to hear from us on the fifteenth of next March.

Yours in the Bond,

Denver, September 12, 1898.

GEO. E. PREBLE.

SAN FRANCISCO AND THE SOLDIERS.

On the beautiful island of Belvedere, in San Francisco bay, just a few hours after the gallant and victorious assaults of our forces on the heights of El Caney and San Juan, and, as it were, in unwitting celebration of those events, the organized alumni in the vicinity of Camps Merritt, Merriam and Barrett tendered to the Phis in those camps an old-time fraternity reception, at the elegant home of our De Pauw member, C. O. Perry, which he generously placed at their disposal for the occasion. The isle itself and its surroundings, as well as 'Locksley Hall,' the scene of the festivities, and its owner, have already had attention in THE SCROLL (June, 1897). The majority of the party first assembled in the waiting room of the Tiburon ferry at 3:30, and, after a half hour's steaming abreast the Golden Gate and a winding drive up the oak-covered slopes of the enchanting isle, were welcomed by mine host and an advance guard of merry-makers.

Brother Perry keeps bachelor's hall on the very nose of the hill-island, and the view therefrom is most fascinating, taking in the bay cities and towns, mountain peaks, bays, coves with house-boats in them, and a moving panorama of sail and paddle-wheel. To say nothing of the uniforms of the guests, whose brass buttons and white stripes, by the way (or perhaps it was something else), made it quite necessary for us poor civilians to step down and out for the time being, as far as the attention of the ladies were concerned, the scene was in other ways quite military. The house stands in plain view of the Presidio military reservation and Forts Mason and Scott on the San Francisco side, the infantry barracks on Angel island, the torpedo station on Goat island (Yerba Buena), the military prison and smooth-bore battery on Alcatraz island, and the mortar batteries, dynamite, disappearing and other modern guns scattered along both sides of the Gate, and composing the fortifications of the harbor. With all this equipment, however, there was nothing Spanish here for our tender-foot soldiers to contend against, except the pronunciation and meaning of the geographical names that appertain to this section of old Spanish America.

Sight-seeing, siestas on the broad porches high overlooking the bay,

quiet talks in the 'spoonery,' and other things galore to do, made the banquet hour of 6:30 come all too soon. The table was set on the east veranda, and, like the house and grounds, was copiously adorned with flags, flowers, and lanterns. The conversaziones were interspersed with patriotic and other selections by the California male quartette and Mrs. Beatrice Priest Fine, and concluded with the inevitable toasts. During this period were read, amid great enthusiasm, the dispatches in the evening papers announcing Shafter's victories of the day. One of our Kansas lieutenants also returned about the same time from a scouting expedition with a captured Spanish spy, who declined to be exchanged. In fact, it was remarked that if she had not been so young, she might have been Seckler. [When a pun comes all the way from the Pacific, why shouldn't it be far-fetched?—ED.]

Lieut. Glasgow toasted the seven times wounded Col. Funston, formerly of the Cuban army, but now chief of the Twentieth Kansas. Chaplain Williams did not care to give away the Phis of the Fifty-first Iowa, as he did not care to thereby lose the best part of the regiment. William Nat Friend, Oakland's elongated politician, toasted our host and master of ceremonies, who himself gave us many a yarn. Of our non-Phi guests, Lieutenant-colonel Carrington, of the Eighth California, spoke to 'The Regular Army,' and Colonel Currier, a civil war veteran, to 'The Volunteers of '61.' Captain Clark and Lieutenants Seckler and Hearne also spoke. The dinner was over at 10:30, and the party returned in steam launches to San Francisco.

Beside the special guests, the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fine, Mrs. A. Tormey, Misses Mary Tormey, May Tormey, May Weldon, Ada J. Young, Caroline Hawxhurst, Eda Blankart and Kierulff, Mr. C. O. Perry, Colonel J. C. Currier, Lieutenant-colonel F. de L. Carrington, Dr. G. W. Rodolph, Dr. W. U. Spencer, Assistant Attorney-general W. H. Anderson, Messrs. F. M. Parcels, C. Edw. Holmes, E. Clarence Holmes, H. W. Stuart, G. G. Kenney, H. A. Boushey, W. N. Friend, E. F. Goodyear and W. O. Morgan.

The following members of the Fraternity and, doubtless, others have been in camp at San Francisco at some time during the war: Twentieth Kansas—Col. Funston. Lieuts. Seckler, Glasgow and Agnew; Fifty-first Iowa—Capts. Clark and Williams. Lieuts. Fairchild, Mentzer, French and Hearne. Corporals Randall and Hearne and Privates Hicks and Hooper; First Tennessee—Major Barr; Seventh California—Private Noland; Tenth Pennsylvania—Capt. Hawkins, Sergeant Eicher. Privates Ralston, Eicher and Weirich; First Nebraska—Capt. Oury. Lieuts. Weber and Russell, Sergeant-major Whedon; Asst. Battery—Private N. C. Robbins.

Of these, all the Kansas Phis save Col. Funston and all the Iowa Phis save Corporal Hearne were present at the reception, and we trust they will long remember July 1, 1898.

In the Bond,

WILLIAM O. MORGAN.

San Francisco, September 24, 1898.

PERSONAL.

Centre—Dr. H. P. Bosley, '47, died February 7, 1898, at Danville, Ky.

Miami—Rev. J. T. Hendrick, D. D., '32, died March 10, 1898, in Waco, Texas.

Columbia—Dr. John Henry Blot, '94, died last spring at his home in New York, after a brief illness.

Wooster—Rev. W. J. Boone, '84, of Caldwell, is the Prohibition nominee for congressman in Idaho.

Franklin—Robert A. Brown, '84, is the Republican candidate for reporter of the Indiana supreme court.

Columbia—E. P. Callender, '88, was married in New York to Miss Theresa Beyer on April 14, 1898.

Centre—J. C. S. Blackburn, '57, is said to have a 'clear track' for election as senator from Kentucky in 1900.

Missouri—Dr. T. J. J. See, '89, has an article in the August *Forum* on 'The Future of Great Telescopes.'

Vermont—W. H. Merriam, '89, was last May graduated from the medical department of Western Reserve University.

Iowa—N. C. Young, '86, of Bathgate, N. D., is Republican candidate for judge of the supreme court of North Dakota.

Ohio Wesleyan—Rev. Walter F. Mair, '89, died at Pella, Iowa, on December 30, 1897. He had been in failing health for some time.

Vanderbilt—Walter B. Palmer, '80, was chosen in June as alumni orator for commencement, 1899, at his first *alma mater*, Emory.

Indianapolis—Dr. John B. Long, '83, has been elected a member of the Indianapolis school board as the candidate of the opponents of the "ring."

Indianapolis—Judge John V. Hadley, '63, is the nominee of Indiana Republicans for judge of the supreme court. He has been circuit judge since 1888.

Gettysburg—Rev. C. W. Leitzell, '93, is pastor of the Lutheran church at Murphysboro, Ill. He was elected secretary of the synod at its last meeting.

Minnesota—James Gray, '85, is Democratic candidate for mayor of Minneapolis. His election in a Republican city is counted probable, owing to his personal popularity.

Washington and Jefferson—Aaron E. Reiber, '80, was married on May 18, 1898, to Miss Frances Florence Smith, at Butler, Pa., where Bro. Reiber is practicing law.

Miami—Gen. Benjamin Harrison, '52, is leading counsel for the republic of Venezuela in the boundary dispute with the British Empire, to be settled by arbitration in January.

Illinois Wesleyan—W. J. Matthews, '96, died of typhoid fever, on July 21, 1898, at his home in Buffalo, Ill. He had been engaged in the practice of law in Springfield scarcely a year.

De Pauw—Frank A. Preston, '93, of the Indianapolis manual training school was one of the instructors in the summer school of the University of Indianapolis, this last summer.

California—Regent J. B. Reinstein, '73, has gone to Antwerp to arrange for the international competition of architects, who will submit designs for the Greater University of California.

Ohio Wesleyan—Arthur B. Murphy, '85, died of consumption at his home, near Bowling Green, Ohio, on June 15, 1898. He had been mayor of Bowling Green and prosecuting attorney of the county.

Vanderbilt—John T. Boddie, '89, will continue the business conducted by himself and his brother, the late M. M. Boddie, *Vanderbilt*, '80, in real estate, loans and investments, at 140 Dearborn street, Chicago.

Franklin—Gen. T. J. Morgan, '61, corresponding secretary of the American Baptist home missionary society, had a prominent place on the program of the national Y. P. S. C. E. convention last summer at Nashville.

Indiana—Joseph M. Carlon, '95, died on July 22, 1898, of consumption, in Denver, Colo. He was a member of the real estate firm of Welch & Carlon, in Indianapolis, but had spent the past three years chiefly in travel for his health.

Buchtel—H. W. Clark, '94, was married on May 18, 1898, to Miss Carrie Bell, Buchtel, '95, at Buffalo, N. Y. Bro. Clark has recently become associated with ex-Senator W. T. Clark in the law firm of Clark & Clark, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Michigan—Armand R. Miller, '97, instructor in the manual training school of Kansas City, was married on June 26, 1898, to Miss Pearl L. Colby, *Michigan*, '95, who has been teaching mathematics in the Englewood high school, Chicago.

Knox, '98—E. D. Adcock, enters Northwestern Law School this fall and will live at the Chicago chapter-house. Charles P. Raymond is in business with his father and grandfather, the firm name will probably soon be: D. C. Raymond, Son & Grandson.

Buchtel—W. L. Snyder, '94, was married on May 18, 1898, to Miss Letitia Brown McCaughey, of Sioux City, Iowa, who is a niece of Bro. A. E. Stevenson, *Centre*, '00. Bro. Snyder is an attorney of Akron, Ohio, and secretary of the chamber of commerce there.

Virginia—Dr. G. B. Thomas, '81, sometime editor of THE SCROLL, was graduated from the medical department of the University of Alabama last April and at once accepted a position as assistant in the medical department of the University of the South.

Michigan—Professor J. M. Schaeberle, '76, has resigned his position as astronomer at the Lick Observatory. The regents of the University of California have accepted the resignation, to take effect after one year, with leave of absence and salary for the year.

Indiana—Hon. John W. Foster, '55, is a member of the joint high commission now meeting in Quebec to settle differences between Canada and the United States. At the outbreak of the war with Spain he acted as special counsel and adviser to the department of state.

Cornell—R. E. Esterly, '89, was married on June 2, 1898, to Miss Blanche Corinne Curry at Wooster, Ohio. Miss Curry was a member of K A @ at Wooster. Bro. Esterly was initiated at Wooster, was graduated from Cornell and, later in law, from Minnesota. He is a member of @ N E and Φ Δ Φ. His home is in St. Paul, Minn., where he is connected with the Twin City Rapid Transit Co.

Wabash—Gen. John C. Black, '62, department commander of the G. A. R. in Illinois, placed the winning candidate, James A. Sexton, in nomination at the recent national encampment of the order in Cincinnati. His speech was described as 'forcible and eloquent' in the press reports.

Chicago—C. C. Kohlsaas, '67, is a candidate for re-election as probate judge on the Republican ticket in Chicago, and Frederick A. Smith, '66, has been named by the same party for judge of the superior court. One of the candidates opposing Bro. Smith is Bro. W. P. Black, *Wabash*, '64.

Indianapolis—Robert A. Bull, '97, now in the Klondike, has written to friends that he will abandon the struggle and get home as best he can. Besides Bro. Bull, the following Phis have been reported in the Klondike: S. H. Gilbert, *Wabash*, '00; A. W. Kierulff, *California*, '00; and A. B. Dodd, *Purdue*, '93.

Missouri—F. P. Divelbiss, '91, was renominated without opposition in the primaries as Democratic candidate for prosecuting attorney of Hardin Co., Mo. D. B. Brady, *Kansas*, '85, was nominated at the same time for clerk of the county court. Hardin county gives a normal Democratic majority of 2,000.

Hanover—Dr. W. D. Shelby, '95, of Charlestown, Ind., who was graduated from the Hospital College of Medicine, at Louisville, Ky., this year, took four of the seven prizes offered to the graduating class, which numbered 130 members. He represented his class on the toast list at the annual alumni banquet.

Ohio Wesleyan—Prof. Charles S. Hoskinson, '89, was married on June 23, 1898, to Miss Carrie Grace Lee, of Zanesville, Ohio, daughter of Superintendent Lee of the Baltimore and Ohio. Bro. Hoskinson is assistant principal of the Zanesville high school and president of the eastern Ohio teachers' association.

Columbia—Frank S. Hackett, '97, now a reporter on the New York *Sun*, has a profusely illustrated article on Columbia University in the September *Metropolitan*. He gives high praise to Bro. E. A. Darling, *Cornell*, '90, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Columbia, and to Bro. F. A. Goetze, *Columbia*, '97, his assistant.

Dr. C. C. Albertson, *Northwestern*, '89, was one of the officiating ministers, and Paul Weyand, '98, and C. F. Ross, '91, were among the guests. It was a Phi wedding throughout.

Allegheny—Rev. Arthur Staples, '94, a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, is now president of Beaver College and Musical Institute, at Beaver, Pa. He was married on August 11, 1898, to Miss Phœbe Appleyard, of Jamestown, N. Y. The best man was Clarence Farrar, '95, and R. W. Darrah, '93, and Earl Stillson, '94, were two of the ushers.

Purdue—Charles E. Howe, '96, chief of the engineering department of the Wabash (Ind.) Bridge and Iron Works, was married on September 28, 1898, to Miss Mayme Atkinson, at Wabash, Ind. Among the 'best men' and ushers were Samuel Moore, Jr., Terrell E. Morse, Robert Miller, Oliver Leonard, Harry Culver, Warren E. Moore and Frank C. Lander, of the Purdue chapter. The bride, while a student at Butler, was a firm friend of Indiana Gamma, and has many Phi friends and well-wishers.

Chicago—C. F. Stockey, '98, charter member when the chapter was revived, is no more. He has changed his local habitation and his name, and is now known as Charles Francis Breed, secretary of the University of Colorado, at Boulder. His father died when he was quite young, and he was reared by his uncle, Mr. D. B. Breed, whose name, it was understood, he should take some day. The day came most conveniently when he went from Illinois to Colorado, and the catalogue editor should take notice. In addition to his other work, Bro. Breed will continue the study of higher mathematics in the university.

Ohio—E. H. Eves, '91, who has been engaged in newspaper work in different cities for several years, is now on the staff of the Austin (Texas) *Tribune*, a new daily which seems to be leading already the older papers of the capital. An aeronaut in Austin recently called for a newspaper man. to accompany her in an ascension and parachute leap. Bro. Eves promptly volunteered and surprised all Austin by taking the trip and making the plunge into the Colorado river without hesitation or accident. After he struck the water he kicked off the entangling ropes and swam ashore without assistance. He was quite the hero of the hour, as this was, needless to say, his first experience in aerial athletics.

THE SCROLL.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

COLLEGES.

The University of the South has established a charity hospital and free dispensary at Sewanee.

Wooster has a new president, Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, D. D., late of India, a graduate of Washington and Jefferson in 1876.

The trustees of Colby University have asked the Maine legislature to change the name of the institution to Colby College.

The opening of the University of Mississippi will be delayed indefinitely, on account of the prevalence of yellow fever at Oxford.

Briggs Cunningham has presented the University of Cincinnati with \$60,000 for an additional wing to the main building, corresponding to Hanna Hall.

Of the five prizes awarded Episcopal college students in the annual competition this year, three went to Sewanee and two to Kenyon. Trinity, Hobart and St. Stephens took none. Sewanee took them all last year.

It is getting to be felt more and more at Harvard that there should be scholarships, prizes, and fellowships open to competition by the well-to-do as well as the poor student. It was to satisfy partially this want that the John Harvard scholarships were founded, and the Ricardo fellowship is another step in this direction.

President Kellogg of the University of California has resigned. Among those spoken of as his successor are Presidents Jordan of Stanford, Finley of Knox, Hyde of Bowdoin, Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Albert Shaw of the *Review of Reviews*, and Prof. James of Chicago. California has just received a gift of property valued at \$2,250,000 from Miss Cora Jane Flood, the net income of which is to be devoted to 'some branch of commercial education.' The freshman class numbers 377 this year, against 347 in 1897.

Justice William Clark, of the North Carolina supreme court, who is also trustee of Trinity College, in that state, chides the college management for accepting a gift of \$100,000 from James B. Duke—money made in the manufacture and sale of the evil and deadly cigarette. He goes on to charge that the money is operating as a bribe to introduce into the college gold-standard teachings, which, to his mind, apparently, are as bad as the influences of the cigarette. It is stated that the Dukes and Colonel Carr have given \$700,000 in all to Trinity.

The board of trustees of Miami has decided to erect the east wing of the main building and to extend the west wing, making the main building 250 feet in length. The new gymnasium was completed last year. It is the headquarters for all athletics, amusements, the Y. M. C. A. and much of the social life of the students. The 75th anniversary, next commencement, will be celebrated in an elaborate manner. Whitelaw Reid, who is to present his extensive private library to the university at that time, is commencement orator. Senator Brice will preside at the alumni dinner. Judge Samuel F. Huut will read an historical paper. Bro. Harry Weidner, '89, is a member of the committee on arrangements.

Col. Oliver H. Payne has given \$1,500,000 to found a medical department of Cornell University in New York city. A year ago Col. Payne resigned from the council of the University of the City of New York because the chancellor of the university had deprived the medical department of its privileges and property. The medical faculty resigned also and now becomes the faculty of the new school. A five-story building, 'the most thoroughly and scientifically equipped building for its purpose in existence,' will be erected at once and will occupy the entire block bounded by First avenue and Twenty-seventh and Twenty eighth streets. All four years of the medical course may be taken in New York by men, or they may take the first two in Ithaca. Women are required to take the first two years in Ithaca (where a home is provided in Sage College) and the last two in New York.

FRATERNITIES.

Φ K Σ has a new chapter at the University of Maine.

A Δ Φ has bought a house at Bowdoin, and Δ K E one at Colby.

K A will soon present Lieut. Hobson with a token of her appreciation of his worth.

The '13th biennial grand conclave' of K Σ meets in Chattanooga, December 28-31, 1898.

President Andrews, of Brown, who has been elected superintendent of schools at Chicago, is a member of Δ Y.

K K Γ has withdrawn the charter of her Beta Beta chapter at St. Lawrence. B Θ Π, A T Ω and Δ Δ Δ have chapters there.

A X P expects to have two new chapters this fall, and Δ T Δ has withdrawn from Allegheny, says the *Record* of Σ A E.

K A Θ, K K Γ and Π B Φ of Indiana will not bid a new girl till the second Tuesday of her second term at the university.

The editor of the *Shield* of Θ Δ X, who was once bitterly opposed to the idea of a certificate of membership, now favors it.

B Θ Π has rented houses this year at Knox and Missouri. Her house at Missouri is one that Σ A E was occupying at the close of the last college year.

The editor of the K A *Journal* says that the anti-Θ N E laws are not being observed by at least one chapter, and gives warning that strict obedience will be required.

Judge Augustus Van Wyck, Democratic nominee for governor of New York, is a member of Z Ψ, from the North Carolina chapter.

'Θ N E, by mutual consent of its members, has been dissolved and is no longer in college.'—Hampden-Sidney correspondent of Σ X *Quarterly*.

Walter Rosser, the Tennessee soldier who killed a man at San Francisco, and who told the newspapers he was a member of Σ N, is said by the *Daily Californian* to be a member of K Σ.

Σ A E, X Ψ and K A lose a chapter each through the abolition of fraternities by the trustees of Furman University. Σ A E makes good this loss by reviving the Cornell chapter.

B @ II's only chapter house in the south is one rented at Missouri, but the chapters at Texas, Cumberland, Vanderbilt, Westminster, Johns Hopkins and Virginia are accumulating building funds.

K Σ entered the University of Wisconsin in June with eight charter members. They have rented a house at \$720 a year, though but half the chapter is expected to return this fall. They are said to have secured good men.

On August 25 the Populists of Floyd county, Indiana, after nominating a county ticket, passed resolutions indorsing Richard [sic] Hobson as presidential candidate in 1900. Lieut. Hobson was not born until 1870, but perhaps they intend to amend the constitution.

The war excitement has injured the sales of Baird's *American College Fraternities*, we hear. This should not be. Chapters need as badly as ever to be better posted. Send two dollars to W. R. Baird, 271 Broadway, New York City, for a copy at once—then study it.

The Ohio Wesleyan chapter of Σ X has initiated a man whose 'natural genius finds its home in impersonation; and the various characters whose similitudes are reproduced by his skill, are standards and a resource for subsequent aspirants.' In other words, he is an assistant professor of oratory.

Sylvester Scovel, the yellow-newspaper man who slapped General Shafter at Santiago, was a member of the class of '91 at Michigan. The fraternities began to rush him in his freshman year, but he insisted on doing all the entertaining, mostly by talking about himself, and so remained a barbarian to the end.

The newspapers call the recent council of Φ B K 'trienial,' though we had inferred from the new *Baird* that these meetings were annual. The council met at Saratoga, September 9, 1898. It was decided to charter only those institutions which give the A. B. degree in course. The following chapters were chartered: Boston, California, Chicago, Harvard, Princeton, St. Lawrence, Vassar, Wabash, Wisconsin and Cincinnati. The chapter at California is the first on the Pacific coast, that at Vassar the first in a women's college, the one at Princeton the first in an anti-fraternity institution. The Cincinnati chapter, with the one at Johns Hopkins, is nearest the latitude of the parent chapter at William and Mary. Φ B K now has 50 chapters.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, whose name is often cited in discussing the subject of double fraternity membership, seems to cleave more closely to $\Delta \Psi$ than to $\Delta K E$, if one may judge from the fact that he wears the badge of the former as a watch charm. At least, he does so in the picture of him that appeared in the *Literary Digest* recently.

Fifty years ago a man usually wore his fraternity pin in his cravat. As time wore on, the pin advanced to the lapel of the coat, then fraternity conservatism dictated that it was ill-mannered to display it upon any place but the waistcoat. The best authorities upon the subject recognize that it is only proper to wear the pin as near the heart as possible.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

The June *Shield* of $\Theta \Delta X$ quotes over five pages from 'an admirable article on a practical fraternity catalogue,' written by Brother W. B. Palmer and published in the April SCROLL. The editor states that as early as 1890 he 'wrote extensively' to call attention to the fact that 'fraternity catalogues were too large and expensive,' and that 'a simple list of names and correct addresses' was sufficient. The 1891 and 1894 catalogues of $\Theta \Delta X$, compiled by the editor of the *Shield*, are books of this character.

At the Omaha exposition Knox College has a 'day,' and so has the P. E. O. sorority. August 31 was Greek-letter day. Most of the Greeks present then were Nebraska students, chiefly members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Sigma A E$, $\Delta \Gamma$ and $K K \Gamma$. The last named society had just closed its national convention at Lincoln, and came over by special train. In the evening the Kappas were given a reception by the Phis at the Japanese tea-garden, which was reserved for the occasion and appropriately decorated with Kappa colors.

The semi-centennial convention of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ will hold but one day's session in Washington Pa., proceeding on the evening of October 14 to Pittsburgh, where the convention proper meets. The sessions include Sunday, October 16, when the delegates expect to hear a sermon from some prominent visiting Fiji clergyman. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ was not founded at Washington, but at Canonsburg, in Jefferson College, which was later united with Washington College, in the town of that name. Nor is October 14 the anniversary day, as the first meeting is said to have been held in May, 1848.

'The attendance at the [Illinois] Wesleyan seems to grow less and less. Great things are hoped for in the advent of Dr. Smith, but should they not be realized and the attendance continue on the decline, frankly, we see no hope for its long life. The Sigs have done no aggressive work. There is a woeful lack of material, and while we who are inside the veil have kept our lamps trimmed and brightly burning before the shrine of the White Cross, we have not been able to add new and worthy knights to our retinue.'—Illinois Wesleyan correspondent in ΣX *Quarterly*.

Of the men whom the war with Spain has brought to the front, the following Greeks may be mentioned in addition to those noted in former issues: Major-general E. S. Otis, $\Delta \Psi$; Brigadier-general J. Warren Keifer, $\Phi K \Psi$; Brigadier-general Charles King, $\Delta \Phi$; Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, $A \Delta \Phi$; Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, $\Delta K E$; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles H. Allen, $X \Psi$; Sergeant Hamilton Fish, Jr., $\Delta \Psi$ (of the Rough Riders); John T. McCutcheon, ΣX (correspondent of the *Chicago Record*, with Admiral Dewey at the battle of Manila); Stephen Crane, correspondent at Santiago, ΔY . The last Baird credits Fitzhugh Lee to ΨY , but his name is not in the last edition of their catalogue; he may have been elected with the Wisconsin chapter!

In this year of semi-centennial celebrations, it may be interesting to recall $B \Theta \Pi$'s celebration in 1889. The date of $B \Theta \Pi$'s founding has been fixed approximately as July 4, 1839. On June 19, at Miami's commencement, a reunion was held at Oxford. Of the five living founders, two, Knox and Marshall, were present. There were an address of welcome, a response, talks by the two founders, two other short speeches and reading of letters of regret. The banquet in the evening, served by a Cincinnati caterer, was attended by 150, including ladies and the Miami faculty. The 'fiftieth' annual convention was held later at Wooglin.

The three semi-centennial conventions held in 1898 are: $\Theta \Delta X$, at New York, N. Y., in February; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, at Washington (Pa.) and Pittsburgh, in October; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, at Columbus, Ohio, in November.

According to 'American College Fraternities,' the institutions at present supporting but one general men's fraternity each are as follows: Bethany College, West Virginia, $B \Theta \Pi$, 1861; Central College, Missouri, ΣN , 1892; Lake Forest

University, Illinois, K Σ , 1880; Muhlenberg College, Pennsylvania, A T Ω , 1881; Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo., Σ N, 1891; North Georgia Agricultural College, Σ N, 1881; New Hampshire College of Agriculture, Q. T. V., 1881; North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Σ N, 1896; St. Stephens College, New York, Σ A E, 1895; Simpson College, Iowa, Σ A E, 1889; University of Southern California, Σ X, 1889; University of Washington, Σ N, 1896. To these may be added: Armour Institute, Chicago, Φ K Σ , 1898; College of Charleston, South Carolina, A T Ω , 1889 (revived 1898). K Σ withdrew last spring from U. S. Grant University, Tennessee, where it had been playing solitaire.

After the form containing editorials had gone to press, we received a copy of the Σ A E *Record* for September, in which several pages are devoted to discussion of a matter which received editorial notice in the April SCROLL. Inasmuch as the editor of the *Record* no longer asserts that he has 'lost what respect he had for the prosperity and influence of the Phi Delta Theta and her members,' and since he now 'fully believes' that lifting is contrary to the policy of our Fraternity, and seems to admit that the Northwestern chapter, as such, made no attempt at lifting, we content ourselves with declining to believe that the evidence shows any such attempt to have been made by individuals, and with condemning lifting and attempts to lift, whether made now or twenty years ago, by individuals, chapters or fraternities, by Σ A E or Φ Δ Θ . There can be nothing gained by prolonging this 'unpleasantness.' As far as our so called 'slurs' and 'insinuations' go, if they do not worry the editor of the *Record* or his correspondent any more than theirs worry us, it is not worth while to refer to them. We take pleasure, however, in stating that Σ A E saw the error of her way in the matter of electing honorary members four years ago, and ceased the practice. As we were not so fortunate as to possess a copy of the *Record* for June, 1897, we were until now unaware of the fact. We have no reason to doubt or retract any other statement made on this subject in the April SCROLL.

In the nine years beginning with 1890, K Σ has broken all records in extension of college fraternities, not only during the present decade, but during all previous decades. In that period, K Σ has added 30 new chapters, 2 of which, however, have since died. Σ N and Σ A E run close together for

second place, the former having added 25 new chapters (7 dead), and the latter 24. A T Ω and Southern K A are next in order, the former having added 16 (4 dead), and the latter 14 (1 dead). Next come Σ X, 11; Π K A, 11 (3 dead); Δ T Δ , 11 (1 dead); Φ Γ Δ , 10 (1 dead); Φ K Σ , 9 (3 dead); B Θ Π , 7; Φ K Ψ , 6, Φ Δ Θ , 6; Δ Y, 5; Φ Σ K, 5; Θ Δ X, 5 (1 dead); Φ Φ Φ , 5 (1 dead); A Δ Φ , 4; X Ψ , 4; Ψ Y, 3; Δ K E, 3; A X P, 3; M Π Λ , 3; Northern K A, 2; Σ Φ , 1; Z Ψ , 1; Δ Φ , 1; X Ψ , 1; Δ Ψ , none.

Here are 226 new chapters established since the beginning of 1890, including 6 organized by Φ Δ Θ , Δ T Δ , Φ K Σ , K Σ and Π K A since 'American College Fraternities' was issued last spring. This does not include re-established chapters, which number perhaps a third as many. Of these 224 new chapters, 24, or 10 per cent., have died already, leaving 202 active chapters less than nine years old. The total number of chapters of all fraternities established from 1825 to 1898 inclusive and still in active existence is 786, and the number established 1890 to 1898 inclusive being 202, is 26 per cent. of the whole number. In other words, 584 chapters still existing were established in the 66 years from 1825 to 1889 inclusive, and 202 chapters still existing in the 9 years from 1890 to 1898 inclusive.

The most noticeable thing about this compilation of figures is the prominent part played in the extension by the southern fraternities. Yet even what are considered very conservative fraternities have extended, and Δ Ψ is the only fraternity that has not established a chapter during the last nine years, its last chapter having been organized in 1889. Speaking of extension, it is somewhat singular that the only fraternities now established in Canada are K A, Z Ψ and A Δ Φ . The chapter of Φ K Σ , organized at the University of Toronto in 1895 died in 1898. In the foregoing compilation the sororities and the professional fraternities are not considered.

The 'fifty-ninth annual convention' of B Θ Π was held at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, July 19-22. Applications for charters were considered, but none, it seems, were granted. Withdrawal of charters was discussed, but all chapters were undisturbed. The subject of withdrawing charters has been both advocated and opposed in the *Beta Theta Pi* for fifteen years, but at every convention the hand of the ruthless 'chapter killer' has been stayed by his more humane brothers. The convention is said to have 'decided very emphatically' that no Beta should be permitted to unite with the

sophomore society Θ N E. The adoption of a standard and uniform badge was debated, but no decision in the matter appears to have been reached. The report of the general treasurer, Prof. C. L. Thornburg, of Lehigh University, showed a large balance to the credit of the fraternity. On recommendation of the general treasurer, Prof. J. Cal. Hanna, of Columbus, Ohio, the convention passed an appropriation for making a card-catalogue, to classify the entire membership of the fraternity, which numbers 10,577. Press reports of the convention contain no announcement about the very elaborate $B \Theta \Pi$ catalogue which Prof. Hanna has been compiling for ten years, the printing of which was begun four years ago, and which the *Beta Theta Pi* early this year hoped would be completed by the convention in July. The convention decided to erect at Miami University a suitable memorial to John Reily Knox, Esq., who was one of those who founded $B \Theta \Pi$ there in 1839. The names of all the founders will be inscribed on a tablet, beneath a bust of Mr. Knox, who died this year. The memorial will cost not less than \$1,000. Telegraphic greetings were received from Beta soldiers at Chickamauga and Ft. Sheridan, Chicago. The following is clipped from the *Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette* :

Challen Ellis, of Beta Theta Pi, at the Grand, told this interesting bit of fraternity gossip yesterday :

'Fred A. Simmons, of Brown University, was so popular with the members of his chapter that he was elected a delegate to the Cincinnati convention. At the time of his election he was a member of a military organization of Massachusetts, and when war was declared left with his company for the front. At the attack on Caney he was wounded in the knee, and for a time it was believed he could not recover. But his strong constitution, youth and pluck carried him safely beyond the danger point, and he was sent to Ft. Thomas, where he arrived just two days before the opening of the Beta Theta Pi convention. The other day, when it was desired that a vote should be cast by every chapter, a representative of the Betas was sent to Ft. Thomas and took the vote of Brown cast by Simmons. Yesterday the convention, by unanimous vote, tendered him its greetings and regular Beta Theta Pi good wishes for his speedy recovery.'

In spite of his excellent report, Prof. Thornburg was defeated for re-election as general treasurer by Mr. F. H. Sisson, of Cincinnati. The term is for three years, and Prof. Thornburg has held the office twelve years successively. A news report to the *Pittsburgh Dispatch* says that there was 'a protracted fight over the election.' The vote was 32 to 31. In $B \Theta \Pi$ conventions alumni chapters and general officers do not have votes. As there are just 62 active college

chapters, it seems that there was an equal division among the delegates, one candidate sending over in Kentucky for the wounded soldier's vote, and the presiding officer voting to break the tie, all of which indicates that there is perhaps some fraternity politics in Beta convention elections, a charge like this against $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ having been made in the *Beta Theta Pi* in former years. Prof. Thornburg was elected one of the board of trustees for Mr. Sisson's unexpired term, and Mr. C. J. McDiarmid, of Cincinnati, for the full term. The social features of the convention included a dance at the Zoological Garden, an evening trip to the 'Lagoon,' and a banquet at the Grand Hotel. A poem by Mr. W. O. Robb, of New York City, was read by him at the banquet. Cincinnati dailies state that the Betas, '150 strong,' had a group photograph taken before the city hall, '200 couples' were present at the dance, and 'over 200' Betas were seated at the banquet. A large $B \Theta \Pi$ flag was presented by Cincinnati Betas for display at national conventions. Lake Minnetonka, Minn., was recommended as a suitable place for the next convention, but the place will be determined upon next year by the board of trustees, which will be guided by the best railway rates and facilities offered. The convention may go east.

The *Beta Theta Pi* for April was largely a memorial number devoted to John Reily Knox, founder of $B \Theta \Pi$, whose death was announced in the February SCROLL. He was born in Butler county, Ohio, May 20, 1820, and died at his home at Greenville, Ohio, February 7, 1898. He was graduated in the class of '39 at Miami, and was a member of the board of trustees of the university since 1869. He was a lawyer by profession. In 1860 he was a Republican presidential elector. The *Beta Theta Pi* reproduces a letter written by him in 1843, in which he said :

It was during the winter of 1838-39 that the idea of forming a secret association first suggested itself to my mind. I saw that there were many advantages in such an association which could not otherwise be enjoyed. Such combinations of individuals are as old as the wants of man, and coeval with the growth of literature. The motto of our own society, '*Firman consensus facit,*' is but an embodiment of the experience of man in all ages and nations. . . . In some of these societies, however, were to be found many objectionable features, which rendered them liable to be used as engines of evil, as well as instruments of good. Some of these were to be found in the Alpha Delta Phi society, as it was organized at Miami University, and I imagined that an association might be formed which would embrace the good without the ingredient of evil. My attention was drawn more forcibly

to this by the dissensions then existing in the Union Hall, which I conceived originated in the Alpha society. In some of our conversations on the subject, Taylor Marshall suggested the idea of building up a society which might unite the benefits without the disadvantages of the Alphas. I told him I had thought of it, but was afraid we could not succeed. But if you know Marshall, I need not tell you that he is one of the most sanguine men in existence. The idea once started, he would not give it up until I set to work.

In the first place, I got the Greek lexicon, and turned it over several times in search of a name. The present one was finally selected. Then came the badge. This was more difficult than the other. You have seen the first pins that were struck. In place of the crescent, we first agreed on 'clasped hands,' but this Taylor had altered when he went to the city to procure the pins. However, the badge has been changed for the better, I hope. I have never seen the new one. We then went to work on the constitution. You have seen the draught as it was originally presented. On that I spent my leisure time for a week or more, and many were the long consultations which Taylor and I held over that; night after night up in 'the old wing,' we revised and re-revised, until we got it to our satisfaction, though necessarily imperfect, for it was altogether an experiment with me, as I had nothing to go by but imagination, and I believe Taylor was equally inexperienced.

The *Beta Theta Pi* also publishes 'Recollections of 1839,' written by Mr. Knox for the thirty-fifth (1875?) convention of B © II. In this paper he said no records were kept of the first meetings of the society. The first meeting was held in 'the old wing' at Miami, which has since been demolished, and 'many a pleasant and profitable meeting' was held during the spring of 1839 and up to commencement in August, 1839. He further said:

It was then in January, 1839, when I was in my senior year at Miami University, that the idea first occurred to me of the organization of the society. Circumstances had made me somewhat prominent in a rather bitter fight in the literary association of which I was a member, against the society of the Alpha Delta Phi, in which, though successful, I had learned to admire the compact organization and the *esprit de corps* of its members. About the same time, too, I came across an old book, no copy of which I have since seen, and the name of which I have forgotten, giving an account of some of the secret organizations of the middle ages. Their knightly vows and pledges were given, with some curious sketches of their inside working and their secret history; and I was, I might almost say, of course, very much interested in these ancient brotherhoods.

Being, as I have said, already impressed with the force that lies in compact organization, an idea that had been a subject of conversation between two or three of us grew on me, and I went to sketching out a plan - the constitution and obligations for a new society. While engaged in doing this, I had repeated conferences with the gentleman whose name stands second on the roll, S. T. Marshall, now of Iowa. He was considerably my senior, anxious that something of the kind should be got up, and urged on the enterprise. The selection of the name being considered an important matter, several combinations were canvassed. Greek it must be, of course, and while desiring mainly

that there should be significance in either the motto or the independent words adopted, we preferred that finally selected, as being not only pleasant to the ear, but reasonably significant of the objects of the infant society.

The leading motive of uniting a few choice spirits in closer bonds for improvement in literary exercises and the cultivation of social life, but chiefly the latter, was probably the principal *raison d'être* of the new organization. Mutual support and assistance, absolute faith and confidence in each other, and progress in knowledge and scholarship, were the fundamental ideas on which we built. With a view to the cultivation of intimate social relations, it was, for instance, originally provided that no more than nine members should be at one time in attendance at the same college; and, as an illustration of the closeness of the tie which was to bind us, the original obligation taken by the neophyte pledged him to his brothers in the order, that 'their friends should be his friends, and their enemies his enemies.'

But at a very early day, the introduction of a more Christian element into the organization led to a modification of this rather heathenish provision. The number nine, too, was soon dropped, leaving the order free to select good fellows wherever and in whatever number it might find them, and the three stars were no longer indicative of the limited membership (as the root of the mysterious nine), but simply remained as the heavenly representatives of the three words of the order.

The editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, concluding an editorial about 'Pater Knox,' says:

It is well to realize from what small beginnings this edifice grew, and not to forget, in our pride at its strength and noble proportions, the simple but eternal principles of friendship and fidelity upon which it is reared. Our undergraduate brothers should realize that success did not come in a day; that it was by hard, slow, patient work that the fraternity to-day was made what it is. Think of it, you boys who have the names of famous alumni to conjure with, who have all the aids of handsome houses, enthusiastic alumni, plenty of printed matter to guide, and an efficient administrative system to lean upon, what it meant to guide the affairs of this fraternity before the war, when not only were all these aids to progress absent, but when the faculties were hostile, when membership in a secret society was a crime to be visited by the punishment of expulsion when discovered, and where any measure of assured public success invited at once the temptation of disloyalty to supposedly stronger organizations.

Yet these times produced men. The catalogue of 1855 contains less than 700 names, but among them are the names of those who have molded the destinies of the central western states. We have reason to be proud of our brothers who learned lessons of fidelity and faith in becoming and remaining Betas. We are afraid many of the brothers of to-day, under easier conditions, will fall far short of the stature of the men who nourished B Θ Π in its infancy.

A similar observation might be made regarding the *antebellum* members of Φ Δ Θ. Our catalogue of 1860 contains the names of only 292 members, but among them were a large proportion of those distinguished alumni to whom we now point with greatest pride, and not a few of whom have achieved national reputations.

THE PYX.

The Sewanee chapter very much desires No. 5 of Vol. IX. of THE SCROLL, to complete a file. Address the reporter.

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The date of the charter of the Cincinnati chapter is June 18, 1898. A Greek name will be given it by the next convention.

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Convention headquarters will be at the Chittenden. Railroad rates will be one fare and a third for the round trip, on the certificate plan.

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The index to Volume XXII. accompanies this number. It should be taken out and placed in one of the numbers of last year, to be used when the volume is bound.

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We regret very much that full reports of the military reunions at Chickamauga were received too late for insertion. The same thing is true of many chapter letters.

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The *Nashville American* reports the 'last dance of the season' at the Phi chapter house, on June 15, in honor of Miss Louise Lindsley, who had been in school in the East for a year.

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Chapters will please send at once to the editor name and correct address of reporter, if any change is to be made in the directory, as well as of all delegates to the Columbus convention.

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Chapter treasurers should give their first attention to delinquent dues, that their delegates may enjoy the privileges of the convention. There is no better time to make collections than October.

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The editor desires to acknowledge the receipt of a number of commencement and other programs and invitations, menu cards and favors of a similar nature. Lack of space will not allow detailed mention, but he is grateful and hopes for more.

The new California house is a great acquisition ; we had hoped to have a picture and full description for this issue. A house-warming was given on September 17, the smoking room (dubbed 'sack-cloth and ashes') having already been informally dedicated.

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Bro. W. R. Brown, S. G. C., wishes the following numbers of THE SCROLL: Vol. II., Nos. 1, 3; Vol. III., Nos. 1, 2; Vol. IV., No. 2; Vol. V., No. 1; Vol. VI., Nos. 1-3, 5, 9; Vol. VII., No. 2; Vol. VIII., No. 5; Vol. IX., No. 1; Vol. XII., Nos. 7-9; Vol. XIII., Nos. 7, 8.

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Bro. W. A. Speer, *Vanderbilt*, '88, denounces himself as the Greek vandal who scratched the letters 'Φ Δ Θ' on the rock in Mammoth cave, of which we gave a picture in the April SCROLL. Bro. Speer accompanied Bros. Randolph and Palmer when they founded the Φ Δ Θ cairn. He will be remembered with pleasure by all who attended the Atlanta convention.

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In the Macon (Ga.) carnival, to be held this month, the queen is Miss Martha Johnston, sister of Bro. Richard Johnston, *Mercer*, '93, and the king, Bro. Prentiss Huff, '93. There were five nominees for the latter honor, and three of them were Phis. The Phis of Mercer and Macon are naturally very proud and happy in consequence. Anyone who has attended the carnivals in southern cities will appreciate the high social honor involved in these selections.

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Among Phi journalists this year we note Bro. Duncan McDuffie, business manager of the *Daily Californian* (Bro. Creed was editor-in-chief last year); Bro. T. H. Blodgett, editor-in-chief of the *Knox Student* (Bro. Lewis was editor-in-chief last year), with four other Phis on his staff; Bro. T. H. Sheldon, editor-in-chief and business manager of the *O. U. Mirror*; T. S. Parrott, managing editor of the *Sevance Purple* (with Bro. Jemison as assistant business manager); Jesse Mc. F. Beck, editor-in-chief of the *Iowa Wesleyan* (with two Phis on his staff); Guy P. Conger, business-manager of the *Lombard Review* (as Bro. Allen was last year); and Robert W. Hobbs, editor-in-chief of the *Butler Collegian*.

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On account of losses by enlistments, or for some other reason, the membership of our chapters everywhere seems

somewhat reduced this fall. This has ample compensation, however, in the fact that rushing is harder than usual, and larger delegations are being swung. Washington and Lee seemed the only weak point in the line of battle, but Bro. Campbell writes that he has pledged one man and expects to get at least two more. Northwestern has the strongest chapter in years; Virginia was never in better condition; Missouri is as strong as ever, despite all her losses by the war. The victories of the rushing campaign will be reported fully in December. *Reporters should mail letters for that issue so as to reach the editor on or before November 1, or they can not be used. The December SCROLL may be expected about November 15.*

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Bro. Frank J. R. Mitchell has an array of ancestors any one might envy him. He is three or four times over a Son of the Revolution, though descended from a titled English family; one of his ancestors was a colonel in the Revolution, and his father was an officer in the civil war. He is a native of Paris, Ill., where he was born in 1872.



F. J. R. MITCHELL,
NORTHWESTERN, '96.

Brother Mitchell was graduated in 1891, with first honors, from the Paris high school. In 1892 he entered Northwestern, being graduated there in 1896. He was manager of the star eleven of 1895, of the nine of 1896, of the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs in 1895 and 1896-97. In the conduct of all these organizations, his business ability was everywhere recognized. Brother

Mitchell is a member of © N E, and of the senior fraternity Deru. In his senior year he represented Illinois Alpha at

the Zeta province convention in Galesburg. He represented the Chicago alumni at the last national convention.

He entered the Northwestern law school (formerly Union College of Law) in 1896. At the recent commencement of the university at the Auditorium, June 16, he was awarded the prize of a complete set of the 'Lawyer's Reports Annotated' (40 volumes; value \$200); for the best thesis on the subject: The Commerce Clause of the Federal Constitution as Affected by the Police Power of the States. Brother Mitchell will be one of the law school debating team this fall against the college of the liberal arts. He is a member of the law fraternity Δ X.

At present he is chief clerk with the firm of Remy (Indiana Gamma) and Mann, of Chicago. He has contributed a number of articles to legal periodicals.

It is only justice to say that Brother Mitchell is one of the ablest men ever graduated from Northwestern. He is a representative college man, and is sure to make his mark.

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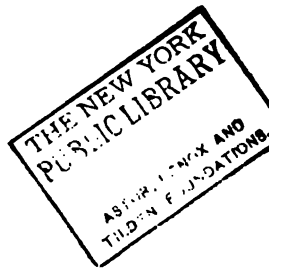
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REMINISCENCES OF CATALOGUE MAKING.

The task of compiling a fraternity catalogue is in no sense an agreeable one. The details of the work are not of the sort that the mind of a young man, after the fatigue of a day in school or the cares and duties of the office, would naturally turn to for amusement. The biographies of 8,000 college men, if their adventures, their mistakes, their shortcomings, their amours were reviewed, would no doubt be diverting. But when each individual is invited to put down in answer to some thirty questions, the most complimentary things he can say of himself with decency or complacency, as the case may be, the result is usually unedifying. When the editor turns over some 8,000 circulars and wonders how he can boil them down to the average of two or three lines for each biography, the prospect before him is not inviting. If, however, one have a good fellow for co-editor, a fellow who says good things and always appreciates the idiosyncrasies of one's own mind, the labor may be lightened with many a jest at the expense of the biographee. This paper will recount some few incidents occurring in the course of the making of the sixth edition of Phi Delta Theta's catalogue, that are not in the book but that served from time to time to amuse or interest its editors and the small coterie of Phis who really knew something about that wonderful work.

One of the first and best sources of information that a catalogue editor can rely upon is the postmaster. An inquiry addressed to him will nearly always be answered fully and promptly, and his services are invaluable in tracing up lost members, ascertaining the relatives of those deceased, and even in procuring full names of the careless. But it is astonishing how ignorant some postmasters are. An inquiry was sent to one at W——, Illinois, asking the present whereabouts of a certain Phi. Here is his answer *verbatim et literatim*:

Dear Sir You probly think by this time that I was not agowin to

answer your letter I hav bin Enquiring of Eevery one here to learn if they new eney thing of such a man and I can not find eney one that nose eney thing of him but a Mr. L H T—— he thinks thar was a man here some 30 years ago but cant tell whare he is nor whare he went to.
Truly Yours

H. H. M——, P. M.

The only definite conclusion to be drawn from this communication was that there had in all probability been a man there, but whether or not he was even of the same name as the man sought, does not appear. 'Whare he is nor whare he went to' was a catch word with the editors for many days and served its turn in a hundred pursuits of the history and whereabouts of wandering Phis.

Here is another from a different locality:

S—— S——, Virginia

Dear Sir

Mr. Swope I dont know Any one of that name around her I inquired around town and did not get any reference only there was some darkeys in town said there was a darkey down at the Springs last summer that worked-out in the country from Ky Bourbrarn Co But they Said they didnt know his name your Resp.

John Willis S——.

Notwithstanding the pereunial report that Phi Delta Theta has a negro chapter at some unlocated point in the south, we were not looking for a darkey that time. It is astonishing, too, how that word Bourbon pops into the mind when anything is said about Kentucky.

Most postmasters showed a willingness to help and an interest in our inquiries, that were a constant source of surprise. Occasionally, however, several successive requests for information were ignored. In one instance where the only possible source of information seemed to be in a small town in Colorado, and the postmaster would not reply, a polite letter was written in which it was suggested that the facts wanted were for the historical purposes of a society of which the then President of the United States was a member. The return mail brought an answer. Perhaps this was taking an unfair advantage, but when a man has worried over an apparently hopeless case for two or three years, his conscience becomes blunted to the righteousness of his methods.

A certain Phi having been lost, it was learned that he had matriculated from Greenbrier county, Va. An inquiry was directed to six of the principal post offices in that county, and each of the postmasters responded within a week, giving the correct address in another county. All honor to the postmasters. They may not spell correctly, they may be

politicians, they may be haughty and distant to their patrons, but scattered far and wide they proved the best friends of the editors of the last Phi catalogue.

A conscientious catalogue editor, in addition to another trait or two, must be ingenious and original. Methods that will fit one case will not do at all in another. One of the most loyal and indefatigable Phis I ever knew proved an invaluable assistant to the editors; but he had absolutely no originality. He had to be told in every instance the most probable way to find a lost one. In many cases the police were requested to assist, and I do not recall a single refusal. The chief of police at Minneapolis went to much trouble to help with a hopelessly lost Phi. Unfortunately, however, he is one of the fourteen that are still missing.

In one case I had the distinguished honor of establishing the fact that the date of death on a Phi's tombstone was incorrect. He had been a preacher, and an elder of his church, at my request, made a trip to the cemetery to get the date. About the same time, another line of inquiry culminated in a reply from the custodian of the church records giving a different date. Local inquiry satisfied all concerned that the records were correct and the tombstone wrong. I never heard whether or not the latter was corrected.

Bro. Walter B. Palmer, editor of the fifth edition, had a curious experience. He learned that a Phi had been shot and killed in Georgia, and he was given the name of a man who could furnish the date. The latter gave a prompt and particular account of the killing, saying that it was done in self-defense. He ought to have known all the facts, for he it was who had done the killing.

The man who seeks a few biographical facts will not always come off, however, with a smile or a laugh. Who can know that the father or mother, the brother or friend, who listens to-day to the careless talk of youth about societies and fraternities, men and fellows, dinners and dances, may remember to-morrow with tears and heavy sorrow those idle words. I have letters from mothers and fathers who cherish a feeling for Phi Delta Theta, because it lay next the hearts of their children, that no man who has not read could understand. This one tells of a message sent with the last breath to the fellows in the chapter; that one, of a far distant son nursed day and night by the boys of the Fraternity; another of a homeless boy, ill in mind and body, gathered to the home of an old Phi and cared for like a child of the house; a boy who died by his own hand, his mind wrecked

by overwork ; a son overcome by dread disease, whose last days were cheered and lightened by the constancy of the boys in his Fraternity. I give a single instance. I can not tell the whole story but I quote a part from the newspapers :

'Any one else in there?' was asked.

'Yes, Spurgeon.'

And they found Spurgeon. But no one would ever have recognized him. The tender of the engine had backed in on him and he would have been killed instantly only that a heavy box had fallen over him. He was scalded and was black in the face, and every one of his ribs was broken. Despite it all he was conscious. He was taken out and placed with the others.

Mrs. Dr. Dorsey remained in charge of the injured men. Just after passing Vallejo Junction, young Spurgeon called to her.

'I am dying' he said, 'and I want you to send a message to Perry Tompkins (Φ Δ Θ) of Berkeley, telling him about it.' The conductor, Mr. Cross, also took a message to be delivered to Spurgeon's mother. It seems that Spurgeon belongs to the class of '92 at the university. This was his vacation, and he was trying to earn enough money to pay his expenses for another term. His mother lives in Santa Ana, and he said, 'don't tell her about this roughly, because it would kill her.'

As the train rounded Point Pinole, Spurgeon whispered to the doctor, 'tell mother I'm thinking of her.' Then he closed his eyes and died.

I think it plain that this boy thought first and always of his mother, but in the first realization of death he wished a Phi to be notified, that a trusted friend might break the blow to the mother that waited. We may laugh and scoff at the seeming overseriousness of a mere boy's society, but after all what depths of feeling may underlie its principles !

There are good men and bad men in every fraternity that takes its men when they are boys. I shall not speak of those who have been traced to a prison cell, of those who have robbed, those even who have killed. It is not for me to judge why or under what circumstances. I have known many fraternity men, have engaged at times in the councils of a boy's society, have labored in its interests, and perhaps those who know me best might think I jested to the end—I hope they will think so—but this also I know, that it is best for a college boy to be a member of a good fraternity, and there are many of them.

It is gratifying when a perfunctory circular inquiring for facts warms up the cockles of some old fellow's heart and brings forth a reply that shows that the old spirit still lives. Here is a specimen from a worthy father of a worthy son :

Dear Brother :

I enclose herewith the slip as you request.

Have you the *other Mitchell* for your catalogue? I mean James Lewis Mitchell, Jr. I am not proud of myself but am of 'my boy', J. L. M., Jr. He is President of the Epsilon Province, Phi Delta Theta, and the most enthusiastic Phi 'in the business.' Pardon me for taking your time to read this, for I expect you have all the facts I have stated.

Sincerely yours 'In the Bond,'
J. L. Mitchell.

Perhaps the eye of some young fellow will fall upon this letter and he will recall what happened when he carried home an honor, or good marks, or told his father that he was to be valedictorian. Would that all Phi fathers, all Phi sons had as much to be proud of in each other as did Jim Mitchell and his father.

Speaking of Phi relatives, brings me naturally to this letter from one whose brother was a Phi. I prize it as the gem of my collection.

F. D. Swope, Esq.,

My Dear Sir :—

As the brother of the gentleman of whom you inquire in your letter of October 30th, addressed to Prof. Edward L. Harris, and your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to me, I should, perhaps, be able to give you accurate information. That I can materially assist you, I am not, however, entirely confident. But I shall try.

Christened 'John Bromley Taylor,' my brother seemed to think that name good enough for him, until he went out into the world, and saw that other youths made names for themselves. Then he bestirred himself.

His first attempt at name-building resulted in the elision of the letter 'J,' and the assumption of the letter 'F.' So he signed himself on the roll of Fame, Bromley F. Taylor. The letter 'F' was, at this time, probably merely euphonic, and stood for nothing in particular.

On one of the battle-fields of the Great Rebellion (for my brother was a soldier bold), he bethought him, one day, of that part of his original name which, like the tails of the sheep of little Bo-peep, had been left behind, and he generously reinstated the 'J,' and then the name stood out before the world as, 'B. F. Taylor.' But his father bore the honorable name of 'Benjamin Franklin Taylor,' so, when he did not sign himself 'Bromley F. Taylor,' he wrote, B. F. Taylor, Jr.

At this time, I think he writes his name, indifferently, Bromley F. Taylor, B. Frank Taylor, and perhaps, at times, though I think seldom, 'B. F. Taylor, Jr.'

But through all these mutations of name, he is the same brother I found in this changeful world when unexpectedly to myself, I reached it, out of breath, and out of humor.

He has long been connected with the press, devil, press-boy, compositor, foreman, editor, proprietor. He would answer proudly, I think, to any of these names, barring, perhaps, the first.

A wanderer by choice, he sometimes undertakes journeys, the routes of which he does not previously lay out.

A long residence in St. Louis, on 'the St. Louis daily' recently terminated with the beginning of such a periodical journey. Hence I am, at present, unable to give you his address.

Now, Sir, while I may not have afforded you much assistance, have I not, at the expense of time, endeavored to aid you?
Trusting my endeavor has not been utterly in vain,

I am
Yours truly,
R. W. Taylor.

It no uncommon thing for men to change or drop parts of their name. Bro. Taylor, however, shows unusual versatility in this line. Children are usually named when they are too young to protest, and many men have suffered deep and lasting humiliation, to say nothing of financial loss, from being inconsiderately named. One man I appealed to twenty times or so for his middle name but without result. Then I tried his relatives, but they were either ignorant or suspicious. Finally I sent a Phi living in the same city for a personal interview and it proved to be 'McCarty.' He was ashamed of it.

There are many curious names in the catalogue. You can find them for yourself if you are the possessor of that great and illustrious work, that holds between its covers the life of one Phi and the health of another. The one that I have most pondered upon, is that of Bro. Carver. I hope he will not mind but will arise and satisfy my curiosity. I have passed sleepless nights wondering from what sources 'Samuel Ashmade Wood Carver', as a name, could have been assembled. The 'Wood' naturally belongs with the 'Carver' and 'Ashmade' with the 'Wood'; but why use a preliminary 'Samuel' unless to furnish him with a 'S. A. W.'

Bro. David Utter worried along for years with his name until reduced to the calm and determined state that brought forth the following card, which he distributed broadcast. Partly for the sake of helping on the good cause and partly because it may help some other fellow to take the bull by the horns, I give the card in full just as I received it.

CONCERNING MY NAME.

For many years I have been troubled because of the middle letter of my name. It is, of course a small matter, but continued dropping wears a stone, and my patience worn through, at last I determined to drop this letter N. The trouble is that people read, and then write, my name Nutter--telegrams to D. N. Utter, are very generally read and addressed D. Nutter, and consequently never find me. I have often been introduced as Mr. Nutter, and some people require years to learn that that is not my name. So I concluded to drop the N. and to be plain David Utter. Then I found how famous I already was! It seems that thousands of people remember that initial N. with marvellous fidelity, though I have not used it for years. Dear friends, I propose to fight this letter the remainder of my days, and though I

fully expect yet to see it on my tombstone, I ask you all to help me to keep it out of my name on letters, checks and telegrams, and everywhere so far as possible.

Calmly and determinedly yours,
David Utter.

I have been fatally attracted to that banished letter. It has been long since I communicated with Bro. Utter but he is now and ever will be David N. Utter to me. I doubt my ability to write his name without the N. The spectacle of Bro. Utter anxiously scanning his own tombstone for the fatal initial reminds me always of the Irishman riding horseback, who, when the horse by chance placed a hind foot in the stirrup, remarked: 'Oh! If you're goin' to get on, I'll get off.'

In a like manner, Bro. E. C. de Steiguer, of Ohio Gamma, dropped the 'u' from his name because it was often written 'n'. His brothers of the same chapter still retain the letter.

John Fox has written about the feuds of the Kentucky mountains, and he would probably name first the celebrated one called 'The Hatfield-McCoy.' It is a bit curious that the name Hatfield on the roll of Indiana Alpha immediately precedes McCoy. Any Phi from this section looking over that roll would start at the co-incidence.

Of course there are errors in the sixth edition of the catalogue. I know about them but I shall not tell. Any one can see for himself, however, the glaring one at the top of page 177, where it should read 'Iowa Alpha' instead of 'Ohio Alpha.' Page 177 was the beginning of a new form and when the page proofs were sent us, it appeared as 'Ohio Alpha.' The mistake was discovered and corrected, but the printer failed to note the correction, and as the page proof was the last, there was no farther opportunity to correct it.

A close observer of the catalogue of 1883 will perceive that the date of the founding of the Fraternity is given as 1348 instead of 1848. It was correct when the last proof went to the printer, and no one knows how the mistake occurred. Probably the 8 dropped out of the form, as will sometimes occur, and the printers in replacing it mistook a 3 for an 8. The whole form would have been reprinted but for the fact that the error was not discovered until after the type was distributed. The forms were of sixteen pages, and the cost and delay made it impracticable to reprint, even to correct so mortifying an error.

(To be continued.)

FRANK D. SWOPE.

FRATERNITY BADGES AND OTHER EMBLEMS.

The first American college fraternity with a Greek name was $\Phi B K$, founded in 1776, at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Chapters of it were established at Yale in 1780, Harvard in 1781, Dartmouth in 1787, and Union in 1817. The society gave up its secrets in 1831, and thereafter it became only an honorary organization.

$K A$ was founded at Union in 1825, and in its external features at least was an imitation of $\Phi B K$; it was a secret social organization with a Greek name, its members were restricted to upper classmen, and it named its chapters on the same system.

Originally $\Phi B K$ had a badge consisting of 'a square silver medal,' which was worn suspended on a cord running through an eyelet in the middle of one side. On the face of the medal was a hand pointing upward to a star; on the reverse was 'S. P.', the initials of *Societas Philosophia*, and '1776.'

Originally $K A$ had a square badge, which bore the signs of the zodiac, and which was suspended from one corner, instead of from the middle of one side, as was the badge of $\Phi B K$. Later the badges of both societies were changed to the form of a watch-key.

The next college society founded after $K A$ was $\Sigma \Phi$, in 1827, also at Union. It was the first fraternity to have a Greek monogram badge. Later in the same year, $\Delta \Phi$ was founded at the same college, and from 1827 to 1832 its badge was an elliptical disc, having ' $\Delta \Phi$ ' surrounded by scroll work, and worn on a ribbon watch-guard. In 1832 the present Maltese cross form was adopted.

Quoting again from 'American College Fraternities': ' $\Sigma \Phi$ was the first of the fraternities to establish a branch organization, and, in 1831, calling itself the Alpha chapter of New York, it placed the Beta chapter of New York at Hamilton. This name probably resulted, one year later, in the foundation of $A \Delta \Phi$ at that college.' The original badge of $A \Delta \Phi$ was an oblong slab with rounded corners, displaying a crescent, bearing the letters ' $A \Delta \Phi$ ' on a field of black enamel; above the crescent was a green star, and below the date '1832' in gold. The present star and crescent form was not officially recognized until 1875, though it had been worn previously as a graduate symbol.

The second chapter of $A \Delta \Phi$ was established in 1835 at

Miami, where, in 1839, B Θ Π was founded. The original badge of B Θ Π was quite similar to that of A Δ Φ . The shape was an oblong slab, with straight sides, but with corners cut out concave instead of convex. Above a crescent were three stars, and below were 'B Θ Π ' and ' $\alpha\omega\lambda\theta$,' the Greek numerals for 1839. At the convention of 1842, the crescent was discarded for a wreath and diamond, and the convention of 1848 approved curving the sides of the badge inward.

The shield badges of Θ Δ X, Φ Δ Θ , Ψ K Ψ , and Southern K A have the same general outline. Θ Δ X was founded at Union in June, 1848, Φ Δ Θ at Miami in December, 1848, Φ K Ψ at Jefferson (now W. & J.) in 1852, and Southern K A at Washington (now W. & L.) in 1865. The *Shield* of Θ Δ X has recently referred to its shield form of badge having been 'plagiarized.' This charge was directed probably against Φ Δ Θ . We have documents to prove that the first Φ Δ Θ badge, a shield charged with an eye and a scroll bearing ' Φ Δ Θ ,' was made in June, 1849, and a statement of that fact was made in THE SCROLL for June, 1898, by the designer of the badge, Rev. Robert Morrison, D. D., one of the surviving founders of the Fraternity. The first of the 'Old Fraternity Records' published in THE SCROLL for October, 1898, shows that a member of the Miami chapter purchased such a badge on July 7, 1849. Has Θ Δ X any documents to show that its members wore a shield badge at an earlier date?

This matter ought to be decided by proof, and, as the history of Θ Δ X has recently been written for its semi-centennial, it ought to be easy for that fraternity to produce evidence on the point. If it can be shown that Theta Deltis wore shield badges before Phi Deltis, we will cheerfully accord to Θ Δ X full credit for originating this design. However, our founders in 1848-49 knew nothing whatever about Θ Δ X's badge, or even about the Θ Δ X society. Except the ephemeral chapter at the Ballston Law School, New York, Θ Δ X had no chapter outside of Union until 1852, when it entered the University of Vermont, and it did not get anywhere near Φ Δ Θ territory until after the Civil war.

Φ Δ Θ was the first fraternity to adopt the eye as an emblem. The scroll is a feature of the badge of Δ K E, founded at Yale in 1844, but our founders knew nothing about that fraternity until it established a chapter at Miami in 1852. From 1852 to 1854 the badge of Φ K Ψ was a monogram of

the letters 'ΦΨ.' In the latter year a shield, bearing an eye, two stars, an antique lamp and the letters 'ΦΚΨ,' was adopted. The eye was adopted as a badge emblem by ΔΤΔ in 1860 and ΜΠΛ, in 1895. ΦΔΘ added a sword to the shield in 1865, and is the only fraternity having such a badge attachment.

Classified according to shapes, the badges of the general fraternities and sororities are as follows, the fraternities having the same shape being mentioned in order of seniority:

Monogram—ΣΦ, ΧΨ, ΖΨ, ΦΚΨ, ΧΦ, ΔΥ (monogram not adopted until 1858), ΑΦ, ΓΦΒ. Shield—ΒΘΠ (eight sides curved inward), ΘΔΧ, ΦΚΨ, ΔΤΔ (four sides curved inward), Southern ΚΑ, ΜΠΛ (five sides). Shield and sword—ΦΔΘ. Lozenge—ΨΥ, ΔΚΕ, ΦΓΔ, ΣΑΕ. Lozenge surmounting shield—ΠΚΑ. Cross—ΔΦ (Maltese), ΔΨ (St. Anthony), ΦΚΣ (Maltese), ΣΧ (St. George), ΑΤΩ (Maltese). Star and crescent—ΚΣ, ΑΔΦ (not adopted until 1875), ΔΔΔ (three stars). Key—ΚΑΘ. Watch-key—Northern ΚΑ. Anchor—ΔΓ. Kite—ΚΑΘ. Arrow—ΠΒΦ. Labarum—ΑΧΡ. Book, lances and scroll—ΦΦΦ. Star with inverted points—ΣΝ.

A list of the various shapes of badges was published in the *Beta Theta Pi* about two years ago. From the latest edition of 'American College Fraternities' are obtained the following details regarding the emblems on fraternity badges, the fraternities or sororities having the same emblem being mentioned in order of seniority:

Stars—ΔΦ, ΒΘΠ, ΔΚΕ, ΘΔΧ, ΦΓΔ, ΦΚΣ, ΦΚΨ, ΣΧ, ΔΤΔ, ΑΤΩ, ΚΣ, ΚΑΘ. Crescent—ΔΤΔ, ΑΤΩ. Eye—ΦΔΘ, ΦΚΨ, ΔΤΔ, ΜΠΛ. Clasped hands—ΔΦ, ΨΥ, ΣΧ, ΑΤΩ. Hand—ΦΦΦ. Skull and bones—ΧΨ, ΔΨ, ΦΚΣ, ΚΣ, ΜΠΛ. Scroll—ΔΚΕ, ΦΔΘ, ΣΧ. Scroll and quill—ΔΦ. Crossed keys—ΣΧ, ΚΣ. Crossed arrows—ΘΔΧ. Crossed swords—ΚΣ, ΣΝ. Daggers—ΧΨ. Shield—ΔΨ, ΔΓ. Fasces—ΖΨ. Antique lamp—ΔΦ, ΦΚΨ. Circle—ΖΨ. Quadrated circle—ΧΨ. Sun—Northern ΚΑ. Signs of the zodiac—Northern ΚΑ. Cross—Southern ΚΑ. Anchor—ΦΦΦ. Hebrew letters—Northern ΚΑ, ΔΨ. Roman letters—ΓΦΒ. Greek numerals for years of establishment—ΒΘΠ, ΦΓΔ, ΚΑΘ, ΚΚΓ. Other Greek letters—ΣΑΕ, ΠΚΑ, ΣΝ, ΔΓ. Minerva and lion—ΣΑΕ. Eagle's head—ΣΧ. Coiled serpent—ΣΝ. Wreath—ΒΘΠ. Diamond (gem)—ΒΘΠ.

All of the fraternities except ΜΠΛ and all the sororities have colors, some one, some two and some three. ΦΔΘ, in

1871, adopted white and blue (azure) as colors. Unfortunately two other fraternities, $\Sigma \Phi$ and $\Delta \Phi$, have the same or nearly the same colors, and it would be interesting to know when they were adopted. The colors of $\Sigma \Phi$ are white and light blue, and those of $\Delta \Phi$ blue and white, a ribbon of one white stripe between two of blue being usually worn.

The first regulation flag of any fraternity was that of $\Theta \Delta X$, adopted in 1871. The following descriptions of flags are from 'American College Fraternities':

The flag of ΣX bears the fraternity name.

The flag of $\Delta K E$ is composed of three vertical stripes of blue, gold and crimson, displaying a rampant lion in black on the gold background.

The flag of $\Phi K \Sigma$ has a black ground, displaying at the left of the field the skull and bones, and in the center the letters ' $\Phi K \Sigma$ ' in gold.

The flag of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ is pennant-shaped, bearing the Greek letters ' $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ' across the face of the flag upon a white background. In the upper left hand corner is a purple square containing a white star.

The flag of $B \Theta \Pi$ is a field of blue, displaying three stars arranged at the angles of a triangle enclosing a red rose, and with a border panel of white, the latter color out of compliment to the Mystical Seven.

The flag of Southern $K A$ consists of three broad bars: crimson, white, and gold, of equal width, placed parallel with the staff—the crimson bar next to the staff, the gold at the flowing end. In the center of the white bar is the eight-pointed crimson cross.

The flag of $\Theta \Delta X$ is composed of three vertical stripes, black, white and blue, the total length being twice the width. In the center of the black stripe is the letter ' Θ ' in white, in the white stripe ' Δ ' in black and in the blue stripe ' X ' in white.

A fraternity flag was adopted by $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in 1891; it consists of three vertical bars of equal width; the outer bars blue and the middle bars white; each of the outer bars charged with three white five-pointed stars; the middle bar, charged with ' $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,' the letters in blue, reading downward; the width of the whole being two-thirds of the length.

It seems that $A \Delta \Phi$, $A T \Omega$, $\Delta T \Delta$, $\Sigma A E$, $\Pi K A$, $\Phi \Sigma K$, $M \Pi A$, $A X P$, $\Phi \Phi \Phi$, ΨY , ΣX , $Z \Psi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $\Delta \Psi$, $\Sigma \Phi$, $K \Sigma$, ΣN , ΔY , Northern $K A$ and the sororities have not yet adopted flags.

The first fraternity to adopt a flower was $B \Theta \Pi$ in 1889. The only other men's fraternities which have adopted flowers are $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Delta T \Delta$, $\Theta \Delta X$, $\Sigma A E$, $A T \Omega$, $\Pi K A$, ΣX , ΣN , $K \Sigma$, $Z \Psi$ and Southern $K A$. All the sororities have flowers. The white carnation has been selected by $Z \Psi$, but $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was first to choose this flower in 1891.

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OLD FRATERNITY RECORDS.

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1873.

Delaware, Ohio, September 29, 1873. To the Grand Alpha chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$: This is to certify that Bro. O. V. Lewis has been instructed to confer with you on business for the chapter, concerning the forming of a new chapter of our Order at Lansing, Mich. We wish this business attended to as soon as possible.—B. L. Duckwall, President Ohio Gamma.

There is no chapter in Michigan that I know of. Ann Arbor had a charter but returned it. You ask which to make it, Alpha or Beta? If at all, the Alpha. I hope you will consider that the influence of our Fraternity consists in the quality—not the number—of chapters. It was our endeavor to establish at none but the best institutions. Expect to be advised and cursed, petitioned and threatened henceforth as Grand Alpha.—H. R. Buckingham, Dahlgreen, Ill., to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, Oct. 11, 1873.

I received a letter from Sheldon yesterday, stating that they had received the Bond, had signed and remailed it. I expect to receive it to-day. The pledge came back all right. To-morrow evening we will initiate a new member. The Michigan boys want us to get badges for them, and we can not order them till we know what chapter it is. Please let us know whether it will be the Alpha or not.—C. V. Lewis, Ohio Wesleyan University, to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, Oct. 14, 1873.

During last year we had on our roll something near twenty active members, though there were never more than fifteen present at any one time. Out of that number we had eight of the graduating class. Out of six honors they took four, including the valedictory; besides, we took the first law prize. On prize declamations we had one repre-

*I request chapters and individual Phis to examine their old fraternity papers, and to loan me those that may be of interest, or to send me copies of same, or of such portions as are of importance. The materials for a history prior to 1878 (when THE SCROLL was permanently established), are meager, and almost any letter relating to Phi Delta Theta before that time would be of value in filling out gaps in the record. This notice does not apply to the chapters at Miami, Indiana, Wabash, Hanover, Centre, Wisconsin, Cornell, Lafayette and Wooster, whose archives I have examined. WALTER B. PALMER, Editor of the History of Phi Delta Theta, 511 South Spruce street, Nashville, Tenn.

sentative, and took a prize. At present we have nine members, all of whom seem to be active in the cause of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. We sent no delegate to the convention, owing to the state of our finances. We had to pay a heavy hall rent, and some of the members were short of means, being barely able to get through college. . . . We have never had a copy of the minutes, and know nothing except what we learned from the catalogue. So we know but very little of the changes of the last three years. If not too much trouble, I wish you would send me a full copy of the Bond and constitution, as they now are. The copy we got at the first was very poorly written; some of it we have never been able to read. I would also be glad to have you send me the addresses of such firms as keep our badge. We will probably take in six members in the course of a few weeks. We are held in high esteem here. Toward the close of last session we expelled one of our members, William Thompson. Enclosed I send you 25 cents, for which please send me a copy of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ songs.—S. C. Rogers, University of Missouri, to M. G. Evans, University of Wooster, Oct. 15, 1873.

The chapter is in full working condition. We have now sixteen active members, and four correspondent members. Of the latter one is Brother L. S. Clark. The other three are from the class of '73. The University of California now holds its sessions in the new buildings at Berkeley, five miles distant from Oakland, and thirteen from San Francisco. At present we hold the meetings of the chapter in one of the lecture halls, but in a few months we shall obtain a room for our special use. Are not state Alphas empowered to grant charters to succeeding chapters in the same state?—S. C. Scheeline, University of California, to R. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, Oct. 18, 1873.

We initiated three new men last night, Ruepple, Schuerman and Stermson, all of St. Louis. St. Louis has fifteen scholarships in Cornell University, and each of these boys gained one, which is a mark that they have brains to go on. We are fixing up our chapter room, and it is beginning to look something like respectable. Our membership is eleven now, with a prospect of three more next meeting.—N. W. Cady, Cornell University, to C. T. Jamieson, University of Wooster, Oct. 23, 1873.

California Alpha is in high spirits: it now numbers twenty members—seventeen attendant, and three correspondent who were graduated at the last commencement. One of

these latter, Frank Otis, is the son of the present mayor of San Francisco ; another, E. Scott, a son of one of our first ministers—the Rev. Dr. W. A. Scott, of St. John's Presbyterian Church.—Leonard S. Clark, San Francisco, Cal., to Charles T. Jamieson, University of Wooster, Oct. 27, 1873.

Inclosed you will find our application for a charter to establish a chapter of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at this institution. We have followed your instructions, and have been initiated into the Ohio Gamma at Delaware, and have tried to fill out the application according to the form given in the constitution, but we have some doubts as to its correctness. You must excuse our verdancy, and, if anything is wrong, you will confer a great favor by explaining the difficult parts. Our college year closes on the 12th of this month, and we should like a return from our petition as soon as possible.—F. J. Annis, Michigan State College, to E. M. Wilson, University of Wooster, Nov. 3, 1873. The application is signed by C. W. Sheldon, F. J. Annis, T. F. Rogers and G. M. Morse.

Indiana Alpha has but six men, but we hope to initiate several more soon. Indiana chapters report prosperity. The Beta has nineteen men.—A. W. Fullerton, Indiana University, to E. M. Wilson or Walter L. Spence, University of Wooster, Nov. 7, 1873.

The college where our Grand Alpha was established has suspended. We have a chapter now in Lafayette College.—Beverly Gregory, Brooklyn, Ind., to Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12, 1873.

Received the Bond and the constitution. Highly pleased with the new mode of initiation. I don't think our prospects were ever brighter than at present. We now number twelve, nine back from last year, and three initiated at our last meeting. I am of the opinion that eighteen members should be the maximum of a chapter. We have had no word from Perry yet. Have taken no steps toward establishing any chapters in this state.—S. C. Rogers, University of Missouri, to M. G. Evans, University of Wooster, Nov. 17, 1873.

I was very much astonished to find you had such a flourishing chapter ; why, you have one man more than we have, although the chapters here are much smaller than at Lafayette. Last year there were only about 135 society men out of 500 students, while nearly half of your men are society men. I presume it is because a different class of fellows

go here—poorer. We hope before the end of the term to have three or four more men, at least. The $\Delta K E$'s have made professions of great friendship for us. We are now so firmly established that we can wield as much influence as they. I received good news from Virginia Alpha the other day: they have established a chapter at the University of Virginia, and have several excellent men there, so that we may soon expect a splendid chapter there. The university has quite a reputation north, so it is a fine move. Our chapter at Lansing expects soon to start a chapter at the University of Michigan, which will be a good step. I am sorry there is no chapter at Philadelphia, and do not see how the report that there was one could have arisen. We hope to be able soon to start a chapter at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., a good way off, to be sure. We are looking around to see if we can find a man at some New York college who can be set to work. We cordially reciprocate the desire to start new chapters, and mean to do all we can.—N. LeB. Gardner, Cornell University, to J. C. Irwin, Lafayette College, Nov. 27, 1873.

My mission in writing to your chapter is not at this time a pleasant one, for I must tell of the death of the Indiana Alpha. Our prospects this year were bright, not that we had so many men, but their ability was above question, and if they had all worked as they should, we would have distanced all competitors ere the year closed. But two or three of our best men were surrounded by the influence of other fraternities, and this influence became so great that notwithstanding our strongest efforts they declared their intention to resign; whereupon the remaining members became demoralized, and they made it general, leaving me alone. I am to-day the only Phi in the institution. I hold the charter and constitution of our chapter subject to the orders of the Grand Alpha. I will send with this the resignation of the other members.—A. W. Fullerton, Indiana University, to C. T. Jamieson, University of Wooster, Dec. 2, 1873.

We have eleven members at present, all of whom stand among the first in their classes. From present appearances our Fraternity here has the honors of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes for certain. There are three other secret societies in our college—one gentlemen's, $B \odot \Pi$, and two ladies', I. C. and P. E. O. Last year we had three graduates, one of whom is now a professor in the Napa Institute.—G. W. Holland, Iowa Wesleyan University, to C. S. McClelland, University of Wooster, Dec. 19, 1873.

I am glad to inform you that our chapter is on a steady increase. She is beyond a doubt ahead of all competitors.—A. A. Marshall, Mercer University, to Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20, 1873.

1874.

We have a fine chapter here, composed of men of known integrity and honor, and we hope always to keep our standard as inviolable as our noble constitution demands.—C. H. Cohen, University of Georgia, to C. F. Carson, University of Wooster, Jan. 1, 1874.

Our Order possesses more of the spirit of progress than any fraternity I know of. We have now four fraternities in college, and still we occupy the place of honor. We will do our best to send a delegate.—A. A. Marshall, Mercer University, to A. Z. McGogney, University of Wooster, Jan. 18, 1874.

California Alpha was started last June, although the matter was kept secret until fall. They now have nineteen attendant members and four correspondent members. They also expected about this time to take in two more. The only other society there is the Z Ψ , which has twenty-four active members and twelve alumni.—E. LeB. Gardner, Cornell University, to C. W. Bixby, Lafayette College, Jan. 18, 1874.

Ours is the largest $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ chapter in the state; we now have sixteen members. I believe there are fifteen in Athens and fourteen in Oxford. I received some time since a copy of some of the songs published by the Grand Alpha. Some of them are very good. Two new chapters have been established in Pennsylvania and Michigan, and both are in a prosperous condition.—Alexis A. Marshall, Mercer University, to Charles B. Gaskill, Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21, 1874.

We were delighted to hear of your success in establishing a chapter at your college, and hope that success may crown your future efforts. We have established a chapter at the University of Virginia. They have only three members, two of them former students at this college, but the prospects are favorable. We have also established a chapter at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va. They have six members, with a good prospect of getting several more. So you see, after so long a time, we have succeeded in advancing the cause in Virginia. Our chapter is prospering; although we have but eight members, we have reason to be proud of them. One of them got the medal in mathe-

maths, and is very apt to get one in Greek this year.—R. L. Wright, Roanoke College, to C. W. Bixby, Lafayette College, Feb. 3, 1874.

R. P. Hunter and myself formed the chapter at Randolph-Macon College. From the start the chapter took a leading place at that college. There was not a time that I knew it when its members did not stick as close as brothers. But it has been twenty years since I left R. M. C., and my memory now fails me. I regret this. I have always been interested in the Fraternity, though my lack of recollections would not indicate it.—James B. McCabe, Leesburg, Va., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21, 1898.

Enclosed you will find the report of membership of the Indiana Gamma. As prescribed by the constitution, it should be made to our state Alpha, but, as we have no state Alpha at present, we do not know what to do but to make it directly to the acting Grand Alpha. You will see by the report that we are in a flourishing condition, with sixteen members who are the best in college. We laid ΣX entirely in the shade this year. We are now about fitting up a hall. We are doing all we can to help our chapter at Bloomington on its feet again; we will send one man there next term.—James C. Norris, Indianapolis, Ind., to J. C. Connell, University of Wooster, Feb. 4, 1874.

Bro. Carpenter of the New York Alpha is an intimate acquaintance of mine and he it was who established that chapter. We claim the honor of having established directly or indirectly the Iowa, New York and Missouri Alphas, the Ohio Delta, now Grand Alpha, pro tem., and the Illinois Beta and Gamma (Monmouth and Knox). Bro. C. T. Jamieson, now of Ohio Delta, who takes the most active part in fraternity affairs, was initiated at this chapter and spent two years at this place.—J. Potter, Hanover College, to C. W. Bixby, Lafayette College, Feb. 21, 1874.

Our catalogue compares unfavorably with the catalogues of other fraternities. We want such a one as will show every chapter that we ever had, just as it was and is. What will become of those chapters whose titles have been duplicated, as for instance the one at Springfield, Ohio? I think that a cemetery in the back of our catalogue is in very poor taste. A star at the proper place would be much better. The $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ index of chapters is splendid. Our constitution is as yet imperfect, and something must be done by the next convention. And to think, too, of our not having any songs

until this, the twenty-fifth year of our existence, and no music. We ought to have some sheet music, if we should have to hire Strauss to compose it. I think our charters would make a better appearance in the bottom of our trunks than in public. They should be gotten up on the best of parchment and in style. In having them gotten up in a decent manner, we could then hang them up in our halls and be proud of them. It is a wonder that more chapters have not been lost than have been for want of enthusiasm. How much strength can you count on for the *Alpha Magna* at the next convention? Your business way of doing things has gained for you much support.—S. W. Carpenter, Cornell University, to C. T. Jamieson, University of Wooster, Feb. 28, 1874.

I have been trying to find for you what I think was the first $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ song book. In 1873 I took a small printing press to college, the University of Wooster, to help eke out a maintenance, and Brother C. T. Jamieson and I printed on this a little pamphlet of songs, perhaps ten or twelve in number. This was a very crude edition, but it perhaps led to my appointment to the editorship of the first official song book.—Preston W. Search, Holyoke, Mass., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., May 5, 1897.

I note with pleasure your kind words about my labors for the Fraternity for about six years. I found the society rather an amorphous mass, and my keen sense of system and organization stirred me to do my utmost to bring some sort of order out of chaos, and I threw myself into the work with all my soul. You, who have been more in touch with the Fraternity in later years, know much more than I how well or ill I succeeded in my efforts. Brother Search is a trifle in error about having taken the printing press to Wooster. The Fraternity bought the press, at his suggestion, and when it was brought to Wooster it was placed in my room, where all the work was done by me in leisure moments. The other statements are all right, except the date, which was, I think, the first of 1874. It may have been the last of 1873. On second thought, I know it was 1874. I have none of the song books you mention; I wish I had. Nor do I know if any are in existence. About the only possible chance of getting one would be to write to the Wooster chapter or to E. M. Wilson, who is now, I believe, in San Francisco. I never saw the song book of 1876. I don't remember much about the booklet we got up. Search wrote all but one of the songs, I think, and that one was

written by Will A. Caldwell. Will may have one of the books. You can learn his address from Indiana Epsilon.—Charles T. Jamieson, Urbana, Ohio, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., May 19, 1897.

Edgar M. Wilson informs me that what you refer to as a sort of preliminary song book was probably a few songs printed by Search and Jamieson on one side of a stiff cardboard, which they used in the chapter. Such is his recollection of the matter; he does not remember that they were bound. They may have been printed on loose sheets. He has no copy; if any copies are in existence, he thinks the boys of Ohio Delta would have them, or you might try James Connell, M. D., Pittsburg, Pa. We got up just such a set of songs at Berkeley in 1886, and had them printed on one side of loose sheets—a complete set on each sheet—for distribution at meetings. We had some amateur printers among us, the same as did the Wooster chapter in days of old.—Wm. O. Morgan, Oakland, Cal., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., July 1, 1897.

For several weeks I have been trying to find some trace of the little print of songs to which you refer. Your letter of the 5th inst. stirred me to a renewed attempt, and this morning I find among the debris of years the enclosed cover and sheet or two, which is all I now have to tell the story. This little effort, which gives me much amusement now, was the work of many an hour between exercises at college. Our chapter owned a small novelty printing press; Brother Jamieson and I turned printers, and the little book appeared. You will recognize the high art embellishments. As I remember, the collection numbered about sixteen songs, including 'Our Song of Greeting,' 'Our Cause Speeds On,' 'Working for Old Phi Delta Theta' (W. O. Bates), 'Evening Song,' 'Ohio Zeta Hall,' 'Initiation Ode,' 'Work, Work, Work,' 'Home, Dear Phi Home,' 'When as Out Into the World We Go' (W. A. Caldwell), 'Closing Ode,' and a few others. The sheet to which Bro. E. M. Wilson refers was an issue for a special occasion, and was also prepared by Brother Jamieson and myself. I was officially appointed editor and publisher of the first regular song book, issued in 1876. I am very glad to know that some of the songs then produced, in days of trial and tribulation, have found acceptance in later use. I am deeply attached to all that concerns the Phis, and admire the way in which you maintain your early interest.—Preston W. Search, Holyoke, Mass., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.

It has been so long since I was in touch with the old boys and with the Fraternity, that I am like one in the woods. I probably had at one time a copy of the song book, but it has long since been lost, together with any other fraternity publications I may have had. When Bro. W. L. Spence and I went from Miami to Wooster in 1873, we gathered up all the fraternity literature and papers, and took them with us. This was because Miami University suspended that year. Wooster then became the Grand Alpha chapter, and continued such for some time. I apprehend that all this matter must be there yet, unless the same was removed when the Grand Alpha chapter was taken from Wooster. Charles T. Jamieson, now an editor at Urbana, Ohio, a member at Wooster in my time, was a diligent student of fraternity affairs, and carefully digested all information and papers then accessible. He may yet be in possession of some of the results of his Phi Delta Theta researches, and, if so, would no doubt furnish them to you. Edgar M. Wilson, now an attorney at San Francisco, Cal., was also an ardent Phi, and no doubt has preserved much matter that then came into his possession, probably the song book among others.—Marcus G. Evans, Columbus, Ohio, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8, 1898.

I regret to say I have no copy of the pamphlet song book to which you allude, though I remember it. Nor have I preserved any fraternity records which would be of use to you. I have been so much a bird of passage since leaving college, that impedimenta of all sorts have been left behind. But I would suggest, as a possibility, that James C. Norris, of Indianapolis, or Dr. A. B. Thrasher, of Cincinnati, may have the book or other documents useful to you.—William O. Bates, New York, N. Y., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 16, 1898.

I have no copy of the songs you refer to, and I venture to hope nobody else has, for, to the best of my recollection, the 'poetry' was decidedly *rocky*. I have none of the other matter to which you refer. Mr. T. C. Potter, druggist, Indianapolis, Ind., may be able to assist you. He was the most enthusiastic worker in our chapter at Hanover College.—William A. Caldwell, Berkeley, Cal., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 17, 1898.

I am sorry to say I have nothing of historic value to Phi Delta Theta. If there is anyone who would be likely to have anything in the way of historic records or recollections, it would be Charles T. Jamieson, of Urbana, Ohio.

It has been twenty-seven years since we entered Hanover College. His taste always ran in the direction of fraternity affairs; he was a laborious secretary of the chapter while in college, and a voluminous correspondent before and after graduation.—Thomas C. Potter, Indianapolis, Ind., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27, 1898.

I remember the little printing press, but have no recollection of the pamphlet issued by Jamieson and Search. Edgar M. Wilson, now an attorney in San Francisco, was a wheel-horse in the Fraternity about that time, and I can think of no one who would be so likely to have a copy, if there is any extant.—Robert Ballagh, Plano, Cal., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 10, 1898.

I have nothing that would throw any light on the history of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. I did have several catalogues and small song books, but they have long since been mislaid.—S. C. Rogers, Kingston, Mo., to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 10, 1898.

I have never preserved any of my old Phi correspondence, and I have no copy of the 1874 song book.—Allen B. Thrasher, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., March 17, 1898.

The last twelve preceding letters, as well as those dated Oct. 15, 1873, and Jan. 21, 1874, refer to a pamphlet edition of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ songs, which was earlier than the first regular edition, published in 1876. Having seen early issues of separate songs printed on card-board, and a sheet containing a number of songs, printed especially for use at the 1874 convention, I suspected that there had been a preliminary song book prior to 1876, but I was never able to obtain a copy before 1897, when Brother Search sent me a mutilated copy, which, in fact, consists only of paper covers, the title page and two pages of songs—the last two pages that were in the pamphlet. The printing on the front cover and title page are the same; the words, inclosed in what printers call an 'ornamental border,' are: 'SONGS of the PHI DELTA THETA! Published by OHIO DELTA. 1874. Phi Delta Theta Print, Wooster, Ohio.' On the second page (next to title page) is, 'Printers: P. W. Search, Charley T. Jamieson.' On next to the last page is 'Our Farewell Song,' and on the last page is 'Closing Ode,' both by W. A. Caldwell, and both surrounded by a border. If any chapter or individual Phi has a more complete copy of this pamphlet, I should like to buy, beg or borrow same.—Walter B. Palmer, 511 South Spruce Street, Nashville, Tenn.

COLLEGE ANNUALS.

<i>Oracle</i> , Colby.	<i>Cincinnati</i> , Cincinnati.
<i>Ariel</i> , Vermont.	<i>Michiganensian</i> , Michigan.
<i>Olio</i> , Amherst.	<i>Wolverine</i> , Hillsdale.
<i>Liber Brunensis</i> , Brown.	<i>Arbutus</i> , Indiana.
<i>Cornellian</i> , Cornell.	<i>Souvenir</i> , Wabash.
<i>Garnet</i> , Union.	<i>Blue and Gold</i> , Franklin.
<i>Columbian</i> , Columbia.	<i>Quid</i> , Hanover.
<i>Spectrum</i> , Gettysburg.	<i>Mirage</i> , DePauw.
<i>Pandora</i> , Washington and Jefferson.	<i>Debris</i> , Purdue.
<i>Kaldron</i> , Allegheny.	<i>Syllabus</i> , Northwestern.
<i>Record of '03</i> , Pennsylvania.	<i>Gale</i> , Knox.
<i>Calyx</i> , Washington and Lee.	<i>Badger</i> , Wisconsin.
<i>Hellenian</i> , North Carolina.	<i>Savitar</i> , Missouri.
<i>Cap and Gown</i> , Sewanee.	<i>The University that Kansas Built</i> , Kansas.
<i>Kinetoscope</i> , Mercer.	<i>Senior Class Book</i> , Nebraska.
<i>Corolla</i> , Alabama.	<i>Blue and Gold</i> , California.

Differential, Case.

This year our library is almost as elaborately stocked as last, though we miss old friends from Dartmouth, Syracuse, Dickinson, Virginia, Randolph-Macon, Centre, Emory, Alabama Polytechnic, Mississippi, Tulane, Texas, Ohio State and Westminster. In compensation, however, Columbia, Sewanee, Mercer, Cincinnati, Hillsdale, Wabash, Franklin, Hanover, DePauw, Northwestern and Knox appear either for the first time or after longer or shorter absence. There is a very practical side to the collection of college annuals. The editor of THE SCROLL, at least, often feels fortunate in having one at hand when some question about a college or a student, Phi or otherwise, comes up and demands an immediate answer. These precious volumes will be consigned to our fraternity library, and they will prove valuable for reference hereafter as now. The reporters and alumni who have remembered THE SCROLL are gratefully remembered in turn. The pictures and stories are better, year after year, and some of the annuals have an undesirable artistic and literary value. The others are improving steadily or fast as circumstances allow, lack of money and poor local printers bring often the only hindrance. And many of the 'grinds' are really funny to strangers, and that is a crucial test of a college joke.

Out of these pictured and printed pages any reader will

gain an inspiration of youth and hopefulness, of light-hearted willingness to try any task under the sun, of gaiety even in the face of time, war and examinations. They are good books to read and read again, if one reads in sympathy.

The *Kaldron* claims to be 'a text book of manners and morals, compiled for the benefit of the faculty, students and friends of Allegheny College.' It is dedicated to President McKinley, who was once a student there. On the lists of the faculty we find Bros. W. A. Elliott, '89, and C. F. Ross, '91. Bro. D. B. Casteel, '99, is an assistant. The rolls show 32 seniors, 25 juniors, 46 sophomores and 84 freshmen, including co-eds. The Phis have five or six class officers. There are 123 'preps.' The Greeks number: $\Phi K \Psi$, 14; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 12; $\Delta T \Delta$, 9; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 20 (3 pledged); $K A \Theta$, 15; $\Sigma A E$, 11; $K K \Gamma$, 12; $A X \Omega$ (musical), 22. There is a chapter of $\Theta N E$, since killed by faculty decree, and a feminine burlesque on it called $I P E$. Of the $\Theta N E$'s 5 come from $\Phi K \Psi$, 2 from $\Delta T \Delta$ and 1 each from $\Sigma A E$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. In view of the reported withdrawal of the charter of the $\Delta T \Delta$ chapter it may be interesting to note that it was, with two exceptions, the oldest living chapter of that fraternity, and the largest, with 48 resident alumni, enrolling last year 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman and 5 preps and unclassified. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Sigma A E$ have houses. The Y. M. C. A. is strong at Allegheny, and all the Phis are members, the chapter having held the presidency for the last two years. The Philo-Franklin seems to be the Phi literary society. There are five Phis on the glee club, and Bro. Weyand was winning orator. The chapter does not seem to be inclined to take part in military affairs. It has 4 men on the *Kaldron* board (its rivals having 2 each, save $\Phi K \Psi$, who has none), president of the athletic association, manager of the track team, and a good representation in foot ball, basket ball and track athletics. The departmentyclept elsewhere 'grinds' or 'roasts' the *Kaldron* appropriately names 'scalds.' A new thing is the list of *sub rosa* Greeks, including one young woman 'formerly of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ' but now 'of $\Sigma A E$.' In fact, $\Sigma A E$ is also credited with having lifted one of Theta girls from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Bro. W. E. Greene, is editor-in-chief of *Liber Brunensis* this year, and a most successful one. Bro. Putney is an associate. The fraternities at Brown are given precedence of the classes and number: $A \Delta \Phi$, 27; $\Delta \Phi$, 28; ΨY , 20; $B \Theta \Pi$, 24; $\Delta K E$, 22; $Z \Psi$, 18; $\Theta \Delta X$, 15; ΔY , 25; $X \Phi$ (now local), 20; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 21; $A T \Omega$, 29; $\Delta T \Delta$, 15. Fol-

lowing the chapter lists come some pictures and biographies of distinguished alumni, including Presidents Andrews and Angell, Professors Fisher and Harkness and John Hay and Richard Olney. Then come the faculty and the class lists. Bro. Greene proves to be an all around winner from his record, and was evidently one of the most popular men in the university. Bro. Gifford is foot ball manager, Bros. Hapgood and Melendy are on the eleven, Bros. Hanson and Hall on the track team, Bro. Hanson on the relay team that defeated Pennsylvania. In class officers, editorial positions and class teams Rhode Island Alpha gets a good share, and comes out strong in the dramatic club and whist club. Bro. Greene and Bro. Multer won prizes in declamation and debate.

The '99 *Badger* is dedicated to Wisconsin's debaters, 'who have made their *alma mater* eminent among American universities'—which, in the language of the typical sophomore, 'is no joke.' There are no Phis on the editorial board, but Bro. N. A. Pardee, '01, has the prize story, and Bros. W. A. Curtis, '89, and J. H. Bacon, '97, contribute stories. On the faculty are Bros. J. E. Davies, *Lawrence*, '62; E. D. Jones, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '92; E. R. Maurer, *Wisconsin*, '90; W. F. Vilas, *Wisconsin*, '58, and F. A. Parker. This year Bros. A. R. Priest, *De Pauw*, '91, and B. V. Swenson, *Illinois*, '93, have been added to the list. Bro. Manson is tennis champion; Bros. Reinhard and Fox are on the track team; Bro. Anderson is on the eleven, of which Bro. Geilfuss is assistant manager. There are Phis on the junior prom. committees, and Bro. Bacon is on the glee club. There is one Phi in $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ but none in $\Theta N E$, which does not seem to be flourishing. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ heads the fraternity lists with 23 men (Bro. Bagley, of Michigan Beta, is a graduate student). Then come $B \Theta \Pi$, 28; $\Phi K \Psi$, 17; $X \Psi$, 19; ΣX , 16; ΔY , 27; $\Delta T \Delta$, 18; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 23; $\Theta \Delta X$, 24; ΨY , 20; $\Phi P B$ (local), 11. All seven of the national sororities have chapters. The chapter plates seem to be from special designs.

Bro. W. A. Oldfather is editor-in-chief of *Quid* (enclosed in the upper part of an interrogation point), the second annual issued by Hanover. The first came out in 1892 and was called *The Crow*. The senior class numbers 14, with six co-eds. and one Phi (an officer.) Of juniors there are 13, with two Phis (both officers) and one co-ed. There are 20 sophomores (19 men) and 37 freshmen (23 men), Bro. Jenkins being president. There are 47 preparatory students.

The fraternities are B Θ Π , 13; Φ Γ Δ , 12; Φ Δ Θ , 10; Σ X , 10. There is also a chapter of K A Θ . Each chapter gives a history of its fraternity and the chapter. But two or three of the Phis are in the literary societies. Bro. Whallon is on the mandolin club and is manager of the eleven, on which are four Phis. The Phis are prominent in the Y. M. C. A.

Sewanee bears a grudge against Chicago for appropriating the title of her annual, *Cap and Gown*. Bro. Hodgson, who is delegate-elect to Columbus, is on the board of editors this year. Bros. White and Thomas (once editor of THE SCROLL) are on the faculty. Bro. Brake is president of the '98 medics and Bro. Searcy secretary of those of '01. Bro. Harding is treasurer of '97 academic. The fraternities are A T Ω , 21; Σ A E, 27; K Σ , 9; Φ Δ Θ , 29; Δ T Δ , 27; K A, 29; Π K A, 5. Beside these, eight other fraternities are represented, including four members of northern K A. There are students from 29 states and five foreign countries, almost as many coming from Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi or South Carolina as from Tennessee. All the chapters have houses save Π K A, just established, and K A, who is rebuilding hers which had burned. Φ Δ Θ had the first one. Bro. Weed is Pan-Hellenic president. Φ Δ Θ is represented in literary societies and college publications, on the track team and the eleven, Bro. Wilder being captain of the latter. Bro. Parrott, often profanely called 'Polly,' looms up as official scorer for the nine. There are various nameless ribbon societies, to which several Phis belong, and two german clubs, in which they seem to be leaders. As in all southern colleges, there are many state clubs.

The *Hellenian* has this year a double claim on our attention, with argent and azure as North Carolina's colors, and Bro. C. H. Johnston, '98, as editor-in-chief of the annual. The editors are chosen by the fraternities, but are principally juniors. There are pictures of two or three lone co-eds in the various groups. The literary societies (founded in 1795) and the Y. M. C. A. seem to live in peace with the german club, ribbon societies and athletic teams, many of the Y. M. C. A. boys being german club members. There are many department societies. The Gorgon's Head, Gimghouls, Π Σ and Θ N E still flourish. We notice two or three members of K A in Θ N E, Π Σ and the Gorgon's Head, a condition of affairs with which we believe the authorities of that fraternity have promised to deal. Bro. Johnston is an editor of the magazine as well as editor-in-chief of the *Hellenian*, Bro. Winston is captain of the nine and of his class eleven, Bro.

Donnelly is a member of the honorary fraternity of $\Lambda \Theta \Phi$, Bro. Harris of the dramatic club. The chapter holds a good many class offices and is strongly represented in the Y. M. C. A., athletics and the literary organizations. It has no men in the ribbon societies. North Carolina claimed last year 670 students, of whom 125 were fraternity men: $\Delta K E$, 14; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 3; $B \Theta \Pi$, 6; $\Sigma A E$, 27; $Z \Psi$, 18; $A T \Omega$, 10; $K A$, 8; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 10; ΣN , 7; ΣX , 12; $K \Sigma$, 7; $\Pi K A$, 3. Fraternities are still forbidden to take men before October 1, of their sophomore year. The average chapter is larger this year than last, ΣX and $A T \Omega$ having gained most.

The *Sombrero* seems to be hung up this year, and a senior class book comes in its place from Nebraska. The pictures of the class, with biographies and comments of divers sorts, fill its pages. Eight Phis are among the seniors, and they show Nebraska Alpha to be an up-to-date chapter and a leader in society, especially. The local society of $\Lambda \Theta X$ has the president of the senior class and various other honors and offices. To an outsider it seems to have a clear lead over the two local organizations chartered recently by $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and ΔY . We are under obligations to $\Lambda \Theta X$ for numerous favors, and trust they may soon reach their goal. They deserve to. Nebraska continues to be a great co-ed school, and, as may be seen from statistics given elsewhere, has moved up alongside Minnesota, California and Stanford as a western fraternity center.

As at Nebraska, Kansas contents herself with a senior class book instead of the conventional annual. This year's is styled 'The University that Kansas Built.' A coat of arms displays four gorgeous sunflowers, and an owl perched on the edge of an ink bottle. The book is printed on expensive papers and elaborately illustrated. The last page before the advertisements announces that 'These are the men that put up the money that printed the book that broke the seniors that worked the faculty that runs the university that Kansas built'—from which may be gathered the titles of the successive departments between title page and ads. We note Bro. Lee's name on the editorial board, but the book is evidently issued under non-fraternity influence, as the only combinations of Greek letters allowed on its pages are $\Phi B K$ and $\Sigma \Xi$.

The *Arbutus* comes from the Indiana University seniors, on whose board of editors we find Bro. E. P. Wiles. Indiana is a school in which the co-ed is a prominent factor. $K A \Theta$, $K K \Gamma$ and $\Pi B \Phi$ all have houses, while ΣN begins the

list for the men. The women students agreed to request the presence of chaperons at all fraternity parties last winter, whereupon there seems to have been a social strike on the part of the men for a time. The chaperon comes in for much ridicule. Indiana delights to run to history and statistics, the latter showing a steady increase in the matriculation of about 100 each year since 1891, rising from 394 to 1,040. The pictures of the seniors are grouped by departments, those of the teaching staff accompanying them. The three women's fraternities (omitting the local A Z B) are given precedence in the lists: K A Θ , 29; K K Γ , 25; Π B Φ , 22; B Θ Π , 21; Φ Δ Θ , 24; Σ X, 15; Φ K Ψ , 22; Φ Γ Δ , 10; Δ T Δ , 16; Σ N, 18. Besides these is the Skulls of A Δ Σ , a junior fraternity in which Φ Δ Θ was represented last year, but in which she now forbids membership at Indiana. Indiana Alpha is woefully top heavy, with 9 seniors, 9 juniors, 2 sophomores and 4 freshmen. Φ K Ψ and Σ N seem to have most of the freshmen. The fraternities are introduced by a merry-go-'round with goats as horses, and the independents by a view of the same from outside the fence, where sundry savages peep through and threaten. Indiana Alpha has one or more representatives in each important organization. Her most dangerous rivals for the honors seem to be B Θ Π and Δ T Δ , the latter having a senior who holds half the offices in college. The editor-in-chief of the college paper is Miss Myrick, of K A Θ .

It is now some time since the Wabash juniors have sent out the *Ouiatenon*, though they promise one next spring, and the faculty has undertaken to supply the deficiency through the *Souvenir*, from the press of THE SCROLL'S printers. It contains historical and descriptive articles, many pictures of the town, college, students and faculty, and illustrated 'write-ups' of the various departments. The student organizations, including the fraternities, have group pictures. The Greeks number: B Θ Π , 11; Φ Γ Δ , 15; Φ Δ Θ , 15; K Σ , 12; Δ T Δ , 19; Φ K Ψ , 13 (the order is not chronological). We note Byers and Mitchell in the picture of the *Wabash* board, Byers and Bartholomew with the glee club, Byers, Todd and Griesel with the base ball team.

The *Record* of Pennsylvania's class of '93 during the past five years comes to us from Bro. J. Clark Moore, Jr., to whose kindness we owed the copy of the university *Record* of '98, reviewed last year. This is a neat little volume that would do credit to some of our smaller colleges, and its publication every five years is provided for by the class consti-

tution. It contains a concise record of the career of each member of the class, including all who were at any time identified with it, complete statistics (ages, professions, degrees taken, etc.), a record of class officers and suppers since graduation, special articles on the various professions, a review of the progress of the university since 1893, with pictures of notable new buildings. Bro. Moore was president in '97-8 and has figured on three of the five toast lists, besides being treasurer of the committee which published the book (without a deficit). One member of the class was but 21 years and 7 months old on June 1, 1898; he entered the Wharton School before he was fifteen, taking a two years' course. There are twelve Phis on the roll, and this volume will be valuable to our catalogue editor in days to come.

The *Columbian* was the first comer this year. After a brief summary of the faculty it goes into elaborate fraternity lists, in which all members in attendance in any of the departments, whether active or not, are enrolled: A Δ Φ, 34; Ψ Y, 40; Δ Φ, 28; Δ Ψ, 26; Φ Γ Δ, 28; Φ K Ψ, 19; Δ K E, 38; Z Ψ, 15; Θ Δ X, 19; Φ Δ Θ, 22 (besides 6 graduate students); Δ Y, 27; Σ A E, 21; Σ X, 26. Including graduate students, the total number of fraternity men is given at 354. Barnard College has K K Γ and A O Π (local). Φ Δ Φ has 17 seniors and 15 juniors in the law school, the class of '00 being 'not yet elected.' Of the 32 members 28 are graduates, 10 being from Yale, 6 from Amherst, 4 from Harvard and only one from Columbia. New York Delta seems to have been quiescent last year in athletics, but is strong in debating and holds several class offices and a place in the glee club, as well as on the track team. But eleven of the twenty-two Phis given were active members at the time.

The Purdue *Debris* has two editors-in-chief, both members of Σ N, and two business managers. Ex-President Harrison is one of the trustees, and Bros. Miller and Peterson are instructors. Among the seniors who issue the book, we find Bro. P. H. Batten. There are two Phis on the mandolin club, one on the nine, one on the track team and three in the inter-fraternity junior society, the Skulls. Indiana Alpha has just passed a by-law against membership in a society of similar name, and Σ X at Purdue takes the same stand. There seem to be no Phis in the literary societies (which issue the college paper) or the Y. M. C. A. The fraternity membership is as follows: Σ X, 17; K Σ, 12;

Σ N, 21; Φ Δ Θ, 15; Σ A E, 12. Σ A E and Φ Δ Θ have houses. Σ X, which was established in 1875, is strong in local alumni, having 26. Φ Δ Θ, though but five years old, has 16. The others have few or none. President Smart is a Σ X.

Hillsdale issues the *Wolverine* again this year and presents a creditable volume. There are no fraternity men on the editorial board. Bro. H. S. Myers is an instructor. The academic faculty numbers eight, besides seven tutors. The literary societies are prominent factors at Hillsdale. Φ Δ Θ heads the fraternity lists with a membership of 5; Δ T Δ has 9; A T Ω, 15; Π B Φ, 10; K K Γ, 13. There are two Phis on the glee club and two on the college quartette. Bro. V. G. Myers is president of the athletic association and Bro. Woodworth training manager. Bros. Woodworth, Sheldon, and V. G. Myers are on the eleven, the latter being captain. The closing illustration shows a balloon surmounted by a mortar board, flying away with a college graduate.

Bro. Campbell not only wins enough honors by himself for an average chapter at Washington and Lee, but sets an example to chapters twenty or thirty times as large as Virginia Zeta was last year by sending in a chapter letter as often as there is anything new to tell and by furnishing to THE SCROLL early a copy of the *Calyx*. This volume is dedicated to President Wilson. The academic senior class numbers 16, of whom 13 are Greeks. The law class of '98 has 24 men—17 Greeks. The fraternities are: Φ K Ψ, 11; K A, 14; Σ X, 8; Σ A E, 6; Φ Γ Δ, 7; Σ N, 7; Φ Δ Θ, 1; K Σ, 2; A T Ω, 10; Π K A, 3; M Π Λ, 7; Δ T Δ, 8. In Θ N E we notice 3 K A's; perhaps this is the chapter that was to be called to account. Bro. Campbell is on the track team, full back on the eleven, short stop on the nine (and a star player in both positions), secretary of the Y. M. C. A., an assistant in physics and a scholarship winner straight through.

Franklin has roused herself and produced an annual this year—a high grade one—but has borrowed the name from California. The *Blue and Gold* has Bro. F. G. Kenny as business manager and is published by the juniors. Biographies and portraits of six prominent alumni are given, five of them Phis. On the faculty the Phis have President Stott and Profs. Hall, Owen and Goodell. Bro. Kenny is president of '99 and Bro. Wilson of '01. The editor-in-chief being a Σ A E, that society comes first in the fraternity lists, with 20 members, a pledged man and an honorary member

in the faculty. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has 13 initiated and 3 pledged. There is a group picture of 25 leading Franklin alumni Phis. $\Pi B \Phi$ and $A \Gamma A$ local also have chapters. Indiana Delta has a majority of the official positions in athletics, manager of the nine and of the eleven, one player on the nine and four on the eleven, the tennis champion, as well as business manager of the *Kodak*. It is evident that rivalry with $\Sigma A E$ is pretty warm, but that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ holds her own with something to spare.

Bro. Harold M. Holland is editor-in-chief of the *Knox Gale* this year and has done all the illustrations (good ones), besides. There are two other Phis on the editorial board. The book is a clean piece of work—above the average. Bros. Griffith and Beadle are on the faculty. President Finley, who was graduated in '89, may be older than President Raymond, of West Virginia, but he is certainly the youngest looking college president we have seen. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has 20 men, with 42 resident alumni. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has 13, with 10 alumni in town. $B \Theta \Pi$ has 16, and there are 18 Galesburg Betas. $\Pi B \Phi$ and $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ also have chapters. Knox is a great school for oratory. Gorsuch, $B \Theta \Pi$, won the northwestern inter-state contest this year. Bro. Adcock was Illinois delegate to that meeting. *A fac simile* of President Finley's telegram from Beloit is given: 'Gorsuch has entered the harbor of Manila and captured the city.' Bro. Blodgett was on the debating team and business manager of the *Student*. Bros. Lewis and Parkin were editor-in-chief and business manager respectively of the monthly. Bro. Brown heads the mandolin club. All three of the athletic managers are Phis. Bro. Holland is tennis champion. There are three Phis on the eleven and three on the nine, including the captain. In fact, the Y. M. C. A. is about the only college organization that does not seem to be in the hands of Illinois Delta. It ought to be the easiest thing in the world to run a successful chapter house at Knox.

Bro. W. G. Stephan is editor-in-chief of the *Case Differential*, and Bro. A. W. Diebold is business manager. $A K$ (local) has the only other two fraternity members of the board. Bros. Quarrie and Yost are president and secretary of '01, respectively, and Bro. Watson treasurer of '98. $Z \Psi$ has 8 members; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 19; $\Omega \Psi$ (local), 5; $A K$ (local), 14. $\Theta N E$ draws from all these but $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, who has a by-law against such membership. In the list of members from '00 appears ' $a \Theta N$ ' followed by a sign of inequality with the open end pointing to ' $a \Phi \Delta$.' It seems that when

copy was handed in the sign was reversed, but the last time proof was read it was changed as we find it, somewhat to the discomfiture of the $\Theta N E$'s. Bro. McDonald is on the *Integral* board. Six of the twelve members of the school senate are Phis, as are two of the four student members of the athletic executive committee. There are four Phis on the eleven, and Bro. Gifford is tennis champion. Bro. Gleason is chairman of the junior prom. committee. The musical clubs alone seem to lack Phis. The *Differential* is full of good pictures. One shows the sign 'SLOW,' which is suspended over the street car tracks in such a way as to make the Adelbert cupola a background. The Adelbert campus is next door, it will be remembered.

The *Kinetoscope* is dedicated to Bro. P. D. Pollock, *Georgia*, '85, president of Mercer, 'who has enshrined himself in the heart of every Mercer man by his never-failing courtesy and genial disposition, and whose indomitable energy and intelligent effort have compassed such lasting good for the institution.' Bros. F. S. Burney and B. M. Callaway are on the editorial board, each chapter having two representatives and the non-fraternity men four. Bro. Callaway is president of '98, and Bro. Burney orator, the Phis holding a good many class offices. In the sub-freshman class we notice men credited to $\Sigma A E$, ΣN , $K \Sigma$, $K A$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. We trust these men are only pledged. Bro. Callaway is president of the oratorical association. Mercer won the inter-collegiate oratorical medal in 1897, as she did this year, by the way. The chapters enroll: $\Sigma A E$, 15; $K A$, 21; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 22; $K \Sigma$, 16; $A T \Omega$, 12; ΣN , 21. The Phi chapter list includes Wooster and Illinois Wesleyan, whose charters were withdrawn in 1897. In athletics Georgia Gamma is strong; Bro. Turner is captain of the eleven and Bro. Ledbetter full back. Bro. Whitney is assistant manager of the eleven and manager of the nine, with Bro. Burney as assistant. Bro. Turner is manager of the track team. And Mercer stands high in athletics.

The non-fraternity man at Union is the exception, about 75 per cent. of the academic students being Greeks: $K A$, 10; $\Sigma \Phi$, 6; $\Delta \Phi$, 8; ΨY , 21; ΔY , 17; $X \Psi$, 16; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 14; $A \Delta \Phi$, 16; $B \Theta \Pi$, 15; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 16 (by far the best balanced chapter—4 in each class); $\Phi \Sigma K$ (medical department), 14. Of the 20 $\Theta N E$'s 4 are Phis. Of the 6 elected in 1897 to $\Sigma \Xi$ 3 were Phis. In the preparatory department is an academic fraternity, $\Pi \Phi$, which seems to feed $\Sigma \Phi$ and $X \Psi$, mostly. Besides the three $\Sigma \Xi$ keys, three commencement prizes out

of twelve went to New York Beta. Two men are on the track team, and Bro. Cullen is a student member of the advisory athletic board and vice-president of the state athletic union. There are no Phis on the papers, the nine or the eleven, but two are on the glee and mandolin clubs, and Bro. Hoyt is on the junior hop committee. Bro. Hornsby is a member of the *Garnet* board, and Bro. Griffith contributes a sketch of the annual, from which we learn that the editor-in-chief goes to the fraternities successively in order of establishment. The literary department is excellent, and we have an interesting picture of the famous campus idol, which the freshmen always paint in their class colors.

The *Syllabus* is published by the juniors of the college of liberal arts at Northwestern. Bro. Andrew Cooke is the Phi editor, he and Bro. Buntain being our only men in '99. Though Bro. Cooke is in charge of the department of fraternities, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is still required to yield her rightful position at the head of the list to a chapter established ten years later. How ΣX , with 18 men (only 2 seniors), came to return but 3 this fall seems hard to understand. $\Phi K \Sigma$'s fall from 7 to 4 is not so inexplicable. $B \Theta \Pi$ has a well balanced chapter of 18; $\Phi K \Psi$, 10; ΔY , 14; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 12; $\Delta T \Delta$, 17; $\Sigma A E$, 6; ΣN , 15. All the national sororities have chapters, besides $A X \Omega$ (musical), $Z \Phi H$ (oratorical) and $\Omega \Psi$ (inter-sorority). $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is represented in $\Phi B K$, $\Theta N E$ and *Deru* (senior). There are Phis in the debating clubs. Bro. McCaskey, in tennis, and Bro. Sturgeon, in the dashes, are the athletes. Bro. Buntain is in the junior play and chairman of the junior prom. committee. The Phis are not represented this year on the musical clubs, the nine or the eleven. The 'grinds' deal with the rules and regulations on social affairs, limiting the fraternities to one party a year each, closing at eleven o'clock.

The Alabama *Corolla* is dedicated 'to the choir invisible of the immortal dead, the sons of our *alma mater*, who laid down their lives in defense of their native land.' Bro. Pillars was editor-in-chief last year, and this year Bro. White is business manager, the editor-in-chief being a $\Delta K E$. Two classes have Phi presidents. Bro. Craig is on the *Crimson-White* staff. Several Phis belong to the literary society and three to the Y. M. C. A. The fraternities are: $\Delta K E$, 28; $\Sigma A E$, 23; ΣN , 18; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 13; $A T \Omega$, 17; $K A$, 7. Bro. Boyd is president of the law class, and in the medical class at Mobile we notice Dr. G. B. Thomas. The Phis have the managers of the nine and of the eleven as well as the

foot ball captain and the quarter back and a man on the nine. They are also strong in music and society. Our prominent athlete and society man is Bro. J. F. Black, who died while in the army this summer. A sketch is given of Bro. G. T. Bestor, who died in his senior year. Alabama has co-eds.—fourteen of them.

The Gettysburg yell, given at the first of the *Spectrum*, is eight lines in length and involves most of the attractive features of all up-to-date yells. Bro. Kain is a tutor in mathematics, the only Phi on the teaching staff. The number of students enrolled is 172 in the four classes, with 79 in preparatory, 49 in the seminary and 3 graduates; total, 313. $\Phi K \Psi$ has 11 men; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 13; ΣX , 13 (5 of them preps.); $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 9; $A T \Omega$, 10 (one prep.). Pennsylvania Beta is well represented in the literary societies and the Y. M. C. A., has three men on the glee club, none on the nine or the eleven, but a number of good tennis players. There are junior, two sophomore and freshman class fraternities. Bro. Beerits, on the *Spectrum* staff, is the only editorial Phi. The *Spectrum* will be a valuable book for the historian every year, it seems. A complete, revised list of the alumni, with addresses, is printed, and a full record of the 207 Gettysburg boys who fought in the civil war. There are some interesting pictures of the battle field of Gettysburg.

Amherst sends her *Olio* among the very first. Bro. Austin is our man on this year's board, Bro. Trefethen is permanent secretary of '98, and each of the other three classes has one or more Phi officers. Three prizes seem to have fallen to Phis, four $\Phi B K$ keys, and five out of ten places, including editor-in-chief, on the *Student* board. There are three Phis on the choir and three on the glee club, one being assistant leader. Bro. Sharp is on the banjo club and the mandolin club, and Bro. Baker also is on the latter. Bro. Griffin was chairman of the senior prom. committee. Two of the four directors and two members of the track team are ours. Bro. Whitney is captain of the eleven, and Bro. Fisher, freshman director of base ball. Bro. Wright is again 'college gymnast' and winner of the prize in heavy gymnastics. After the athletic lists follows appropriately a picture and description of Pratt Cottage, a new infirmary for injured or sick students. The chapters at Amherst are: $A \Delta \Phi$, 31; ΨY , 38; $\Delta K E$, 31; ΔY , 27; $X \Psi$, 22; $X \Phi$, 23; $B \Theta \Pi$, 30; $\Theta \Delta X$, 30; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 30; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 9 (of whom four were seniors); $\Phi K \Psi$, 35.

President Buckham, of Vermont, has been quoted recently by some sensational western papers as a bitter opponent of foot ball on account of its 'brutality.' We note from this year's *Ariel* none the less that a 'varsity team, with a Pennsylvania coach, is at last a reality. Bro. Forbes is quarter back, and other Phis are on the sub list and on the class teams. Base ball has always been a strong point with Vermont, and here Vermont Alpha keeps right up with the procession. Pictures of seven of the nine's captains are given, two being Phis. There are six in the dramatic club, six in the german club, two in the debating club (one is president). Two of the five Y. M. C. A. delegates to Northfield were Phis. There are three on the banjo club and four on the glee club. Two of the four captains in the battalion are Phis; there is a lieutenant and a sergeant-major, in addition to four or five other non-coms. Bro. Blair was on the junior prom. committee, and Bros. Patrick and Brooks on that of the military hop. Two freshmen had toasts at the banquet. Public exercises of any sort include at least one Phi speaker: Bro. Dunham was medical valedictorian and Bros. Dolen and Lincoln on the academic honor list. Bro. Dolen was a prize winner. Bro. Ray was president of '95, Bro. Andrews of '99, and Bro. Dodge of '01. The various chapters were: $\Sigma \Phi$, 16; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 25; A T Ω , 20; K Σ , 25; A Φ (now ΣN), 23, besides two locals enrolling 13 and 22, respectively. There are two sororities and three medical societies, besides $\Phi B K$.

The Colby *Oracle* opens the fraternity lists with 'Who Caught the Freshman?'

'I,' said the Deke,
'I had but to speak,
And I caught the freshman.'

'Wait,' said the Zete,
'You fished and cut bait,
But I caught the freshman.'

'Pooh!' said D. U.
'I caught the whole crew,
I caught the freshman.'

'Oh my!' said the Phi.
'That's all in your eye;
I caught the freshman.'

'Now,' said Alpha Tau,
'I'll never tell how,
But I caught the freshman.'

'Come off!' said the Neuter.
'Who wants to dispute yer?
Go west with your freshman!'

$\Delta K E$ has 26; $Z \Psi$, 22; ΔY , 27; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 21; A T Ω , 20. There is one stray ΨY and one $\Theta \Delta X$. The Barbarians number 15, there being but two left in '00 and in '99. The co-eds have two local societies. The Phis have the chairman and another member of the conference board, or senate. They have their share of class offices, of orators, debaters

and declaimers. Bro. Towne is full back on the eleven, and a number are on the track team. Bro. Brown is on the orchestra and manager of the glee club, which enrolls two other Phis. There are two in the banjo club. The Y. M. C. A. has a good many Phi members, and there are several editors. Bro. Towne was on the sophomore reception committee.

We find Bros. Updegraff, Cory and White in the faculty list that opens the *Savitar*. The only class office the Missouri Phis seem to have is the presidency of '99, engineering. Bro. Thompson is the sole literary society member, but the law club has two Phis. Bro. Broderick is captain of the nine. Bro. Dunlop is on the track team, and the battalion swarms with Phi officers, Bro. English being major and Bro. Switzler adjutant. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ heads the chapter lists with 21 men. She has 11 resident alumni. $\Sigma A E$ has 20 members; ΣN , 20; $B \Theta \Pi$, 16; $K A$, 18; ΣX , 17. $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ has two Phis, $\Theta N E$ has three, and the new senior society $Q E B H$ has two Phi charter members. Missouri Alpha is evidently a leader in society as well as in the military, and she has her athletic and literary 'stars' ready for any emergency. There are no Phis on this year's *Savitar* board, but Bro. Broderick has been chosen on the '00 staff.

Considerable interest naturally attaches to the *Cincinnati*. The university of Cincinnati is a subject with which recent readers of THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* are surely familiar. The new chapter there is pretty well known to most of us now, too. The annual is issued by the senior class, and a member of $\Sigma A E$ is editor-in-chief. All departments of the university are fully represented in faculty and class lists, and the total attendance for the year is given as 1,063. ΣX has seven members, all freshmen, the chapter having been rescued from destruction by a loyal alumnus last fall. $\Sigma A E$ has 17 men; $B \Theta \Pi$, 18. Each has from 10 to 20 men in the professional departments. $B \Theta \Pi$ is strongly represented on the faculty, and ΣX has three or four members. $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ and V. C. P. are the sororities. $\Gamma N \Sigma$ is credited with 11 members. There are chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ and $N \Sigma N$ in the professional departments. Bro. Kemper was on the eleven and track team. The sophomore eleven has four Phis. Bros. Kemper and McGill were on the glee club and Bro. Schlemmer on the mandolin club. Bro. McGill was on the students' executive committee. Bro. Kemper contributes a poem. There is a 'roast' on $\Gamma N \Sigma$, styling it the 'Buttermilk Club.' The calendar is more logically

styled the almanac. It seems that the faculty took steps to prevent the publication of 'roasts' on their august body, and that the publication of this issue was delayed by the seniors until after they had received their diplomas. Bro. Stovall is to be business manager of the next *Cincinnati*.

The preface to the *Mirage* contains a summary of the events in university history since De Pauw issued her last annual, two years ago. Bros. Stephenson and Priest are on the faculty, Bro. Priest being succeeded this fall by Bro. Walker. Each department has a special article, which, along with the preface seems intended for the outside reader, the prospective student or uninformed alumnus. The five sororities are given precedence in the chapter lists, being followed by B Θ Π, 19; Δ K E, 22; Φ Δ Θ, 26; Φ Γ Δ, 15; Φ K Ψ, 23; Σ X, 20; Δ T Δ, 8; Δ Y, 16; Σ N, 14. The Phis give 1877 as the year their chapter was established and fail also in their last circular letter to remember that Indiana Zeta dates from 1868. The chapter holds no class offices, but has president and treasurer of the athletic association and three of the nine directors. Bro. Roller is foot ball captain, and Bro. Ruick is on the nine. The Phis won three track events, too. De Pauw is greatly proud of her record in oratory; Knox alone can beat it. She has won eleven out of twenty-four state contests and has five times been victor in the inter state. The mandolin club is made up almost entirely of Phis, and the glee club seems to be largely in their hands. Among the charter members of the new Θ N E chapter we notice Bro. Elmer C. Henderson, *Westminster*, '93. Φ Δ Θ had two '98 men in Θ N E and one from '99. The organization is said to have a by-law excluding Φ K Ψ. Γ T Π is a feminine imitation of Θ N E.

The *Michigauensian* relapses from its '97 form of a well-behaved book to the conventional dimensions, this year. It has a prize story and poem and several contributions by outsiders, including a symposium on 'The College Graduate in Politics,' in which many public men participate. There are three Phis on the faculty: Bros. Taylor, Dixon and Abbott; two on the senior committees. Bro. Bleazby is treasurer of the sophomore class, Bro. Barr is vice-president of the oratorical association, Bro. Treadway is on the glee club, Bro. Pendill on the banjo club, and Bros. Hoover and Pendill on the mandolin club. The chapter does not seem to be cultivating athletics this year. The fraternities are: X Ψ, 19; A Δ Φ, 28; Δ K E, 18; Σ Φ, 20; Z Ψ, 20; Ψ Y, 35; B Θ Π, 21; Φ K Ψ, 22; Δ Y, 20; Δ T Δ, 10; Φ Δ Θ, 21; Σ A E, 22; Φ Δ X, 16;

ΣX , 23; $K \Sigma$, 19. Eight sororities flourish, and there are two law fraternities (two Phis being members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$), four medical, one pharmacial and two dental fraternities, besides the masonic club. Bro. Lowrie is a member of $N \Sigma N$. The managing editor of the *Michigancensian* is a member of $B \Theta \Pi$. H. S. Pingree, Jr., is a member of $A \Delta \Phi$ and Eugene Field, Jr., of $Z \Psi$.

California's *Blue and Gold*, as last year, is one of the leaders in artistic finish. A picture that serves as a sort of trade-mark and refrain at intervals is one of Kemble's bears prancing along with a book in one paw. Bro. McDuffie, who is this year business manager of the university daily and a recent initiate of Skull and Keys, is on the staff. A summary of students shows 2281 in the university, of whom 906 men and 659 women are at Berkeley and 716 in the professional schools in San Francisco. The fraternities are $Z \Psi$, 8; $X \Phi$, 17; $\Delta K E$, 21; $B \Theta \Pi$, 21; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ (who should stand second instead of fifth on the list), 18; ΣX , 8; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 13; ΣN , 21; $\Sigma A E$, 18, $X \Psi$, 14; $K A$, 12; ΔY , 23; $\Delta T \Delta$, 13. There are three sororities. $X \Phi$ seems to be strongest in Skull and Keys and $\Theta N E$. $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ has a chapter. Bro. Creed is editor-in-chief of the *Californian*, with two Phis on his staff, Bro. Brown being on the publication board. Bro. Smith, who will be remembered as delegate to the Indianapolis convention, is leader of the glee club and a member of the mandolin club. The chapter does not seem to cultivate athletics (save tennis), debate, military drill or the Y. M. C. A. Bro. Reinhardt, '97, seems to have been a soldier, however. Some fun is poked at the Phis for announcing a new house every spring and then failing to build. The regents with their plan for Greater California are not doing all the building in Berkeley, we are told. Clippings from San Francisco dailies of May, 1896, and 1897, follow. The first telling of a 'cozy little home' and the second of an 'imposing structure' of 'stone, finished in hard woods.' Two are added, the last for May, 1904, referring to a 'palace' of 'marble throughout' and a San Francisco sky-scraper, which is to be moved to Berkeley and 'modified into a club house.' California Alpha can afford to laugh at the joke with much comfort now.

The *Pandora* assures us on the title page that 'Tis better to be slandered than not to be noticed.' This volume is dedicated to a distinguished alumnus of Washington and Jefferson—Governor James A. Beaver. A new feature is 'critiques on advance sheets' by members of the faculty.

On the faculty are Bro. McClelland, professor of English and librarian, and Bro. Rule, tutor. The Phis have several class offices, manager of the musical clubs and four members, good representation in literary societies, dramatics and the Y. M. C. A. In athletics Bro. A. Eicher, Jr., now in Manila, seems to have been a star, being vice-president of the association, right end and captain-elect of the eleven and short stop on the nine. There are 227 men in the four college classes, and 76 preps. The fraternities have: B @ II, 15; Φ Γ Δ, 11; Δ T Δ, 14; Φ K Σ, 11 (two preps); Φ K Ψ, 13; Φ Δ @, 14; K Σ, 9 (two preps.). B @ II, lost four active members by the war, Δ T Δ and Φ K Ψ three each, and Φ Δ @ two, besides a West Point cadet. The college sent twenty-four under-graduates to the front.

The *Cornellian* is another delight to lovers of artistic volumes. It is dedicated to Prof. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, A Δ Φ, whose serial biography of Alexander the Great begins in this month's *Century*. There is a great deal of just jubilation over Cornell's aquatic victories throughout the book. The summary of students shows 1,790, besides 252 summer school and short course students, whom many universities are glad to count. The fraternities are: Z Ψ, 25; X Φ, 19; K A, 21; A Δ Φ, 22; Φ K Ψ, 22; X Ψ, 29; Δ Y, 24; Δ K E, 26; @ Δ X, 24; Φ Δ @, 30; B @ II, 21; Ψ Y, 27; A T Ω, 21; Φ Γ Δ, 24; Φ Σ K, 17; Δ T Δ, 22; Σ Φ, 21; Σ X, 21; Δ Φ, 11; K Σ, 22. There are four sororities and a law society, besides. The class or inter-fraternity fraternities are numerous. Bro. Wynne is in the Sphinx Head, Bro. Whiting in Quill and Dagger, Bros. Whiting and Wynne in the Mermaid, Bros. Whiting and Haskell in Thelima (Bro. Whiting being president), Bro. Short in the Mummy. Bros. Bassford, Ihlder and Zeller are in the fencing club. Bro. Wynne is leader of the glee club and Bro. Bassford of the banjo club. Bro. Whiting is also on the glee club. Bro. Ihlder is on the freshman crew. Bros. Dempsey, Hackett and Whiting are on the eleven, and Bro. Haskell is on the nine. Bro. Bassford was on the fencing team that beat Pennsylvania. Among the thirty or forty wearers of the 'varsity 'C' are seven Phis—a remarkable showing. There are three Phis on the faculty, one being president of the local chapter of Σ Ξ. Of the twelve members of '97 elected to Φ B K, nine are women.

Some may think that this is a profitless list of petty honors, dry and long drawn out. Other some will be glad to have the opportunity to compare chapter membership, lines

of special activity and many another valuable hint as to the real standing of the chapter and the college represented by the annual. We are under many obligations to our friends who have remembered THE SCROLL.. We bespeak a continuance of the kindness, and we assure the chapters that these records of their doings will be duly consigned to the fraternity library.

HUGH TH. MILLER.

INTER-FRATERNITY COURTESY.

Bro. Frank D. Swope has on several occasions rescued fraternity badges from pawnbrokers or from wearers who evidently had no right to them, and has restored them to their original owners or to the general officers of the fraternity concerned. Phi Kappa Psi was twice the recipient of courtesies of this nature at the hands of Brother Swope, and at the last convention tendered him a vote of thanks. Brother Swope's note of acknowledgment appears in the *Shield* of July 15, under the title 'Inter-Fraternity Courtesy.' It is followed by this editorial note:

Mr. Swope is a member of Phi Delta Theta, and on two occasions has performed little acts of inter-fraternity courtesy of marked interest to Phi Kappa Psi. In recognition of these services, the last Grand Arch Council passed a resolution thanking Mr. Swope for his interest and pains.

The *Key* of K K Γ gives Brother Swope's letter in full, remarking that Φ K Ψ 'has accomplished something absolutely original in fraternity history.' The letter follows:

MY DEAR MR. GRETZINGER—Permit me to thank you, and through you, Mr. Van Cleve and the Phi Kappa Psi convention, for the vote of thanks tendered me by your recent national convention, as noted in *The Shield*, for a copy of which I am also indebted to you. I appreciate the action of your Fraternity the more because it was so wholly unexpected by me, and because in my experience I do not recall another instance of the same sort. I am pleased also because such incidents as these mark the progress of inter-fraternity relations and a breaking away from the old spirit of malice that prevailed so largely when I was initiated into Phi Delta Theta Fraternity seventeen years ago. I recall that at that time there was an absurd report in circulation that our Fraternity had a negro chapter in the south. The report was, of course, without foundation, and, although promptly denied, continued for years to circulate in the Greek press, making its annual appearance during the active recruiting period. The circulation of this report was malicious, as you can see if you should have the opportunity to refer to the files of the fraternity publications of the early '80s, and note the abuse, insults, and epithets which the editors customarily hurled at each other.

Any incident of inter-fraternal spirit tending to better the feeling between fraternity rivals and to reduce the possibility of the recurrence of such unpleasant experiences as your fraternity and mine has had with chapters in the northwest, ought to be welcomed by all who have the best interests of the college fraternity at heart. The best fraternities all have a field of usefulness that is enhanced, in my opinion, by an honorable and dignified rivalry, with which the spirit of courtesy should not only be consistent but highly desirable.

Please remember me to Mr. Van Cleve, of whose long and valuable services in behalf of your Fraternity I am cognizant.

FRANK D. SWOPE.

Louisville, Ky., June 1, 1898.

J. H. OUTLAND, KANSAS, '97.

John Henry Outland, full back and captain of the University of Pennsylvania foot ball team of '98, was born at Hesper, Kansas, in 1875. He played right half back on the Kansas University team for one year. Upon entering Pennsylvania, in 1896, he played on the 'varsity 'scrub' his first year; he filled the position of tackle on the regular team in 1897 and is now full back and captain. Bro. Outland weighs 195 pounds, is 5 feet 10½ inches tall, is extremely popular with his team and, best of all, he is a loyal Phi.

J. H. R. A.

THE EUGENE FIELD FRANCIS WILSON KNEW.

'There were many Eugene Fields. Like the Apostle, he was all things to all men, and much to many. Curiously enough the Eugene Field of Julian Hawthorne was diametrically the opposite of George W. Cable's Eugene Field.'

This is the way Francis Wilson begins his little book of reminiscences on 'The Eugene Field I Knew.' He says that Field was wellnigh idolized in Chicago and could not be tempted to leave there.

'To "Bill Nye" he was an eccentric but charming companion, and James Whitcomb Riley, wondering at his versatility of talent, found Field "an isolated character running counter to any prior opinion that might have been formed of him." He was a terror to politicians, a Homer to the children, and different to, as well as from, everybody. He bore unique relations to each of his friends and acquaintances, as many of them have eloquently and affectionately testified.'

His sonorous voice, unconventional manners and magnetism made him the center of any group he chanced to mingle in. He attracted people as far removed as possible seemingly from the work in which he was engaged, and the



JOHN H. OUTLAND, KANSAS, '97.
Captain of the University of Pennsylvania Foot Ball Team.

consequence was that he made bibliomaniacs and collectors of a host of persons who had before felt no interest in literature. His devotion to his friends was beautiful. His chief recreation consisted chiefly in the task of illuminating poems and in writing dedicatory addresses in presentation copies of books which he gave away. He despised shams, ignorance, and pretension; but so winsome was his nature, so tender were his strains in praise of childhood, so convinced were people of his honesty and his civic pride, and so drawn were they to him by his magnetic power, that many of those whom he publicly ridiculed stood with bowed heads about his coffin.

Field was in happiest mood, says Mr. Wilson, while reading aloud to a friend some such production as the poems of 'The Sweet Singer of Michigan.' 'His dry, shy little chuckle (I never heard him laugh heartily) attracted you, if you were observing, while his criticisms were irresistible.' His 'Oh, isn't that lovely!' as he would crow and narrow his shoulders in delight, when he met some especially crude line, as

While on earth he done his duty,

was very mirth-compelling. Field was an inveterate practical joker, but his jokes seldom failed to endear their victims to him. They were pure wagery and most people felt complimented when made the butt of such jokes. Mr. Wilson says:

'He was one of the journalists who once accompanied Carl Schurz from St. Louis on a political campaign through Missouri. At one of their halting-places, the gentleman who was to introduce Mr. Schurz did not put in an appearance. It was suggested that Field make the introductory remarks. The audience was large and expectation ran high. Field puffed out his chest and, assuming a superdignified manner and a strong German accent, addressed the meeting as follows:

'Ladies and gentlemens, I have such a severe colt dot I can not make me a speedg to-night, but I haf die bleasure of to introduce to you my prilliant young chournalistic gompanion, Mr. Eucheene Fielt, who will speak in my blace.'

'With this Mr. Schurz was presented, it is said, in no very pleasant frame of mind. The explanation which followed caused uproarious laughter. One can but marvel at Field's temerity, for he was wholly unknown at the time.'

Mr. Wilson says Field had all the qualities of a successful actor, and, had his lot been cast with the players, he would have risen far above mediocrity. His powers of mimicry

were unsurpassed, and, as showing his wonderful versatility, we are told that for his friends of the cloth he wrote the most beautiful prayers and made charming paraphrases of the Psalms. He thought he always had to preach some little verses to get through Christmastide.

Despite all Eugene Field's practical jokes, he was more of a scholar than he got credit for. He was 'a hard sitter at books,' or, rather, a hard liar at them, for he did most of his reading in bed. Horace was his favorite. Few books, he thought, were written in vain, and he had no sympathy with the constant cry of overproduction. His library was a remarkable collection of books, many of them 'Fool Books,' as he called them, from which he got many quaint suggestions for copy for his newspaper work.

Here is Field's first verse, written in 1879, although he did not begin to write verse regularly till he was nearly forty:

I count my treasures o'er with care—
The little toy my darling knew;
A little sock of faded hue,
A little lock of golden hair.

which strongly suggests his later poem, 'Little Boy Blue.' It is too early to determine what place the evolution of our literature will assign to Eugene Field. It remains to be seen whether or not the books of quotations, those not always infallible tests of familiarity or popularity, while giving space to Paul Moore Jones, Ellen Sturgis Hooper, Eliza Cook, N. P. Willis, and Jefferson Davis, and denying it to John G. Saxe, Stephen A. Douglas, Henry Ward Beecher, William Edgar ('Bill') Nye, James Whitcomb Riley, and W. H. Gilbert, will find a quotable line in the works of Eugene Field.

As far as can be judged from a wholly popular point of view, Mr. Wilson thinks, 'A Little Book of Western Verse' will dwell longest of any of Field's writings in the hearts and minds of the multitude. But Field himself was not of this opinion. He thought 'Echoes from the Sabine Farm' set down for that distinction.—*The Literary Digest*.

A. E. WHITING, CORNELL, '98.

Captain Allen E. Whiting, better known to Cornellians as 'Mike' Whiting, was graduated from Cornell last June with the degree of LL. B. and has returned this year to take graduate work. His home is in Holyoke, Mass., where he prepared for Cornell at the Holyoke high school. Captain



ALLEN E. WHITING, CORNELL, '98.
Captain of the Cornell University Foot Ball Team.

Whiting is an illustration of what conscientious study of the game, persistence, pluck and enthusiasm can accomplish. As a freshman he aspired to foot ball honors but was unable to get a place on the 'varsity. The second year he met with no better success, but he stuck to the game, playing on the 'scrub.' His work the third year was better, and he was given an occasional chance on the 'varsity. Last year, due to the able coaching of 'Pop' Warner, Whiting developed from an ordinary player into a star. He improved every day in his work; his speed seemed to increase, and his dodging ability reminded one of the lamented Osgood. He closed the season with a brilliant record and was rewarded with the captaincy of the '98 'varsity. His playing this year has steadily improved, in spite of the captaincy; he has the confidence and good will of all players and candidates. Captain 'Mike' Whiting, the running half back, will long be remembered by Cornellians.

Raymond D. Starbuck comes from Glen Falls, N. Y., and is a brother of the famous Starbuck of Cornell's '94 team. His position is full back, and he makes an able side partner to Captain Whiting, giving New York Alpha a second star in this year's athletic galaxy.

K. E. W.

PHI DELTA THETA IN THE WAR WITH SPAIN.

(Continued.)

- Captain Charles S. Aldrich, *Iowa*, '95, Co. H, 49th Iowa, Jacksonville.
 Sergeant-major Mahlon F. Ivins, *Dickinson*, '01, 4th New Jersey, Sea Girt, N. J.
 First Sergeant Henry K. Wheeler, *Nebraska*, '97, 8th Cavalry U. S. A., Ft. Meade, S. D.
 Sergeant Louis R. Wright, *Minnesota*, '01, Co. L, 15th Minnesota, Middletown, Pa.
 Dr. F. S. McKinney, *Wooster*, '96, hospital corps, 8th Ohio, Santiago.
 Seaman A. H. Kessler, *Michigan*, '94, Michigan naval reserves, U. S. S. *Yosemite*.
 Private F. S. Angell, *C. C. N. Y.*, '90 (*Columbia*, '92), Troop C, New York Volunteer Cavalry, Porto Rico.
 Private Oscar W. Gorenflo, *Michigan*, '98 (*Lansing*, '97), 32d Michigan, Tampa.
 Private Benjamin A. Wright, *Virginia*, '97, Troop H, 1st Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Tampa.
 Private Edward L. Shinn, *Lombard*, '96, hospital corps, 6th Massachusetts, Porto Rico.



RAYMOND D. STARBUCK, '00.
Full Back on the Cornell University Eleven.

- Private Wellington Harlan, *Centre*, '93, 2d Kentucky, Chickamauga (died September 20, 1898).
- Private Harry S. Murphy, *Lombard*, '02, Co. C, 6th Illinois, Porto Rico (now ill with fever at home).
- Private Fred A. Hartung, *Allegheny*, '99, reserve ambulance Co., 7th corps, Jacksonville (recently ill at home with typhoid fever).
- Private Louis B. Bowker, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '01, hospital corps, 3d division, 7th corps, Jacksonville (at home recovering from typhoid fever).
- Private A. T. Day, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '00, hospital corps, U. S. A., Ft. Sheridan, Ill.
- Private C. D. Mead, *De Pauw*, '98, hospital corps, U. S. A.
- Private D. F. B. Shepp, *Lehigh*, '98, 8th Pennsylvania, Camp Meade, Pa.
- 'Shellman' Eric M. Lubeck, *Chicago*, '00, Chicago naval reserves, U. S. S. *Oregon*, Santiago.

DETAILS ABOUT CERTAIN PHI SOLDIERS—ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

G. B. Baskervill, *Vanderbilt*, '01, is in Co. E, 12th Infantry U. S. A.

Lee W. Branch, *Emory*, '91, was in Co. B, 3d Georgia, instead of Co. F.

B. D. Whedon, *Nebraska*, '99, who was mustered in as sergeant-major is now second lieutenant.

Mark Hutchins, *Washington and Lee*, '98, is a clerk in the commissary department at Anniston, Ala.

Major R. A. Barr, *Vanderbilt*, '92, surgeon of the 1st Tennessee, has been appointed division surgeon.

Bro. Eric M. Lubeck, *Chicago*, '00, was 'shellman' on the *Oregon* at the time of the destruction of Cervera's fleet.

R. W. Haggard, *Nebraska*, '98, sergeant Co. K, 2d Nebraska, has just recovered from a long siege of typhoid fever.

Lieut. James B. Kemper, *Cincinnati*, '00, is *en route* on the transport *Senator* for Manila to join his regiment, the 14th Infantry U. S. A.

A. K. Foot, *Tulane*, '96, was in Co. D, 3d Virginia, instead of 2d Virginia. He has resumed his work at the University of Virginia.

Besides Bros. Hinrichs, Bell, McCain and Scotten, already reported, Bro. B. K. Craig, of Alabama Alpha, has been appointed to West Point.

Jesse B. Williams, *Indianapolis*, '96, who was with the field hospital at Tampa, Fernandina and Huntsville, has been at home for some time sick with fever.

Ben X. Smith, *Knox*, '90, judge advocate with rank of major, was not at Manila but at Camp Gale, California, with the Utah artillery, at the close of the war.

Lieut. E. H. Agnew, *Kansas*, '97, of the 20th Kansas, Co. D, has been captain and right end of his regiment's foot ball team, which has played Stanford and California.

H. H. Haning, *Ohio*, '94, had not been mustered in at the close of the war and should be omitted from the list. His company was formed for the expected third call.

H. H. Potter, *Knox*, '01, and H. S. Murphy, *Lombard*, '02, who were with the 6th Illinois in Porto Rico, have returned to Galesburg. Bro. Murphy is quite ill with fever.

The company commanded by Capt. Jesse W. Clark, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '91, won first prize in the competitive drill of Kansas, Tennessee and Iowa companies at the Presidio.

Frank S. Angell was with Troop C of the New York Volunteer Cavalry during the Porto Rico campaign and took part in the battle of Coamo. He left a good law practice in New York to enlist.

L. A. Curtis, *Wisconsin*, '94, now second lieutenant of Co. I, 12th Infantry U. S. A., was a private in Co. G, 1st Wisconsin, instead of an officer. He is a son of Charles A. Curtis, captain U. S. A. (retired).

Dr. F. S. McKinney is praised in high terms by the *Pittsburgh Dispatch* for his efficient work at Santiago as a member of the hospital corps of the 8th Ohio. Over 500 men were under his care at one time.

Lieut. H. E. Gettier, *Gettysburg*, '93, who has been stationed at Jacksonville with the volunteer medical corps, has been made a member of the board of physicians examining the 2d U. S. V. I., preparatory to muster out.

The Phi soldiers in the 28th Kansas, the 51st Iowa and the 1st Tennessee are now well out on their long voyage to Manila. The Kansas men are on the *Indiana*, the Iowans on the *Pennsylvania*, and Major Barr, of the 1st Tennessee, is on the *Zelandia*. There are now sixteen Phis *en route* for the Philippines and twelve already on the ground, besides any who may not have been reported to THE SCROLL.

Wellington Harlan, *Centre*, '93, a nephew of Judge John M. Harlan, of the U. S. Supreme Court, was with the 2d Kentucky at Chickamauga until the first of September, when he fell ill with typhoid fever. He was taken home to Harrodsburg, Ky., where he died two weeks later.

At the 'semi-annual spread' of the Y. M. C. A. of the University of California, on the evening of October 26, the chief speaker was Bro. E. W. Hearne, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '94, first lieutenant in the 51st Iowa and now *en route* to Manila.

Bro. E. L. Shinn, *Lombard*, '96, has just returned from Porto Rico on a furlough, having been there in the hospital corps of the 6th Massachusetts since the day Gen. Miles landed. His address at present is 371 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass.

Gen. Henry V. N. Boynton, *A. M. I.*, '58, now in command at Chickamauga as senior brigadier-general, entertained the investigating commission on its recent visit there. Gen. Boynton has closed a deal for the transfer of Point Park, Lookout Mountain, to the Chickamauga Park commission, of which he is president.

Capt. Chas. S. Aldrich, of the 49th Iowa, is law partner at Marshalltown, Iowa, of his classmate, Graham W. Lawrence, *Iowa*, '95. Capt. Aldrich was graduated at Iowa in law in 1896. He this fall declined the Democratic nomination for congress from his district in order to remain with his company, which will go to Cuba with Fitzhugh Lee.

In the first issue of the *Nebraskan* this fall is given an interesting letter from Lieut. Phil. W. Russell, '98, to Chancellor MacLean. Bro. Russell was signal officer during the voyage to Manila and was consequently relieved of a good many less agreeable duties. On the night of August 3 his company moved into the entrenchments facing the Spanish lines. They worked all day in the rain and were attacked that night, but suffered no losses. The letter was written before the final assault was made, and Bro. Russell says 'We are ready for whatever turns up, only we want it quick; the delays are the hardest thing we have to put up with.' The following sentence is very characteristic of the lieutenant as we knew him: 'This sort of thing has all the interest of a foot ball game, but we miss the girls.' In an article on 'Greeks in Absentia' in the *Nebraskan*, a writer asks 'And who will take Phil Russell's place to set the social example for aspiring freshmen?'

Harrison Goff Kimball, *Pennsylvania*, '96, is the third Phi soldier whose death we have to record. He returned from Porto Rico with Battery A, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, early in September, suffering with typhoid fever. He seemed to improve for a while but had a relapse and died on October 13, at the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia. He was in his twenty-fourth year. Since his graduation he had been unusually successful for a young man as an architect, and when the war broke out he was making a name for himself as an illustrator for leading magazines.

F. A. Hartung, *Allegheny*, '99, enlisted in July in the hospital corps of the regular army. After spending a few days in the training school for nurses, at Washington city, he was assigned to the reserve ambulance company of the 7th corps, at Jacksonville. As sickness increased among the volunteers, in August, Bro. Hartung was detailed for duty in the 2d division hospital corps, where he held out against typhoid fever for a month. He was then furloughed and has been ill ever since at his home in Harmony, Pa. He was often with Bro. L. B. Bowker, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '01, who was counted one of the best men in his corps, which was largely made up of college men. The prominent part college fraternity men played in the war is shown by Bro. Hartung's remark that in his ambulance company were representatives of ten fraternities.

Colonel Frederick Funston, of the 20th Kansas, delayed his departure for Manila too long. He was forced to capitulate unconditionally on October 25 to one of the California belles. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, in Oakland, on the eve of the colonel's departure. Our new sister was Miss Eda Blankart, well known in musical circles in Oakland and San Francisco, one of the nicest and prettiest girls in Oakland, so we are sorrowfully informed by a civilian Phi who wonders why he could not have been a colonel. The following paragraphs are clipped from the *San Francisco Chronicle* of October 25:

Colonel Funston, the youngest commander of a regiment in all the armies of the United States, has been ordered to sail to-morrow afternoon on the *Indiana*. The wedding ceremony was to have been performed to-morrow night, but the hurried orders for embarkation of the troops compelled its hastening.

Since the departure for Manila of General King, Col. Funston has been in command of the second brigade of the independent division, and has received the commendation of all his superiors for his soldierly qualities. Not long ago General Miller sent a recommendation to the President that Funston be promoted to a brigadier-generalship.

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He is a graduate of the Kansas University, a member of the college fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, a traveler of the widest range, a writer and lecturer, and, in spite of his comparative youth, a soldier of great experience. For two years he served as an officer of artillery in the Cuban army, rising from the rank of captain to that of colonel, commanding the whole Cuban artillery. One step in his rise came about by the death of Major Osgood, the great foot ball player, who was killed by the Spaniards, and to whose rank Funston succeeded. Before his Cuban experience Funston nearly lost his life in Death Valley, and was among the first to shoot the White Horse rapids, three years before Dawson City was thought of.

The best man at the wedding will be Professor Vernon Lyman Kellogg, of the chair of entomology at Stanford University, an old classmate of Colonel Funston at college and a fraternity brother.

The short acquaintance of the young people attaches to their marriage an element of romance, as well as does the fact that they are so soon to be separated. Colonel Funston will be joined in Manila by his wife, who will take passage on the China steamer.

We learn from the *Chronicle* of the day following that Colonel Funston's wedding delayed the departure of the whole expedition twenty-four hours, as he was allowed leave of absence for that time, and the loading of the other transports depended on getting the Kansas troops out of the way. Mrs. Funston caught her last glimpse of the colonel from the deck of a tug, which followed the fleeting transport past the Presidio. She might have gone with him to the Philippines, but that duty to her father restrained her. He is traveling in the east and has not yet been informed of her sudden marriage. His daughter feared to pain him by exiling herself from America without his knowledge, and so bade farewell to her husband on the wharf just before the Indiana cast off her moorings.

Colonel Funston called out from the bridge to the Kausans who were bidding their sweethearts good-bye: 'Say what you have to say, men, and say it quick.'

Pretty Mrs. Funston laid a small hand on his shoulder and whispered a word or two. Funston called again, but in milder tones: 'You can take a little more time to say it.'

Colonel Funston, escorting some visitors to the gangplank, ordered a sailor guarding the entry to the ship to stand back. He was impudent, and the fiery Funston laid him low, which created a breeze of excitement.

EDITORIAL.

1848.

1898.

The Semi-Centennial Convention, Columbus, Ohio, November 21-26.

FIFTY YEARS ago, when those six men signed the Bond in Wilson's room at Old Miami, do you suppose that any one of them dreamed for a moment that this year would find ten thousand names following his own on the scroll that knows no end? As those students of Old Miami, a few months later, planted a chapter in the little school the state of Indiana was so proud to call its 'university,' who would have dared to say that Indiana Alpha would receive on her semi-centennial birth day the congratulations of more than three-score faithful sisters? Yet the men who founded Phi Delta Theta were not mere boys; they were mature in years and intellect. The Fraternity they planned was not for a day nor for the needs of a day. It was for college men then and now and hereafter. Its principles hold fast wherever Christian civilization goes. Phi Delta Theta is not narrow in mind or sympathies. She knew fifty years ago the spirit and possibilities of the great west. But she was too far-seeing, too hopeful, too great to shut herself up inside any wall of sectionalism or self-sufficient pride. She was not ashamed to correct her mistakes or to learn of others; nor was she afraid to lead the way. And now, after fifty years, with laurels crowned, hopeful still, wiser from wide experience, confident of her future, she comes home again to celebrate, in truest sense, Thanksgiving day.

OHIO PHIS will be there *en masse* when the gavel falls on Monday morning in Ohio's historic capitol. From Indiana, where the Phis outnumber every rival, from Pennsylvania, with her seven strong chapters, from Kentucky and Michigan and Illinois the number of visitors will be something to open the eyes of convention goers. Many who find it impossible to leave home or business for more than a few

hours are planning to attend the banquet, if no more. Every Phi from San Juan to Manila—and there are some very useful men in both those cities who were with us at Philadelphia two years ago—will be there in spirit, if not in memory. And every man who can should be there in body. Phi conventions come only once in two years, and the semi-centennial will never come again. Come for the week—from Sunday afternoon till Saturday night—or for a day or two. You will be more than welcome and more than glad you came.

THE CONVENTION is to blame for our appearance a fortnight ahead of schedule time. Still, we are able to present a very complete set of reports from the chapters as to their success in rushing and prospects for the year. At this writing the opening of Tulane and Mississippi is still ten days away, but each chapter promises us a good report and a delegate at the convention. As was foreshadowed in the last SCROLL, the attendance at the beginning of the year in all our chapters was slightly below the average—a condition of affairs not peculiar to Phi Delta Theta and one directly due in many cases to losses by enlistment. There has never been a more vigorous rushing season, however, and THE SCROLL 'takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity,' as our reporters are wont to say, three hundred men who have chosen to wear the sword and shield and to march under the argent and azure. The delegation from '02 is evidently a good one. Many of the men—more than usual, it would seem—are from Phi families. Most of them were won from numerous and powerful rivals. In all the chapters the lesson of securing a strong delegation of freshmen, a delegation that will more than offset the losses of the preceding year, seems to have been learned at last. We congratulate the new Phis on the wisdom of their choice: that recommends them to us strongly at the start. And we urge them to show their appreciation of the honor that is theirs by working now and henceforth for the chapter and the Fra-

ternity the year around. That is the way to develop intelligent enthusiasm and the only way to accomplish anything.

WHEN the convention of 1900 comes up for discussion, why not consider the advantages of a summer meeting? A convention at the sea shore, at Niagara, on the lakes, at Saratoga, has its drawbacks, to be sure. But are there not compensating features? The autumn convention is now a tradition so firmly established that it might be hard to change, but a discussion of the matter will do no harm. And where shall we go in 1900 if we decide that Thanksgiving week is the only proper time. St. Louis has been calling us now these seven years; New Orleans has been trying to dazzle us for almost as long; now the seventy Phis of Galesburg are taking up the tale, and Pittsburgh is making inquiries. It is hard to choose; may the best town win and every one of us be there when 1900 comes.

BUT, speaking of conventions, would not province conventions be better attended, especially in the west and south, if our provinces were more numerous and smaller? And would not a larger staff of province presidents be desirable for one reason, if not for many more? As it stands, we have as many members of the General Council as we have province presidents. Some of the latter find it necessary, from pressure of business or other reasons, to retire from active service at each convention; and the number of workers who have served their apprenticeship and served it well is not as large as it should be when it comes to choosing a new General Council. With smaller provinces closer attention could be paid to the individual chapters, and much more could be accomplished in house seeking and in organizing the alumni.

ON October 19, 1898, a charter for an alumni chapter was granted to applicants from Athens, Ohio. Bro. I. M. Foster seems to have been the leading spirit in the movement. The charter members of the new chapter are: F. C. Coul-

trap, '75, B. C. Vorhes, '77, H. E. Dickerson, '77, C. H. Welch, '78, J. M. Hyde, '81, G. L. Pake, '84, A. E. Price, '88, A. A. Atkinson, '91, Geo. De Camp, '92, J. C. Pickett, '93, H. H. Haning, '94, F. H. Super, '95, R. C. Super, '95, T. L. Young, '95, I. M. Foster, '95, S. L. McCune, '96, L. D. Posten, '96, F. H. McVay, '97, C. G. O'Brien, '98, W. K. Scott, '98, D. D. Tullis, '98, E. C. Merwin, '99, H. J. Herrold, '01. They are all members of Ohio Gamma. This is the first time that all the charter members of one of our alumni chapters have been from the same college chapter. Ohio Epsilon Alumni is our thirty-eighth alumni chapter, and Ohio is the first state to have five. By a happy coincidence, Ohio, who witnessed the birth of Phi Delta Theta in 1848, claims the last college chapter and the last alumni chapter established in 1898.

THE freshmen and seniors who staid at home, as well as those who went to war, have been winning laurels. The review of college annuals in this issue will say much to one who reads between the lines. Many of the boys who have studied and trained have been as anxious to work for the honor of the Fraternity as for their own. And they have no mothers at home whose pride in them and their success is greater than that of the boys in the chapter or of the boys in the other chapters, when they read about it in THE SCROLL. It does us all good this year, to read in San Francisco, Detroit or on the Gulf, on Sunday morning, how Outland, the day before, shook off the field and raced ninety yards to tie the score, or how Whiting and Starbuck broke the center and fell across the line—and won the game. And these are not the only Phi captains and stars among the athletes. Good, clean foot ball is good for the player and the college and for the student who shouts on the side lines. There are many other important things to be done at college, and the typical Phi knows his books as well as he does his mandolin and his base ball bat. Nay, he is not ashamed to say he knows something of the Book of Books. But when the foot ball season comes, out he comes; and

whether rushing down the field or looking on, he plays his part and plays it well.

AN interesting chapter of reminiscences that go back no farther than the memories of a good many of us who are now in the harness is given us in this number by Bro. Swope. The editor had, at the time, an opportunity to see what an incredible amount of endless labor was involved in that thankless task whose record is called the sixth edition of the catalogue. Some of us failed to realize the difficulties and disappointments that were wrapped up in that work, but some of us will remember while we live with real gratitude the patient industry and real heroism that this labor of love called forth.

ANOTHER interesting and valuable installment of 'Old Fraternity Records' is presented in this issue of THE SCROLL. The letters relate to the collegiate year of 1873-'74, a time when there was much activity in extending the Fraternity. Details are given about the establishment of chapters at Lafayette, California, Lansing, Virginia and Randolph-Macon; and many items of interest are related about the chapters at Cornell, Roanoke, Georgia, Emory, Mercer, Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster, Indiana, Wabash, Indianapolis, Hanover and Iowa Wesleyan. These items should be utilized in the preparation of chapter histories. The letters in this issue present to us the names of many Phis who were very active as general fraternity workers a quarter of a century ago, among them Search, Jamieson, Bates, Wilson, Evans, Thrasher, Carpenter, Bixby, Gaskill and Norris. The early '70's were the *renaissance* period in Phi Delta Theta's history, and noble work was done by those mentioned and others, the good effects of which continue to the present day. The National Grand Chapter was at Wooster from 1873 to 1878, and an example of its enterprise was the purchase of a printing press, on which was printed a pamphlet edition of songs in 1874, the type being set by Brothers Jamieson and Search,

and most of the songs being written by the latter. Only an incomplete copy of this pamphlet has yet been found, and Brother Palmer is very anxious to find a whole copy, that it may be described in the history of the Fraternity.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION.

As the approaching national meeting at Columbus will be the semi-centennial convention of Phi Delta Theta, it will occupy a memorable place in the history of the Fraternity. An outline of proposed legislation has appeared already in the last number of *The Palladium*. Perhaps the most important matter will be the report of the committee on revision of the constitution, copies of which have been submitted to chapters for examination and criticism. Only fundamental principles are included in the constitution, while regulations for the details of administration are embraced in a code. The report has been four years in preparation, and the committee have endeavored to make it as perfect as experience can suggest. It is highly desirable that Phi Delta Theta should begin its second half-century equipped with a thoroughly systematized body of laws.

Arrangements for the entertainment of delegates and visitors are complete, and the convention promises to be a very profitable one to the Fraternity, and a most enjoyable occasion for all who attend. Many alumni, representing classes from '49 down, are expected, and the reunion should be the largest Phi Delta Theta gathering ever held. Low railroad rates and special hotel rates have been secured. Phi everywhere are urged to help increase the attendance from their respective localities, by calling the attention of other members to the semi-centennial convention. Let none who can attend fail to participate in this historic event. Few of us will live until the centennial in 1948, hence all who can do so should take part in this convention, which will celebrate the triumphs of Phi Delta Theta during its first half century, and which, it is hoped and believed, will mark the beginning of even a more prosperous era.

WALTER B. PALMER, P. G. C.

Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The year at Dartmouth is opening with unusually bright prospects. The freshman class numbers 205—the largest in the history of the college.

The summer vacation has brought many changes and improvements. Richardson Hall, the new brick and stone dormitory, is completed; the Wilder physical laboratory will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks, and a central plant will supply heat to eleven of the largest college buildings.

Bros. Carr, '98, Mitchell, '98, and Turner, '98, are our volunteers to the war and are still in service in Porto Rico. We lost five more brothers by graduation, as well as Bro. Leach, '01, who has entered Harvard, and Bro. Ladd, '01, who has improved a business opening.

Bro. Bailey, '97, has returned from the war to resume his graduate work in geology, and Bros. Bacon, '97, and Rogers, '98, are taking graduate courses in physics and political science, respectively. We are glad to welcome Bro. Dixon, *Michigan*, '91, as assistant professor in economic history.

In the spring term Bro. Rogers, '98, won the Grimes prize in English composition; Bro. McCartin, '01, covered second base on the 'varsity with a fielding average of 1,000, and Bro. Chase, '99, was a member of the Dartmouth-Williams debating team.

Bro. Musgrove, '99, has been elected managing editor of *The Dartmouth*, and Bro. Graham, '99, has the same position in connection with *The Dartmouth Literary Monthly*. Bro. Wood, '01, is also a member of the *Dartmouth* editorial staff, and Bro. Salinger, '01, has been elected assistant business manager to assume duties as manager next year. Bro. Rich, '00, has been elected manager of the athletic team for his senior year. Bro. Thayer, '01, represents us on the glee club, and Bro. Graham, '99, on the mandolin club.

According to the custom in vogue among the Dartmouth fraternities, 'chinning' freshmen begins the sixth week of the term, when two days are devoted to it; after which, pledging is allowable. This system, for obvious reasons, gives much better satisfaction than the method ordinarily pursued, and as usual $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ comes from the fray with ten new men, our selection from the class. They are G. H. Abbott, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; K. Archibald, Brockton, Mass.; K. Banning, Walpole, N. H.; C. C. Fullington, Johnson, Vt.; H. W. McKinnon, Bellows Falls, Vt.; R. S. Merrill, Shelburne Falls, Mass.; C. D. Mooney, Newport, N. H.; R. E. Paine, Winchester, Mass.; W. L. Rice, Boothbay Harbor, Me.; A. P. Stanley, Bolster's Mills, Me. We expect to initiate our new members on November 15, and look forward to a year which will add to the strength of New Hampshire Alpha.

Hanover, October 29, 1898.

Yours in the Bond,
CHARLES P. GRAHAM.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

The college year, beginning September 22, has been divided into two semesters. Two new courses in English have been introduced into the curriculum, and the two previously required senior courses have been made optional. To the department of English Mr. Maxcy, and to the department of mathematics Dr. Hardy have been added, besides Dr. Mendenhall, first assistant in physics; Dr. Walworth, first assistant in chemistry; and Mr. Buddington and Mr. Scott, first and second assistants in biology.

Of the class of '98 Bro. Fifer was made class day president, while Bro. Waterman completed a successful year as manager of the athletic team and Bro. Graff, as captain of his class base ball team.

All the active members of the chapter have returned with the exception of Bros. Bates and Danforth, and we have been very successful in securing a good delegation of new men: Dwight W. Marvin, '01, Troy, N. Y.; Joseph B. Ely, '02, Westfield, Mass.; William H. Stanley, '02, New York City; Frederick P. Wilbur, '02, Skaneateles, N. Y.; and Frederick B. Wills, '02, Auburn, N. Y.

In athletics we are represented by Bros. Stoddard (assistant manager of the athletic team), Morrison (class base ball team), F. Squires (track team), Meade (class base ball and foot ball teams) and Wilbur (college second eleven and class eleven). On the musical clubs are Bro. Fitts, who is still leader of the banjo club, Bros. Brown, Marvin, Ely and Wills. Bro. Stoddard was treasurer of the sophomore prom. committee, and he and Bro. L. Squires are on the editorial board of the *Weekly*. Bro. Fitts was also elected to Gargoyle, and Bro. Vary was a member of the junior class supper committee.

Our house has been much improved by extensive repairs during the summer, and we have begun the year exceedingly well equipped.

Cordially yours in the Bond,

Williamstown, October 29, 1898.

GEORGE H. ANSLEY.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

The year at Amherst thus far has been characterized by an unusual activity along all lines. Foot ball received an impetus at the first of the season, and from the material at hand a good team is being developed. Neither of the tri-collegiate championship games with Dartmouth or Williams has as yet been played, and the result of the series is greatly in doubt. Confidence is felt, however, that Amherst will make a stronger fight for the championship than for several years. We have been represented on the gridiron this year by Bros. Whitney and King, '99, and Bro. Gladwin, '01.

The fall athletic meet participated in by the three lower classes was won this year by the sophomores. Bro. Klaer, '00, won 17 points; Bro. Gladwin, '01, 14; Bro. Couch, '01, 6; Bro. Wiggins, '01, 6; Bro. Crary, '01, 1; Bro. Herrick, '02, 7; Bro. Phillips, '02, 6.

Our eleventh initiation and banquet was held October 14. This chapter takes pleasure in introducing the following new Phis, all from the class of '02: Frank Lewis Briggs, Attleboro, Mass.; Ralph Prindall Cunningham, Gloucester, Mass.; Arthur Wilson Dennen, Gloucester, Mass.; Louis Rowell Herrick, Westfield, Mass.; Howard William Irwin, Northampton, Mass.; David Homer Keedy, Keedysville, Md.; Samuel Bowles King, Winnetka, Ill.; Walter Cogswell King, Gloucester, Mass.; Nathan Carleton Phillips, Gloucester, Mass.; Robert Stanley Phillips, Amherst, Mass.; Charles Blanchard Thompson, Attleboro, Mass.; Wilmot Vivian Trevoay, Gloucester, Mass.

At the senior class elections recently held, Bro. Marriott was chosen secretary; Bro. Whitney, ivy orator; Bro. Brooks, prophet-on-prophet; Bro. Austin, a member of the committee-on-committees.

We are represented on the glee club this year by Bros. Smith, '99, Brooks, '99, Irwin, '02. On the mandolin club we have Bros. Sharp, '99, Baker, '01, and Irwin, '02.

Thus Massachusetts Beta, with thirty-two attendant members, begins a year which promises to be prosperous and successful.

Yours in the Bond,

Amherst, November 1, 1898.

DEWEY H. HURD.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

New York Alpha takes pleasure in introducing Bros. G. T. Ballard, W. B. Kugler and T. W. Reed. It was with reluctance that we gave up our worthy '98 delegation, but our three new brothers, all of 1902, will prove themselves equally worthy to wear the sword and shield of Phi Delta Theta. At the time of this writing New York Alpha has two pledged men, who will be able to give the grip in a short time. We are also pleased to announce the affiliation of Bro. J. H. Stevens, '01, of Massachusetts Beta. Bro. E. C. Zeller, '99, has been elected delegate to the Columbus convention, and C. W. Coit, '00, will act as alternate for New York Alpha.

We are pained to announce the death of the father of Bro. R. D. Starbuck, '00. We are sure that all Phis will mourn the loss that has befallen Bro. Starbuck and New York Alpha.

In athletics our chapter bids fair to eclipse the record made last year. Under the able captaincy of Bro. A. E. Whiting, LL. B., '98, better known to Cornellians as 'Mike' Whiting, the running half-back, our varsity foot ball team is meeting with a most successful season. So far Captain Whiting and his men have met with but one defeat, that being the game lost to Princeton by the close score of 6-0. Bro. Whiting has many victories dangling from his belt, including the scalp of the Carlisle Indians, which was taken in a fierce game to the tune of 23-6. Bro. R. D. Starbuck, '00, at full-back makes an able side partner to Captain Whiting, and the plunges 'Bucky' makes through an opposing line are something that Cornell and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ may feel proud of. Bro. Short, '00, is also doing good work on the second 'varsity. It will be interesting to note the outcome of the Pennsylvania-Cornell game, when 'Penn,' under the leadership of Bro. Outland, will battle with Bro. Whiting and his band of Ithacan warriors for supremacy. We warn Bro. Outland and his band that they will meet worthy rivals.

The fall base ball game between the freshman and sophomore teams was won by '02. Bro. Stevens, '01, and Bro. Reed, '02, took part on the opposing teams. The fall track meet between the two lower classes was easily won by '01, under the captaincy of Bro. Kinsey, '01.

On the musical clubs $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ still holds her own, being represented by Bros. Whiting, Wynne and Morrison. Bro. Morrison, '01, has also a place on the dramatic club, while Bro. Iilder is doing good work as an editor of the Cornell *Sun*. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has been honored with the presidency of two of the classes. Bro. Coit has been elected president of the junior class, and Bro. McBride holds the same office in the sophomore class. Bro. Coit, '00, has also been elected assistant commodore of the Cornell navy.

We regret to say that Bro. Bassford, '98, who was with us a short

time this year, has left to accept a position with the New York Central R. R. The war with Spain is over, and many have been relieved of their positions, but Bro. Thomson, '98, through his efficient work in inspecting light ordnance at Elmira, N. Y., still holds his position as assistant engineer, U. S. N.

At the time of this writing New York Alpha has twenty-two initiated and two pledged men. The prospects for a successful year are exceedingly bright.

Ithaca, October 31, 1898.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

KELTON EWING WHITE.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION UNIVERSITY.

New York Beta began the present year with twelve men—three seniors, five juniors and four sophomores. Bro. D. J. Hoyt, '99, entered the medical department of the university, at Albany, this fall but will return in the spring term and be graduated with his class. Bro. Willis, ex-'97, who has been employed as an engineer on the Erie canal for the past three years, returned to college and will complete his course with the class of '00. Bro. Gayetty, ex-'98, who left at the end of last fall term, to accept a position on the canal, will return in the winter term to take his degree.

The beginning of the rushing season found us situated in our house at 4 University Place, with all old members back but one and some alumni to help in the work of gathering desirable freshmen into the fold. Dickinson E. Griffith, a brother of Bro. Chas. D. Griffith, '98, and Gilbert S. Woolworth, both of Watertown, N. Y., who were pledged last year, came to college with a good degree of Phi spirit to start with and proved of considerable value in the work among their classmates. Wm. G. Keens and Walter E. Hays, of Albany, soon saw the desirability of becoming Phis at Union. They were followed a little later by J. Howard Mackey, of Stamford, N. Y. On October thirtieth, these five men were initiated into the mysteries and pleasures of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The ceremony was attended by several visiting Phis: Bro. Waygood, of Lafayette, pastor of the East Ave. Presbyterian church of this city; Bros. Van Gelder, *Brown*, '97, and Ingram, *Ohio State*, '97, of the General Electric Works; and Bro. Gayetty, ex-'98, of Baldwinsville, N. Y. After the ceremony, a spread was served at the house, and the evening concluded with a very pleasant social time among the brothers.

Although we have already exceeded our usual quota of four men, the prospects are extremely good that one or two more names may be added to the chapter roll in the near future.

Of the seventeen men now attending college, fourteen of us are rooming in the house, enjoying the intimate association with our brothers which life in a fraternity house alone can afford.

Yours in the Bond,

Schenectady, October 31, 1898.

J. D. EDWARDS.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

New York Delta and New York Alpha Alumni are now comfortably housed in eight rooms at 444 Manhattan Avenue. The lack of rooms hindered the activity of the chapter at the beginning, but delay has only meant accumulation of energy for the year's campaign. Two men have been pledged and several more are under consideration. We also expect to affiliate Bro. R. T. Byers, *Habash*, '98, and Bro. Walter

A. Johnson, *Lombard*, in the near future. When all the Phis who are expected to return to the university arrive, we will begin the year with seventeen undergraduate members, excluding men to be initiated.

About a month ago Bro. Henry W. Egner, '98, law, held a reunion of New York Delta at his home in Newark, N. J. The following brothers were present: Harry M. Hewitt, '96, Henry W. Egner, '98, Stalla Vinton, '00, law, Frank S. Hackett, '99, college, Otto H. Hinck, '99, college, and Bernard M. L. Ernst, '99, college. A spread, singing Phi Delta Theta songs and conversation were the order of the evening.

Bro. Hackett has been elected president of the senior class, and Bro. Ernst the business manager of the *Columbia Literary Monthly*.

Bro. Hackett has been elected delegate to the convention, with Bro. Ernst as alternate.

Bro. Hinck, '99, is playing magnificent tennis in the college tournament and bids fair to win the cup.

The cry now is 'On to Columbus,' and all Phis look forward with great pleasure to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of our glorious Fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,

New York, October 28, 1898.

BERNARD M. L. ERNST.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Syracuse University opens this year with the largest enrollment in its history. The faculty has been strengthened by the addition of a number of efficient professors and competent instructors. A new physics hall costing \$80,000 is being completed and will soon be turned over to the department. Liberal gifts have been received from friends for the purchase of biological and other apparatus. The law school is housed in the magnificent university block, which cost about half a million dollars.

New York Epsilon returns with twenty men. Bros. Hutchinson and Simpson, '01, King, '00, and Brother Voorhees are the only undergraduates who do not return. Bro. Hutchinson will teach for a year, Bro. Simpson has gone into business, and Bro. King is continuing his course at the Auburn Theological Seminary. Bros. Waffle and Cregg have returned after a short absence.

Bros. Larkin, M. D., '97, and Shipman, M. D., '98, are taking graduate work in Germany. Bro. Fred Housinger, M. D., '98, won the position of house physician in one of our leading city hospitals last June in a competitive examination. Bro. Fred Schenck, '98, is practicing law, and Bro. John Plant, '98, medicine, in this city.

We have just received the sad news of the death of Bro. C. F. Bates, '98, at Savannah, N. Y. The death of this brother is particularly distressing; he had only a few weeks ago come into possession of a snug fortune and was on the eve of a happy marriage.

New York Epsilon is prominent, as usual, in college matters, particularly in athletics. Bros. Dolph and Burnham are on the glee club; Bro. Kelly is captain of the 'varsity base ball team; other members are Bro. Gregory, catcher, and Bros. Lipps and Low. Bro. Cregg is on the foot ball team, and Bros. Lipps and Gordon are active substitutes. Bros. Gordon and Scrafford, both new men, are promising candidates for the track team.

The rushing season was short and not particularly exciting. Our new delegation, of which we are justly proud, is composed of men whose zeal, integrity and earnestness will be of inestimable value to us. Our initiates are as follows: Avery A. Gannett, Belleville, class-

ical; Charles F. Walter, Middlesex, philosophical; Bert H. Shepard, Richfield Spa, electrical engineering; Charles J. Clark, Hyde Park, civil engineering; Robert Gordon, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, electrical engineering; Justus M. Scrafford, Utica, architectural; C. Harold Stow, Deposit, civil engineering; W. Corey Albertson, Southold, L. I., law; Raymond L. Skinner, Deposit, law. We expect to pledge several other good men before the term is over.

We are comfortably quartered in our elegant new home in Fraternity Row. We have accommodations for twenty-two men, and hope to be able to provide for more soon. We contemplate finishing a chapter hall on the fourth floor with a seating capacity of seventy-five or more.

The future of New York Epsilon is very bright indeed. With the enthusiasm of the new members combined with the experience and energy of the old ones, we trust that our chapter will make a progress eminently gratifying even to the most sanguine.

Yours in the Bond,

Syracuse, October 31, 1898.

ALLEN DUNCAN BURNHAM.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

During the vacation the town members worked ardently in renovating the chapter abode, and in consequence we now have four rooms which vie with each other in their cheerful and inviting appearance. Our rooms are located in the most prominent part of the city. Inspired by the results obtained by the town men, the other members added their efforts, and the result is that our rooms have had a very strong influence upon the new men.

Since the beginning of the term we have initiated Brothers Edmund S. Tillinghast, '00; William C. Isett, '01; Clarence H. Van Allen, Winfield Roper and John A. Wenrick, of '02. We also take great pleasure in announcing that we have pledged Morris Rosenbaum and Thomas Wilson, '01, and J. H. Boal, '02.

With extreme pride we note the frequent mention our Brother Richard Holmes is receiving from the newspapers for his conspicuous bravery at Manila. The appearance of his picture in the October number of THE SCROLL was a delightful surprise to all of us, and we all long for the day when we can grasp him by the hand once more and tell him how proud we are of him.

The outlook of the foot ball team, although at first not very promising, appears now more encouraging. With only two men back of last year's eleven the coach and captain had to work hard to develop a new team. There was plenty of material to draw on from the incoming class, so all fears proved groundless. It is true the team does not abound in individual stars nor has it such a strong line as last year, but what it thus lacks is made up by quick, snappy team work. Brothers Bray, Pierce and Rosenberger represent us on the gridiron. Brother Pierce played a very spirited game until forced out by an injury to his knee. Brother Bray as full back, by his long low kicks, has saved several games already. Brother Rosenberger's plucky work has rendered him invaluable.

At the close of last term we celebrated our year's work with an informal banquet, which proved a great social success. Several of our alumni were with us and enlivened the evening with college reminiscences and timely remarks.

Yours in the Bond,

Easton, October 25, 1898.

GEORGE W. HAGNEY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Since writing our last letter we have initiated Percival S. Heintzelman, '01, of Fayetteville, Pa., whom I take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity. It also gives us pleasure to introduce Mr. E. B. Hay, '03, of Red Hook, N. Y., as pledged. With Mr. Floto, mentioned in our previous letter, we now have two pledged out of the class of '03. All these men are very popular among the students, Mr. Hay being president of his class. We still have one or two freshmen in view and hope to see success soon crown our efforts.

Since last issue of THE SCROLL Bros. Krafft and Ott, two loyal Phis, have returned to the theological seminary at this place. We were greatly disappointed in not having Bro. Friday return to the same place, he having entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

The foot ball season is now at its height. Through the efficient coaching of Mr. H. C. Johnson, a former member of the U. of P. team, a team has been formed which, considering the new material that had to be developed, is putting up a game that compares favorably with that of our rivals. Perhaps the game that aroused the greatest enthusiasm thus far was the one between Gettysburg and the University of Maryland. The result was a tie, neither side scoring. During the early part of the season efforts were made to resume athletic contests with our neighboring college, Dickinson. It is probable that they will be successful, and that a game may yet be arranged between the two colleges.

Bro. Beerits, who was elected as base ball manager for the season of '99, owing to an increased amount of extra work, resigned from that office recently. He retained the office of president of the athletic association, however.

In our last letter some little description was given of our proposed chapter house. It is indeed fast becoming a reality. During the past month work has progressed so rapidly that by the time of issue of this number of THE SCROLL, the house will doubtless be under roof. The contract calls for the completion of the house by January 1. We have already heard many favorable comments, which give us reason to believe that the house will surpass any already on the campus. A furnishing committee has already been appointed, so that by the opening of next term, everything may be in readiness for immediate occupation.

Never within the memory of the oldest attendant member, did the members of the chapter evince a greater degree of fraternal spirit than at the present time. The chapter house is the cause of a large part of this no doubt.

The college musical clubs this year promise to outstrip those of former years. An instructor has been secured for the instrumental clubs, while the glee club is also doing excellent work under an efficient leader. Bro. Huber, '01, represents us on the mandolin club.

The chapter was very agreeably surprised on October 17 by receiving a short visit from some of the Dickinson chapter. T. M. West, I. M. Wertz, W. V. Mallalieu, E. R. Stevenson, C. S. Kline and R. S. Loose composed the party. We trust we may have the pleasure of meeting our Pennsylvania Epsilon brothers soon again. The chapter was greatly pleased with a visit of Bro. E. D. Soper, *Dickinson*, '98, who recently spent a short time at the college in the interests of the Y. M. C. A., of which he is state college secretary.

Perhaps the latest organization that has made its appearance at Gettysburg College is the dramatic club, better known as the 'Roister

Doister' club. For some time efforts have been made in this direction, but not until this fall have they been successful. Their main object is to promote literary work along this line, which seems to have been neglected. The membership is confined to members of either of the literary societies.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL, besides those already mentioned, we have had the pleasure of having with us Bros. Bell, '78, Trump, '78, Hoshour, '85, Kain, '97, Welsh, *Lchigh*, '01, and Wright, *Minnesota*, '01, who is at present a member of one of the Minnesota regiments stationed at Camp Meade. We regret to learn that Bro. Henderson, who for some time has represented the firm of D. L. Auld, will not be able to meet us as frequently as heretofore.

Pennsylvania Beta's latch string is always out, and we wish all Phis visiting Gettysburg to feel free to call upon us.

Yours in the Bond,

Gettysburg, October 31, 1898.

HIRAM H. KELLER.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Gamma has made a very favorable beginning this year. We had only seven members to start with, but they were very active and enthusiastic. As a result we have six new Phis added to our roll. We take great pleasure in introducing Bros. Carl L. W. Core, '00, Washington, Pa.; Guy Burchfield, '00, Titusville, Pa.; John Gibson, '02, Washington, Pa.; Andrew E. Slone, '02, Washington, Pa.; Paul L. Woods, '02, Washington, Pa. and Frank Bungarner, '02, Hillsboro, Pa. Bro. Burchfield is a junior and was prepared at home by a private tutor. Bro. Core is one of our best foot ball players. He plays end, and his brother, who had but recently been honorably discharged from the volunteer army at Camp Meade, is playing guard.

We have an excellent foot ball team this year, although our chances were very poor at the beginning of the season. Our team has been greatly strengthened by Collins, who played on the Adelbert team last year. Many new players entered W. and J. this year and are doing well.

Mr. W. R. Thompson, of Pittsburgh, has made several valuable gifts to the college. First Mr. Thompson presented a collection of models for the study of human and comparative anatomy, purchased in Paris. Recently he gave a valuable collection of statuary, also purchased abroad.

The Phi Gamma Delta convention, which was held at Pittsburgh, held one session here. There were eighty-eight Phi Gams here, and they held their meeting in chapel.

On October 10, the freshman class wore their colors, red and white, to chapel. This was the cause of one of the greatest class fights ever had at W. and J. It has been the custom to have color rushes in the corridors, but when the respective classes came from their rooms they found Dr. Moffat pacing the halls. Each class stood lined up, prepared for the attack, but neither soph or freshie had the courage to make a rush with Dr. Moffat looking on. Finally the freshmen started for the campus, and the sophomores followed them. They fought for twenty minutes when one of the professors called time, to the relief of both sides.

Yours in the Bond,

Washington, October 29, 1898.

WILLIAM CLYDE GRUBBS.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The fall term of Allegheny College opened September 20. The enrollment of new students this year is about the same as last; but an unusually large number of old students did not return.

Several changes have been made in the personnel of the faculty. The chair of history and politics, left vacant by the resignation of Dr. J. W. Perrin, is filled by Prof. E. A. Smith, a recent graduate of Johns Hopkins. A class of English has been established and is filled by Prof. A. K. Munroe, of Pennsylvania State College. Dr. E. L. Rice has accepted a chair at Ohio Wesleyan, his place as head of the biological department being filled by Prof. Martin Smallwood. Bro. Clarence F. Ross is away on leave of absence to pursue his studies at the University of Chicago, the principalship of the preparatory department being temporarily assumed by Prof. Morey. Bro. H. H. Wright, *Amherst*, '98, is physical director.

The year is inaugurated by a new set of rules, restricting the number of fraternity functions to one a term, at which no dancing is to be allowed. Each student is also required to pledge himself to have nothing to do with Θ N E or other similar organizations.

The chapter began the term with twelve men. We expect to have with us in the winter term Bros. Stillson and Moore, '01; and in the spring Bro. Soult, '99.

Of our graduates last year, Bro. J. V. Wright has entered Drew Theological Seminary; Bro. W. J. Lowstuter is preaching in Vanderbilt, Pa.; Bro. Weyand is city missionary in Pittsburgh. Bro. F. G. Moorhead, '00, is studying law at Northwestern. Bro. O. S. Hoffman, '01, is attending Beaver College. Bro. Douglas is at his home in Grove City. Bro. Wilkenson has been obliged to give up work temporarily on account of his eyes, but expects to return in January.

There is a remarkable scarcity of fraternity material this year, but Pennsylvania Delta is getting her share, as usual. We have already initiated one man, Bro. Roger H. Motten, '02, of Erie, Pa., whom we take pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity; and we have three pledged, whom we trust to be able to introduce before long.

The chapter enjoyed a visit from Bro. Arthur Staples, '94, president of Beaver College, who attended the meeting of Methodist college presidents held here last week. Bro. J. R. Wright, '88, also made us a brief call.

The college foot ball team is in better shape this year than ever before. Bro. Byers is again playing quarter back, and Bro. Wolstoncroft plays left half. Both men have received warm commendation for their work in the press reports.

Bro. Casteel is assistant in the biological laboratory; and Bro. Wolstoncroft is assistant in the gymnasium. Bro. Motten is historian of his class. Bro. Couse is editor-in-chief of the *Campus*, Bro. Phillips being associate and Bro. Casteel alumni editor. We have four men in the glee club this year: Bros. Swearer, Masters, Phillips and Weatherly (accompanist). Bro. Swearer has been elected manager. Bro. Swisher is president of the Philo-Franklin literary society and of the college Y. M. C. A. Bro. Wilkinson is editor-in-chief of the annual, and Bro. Stolzenbach is associate editor.

Yours in the Bond,

Meadville, October 31, 1898.

EDWIN S. OAKES.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Though we returned but sixteen men this year, we opened the rushing season with all our old time ardor and enthusiasm. As a result we have initiated four excellent men and have several others under consideration. We take pleasure, therefore, in introducing Dean Hoffman, Millersburg, Pa.; William A. Ganoe, Williamsport, Pa.; Patrick Donley, Waynesburg, Pa.; Frank S. Ullom, Waynesburg, Pa. Bro. Kriebel, '98, who has secured an honorable discharge from the army, was with us during part of the rushing season, and rendered valuable service. Bro. Wintersteen, ex-'99, also spent a few days with the boys, and Bros. Stonesifer and Soper, '98, have visited us recently.

Our chapter house is progressing steadily, the timbers of the first floor having been laid; when completed it will be among the best equipped and handsomest buildings of the kind in the state.

Bros. Smith, '00, and Branthaver, '01, will not return. Bro. Hubler, '98, is in the law school and will affiliate with us.

Of our last year's class Bros. Bowman, Stonesifer and Adams are engaged in ministerial labor. Bro. Souders is traveling for Dodd, Mead and Co., of Philadelphia. Bro. Kriebel has returned to his home in Philadelphia, where he expects to enter upon the study of law. Bro. Soper now occupies the position of secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pennsylvania. Bro. Davidson has entered Drew Theological Seminary.

At commencement we had as usual our share of honors. Bros. McNeal, Soper and Davidson were elected to Φ B K. Bro. Gottshall divided the Greek prize. Bros. Mallalieu and Presby divided first honors for scholarship in the junior and freshman classes, respectively. Bro. Sterrett, '00, was awarded the medal given by the Union Philosophical literary society for oratory.

Dickinson has 106 new students on her rolls, and among them is much good foot ball material.

Interest about college is now centered in the eleven, of which we are justly proud. So far we have gone through the season with seven victories to our credit, and not a single defeat. On November 5, we meet the Indians, against whom we expect to make a creditable showing. Our schedule from now on, which includes Lehigh and State College, will tax the team's powers to their fullest extent, but the student body is very confident of good results.

Dr. Gooding, ex-president of Dover Academy, has been appointed to the chair of philosophy, which was temporarily filled last year by Dr. Cramer and Prof. Wilson.

Several nights ago quite an event in fraternity circles here at Dickinson took place. Σ X, which had become almost extinct, was revived by the initiation of seven new men. The fraternity has several influential alumni in Carlisle, and it was through their efforts that this was accomplished. The chapter had but two men on the active list—one in the law school and the other in the senior class of the college. They expect to build a chapter house in the near future.

Φ Δ Θ is stronger than ever before and takes an active part in all branches of college activity. Bros. Wertz and Shiffer now represent us on the foot ball team. Bro. Wertz but recently appeared on the field, but his strong playing and his former good record soon placed him at right tackle. Shiffer is playing a hard, strong game at half. Ivins, '01, captains the scrub and by his enthusiasm and heady work in running the team often gives the 'varsity a hard rub in the practice games.

The glee club and orchestra have not been finally chosen, although

a weeding-out process is going on ; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will be represented by two men at least. Our delegate to the convention is Bro. Mallalieu, and our only regret is that more men can not attend.

Yours in the Bond.

Carlisle, October 28, 1898.

T. MARSHALL WEST.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The rushing season in Pennsylvania is by no means over, and we are already enriched by the addition of five good men, with prospects of several more. Four of these, however, were practically pledged to Phi Delta Theta last spring but were not initiated on account of the lateness of the season. Of the initiates Bro. Gardner was stroke on the crew and is now ably filling the position of quarter back on the 'varsity foot ball team. Bro. Diefendorf is playing half back on the scrub, and Bros. Brevillier, Garret and Worthman are all excellent men in various lines of activity.

For unavoidable reasons, work on our new chapter house was retarded during the summer months but is now progressing. Nevertheless, we have given up hope of occupying the house during the present college year and have taken a very roomy and, in many ways, desirable house close to the college campus. Here we are very comfortably situated and are prepared to welcome any of our brothers who will honor us by a visit. We found, with pleasure, after the opening of college that several Phis had entered the professional departments of Pennsylvania. We hope to report their affiliation in our next letter. Although we have but two Phis in the junior class college, both of them have recently been elected officers of that class. Bro. Yasukawa, vice-president, and Bro. Read, secretary. Bro. Siegel is the new president of the architectural society.

The event which casts a shadow of sadness over Pennsylvania Zeta is the recent death of Bro. Kimball. He was a young alumnus, who returned from the war only to die among his friends. His character was one of which any man could well be proud.

Our prospects for the future are very bright. The chapter is enthusiastic, and all the members are working harmoniously together.

Yours in the Bond,

Philadelphia, November 1, 1898.

J. H. R. ACKER.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

As usual, the university opened on September 15. We were sorry not to be able to get a letter in the October SCROLL, though we can now write more positively of our condition and prospects. Both are good. This year we returned ten old men ; Bros. Eugene Davis, H. D. Furniss, Lea, McLester, J. N. Furniss, Burrow, Walke, E. H. Jones, Stearns and Price. Our chapter was further strengthened by the addition to this number of Bro. E. P. Mallary, *Mercer*, '98. Although the rushing season is not entirely over, we can report three initiates. It is with pleasure that I introduce Bros. Charles Pierce Macgill, Alexander Moseley and Reverdy Warner Ames, all three of Virginia. We are justly proud of them, for each one was asked to join two or more fraternities before we extended our invitation. They were goated on Saturday night, October 8, after which a spread was enjoyed in Bro. McLester's room. The annual fall banquet was postponed on account of the unavoidable absence from college of several men.

By graduation last June we lost Bros. Siler and Sutherland. The former is now an interne at the New York Post-graduate Hospital, having stood record among thirty-three applicants from other universities. Bro. Sutherland has, within the last two weeks, taken unto himself a wife. He will before very long begin the practice of medicine at his home in southwestern Virginia. Bro. Paul has been doing some special work in the law department since college opened. He will soon leave for Walla Walla, Washington, where he will commence practicing law. Bro. Poitevent disappointed us very much by not returning. We have never seen as enthusiastic a worker and miss him very much during the rushing season. He is now in New Orleans, connected with the *Picayune*. Bros. Bryant and Watts did not return, and, as yet, we have not heard from them.

Bro. E. C. Henderson, *Westminster*, '93, visited us about October the first. Bro. Eugene Davis, who has represented us so admirably on the 'varsity eleven, has the highest honor within the gift of the student body—presidency of the general athletic association. He also holds down his old position, right tackle, on the team. Bro. Lea has also played in several games. Bro. H. D. Furniss is clerical assistant to Dr. Buckmaster.

The number of matriculates here this year is considerably larger than it has been for a good many years. We hope it will reach six hundred before the end of the session. This, we think, is due to the wonderful improvements made since the fire. Last finals, in the presence of the largest audience ever assembled on the grounds, the Rouss physical laboratory, mechanical laboratory and academic building were appropriately dedicated. The university is undoubtedly better equipped now than she ever was before, and we are sure she has made an advent to a term of greater prosperity. Lately she has received a donation of twenty thousand dollars, which will probably be used for the erection of a row of dormitories.

The Poe memorial association was organized here in November, 1897. Bro. Poitevent was then elected vice-president. The chief object of the association was the raising of money to place a bust of Edgar Allen Poe in the rotunda. The association has been so very successful in this purpose that some time ago Mr. George Julian Zolney, of New York, was commissioned to execute the work. The formal unveiling of the bust will take place on October 7, 1899, that being the semi-centennial of the death of Poe.

The books of the university library, which have been packed away since the fire, have lately been removed to the rotunda. The latter has been restored to just what it was before the fire and is now to be used exclusively for the library. A student's reading-room has been opened within the last few days.

Bro. John N. Furniss will represent Virginia Beta at the convention. We all wish we could be there.

Yours in the Bond,
University of Virginia, November 1, 1898. J. WOODS PRICE.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The session of '97-'98 closed at W. & L. with only one hundred and forty students on the roll. During the session various changes had been made in the management of the university. Hon. Wm. L. Wilson had been installed as president, and every effort had been made to increase the attendance of the school without lowering the standard. Class rooms had been renovated and the mess system instituted. Chapel

attendance every Wednesday morning had been made compulsory. Beside the regular chapel service, addresses by the president or some member of the faculty and announcements of general interest, made these exercises especially interesting. With the close of the past session, however, the efforts of the president did not cease. Two graduates of the university were kept in the field the entire summer soliciting students. During the summer changes in faculty were made. Though loath to part with Sidney T. Moreland, for so many years professor of physics, the board has fortunately secured the services of W. Le Conte Stevens, lately professor of physics in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Dr. Parker H. Willis has also taken his place in the faculty as professor of economics and political science. Dr. Willis will be associated in his line of work with President Wilson and Dr. H. H. White, professor of history. Such efforts along various lines to build up the university have not been without success. Already the enrollment exceeds that of last session by more than fifty.

Thanks to Bros. D. C. McBryde, '95, F. H. Campbell, '86, and (for a short while) Bro. Jennings Greenleaf, *Central*, '97, five men have been initiated into the Fraternity, giving Virginia Zeta an active chapter of six men. John McLaren McBryde, Lexington, Va.; Allan Epes, Blackstone, Va.; Thos. Dwight Sloan, Alderson, W. Va.; Henry Blair Graybill, Lewisburg, W. Va.; and Humphrey Robinson Keeble, Abilene, Texas, are the new Phis whom I introduce to the Fraternity. I may add that Bro. J. McL. McBryde is the third of that name to become a member of Virginia Zeta within the last five years.

As yet Virginia Zeta does not hold the lion's share of honors. Bro. Campbell plays full back on the foot ball team and by the withdrawal of the captain from college has become captain of the eleven. The captaincy of the base ball team of '99 has also fallen to his lot. Bros. Sloan and Graybill are members of the Washington literary society, and Bro. Epes is our only representative in the law class. Bros. Keeble, Sloan, Graybill and McBryde are in the academic class. The Mapleson scholarship, conferred on a member of the graduating class and paying three hundred dollars, is also held by the chapter.

With best wishes, I am

Yours in the Bond,

Lexington, October 13, 1898.

R. G. CAMPBELL.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

Kentucky Alpha has begun the year with unusual success, although somewhat reduced in numbers as compared with last year. Of our '98 graduates Bros. Reynolds, Hale, Dickens and Sulser did not return. Bro. Brown, '99, will go to Virginia to complete his course. Bros. Farthing, '99, Hugueley, '98, and Witherspoon, '00, have gone into business in the vicinity.

On the foot ball team we are well represented by Bro. Welsh, '99, and Bro. Monks, '01, who is the star player of the team. Bro. Johnson, '00, is also developing into a fine athlete.

Fraternity material at Centre was very scarce this fall, but four good new men have been taken in, and we have two pledged. We tried to rent a chapter house but could not secure one suitable for the purpose. There not being as many men as usual in the chapter this year, it would be rather hard to keep it up to the standard. A new hall was rented, which has been a great improvement over the old one. Most of the men in the chapter this year are young and are not yet perfectly familiar with the management of the chapter.

In the athletic association we have a good share of the official positions. Bro. Yerkes, '99, was unanimously elected president. Bro. Welch was made manager of the foot ball team for the season of '98. Besides, we have two athletic directors. In the mandolin and glee clubs we are also well represented.

Kentucky Alpha has also some fine students. Bros. Lee and Boyle, both of '02, and Bro. Caldwell, '00, are considered among the best at Centre this year.

We started the season with six active men. B Θ II had seven men to return; K A, 9; Σ X, 3.

Yours in the Bond,

BOYLE O. RODRS, JR.

Danville, October 29, 1898.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Vanderbilt University threw open the doors of the literary department on September 21. The medical and dental departments opened about three weeks later. Sixteen loyal Phis are representatives of the argent and azure. Three good men will probably affiliate with Tennessee Alpha: Bros. Cooper, Hardy and Hall. It is a pleasure to introduce our new brothers: Frank Carr, Sloss Baxter and Jno. Williams. One man is now pledged whom we hope to introduce in the next SCROLL. Tennessee Alpha lost heavily this year by graduation, but by the end of the year she hopes to be as strong as ever.

Phi Delta Theta is well represented in literary societies and athletics and will be well represented on the glee club. Bro. Teague won high honors last commencement, winning the Founder's medal.

The chapter house has been recently painted and much improved. In a few weeks we hope to have it repapered and fitted for electric lights.

We were sorry to lose Bro. C. R. Baskervill from the active chapter, but rejoice to have him with us as instructor in college. Bro. W. S. Fitzgerald, who took his B. A. last year, has a good position in New Mexico as professor of English. Bro. Howard Boogher, the captain of our famous foot ball team last year, is practicing law in St. Louis, Mo., with Bro. C. P. Williams, '97.

Yours in the Bond,

GILMER WINSTON.

Nashville, October 29, 1898.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

It is with great pleasure that I am again enabled to report favorably on existing affairs at Sewanee as well as predict great improvements to be made in the immediate future, which will add greatly to this already attractive and progressive institution.

The new dormitory is fast assuming an imposing appearance and will by March be ready for the juniors, who have heretofore enjoyed freedom of choice of a home while on the mountain.

On the death of Mr. Wm. A. Goodwyn, of Nashville, on Oct. 18 Sewanee fell heir to a legacy of \$10,000, to be used as a scholarship fund.

We have every reason to feel assured that within one year Sewanee will have a gymnasium second to none in the south. A large proportion of the requisite amount is now in hand, and the plans are being made.

Our football team has so far given its loyal supporters every reason to feel proud of its work as well as hope for a successful year for the

purple. We have met with many difficulties in procuring games, only having played one this season, which was, however, a victory for Sewanee. As usual we will play our old rival, Vanderbilt, in Nashville, on Thanksgiving day.

Tennessee Beta, unlike her sister chapters who are now busily engaged rushing, has passed through this season and is taking things quietly, as is usual toward the close of a college year when a chapter is in good shape. We take pleasure, however, in introducing Bro. Shelton, of Dallas, Texas, who has entered the academic department of the university. Though our chapter has only fifteen enrolled as compared with twenty last term, we are in excellent standing financially, and our brothers are keeping up the high standard Tennessee Beta has always maintained in the university.

Tennessee Beta will be represented at the convention by Bro. Telfair Hodgson, of Sewanee.

Yours in the Bond,

ROBT. S. JEMISON.

Sewanee, October 30, 1898.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The University of Georgia has opened with less flattering prospects than could be desired, less than two hundred students having entered so far. Consequently new club material is scant. Still, we have three good initiates—Bros. Graham Johnson, Atlanta; Ralph Brightwell, Maxeys; and Rufus Carlton Cleghorn, Savannah. Moreover, we can safely count upon taking more men soon. Nine of our old men have returned. Though numerically small, we are larger than any of the other fraternities here with the exception of $\Sigma A E$, who has prided herself upon excelling in numerical strength for a number of years.

Bros. John Dorsey and L. E. Harris, '98, have aided the chapter by their presence during the opening week of college. Bro. Ernest Hallman, an alumnus of Atlanta, has greatly helped us by advice as well as by his presence, and has shown himself to be the loyal Phi that he always was.

Bro. Richard M. Lester was graduated in the law department here in June. Bros. John Dorsey and L. E. Harris were graduated with A. B. Bros. Charles Harrold and Harrold Davenport were graduated B. S. with first and second honors, respectively. Bro. Davenport has been appointed to the position of adjunct professor in the department of physics and astronomy. Bros. K. D. Landers and Hamilton McWhorter represented Phi Kappa literary society at commencement in June in the annual champion debate between the two literary societies here, Bro. Landers being the leading disputant. Bro. Emory Shannon represents us on the foot ball team.

We are now occupying a chapter house for the second year. We have not hitherto been altogether successful in maintaining it. At present the sentiment of the faculty, the trustees and the alumni of the university is so strongly opposed to chapter houses as to discourage brighter prospects in that direction. We await developments.

Yours in the Bond,

K. D. LANDERS.

Athens, September 27, 1898.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

Again Georgia Beta is able to send in a report of which she is justly proud. The opening of college on September 21 brought to Oxford some good fraternity material, and when the dove of peace at last

hovered over the rival fraternities, we found in our hands nine good prizes for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ (the exact number, by way of parenthesis, we shall lose this year by graduation). Our new men are Bro. Guyten Parks, Dawson, Ga.; John Fletcher, Columbus; T. T. Tumbull, Florida; Roy Dekle, Thomasville; Norman Poe, West Point; Rogers, Augusta; Ellerson Jenkins, Shiloh; Frank Hancock, Atlanta; Jos. Willard, Villa Rica. The chapter is now twenty-seven strong, and a better set of fellows, a more congenial band of brothers, would be hard to find. Our men stand prominent in the dashes, in the relay races and in all other athletics. For the four class base ball teams, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ furnishes the pitchers.

Bro. Frank S. Palmer represented Emory College in the Georgia oratorical contest, October 29. He did his college honor. The orange and blue of Emory College, interspersed here and there with white and blue were seen on every side, as Emory's loyal sons cheered their champion and his masterly oration.

Emory, October 30, 1898.

Yours in the Bond,

W. W. TINDALL.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

On the threshold of a prosperous year, Georgia Gamma sends her best wishes to her sister chapters. Mercer opened September 21 with an enrollment of three hundred men. This increase in attendance is doubtless due to our successes in the recent inter-collegiate oratorical contest, inter-state debate and inter-state oratorical contest, in which our representative bore off the laurels, as well as to our brilliant victories on the diamond.

Under the management of Bro. Whitney, our team defeated the following: Wake Forest, Alabama Polytechnic, Georgia School of Technology and the University of Georgia, besides several local teams. Bro. Whitney has the honor of being the manager of a team which holds the championship of the south with the exception of Virginia. It was greatly desired by Bro. Whitney to arrange for a game with Virginia, but some complications arose which prevented this contest. It is with pardonable pride that we can say that Phi Delta Theta retains the management of next year's team in the person of Bro. Clyde T. Turner, who was captain of last year's foot ball team and manager of the track team.

This year we lost six men by graduation: Bros. Burney, Calloway, Pearson, Price, De Vaughn and Mallary. Bro. Price won first honor. Of the seven senior speakers, Bros. Calloway, Pearson and Burney were three. All of them took an A. B. diploma. In the law class Bro. De Vaughn won second place and Bro. Mallary won third place.

Twelve enthusiastic Phis returned and welcomed Bro. N. E. Harris and Bro. J. W. Oglesby (both of Georgia Alpha) by affiliation.

On our return we were somewhat discouraged by reason of the loss of our older brothers, but we entered into the fight with a determination to do or die. After being hard rushed by all the other fraternities throughout the entire summer, the following decided to cast their lots with Phi Delta Theta: Thomas Drew Massee, '02, Marshallville, Ga.; Chandler W. Wimberly, '02, Waynesborough, Ga.; William H. Long, '02, Leesburg, Ga.; Warren Roberts, '01, Macon, Ga.; Howell B. Erminger, '03, Macon, Ga. Mr. Sidney D. Hatcher, of Macon, '02, wears a pledge button and will join us in a few days. Two others who are considering entering school next year are inclined to us, and we can safely count on them. All these are men of sterling ability,

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strong individuality, and are without question the pick of the men who entered the university.

Bro. Turner has been elected debater from Phi Delta against the rival literary society and Bro. Coates against the law class.

Our hall was remodeled and improved this summer--a gift from our alumni. So with our ranks increased and strengthened by the addition of these new men we enter upon a year which promises in many ways to be our best.

Yours in the Bond,

Macon, October 2, 1898.

R. J. COATES.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL our chapter has been saddened by the death of two worthy brothers. Bro. Joseph F. Black, better known as 'Happy Jack,' died in the division hospital at Jacksonville, of typhoid fever. Bro. David H. Minge died at his home, of the same disease.

Prospects looked rather gloomy when we returned to the university this fall with only six old men, but we went to work and captured eight good men. So it is with great pleasure that I present the following brothers: J. H. Pride, Jr., law, Madison, Ala.; Carl A. Brown, '01, Birmingham, Ala.; A. A. Walker, '01, Birmingham, Ala.; M. H. Jordan, '02, Birmingham, Ala.; J. P. Brown, '02, Uniontown, Ala.; J. D. McQueen, '02, Eutaw, Ala.; F. S. Montgomery, '02, Gadsden, Ala.; Peter B. Searcy, '02, Tuskaaloosa, Ala.

Bro. Craig, who was reporter for this year, did not return on account of having an appointment to West Point, and his place has been filled by Bro. Robertson.

Our chapter roster now records the names of fifteen members, all prominent in the class-room, the debating societies, and on the athletic field. Bro. Clements is captain of the '00 foot ball and base ball teams; Bro. Forman is vice-president of '01, sergeant in Co. A and associate editor of *The Crimson-White*; Bro. Robertson is secretary and treasurer of '01, and of the Erosophic literary society; Bro. McQueen is secretary and treasurer of '02; Bro. Montgomery is captain of the '02 foot ball team, and Bro. J. P. Brown is historian of '02.

In a social way Alabama Alpha keeps up her old standard.

We have our eyes open for more new men, and I believe we shall be able next time to introduce all of them.

Yours in the Bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

Tuskaaloosa, November 1, 1898.

R. B. ROBERTSON.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The seventy-fifth year of Miami has opened and now finds Ohio Alpha the victors of the rushing season. We have pledged more desirable men than all of the other chapters put together. At the opening things looked very discouraging, as we had only five men to enter the field, but now the chapter is as strong as ever, having four pledged and ten initiated men wearing our colors.

On the nineteenth of September Hugh Wallace Evans was initiated, and on the twenty-sixth James Roy Jameson and Charles Foster Macready rode the goat; on October third, William Reinck Hughey and James G. Sanford were made P'his. We were pleased to affiliate Bro.

Leslie Downton from Centre College and Bro. Vaughn Voorhes from Ohio University. Our remaining pledged men are Messrs. Durban Ken, Liberty, Ind; John Camp Curtis, Eminence, Kentucky; Henry Hiestand, Eaton, Ohio, and Clinton McDill, Oxford, Ohio.

The prospects for a prosperous year are very good. We have Bro. Downton and Bro. Jamison on the first foot ball team; Mr. McDill is captain of the second team. Bro. Mason is on the college paper board.

We are pleased to acknowledge visits from Bros. Zwick, Shank, Hewendon, Jacobs and Van Pelt, who gave us valuable assistance during initiation and the rushing season.

Yours in the Bond,

Oxford, October 5, 1898.

W. E. STOKES.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The fall term of 1898 has opened with bright prospects for O. W. U. The attendance is larger than ever, and it is especially gratifying to meet so many new faces. The opening of the Slocum library, an elegant stone structure completed a few months ago, has created a fresh enthusiasm in every department of work.

We lost four men by graduation last June: Bro. Kohl, who has since entered the University of Cincinnati law school; Bro. Burns, who is taking graduate work at Munich, Germany; Bro. Hooper, who is engaged in mission work in Nova Scotia; Bro. Gates, now studying law at Western Reserve University at Cleveland.

Our seniors this year are: Bro. Cherington, who is selected to compete for the representation of O. W. U. in the coming inter-state oratorical contest; Bro. Whitney, athletic editor of the *Transcript* and captain of the senior foot ball team; Bro. Pyke, manager of the O. W. U. foot ball team and first lieutenant of Co. A; and Bro. Pauley, a member of the *Transcript* corps, who completes the course at the close of this term. Our junior is Bro. Carson. We wish to introduce Bro. Earheart, '01, who is sure to add to the already glorious record of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Our other sophomores are: Bros. Curren, Hulse and Bayes, the latter second sergeant of Co. B, and captain of the sophomore foot ball team. Our pledged men are W. W. Blackman, '02, J. M. Dolbey, '02, Robt. Ewing, '02, on the foot ball team; C. C. Whitney, '02, on the foot ball team, and L. A. Tenny, '03. Bros. Clark and Dalbey won second place in the tennis tournament of last spring.

Bro. Clark, '06, who is still among us, is tutor in mathematics. Bro. Bowker, of the 6th O. V. I., who has been dangerously sick with the regiment at Chickamauga, is now slowly recovering at his home in Bryan, Ohio.

Our chapter has recently added materially to the beauty and convenience of the hall by the addition of a general reception room. We celebrated Halloween with a banquet, which was highly appreciated by all.

We are glad to announce ourselves thoroughly prosperous and will gladly welcome any Phis who may come this way.

Yours in the Bond,

Delaware, November 1, 1898.

W. K. BAYES.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Gamma takes great pleasure in introducing Bros. George Leonard Gold, '02, Sedalia, Mo.; Carl Dunkle Shepard, '02, McArthur,

Ohio; and Fred Huntington Tinker (pledged), Athens, Ohio. These men were secured only after a spirited contest with our rivals.

In college affairs, athletic and social, Ohio Gamma has a very prominent place. Bro. R. A. O'Brien, '01, is making an enviable record as quarter back on the 'varsity eleven. Bro. J. P. Wood, Jr., '01, is manager of the second foot ball team. Bro. C. D. Shepard, '02, is treasurer of the Athenian literary society. Bro. T. H. Sheldon, '00, is organist at the First Presbyterian church at this place, besides editing and managing the college paper and acting as treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. Bro. G. L. Gold, '02, is secretary and Bro. W. S. Sheldon, '02, treasurer of the class of '02. Bro. N. H. Bennett, '99, has secured a very remunerative position in the First Presbyterian church choir, at Chillicothe, Ohio. Bro. E. C. Merwin, '00, who has been superintendent of an electrical plant at Phillipsburg, Montana, has resigned and returned to this place and will be graduated with his class.

Bro. Howard Charter, '97, of Co. B, 7th Ohio, who has been seriously ill at Camp Alger, has returned to his home here to recuperate. Bro. R. C. Super, '95, has returned to his home here after two years and a half of work in German and French universities. Bro. H. J. Herrold, '01, did not return to college this fall but holds a lucrative position with the Kanawha and Michigan R. R., at this point. Our band of resident Phis has also been increased by Bro. D. D. Canfield, of Illinois Alpha.

We have received visits this year from Bros. H. W. Coultrap, '71, McArthur, Ohio; D. C. Casto, '74, Parkersburg, W. Va.; C. F. Heizer, '99, Gallipolis, Ohio; C. M. Shepard, '96, who is a student at the Jefferson Medical College; and Bros. Schoenle, of the Cincinnati chapter, and Torrence, of Ohio Alpha.

We are all looking forward with a great deal of interest to the convention at Columbus, which we expect to attend in a body.

Yours in the Bond,

Athens, October 22, 1898.

DORR C. CASTO.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We have been quite fortunate in rushing this season and have initiated Bros. W. Roy Carothers, '02, Sidney O.; Earnest V. Reütinger, '02, Chillicothe, O., and John G. Sterling, '02, Springfield, O. We have pledged John M. Barringer, '02, Washington, D. C., and Walter M. Dann, '02, of Columbus, O.

Cupid seems to have been playing havoc in the ranks of Ohio Zeta. We take pleasure in announcing the marriage of Bro. Archer, ex-'99, at Cincinnati during the summer; of Bro. Atkinson, '98, at Plain City, Ohio, October 12; and of Bro. Foster, '98, at Athens, Ohio, October 19.

Bro. Meily, *Miami*, '98, has joined us and will play on the mandolin club of which J. M. Barringer (pledged) is leader and director.

Bros. Knox and Grant have recently been mustered out of the 1st Ohio Light Artillery and are again with us. Bro. Woods has received an honorable discharge from the 7th Ohio, V. I. and expects to enter the law school soon.

Ohio Zeta is looking forward to convention week with high expectations, and in co-operation with our alumni we are exerting every possible effort to make the semi-centennial convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ the grand success it is sure to be. We wish to inform $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ that we keep open house and want all Phis who come to Columbus to make the chapter house their rendezvous.

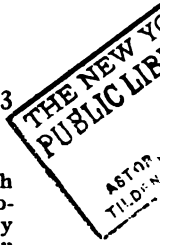
Yours in the Bond,

Columbus, October 30, 1898.

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OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

The school year is now well on its way, and Ohio Eta has much cause for rejoicing. By a little hard work and some valuable and substantial assistance from our alumni, we have rented an elegant, roomy house on one of Cleveland's finest streets. We are situated within three minutes' walk of the college and have by far the finest chapter house at Case. Our chapter consists of thirteen active men, two having been initiated on October 17: Bros. Harry M. Backus, '00, and Ralph Braggins, '01, men who, I am certain, will ever wear the sword and shield with honor to themselves and to Phi Delta Theta.

We are still represented in the faculty by Bros. Carter and Springsteen, and are also most fortunate in having Bro. French, '98, with us in the house. He is engaged with the Home Telephone Co.

Foot ball is prospering at Case under the efficient captaincy of Bro. Nieding, '00. Bro. Quarrie, '01, is also holding down his old position at tackle with much credit. Bro. Gleason, '99, played half back in the Michigan game. We expect the championship of Ohio to come our way this year.

Seven of our chapter attended the Michigan game on October 19 and were most royally entertained by the chapter there. Certainly, Michigan Alpha bears out her reputation of being one of the finest and most progressive chapters in the Fraternity.

After the Syracuse game, on October 22, our house men entertained a number of young ladies at a dinner, which was pronounced a great success. Our matron, Miss Prichard, chaperoned the party.

Ohio Eta sends heartiest greetings and best wishes for a long life of prosperity to our new chapter at Cincinnati. May she never forget the duties to the Fraternity which go hand in hand with the honor conferred.

Our president, Bro. Stephan, has been elected delegate to the coming convention.

Yours in the Bond,

Cleveland, October 29, 1898.

ROY C. GIFFORD.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CHAPTER.

The Cincinnati chapter of Phi Delta Theta numbers at present nine men. We were very sorry Bro. Kemper was compelled to leave us for Manila, but take comfort in the fact that what is our loss is another's gain.

On September 24, the resident alumni of Phi Delta Theta and the active chapter held a meeting at the Grand Hotel. The plans of the chapter, in regard to a hall, were fully discussed. What then was a plan is now a reality. Two rooms, one of which is very large, have been rented and furnished by the chapter. The rooms are located in the old Odd Fellows Temple, 216 West Fourth St. We hope no Phi will pass through Cincinnati without paying us a visit.

The idea has been prevalent that the University of Cincinnati could not receive endowments as long as it was supported by taxation. The munificent gift of Mr. Briggs Cunningham of \$60,000 for the erection of a hall of biology and physics refutes this idea. In honor of the donor the building will be called Cunningham Hall.

The University of Cincinnati has long felt the need of a president. A determined effort is being put forth to secure a suitable man for the position. In my next letter to THE SCROLL I hope to have something more definite to tell in this matter.

The foot ball team has been very successful this year, having suf-

ferred thus far but one defeat. Bro. Cordes, '00, and Bro. Schoenle, law, '00, have played on the team.

Bro. Schlemmer is a member of the athletic council from the academic department. Bro. Lange, '00, is an associate editor of the *McMicken Review*. Bro. Stovall, '99, is the business manager of the *Cincinnatian*, the college annual.

Bro. Gores has entered the law department. He will represent the chapter at the Columbus convention.

I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity, as pledged men, Edmund Schlemmer, '02; Harry Burke, '02, and Howard Schell, '02. Edmund Schlemmer is a brother of Oliver Schlemmer, '00. Howard Schell is a cousin of Bro. Hugh Schell, of Ohio Alpha.

Yours in the Bond,

Cincinnati, October 31, 1898.

STUART A. MCGILL.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The university opened September 20 with the largest enrollment in the history of the institution. In view of the fact that the requirements for admission have been made more stringent than heretofore, the number of new students is surprisingly large—about 275 having already matriculated. There are a number of important changes in the faculty this year. Prof. A. F. Kuersteiner, Ph. D. (Johns Hopkins), has been chosen as head of the department of romance languages; Dr. E. L. Bogart (Princeton) succeeds Dr. Fetter as professor of economics. Dr. V. F. Marsters (geology), Dr. D. M. Mottier (botany) and Dr. E. H. Lindley (psychology), have returned to their posts after three years' study in Europe. There have also been a number of changes among the assistants and instructors. There are in all 73 members of the faculty.

In athletics Indiana bids fair to uphold the enviable reputation made last year, when she won the foot ball championship of the state, regained the base ball pennant by defeating her old rival De Pauw, and came out victorious over De Pauw in track and field athletics at the dual meet. Mr. J. H. Horne, a graduate of Bowdoin and a student of Dr. Sargent at Harvard, has been engaged as physical director and athletic coach. He has succeeded not only in bringing out the old men, but also in developing some good raw material. Never before have the prospects for a winning team seemed so bright. The schedule, as far as arranged, includes dates with Rose Polytechnic, Kentucky, Cincinnati, Miami, Purdue and De Pauw.

At the last commencement nine Phis received the A. B. degree: Bros. Wylie, Scholl, Cauble, Hughes, Fear, Wiles, Trook, Province and Smith; Bro. Walter Brown, A. B., '94, received the degree of A. M. Of these, Bros. Province, Hughes and Cauble will attend medical college; Bros. Scholl, Trook and Wiles are teaching; Bros. Smith and Wylie are doing graduate work in the university; Bro. Fear is in business at Frankfort, Ind.

This year Indiana Alpha began work with fifteen men, not including Bros. Wilson, Indiana Beta, Hendricks, Indiana Delta, and Rogers, Indiana Epsilon, who are doing work in the university. Although fraternity material is plentiful among the entering students, rushing began usually early. It is by no means over yet however. Up to date we have initiated three men: Bros. Ralph Waldo Morris, Richmond, Ind.; William Andrew Russell, Bloomington, Ind.; and Louis Samuel, Bloomfield, Ind. We will doubtless have others to present before long. The chapter continues to hold its rank not only in spiking but

in all lines of college life. In the faculty we have Bro. Lyons, professor of chemistry, Bro. Griffith, associate professor of English, and Bro. Ruby, instructor in French. The chapter is well represented in the various student organizations, in spite of the fact that we are the first fraternity to forbid membership in the Skulls of A Δ Z, the junior class fraternity here, and have consequently brought upon ourselves some opposition from other chapters. There will be some Phis on the glee club, and at least one will be on the university eleven.

Yours in the Bond,

Bloomington, October 3, 1898.

H. LESTER SMITH.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

Indiana Beta commenced the college year with six active men, having lost six from last year. Bro. Byers is attending the Columbia law school; Bro. Mitchell has left for Beirut, Syria, where he is to act as professor of English at the Presbyterian college. Bro. Ensminger is at the University of Wisconsin. Bros. Robb, Wilson and Alfrey have failed to return.

Owing to lack of material the prospects for fraternities seemed not the brightest at first. Out of the nineteen men taken by the six Greek orders, however, Phi Delta Theta gained the victory by securing seven excellent men. We are greatly indebted to Bro. Mull for his assistance to us during the spiking season. We have initiated Oliver Wendell McGaughey, '99, Russellville, Ind.; Charles Newton McClamrock, '02, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Harry Graham Evans, '02, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Joseph Byron Rush, '02, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Paul Wilson Welty, '02, Valparaiso, Ind. We have pledged John Bryson Bartholomew, of Valparaiso, Ind., and Carl H. Peter, of Seymour, Ind.

The glee club this year promises to be a success. The manager has arranged for a three weeks' trip during the Christmas holidays and also for one during the spring vacation. Bros. Bartholomew and McClamrock are soloists, also representing us on the college quartette.

Athletics in Wabash have been revived this fall, and prospects for good foot ball at not a far distant date are very favorable. Bro. Hays is manager of the base ball team, and Phi Delta Theta will surely be represented on that body by two or more men. The college magazine, published monthly, is managed by Bro. Griesel, while Bro. Foley is local and fraternity editor. Bro. Foley last spring won the Austin prize debate and this fall is stumping the state for the Democratic state central committee.

We have not been fortunate enough yet to secure a good chapter house, but several of our boys room at one place, and nearly all the rest take their meals there; so we are thrown together quite a little. At the beginning of this year we greatly improved our hall. We have altered our chapter room and have very desirable quarters for all our secret work. Our social standing in Crawfordsville is high, and we seem to have been successful in everything that we have undertaken this fall.

Yours in the Bond,

Crawfordsville, October 28, 1898.

WALTER GLENN TODD.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

School opened October 3 under most auspicious circumstances. The enrollment of new students was much larger than the previous year, and consequently much valuable material was on hand for the differ-

ent fraternities to assimilate. The college residence, which has been practically vacant for the last few years, is being systematically conducted this year and is now filled with students. Owing to the lateness of our school's opening and the great distance between the different departments of the university, our foot ball team is severely handicapped. Notwithstanding all these odds, we hope to have a team that will be able to compete honorably with the other college elevens which we have to encounter. Up to date we have won three games by clean scores and lost none.

Φ Δ Θ has no representative on the foot ball team this year, but Bro. C. W. McGaughey, '01, is captain of the basket ball team, and Bros. R. W. Hobbs and McGaughey are on the *Collegian* staff, Bro. Hobbs being editor-in-chief. Bros. A. L. Ward and Cunningham have the presidency of the senior and sophomore classes, respectively.

Bro. V. S. Dalrymple, '98, is attending Cornell, with the intention of taking his A. M. in June.

Bro. McGaughey, accompanied by Bro. W. M. Blount, '97, will go as our delegate to the convention at Columbus.

Our chapter house is proving to be even a greater success than was anticipated. By the kind assistance of our alumni and our many friends, we now have it nicely furnished and have given one party a week since school opened. We were much pleased to receive a visit from Bro. A. G. Mace, *Purdue*, '01, who accompanied the foot ball team to Indianapolis on the date of the *Purdue-Indian* game. We shall be glad to welcome any Phi who may chance to be in the city at any time.

At the request of the faculty all fraternities of the college have agreed not to rush, spike or initiate any student below the freshman year.

As a result of our fall work I wish to introduce four men who are proving themselves loyal wearers of the sword and shield and a fifth whom we shall soon initiate: Bros. Raymond Longley, '02, Noblesville, Ind.; Walter Lybrand, '02, Terre Haute, Ind.; Bradford Wheatcraft, '02, Greenwood, Ind.; Harry Heinrichs, '02, Cumberland, Ind.; and Mr. Adkinson (pledged), Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Adkinson has just been elected president of the freshman class.

Yours in the Bond,

Irvington, October 30, 1898.

JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

At the opening of college this year only four men were on hand to respond to the first roll call. To those who knew nothing of the carefully laid plans of last year the case looked desperate. But the advice given in the September *Palladium* was lived up to, and our opponents were 'rushed off their feet.' On the night of October 8 five men were initiated—one pledged last year and four new men. Σ A E has in the meantime taken in two men, one of them pledged last year. It is with much pleasure that we present Bros. John Stanley Williams, '00; Embree Munsey Slack, '99; Maris Marion Proffitt, '01; Emery Eugene Hill, '02; Clarence Earle Fisher, '02.

The present indications are that as many more will follow before the close of the year.

Bro. Holman, '00, is expected here this week, making our chapter roll ten, while Σ A E has eleven.

We feel that through an uncorrected report of our rivals we are placed

in a wrong light before the Fraternity. It is in the matter of a chapter house. Three years ago $\Sigma A E$ rented the second floor of a dwelling near the college. But their attempt was not a success, and at the close of the year they dropped the plan. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has a great advantage in the matter of chapter rooms, having a suite of rooms in the new city building, easy of access, comfortable and well arranged for all purposes. The $\Sigma A E$ rooms are on the fourth floor of the old college building, up under the roof. They are especially at a disadvantage when entertaining their friends.

Bro. Parker, '97, has taken charge of the music department as professor of vocal music, harmony and composition. Bro. Williams, one of our new men, is instructor in the department of chemistry during the time the chair is vacant. Bro. Goodell, '88, has leave of absence and is pursuing special work at Chicago University.

Yours fraternally,

Franklin, November 1, 1898.

F. G. KENNY.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL we have initiated four men, Early in the spring we initiated Bro. Victor B. Demaree, '00, Franklin, Ind. At commencement we put through Bro. T. H. Masterson, '02, Rockport, Ind. This fall Bros. W. E. Hunter and Levy Snyder, '02, have joined us. Bro. Hunter is from Clinton, Ill., and Bro. Snyder from Milton, Ky. Along with these we announce Mr. E. T. Sherman, Cleveland, Ohio, who has announced his intention of joining us and who will in the near future ride the goat.

We have lost a number of men in the past few months. Early in the spring Bro. E. S. Bridges, '00, quit college to enter the army, as did our pledged man, R. I. Dugan, '02. Bro. Bridges is now at home in Carrollton, Ky., and at last report Mr. Dugan was with the army in Porto Rico. At commencement we lost Bro. T. C. Whallon, '98. During the summer we received word from Bro. T. H. Jenkins, '01, that owing to an attack of typhoid fever he would not be able to be with us this year at least. A few weeks after college commenced we lost Bro. K. D. H. Reap, '01, by marriage. Although sorry to lose him, we can but wish him a happy future.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has taken her share of honors in the college during the past year. Bro. T. H. Jenkins carried off the lower division of the Voris prize contest, and later, Bro. Oldfather, '99, along with another Hanover man, succeeded in winning the tennis championship among the colleges of the state in doubles. Bro. Deibler, '00, carried off the sophomore prize for oratory, and Bro. Jenkins, '01, the freshman prize for scholarship. Bro. Oldfather also won the prize given for a series of essays on some missionary topic. For this year we are represented by two men on the foot ball team: Bro. Deibler, who plays left end, and Bro. Oldfather, who plays full back and is captain. Bro. Oldfather is now editor-in-chief of the students' department of the Hanover *Journal*.

The college has picked up somewhat during the past year, and there was some very good material here at the opening of the year, from which we think we have the very best there was to be had.

We have succeeded in refurbishing our hall at quite a good deal of expense, and we now feel justly proud of our home.

At the beginning of the year we received a visit from Bro. W. B. Snyder, '94. A little later Bro. T. C. Whallon, '98, came to see us,

and his arrival was made the occasion of a little informal reception in the hall to some of our friends in college. Bro. Whallon has a position as reporter on the Cincinnati *Post*.

Hanover, November 1, 1898.

Yours in the Bond,

W. A. OLDFATHER.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The attendance at De Pauw is about as large as it has been for the past three years. However, good men in the freshman class are not so numerous as usual, and as all the fraternities are reduced in numbers, the spike has been one of unusual excitement. The faculty, having become alarmed at the state of society in the university, has seen fit to curb college spirit and enterprise by drafting a highly amusing set of 'Social Rules and Regulations.'

In the face of student indifference and faculty hostility, our foot ball team has made a fairly good showing. Bro. Ruick, Yale, '98, coached the team about three weeks, until he left to enter the University of Indianapolis law school. Although he was with the team such a short time, we feel that its success is due in no small degree to his instructions. Class spirit has shown itself in the form of a series of class games. The sophomores, having defeated the freshmen, will play the winner of the senior-junior game for the class championship.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the following new Phis: Thomas Albert Bryan, '02, Greencastle, Ind.; Samuel Elijah Dove, '02, Tower Hill, Ill.; Lester Paul Sims, '02, Portland, Ind.; James Vernon Kelley, '02, Greencastle, Ind., and Thomas Leroy Holland, '02, Knightstown, Ind.

Bros. Stephenson and Walker are two of the three members of the athletic board, of which Bro. Stephenson is treasurer. Prof. Walker is manager of the glee club and Bro. F. S. Cartwright is president of the glee club and director of the mandolin club. The members of these clubs have not been selected, but our chapter will be represented.

Bro. J. E. Thomas has been chosen editor-in-chief of the *Mirage* to succeed Bro. F. L. Sims, who is teaching in Portland, Ind. Bro. Kelley is treasurer of the freshman class. Bros. F. V. Smith and J. E. Thomas are members of the *Palladium* board. Bro. F. S. Cartwright at full back represents us on the gridiron. Bro. Doyle is first sergeant in the De Pauw cadet corps.

Of last year's graduates Bro. Stults is teaching in Alabama; Bro. Mead is in the hospital corps, U. S. A.; Bro. Peters is tutor in Latin and taking graduate work; Bro. O'Dell is teaching at O'Dell, Ind.; Bro. Roller is in a Philadelphia medical school; Bro. Takasugi, '96, is taking graduate work; Bro. Hancock, '01, has entered the University of Indianapolis law school.

The chapter has elected Bro. F. V. Smith, '99, delegate to the convention, and Chas. B. Campbell, '00, alternate.

Yours in Φ - κ - ϵ - ι ,

Greencastle, October 25, 1898.

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL.

INDIANA THETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

September 14 found a very enthusiastic crowd of students back from their summer vacation, and among them a band of eight Phis, ready to capture anything worth capturing. Backed by our ten loyal alumni of Lafayette, we took everything with ease. We have not lost a spike, and the following are wearers of the colors and will soon affix their

names to the Bond which joins us all as one : John Davidson, Evansville, Ind.; Sims Russel, Chicago, Ill.; Stuart Wyer and William Scofield, Madison, Ind.; Fred Waite, Michigan City, Ind.; John Kies, Pittsburg, Pa.; Telborn Fletchal, Poseyville, Ind.; Roy Wallace, Lafayette, Ind.; Lewellyn Williams and Robert Laidlaw, Cincinnati, Ohio. All these men come well recommended to us and they have more than proven their rights to be members of the Fraternity.

There is a sadness that confronts us, which comes to every chapter at the beginning of each new year. In passing the grip among the members the cordial greeting of Bros. Batten, Sherry, Woollen and Fearis is found wanting. Bro. Sherry is studying law at home with the view of entering the University of Indianapolis next term. Bro. Woollen is now studying medicine at the University of Wisconsin. Bro. Fearis is expected back next term.

Indiana Theta is proud of herself in the fact that she has a chapter house and the best dancing hall in Lafayette. The value of a chapter house was proven by last year's experience. Our hall was the scene of a pretty informal at beginning of the term. On October 20, Prof. Joakim Reinhard lectured at the hall on Hans Christian Andersen, for the benefit of the Purdue athletic association.

The Purdue mandolin and glee club has been revived this year and is now better than ever. Bros. Peck, Waite, Wilson, Fletchal, Moore and McGregor are on the mandolin club. Bro. Dill represents us on the glee club. Bro. Peck is manager and Bro. Wilson is treasurer of the mandolin club.

All the interest of the student body is at present centered in the foot ball team. Our team is lighter now than in former years, and instead of the old heavy line game, is playing a light running game. Bro. Davidson is trying for a position as half back. We have already won two games from the Haskell Indian Institute, of Kansas City, and on Nov. 5, will measure our strength against Stagg's famous team.

Since the beginning of the term we have entertained Bros. A. F. Sloneker, Ohio Alpha, Batten, '98, and McMahan, '96. All Phis who may chance to be about La Fayette are welcome to the chapter house or hall.

La Fayette, October 31, 1898.

Yours in the Bond,

EARLE R. KNIGHT.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan's new law building is now completed. A large addition has been made to the library, and the dome, which for two years has left the main hall a rather queer sight, is to be replaced. Improvements to the extent of \$110,000 have been made about the campus.

The faculty and students were glad to welcome back to Ann Arbor President James B. Angell, who has been absent since July, 1897, as United States minister to Turkey.

Since the year began we have had one initiation, when we introduced to the goat three men whom we take pleasure in presenting : Walter W. Fox, Detroit, Mich.; Walter A. Eversman, Toledo, Ohio, and William C. Helmers, Leavenworth, Kansas. We have now three other freshmen pledged, who, we expect, will shortly attempt to beard our whiskered goat—renowned for his bucking qualities and rise to loftier positions. We commenced this year with fifteen active members.

Of last year's seniors Bro. Treadway is superintendent of schools at Globe, Ariz.; Bro. Raynor is in Rochester, N. Y., superintending some

railroad work ; Bro. Lowrie is in Detroit taking medical work in the Detroit School of Medicine ; Bro. Gorneflo enlisted in the 32d Michigan immediately after graduation ; Bro. Judson left school in April to join the Detroit naval reserves, on board U. S. S. *Yosemite*, passing the examination and becoming an able-bodied seaman ; he expects to return to the university at the beginning of the second semester ; Bro. Palmer, who was leader of the 'varsity banjo club, entered Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons this fall ; Bro. Pendill, the 'varsity's best guitar player, goes to Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Bro. Elmer, of Stanford, has entered the literary department of the university, and Bro. Hulse, of Purdue, the law department.

Michigan Alpha sends as her delegate to the convention Joseph Milton Barr, of Joliet, Ill.

Among the honors received by members of Michigan Alpha at the close of last year and the beginning of this are the following : Bro. Barr and Bro. Matthews represented us on the '99 law base ball team ; Bro. Hartsburg made the 'varsity track team last spring and this fall was elected captain of the '99 law foot ball team ; Bro. Thayer has a position on the same team. On the '01 foot ball team we are represented by Bro. Howell Begle, captain, Bro. Ned Begle and Bro. Dolphin ; Bro. Hoover represents us on the 'varsity mandolin club. Two others will quite likely will have positions on the 'varsity glee club, the examination for admission to which is to be held soon. Bro. Lowrie is a member of the sophomore *Oracle* board and of the '01 class executive committee. Bro. Bagley is chairman of the '02 social committee. Your humble servant was treasurer of '00 sophomore hop committee. He now holds the position of assistant treasurer of the students' lecture association. And now you will smile when he adds another honor—that of president of the students' anti-saloon club. I do not know whether I was chosen to be reporter because of any ability to play the 'Michigan lyre' or not, but I shall endeavor from time to time to give you an interesting account of what is going on at Michigan University and chiefly at the home of Michigan Alpha.

At the beginning of the year our 'kennel club' purchased a bull-pup, which had a grim visage like that of Moloch—really Moloch wasn't in it for ugliness. It is now my painful (?) duty to announce his entrance into the realms beyond. He was the terror of the neighborhood, having devoured the tail of a neighboring dog, and making an appeal necessary from a professor that we keep him 'at home' lest he devour all the children of the surrounding blocks.

Michigan's annual game with her alumni is becoming extremely popular. Last Saturday the largest crowd that ever gathered on Regents Field was present to see the alumni go down to defeat by a score of 11 to 2.

The faculty still seemed inclined to disfavor the idea of the combined 'varsity glee, banjo and mandolin clubs taking any trip this year, as bluntly as in previous years.

Let the members of Phi Delta Theta from far and near remember that they are to make Ann Arbor and our chapter house their home while in this vicinity.

Yours in the Bond,

Ann Arbor, November 1, 1898.

ARTHUR J. BLEAZBY.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Northwestern University opened the college year on September 22, with a registration of a little over 3,000 in all departments. The attendance in the college of liberal arts is about the same as last year, but the quality of the new material for fraternity purposes is better than it has been for a number of years.

A number of improvements have been made by the university, the most noticeable of which is the iron fence inclosing the campus. A new academy building, the generous gift of Wm. Deering, adorns the campus. It is located at the southeast corner, about 250 feet from the shore line of Lake Michigan. This building is known as Fisk Hall, in honor of Dr. Herbert F. Fisk, who for so many years has been principal of the academy.

The entering class this year numbers about 200, and with nine fraternities and seven sororities in the field, the competition for new material has been quite sharp, with the result that some of the fraternities have not added to their membership from the incoming class.

Illinois Alpha has gone through the rush with colors flying and has succeeded in taking five men: Earl K. Allyn, Mt. Ayr, Iowa; David Harold Keller, Chicago, Ill.; Erwin R. Brown, Lebanon, Ind.; Thos. J. Uhrig, Chicago, Ill., and Martin Crawford, Columbus Grove, Ohio—all of the class of '02—were initiated on October 13, and we take pleasure in presenting them to the Fraternity. These in addition to the eight old men who returned—Bros. Buntain, Cooke, Webb, Brown, Sturgeon, Case, Wheat and Phelps—make the present active membership thirteen, and we have five men pledged, three of whom will be soon initiated.

Bro. Claude Seek, '01, will return with the beginning of the next semester.

The numerical strength of the other fraternities is as follows (the numbers indicating men returned, initiated and now active, in the order named): ΣX , 3-1-4; $\Phi K \Sigma$, 4-0-4; $B \Theta \Pi$, 13-7-20; ΔT , 9-3-12; $\Delta T \Delta$, 10-2-12; $\Sigma A E$, 6-0-6; ΣN , 5-7-12; $\Phi K \Psi$, 7-4-11.

At the opening of the college year our chapter secured a house, and we are very pleasantly situated at 1900 Sheridan Road, directly opposite the campus. Our house contains seventeen rooms, which give ample accommodation; all of our members board in the house. Beta Theta Pi still occupies the same house which she entered last spring. Sigma Chi has given up her house, as only a few of her men returned. Delta Tau Delta still has the same house she has occupied for a number of years. Sigma Nu entered a house when she was chartered here last year and still occupies it.

College enthusiasm is high, and all college enterprises are being better supported than for a number of years. Our foot ball team has won all the minor games, and while it has lost the only league game thus far played (to Chicago), we are by no means discouraged and hope to win our share, as we play Michigan, November 5; Minnesota, November 12; and Wisconsin, Thanksgiving day. We are a little weak in old players, but under the efficient coaching of Barnard, Princeton, '98, the new men have developed remarkably.

The Northwestern-Chicago game is always a great event in bringing together the alumni and friends of both institutions; consequently a great many Phis were assembled at the game from Illinois Beta, Illinois Alpha and other chapters.

A university band of twenty pieces has been organized by the stu-

dents of the college of liberal arts. The glee club has been practicing since the opening of college and will soon give the initial concert. A trip through the southern states been planned for the Christmas vacation.

Much interest is being taken in debating, and in the recent debate between the Rogers debating club and Adelpic debating society we were represented on the winning side by Bro. C. M. Clay Buntain, of the Rogers debating club. Bro. Buntain will also compete in the debate between the college of liberal arts and the law school, which is preliminary to the debate between Northwestern and the University of Michigan. Bro. Andrew Cooke is also one of the contestants. Bro. C. M. Clay Buntain has been appointed by the faculty one of the contestants for the Cleveland prize declamation contest, January 13, 1899.

By the termination of the war Bro. Andrew Cooke was enabled to return to college, and it is needless to say that he is the hero of the chapter. While in the service he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, having passed the highest examination in military tactics of any man in his regiment. In the recent peace jubilee here he was one of the speakers.

When the season for track athletics opens we will be represented on the team by Bro. R. S. Sturgeon, who in the western inter-collegiate meet last June won the half-mile and secured third in the quarter-mile.

Bro. C. M. Clay Buntain has been chosen delegate to the national convention. Bro. F. J. Webb will act as alternate. Bro. F. J. R. Mitchell will also attend the convention.

Very sincerely yours in the Bond,
FRANK W. PHELPS.

Evanston, October 29, 1898.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Illinois Beta is now in the midst of the rushing season. The freshman class is considerably larger this year than ever before, and the material is very good. The fraternities in general are making unusual efforts to finish out their depleted membership rolls. The faculty is now considering the advisability of reducing the time from six to three months during which it is not allowable to pledge and initiate freshmen, and this change of policy will be most welcome to us as giving us better opportunities for getting our new men into active fraternity work.

We are finally settled in our new house, which we have completely furnished. There are nine of us living in the new quarters, and we find ourselves much more comfortably situated than formerly.

We have added to our membership this year Eric M. Lubeck, special, of Chicago, and we are proud to introduce him to the Phi world. Bro. Lubeck was initiated under difficulties, for the ceremony did not start until late at night, and some of the neighbors took exception to the joyous time we were having. A complaint was made to the police, but through the eloquence of Bro. Little, of Illinois Wesleyan, the constabulary was finally appeased, and the fun was renewed. We were pleased to have present at the initiation brothers from the University of Illinois, Brown, Hillsdale, Northwestern, Knox, Wabash, Butler and Illinois Wesleyan—all alumni living in the city. Bro. Lubeck is university correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune* and served with the Illinois naval reserves during the war with Spain, he having been assigned to the *Oregon*.

Bro. Ramsey has been elected secretary and treasurer of the mando-



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Potter
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Blodgett

R. McCornack
Tagle

Wilson
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Tunncliffe
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B. Mead
C. Mead
C. McCornack

lin club. Bro. Leake is in Omaha, engaged in surveying, but will be with us next year. Bro. Leake has been doing better than eleven feet in the pole vault, and we expect great things from him on the track team when he returns.

We were pleased to have Bro. Palmer visit us last Sunday, and we all feel we have gained in fraternity spirit from the visit of our president. Bro. Chase has been selected as our delegate to the Columbus convention, with Bro. Hales as alternate.

Chicago, November 1, 1898.

In the Bond,
L. W. CASE.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

College is in the midst of a very successful foot ball season, which promises to be the best Knox has ever had. Chicago was held to twenty-one points; Iowa was put upon the defensive, neither side scoring; all other games have resulted in victories for Knox. The Thanksgiving game between Beloit and Knox is being looked forward to with much interest, as it will be the first meeting between the two institutions on the gridiron. We are especially proud of the team's work for the reason that it is captained and managed by Phis, four being on the 'varsity. A class schedule has been arranged, and teams are being organized, in which Phis have a prominent part.

Two very enjoyable parties have been given thus far in the chapter hall.

It is with pleasure that we introduce Bro. D. Arthur Cook, '02, of Ottawa, Illinois.

Bro. Blodgett has been elected president of the senior class; he was Knox delegate to the Illinois inter-collegiate oratorical association meeting in Galesburg, October 7. Bro. Parkin is treasurer of the junior class and president of the Knox oratorical association. In the senior Pundit club Bros. Strain and Blodgett are the only fraternity men.

All Galesburg Phis extend warm congratulations and a hearty welcome to Bro. Herman H. Potter, '01, who has recently returned from Porto Rico, where he was detained by a severe attack of fever. He will enter college next term. Bro. Walter B. Palmer has recently honored us with a most pleasant visit. We have also received visits from Bros. Williams and Tunncliffe of Illinois, and from Bro. Hobbs, captain of the Iowa team.

Galesburg, October 29, 1898.

In the Bond,

HAROLD M. HOLLAND.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

The year opens with a promise of lively times at Lombard. The number of students is larger than usual. One of the literary societies has arranged an attractive lecture course. A dance in the gymnasium on the evening of September 24, was an auspicious opening of the social season.

We had a good opportunity to dispose of our house to advantage, so we accepted it. From the sale we realized enough to build a lodge, which may be expected soon.

Our chapter is small this year, and the new material is not of the best, but we are picking out a few good men. We lost by graduation Bros. Brown and Allen. Bro. Ernest Landers has gone to the Uni-

versity of Michigan, and Bro. W. A. Johnson is in the Columbia law school.

The foot ball team has opened the season well by winning its first game, 27-0.

Yours in the Bond,

Galesburg, October 4, 1898.

HOWARD F. FOSTER.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Illinois Eta of Phi Delta Theta opened the year with just thirteen active members, some very active and valuable men being lost by graduation and otherwise last spring. Bro. Walker has gone into business with his father at Moline, Ill., and Bro. Hatch has followed his example, being located at Goshen, Ind. Bro. Goodrich is with the Western Electric Company, of Chicago, and Bro. Hazlitt is an architect connected with the firm of D. H. Burnham & Co., of the same city. These members, together with Bro. Fulton, who is back in the law school, were the members of '98 who were graduated. Besides these, Bro. Bernhardt has entered Rush Medical, and Bros. Jack and Huffman are both remaining home for a year.

The rushing season was never, perhaps, warmer than this fall, and although it is not yet ended by any means, Illinois Eta has seven new pledges to her credit, three of whom have been already initiated. The latter are: Walter Roy Hatch, Goshen, Ind.; Maurice F. Bayard, Vincennes, Ind.; and Louis B. Tuthill, Anna, Ill. The remaining spikes, who will be initiated later, are James Tunnicliff, Galesburg, Ill.; Robert D. Ward, Benton, Ill.; Guy Oliver Duffy, Ottawa, Ill.; and Edwin Lyon Draper, Urbana, Ill. The latter is the only son of President Andrew Sloan Draper, of the University of Illinois, and was eagerly rushed by every chapter in school. Illinois Eta may well congratulate herself upon adding his name to her list. Mrs. Draper is a patroness of the Fraternity, and on the evening of October 28th entertained the chapter and their friends with an elegant dancing party at the president's house.

The foot ball team is composed almost entirely of new men this year and so far has not been quite up to the usual standard, but will probably show up stronger at the end of the season. Bro. Johnston is captain of the team and easily the star player. There is probably no better half back in the west, and last year he was placed as substitute on the All Western team. One or two other Phis are also playing and will make strong bids for positions on the 'varsity. Bro. Frank Sheean is manager of the base ball team this year, and prospects in this line are very promising. Four Phis were on the team last spring, three of whom are back in school.

At our last meeting we were honored by a visit from Bro. J. W. Lindley, one of the founders of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ fifty years ago at Miami. He gave the chapter a very interesting talk on the first work of the Fraternity and said that the meeting of Illinois Eta was the first regular fraternity meeting that he had attended since leaving Miami.

$\Sigma \Lambda \text{E}$ has been granted a charter here and will start out with about sixteen men. They will be initiated some time this term.

Yours in the Bond,

Champaign, November 1, 1898.

WM. J. FULTON.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We started the year with fourteen old men back and two already pledged, but we were on the field as early as anybody and soon had seven more pledged. Seven of these have already been initiated, and I wish to introduce Bros. Mark Newman and Joseph W. Jackson, Madison; Thomas W. Leahy, Marion, Iowa; Robert S. Hyde, La Crosse, Wis.; Byron H. Stebbins, Little Falls, N. Y.; Harold G. Ferris, Carthage, Ill.; and Sidney C. Niles, Oak Park, Ill. Nelson Wilcox, Eau Claire, Wis., and Joseph A. Gund, Freeport, Ill., are pledged and will be run in in the near future.

Bro. Herbert M. Woollen, of Indiana Theta, is in Wisconsin this year and expects to be affiliated soon. Bro. Leonard A. Ensminger, of Indiana Beta, is also with us and may be affiliated later.

The university opened with a larger attendance than ever, especially in the freshman class. This class was very rich in fraternity material, and nearly every chapter took in more men this year than last.

Our foot ball prospects seem to be brightening, thanks to the able coaching of Bro. King, who has made a good team out of a lot of new material. Bro. Anderson at end, is our only representative on the team this year.

Yours in the Bond,

Madison, November 1, 1898.

JOHN G. OSBORNE.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Bro. Wright, our reporter last spring, enlisted in the Fifteenth Minnesota, being the only member of Minnesota Alpha that enlisted. He is now a sergeant in Co. I.

When we returned to college this fall after vacation, we found the chapter rooms in pretty bad shape and promptly informed the landlord that he must repair to suit us or we would leave. The carpets had already been removed, and we had only the small smoking room to meet in. In the course of a week or so we had matters arranged, and it was next to impossible to get inside of the rooms for the workmen, dirt and noise. This, however, is over now, and our rooms look like new ones. The carpets have been replaced by hard-wood floors and rugs. Gas has been put in, the rooms have been repapered and painted, and the library has been reroofed, making it much more comfortable, as the old roof had become sadly weather-worn.

In spite of our not having had our rooms, and there being only one or two of our homes at which we could meet, we have pledged and initiated three men: Bros. Calvin Confer, Robert Wetmore and Robert Jones, who is a brother of Bro. Tom Jones, of this chapter. Besides these we have several men on the string, whose names we expect to add to our roll soon. A number of our men have not returned to college. Bro. Louis Wright, as already mentioned, is with the Fifteenth Minnesota. Bros. Joe Smith and Alexander Ostrom are employed in the city in a wholesale house and in one of the banks, respectively, and Bro. Brush is applying his knowledge of civil engineering in Hawaii.

Bro. Chas. Adams, '95, is back in college and is playing his old position of quarter back on the 'varsity eleven, taking the captain's place while he is recovering from a fractured skull.

Bro. McKusick seems to have had the largest share of honors thrust upon him. He is a department editor of the engineers' year

book, on the board of the *Minnesota Magazine*, manager of the mandolin club and senior captain of the battalion.

Good fraternity material is not plentiful at Minnesota this year, and as it has always been our policy to take in men because they were men and not because they helped to swell the list of members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, we have had plenty of hard work to do, and there is plenty ahead of us.

Yours in the Bond,

Minneapolis, October 31, 1898.

WM. T. DONALDSON, JR.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Seven loyal Phis returned this year, and since our last letter we have initiated Bro. A. B. Cullison. The chapter is marked for its unity of purpose and work, and will introduce into the Phi fold a goodly number of recruits before many moons. The university this year is stronger and the prospects exceedingly bright.

Bro. Edwards, Ohio Beta, who is now a professor here, has taken charge of the mechanical and science department with an enthusiasm and energy that is marked. The mechanical building has amounted to little in the past two years, but under the energetic and careful management of Bro. Edwards it is becoming one of the leading features of the school.

Bro. Adam Weir, a former active member of Iowa Alpha, and his estimable wife royally entertained the active members of Iowa Alpha with their friends and a few alumni on Thursday evening, October 20.

In our former military report we neglected to report the name of Bro. A. T. Day, '00, who is a member of the hospital corps of the regular army, and is stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Bro. J. S. Randall, '99, a corporal in the 51st Iowa, is now at his home in Birmingham on a furlough. Since returning from San Francisco he has been taken down with a slow fever. We hope he may soon regain his former health and strength.

Phi Delta Theta has received her share of honors in college this fall. Your correspondent is treasurer of the athletic association, and he and Bro. Stafford will represent the Hamline literary society in its annual debate with the Philomathean society. Bro. J. M. Beck is president of the senior class.

Our college paper, *The Iowa Wesleyan*, is prospering this year under the editorial management of Bro. Beck, and the advertisements and subscriptions are being looked after by Bros. Crawford and Stafford.

Yours in the Bond,

Mt. Pleasant, October 31, 1898.

FRANK D. THROOP.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The university opened without an increase in registration over last year. In the early part of the year we suffered a great loss in the death of our president. His illness was short and death unexpected. There was no military drill during the first six weeks of this term on account of Lieutenant Ely's appointment to a command at Fort Cook.

The university is to be the recipient of a collegiate building which is to cost \$15,000.

Our chapter is doing very well so far. We have initiated six men and have five pledged. The new additions are Bros. Balle, Huntington, Murphy, McKee, St. Clair and Ball. Bro. Murphy played centre field on the base ball team of '98. Bro. McKee is treasurer of the

athletic union. Four men were graduated last year: Bros. Soleman and Barker from the collegiate department (Ph. B.), Bro. Price from the law, and Bro. Leech from the dental. Soleman is taking a course in pharmacy at Northwestern. Bro. Price is practicing in Des Moines and Bro. Leech in Winterset, Iowa. Bro. Roberts, who was a dental student here last year, is attending the dental school at at Northwestern. Bros. Fee and Neal enlisted in the army. Bro. Fee is second sergeant in the 50th Iowa, Co. E. Bro. Neal is clerk to the brigade commissary, 2d brigade, 2d division, 4th corps. Bros. Reily and Peet applied for enlistment but failed and did not return to finish the term's work.

Bro. Hobbs is captain of the '98 foot ball team. Bro. Birk is captain of the sophomore collegiate team. In the dual tennis tournament with Iowa College, the university took singles and doubles, both first and second places. Bro. Balle played second singles for the university.

Σ N returned ten men and has taken in five. Φ K Ψ returned seven and has initiated five. B Φ Π returned ten and has initiated one. Δ T Δ returned ten and has one new man.

Yours in the Bond,

Iowa City, October 25, 1898.

B. A. SHAVER.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The ranks of Missouri Alpha are still thinned by the retention of the various volunteer regiments in the service. Bro. Maitland is with the 3d Engineers, now in Porto Rico. Bro. Brent is with the 6th Missouri at Jacksonville, Fla. Bro. Williams, '97, is convalescent at his home in Dallas, Texas. He contracted typhoid fever while with his regiment at Chickamauga. The brothers of the 5th Missouri are now in Kansas City, preparing for muster out, and, by the time this letter is published, will have doffed the blue and donned the cap and gown.

As to university news, it is gratifying to be able to say that the steady increase in the number of students has not been checked by the fact that the requirements for admission have been again raised nor yet by old Missouri's having furnished twelve and one-half per cent. of her last year's sons to the volunteer army.

Prof. J. P. Blanton, head of the department of pedagogics, has just been elected to the presidency of the University of Idaho and has left Columbia to take his new charge.

A chair of journalism has been established by the curators. A course in sanitary engineering has lately been added to the curriculum. This course will be under the direction of Bro. H. T. Cory, who has just returned from Europe, after a wide study of the subject in the various cities.

The chapter house movement is on the boom at Missouri. B Θ Π occupies the house rented by Σ A E last year, the latter having secured a house nearer the university. K Σ has taken a house, and Σ X is casting about for a nest. Missouri Alpha has taken perhaps the boldest and wisest course in this matter. Our chapter has purchased a lot facing the campus and within a stone's throw of Academic Hall, and intends to erect a substantial chapter house of its own in the coming year.

Of last year's chapter, Bro. Guy Thompson is practicing law in St. Louis and is more than usually successful. He is connected with the prominent firm of Ryan and Campbell. Bro. Johnson is also a member of the St. Louis bar. Bro. M. R. Conley has entered the law office

of Bro. Sebastian, '76, at Columbia. Bro. Dunlop is in business in Kansas City with the firm of Swift and Co., packers.

Missouri Alpha's active members of last year have suffered more from Cupid's darts than from Spanish bullets. Surprised as the chapter was at the desertion of Bro. Miner York into the ranks of the Benedicks last summer, our faith in man was still more severely shocked at the sudden taking off of Bro. J. L. Stephens, who espoused Miss Martha Blanton, at Chicago, a few days since. Bro. Stephens is in business at Columbia.

After the clamor of the rush is over, Missouri Alpha finds sitting in the shadow of the shield five neophytes: Bros. Robert C. Forsythe, Kirkwood, Mo.; Charles H. Hamilton, St. Louis; George Houck, Jr., Cape Girardeau; J. P. McBaine, Columbia; and William F. Switzler, Jr., (third Phi of the family) Columbia.

Missouri Alpha continues active in every phase of college life. In the newly organized senior society, Q E B H, we were represented last year by Bros. H. B. Williams and 'Uncle Fuller' Switzler, and are this year by Bros. Edmunds and English. Bro. Broderick has been elected a member of the *Savitar* board, a high mark of distinction from his class. Bro. Peper is playing an excellent game of foot ball and will probably make the team. In the cadet corps Bro. Edmunds is senior captain, Bro. Ruffner is sergeant major, and many lesser offices are held by members of the chapter. In the recent amateur presentation of the play 'A Social Glass,' for the benefit of the athletic association, on the evening of the day of the Nebraska-Missouri game, Bros. Burruss, Watson and Smith held prominent positions in the cast. Bro. White is a member of the foot ball board and forwards foot ball interests by efficient coaching of the second team.

Yours in the Bond,

Columbia, November 1, 1898.

GEO. H. ENGLISH.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Westminster College opened its forty-sixth session on September 8 with prospects for a successful year. Our chapter returned six of last year's men—Bros. Baker, Baldwin, Caruthers, Scott, Stratton and Swope; Bro. C. F. Lamkin, who for three years has been an instructor in the Sedalia (Mo.) high school is tutoring in the college and doing senior work. We take pleasure in introducing Bros. Martin Yates, '02, Fulton, Mo.; Thurman August Kinder, '02, Marble Hill, Mo.; and William Inurbes Conway, '01, Sedalia, Mo. Mr. Walker, whom we have pledged, will be initiated in October. Our chapter has been favored with visits from several of our alumni, among them Bros. Ferguson, Jacks, Atkinson and Bro. E. O. Grover, *Dartmouth*, '04.

Prospects for foot ball are fair. Bro. Sam. Anderson, Missouri Alpha, who coached our team last year, is in the army. Bro. Cousley, captain, is also in the 4th Missouri and may not be able to be in college until the second term. Bro. Stratton is president of the athletic association and Bro. Lamkin is manager. Bros. Kinder, Stratton and Caruthers will probably make the team.

Yours in the Bond,

Fulton, September 29, 1898.

PAUL BALDWIN.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Your reporter came back to find Missouri Gamma in a flourishing condition with seven old members and three new brothers, and a bright

prospect of more, the freshman class being larger than usual. $\Sigma A E$ has made no initiations as yet.

The new members are Bros. Edwin Carter, Carr Glasgow and Harry Pollard, the first two being brothers of older members. They were initiated on October 15, which was our first regular meeting of the year. The first meeting should have been held some time ago, but most of us were away on our summer surveying trip, which takes up the first month of the college year. The brothers that remained in town did good work pledging the good freshmen and keeping in close touch with the promising ones. Our hall has been refurnished, and the chapter house fund is growing steadily.

We report with much sadness the death of Bro. Rutland Arbuckle, who died at San Antonio, Texas, on October 16, after a long illness. He joined our chapter in 1895 and was with us but one year, having to drop his studies to go south for his health, where very little was heard of him until the sad news of his death.

Yours in the Bond,

St. Louis, October 19, 1898.

JAS. ADKINS, JR.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

In our last letter we stated that Kansas Alpha had not returned very strong numerically but that we would prove not to be a 'fatal few.' Our condition now verifies the prediction and warrants the further assertion that our strength otherwise is getting hard to beat. We entered the rushing season fearlessly and have fought dauntlessly and, as the smoke now begins to clear away, we find that the eight trophies which fell into our hands are the eight *par excellence*.

Glancing back in retrospect our success thus far seems quite phenomenal, almost incredible. It is no doubt due in part to the liberal supply of fraternity material that entered here this fall and partly perhaps to an overseeing Providence, but more than to all else combined we owe it to the invincible energy, vim, push and rush which characterized our every engagement. With our present membership we are and will continue more and more to be a moving power in every department of college activity. Our new men are not such as will require development and coaching but will enter into affairs readily and actively.

Foot ball matters at K. U. are not very 'fratty' this year, all but one, a Beta, of the 'varsity team being Barbs; the Phi Psis also have a sub. full-back. Along about October Bro. Jewett decided that he would like to win some foot ball glory for himself and the sword and shield. He went into training and shortly became first sub. and is now crowding hard for a place on the 'varsity. His chances are good for being in the great struggle of next Saturday between Kansas and Nebraska. This will be the crucial game for K. U. this year and on its result depends largely the possession of the pennant of the Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska league. The rivalry between the states is unusually keen. Some of the opposing team are Phis, and we are planning to show them a good time with a party at our hall the night after the game.

Our chapter apartments are, by the way, a very important item in university affairs. For fraternity purposes they are the finest and most perfectly adapted to be found in Lawrence; our possession of them is a source of much envy. They embrace a floor area of about 115 x 25 ft. and include a commodious parlor, superbly furnished and opening upon an ideal dancing hall with two dressing-rooms. Thus

equipped, we have all our rivals socially handicapped, as the only other hall permanently leased is a meager one in K. U.'s solitary chapter house.

It is our misfortune that the advisory council has prohibited the long-established institution, the glee and banjo club, for we are nothing if not musical. We might almost start out on our own responsibility, but will think twice before attempting anything rash. An *entre nous* music club would be, to say the least, an innovation.

We can not but congratulate ourselves on our prosperity at this the end of our first half century and rejoice that our sister chapters give evidences of a similar welfare. Let others come to the convention prepared to compare notes.

Yours in the Bond,

Lawrence, November 1, 1898.

FRANK E. CASE.

[NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.]

The chapter suffered severely when the President issued his call for volunteers, but those who did not enlist have returned and gone to work with characteristic vigor and enthusiasm.

We have moved into a new house, much better suited to our needs than the one of last year, both in the matter of room and proximity to the university. We have spent considerable money and time in furnishing it, so that now we have a fraternity home that we are glad to show to our friends, the enemy.

There are at present fifteen active members in the chapter, but one more will be added to the number soon in the person of Bro. R. S. Mueller, who has been in charge of an electrical exhibit at the Omaha exposition from June to November, until the opening of school conjointly with Bro. Stone, afterward alone.

Of these sixteen, four are graduates, five seniors, three sophomores and four freshmen. Bro. Roddy, one of the graduates, was a lieutenant in the 2d Nebraska, and has returned to take up the study of law, being the only one of our soldiers who has come back.

The chapter gave an informal dance at the house a few nights ago, a thing which we could not have done at the house of last year.

Bro. Tukey still continues to play foot ball, and in the management of the athletics of the university we are represented by Bros. Hastie and Stebbins, the former being assistant foot ball manager and the latter a student member of the standing athletic committee, which has all the athletics of the school in charge.

The corps of cadets is this year under the management of a former student, Chas. W. Weeks, who is making an efficient commandant. Here we are well represented. Bro. Hastie is senior captain; Bro. Stebbins is the next ranking captain, having charge of Co. B.; Bro. Sumner is adjutant; Bros. McCreery and Mansfelde are lieutenants, and Bros. Sherman, Tukey and Abbott are corporals.

There was a true red-letter day in the history of the University of Nebraska, when last Friday a new building was dedicated, to be called Mechanic Arts Hall. A holiday was given, and the different ceremonies called forth much enthusiasm from the student body.

The more radical change in the college curriculum has been the addition of a school of domestic science, which became popular at once and is doing good work in a wide field.

The most important change in the make-up of the faculty has been the inauguration of a new head for the department of electrical engin-

eering, Prof. Morgan Brooks taking the place of Prof. Owens, who resigned last spring.

Our foot ball team has played five games this season and won all, defeating Missouri in the inter-state contest by a score of 47 to 6.

We hope to have three or four members represent us at the Columbus convention in November.

Our greetings to the new chapter in Cincinnati, though belated, are none the less sincere and cordial.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN T. SUMNER.

Lincoln, November 1, 1898.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

It is with the pleasure that always attends the telling of good news that California Alpha now greets the Fraternity. For, after years of effort on the part of generous alumni and co-operating under-graduates, a chapter house, owned by a fraternity corporation (Phi Delta Theta of Berkeley) constitutes our permanent home.

The house occupies one of the finest corners in Berkeley, the lot measuring 100 by 130 feet on Durant avenue and Dana street, respectively. The frontage is south and west, which fact, together with the size of the lot, secures sunny rooms during the whole day. Car connections are excellent, one of the two electric lines running to Oakland passing our door on Dana street, while the other is but one block distant. The train connecting with the San Francisco ferry can be taken after a walk of ten minutes. And, best of all, the main entrance to the university grounds is only two blocks away. As regards surroundings, it is only necessary to say that we are in the midst of the best residence section of the town. A number of the members of the faculty and five of the fraternities are our near neighbors, while the leading churches are all within five minutes' walk.

The interior is extremely well arranged for fraternity purposes and is, perhaps, larger than a view from without would indicate. To begin at the bottom, we have a well kept, cemented cellar, containing a well appointed dark room and a large furnace with register connections in every room on the first and second floors. On the first floor are two large parlors and a dining-room, separated by double doorways and conveniently connected with the front and back hallways, each of which can be entered from without and from the second floor. The rear portion of the floor is occupied by the laundry, servant's room, kitchen, pantry and pass-pantry. The second floor contains three large double and two single bed rooms, besides the bath room, linen closets and hallway. The third floor is divided near the rear of the house into two parts, separated by a passage way. To the front is a large fraternity room, reserved for meetings and initiation purposes, a regalia room, and another room to be used as occasion may indicate. The fraternity room is entered from the hallway by a glass door, draped on the inside with black and bearing in white lettering (the work of brother Hanna) a skull and cross-bones, the open motto (in Greek) and the symbolic six stars. Directly opposite this door is that admitting to the 'den' or smoking-room. Its door bears the legend, 'Sackcloth and Ashes,' the first word being indicative of the material used in the decoration and the last of its purpose—sociability as promoted by the consumption of good tobacco. Every portion of the house is well lighted and well ventilated; the gas, water and heat connections are ample and thorough, and the plumbing is excellent.

It only remains to speak of the garden, which is well filled with fruit trees and shrubbery, the latter affording material for interior decorations, and of the barn, which is used for storing purposes and the accommodation of the Chinese cook. The chapter considers itself exceedingly well housed.

The membership of the chapter, with the exception of the matter of absentees, presents equal cause for congratulation. Bros. Henderson, Hanna, Bugbee and Engstrum, '00, and Bro. Creed, '01, are absent from college on leave. Of these it is certain that the first three will return in the near future; and the other two still express the hope that they may be able to re-enter. At present, we have thirteen active members, including four freshmen of excellent promise. Seven of these and Bro. Reinhardt, '97, medical, '00, live in the house. The probability is that next term will see at least ten men in the house. Rushing is still progressing, though with abated vigor. We have been and are awake to responsibility and opportunity in this line. Our initiates are Bros. Ashley Faull, San Francisco; Middleton Stansbury, Chico; Ray Crawford, Los Angeles, and Harry Kluegel, Honolulu. In getting these men we achieved notable victories over several other fraternities. It is safe to say that our next letter will contain more new names.

Yours in the Bond,

Berkeley, October 20, 1898.

ALBERT J. BROWN.

ALUMNI.

KENTUCKY ALPHA ALUMNI, LOUISVILLE.

It is well known to Phidom that the Kentucky Alpha Alumni chapter of the Fraternity has, for several years past, occupied a solely negative position in the ranks of the alumni chapters of Phi Delta Theta. Hence, we believe that the knowledge that the chapter is once more on its feet and ready, so far as its limited province permits, to aid the Fraternity, will come in the nature of a pleasant surprise.

In the past four years, nearly every desirable man who has left Louisville for a college in which a Phi chapter is located, has done the correct thing by joining that Fraternity. As Louisville is the business, newspaper and professional centre of this part of the south, many of the younger generation of Phis from other towns and cities have come here in the hope of amassing their fair share of the filthy lucre thought to be lying around loose in this old Kentucky town. Fresh from college and fraternity associations, the youngsters would not rest content until an active organization of the Fraternity was once more a reality here.

Under the leadership of our old war horse, Frank D. Swope, ably assisted by Peyton B. Bethel, of Centre, Sam English, of Central, and Dan P. Young, of Washington and Lee, we have held three meetings, each larger and more enthusiastic than the preceding one, and intend henceforth to observe all feast days and meet all the requirements of the Fraternity, in common with our other alumni chapters.

At our last meeting, Dr. F. W. Samuel, *Centre*, was elected president; Peyton B. Bethel, *Centre*, secretary and treasurer—the latter office at present is purely honorary; Scott Bullitt, *Virginia*, warden; Frank D. Swope, *Hanover*, historian; Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D. D., *Virginia*, chaplain, and R. J. McBryde, Jr., *Washington and Lee*, reporter.

Another meeting will be held shortly, at the call of the president, at which time the official delegate to the next convention will be elected, and we hope to send along one or two other good fellows to let the fiftieth annual convention of the Fraternity know that Phi Delta Theta interests are being looked after in this part of the world.

If any Phi should chance to be in Louisville at any time and will take the trouble to look up the reporter, who can be found at the *Courier-Journal* building, he will find a warm welcome awaiting him and will be introduced to 'some of the finest,' who will gladly acquaint him with the manifold delights of Kentucky's metropolis.

With best wishes for 'the boys in the trenches' and all who wear the sword and shield, I remain

Louisville, October 28, 1898.

Yours in the Bond,

R. J. MCBRYDE, JR.

THE VOLUNTEERS AT CHICKAMAUGA.

It was the pleasure of the writer to participate in several Phi meetings at Chickamauga Park in July while all the troops were there. We soldier Phis at these meetings and at other times when the good Phi grip was passed, tasted pleasures arising from our Phi Delta Thetaism which are unknown to our civilian brothers. It is good to meet a Phi anywhere, but to meet him as a soldier in the field like yourself is a goodness of peculiar kind. Our meetings were most enthusiastic and pleasant. College annuals were brought out and compared, the alumni were regaled with the latest news, Phi Delta Theta victories were recounted, and chapter opinions and college notes were interchanged. Convention stories were dug up by the convention heroes present—and there were several: Gardner had been at Bloomington, in '89; Walker and Foxworthy at Indianapolis, in '94; Hayward and Switzler at Galesburg, in '95, and Switzler and Speers at Philadelphia, in '96. Bro. Hayward brought forth a storm of regrets from the Epsilon province men by going into an elaborate account of all the good times Nebraska Alpha had arranged for the convention delegates and visitors, when the war came along and took off nearly the whole chapter. Bro. Miller, of THE SCROLL, though not present, came in for a goodly share of the applause when the bundle of June SCROLLS was produced, with which he had remembered 'the Phis at Chickamauga.' The news of the Cincinnati chapter was most interesting, as few if any of the men present had heard anything concerning it.

A picture of the group of Phis was attempted, but proved a failure, owing to a faulty plate. Small wonder, too, when the facts are known. Owing to its being Sunday afternoon, on the occasion mentioned, no professional photographers—to be had in hordes on other days—could be found; a camera had to be borrowed—belonging to three corporals of Co. I, Fifth Missouri (Bro. English's company), these cronies belong respectively to K Σ, Σ X and B Θ II. This combination taking a Φ Δ Θ group proved too much Pan-Hellenism for an untried camera, so THE SCROLL will have no picture of us. We shall not forget it, however, for to one at least it was one of the most pleasant incidents of the career in camp.

The following letter was received from Gen. Boynton after the last meeting:

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., July 21, 1898.

Royall H. Switzler, Headquarters 5th Missouri Volunteers, Camp Thomas, Ga.

MY DEAR SIR: I very much regret that I did not receive your letter of July 16 until this afternoon. I was in camp last Sunday, and at the Dyer house while

your meeting was going on ; could have attended it as well as not, and would have been very glad of the opportunity to be present. In some way your letter went astray, and seems to have been five days on its way. I hope that you had a satisfactory meeting, and if I have the opportunity I will try to call upon you at your headquarters.

Cordially yours,

H. V. BOYNTON.

At the last meeting all promised to be present at Columbus in November, 'if the cruel war is over,' as it is.

Those present were: Frank G. Gardner, *Cornell*, '91 ; Robert L. Moorhead, *Butler*, '96 ; Leland C. Speers, *W. & L.*, '97 ; Frank W. Foxworthy, *De Pauw*, '94 ; James C. Patten, *Indiana*, '99 ; Frank S. Knox, *Ohio State*, '99 ; Earl C. Grant, *Ohio State*, '01 ; George H. English, *Missouri*, '97 ; Edward Middleton, *Franklin*, '97 ; Andrew Cooke, *Northwestern*, '99 ; Wm. H. Hayward, *Nebraska*, '97 ; Ralph W. Haggard, *Nebraska*, '98 ; Louis A. Westermann, *Nebraska*, '97 ; C. V. Nusz, *Nebraska*, '95 ; H. B. Walker, *Missouri*, '93 ; H. B. Williams, *Missouri*, '98 ; Arthur W. Brent, *Missouri*, '01 ; Royall H. Switzler, *Missouri*, '98 ; Raymond S. Edmunds, *Missouri*, '99 ; Davis G. White, *Georgia*, '98 ; John H. Ragland, *Wisconsin*, '99.

Yours in the Bond,

R. H. SWITZLER, *Missouri*, '98.

PERSONAL.

Allegheny—Frank Wells, '86, is practising law in Wells-ville, Ohio.

Iowa Wesleyan—Albert Smith, '97, is with Marshall Field & Co., Chicago.

Nebraska—E. R. Davenport, '98, is a reporter on the staff of the *Omaha Bee*.

Buchtel—C. O. Rundel, '98, is principal of the Conneaut-ville (Pa.) schools.

Northwestern—Rev. D. D. Canfield, '94, has accepted a charge at Athens, Ohio.

Indianapolis—John Minnich, '93, is principal of the high school at Irvington, Ind.

South Carolina—E. E. Aycock, '90, is a merchant and planter at Wedgefield, S. C.

Ohio—A. F. Linscott, '00, is a student at the Maryland Dental College, at Baltimore.

Purdue—Robert S. Miller, '95, has the chair of dynamometers in Purdue University.

Georgia—W. G. Park, '92, has been elected to the state legislature from Troup county.

Allegheny—L. B. Long, '87, is consignee of Armour and Co., of Chicago, at Ridgway, Pa.

Iowa Wesleyan—Geo. M. Rommel, '97, is at Iowa State College, at Ames, again this year.

Nebraska—Geo. W. Gerwig, '89, is secretary of the board of school controllers of Alleghany, Pa.

Iowa—George M. Price, '97, a law graduate of '98, has begun the practice of law in Des Moines.

Wooster—Rev. Fayette E. Vernon, '92, has charge of the Presbyterian church at Independence, Pa.

Allegheny—A. J. Loomis, '83, is in the U. S. internal revenue service at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Ohio—Dr. F. M. Warwick, '97, of Ironton, Ohio, has opened a dental office at that place after a course in dentistry at Cincinnati.

Iowa Wesleyan—C. P. Frantz, '96, is a student in the medical department of Northwestern University.

Allegheny—W. Earl Stillson, '94, was married on August 31, 1898, to Miss Amy Short, at Sugar Grove, Pa.

Purdue—Terrell E. Morse, '97, is head draughtsman for the Wabash Bridge and Iron Works at Wabash, Indiana.

Iowa Wesleyan—Chas. G. Watkins, '93, was married to Miss Clara Wood, at Anamosa, Iowa, on October 3, 1898.

Lafayette and *Dickinson*—Lynn M. Saxton, '97, is professor of English at Mercersburg (Pa.) College this year.

Ohio—I. M. Foster, '95, and Miss Frances B. Witman were married in Athens, Ohio, on the 26th of October, 1898.

Wooster—Robt. J. Moorhouse, '98, entered the law department of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, this fall.

Ohio Wesleyan—Hon. Scott Bonham, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '82, is president of the board of legislation of the city of Cincinnati.

Amherst—Dr. F. M. Tiffany, '91, was married to Miss Anna Lawton Cozzens, at Stanford, Conn., on October 25, 1898.

Allegheny—John A. Matthews, '93, is a fellow in the Columbia school of mines and a candidate for the degree of Ph. D.

Allegheny—Wm. H. Gallup, '85, has begun his eighth year as superintendent of the New Cumberland, W. Va., schools.

Purdue—Fred Hartman, '96, is assistant superintendent of the Fort Wayne Electrical Corporation at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Columbia—Emil W. Riederer, '97, who has been studying in Germany, has obtained a tutorship in assaying at Columbia.

Columbia—Geo. Farish, '02, will write several articles for scientific magazines about his recent mining trip to Abyssinia.

Vermont—Lawrence B. Hayward, '96, was married on September 14, 1898, to Miss Fray Nicholson, of Burlington, Vt. Frank P. Bingham, '96, was best man. Bro. Hayward is a chemist with Parke, Davis & Co., of Detroit, Mich.

Nebraska—James R. McCance, '89, now has his office at 440 Diamond St., and his residence at 6861 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh.

Syracuse—Everard A. Hill, '83, is alderman of the 14th ward of Syracuse. His office is in the Syracuse Savings Bank building.

Washington and Jefferson—J. Clarke Logan, '99, is a student at Princeton. His address is 15 S. M. Reunion Hall, Princeton, N. J.

Ohio—D. C. Casto, '74, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was recently appointed United States commissioner for the district of West Virginia.

Columbia—E. P. Callender, '88, president of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of New York city, was married on April 14, 1898, to Miss Therese Beyer.

Vanderbilt—Dr. P. M. Jones, '89, and W. R. Manier, '81, are members of the executive committee of the Vanderbilt athletic association.

Amherst—G. Walker Fiske, '95, was ordained pastor of the Second Congregational church at Huntington, Mass., on October 25, 1898.

Allegheny—W. W. Case, '84, is with the New England Registry Bureau, representative of the U. S. Casualty Co., at 34 School St., Boston.

Dickinson—E. D. Soper, '98, is state college secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pennsylvania, with his office in the Calder building, at Harrisburg.

Purdue—Charles S. McMahan, '96, is western representative of *The Engineering News*, with headquarters in the Monadnock building, Chicago.

Ohio—D. D. Tullis, '98, has secured the position of manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office in the board of trade, in Cincinnati.

Colby—F. A. Roberts, '97, will teach during the fall term in the high school at Bristol, Me., resuming his medical studies in Baltimore after Christmas.

Chicago—B. G. Leake, '01, who had a record of 11 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in the pole vault last summer, is staying out this year to work with an engineering party, which is running a survey for a railroad from Omaha to Ft. Dodge.

Chicago—Geo. H. Garrey, '99, who was a member of the 'varsity eleven last year, is staying out this year to teach in the high school at West Aurora, Ill.

C. C. N. Y.—Chas. A. Bonner, '86, was recently made instructor in the College of the City of New York and is a candidate for an assistant professorship.

Indianapolis—Rev. S. J. Tomlinson, '75, has accepted a call to preach for the Christian church in Goshen, Ind., and has moved from Irvington to that city.

Ohio—Col. W. E. Bundy, *Ohio*, '86, of Cincinnati, is president of the Ohio Republican League, for this year, and last June became U. S. district attorney.

Iowa Wesleyan—Capt. Jesse W. Clark, '93, figured as umpire in a recent exciting game of foot ball between his regiment and the University of California.

Illinois—B. V. Swenson, '93, who has been on the teaching staff at his *alma mater*, is now assistant in electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

Purdue—Franklin Ginn Tingley, '93, is in the United States signal service and has charge of the new United States weather bureau on the island of Jamaica.

California—E. F. Goodyear, '91, represents the Macmillan Co. on the Pacific coast, while Caspar W. Hodgson, *Stanford*, '96, represents D. C. Heath & Co.

Gettysburg—M. L. Holloway, '84, who was prize man and valedictorian of his class at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, is a successful druggist in Philadelphia.

Ohio Wesleyan—A. A. Shawkey, '99, who was studying medicine this summer in Portland, Me., is again at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore.

Iowa Wesleyan—Chas. H. Kamphoefner, '96, principal of the Odebalt (Iowa) schools, was married on September 1, 1898, at Hebron, Iowa, to Miss Amelia Leveke.

Ohio State—F. Wm. Rane, '91, is professor of agriculture and horticulture in the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, at Durham, N. H.

Wooster—Rev. L. S. McCollester, '89, of Detroit, spent last summer traveling in England and on the continent. He is quite prominent in masonic circles, being prelate of the Detroit commandery.

Ohio Wesleyan—Harry E. Esterly, '99, is with the Minneapolis and St. Louis R. R. Co., in the general freight department, 1103 Guaranty Loan Bldg., Minneapolis.

Ohio—Dr. J. H. Charter, '76, who has been located in Lafayette, Indiana, has removed to Marion, Indiana, and opened an office for the treatment of chronic diseases.

Gettysburg—George H. Kain, '97, delegate to the Philadelphia convention, is in the law school at Harvard this year. His address is 58 Kirkland St., Cambridge, Mass.

Lombard—Walter A. Johnson, '98, has been compelled by ill-health to give up his work with *McClure's* and to sell his interest in the *Osprev*. He thinks of entering Columbia.

Iowa Wesleyan—Rev. Fred Gilmore, '94, was married to Miss Fannie Powers, at Pulaski, Iowa, on August 31, 1898. Bro. Gilmore is a student of theology at Boston University.

Emory—Rev. Wm. R. Foot, '73, a charter member, was pastor of St. John's church, Athens, last year, and this year is presiding elder in the North Georgia Methodist conference.

California—A. O. Warner, '96, was married at Fresno, Cal., September 12, 1898, to Miss Mary Maupin. Geo. D. Kierulff, '96, was best man, and W. E. Creed, '98, was an usher.

Knox—J. Guy Latimer, '97, delegate to the Philadelphia convention, who was at the Harvard law school last year, is in the Northwestern law school this year, living at the Chicago chapter house.

Wooster—James H. Baldwin, '97, has entered on his second year's work in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Last commencement he was awarded a free scholarship in a competitive examination.

Kansas—William Allen White, '90, writes in the October *McClure's* of 'Appreciation of the West.' His collection of Kansas stories, 'The Real Issue,' is appearing in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, translated into French with highly commendatory notes.

Wabash—Judge R. B. Spilman, '61, died on October 19, 1898, at Manhattan, Kansas. He was captain of Co. K, 86th Indiana, in the civil war, had been mayor, county attorney and member of the legislature, and was made district judge in 1885. Wabash College conferred the degree of LL. D. on him at its last commencement.

Williams—Rev. Geo. L. Richardson, a charter member of his chapter and sometime president of Alpha province, has left Bennington, Vt., and become rector of the church of the Messiah, at Glens Falls, N. Y. He lives at 21 Washington street, Glens Falls.

Illinois—Hiram B. Ferris, '94, is with the Northwest Mining and Development Co., at Spokane, Wash. His office is in the Ziegler Block. He writes that he met there recently Bro. J. P. Helphrey, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '98 and Bro. T. H. Jones, *Central*, '99.

Indianapolis—A. C. Ayres, '68, was a Democratic candidate for the state legislature from Indianapolis, at the late election. J. V. Hadley, '63, was elected judge of the state supreme court; and R. A. Brown, *Franklin*, '84, was elected clerk of the state supreme court.

Randolph-Macon—Prof. Andrew Sledd, '92, of the department of Latin in Emory College organized a year ago a Latin club which now includes nearly every classical student in college. It is said to be the first one of its kind in a southern college and is very popular at Emory.

Miami—The last catalogue of the university, in its summary of college honors for the year, states that the degree of D. D. has been conferred on two of the alumni, both Phis, Rev. Robert Morrison, '49, of Fulton, Mo., and Rev. James King Gibson, '69, of South Charleston, Ohio.

Virginia—Schuyler Poitevent, '98, president of Gamma province, is reporter and book reviewer on the staff of the *Picayune*, at New Orleans. He and two or three other old Louisiana Alpha Phis intend entering the law department of Tulane and will be of great assistance to the active chapter.

Knox—Hon. G. W. Prince, '78, who was elected congressman from the tenth district of Illinois in 1896 by a plurality of over 15,000 votes, and who has just been re-elected, was selected as one of the orators at the closing republican rally in Cooper Union—a high oratorical honor.

Central—M. H. Guarrant, '92, has gone with the commissary department of the first brigade, second division, first corps, to Columbus, Ga., whence he expects to move shortly to Matanzas, Cuba. Bro. Guarrant will, consequently, be unable to attend the convention. Capt. F. W. Foxworthy, *De Pauw*, '94, is a surgeon in the 160th Indiana, which belongs to the first brigade.

De Pauw—S. K. Ruick, '97, who was in the Yale law school and who played on the Yale second eleven last year (the highest athletic honor that can come to a first year man), is this year in the law department of the University of Indianapolis, and is coaching the Indianapolis athletic club eleven.

Sewanee, '83—Larkin Smith, M. D., has been elected city health officer of Nashville. The daily *American* says: "Dr. Smith is one of the best known young men of Nashville, and ranks high in the estimation of his professional colleagues. He has a host of warm friends, who will rejoice to learn of his success."

Ohio State—Frederick Samuel Ball, '88, our worthy T. G. C., has retired by dissolution of partnership from the firm of Thomas & Ball, and is now settled as attorney and counsellor in the Moses Building, at Montgomery, Ala. Bro. Ball has a large and increasing practice and is actively interested in many local business enterprises.

Hanover—Koert D. H. Reap, '00, was married on October 8, 1898, to Miss May Wills, at Elizabethtown, Ind. Owing to parental opposition, the bride joined her lover at midnight by means of a ladder from a second-story window, whence her luggage had already been lowered. They were married at once by the Methodist minister and left for Cincinnati.

Of the Phis mentioned in the last SCROLL as being in the Klondike, two have reached home recently. R. A. Bull, *Indianapolis*, '97, is once more at New Albany, Ind., and is content to stay there for the present. A. W. Kierulff, *California*, '99, counts his trip a success and brings back some valuable interests in claims on the creeks near Dawson City.

Williams—Samuel Abbott, '87, who is now managing editor of the *College Athlete*, contributed besides his editorial notes an article on 'Athletics at the University of Pennsylvania' to the July-August issue and one on 'Light Men in Foot Ball' to the September number. In the latter number S. B. Newton, *Williams*, '91, has an article on 'End Play.'

Kansas—The October *North American Review* contains an article on 'The Minimum Capital of a National Bank,' by Thornton Cooke, '93. Bro. Cooke lives in Herington, Kansas, and was recently married to Miss Mary Holme of Kansas City. Another recent Kansas marriage is that of Bro. J. W. O'Bryon, '89, to Miss Nora Lemon, both being of Lawrence, Kansas.

Central—Frank P. Kenney, '94, who had charge of Michael Dwyer's horses at Butte and Anaconda, Montana, for three or four years, is distinguishing himself as secretary and treasurer of the Louisville driving and fair association. The annual meeting held this fall was the most successful in the history of the association, and the *Courier-Journal* gives Bro. Kenney credit for the fact. His office is in the Columbia building, at Louisville.

Missouri, '72—The children of the state of Missouri are contributing toward the \$6,000 monument to the memory of Eugene Field, which is to be placed on the grounds of the State University. The base will be of Missouri granite; the statue, of bronze.

The public schools in Kansas City, as well as many others in other parts of the state, have instituted annual exercises in celebration of the poet's birthday. The tribute is the outcome of a movement set on foot for 'Eugene Field day' in his native state by an old-time editor of Sedalia.

California—Geo. D. Kierulff, '96, who was last year teaching in the Pacific Grove (Cal.) high school, is now doing graduate work in the university. When the war broke out Bro. Kierulff was an officer in the California national guard. He organized the 'Monterey division of the naval reserve,' of which he was made lieutenant commanding, but none of the companies of naval reserves were mustered in, though this one had high hopes of going to Honolulu. Bro. Kierulff will be remembered with pleasure by all who attended the Philadelphia convention; he expresses deep regret at the prospect of absence from the semi-centennial.

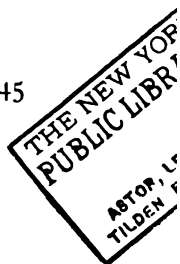
Wabash—Cap. W. P. Black, '64, was a candidate this fall for judge of the superior court of Cook Co., Ill. (Chicago). He was actively supported by the retailers who wage war on department stores in Chicago. At the time of the Haymarket riots, some years ago, when bombs were thrown among the police who attempted to break up a meeting of anarchists, Captain Black had a fine law practice. He deserted it to defend the anarchists, and while he took part in one of the greatest and most interesting trials in the court annals of Illinois, he lost his practice. His brother, Gen. John C. Black, Indiana Beta, '62, is a leading gold democrat, but the captain is an ardent advocate of free silver. The prejudice against him as former attorney for anarchists makes his life as a lawyer difficult, but he is very popular as a 'friend of the plain people.'

Ohio Wesleyan—Guy P. Benton, '88, is professor of history and sociology in Baker University, at Baldwin, Kansas, being also secretary of the faculty. He went to Baldwin two years ago, having been state assistant superintendent of public instruction immediately before going there, and having been superintendent of the Fort Scott schools from 1890 to 1895. Bro. Benton expects to attend the sessions of the semi-centennial convention.

Dartmouth—Geo. P. Bryant, '91, (*Columbia*, '96) who has been tutoring in Dresden during the past year, has been doing Switzerland on his wheel this fall. He took in everything from the summit of Mont Blanc and a snow storm half way up, down to the lakes and rivers. He is now in Italy and does not expect to see America before the early spring. He writes that he regrets exceedingly his inability to attend the Columbus convention. Mail may be sent to him in care of the Dresdener Bank, Dresden, Saxony.

Vanderbilt—A very appreciative sketch of the life of Senator Bate has been written by George H. Armistead (*Tennessee Alpha*, '84), editor of the *Franklin Review-Appeal*. It was first published in that paper and now appears in pamphlet form. It traces Senator Bate's life in war and peace and tells of the battles he has fought and the victories he has won. It is written in an easy, pleasing style, and as the subject dealt with has been important in the affairs of Tennessee for an extended period, it is most instructive historically.—*Nashville American*. Brother Armistead is a member of the Tennessee state Democratic executive committee.

Indiana—Ralph Bamberger, '91, receives special mention in the catalogue of the Indiana Law School. He was graduated there in 1896 at the head of a class of 56. At a recent examination in Chicago, for admission to the bar, there were 49 applicants, of whom 21 failed to pass. The examination was conducted by three practicing lawyers appointed by the appellate court of Illinois and lasted two full days. Of the 28 who passed Bro. Bamberger stood highest, with the exception of one who, it is said, had been dean of a law school. Among the applicants were graduates of the Michigan, Harvard and other famous law schools. Bro. Bamberger was in a Chicago law office for a time, but has now returned to Indianapolis and formed a partnership with Isidore Feibleman, '93.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

COLLEGES.

The study of Spanish has been introduced at Emory.

Regular 'preliminary' base ball practice commenced at California on November 1.

The Miami faculty has forbidden foot ball. Rough playing and neglect of class work were assigned as reasons.

A series of inter-class swimming races has been arranged by the boating association at the University of California.

Dr. Edmund J. James, of the University of Chicago, has been offered the presidency of the University of Cincinnati.

President Schaeffer, for eleven years the head of the University of Iowa, is dead. He was noted for his executive ability.

The total registration at Michigan up to October 11 was 2883, a slight decrease. The 3,000 mark has since been passed.

The medical department of the University of Cincinnati has decided to admit women, as the law department did some time ago.

The University of Cincinnati has just received a gift of \$56,000, the second large one in the last month, for a library building.

Nebraska dedicated her handsome new Mechanic Arts Building on October 28. President Chaplin, of Washington University, made the chief address.

Southwestern University, before noon of the first day, had enrolled 275, which was unprecedented. Prof. Hyer, the new regent, made a brilliant and telling opening address.

In the six volumes of Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, which contains a list of the 15,000 most noted names in the country, more than one-third were found to be those of college graduates. These statistics seem to indicate that one out of every 260 college men became distinguished, while of the non-college men, but one in 10,000 attains distinction.

Kansas has an enrollment of 1,000, Nebraska of 2,500. Northwestern has fewer men than usual among the freshmen, and the women are 25 per cent. more numerous than the men.

Columbia is to erect a \$5,000 gate in honor of her students and alumni who took part in the war with Spain. Harvard is raising \$25,000 for a memorial for the same purpose, and Pennsylvania will build one.

Tulane and Mississippi have each had to delay the opening of the session eight or ten weeks on account of yellow fever this year as last. The attendance at each institution is cut down seriously by this fact.

Mrs. Stanford has given her Nob Hill residence in San Francisco to be an annex of Leland Stanford Junior University. After her death a school of history, economics and social science will be conducted in it.

The total registration in the academic department of the University of California was 1,565 on October 18, an increase of 150 over last year. The graduate school enrolls 149 students, from 45 different colleges and universities.

Registration at Stanford on September 28, was 1,017, the class of '02 showing a falling off of 94. The percentage of women in the entering class increases steadily, the figures for the last three years being as follows: 35.5, 40.6, 45.5.

The University of the South has received \$10,000 by the will of the late W. A. Goodwyn, of Nashville, to be used 'to educate one or more young men who are not able to educate themselves.' The alumni of the university are arranging to endow a chair.

Although the board of trustees of the University of Rochester decided early last year to admit women students, at a recent meeting they announced that no women will be admitted until \$100,000 is raised to defray the expenses for necessary improvements on the college buildings.

The new College for Teachers, established by the University of Chicago with the gift of Mrs. Emmons Blaine, offers the same courses given at the university but at hours convenient for teachers, law students and clerks—4:30 to 6:30 and 7:30 to 9:30 P. M., and on Saturday. Dr. Edmund J. James is dean of the new college, which has taken rooms on Michigan avenue, near the Auditorium. The number of applicants for admission is said to be very large.

There were 162 women students at the University of Berlin last semester, 26 of whom were Americans. A year before the number of women attending the university was 95. None of them may be examined for a degree, however, in Germany, though this privilege is granted in Austria.

Dartmouth reports over 200 freshmen this year for nine fraternities to sift; Dickinson, 100 for six chapters; Brown, 250 for fourteen; Syracuse, nearly 500 for twelve; Colgate, 35 for five; Amherst, 122 for eleven. Dickinson's class of '02 is the largest in her history, and the dormitories are overflowing.

The University of Chicago has produced another ready-to-wear tradition, which takes the place of hazing. A band concert, a torch-light procession, a wrestling match by imported athletes, speeches and ceremonials are the features of the new initiation into college life which will hereafter be conferred on freshmen who wear the maroon.

At Hamilton College, where Alpha Delta Phi was founded in 1832, Mr. Clarence A. Seward, president of the fraternity, has founded a scholarship, the beneficiary of which must always be an Alpha Delt. Phi Kappa Sigma some years since founded a scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania, where the fraternity was founded in 1850, and where it now sustains a strong chapter.

The new building of the medical department of the University of California, the first to be completed of the three magnificent structures on Clarendon Heights, overlooking Golden Gate Park, composing the Affiliated Colleges, was dedicated on October 22. Among the congratulatory cablegrams read on the occasion was one from Regent J. B. Reinstein, California Alpha, '73, now in France.

Under Dr. C. W. Dabney's administration for the past ten years the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, has been steadily built up, so that now it takes rank with the foremost of southern state universities, and received the gold medal for the best exhibits at both the Atlanta and Tennessee expositions. The large sum received from the government from the land scrip fund, and the interest on state bonds, comprising an income of nearly \$100,000 a year, are used largely for scientific purposes, and in these branches especial progress has been made. Last year there were about 275 students in attendance. President Dabney is a member of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ from the Hampden-Sidney chapter.

Of the 108 architects who entered the preliminary competition for designs of the Greater University of California, at Antwerp, eleven have been selected as worthy to enter the final competition, and each of these receives a prize of \$1,200. Of the eleven winners six are Americans, five being from New York and one from Boston. Three are from Paris, one from Vienna, one from Zurich. All decisions of the jury were unanimous. Bro. J. B. Reinstein, *California*, '73, was a member of the jury.

The California faculty, which forbade rushes after the savage one of a year or two ago, finds the students hard to persuade. After a recent outbreak they summoned four juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen, who had been prominent in it. The juniors were expelled, and the sophs and freshies were notified that they would be considered as hostages and expelled without trial if another rush occurred, whether they happened to be personally concerned in it or not. For their sake it is expected that their classmates will scrape off all war paint.

The three prizes in *The Century Magazine's* competition for the best story, poem and essay, open to students who received the degree of B. A. in 1897, have been won by young women, although more men than women entered the competition. Two of the prize-winners are Vassar graduates, and one is from Smith.

The report of the competition appears in the November *Century*, with the prize story, 'A Question of Happiness,' by Miss Grace M. Gallaher, of Essex, Ct., who was graduated at Vassar, B. A., 1897.

With the aim of encouraging literary activity among college graduates, *The Century* will continue to give annually three prizes of \$250 each, open to the competition of persons who receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts in any college or university in the United States, the work to be done within one year of graduation. The preliminary report of the competition includes the following paragraphs:

Since the first announcement of these prizes in the public press on July 24, 1897, letters have been received asking that the privileges of the competition be extended to persons receiving the degree of Ph. B. and B. L., on the ground that in certain cases they are equivalent to the degree of B. A. A similar request has also been made in behalf of graduates of the United States naval and military colleges. But, on careful consideration, it has been decided not to make any change in the present series of prizes, which will be awarded, as originally stated, to graduates receiving the degree of B. A.

The Century's offer naturally brings up consideration of the often-noticed fact that so few of our literary men, since the earlier days,

have been college graduates. The editor some years ago made up a list of about forty of the then living prominent American authors. A very small proportion of these were found to be college graduates. The proportion of that class of writers appears to be gradually increasing; but if a list were made of a dozen or fifteen of the men and women now at the head of American literature, the public would be surprised to find that there were many more A. M.'s, L. H. D.'s, and LL. D.'s than B. A.'s among them.

At the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held at Washington, D. C., during October, the report of the committee on Christian education gave in detail the educational work in progress, indirectly through the public schools and directly through the church schools and colleges. The public schools were referred to as worthy institutions, necessary to our social system. The work in them could be advanced, the report stated, by having teachers grounded in religious principles, thus making the public schools an ally of the church. The need of Episcopal colleges in the north was pointed out, the present ones being local, small and without resources. A tentative plan was submitted for joining the colleges in an academic conference, on the plan of the great English universities having detached colleges. Rev. Dr. Greer, of New York, pointed out that many college-bred men joined the criminal class, and he urged that something more than education and mental culture were required to keep men good. He proposed that one great Episcopal university be established. Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, disclosed for the first time that his plea at the Minneapolis general convention in behalf of the University of the South had led to a secret gift of \$50,000.

FRATERNITIES.

Σ A E has entered Illinois.

Φ Δ Θ at DePauw now forbids membership in Θ N E.

Π K A has a new secret publication—*Dagger and Key*.

Φ K Ψ has published a directory of her 154 alumni in New York city.

G. W. G. Ferris, the designer of the Ferris wheel, is a member of X Φ.

We hear from a X Ψ that that society has chartered the Σ N bolters at Chicago.

K A's Washington and Lee chapter continues to initiate graduates of the Virginia Military Institute, nine having been taken in at the last commencement.

Φ Γ Δ has taken the first chapter house at Ohio Wesleyan. It was formerly the White residence on North Main street.

Φ Γ Δ has a house at the University of Tennessee, which is not mentioned in our note to Mr. Baird's tables, on page 147 of this issue.

Σ N is on the verge of dissolution, with only three men back and no prospect of getting more—Kansas correspondent of *Beta Theta Pi*.

Δ K E gives portraits and biographies of Roosevelt and Woodford in the *Quarterly*, but does not refer to the former's membership in A Δ Φ or to the latter's in Δ Ψ.

The K Σ chapter at Wabash has only three men, one a senior prep. The *Indianapolis News* says that the prospects of the society at Wabash are not flattering.

In previous editions of Baird the date of the founding of Θ Δ X was given as 1847. The 1898 edition states that the first recorded meeting was held June 5, 1848, which makes Φ Γ Δ older than Θ Δ X.

Δ Y has 31 active chapters, of which 12 own and 9 lease or rent houses. Of the remaining 10 chapters 4 are planning to build or rent. At Minnesota a house has just been built with money furnished by a man initiated last year.

The Φ Γ Δ chapter at Denison has been arrested by cemetery trustees at Granville, Ohio, for alleged desecration of the cemetery during an initiation. An urn on a monument was knocked down and broken, evidently by accident, however.

The suspended fraternity journals are the X Φ *Chackett*, X Φ *Quarterly*, Ψ Y *Diamond*, Ψ Y *Review*, Z Ψ *Monthly*, Z Ψ *Quarterly*, X Ψ *Purple and Gold* and A Δ Φ *Star and Crescent*. Neither of the small eastern fraternities K A, Δ Φ, Σ Φ and Δ Ψ has ever attempted to issue a journal.

Σ X has a new song book of 173 pages, containing 72 songs. It was authorized by the convention of 1890, and has been edited by Mr. H. C. Arms, of the Illinois chapter. The editor of THE SCROLL has seen a copy and can well believe the statement that the chapters are enthusiastic in their approval of the book. It has an attractive appearance, inside and out, and furnishes a wonderful variety of verse and music, for singers and accompanists are not required to depend upon memory for the latter.

The interesting story of how a freshman was rushed by three rival fraternities, which introduces the volume of 'Cornell Stories' recently published by the Scribners, has raised an inquiry as to the fraternity connections of the author. We are informed that Mr. Sanderson is a member of $\Sigma \Phi$.

It is a pity that ΨY has no journal to discover a mistake made by the October SCROLL—the intimation that Fitzhugh Lee was not a regularly initiated member because he had not been before published by Baird in the Psi U. list of distinguished sons. Gen. Lee belongs to the Harvard chapter, we have learned.

The Northwestern faculty has ordered the fraternities and sororities to select graduate members to act as their moral guardians and be responsible to the faculty for their conduct. The fraternities are allowed to give but one party a year and the women students to receive callers on Friday and Saturday evenings only, from seven till ten.

This is an admission wrung from the shy and shrinking editor of the $\Delta K E$ *Quarterly*: 'We are compelled to flatter ourselves on the showing of $\Delta K E$ in this late war. As a war number, this issue of the *Quarterly*, in our opinion, surpasses anything in the fraternity publication line we have seen, and the reason it does it because we have had the best material to work on.'

The fraternities of California reported the following number of initiations up to November 1: $K A \Theta$, 5; $\Gamma \Phi B$, 5; $K K \Gamma$, 4; $Z \Psi \beta$; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 4; $X \Phi$, 4; $\Delta K E$, 5; $B \Theta \Pi$, 4 (one junior and one sophomore); ΣX , 3; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 4; ΣN , 4; $\Sigma A E$, 3; $X \Psi$, 1; $K A$, 9 (one senior, five sophomores and one law); ΔY , 4; $\Delta T \Delta$, 4 (one sophomore). Except where specified initiations were freshmen.

A senior society made its appearance at Missouri near the end of last semester. Very little is known of the organization, except that its name is $Q E B H$, and that its ten members are all seniors. No mention is made of the society by those who wear its badge, but it is known that the welfare of the university is high among its aims. Brothers Williams and Switzler, both of '98, were among the original members of the society; Brothers English and Edmunds, of '99, represent us on the new delegation. Among the original members, $K \Sigma$, $\Sigma A E$, $B \Theta \Pi$ and $K A$, were represented by one man each; on the new delegation $K \Sigma$ and $\Sigma A E$ have one man each.

Southern K A reports 90 men in army and navy, besides five cadets at Annapolis and West Point. $\Phi K \Psi$ reports 123. ΣN accounts for about 80, and $\Sigma A E$ for a few over 100. The other magazines have presented no systematic reports as yet, though we may expect several in November and December. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has 213 to date, two having been reported since the first forms were printed.

From the K A *Journal* for September, just received, we learn that the house rented at Virginia by that fraternity last year has been given up, and that owned houses should be credited to K A at Louisiana and Tennessee (where K Σ , as well as $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, now has a house). Houses are rented at Columbian, Texas, and California, and the West Virginia chapter seems to claim one. This would give K A six houses owned and ten rented.

The convention of K K Γ , at Lincoln, in August, while by no means lacking in exciting business sessions, was a bewildering succession of social events. Not only were the young women entertained in various ways by their sisters and cousins and aunts, but K A Θ gave them a reception, ΣX an outdoor party, $\Phi K \Psi$ a chapter-house for the use of the Grand Council and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ a tea at the Omaha Exposition. The entire Grand Council was re-elected.

This is the way the $\Sigma A E$ correspondent welcomed us at Cincinnati (ΣX and B Θ Π were more choice in their language):

'There is a set of fellows at the university, soreheads, who, having failed to get in any of the fraternities here, are trying to obtain a charter from some other fraternity. It is rumored that they first petitioned $\Delta K E$ but, failing in that direction, are now petitioning Phi Delta Theta.'

The Northwestern correspondent of the $\Phi K \Psi$ *Shield* says that one of the notable events of college life there has been 'the remarkable decadence' of ΣX , who a year ago had 18 men and the best chapter-house in the university. 'Now they have lost their house and have left only two active members.' The *Shield* correspondent adds that 'chapter houses have never been a success at Northwestern,' asserting that ΔY 'was forced to give up her house last year' and that this year but one chapter occupies a house, which is a rented one. We have inquired as to the correctness of these statements and learn that ΣX no longer occupies her house, the only one that was owned at Northwestern, and that foreclosure proceedings were begun in the

Cook county circuit court against the chapter last month. The chapter, however, now has four men, with another one pledged. Further, we learn that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $B \Theta \Pi$ and ΣN occupy rented houses. $\Delta T \Delta$, ΔY and $\Sigma A E$ have each a number of men boarding at the same house, but it is not generally understood that they claim to have distinctive chapter-houses. $\Phi K \Psi$ has no house, nor has $\Phi K \Sigma$. The latter returned 4 men this fall, and $\Sigma A E$ returned 6. At last accounts neither had secured any new men.

$\Phi K \Psi$ will not adopt her new constitution finally and print it in permanent form till after next year's convention. The historian, Mr. Van Cleve, reports \$200 on hand with the Fraternity treasurer, besides \$89 collected out of \$211 subscriptions made at the recent convention. He calls for \$600 more. The Fraternity has four new alumni chapters. The executive council reports that 'several brothers have been directed to examine conditions at institutions where Phi Kappa Psi may be welcome.' We hear it rumored that Vanderbilt and Purdue are two of those in view.

The 1890 edition of Baird's *American College Fraternities* mentioned a sorority called P. E. O., which was said to have been in existence, chiefly in Iowa, for over twenty years which did not seem to be confined to collegiate institutions and which had an estimated membership of 1,500. The statistical tables of 1890 give the society five chapters, and a journal known as the *P. E. O. Record* is 'rumored' to exist. All mention of this society is omitted in the last edition of Mr. Baird's book. We are indebted to Bro. J. M. Beck, editor-in-chief of the *Iowa Wesleyan*, for the following interesting information in regard to this society :

P. E. O. is a sisterhood which has all the features of a Greek sorority and which, in addition, engages in charitable and philanthropic work. Iowa Wesleyan probably has the only college chapter. It was organized by seven girls in the university in 1869. It has grown until it has as many as a hundred chapters in at least eight different states, fifty-eight of these chapters being in Iowa. The college chapter here occupies the same position among the secret society people of the school as does $\Pi B \Phi$, and it is claimed that it has superior advantages from the fact that after school life is over one's activity is only well begun, as in the city chapters a high grade of literary work is done, as well as much charitable work. Burlington, Iowa, has a chapter of 70 members and Chicago one of about the same size. One of the founders is Mrs. Dr. C. G. Stafford, wife of the president of Iowa Wesleyan; another is Mrs. W. I. Babb, of Mt. Pleasant, who gave the address on P. E. O. day at the Omaha exposition. At the time of its organization the I. C. sorosis (now $\Pi B \Phi$) was here in the school, and P. E. O. was designed as its rival. The badge is a gold star with the letters 'P. E. O.'

The October *Beta Theta Pi* shows that a number of Beta chapters were very much reduced in numbers at the opening of the college year. For example: Hanover, 5; Pennsylvania State, 8; Denver, 3; Ohio Wesleyan, 2; W. and J., 7; Centre, 6; Western Reserve, 5; Indiana, 9; Ohio, 6; Wooster, 4; Hampden-Sidney, 5. Some of these, however, as Hanover and Ohio Wesleyan, had men pledged from the year before ready to initiate, and many of them have already doubled their numbers. Hampden-Sidney alone reports a lack of good material and no initiates. The weakness of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter is due to the enlistment of ten of its members, who are now in Porto Rico. Dickinson had nineteen men last year, but graduated four and suspended five for joining Θ N E.

The secondary journals devoted to the private affairs of their respective fraternities are the Σ X *Bulletin* (the first of its kind issued), Σ A E *Phi Alpha*, Φ Δ Θ *Palladium*, Southern K A *Special Messenger*, Π K A *Dagger and Key* and K Σ *Star and Crescent*. The Allegheny annual of this year says that Δ T Δ publishes *The Choctaw*, whatever that is. The *Mystic Messenger* of B Θ Π was begun in 1890, and was published irregularly up to 1893, when it suspended. 'The results hoped from its advent were not secured,' is the explanation of its suspension given in 'Fraternity Studies' by Mr. Wm. R. Baird. Φ Δ Θ has found *The Palladium* a very useful adjunct to THE SCROLL. Two private numbers of the *Beta Theta Pi* are issued yearly, one containing the proceedings of the convention and the other the annual reports from chapters.

The fraternity journals of today are unanimous in insisting on attractive chapter letters as necessary features and in giving prominence to news of alumni. Such publications as *The* Φ Γ Δ *Quarterly*, *The Shield* of Φ K Ψ and THE SCROLL of Φ Δ Θ have accomplished wonders in this line, adding to their worth by timely illustrated articles on the several colleges where they have chapters. *The Beta Theta Pi* is another success in this regard. We wish we had space to commend others, but must close with a word of praise for the careful work shown by our 'sister' editors, who are furnishing their readers very newsy and tasty publications. We are sometimes prone to believe that they do too much heavy thinking and moralizing, but this feeling is offset by the occasional glimpses we obtain into the wonderful working of a woman's mind.—Exchange editor of the Δ Y *Quarterly*.

The Umbdenstock Publishing Co., which had already compiled a book on 'The Greek-letter Men of Chicago,' has now issued a similar volume for St. Louis. Bro. Adkins, of Missouri Gamma, has kindly sent THE SCROLL his copy for examination. It is a fine piece of work in typography and binding, and abounds in pictures of chapter houses and St. Louis Greeks. Several historical articles and one or two in praise or defense of the fraternity system precede the historical sketches and alumni lists of the several general men's fraternities. They are given in order of age, and their St. Louis alumni number: K A, 1; Σ Φ, 5; Δ Φ, 7; Α Δ Φ, 25; Ψ Υ, 22; Δ Υ, 9; Β Θ Π, 99; Χ Ψ, 15; Δ Κ Ε, 63; Ζ Ψ, 20; Δ Ψ, 11; Θ Δ Χ, 3; Φ Γ Δ, 16; Φ Δ Θ, 93; Φ Κ Σ, 6; Φ Κ Ψ, 23; Χ Φ, 1; Σ Χ, 26; Σ Α Ε, 68; Δ Τ Δ, 29; Α Τ Ω, 14; Κ Α (southern), 21; Κ Σ, 16; Η Κ Α, 0; Σ Ν, 19. A group picture of Missouri Gamma is given and some twenty pictures of alumni; a serious omission from the Phi point of view is the lack of pictures of our chapter houses. Bro. M. A. Seward, *Cornell*, '97, contributes a good historical sketch of Φ Δ Θ, based on Baird.

Δ Υ held her 'sixty-fourth' annual convention at Philadelphia on October 20 and 21. Sessions were held at the Aldine. All the thirty-one chapters were represented, and two new ones were added, applicants from McGill University, Montreal, and from the University of Nebraska receiving charters. It seems that an application was also received or expected from Stevens. The organization of a general alumni association of the society was ordered, details being left to the executive council. Judge E. B. Sherman, of Chicago, was re-elected president, and as Rev. Thornton B. Penfield is continued on the executive council, we trust he will again have charge of the *Quarterly*, with which he has been so successful. Over 160 are said to have attended the banquet. Open literary exercises were held at Houston Hall, but the program's five-minute talks by Stephen Crane, the novelist; Senator Proctor, of Vermont; Governor Voorhees, of New Jersey; Governor Powers, of Maine, and other well-known men were omitted, presumably on account of the absence of these gentlemen. Swarthmore was visited, and a theater party was given by the local alumni association. The next convention goes to Ann Arbor. Ten members of the Ο Ν society were present from McGill, with Prof. L. H. Cappen, an honorary member of Δ Υ. The society chartered at Nebraska was known as Τ Δ Ο. McGill now has chapters of Ζ Ψ, Α Δ Φ and Δ Υ (Toronto

having Z Ψ, A Δ Φ and K A) and Nebraska supports Φ Δ Θ, Σ X, B Θ Π, Σ A E, Δ T Δ, Φ K Ψ, A T Ω, K Σ, Φ Γ Δ, Δ Y, A Θ X (local), Φ Δ Φ, K K Γ, K A Θ, Δ Γ, Δ Δ Δ, Π B Φ, Φ B K and Σ Ξ. Of these chapters four have been established in the last eighteen months and eleven within the last three years. This comes near breaking the record. The new Phi Gam chapter had not come out as a local organization, but occupies a house and has some strong men.

The number of chapters of the various fraternities suspended since the beginning of 1890 and their former locations are as follows:

A T Ω, 11.—Hampden-Sidney, Haverford, Roanoke, Columbian, Central, Wofford, Charleston (revived in 1898), Middle Georgia, Michigan, Simpson, Stanford.

Δ T Δ, 11.—Franklin and Marshall, Boston, Williams, Lafayette, Bethany, Buchtel, Wooster, Hanover, Michigan Agricultural, Iowa Agricultural, Simpson.

Φ Δ Θ, 10.—C. C. N. Y., Roanoke, Richmond, S. C. College, Southern, Wooster, Buchtel, Hillsdale, Michigan Agricultural, Illinois Wesleyan, Lombard.

Σ N, 9.—Yale, U. of Pennsylvania, S. C. College, S. C. Military Academy, U. of the South, Chicago, Drake, Upper Iowa, Southwest Kansas.

Σ A E, 9.—Furman, Emory and Henry, S. C. College, S. C. Military Academy, Erskine, Mississippi Agricultural, Central, Gettysburg, Cornell (revived in 1898).

Φ Γ Δ, 7.—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Western Reserve, Marietta, Muhlenberg, Georgia, Michigan, Stanford.

K Σ, 7.—Emory and Henry, Emory, North Georgia Agricultural, S. C. College, U. S. Grant, Thatcher Institute, Butler.

K A (southern), 6.—Furman, Emory and Henry, S. C. College, S. C. Military Academy, Wake Forest, Erskine.

Φ K Σ, 5.—Toronto, Lake Forest, Illinois, North Carolina, Haverford.

Θ Δ X, 4.—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rensselaer, Dickinson, Kenyon.

X Φ, 4.—S. C. College, Ohio Wesleyan, Dickinson, Brown.

Φ K Ψ, 4.—Hobart, Wooster, S. C. College, U. of the Pacific.

Π K A, 4.—S. C. College, S. C. Military Academy, Richmond, North Carolina.

Σ X, 3.—Stevens Institute, Wooster, Wabash.

X Ψ, 3.—Mississippi, South Carolina, Furman.

B Θ Π, 2.—Randolph-Macon, Richmond.

Z Ψ, 2.—Harvard, Rensselaer.

Δ K E, 1.—Harvard.

Δ Ψ, 1.—Rochester.

Φ Φ Φ, 1. Southwestern.

Φ Σ K, A X P, M Π Λ, A Δ Φ, Σ Φ, Δ Φ, Δ Y, Ψ Y, and K A (northern), none. Δ T Δ will head the list with 12 if her Allegheny chapter is really dead.

The charters of the ten chapters of Φ Δ Θ shown above were withdrawn by the Fraternity, either with or without the consent of the chapters. The charters of many other chapters in the above list were withdrawn doubtless by their respective fraternities.

From 'American College Fraternities' is compiled the following list of local men's fraternities, with years of organization of most of them: University of Maine, O E H II, 1894; Δ P, 1896; Dartmouth College, K K K, 1842; University of Vermont, Λ I, 1836; Δ Ψ (not connected with the general fraternity of that name), 1850; Norwich University, Vermont, Λ Σ II, 1857; Θ X, 1858; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Φ B E; Brown University, X Φ (separated from the general fraternity of that name), 1895; Φ K Σ (composed of Roman Catholic students—not connected with the general fraternity of that name), 1896; Sheffield Scientific School, of Yale, Berzelius, 1863; Σ Δ X, 1867; Wesleyan University, Φ N Θ, 1837; Φ P, 1893; Trinity College, Connecticut, I. K. A., 1829; St. Stephens College, New York, K Γ X, 1868; University of Pennsylvania, M Φ A; Pennsylvania State College, Φ Δ E, 1894; Bethany College, West Virginia, II Θ, 1897; Marietta College, Ohio, A F, 1859; A Σ Φ, 1860; Case School of Applied Science, Ω Ψ, 1885; Λ K, 1892; Western Reserve University, II K; Buchtel College, Ohio, Z A E, 1887; Northwestern University, Γ Δ Σ, 1897; Lake Forest University, Illinois, Φ II E; Lombard University, A Ξ Δ; University of Wisconsin, Φ P B, 1896; University of Minnesota, K Φ Y; University of Nebraska, A Θ X, 1895; T Δ O; Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Σ P H seceded from Φ Γ Δ), 1896; University of Southern California, Θ Ψ, 1897; Φ P Σ. Many of the foregoing were organized mainly for the purpose of securing charters from general fraternities. The chapter of Σ N at the University of Chicago, established in 1895, surrendered its charter last spring, and formed a local society called the Q. V., for the purpose, probably, of securing a charter from some other fraternity. Φ K Σ has chartered the local society,

O E H Π, late applicants to Φ Δ Θ at the University of Maine, and Σ N chartered Γ Δ Σ at Northwestern in January of this year. Δ Y has just chartered T Δ O at Nebraska, and X Ψ is about to initiate the Q. V. society at Chicago.

The editor of the Δ Y *Quarterly* thinks that the healthy condition of Δ Y's life as a fraternity 'has proven the fallacy of the claim that mystery and twisted handshakes form a necessary factor in the making and conserving of the true fraternal spirit.' There are others who are of opinion that Δ Y's career has proven first of all that prosperity can never come, either locally or generally, in the long run, to open literary societies founded on the principle of bitter opposition to fraternities in which good fellowship, limited numbers, privacy and a desire to let live as well as to live, are a few of the objects in view. And some people believe further that their only chance for a healthy life comes to these societies aforesaid where they cease their campaign of attack and adopt some of the very names and methods they began by opposing, when they become in fact and name a fraternity in place of an anti-fraternity league. If any sensible fraternity man claims that 'mystery and twisted handshakes form a necessary factor in the making and conserving of the true fraternal spirit,' his assertion has not yet come to the ears or eyes of the editor of THE SCROLL.

The semi-centennial convention of Φ Γ Δ met October 14, at Washington, Pa. The fraternity was founded in May, 1848, at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa. Jefferson was united later with Washington College. The address of welcome was delivered by President Moffat of W. and J., a prominent Fiji. After this preliminary session the convention adjourned to Pittsburgh. Bishop Hartzell, President Dabney, and Prof. John Clark Ridpath were the 'big guns' present, Gen. Wallace, Maurice Thompson, Senator Fairbanks and Bishop Maclaren failing to appear. The newspapers gave names of delegates present from 40 chapters out of 43, a few being represented by alumni. Bishop Hartzell preached an anniversary sermon on Sunday, October 15. A charter was granted to the University of Nebraska. The 'grand chapter' system of government was abolished, and the executive committee system, used by Φ Δ Θ since 1880, was substituted. Gen. Lew Wallace was elected president. The next convention goes to Baltimore. The attendance at the banquet was 'estimated' at 175. The Φ Γ Δ press agents were nothing if not zealous. One reported that Mr. T. Alfred Vernon, a section chief, had pub-

lished at his own expense the finest college fraternity directory in the United States, containing the names of the 11,000(!) members of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and short biographies of those most prominent. Two thousand copies, by the way, are said to have been published at a cost of \$10,000, of which Mr. Vernon expects to realize no more than half through sales to members. According to one paper Gen. Benjamin Harrison is a leading $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. This was corrected later, thus: 'Ex-President Harrison is president of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, a college Greek-letter society of about the same rank as the Phi Gamma Delta.' We are glad to note that our own Columbus press bureau is beginning modestly—too modestly, perhaps, when it gives us only 25 alumni chapters instead of 38.

'American College Fraternities' states that the University of Nashville is closed, which is a mistake. It is more than a century old, and has never been closed, except perhaps a year or two during the civil war. It has several departments, a large campus, good buildings, and in other respects is well equipped. The literary department receives a handsome income from the state legislature and from the Peabody educational fund, and probably soon will be the beneficiary of the whole fund, amounting to \$2,000,000. The chancellor, Dr. C. H. Payne, was formerly a professor at Ann Arbor, and is a man of recognized ability. There are several hundred students, representing many states. They engage Vanderbilt students in athletic contests, the two institutions being about two miles apart. Vanderbilt is overrun with fraternities, having thirteen— $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $K \Sigma$, $\Sigma A E$, $K A$, $X \Phi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Delta T \Delta$, ΣN , $A T \Omega$, $\Delta K E$, ΣX , $\Pi K A$ and $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$ (dental), but there are none at the University of Nashville. Formerly $\Delta K E$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Sigma A E$, $X \Phi$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $A T \Omega$ were organized at the latter place, but strange to say none of them has re-established their chapter, although the institution is decidedly more flourishing than ever before.

At the last convention of $B \Theta \Pi$ four of the ten district chiefs were present, an unusually large proportion. We think $B \Theta \Pi$ would do well to adopt $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s plan of paying their traveling expenses to conventions, as such a plan alone will insure their attendance, and as their presence and advice will always be of great benefit. In the *Beta Theta Pi* for October an alumnus suggests that the right to vote in conventions be extended to alumni delegates, and that each chapter send an alumnus as well as an active member. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$

has every reason to be satisfied with her plan of allowing delegates of alumni chapters a vote, and if these chapters continue to increase at the present rate the number of alumni entitled to vote in the convention will presently be equal to that of the student delegates.

The same writer in the *Beta Theta Pi* confirms the impression that no institution in existence could get a charter from B Θ Π at present, though many of the alumni and some of the undergraduates favor a policy of conservative extension. Nor does it seem possible to give the *coup de grace* to languishing chapters. Certain weak chapters were threatened with extinction by the convention committee, but their care and consideration were made the special duty of the board of trustees, and no charters were withdrawn.

The new editor of the *K A Journal*, Mr. S. M. Wilson, announces a radical departure from the policy of his predecessors, Messrs. Keeble and Jones. He is disposed to subordinate certain customary and time-honored features which have hitherto been given greater or less prominence: 'Greek Notes and Clippings' and 'The Greek Press.' We have little hesitation in saying that it was the latter department that gave the *Journal* the prominent position it occupied in the Pan-Hellenic editorial world. To be sure, in order to live up to its reputation of critic general and impartial cynic, the department occasionally forced the witticism and criticism; but its points were usually well taken, and some of our young editors and chapter correspondents have profited much thereby. However, the *Journal* will doubtless be made even more interesting than before to members of K A, though the rest of us may find it slightly less so.

We can not agree with the editor, however, in his reasons for slighting these departments. He says that the Greek notes and clippings, 'with our present limited news service, must of necessity be little more than a transcript from the news columns of others.' We do not hesitate to say that THE SCROLL rarely draws directly on the 'Greek News' columns of exchanges, finding abundant material in their chapter letters, in reports of its own correspondents, in newspaper clippings from interested alumni and in reviews of books bearing on Greek letter subjects. Take in this issue, for example, the reports of the Φ Γ Δ and Δ Υ national conventions, which have not yet appeared in the magazines of those fraternities. It takes some work, but the department of Greek news can be made relatively as fresh and full of 'scoops' as the columns of a metropolitan daily. And

we consider news of this sort essential to the education of an unprejudiced and effective fraternity worker.

The editor of the *Journal* says that the department of the Greek press must, in the nature of things, consist largely in a dilettantic exchange of editorial courtesies. This is a telling criticism of the exchange departments of some fraternity magazines, but there is no more necessity for throwing nose-gays perpetually than there is for dispensing incessant sarcasm or for cultivating a haughty indifference. The exchange department may very well be combined with that of fraternity news. Such has been the theory and practice of THE SCROLL these many days.

We can not think that Mr. Wilson really intends systematically ignoring us; indeed, he intimates that when space allows we may expect to hear from him. His administration of the *Journal* has begun too auspiciously to allow us to believe that he will do K A the ill turn of putting her behind a Chinese wall.

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CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS.

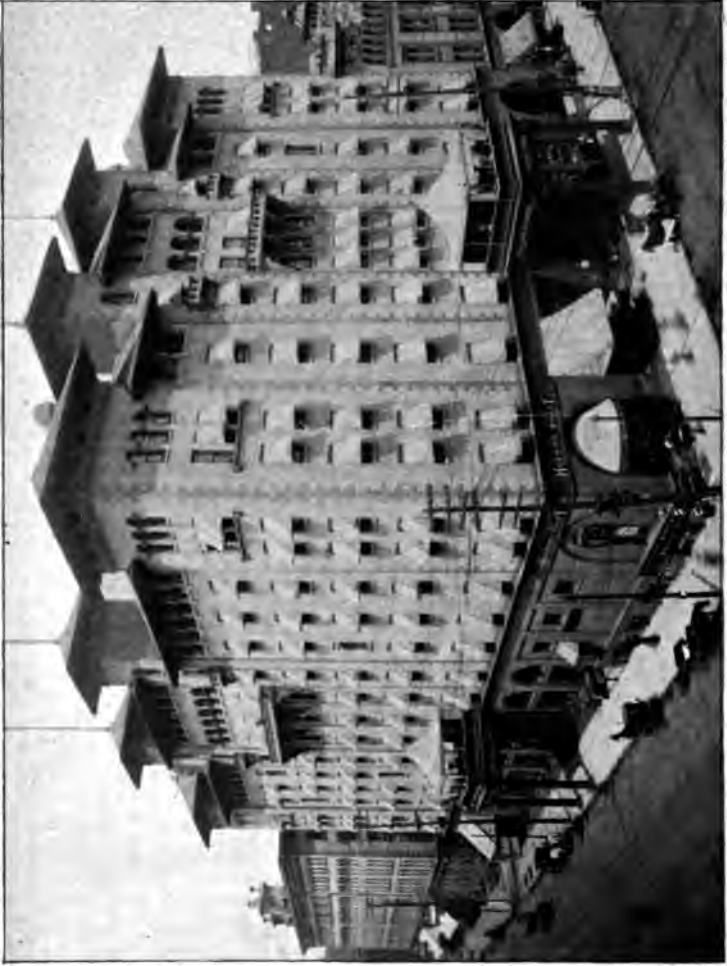
For the benefit of those who may not have received a copy of the last *Palladium* the following convention announcements are repeated:

Headquarters are at the Chittenden; special rates are \$3.00 per day single; \$2.50 where two have the same room.

Sessions are to be held in the hall of the House of Representatives, in the State Capitol; the opening session begins at 10 A. M., Monday morning, November 21. No business session will be held Thanksgiving day.

The social events of the week, so far as announced, are as follows: Monday evening, reception to delegates and visitors by Columbus alumni and Ohio Zeta; Tuesday evening, informal smoker at Ohio Zeta's chapter house; Wednesday evening, semi-centennial banquet; Thursday morning, sight-seeing; noon, convention photograph; afternoon, foot ball game between O. S. U. and O. W. U.; evening, theatre party. *Note that the reception comes on Monday evening, instead of Tuesday, as announced in November Palladium.*

Reduced rates are offered by all roads in the Central, Southeastern, Trunk Lines and New England passenger associations, as well as by the Rock Island and the Alton roads (between Joliet and Peoria on the Rock Island and from St. Louis and all Illinois stations on the Alton). The rate is one fare and one-third for the round trip. Full fare must be paid going and a certificate of the official form se-



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cured. When 100 of these are presented and signed at Columbus, return tickets may be bought over the same route used on the going trip at one-third fare. *Be sure to secure your certificate.* Inquire some days beforehand, if your station is not an important one, and insist on your agent securing blank certificates. If your agent can not furnish one, buy a round trip ticket to the nearest important station and then secure one. All visitors are urged to secure certificates, and delegates are required to do so, unless they have some cheaper form of transportation. The reduced rate applies to territory east of Chicago, Joliet, Peoria, Bloomington, Quincy and the Mississippi from Quincy to New Orleans (on most roads from East St. Louis instead of St. Louis). Phis starting from west of this territory should buy a round trip ticket to the nearest station in Central or Southeastern territory and then buy a full-fare, one-way ticket to Columbus and secure a certificate. Have the conductor telegraph agents to have certificates and tickets ready at stations where connections are close, such as East St. Louis or Peoria. Tickets may not be purchased more than three days before November 21 nor more than three days after (in Central association territory not more than two days after).

New England Phis will please notice that, for the first time, we have been able to have the reduced rate apply to them. The concession was made too late to be announced in the November Palladium.

Eastern Phis will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday evening, November 19, when Bro. Moore and Dr. Radcliffe start, or on Sunday afternoon, November 20.

Southern Phis, please write Bro. Fred S. Ball, Moses Building, Montgomery, Ala., in regard to joining the party from the south.

Phis coming from or by way of Chicago, please write Bro. F. J. R. Mitchell, with Remy and Mann, Marquette Building, Chicago. Illinois Alpha will entertain Phis in Chicago on their way to the convention with a smoker at the chapter house, Saturday night, November 19. The party will leave for Columbus Sunday morning.

Phis from Indiana, from Illinois by way of Indianapolis and from the west by way of St. Louis will take the Pennsylvania's No. 20, leaving St. Louis over the Vandalia at 8:04 A. M., Sunday, November 20, and reaching Indianapolis at 2:35 that afternoon and Columbus at 7:35, by way of Dayton and Xenia. Any inquiries as to this party may be addressed to the editor of THE SCROLL.

Bro. Bleazby, of Michigan, suggests that the convention

arrange for a meeting of Phis visiting the Paris exposition, in 1900. The idea is worth considering.

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Will reporters and alumni please secure the insertion of the following paragraph in their home papers at once?

The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is one of the oldest college secret societies of western origin, and for fifteen years it has had active chapters in more colleges and universities than any similar organization. It was founded in eighteen hundred and forty-eight at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and the semi-centennial convention will meet in Columbus, Ohio, during Thanksgiving week, beginning Monday, November 21.

The attendance will be very large, as the society is strongly represented throughout Ohio and states nearby. Reduced rates on the certificate plan, are offered by the railroads. There will be receptions and a banquet in addition to the business sessions, and the Thanksgiving foot ball game and the theatres on the same evening, will be attended by the convention in a body. The fraternity has ten thousand names on its roll, over one thousand of them being students now in college. There are thirty-eight alumni chapters (a larger number than in any other fraternity) and sixty-four college chapters. The youngest alumni chapter is at Athens, Ohio, and the latest college chapter founded is at the University of Cincinnati, both being situated, curiously enough, in the state in which Phi Delta Theta was founded fifty years earlier.

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The editor of the seventh edition of the catalogue will have several names to enter which have not appeared in THE SCROLL'S annual lists of initiates. Among them are H. C. Wilson and Frank Brunner, *Lehigh* (see *Palladium*, page 22, November, 1898); R. O. Johnson, *V. M. I.* (see minutes of convention of 1894); Dr. A. C. Kemper, *Miami* (see *Palladium*, September, 1898); Philip King, *Pennsylvania* (since affiliated with Wisconsin Alpha); Dan P. Young, *Washington and Lee*, '96; and the nine charter members of the Chicago chapter. Three of these had resigned and were reinstated, one was affiliated from K Σ K, one was omitted by mistake from the sixth edition of the catalogue, and the others were omitted by mistake by chapter historians from their annual reports.

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Bro. Walter B. Palmer, P. G. C., has recently visited the chapters at Illinois, Knox, Lombard, Chicago, Indianapolis and Case. He was also in Bloomington and expresses the opinion that Φ Δ Θ made no mistake in withdrawing from the Illinois Wesleyan University when she did. While in Galesburg, Bro. Palmer was entertained by several of the alumni and the active members, the Knox chapter giving him a chafing-dish party, with Bro. A. A. Green, '99, as a special hypnotic attraction.

The annual circular letter is due in December. No chapter can afford to neglect this opportunity to tell the alumni what has been done and what is planned. Mail the letters in sealed envelopes with a return address.

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R. T. HAINES, MISSOURI, '89.

Robert T. Haines, *Missouri*, '89, was graduated as LL. B. He began the practice of law in Kansas City, but the stage, for which he had long before demonstrated his fitness and fondness, claimed him within a year. He has supported the late Thos. W. Keene, Robert Downing, James O'Neill, Walker Whiteside and Kathryn Kidder. Last year he was the half caste hero in Pitou's 'The Cherry-Pickers,' in which he made a distinct hit. He is now leading man with the Shubert stock company, at the Bastable theatre in Syracuse, N. Y.

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In the elections last week, Bro. James Gray, *Minnesota*, '85, was chosen mayor of Minneapolis by 5,000 plurality over the Republican candidate in that Republican city. Bro. C. C. Kohlsaas, *Chicago*, '67, was elected probate judge of Cook county by 29,000 majority, the largest given any candidate in Chicago this year.

Delegates must remember to bring with them to the convention the copy of proposed revision of constitution and code sent to their chapter. They should also see to it at once that the chapter treasurer makes collections to cover all general dues up to the time of the convention, that the chapter may be entitled to representation.

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Cornell and Pennsylvania are not the only chapters that have Phi captains in foot ball. Read the letters from Knox, Illinois, Iowa, Washington and Lee and Case. Let us have a full list in the February SCROLL.

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Missouri has bought a fine lot near the campus and proposes to take a house that shall be all her own—and to take it soon. We are glad to see that the approach of the convention, or the iterations of the editor, or the pangs of conscience—that something has roused a good many chapters recently to phenomenal activity on the house question.

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The roll of honor still grows. Names of Phi soldiers and sailors continue to drop in from most unexpected quarters. The total is now well beyond two hundred, and we have reason to believe that three hundred is too conservative an estimate of the number of Phis who bore arms in the war with Spain.

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In our haste to print everything within six days, a few bad typographical errors have crept in. Two we note here, as they may be misleading: page 158, 7th line from bottom—'undesirable' should read 'undeniable'; page 142, 9th line from bottom—'name' should read 'move.'

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Of the eight Phis in the last congress six are re-elected: Bros. Griggs, Brantley and Howard, of Georgia; Bros. Prince and Graff, of Illinois; and Bro. Griffith, of Indiana. Bro. Pugh is possibly beaten by a small plurality in Kentucky. Bro. Fenton was not a candidate for re-election. The honorary membership of Congressman Grosvenor, of Ohio, whose name does not appear in the catalogue, has already been commented upon in THE SCROLL.

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In addition to other college papers already named we are now receiving *The Crimson-White*, which gives good account of Alabama's activity in university affairs. We are also in-

debted to Bro. B. M. L. Ernst, business manager of the *Columbia Literary Monthly*, for his magazine.

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Full reports of the rushing season's successes have reached THE SCROLL from every active chapter except the two still in vacation on account of the 'yellowoid' fever—Mississippi and Tulane. These two will return to work within the next fortnight. Mississippi expects to begin with 14, and Tulane with 9. In the following summary of initiates and total membership for each chapter, the number initiated since the beginning of the present session precedes the whole number in attendance on November 15: Colby, 8-20 (2 pledged); Dartmouth, 10-41; Vermont, 10-26; Williams, 5-20; Amherst, 12-32 (1 pledged); Brown, 9-25; Cornell, 3-22 (2 pledged); Union, 5-18; Columbia, 2-12; Syracuse, 9-29; Lafayette, 8-17 (1 pledged); Gettysburg, 1-7 (2 pledged); Washington and Jefferson, 6-13; Allegheny, 1-13 (3 pledged); Dickinson, 3-20; Pennsylvania, 5-25; Lehigh, 2-10; Virginia, 3-14; Randolph-Macon, 0-6; Washington and Lee, 5-6; North Carolina, 1-8; Centre, 4-10 (2 pledged); Central, 1-8 (1 pledged); Vanderbilt, 4-17; Sewanee, 4-15; Georgia, 3-12 (1 pledged); Emory, 9-27; Mercer, 8-24; Alabama, 9-16; Auburn, 9-20 (2 pledged); Texas, 2-13 (1 pledged); Southwestern, 3-10; Miami, 8-16 (1 pledged); Ohio Wesleyan, 1-9 (5 pledged); Ohio, 2-10 (4 pledged); Ohio State, 3-14 (3 pledged); Case, 2-13; Cincinnati, 3-12; Michigan, 6-21; Indiana, 3-16 (1 pledged); Wabash, 5-11 (3 pledged); Indianapolis, 5-12; Franklin, 5-10 (2 pledged); Hanover, 3-9; De Pauw, 5-18; Purdue, 1-9 (10 pledged); Northwestern, 5-13 (3 pledged); Chicago, 1-7; Knox, 3-16; Lombard, 1-8; Illinois, 3-16 (4 pledged); Wisconsin, 9-25; Minnesota, 3-12; Iowa Wesleyan, 1-8 (7 pledged); Iowa, 6-14 (5 pledged); Missouri, 8-21; Westminster, 4-11; Washington, 5-14; Kansas, 8-18; Nebraska, 4-16 (1 pledged); California, 4-14 (2 pledged); Stanford, 7-16. These reports were received November 1, but all pledged men who were to be initiated by November 15 are so counted.

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The following names of delegates to the Columbus convention had been received up to November 10: Colby, C. F. Towne; Dartmouth, C. P. Graham; Vermont, C. F. Blair; Williams, Daniel Fitts, Jr.; Amherst, H. P. Whitney; Cornell, E. C. Zeller; Union, E. Le G. Hegeman; Columbia, C. F. Hackett; Syracuse, B. V. E. Dolph; Gettysburg, H. H. Keller; Allegheny, E. S. Oakes; Dickinson, W. V. Malla-

lieu; Virginia, J. N. Furniss; Washington and Lee, H. R. Keeble; Centre, S. L. Yerkes; Central, J. J. Greenleaf; Vanderbilt, W. F. Bradshaw; Sewanee, Telfair Hodgson; Georgia, W. S. Blun; Emory, F. S. Palmer; Mercer, G. W. Whitney; Auburn, C. W. Minge; Texas, F. E. Smith; Southwestern, J. H. McLean; Miami, K. H. Zwick; Ohio Wesleyan, A. B. Whitney; Ohio, J. P. Wood, Jr.; Ohio State, H. N. Schlessinger; Case, W. G. Stephan; Cincinnati, Guido Gores; Michigan, J. M. Barr; Indiana, G. C. Burbank; Wabash, W. H. Hays; Indianapolis, C. W. McGaughey; Franklin, J. L. Holman; Hanover, E. A. Ballis; DePauw, F. V. Smith; Purdue, A. R. Brown; Northwestern, C. M. C. Buntain; Chicago, C. W. Chase; Knox, Harry Rex; Lombard, H. E. Foster; Illinois, S. M. Bayard; Wisconsin, A. W. Fairchild; Iowa Wesleyan, E. E. Crawford; Iowa, T. G. Fee; Missouri, G. H. English, Jr.; Westminster, C. F. Lamkin; Washington, T. F. Chaplin; Kansas, J. H. Fletcher; Nebraska, R. S. Mueller; California, H. A. Boushey. This gives us two Smiths and three Whitneys, with twelve chapters to hear from. This list may help prospective delegates to remember names at Columbus.

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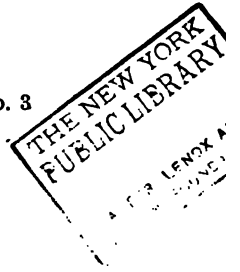
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FIRST DAY.

I.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Monday, November 21, 1898.

The semi-centennial national convention of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was called to order by Walter B. Palmer, president of the general council, at 10:30 A. M.

Our revered founder, Rev. Robert Morrison, D. D., read selections from the 15th and 133d Psalms and offered the opening prayer.

Emmett Tompkins, Ohio Gamma, '74, introduced Governor Asa Bushnell, who welcomed the delegates to Columbus on behalf of the state of Ohio. Dr. John Edwin Brown, Ohio Beta, '84, introduced Hon. S. L. Black, mayor of Columbus, who turned over to the delegates the keys of the city. Cyrus Huling, Ohio Beta, '78, of Columbus, welcomed the convention on behalf of the local Phis. Hugh Th. Miller, reporter of the general council, responded to these addresses on behalf of the officers, delegates and visitors. A recess was then taken to enable the delegates to meet Governor Bushnell and Mayor Black.

The following greeting from local chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was read:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 21, 1898.

To the Ohio Zeta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta:

GENTLEMEN—Omicron Deuteron chapter of Phi Gamma Delta sends greeting to you and your guests in the event of your semi-centennial anniversary, and wishes you and your visiting delegates a most enjoyable present and a most prosperous future.

Yours respectfully,

OMICRON DEUTERON CHAPTER OF PHI GAMMA DELTA.

This was acknowledged by a rousing Phi yell ending with 'Phi Gamma Delta!'

The president of the general council read his message (Exhibit D).

Announcements in regard to various entertainments to be given to the visiting delegates were made by Dr. John Edwin Brown, chairman of the local committee of arrangements.

The committees on credentials, visiting members, and rules and order of business and the names of the wardens were announced by the secretary (Exhibit C).

The convention then adjourned.

II.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 P. M.

The convention was opened with the regular ritualistic form, after which a recess of five minutes was taken to permit the members to take by the hand Brother J. W. Lindley, Ohio Alpha, '50, one of the three living founders.

The secretary, historian and reporter of the general council read their reports (Exhibits E, F, H, I).

These were followed by the reports of the province presidents, those of the absent presidents being read by the secretary (Exhibits L, M, N, O, P).

Moved, seconded and carried that the convention go into the committee of the whole to consider the report of the committee on constitution and code appointed by the Philadelphia convention. Dr. McCluney Radcliffe was called to the chair by the president. Several sections having been considered, it was moved, seconded and carried that the committee rise and report to the convention. The secretary made a report to the convention of progress on behalf of the committee of the whole.

The general council were granted time at this point to complete the list of committees.

The full list of committees was then announced (Exhibit C).

On motion the convention adjourned.

III.

[At night the members of the convention enjoyed the hospitality of the Columbus Phis, at a reception given in honor of the delegates and visiting members in the assembly hall of the Hotel Chittenden.]

SECOND DAY.

I.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Tuesday, November 22, 1898.

The convention was called to order at 10:30 A. M., Hugh Th. Miller, R. G. C., being in the chair.

The following greeting was read and acknowledged by a Phi cheer, ending with 'Sigma Nu!'

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 22, 1898.

*To the National Convention of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity,
Greeting:*

The members of Beta Nu chapter and of the Columbus, Ohio, alumni chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity, wish to extend to the members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity here assembled friendship and good will. Moved by the feeling which should pervade all fraternal circles, they take much pride in the apparent success of your convention, and will be pleased to grant, either collectively or individually, any courtesy which may be asked at their hands.

Most cordially and sincerely yours,
W. HARRY CRAWFORD,
For Beta Nu of Sigma Nu.
R. E. SAFFORD,
For Columbus alumni of Sigma Nu.

The committee on credentials made a partial report, recommending that delegates from chapters whose dues are paid to November 1, 1898, be allowed to vote on all questions before the convention. The report was adopted.

On motion, the convention went into the committee of the whole for the purpose of a further consideration of the report of the committee on constitution and code. Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, H. G. C., was called to the chair. The following motion made by Geo. H. English was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the discussion of the report of the committee on the revision of the constitution be conducted in the following manner: That the chairman of that committee read simply the words and figures denoting the article and section of the constitution or the title and clause of the code. That unless some delegate signifies a desire to amend or discuss further the section or clause, silence shall be deemed a vote of approval. That the secretary keep a minute of all articles and sections or titles and clauses concerning which a discussion may arise, and that these sections and clauses be discussed after the reading of the constitution and code as provided above.

After the reading of all the constitution and code, as provided in this resolution, a motion was made and carried that the committee rise and report progress. The secretary on behalf of the committee reported that the secretary had a record of all sections on which further discussion was desired, with the name of the person suggesting discussion.

Frank D. Swope made his biennial announcement relative to song books.

W. B. Palmer read his report as editor of the history (Exhibit J).

W. B. Palmer moved that a committee of three be appointed, of which the secretary of the general council should be chairman, whose duty it should be to review the reports of the officers of the fraternity and refer any recommendations therein contained to the proper committees. Seconded and carried. C. F. Blair and A. W. Fairchild were appointed as the other members of such committee.

Fred S. Ball offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Bro. Robert Morrison be requested to affix his autograph to an appropriate inscription in the book of Psalms used by him in opening this convention and that the book be then deposited with the fraternity librarian.

Brother Ball was requested to see that this resolution was carried into effect.

Moved by W. B. Palmer that the treasurer of the general council be authorized to buy the gavel used in opening this convention, if the same may be purchased from the state authorities, the gavel to be preserved as an historic relic by the fraternity librarian.*

The convention then adjourned.

II.

The afternoon session was called to order at 3 P. M., by President Palmer.

It was moved that all the privileges of the convention be extended to our two founders present, Brothers Morrison and Lindley.

It was moved, seconded and carried that in the committee of the whole the opening speaker on every question be limited to ten minutes and no other speaker be allowed to speak more than five minutes; that no member speak more than once on any question unless by unanimous consent.

Moved, seconded and carried that all amendments to the constitution and code be reduced to writing and handed to the secretary.

Moved, seconded and carried that the convention go into the committee of the whole to consider the report of the com-

* Bro. Emmett Tompkins presented the gavel to the convention at the banquet on Wednesday evening with the compliments of the state authorities.

mittee on constitution and code. Doctor Radcliffe was called to the chair, and the sections to which objection was made in the morning session were taken up.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that the committee now rise and report progress. It was decided that the secretary be not required again to report progress until the completion of the entire report of the committee on constitution and code.

The convention then adjourned at 6 o'clock.

III.

[In the evening the delegates were entertained at a smoker at the chapter house of Ohio Zeta.]

THIRD DAY.

I.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Wednesday, November 23, 1898.

The convention was called to order at 10 A. M., by President Palmer.

Moved by W. R. Brown that Brothers Morrison and Lindley be requested to have their photographs taken singly and together, and that the treasurer of the general council purchase and present to each of them and also to Brother Rogers a copy of each picture. Seconded and carried.

The committee on unrepresented and delinquent chapters made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on unrepresented and delinquent chapters submits this report:

We have found the following chapters to be unrepresented: Pennsylvania Gamma, Virginia Gamma, Virginia Zeta, Kentucky Delta, Georgia Alpha, Louisiana Alpha, Indiana Theta.

The following chapters, though not represented by accredited delegates, have alumni present who represent them: Pennsylvania Alpha, Kentucky Alpha.

All these chapters are behind in dues. We recommend

1. That the delegates from Maine Alpha and Alabama Alpha be paid their railroad fare on a promise to pay off all debts to the fraternity by January 1, 1899.

2. That New York Epsilon, Illinois Eta, Michigan Alpha, North Carolina Beta and Louisiana Alpha be given until February 1, 1899, and Georgia Beta and Ohio Zeta until June 1, 1899, to pay their dues, past as well as those which subsequently accrue, to that date in full, and we authorize the general council, in case these chapters be still delinquent at those dates, to take such steps as may seem desirable to secure payment.

3. That the general council be directed to inquire into the delinquency of Pennsylvania Gamma and Georgia Alpha, the reasons of which can not be ascertained by us ; further that the general council be authorized to take any steps necessary to remove such delinquency.

4. That Kentucky Alpha's dues up to the present college year be reduced to \$50, and that Kentucky Delta's dues to the same period be reduced to \$36, and that, if these dues be not paid in full by April 1, 1899, the general council be empowered to suspend their charters ; and unless these amounts are paid by said date, the remissions above recommended shall not be allowed.

5. That if Virginia Gamma has not paid her dues in full by February 1, 1899, the general council be empowered to suspend her charter.

6. That the indebtedness of Pennsylvania Alpha up to November 1, 1898, be reduced to \$78, provided the same be paid by February 1, 1899. That if this amount, as well as the dues accruing on November 1, 1898, be not paid by February 1, 1899, the general council be empowered to take necessary steps to secure the payment.

The committee on rules and order of business reported, recommending that, in view of the amount of business yet to be transacted, a session be held on Friday night, and requesting delegates not to make other engagements for that evening. Adopted.

On motion the convention went into a committee of the whole to continue consideration of the constitution and code.

The committee having risen and reported progress, the finance committee made the following report, which was adopted:

The finance and auditing committee report the completion of their work on railroad fares and recommend that the convention authorize the treasurer to pay same on certificates furnished him signed by chairman of said committee, and further recommend that all chapters which have paid their dues to November 1, 1898, be permitted to receive their railroad fares.

We recommend that the delegate from North Carolina Beta be paid his railroad fare on the condition that he give his personal note for the full amount of indebtedness of his chapter to date, payable on or before December 15, 1898 ; also that the delegate from Georgia Beta be paid his railroad fare provided he give his personal note that his chapter dues shall be paid in full on or before June 1, 1899, as recommended in report of committee on delinquent chapters and adopted by the convention.

President Palmer then announced that Ohio Eta had prepared gavels to present to each chapter in the fraternity ; that the heads of the gavels were made from walnut from the campus of Old Miami, furnished by Ohio Alpha ; the handle from oak from the birthplace of Robert Morrison, Ohio Alpha, '49, furnished by David Glenn Moore, Pennsylvania Gamma, '98, and that the gavels had been made by members of Ohio Eta.

W. G. Stephan, on behalf of Ohio Eta, then presented the gavels to the various chapters through their delegates. Frank D. Swope responded on behalf of the convention. Remarks were made by Brothers Morrison and Lindley, and thus closed one of the most pleasant experiences of the convention.

The committee on appeals and grievances submitted the following report:

In regard to the appeal of Philip Johnson Welch from the action of Ohio Gamma in expelling him from membership therein, the committee on appeals and grievances, to which said appeal was referred, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all facts and circumstances as presented to us by both Ohio Gamma and said Welch, and we find and recommend as follows:

That the action of Ohio Gamma in expelling Philip Johnson Welch was not without some justification and was actuated by a proper spirit as they understood their duty, but inasmuch as it is a stigma which will endure through life and said Welch is repentant of any wrong he may have committed, said penalty is too severe, and we therefore recommend that the said Philip Johnson Welch be restored to Phi Delta Theta and that he be made eligible to affiliation in any chapter of Phi Delta Theta which may admit him.

The reading of this report was followed by remarks by Emmett Tompkins, Fred S. Ball, Walter B. Palmer and others. A motion to recommit the report was carried.

The convention then adjourned at 1 o'clock.

II.

The convention was called to order at 3 P. M. by President Palmer.

On motion the convention went into the committee of the whole, with W. R. Brown in the chair. The committee rose and reported progress at 4 P. M.

It was moved, seconded and carried that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 9:30 A. M., Thursday.

The committee on appeals and grievances reported that they had no other report to make on the appeal of Philip J. Welch. Moved, seconded and carried that the chair appoint a special committee to bring in a report on this matter. W. R. Brown as chairman appointed J. Clark Moore, Jr., W. F. Bradshaw, Jr., and T. F. Chaplin as such committee.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered sent to Bro. O'Bleness:

WHEREAS, We have learned of the unfortunate accident that has befallen Bro. R. A. O'Bleness, who is an active member of Ohio Gamma of Phi Delta Theta, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in convention assembled, do extend to Bro. O'Bleness and his family our sympathy and earnest hope for his speedy recovery.

The convention then adjourned to attend the reception tendered by the young women of the Ohio State University chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

III.

[The evening was given up to the convention banquet at the Hotel Chittenden.]

FOURTH DAY.

I.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Thursday, November 24, 1898.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., with President Palmer in the chair.

The committee on chapter houses submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on chapter houses would respectfully submit the following report:

We shall not endeavor to urge the necessity of the chapter house system upon the fraternity. That system has been recognized by the present administration of the fraternity as of vital importance to its well-being. Not a single chapter is opposed to the chapter house. In places where a chapter house seems impracticable, chapters lament that fact. In places where a chapter house is possible, but where none exists, chapters are ashamed of that fact.

Nor shall we enter into much discussion of the methods by which a chapter can start a chapter house fund. That subject was admirably handled in the exhaustive report of the committee on internal improvements submitted to the Philadelphia convention by John H. Bacon.

We find but one method of starting a chapter house not touched upon by that committee. This is the plan adopted by the New York alumni. These gentlemen have had themselves incorporated as a club. Sixty-five of them pay \$10 each a year as dues. This suffices to hire a house and to pay something over into a chapter house fund. The house so rented is to be used as a club house and tenanted by a few members of New York Delta. The intention of the alumni is ultimately to purchase a house with the fund so obtained, and to turn the house over to the chapter, the alumni using it as a meeting place and the chapter using it as a dwelling.

This plan is earnestly recommended for consideration by chapters located in large cities, such as the chapters at Providence, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Syracuse, New Orleans and Minneapolis.

Again we find that in some schools the college authorities are opposed to the chapter house movement. This is the case with the chapters at Lafayette, Gettysburg, Mercer and Iowa State.

Your committee would recommend that the general council be instructed to open communication with the heads of colleges where

such a state of things exists, with a view to changing their position on this question.

On the whole, your committee feels that the fraternity should be congratulated upon the progress made along the line of chapter houses. In no other field is its advance more noticeable. At the time of the Philadelphia convention in 1896, 16 chapters occupied houses. Now there are houses occupied at 26 colleges and universities, an advance of 62½ per cent. Moreover, it is likely that the opening of the next school year will find 9 other chapters in houses.

Some chapters excuse their laxity in the chapter-house matter on the grounds of large resident membership. The solution of this problem is surely plain enough, take in more men. It is not intended to recommend the taking in of undesirable men, but the devoting of especial attention towards securing good out-of-town men. The chapters referred to are Ohio, Missouri, Tulane, Franklin, Washington and Kansas.

To enter more into detail, your committee, with the invaluable aid of Brother Hugh Th. Miller, finds the condition of the various chapters to be as follows:

Maine Alpha has about \$2,500 in notes. She seems to be waiting for an increase in her fund before starting actual operations.

New Hampshire Alpha owns a lot and has a suite of rooms. She has made no material advancement towards securing a house.

Vermont Alpha is living in a rented house, being the only chapter at Vermont in a house.

Massachusetts Alpha is in a rented house. Except Theta Delta Chi, who rents, all other fraternities at Williams own houses. Although a fund is being started, the prospects for owning a house seem poor at present.

Massachusetts Beta has a fine house owned by the chapter and being rapidly paid for.

At Brown University Psi Upsilon and Alpha Tau Omega are in houses, but Phi Delta Theta has none. The chapter claims that rents in the city are too high for it to make a success of the house. As the Providence alumni have organized with 30 members, it is to be hoped that the alumni club system will help to attain the desired result.

New York Alpha has, as is well known, a magnificent home at Cornell. There is still due, however, \$8,000 worth of stock in a building and loan association, on which \$100 a month is being paid. At this rate five years will see this debt removed. Moreover, there is a second mortgage of \$2,900 at 6 per cent., payable semi-annually and due in 1900. It is probable that part of the latter debt will be renewed.

New York Beta rents probably the best house at the institution. Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon own houses. Delta Phi gave up its house and secured a hall. This chapter pays \$45 per month, has 14 men in the house and will soon have 16. The alumni seem to be weak. The houses are built upon the campus and have the advantage of not paying taxes and the disadvantage of not being able to be incumbered.

New York Delta has, as has been said, prospects through her alumni of soon having a house.

New York Epsilon has a fine rented house in which 24 men reside.

Pennsylvania Alpha excuses herself for no effort in this direction by alleging the fact that the faculty opposes chapter houses on account of the dormitory system. It seems, however, that Delta Kappa Epsilon has a rented house. As the attendance at Lafayette is not on the

increase, chapter house prospects are dubious if the faculty maintains its opposition.

Pennsylvania Beta's stone lodge is now ready for its roof and will be completed January 1, 1899. Chapter houses as dwellings can not exist at Gettysburg on account of the dormitory system.

Pennsylvania Gamma was interrupted in the midst of a transaction to rent a house by the sudden death of its owner. The house which we hope she will soon obtain will be the last of the chapter houses upon the campus.

Pennsylvania Delta, we understand, has moved into a new and better rented house.

Pennsylvania Epsilon has a beautiful structure of Avondale marble completed up to the second story. It is and will continue to be the only chapter house upon the campus, as space is limited and the Phi obtained permission to build before other fraternities applied. The dormitory system prevails here, and it is unlikely that a chapter house proper will ever exist there. The house is being paid for by subscriptions. No notes have been executed, nor have the members been incorporated. We should recommend such action to this chapter.

Pennsylvania Zeta is occupying a rented house, for which they pay \$40 a month. They have a house building, into which they expect to move by the opening of the next school year. A large amount of furniture is owned by the chapter.

Pennsylvania Eta occupies a rented house in 'Fraternity Row,' having moved from her former quarters into a better house.

Virginia Beta has been under such bad circumstances that she has not even a hall. But as she is now upon rising ground, paying dues and sending delegates, we expect soon to see her domiciled in the fine and roomy dormitories now being built and later in a house of her own.

Virginia Gamma has not even thought of a house. Her inaction deserves censure.

Virginia Zeta is too small and weak in alumni to take any action.

North Carolina Beta is in the same condition. Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega are said to own houses there. These four last named chapters need bracing up before they can consider the question.

Kentucky Alpha and Delta should be censured for failure to undertake this branch of fraternity work. Both chapters have strong and wealthy alumni.

Tennessee Alpha owns a house with \$1,800 incumbrance, against which she holds \$2,000 in subscription notes. We are glad to note that competition of other fraternities has induced the Vanderbilt chapter to make improvements in its house and grounds.

Tennessee Beta is occupying the pioneer chapter house of the south. Yet the chapter feels that the house is somewhat antiquated, and has decided to build a new one. The chapter has been incorporated and has raised about \$800 in notes from the active members. There will be constructed a chapter house or lodge, as the university will allow, for the university owns all the land.

Georgia Alpha has been enthusiastic but rash. She has rented an expensive house without giving up her lease on her hall, and hence is now behind in her dues.

Georgia Beta has a good fund, but it is tied up and hard to realize upon. The chapter has an opportunity to enter a fine house, and should obtain possession of her fund at once.

Georgia Gamma, though in good condition to enter a house, is prevented by opposition on the part of the faculty. The alumni in Macon should remove this hindrance.

Alabama Alpha has a hall but can never hope to enter a house because of the fact that the three lower classes are compelled to live in barracks and under military discipline.

Alabama Beta has on hand a fund of \$100 cash. We should recommend to this chapter the adoption of the incorporation scheme.

Mississippi Alpha has been handicapped for the last two years by late opening on account of the yellow fever quarantine. The chapter has been promised aid from the alumni in the shape of supplies; e. g., a car-load of lumber. Delta Psi has a house on the campus.

Louisiana Alpha complains of expensive grounds and a large number of resident members. But the alumni are strong and rich. The club system should be tried.

Texas Beta is making no effort to take a house. There was some talk of renting, but it has not been done.

Texas Gamma has about \$1,500 in notes and cash and is working along the right lines. Kappa Alpha has a house upon the campus.

Ohio Alpha complains of the lack of suitable buildings for rental purposes. The chapter has plans on foot for starting an owned house. Had buildings been available the chapter would have been housed ere now. We hope to see it so before next year.

Ohio Beta deserves censure for its negligence in allowing Phi Gamma Delta to be ahead in the race for a house. The chapter is strong in active and alumni members and should go to work.

Ohio Gamma has a large local alumni which has lately been organized. Hence it should be easy to start a house. The chapter now rents rooms opposite the entrance to the campus.

Ohio Zeta, as the members of this convention have cause to know, is pleasantly situated in perhaps the most suitable house in town. There seems to be, however, no effort made towards owning a house.

Ohio Eta pluckily took a house last year. The chapter has since moved into a better place, the alumni paying the difference between the amount the active members are able to give and the price of a high-grade house.

The Cincinnati chapter is occupying furnished rooms in the business part of the city. As the alumni took such an active part in the establishment of this chapter, it should not be hard to establish the club system.

Michigan Alpha now rents a three-story frame house built especially for the chapter. For this \$600 a year is paid. The furniture was made for the chapter and is decorated with Phi Delta Theta emblems. The chapter has also a plan working for the purchase of a house. About \$3,000 in cash and notes is in the fund. The chapter expects to build within two years.

Indiana Alpha, though having 300 alumni and a big chapter, has no house. There seems to be no excuse for this chapter's neglect.

Indiana Beta is in the same condition and deserves the same censure.

Indiana Gamma now occupies a rented house furnished by the chapter and with a small amount of help from the alumni. Four men live there. The chapter encountered the difficulty of a large resident membership. The chapter deserves commendation for its pluck.

Indiana Delta has a fine suite of rooms at low rent. The chapter is

small, though strong in local alumni. There are many resident members.

Indiana Epsilon occupies rooms and is now out of debt. The chapter hopes soon to move into the house of an alumnus who is about to leave the city. Sigma Chi has a \$6,000 house and Phi Gamma Delta is building.

Indiana Zeta has voted \$150 to the purchase of additional furniture. A fund has been started by the execution of one-hundred-dollar five-year notes by the active members, and by the promise of \$1,000 from an alumnus when the fund shall reach \$1,000.

Indiana Theta occupies a good rented house and has a hall. It is aided by ten local alumni who are classed as active in respect to dues. We have heard of no effort to secure an owned house.

Illinois Alpha occupies probably the best rented chapter house at Northwestern. We know of no efforts made by the chapter looking towards ownership. Sigma Chi has lost her house there, the only owned chapter house.

Illinois Beta has encountered difficulty in retaining her flat. Aided by the general council and by the alumni, they have held a better flat this year than last. The other fraternities there have magnificent houses furnished by the alumni, and our chapter deserves credit for its plucky fight.

Illinois Delta hopes to close a lease during this week for an excellent house.

Illinois Zeta had to sell its house on account of debt. About \$400 in cash was saved out of the wreck, which will be devoted to the building of a lodge, unless circumstances oppose.

Illinois Eta is renting a suite of rooms at \$27.50 a month, sufficient to rent a house. The chapter promises, however, to move in a rented house before Christmas. No other fraternity occupies a house there.

Wisconsin Alpha, as is well known, owns and is steadily paying for an excellent house.

Minnesota Alpha, although with a large and strong chapter, excuses herself by saying that Minneapolis is an unfavorable place for a chapter house and that other chapter houses are not succeeding.

Iowa Alpha seems to be making little effort towards securing a house.

Iowa Beta is struggling under the opposition of the college authorities.

Missouri Alpha has just purchased a \$1,500 lot facing the campus. The erection of the building will probably commence next spring or fall. Moreover, the chapter will probably occupy a rented house within the next two weeks.

Missouri Beta's men have executed fifty-dollar five-year notes and are working among the alumni. By the time the present freshman class graduates, the house will be done.

Missouri Gamma is waiting for the proposed change of station of the university. Ground will be allotted to them on the campus, and with their strong alumni the club house system should succeed.

Kansas Alpha is paying \$30 a month for rather cramped quarters. There should be no hesitancy in this chapter's going at once into a house if one can be found. Kansas claims, however, that the chapter houses at Lawrence are not succeeding, that Phi Kappa Psi has been compelled to give up her house and that Beta Theta Pi took in undesirable men in order to fill up her house.

Nebraska is doing well. She has taken a better house this year than she had last, and with her strong alumni should soon own one.

California Alpha has lately moved into a magnificent house in the best residence portion of Berkeley. The house is owned by the Phi Delta Theta corporation, and the debt will be steadily lowered.

California Beta lives in a rented house, paying \$45 a month for the house and four acres of ground. There are excellent prospects for the possession of an owned house, owing to peculiar circumstances, due to the friendship of a wealthy patron of the chapter who is willing to loan them \$10,000 without interest.

Brothers Bowditch and Bagley were given an opportunity to address the convention in behalf of the Michigan Beta chapter, whose charter had been withdrawn by the general council. In reply the president of the general council read the report submitted by him to the general council after his visit to that chapter in November, 1897.

It was moved and seconded that the action of the general council in withdrawing the charter of Michigan Beta be sustained by the convention. Moved that debate on this question be limited to fifteen minutes and that at the end of that time the previous question be moved. Carried. Moved that the entire time be given to the representatives of Michigan Beta. Carried. The following was offered as a substitute for the motion before the convention: Moved that the charter of Michigan Beta be restored to them pending the action of the next national convention. The representatives of Michigan Beta, in presenting this motion, extended an invitation to Delta province to hold the next province convention with them. The roll having been called on the substitute, it was lost by a vote of 27 to 12. The original motion being then put was unanimously carried. Brothers Bagley and Bowditch thanked the convention for the consideration and courtesy shown them by the convention and turned over to the secretary their charter.

A recess was taken at this point on account of the convention photograph.

The session was resumed at 12:30 o'clock p. m., and the convention voted to send telegrams of greeting to the following Phi foot ball captains whose teams play to-day: Johnston of Illinois, Outland of Pennsylvania and Whiting of Cornell. A telegram of greeting was also sent to the alumni of Kansas City, who hold an alumni banquet this evening.

The following resolutions offered by Walter B. Palmer were adopted:

Resolved, That the general council assign the members of defunct chapters to the neighboring active chapters, that the active chapters may send annual circular letters to such members and that notice of such assignment be printed in THE SCROLL.

Resolved, That the general fund be drawn upon to purchase the large fraternity flag made by The M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, for this convention, and displayed over the convention headquarters, the same to be preserved by the fraternity librarian, and used at succeeding national conventions.

Resolved, 1. That the fraternity librarian be directed to rent a drawer in a safety deposit vault, in which to preserve the most important records of the fraternity be preserved.

2. That after completing, as nearly as possible, the file of annual circular letters, he shall have the same bound, and that he also shall have bound a complete file of THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* and all annual membership reports.

3. That from duplicate copies of THE SCROLL, over five years old, in his possession he shall furnish free of cost to chapters copies needed to complete their files, the total number of copies furnished to each chapter to be according to his discretion; and that he endeavor to collect from chapters duplicate copies of THE SCROLL and *The Palladium*, to be used in supplying chapters with missing copies.

4. That by exchange or purchase he shall endeavor to obtain copies of the catalogues, histories, song books and other important publications of other fraternities.

The following presented by W. B. Palmer was adopted:

WHEREAS, Hubert H. Ward was one of the prime movers in the preliminary organization of the alumni chapter at Cleveland, Ohio, but his name was omitted from the application for the charter, because of temporary absence from the city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the name of Hubert H. Ward be entered on the charter of the Ohio Gamma alumni chapter as one of the charter members thereof.

On motion the convention adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

II.

[In the afternoon the delegates attended the foot ball game between Ohio Wesleyan University and Ohio State University, as the guests of the Ohio State University athletic association.]

III.

[In the evening the delegates were entertained at a reception given by the ladies of the Ohio State University chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.]

FIFTH DAY.

I.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Friday, November 25, 1898.

The convention was called to order by President Palmer at 9:30 o'clock A. M. No quorum being present, no business was transacted until 10 o'clock.

Moved, seconded and carried that we suspend the regular order of the day (the election of officers), and that reports of committees be considered.

The special committee, on the appeal of Philip J. Welch, made the following report:

Your special committee on the appeal of Philip J. Welch, though appreciating the laudable efforts of Ohio Gamma to raise the moral standard of the chapter, finds, on careful investigation, that the charges against said Philip J. Welch have not been substantiated, and we therefore recommend that he be reinstated to membership in Ohio Gamma.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. It was moved as an amendment that Ohio Gamma be sustained in the action taken in expelling P. J. Welch, but that the restriction prohibiting his being initiated into another chapter be removed. Seconded. An amendment to the amendment was made to substitute that Mr. Welch be reinstated in Phi Delta Theta as an alumnus member of Ohio Gamma. This amendment to the amendment was adopted. The amended motion was then put and carried.

The T. G. C. reported, and his report was referred to the committee on finance and auditing (Exhibit G).

It was moved, seconded and carried that we now proceed to the election of officers, and that the officers be elected in the order in which they are named in the constitution; that nominating speeches be limited to two minutes.

Dr. Radcliffe was called to the chair, and Walter B. Palmer placed in nomination for the office of president of the general council John E. Brown. His nomination was seconded by C. F. Lamkin and J. Clark Moore, Jr. It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for J. E. Brown for president. This was done. John Edwin Brown then took the floor, declined to accept the office of president of the general council and presented his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted.

J. E. Brown then placed in nomination J. Clark Moore, Jr., for president. This was seconded by Emmett Tompkins. The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for J. Clark Moore, Jr., as president of the general council. This was done.

The convention then took a recess while Miss Mary French Field, daughter of the late Eugene Field, was introduced to the convention and entertained us with several recitations from her father's writings. Miss Field was then

introduced to the members and the visiting ladies by Hugh Th. Miller.

Brother Tompkins was then recognized by the chair and introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, the members rising and giving the Phi yell.

WHEREAS, Eugene Field, of Missouri Alpha, who has added so much honor to Phi Delta Theta and lustre to American literature, has passed away to be known no more among men save as a sweet memory, and

WHEREAS, He has left a daughter whose mission is to please the world and keep ever fresh the name of her beloved father, be it

Resolved, By Phi Delta Theta in national convention assembled that Mary French Field be now adopted and hereafter known by us as a daughter of Phi Delta Theta.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Miss Field and Mrs. Dr. J. E. Brown be requested to remain in the hall during the further deliberations of the convention.

The convention being called to order, Frank D. Swope was placed in nomination for the office of secretary of the general council by W. G. Stephan. This nomination was seconded by Walter R. Brown. The convention instructed the secretary to cast the vote of the convention for Frank D. Swope for secretary. This was done. Frank D. Swope then addressed the convention.

D. N. Marble placed in nomination H. H. Ward for treasurer of the general council. The nomination was seconded by Fred S. Ball, who asked that the election of Brother Ward be made by unanimous vote of the convention. The secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention for H. H. Ward. Brother Ward was called to the chair and addressed the convention.

C. M. Buntain placed in nomination Hugh Th. Miller as reporter of the general council. This nomination was seconded by Robert Morrison. Nominations were closed, and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for Hugh Th. Miller as reporter of the general council. Brother Miller addressed the convention.

W. T. Morris then placed in nomination McCluney Radcliffe for historian of the general council. This nomination was seconded by F. S. Hackett. C. F. Lamkin nominated R. H. Switzler, explaining that it seemed to him hardly proper to elect two general officers from the same city. Dr. Radcliffe withdrew his name and seconded the nomination of R. H. Switzler. Dr. J. E. Brown seconded Dr. Radcliffe's nomination. Moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed. R. L. Hardy and E. C. Zeller were appointed

tellers by the chair. It was moved, seconded and carried that written proxies be permitted except in case of election of officers. The roll of chapters and officers was then called, and the result of the ballot was: Radcliffe, 51; Switzler, 13. Brother Lamkin, on behalf of Brother Switzler, moved to make the election of Brother Radcliffe unanimous. This was done. Brother Radcliffe then addressed the convention.

W. B. Palmer nominated Emmett Tompkins, J. E. Brown and A. A. Stearns, of Ohio, and R. H. Switzler, of Missouri, as trustees of the fraternity. On motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for the above named men as trustees.

The committee on catalogue and other publications made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on catalogue and other publications, having carefully considered and consulted with those familiar with the matters considered by them, beg to report as follows:

CATALOGUE.

1. The committee thinks that preparations for the publication of a new edition of the catalogue should be begun at once, since the preparation of such a work and its publication will require several years.

2. They recommend that two editors of the catalogue be elected by the convention and instructed and empowered to begin the compilation of data necessary to bring the catalogue down to the date of the next convention.

3. They recommend that the general council of the fraternity be empowered to pay to those editors such sums of money as may be necessary to cover the reasonable cost of carrying on such work.

4. That the librarian of the fraternity be empowered and instructed to furnish said editors files of *THE SCROLL*, *The Palladium*, chapter annual letters, and any other documents in his possession which they may require, to be preserved and returned by them to the librarian as soon as they shall have finished with them.

5. That the historian of the fraternity be empowered and instructed, likewise, to furnish to the editors such documents as are in his possession, which they may desire.

6. That the catalogue editors be instructed to take from the publications and documents mentioned in the two foregoing paragraphs all of the information suitable for catalogue purposes and arrange it in such manner and form as to make it easily available for proof when the preparations for the publication of the book shall be made.

7. The committee recommends further that the scope of the catalogue be very much narrowed and that the editors be instructed and empowered to cut down, abbreviate or abolish the biographical data given in the last edition of the catalogue and prepare their materials upon the basis of a book which shall contain the names, present occupation and address of each member of the fraternity and college data concerning them, such as they may, upon consultation with the members of this fraternity who have had experience in that sort of work, determine upon.

HISTORY.

Your committee recommends, in accordance with the report of the editor of the history, that the said history be printed in installments

in THE SCROLL, so that the pages containing the historical narrative can be separated from the remainder of the magazine and bound together, making a book ; that the editor of THE SCROLL, with the consent of the general council, be authorized to increase the pages of THE SCROLL, so far as may be necessary for this purpose, and that he be instructed to carry out the wishes of Brother Walter B. Palmer, the editor of the history, as to the form and style of said printing.

Your committee recommends that two hundred and fifty (250) extra copies of the sheets containing the said history be printed and presented to Brother Palmer, to be used by him as he thinks best, as a slight recognition of his most unusual and valuable labors in the compilation of the history.

Your committee further recommends that the general council be empowered to have these two hundred and fifty (250) copies bound in cloth, in accordance with the wishes of Brother Palmer, and as he may request them to be bound, at the expense of the fraternity. This your committee thinks would be a graceful act upon the part of the fraternity, and by the sale of the books Brother Palmer might, in a measure, recompense himself for the expense which he has incurred in accumulating the data.

ANNUAL REPORT BLANKS.

Your committee recommends that the general council be authorized to print, at the expense of the fraternity, more annual report blanks for the historian, the present edition having been exhausted, and that said blanks be printed in accordance with the views of the historian when approved by the said general council.

MEMBERSHIP RECORD BOOKS.

Your committee recommends that the general council be empowered and instructed to take up and consider the question of these books and to print and distribute, at the expense of the fraternity, a book, in accordance with the suggestions which it may receive, the instructions of previous national conventions and its own views regarding the same.

Moved by Frank D. Swope that Frank E. Hulett and L. J. Shlesinger be elected catalogue editors as provided in this report. Their nomination was seconded by W. B. Palmer. The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for these brothers. This was done.

J. E. Brown was then unanimously elected fraternity librarian.

Convention adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

II.

The convention was called to order at 3:30 P. M.

The committee on appeals and grievances submitted the following report, which was considered by sections and adopted as read.

After careful consideration your committee on appeals and grievances reports as follows:

1. The trial and expulsion of L. I. Mumford by Georgia Beta being irregular and unconstitutional, we recommend that the convention

declare said L. L. Mumford a *bona fide* member of Phi Delta Theta and Georgia Beta, and fully reinstated to all its privileges.

2. We recommend that the sentence of expulsion passed against John E. Meisenhelder by the Philadelphia convention be removed, and that he be reinstated as a member of Phi Delta Theta and of Pennsylvania Beta.

3. That the action of the general council of Phi Delta Theta in expelling Frank C. Keen be ratified and confirmed, and the said Frank C. Keen be and remain expelled from the fraternity.

4. That the charges brought against Illinois Alpha by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity were unjust and without sufficient cause, and that Illinois Alpha therefore does not deserve to be censured.

5. That Illinois Eta be censured for their violation of title VI, clause 4, of the constitution, in initiating a man coming from another college where Phi Delta Theta has a chapter, without first securing consent of that chapter.

The committee on finance and auditing submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted as read:

Your finance and auditing committee report that we have examined the books of the treasurer, having checked the entries found in cash book with stubs in receipt book and vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

We further find that the treasurer has on hand as shown by deposit book of the Commercial National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, in checks and in currency paid to him by delegates, the amount of money called for in his report to the convention.

The committee on alumni chapters made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on alumni chapters would respectfully recommend:

1. That the city clubs of our fraternity be advised to become duly incorporated under the laws of the states in which they are located.

2. That the general council be requested to take the necessary steps towards establishing clubs at Syracuse and Buffalo, N. Y., Lexington and Danville, Ky., Memphis and Chattanooga, Tenn., Rome, Ga., Meridian, Miss., Austin, Dallas and Galveston, Texas, Terre Haute and Evansville, Ind., Grand Rapids, Mich., Evanston and Bloomington, Ill., Madison, Wis., Des Moines and Sioux City, Ia., Columbia, Mo., and Lincoln and Omaha, Neb.

The committee on internal improvement reported as follows, and their report was adopted as read.

Your committee on internal improvement beg leave to submit the following report. As there is a special committee on chapter houses we will not consider this subject in our report.

This report is in the nature of a collection of suggestions, and we sincerely hope that every one of them will be taken to heart, remembered, and that a decided improvement will be shown by next year. The major part of our hints are directed to the officers of the chapters, the reporter especially, but since the officers are chosen by the active members, the report refers indirectly to every man in the fraternity.

First let us suggest the greatest care and consideration in the choosing of the officers in each chapter. A great deal depends upon

each officer, and the very best man should fill the place for which he is best suited. The reporter should be very prompt and careful in the following matters, and the chapters should know the duties of the reporter and see to it that they are conscientiously fulfilled. The historian should send in the annual membership report promptly on the first day of February, and it should be carefully written out and considered before it is copied onto the blank forms, so that no further change may be necessary. Annual circular letters should be written and issued by the first of February, one copy being kept on file for the chapter. All official communications should be promptly answered. The reporter should be very careful that a correct list of the active chapters of Phi Delta Theta be published in the college annual. This list should be taken from the directory in the latest number of THE SCROLL. Extreme care should be taken in this matter, as an incorrect list, either leaving out chapters that are active and strong, or putting in chapters that have been suspended or are not in existence, hurts our reputation and our character to a very great extent, as one can not fail to see. The treasurer is one of the most important officers, and a freshman should never be chosen to this position. After the best man has been honored, let him strive to be the first to pay the dues of his chapter to the general council.

The history of the chapter should be written annually and kept on file in a suitable book provided for this purpose only.

We would earnestly urge that the chapters keep in the closest touch with their alumni. Seek their aid in all matters, correspond with them as much as possible, send them a copy of the circular letters and a notice of all the banquets or other social events you may have; ask them to be on the lookout for new men who are about to enter your college and who may be available. We think that the chapters in the same province ought to become better acquainted with each other; carry on a periodical correspondence, send delegates to each other's banquets, and above all let the province president become acquainted with everybody in his jurisdiction and by his visits keep the chapters united and interested in each other. If any Phi is in a city where a chapter of Phi Delta Theta is situated, let him consider it his first duty to call on the members, and let them show their hospitality. Use your brothers.

It is very necessary that every man should own a badge. From the historian's report we learn that only three-fifths of the members have them. A good pin can be secured for four dollars, and we hope to hear of a decided improvement in the historian's report at the next convention.

We have carefully prepared a table concerning the paraphernalia owned and the ceremonies performed. From this table we learn a number of facts and we make some suggestions as follows: that more chapters purchase swords, urns and the Palladium, and that the anniversary, alumni day, and valedictory ceremonies be faithfully observed and carried out. We would suggest a more uniform time for the regular weekly meetings, as Friday or Saturday evenings, for most of the chapters meet on one of these evenings.

[The table referred to has been omitted because the absence of certain delegates made it incomplete, and because it may be prepared more accurately from the annual reports to the H. G. C., due February 1.—ED.]

We would advise, as the committee on internal improvements recommended two years ago, that literary exercises, extempore speaking, debates and musicales should be held as often as possible.

In closing we want to urge upon you the same thing that Bro.

Moore has already mentioned, that is the performance of the ritual and the secret work. Uniformity is very essential, and this can be obtained in only one way. Let every one carefully learn the secret work and faithfully represent it to his chapter. We would suggest also that the opening and closing ceremonies should be learned by heart by the officers presiding.

The committee on fraternity jewelry and jewelers reported, and their report was adopted:

By a recent constitutional amendment all members of the fraternity are required to wear the badge of the order while in college. This regulation should be strictly observed.

We recommend that the following persons be appointed as the official jewelers of the fraternity: D. L. Auld, Roehm & Son, Simons, Bro. & Co., Wright, Kay & Co., and J. F. Newman. That all members be requested not to buy badges or other fraternity jewelry from any other houses.

A matter condemned by the committee is the practice of wearing the shield of the badge detached from the sword. The badge thus worn is incomplete and is contrary to the constitution; the presence of the sword is essential to the full significance of our pin.

The convention then went into the committee of the whole for the consideration of the constitution and code, with Hugh Th. Miller in the chair.

A recess was taken at 5 P. M. to permit Robert Morrison to address the convention, as he was compelled to leave the city. At six o'clock the committee rose and recommended to the convention the adoption of the report of the committee on constitution and code as amended by the committee of the whole.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the constitution, code and forms as amended by the committee of the whole be adopted.

The committee on time and place of next convention reported as follows:

The committee on time and place of next convention begs leave to suggest before reporting on that subject.

That, inasmuch as December 26, 1898, is the 50th anniversary of the founding of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at Miami University, the Phis of Miami on that day plant on the campus a tree taken from Bro. Morrison's birth-place, and that on Tuesday, June 13, of commencement week there be held a gathering around this tree of all Phis who can be present. We further suggest that a tablet with proper inscriptions be placed in the hall in which Phi meetings were first held.

1. As for the time of the next convention, the committee recommends that it be held in Thanksgiving week, 1900.

2. As for the place, we have received cordial invitations from New York, New Orleans and Louisville. All of these places have admirable features, but after due inquiry and consideration we unanimously recommend the selection of Louisville.

All the report except the last section was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Hackett made a strong plea in behalf of the substitution of New York as the place of the meeting. Walter B. Palmer also spoke in favor of New York in one of the strongest speeches made before the convention. E. J. Riederer and E. L. Hegeman followed in favor of New York. Frank D. Swope presented the claims of Louisville, and the section, being voted upon, was adopted by a vote of 20 to 17, without counting proxies. On motion by Bro. Hackett the vote was made unanimous. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The convention adjourned at 7 P. M.

III.

The convention's final session was called to order at 9 P. M., with Hugh Th. Miller in the chair.

The following was offered by W. B. Palmer:

Resolved, First. That the design for coat-of-arms adopted by this convention, and blazoned in the new constitution, be copyrighted by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Second. That hereafter this coat-of-arms shall be the only design that chapters shall be permitted to use in college annuals.

Third. That for a term of four years sole authority to engrave such design for any purpose, and to furnish steel-plate engravings of the same for college annuals, shall be granted to Mr. Richard B. Lockwood, 203 Broadway, New York.

Brother Palmer, as chairman of the committee on revision of the constitution, explained that for nearly a year he had been in correspondence with Mr. Lockwood, who had shown great interest in perfecting the design, and whose critical taste had materially contributed to the marshaling of the coat-of-arms in strict conformity with heraldic rules. He considered that Mr. Lockwood was entitled to the exclusive right of reproducing the design, for a four-year term, as a reward for his pains, the latter having agreed to furnish chapters with copies of the design printed from a steel plate, to be used as insets for college annuals, the price of same to be governed by the market price for first-class engraving, and the price for this season to be \$1.10 per hundred insets. The resolutions were adopted.

The committee on special resolutions offered the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Recognizing, as we do, at this, the semi-centennial of our honored fraternity, the proud eminence to which it has attained, and impressed with the fact that this long half century has been one of constant and well-nigh marvelous growth and prosperity; and especially proud of the signal and substantial advancement of the last two years of its existence, not in territorial extension, but in the renewed spirit

of loyalty and devotion and in the increased interest evidenced in the sacred history of our birth and early infancy ; and believing that this growth and spirit is due mainly to those who during the last administration have had the interests of the fraternity in their keeping; therefore, by Phi Delta Theta in convention assembled, be it

Resolved, 1. That we are deeply grateful to an Almighty Providence for the preservation to us during these years of our life of three of the six founders of our fraternity, and especially thankful that it has been made possible for two of them, Brother Robert Morrison and Brother John W. Lindley, to be with us at this convention ; that we consider it an honor never to be forgotten to be allowed to renew our pledges under the Bond we love so well with those whose mind and heart conceived it, and that it be the sense of this convention that a hearty invitation be extended to them, together with Brother A. W. Rogers, whose absence from this convention we deeply regret, to be present at our next convention, to be held in the city of Louisville, in 1900.

2. That we are greatly pleased to have had with us at this gathering our two sisters in Phi Delta Theta, Miss Mary Morrison and Miss Lindley, and extend to them, along with their fathers, our fathers, an unbounded welcome to any and all gatherings of the fraternity.

3. That to president, Walter B. Palmer, more than to any other man in our ranks, are we indebted for the unequalled success of the fraternity during the last two years; that it is with much difficulty that we express to him our deeply felt appreciation for his pre-eminent service in our interest. With unflagging zeal since and even before his elevation to the highest position within the power of the fraternity to grant, he has devoted his time and energy to advance the standard of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. For years he has been engaged in collecting from various sources old manuscripts, records and letters bearing upon the history of our long and prosperous existence, looking to the ultimate publication of a complete fraternity history. He has edited and published the manual of Phi Delta Theta and the minutes of our old Ohio Alpha. He has prepared the excellent article upon our fraternity in Baird's *American College Fraternities*, which reveals so excellently the exalted position now occupied by our order. Wherefore, be it

Resolved, That a special vote of thanks of this convention be extended Bro. Palmer for these invaluable services.

4. That the fraternity is proud of its official publication, THE SCROLL, which we consider the true type of a fraternity journal. That we realize its unrivaled success to be due to the efficient and untiring efforts of the editor, Hugh Th. Miller; and it is the desire of this convention to express to him our appreciation and thanks for his work in its interest and in our behalf.

5. That we take this opportunity to express to Brothers Walter B. Palmer, John E. Brown, Marshall H. Guerrant, Hugh Th. Miller and Dwight N. Marble, the committee for the revision of the constitution and ritual, our sincere gratitude for their excellent work in such revision and the vast amount of labor necessary for its completion.

6. That, to the retiring general council we express our gratitude for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have performed the arduous duties of their respective offices during their administration.

The unparalleled success of this, our semi-centennial convention can be attributed to no one person; all to whom opportunity was given responded heartily with whatever was requested of them, making self-pleasure wholly subordinate to the success of the convention and to

the enjoyment of delegates and visiting Phis. For this kind consideration and sacrifice we are indeed most grateful and therefore, be it

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended

1. To the Phi Delta Theta alumni association of central Ohio for the kind invitation extended us to hold our semi-centennial convention in their beautiful city of Columbus, through whose tireless efforts this convention has terminated with such pronounced benefit to the fraternity and enjoyment to all visiting Phis.

2. To Brothers Emmett Tompkins, John E. Brown and Woodbury Morris, most especially, who so willingly and kindly took upon their shoulders the great burden of bringing this convention to a successful termination.

3. To Mrs. Emmett Tompkins, Mrs. John E. Brown and Miss Morris, whose ready services were of invaluable assistance to these brothers and a means of extreme pleasure to us all.

4. To Governor Bushnell of Ohio, to Mayor Black of the city of Columbus, and to Brother Cyrus Huling for their words of cordial greeting and hearty welcome at the opening of the convention and for their kind praise of our organization and their hope for our future progress.

5. To the Ohio Zeta chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at the Ohio State University for their kind consideration of our pleasure during our sojourn in their city.

6. To the young ladies of Columbus and of the Ohio State University to whose kindly efforts and genial society much of the pleasure and success of this convention is due.

7. Especially to the local chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma for their generous and excellent entertainment of our fraternity; we wish to assure them of our high appreciation of their kindness and thoughtfulness.

8. To the Omicron Deuteron chapter of Phi Gamma Delta and the Beta Nu chapter and Columbus alumni chapter of Sigma Nu for their generous greeting, friendship and good will expressed to us and for their kind regard for our success; be it therefore

Resolved, That the secretary of the general council acknowledge all these courtesies and extend to all those named the thanks of this convention.

9. To Mr. D. L. Auld for the beautifully designed convention button he so generously presented to the delegate and visiting members of our fraternity.

10. To the enterprising press of Columbus for the very generous and laudable mention of the proceedings of this convention.

11. To the Chittenden hotel and its manager, A. P. Rusk, for the very courteous and indulgent treatment extended to us while in their city. To Mrs. A. P. Rusk, also, for her kindness and watchfulness in promoting our pleasure.

12. To the state of Ohio for their kind presentation to the fraternity of the gavel used in our convention proceedings and for the use of the assembly hall for our convention meetings.

13. To our infant chapter Ohio Eta and especially to Brothers Hulett, Stephan and Gifford and to our parent chapter at old Miami and to Brother D. Glenn Moore for their labor of love in furnishing to each chapter of our fraternity a gavel, made of walnut from the old Miami campus and from oak from the birth-place of our father, Robert Morrison, moulded by the hands of Phis and presented by Phis to the representatives in this convention; we assure these Phis that this token of loyalty and love is deeply appreciated by every chapter in

the fraternity and will be highly prized as long as our beloved fraternity shall endure.

14. To Bro. McConica for his kind invitation to the visiting and local Phis to visit the Ohio state penitentiary.

15. To the Ohio state university athletic association for the generous contribution to the convention delegates of tickets to the Ohio state and Ohio Wesleyan foot-ball game.

16. To Brother Crawford A. Peffer for his kindness in making the arrangements for the visit of Miss Mary French Field to the national convention.

17. To our newly adopted daughter, Miss Mary French Field, daughter of our late Brother Eugene Field, for her delightful contribution to the enjoyment of the convention week, with the assurance of this convention that she will always be accorded a hearty welcome in any gathering of our order; therefore be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be made of record in the minutes of this convention and that copies be furnished the press of Columbus for publication.

A bare quorum being present, it was resolved that no delegate be permitted to leave the hall without the consent of the convention.

The following motion offered by Fred S. Ball was carried:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the general council be allowed five per cent. of all fraternity dues collected by him as remuneration for his services. That said sum shall be paid to him at the time he makes his quarterly report to the president of the general council.

The following resolution offered by Fred S. Ball was adopted:

Resolved, That the incoming general council be instructed to distribute among the active chapters of the fraternity all but 300 volumes of the sixth edition of the catalogue, provided the chapters pay the actual expense of the distribution.

It was moved by H. H. Ward that the general council be directed to buy a badge to cost not exceeding twenty-five dollars to be presented to Bro. J. W. Lindley. W. B. Palmer offered as a substitute that Hugh Th. Miller be directed to have three badges made similar to the one made by the first Phi Delta Theta jewelers, Beggs & Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1854, for his father, John C. Miller, *Indiana*, '55, and which Bro. Morrison says is a *fac-simile* of the original badge made by Beggs & Smith in 1849; and that these three replicas be presented to the three surviving founders of the fraternity, the expense thereof to be paid for out of the general fund. The substitute was accepted and the motion passed.

The following resolution was offered by Fred S. Ball and was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in consideration of the valuable services rendered the fraternity by our lamented Brother E. H. L. Randolph, any and all financial obligation on his part to the fraternity be and the same is hereby canceled.

The committee on nomenclature submitted the following report, which was adopted as read:

Your committee on nomenclature would report that after careful consideration of the subject committed to us, we would advise that to rename certain chapters would only create further confusion and at the same time be very obnoxious to chapters who might be obliged to give up the old names under which they have lived so long. To quote from Brother J. E. Brown:

If a change in nomenclature is made, in three or four years from now the undergraduate then in college will not be able to explain to the rising alumnus just why the change was made. . . . A man's interest in the fraternity is affected by the sentiment and individuality of the chapter from which he has been graduated. He likes to feel that it is not subject to fluctuations.

We therefore recommend that no change be made.

The committee on chapters and charters submitted the following report:

Your committee on chapters and charters begs to submit the following report:

1. We find that the present situation at Lombard is unfavorable to the continuance of our chapter there on account of the lack of suitable material and the weakness of the college in resources and support. We recommend that the chapter be put on probation and if at the time of the next convention improvement in the above mentioned respects is not shown, that the charter be withdrawn.

2. As the conditions at Wooster are not favorable to the re establishment of our chapter there, and as there seems to be but a small chance for improvement in the near future, we recommend that the charter of Ohio Delta, which is now held in trust by the province president, be withdrawn.

3. We recommend that the general council investigate the situation at the University of West Virginia and the University of Colorado and take steps toward entering the above institutions if they deem it wise.

The report was considered by sections.

The following was offered as a substitute for section 1 of the report and after a lengthy discussion was adopted by a vote of 26 to 11.

WHEREAS, Illinois Zeta is willing to surrender its charter to the next national convention if Lombard university should not make satisfactory progress or Illinois Zeta be not then in good condition; now be it

Resolved, That Illinois Zeta be allowed to retain its charter until the next national convention, which shall act upon the matter.

The remaining sections of the report were adopted as read, after which the report as amended was adopted.

The committee on chapter house funds made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on chapter house funds recommends that the general council be instructed to co-operate with Georgia Beta to secure the collection of the chapter-house fund of that chapter, which has been loaned by the treasurer of the fund without authority and without security to an irresponsible person.

2. That the general council be instructed to take such steps as it

may deem necessary under the constitution and code in reference to the proceeds of the sale of the chapter-house of Illinois Zeta.

The committee on SCROLL and *Palladium* submitted the following report, which was adopted as read:

Your committee on SCROLL and *Palladium* recommends:

1. That the SCROLL be issued five times during the college year, in the months of October, December, February, April and June.

2. That the *Palladium*, alternating with the SCROLL, be issued in the months of September, November, January, March and May and that it be read only by members of Phi Delta Theta.

3. That the price of both publications be one dollar per year to alumni members, the rate to active members remaining the same as at present.

4. That chapter reporters be instructed to procure as many subscribers as possible among the alumni.

5. That the editor of THE SCROLL publish a semi-centennial souvenir number of THE SCROLL, giving half-tone groups of all chapters and houses occupied.

6. That the remuneration of the editor of THE SCROLL remain as at present.

We heartily commend the painstaking editor in making THE SCROLL the best exponent of fraternity journalism. We realize that THE SCROLL has been one of the most important factors in advancing the interests of Phi Delta Theta. Surely our fraternity is to be congratulated upon having such an able and enterprising editor.

The press committee reported as follows, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Your press committee begs simply to report that it has received great courtesy at the hands of the Columbus newspapers.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that a vote of thanks be extended by the fraternity to the Ohio State *Journal*, the Columbus *Dispatch* and the Columbus *Press-Post*.

A vote of thanks was extended to this committee for their efficient services in supplying reports of our meetings to the Columbus papers.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Cincinnati chapter be known as Ohio Theta.

The committee on provinces submitted a majority report as follows, which report was adopted.

The committee on provinces recommends that the chapters of the fraternity be divided into the following provinces: The provinces of Alpha and Beta shall remain as at present constituted. Gamma province shall consist of chapters of Alabama and Georgia. Delta province shall consist of Ohio and Michigan. Epsilon province shall consist of Indiana. Zeta province shall consist of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Eta province shall consist of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Theta province shall consist of California.

The minority report was not read.

The report of the committee on visiting members was on motion adopted without reading (Exhibit C).

Moved, seconded and carried that the retiring officers be requested to send all archives and records in their possession, not needed by their successors, to the fraternity librarian.

Moved that the delegates be permitted to take their copies of the constitution and code home with them to be kept until the revised copies shall be printed. Carried.

The committee on secret work gave instruction in the secret work of the fraternity, forty delegates being present.

Moved by Fred S. Ball that the constitution and code adopted to-day go into effect at the date when printed copies are furnished the chapters. Carried.

The convention adjourned *sine die* at 11:40 o'clock P. M.

WALTER R. BROWN,
Secretary.

EXHIBIT A.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND GENERAL OFFICERS PRESENT.

College Chapters.

- Maine Alpha*, CHARLES FRANKLIN TOWNE, '00.
New Hampshire Alpha, CHARLES PRATT GRAHAM, '99.
Vermont Alpha, CHARLES FRANCIS BLAIR, '99.
Massachusetts Alpha, DANIEL FITTS, JR., '99.
Massachusetts Beta, HERBERT PORTER WHITNEY, '99.
Rhode Island Alpha, THURSTON MASON PHETTEPLACE, '99.
New York Alpha, EUGENE CHARLES ZELLER, '99.
New York Beta, EDMUND LE CHEVALIER HEGEMAN, '99.
New York Delta, FRANK SUTLIFF HACKETT, '99.
New York Epsilon, BENJAMIN VAN ETEN DOLPH, '98.
Pennsylvania Alpha, EARL HALLOWELL SAXE, '01 (unofficial).
Pennsylvania Beta, HIRAM HARPEL KELLER, '01.
Pennsylvania Delta, EDWIN STACEY OAKES, '99.
Pennsylvania Epsilon, IRVIN MAY WERTZ, '99.
Pennsylvania Zeta, WILLIAM THACKARA READ, '00.
Pennsylvania Eta, ROBERT MAXIMILIAN STRAUB, '99.
Virginia Beta, JOHN NEILSON FURNISS, '00 (Alabama Alpha, '98).
North Carolina Beta, ISAAC FAUST HARRIS, '00.
Kentucky Alpha, PEYTON BRYSON BETHEL, '97 (alumnus).
Tennessee Alpha, WILLIAM FRANCIS BRADSHAW, JR., '99.
Tennessee Beta, TELFAIR HODGSON, '99.
Georgia Beta, FRANK SIDNEY PALMER, '99.
Georgia Gamma, GEORGE WRIGHT WHITNEY, '99.
Alabama Alpha, FRANK CALEB OWEN, '99.
Alabama Beta, ISHAM FENNELL McDONNELL, '99.
Mississippi Alpha, GEORGE LATHAM RAY, '98 (law, '00).
Texas Beta, RUFUS LAMAR HARDY, '99.
Texas Gamma, JOHN HOWELL MCLEAN, JR., '00.
Ohio Alpha, KARL HARVEY ZWICK, '00.
Ohio Beta, ALLEN BANKS WHITNEY, '99.
Ohio Gamma, ERWIN CLYDE MERWIN, '00.
Ohio Zeta, HUGO NATHAN SCHLESINGER, '99.
Ohio Eta, WALTER GEORGE STEPHAN, '99.
Ohio Theta, GUIDO GORES, '01.

Michigan Alpha, JOSEPH MILTON BARR, '99.
Indiana Alpha, GLENN CANARY BURBANK, '99.
Indiana Beta, WILLIAM HARRISON HAYS, '00.
Indiana Gamma, CARL WILLIAMSON MCGAUGHEY, '01.
Indiana Delta, WILLIAM WEBSTER WILSON, '01.
Indiana Epsilon, EUGENE ALBERT BALLIS, '99.
Indiana Zeta, FOSTER VESTAL SMITH, '99.
Illinois Alpha, CASSIUS M. CLAY BUNTAIN, '99.
Illinois Beta, CHARLES WARREN CHASE, '99.
Illinois Delta, HARRY NEAL REX, '00.
Illinois Zeta, GUY PARKE CONGER, '00.
Illinois Eta, SAMUEL MICHAEL BAYARD, '99.
Wisconsin Alpha, ARTHUR WILLIAM FAIRCHILD, '97 (law, '00).
Minnesota Alpha, WILLIAM HENRY CONDIT, '96 (medical, '99).
Iowa Alpha, ERWIN EARL CRAWFORD, '99.
Iowa Beta, THOMAS GRANT FEE, '00.
Missouri Alpha, GEORGE HARRISON ENGLISH, JR., '97 (law, '99).
Missouri Beta, CHARLES FACKLER LAMKIN, '99.
Missouri Gamma, TRESCOTT FOX CHAPLIN, '96 (law, '99).
Kansas Alpha, JOHN HERBERT FLETCHER, '99.
Nebraska Alpha, JOHN TRUE SUMNER, '99.
California Alpha, HOMER ASTLEY BOUSHEY, '01.
California Beta, PERCY RAY MCDOWELL, '00.

Alumni Clubs.

Boston, HERBERT JACKSON HAPGOOD, *Dartmouth*, '96.
New York, EMIL JUSTUS RIEDERER, *Columbia*, '97.
Philadelphia, JAMES CLARK MOORE, JR., *Pennsylvania*, '93.
Pittsburgh, WILLIAM PRESTON BEAZELL, *Allegheny*, '97.
Louisville, FRANK PULLEN KENNEY, *Central*, '94.
Nashville, WALTER BENJAMIN PALMER, *Emory*, '77 (*Vanderbilt*, '80).
Montgomery, FREDERICK SAMUEL BALL, *Ohio State*, '88.
Cincinnati, SCOTT BONHAM, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '82.
Akron, SAMUEL EMERSON FINDLEY, *Buchtel*, '94.
Cleveland, HERBERT CARROLL WOOD, *Amherst*, '93.
Columbus, EMMETT TOMPKINS, *Ohio*, '74.
Athens, ISRAEL MOORE FOSTER, *Ohio*, '95 (*Ohio State*, '98).
Franklin, GEORGE BANTA, *Franklin*, '76 (*Indiana*, '76).
Indianapolis, HUGH THOMAS MILLER, *Indianapolis*, '88.
Chicago, FRANK JOSEPH ROSS MITCHELL, *Northwestern*, '96.
Minneapolis, WALTER REYNOLDS BROWN, *Minnesota*, '89.
St. Louis, TRESCOTT FOX CHAPLIN, *Washington*, '96.
Kansas City, ROYALL HILL SWITZLER, *Missouri*, '98.

General Council and Other Officers.

President of the G. C., WALTER BENJAMIN PALMER, *Emory*, '77.
Secretary of the G. C., WALTER REYNOLDS BROWN, *Minnesota*, '89.
Reporter of the G. C., HUGH THOMAS MILLER, *Indianapolis*, '88.
Treasurer of the G. C., FREDERICK SAMUEL BALL, *Ohio State*, '88.
Historian of the G. C., MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE, *Lafayette*, '77 (*Pennsylvania*, '82).
Fraternity Librarian, JOHN EDWIN BROWN, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '84.
Editors of the Song Book, FRANK DUGAN SWOPE, *Hanover*, '85, W. B. PALMER.
Editor of the History, W. B. PALMER.
President of Alpha Province, JAMES CLARK MOORE, JR., *Pennsylvania*, '93.
President of Delta Province, HUBERT HERRICK WARD, *Ohio State*, '90.

EXHIBIT B.

VISITING MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHARLES HOVEY DODGE, Springfield, Mass.,	<i>Colby</i> , '93
WOODBURY TREAT MORRIS, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Williams</i> , '92
WALTER HAYES COLES, Troy, Ohio,	<i>Wooster</i> , '96, and <i>Amherst</i> , '97
GEORGE ROGERS MANSFIELD, Cleveland, Ohio,	<i>Amherst</i> , '97
LEWIS PETER TIER, Norwalk, Ohio,	<i>Cornell</i> , '74
THEODORE LINDENBERG, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State</i> and <i>Cornell</i> , '95
ANTHONY JAMES HORNSBY, Palmyra, N. Y.,	<i>Union</i> , '99
THOMAS HILL MUNRO, JR., Camillus, N. Y.,	<i>Syracuse</i> , '99
ERNEST GRAY SMITH, Martin's Ferry, Ohio, 17th Infantry	
U. S. A. (now in Manila),	<i>Lafayette</i> , '94
CRAWFORD ALBERTI PEPPER, Cleveland, Ohio,	<i>Allegheny</i> , '92
EDWIN EARL SOULT, Greenville, Pa.,	<i>Allegheny</i> , '99
ROSSER DANIEL BOHANNON, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Virginia</i> , '76
DWIGHT NEWCOMB MARBLE, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	<i>Centre</i> , '82
*ROBERT MORRISON, Fulton, Mo.,	<i>Miami</i> , '49
*JOHN WOLFE LINDLEY, Fredericktown, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '50
ANDREW CARR KEMPER, Cincinnati, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '53
BRUCE PAUL JONES, London, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '68
JAMES HOLLINGSWORTH PUNTENNEY, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '71
WILLIAM ERNEST STOKES, Jacksonboro, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '99
THORNWELL EARL WALKER, Oxford, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '99
FRANCIS MEADE BOWEN, Logan, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '01
CARL HERRMAN MASON, Hamilton, Ohio,	<i>Miami</i> , '01
JASON BLACKFORD, Findlay, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '63
CYRUS HULING, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '78
THOMAS HENRY McCONICA, Findlay, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '81
ELMER ELLSWORTH ADEL, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '86
ROBERT LEE SHEDS, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '86
GUY POTTER BENTON, Baldwin, Kan.,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '88
HARRY LESTER ROWND, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '88
FRANK LARAMER BROWN, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '89
WILL LINCOLN VAN SICKLE, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '89
ALBERT VICTOR EVANS, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '90
PAUL MORRIS THOMPSON, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '90
JAMES MARION BUTLER, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '92
BERT LA FORREST MULL, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '92
GUY EMANUEL MANNING, Dayton, Ohio,	
<i>Washington & Lee</i> and <i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '93	
WALTER ERNEST CLARK, Delaware, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '96
FRANK BARNES CHERRINGTON, Delaware, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '99
HAROLD HERBERT PAULEY, Mason, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '99
ARTHUR BOVARD PYKE, Tientsin, China,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '99
FRED JAMES BRIGHT, Logan, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '00
CHARLES ROSS CARV, Millersburg, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '00
WADE ERNEST CARSON, Ripley, W. Va.,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '00
WILLIAM ROBERT BAYES, Wauseon, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '01
WILLIAM EARLE BROWN, Bloomingburg, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '01
WARREN LEWIS HULSE, Mason, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '01
ARTHUR JOSEPH CURREN, Delaware, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '01
CHARLES MAXWELL FARHART, Lockbourne, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i> , '01

*FOUNDER.

DELBERT BANCROFT SAYERS, Marits, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan,</i>	'01
WAVE WILBUR BLACKMAN, Wauseon, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan,</i>	'02
JOHN MORTON DOLBEY, Delphos, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan,</i>	'02
ROBERT LEGAN EWING, Arcola, Ill.,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan,</i>	'02
CLARENCE CHESTER WHITNEY, Mt. Gilead, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan,</i>	'02
LOUIS ARTHUR TENNY (pledged), Chagrin Falls, Ohio,	<i>Ohio Wesleyan,</i>	'03
CHARLES HENRY WELCH, Athens, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'78
WILLIAM EDGAR BUNDY, Cincinnati, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'86
ULYSSES MCCAUGHEY, Fultonham, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'95
FRANK HENRY SUPPER, Athens, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'95
SAMUEL LEVI McCUNE, Athens, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'96
WINFIELD KENATH SCOTT, Athens, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'98
NEWMAN HALL BENNETT, Jacksonville, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'99
THOMAS HENRY SHELDON, Denver, Colo.,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'00
PHILIP JOHNSON WELCH, Athens, Ohio,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'00
DORR CLAYTON CASTO, JR., Parkersburg, W. Va.,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'01
GEORGE LEONARD GOLD, Sedalia, Mo.,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'02
WALTER RICE SHELDON, Denver, Colo.,	<i>Ohio,</i>	'02
MARCUS GASTON EVANS, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Wooster,</i>	'77
SAMUEL STERLING PALMER, Columbus Grove, Ohio,	<i>Wooster,</i>	'87
JOSEPH FASSETT HAYES, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Wooster,</i>	'89
FRANK NORMAN SLADE, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Buchtel,</i>	'87
JOHN CLARENCE FRANK, Akron, Ohio,	<i>Buchtel,</i>	'99
ROBERT ECKHARDT, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'87
WILLIAM MCPHERSON, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'87
AARON WESTLEY HENRY JONES, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'91
NATHAN LEE BURNER, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Wooster,</i>	'92, and <i>Ohio State,</i>
JOHN DUDLEY DUNHAM, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Michigan and Ohio State,</i>	'94
CHARLES HARKER FARBER, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'94
LOWRY FRANCIS SATER, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'95
ALEXANDER DOUGLASS INGRAM, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'97
FRANK JAMES COLGAN, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'98
ROY SUTPHIN, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'98
CHARLES HOWARD WOODS, Chillicothe, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'98
RUSSEL KENNEY RAMSEY, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'98
HARRY JAMES BRADSHAW, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'98
JOHN BENJAMIN BALLOU, Bowling Green, Ohio,	<i>Wooster,</i>	'97, and <i>Ohio State,</i>
EDWARD LEVETT SMITH, Holden, Mo.,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'98
HARRISON WILLIAM BOCK, Canton, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'98
WILLIAM ERDMANN, Chillicothe, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'99
BROWN THOMPSON CRAIG, Shreve, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'99
CLAUDE BENNETT DEWITT, Sandusky, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'99
FRANK STUART KNOX, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'99
CLAUDE JOHN REEVES, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'99
CHARLES GROSVENOR BOND, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'99
CHARLES FULLER DOWD, Toledo, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'00
LAWRENCE EVERETT BARRINGER, Washington, D. C.,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'00
THOMAS JOHN DAVIS, Girard, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'00
HERBERT P. SENTER, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'00
EARL CRESTON GRANT, Groomsport, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'01
WARREN PAUL MEILY, Lima, Ohio, <i>Miami,</i>	'99, and <i>Ohio State,</i>	'01
JOHN MARTIN BARRINGER, Washington, D. C.,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'01
JOHN FRANK MILLER, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State,</i>	'01

WILSON ROY CAROTHERS, Sidney, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State</i> , '02
EARNEST VICTOR REUTLINGER, Chillicothe, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State</i> , '02
JOHN G. STERLING, Springfield, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State</i> , '02
WALTER MELVILLE DANN, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Ohio State</i> , '02
NELSON WILLIAM MORLEY, Cleveland, Ohio,	<i>Case</i> , '96
FRANK ERASTUS HULETT, Akron, Ohio,	<i>Case</i> , '98
OSCAR WILLIAM LANGE, Cincinnati, Ohio,	<i>Cincinnati</i> , '00
STUART ALDRIDGE MCGILL, Cincinnati, Ohio,	<i>Cincinnati</i> , '00
HOWARD SCHELL, Cincinnati, Ohio,	<i>Cincinnati</i> , '02
THEODORE LINCOLN CHADBOURNE, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Michigan</i> , '91
WILLIAM CHANDLER BAGLEY, Detroit, Mich. (Cornell),	<i>Lansing</i> , '95
BURTON ABRAM BOWDITCH, Hillsdale, Mich.,	<i>Lansing</i> , '96
HERBERT A. HAGADORN, Lansing, Mich.,	<i>Lansing</i> , '97
ARTHUR E. LYONS, Lansing, Mich.,	<i>Lansing</i> , '01
CHARLES ELMORE MARK, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Hillsdale</i> , '90
CLARENCE LA RUE GOODWIN, Dunlo, Pa.,	<i>Indianapolis and Indiana</i> , '83
CHARLES EMMETT COMPTON, Elkhart, Ind.,	<i>Indiana</i> , '95
THOMAS ALEXANDER DAVIS, Goshen, Ind.,	<i>Wabash</i> , '96
FRANKLIN MCLEAN GILCREST, Marysville, Ohio,	<i>Indianapolis</i> , '88
WILLIS MARVIN BLOUNT, Irvington, Ind.,	<i>Indianapolis</i> , '97
HUGH GOODE GARBER, Madison, Ind.,	<i>Hanover</i> , '01
FRANCIS INGERSOLL STULTS, Huntington, Ind.,	<i>De Pauw</i> , '98
RUDOLPH CARL TSCHENTSCHER, Crafton, Pa.,	<i>Purdue</i> , '97
WAVE MILLER, Bloomington, Ill.,	<i>Illinois Wesleyan</i> , '95
GEORGE HILARY ASHWORTH, Mt. Gilead, Ohio,	<i>Lombard</i> , '97
CARL JOSHUA FLETCHER, Galesburg, Ill.,	<i>Lombard</i> , '00
FRANK HENRY HAMILTON, Springfield, Ill.,	<i>Illinois</i> , '95
ARTHUR ATWELL BROWN, Columbus, Ohio,	<i>Westminster</i> , '97
WILLIAM HENRY RAYMOND, Lincoln, Neb.,	<i>Nebraska</i> , '95
EARL ALLEN MCCREERY, Lincoln, Neb.,	<i>Nebraska</i> , '99

NOTE.—This list is doubtless incomplete, and any Phi who can add a name will kindly send it to the editor of THE SCROLL at once. We want the semi-centennial convention roll to be as complete as possible.—ED.

EXHIBIT C.

CONVENTION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Local Committee on Arrangements.

JOHN EDWIN BROWN, EMMETT TOMPKINS, WOODBURY T. MORRIS.

Convention Officers.

President—W. B. PALMER, P. G. C. *Secretary*—W. R. BROWN, S. G. C.

Assistant Secretary—D. N. MARBLE. *Chaplain*—ROBERT MORRISON.

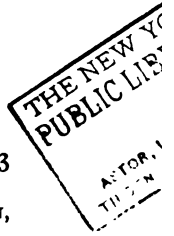
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EXHIBIT D.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:

At this historic milestone, the fiftieth in the course of Phi Delta Theta, we may look backward and congratulate ourselves upon a race well run. It is interesting and instructive to recall the various stages of our career as a fraternity—the small beginning, the gradual growth, interrupted by the civil war when the fires upon our altars all but expired, the slow recuperation, and then the splendid development which has placed Phi Delta Theta foremost among national college fraternities. It can be asserted, without fear of successful contradiction, that during the last three decades, from 1868 to 1898, Phi Delta Theta has made more substantial progress than any other college fraternity in America. In this semi-centennial year, we should not forget to render honor to the founders who established Phi Delta Theta on such a firm and enduring basis. The principles which they adopted,

and which all their successors have accepted as a guide of action, have been the inspiration for many great achievements. Fortunately these principles are imbedded in the Bond so deeply that they will remain unaltered as long as the fraternity shall exist.

So numerous, extensive and important are the interests of Phi Delta Theta now that no one can assume the duties that appertain to a member of the general council without a realization of grave responsibility. I am glad to be able to state that the general council whose term now closes, the first to be composed of five members, have worked together in harmony, and that the province presidents, appointed two years ago, have rendered efficient services to the chapters within their respective jurisdictions.

The chapter at Case, chartered by the last national convention, was installed shortly thereafter. The earnest work since done by its members and the intense loyalty they have displayed are evidences that the action of the convention was not a mistake. Soon after this installation followed that of the chapter at the University of Chicago, which had been chartered by the previous administration. Though contending with numerous, rich and powerful rivals, its members have been loyal and zealous, and they deserve much credit for their efforts to establish Phi Delta Theta securely in this great institution.

The general council, during this administration, have followed the previously approved policy of withdrawing the charters of chapters located at colleges of inferior rank. Investigation showed that the chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University was in a very weak condition, and that this was the direct result of deterioration in the institution. The general council, therefore, requested that the charter of Illinois Epsilon be returned, which was done. Similar conditions existing at the University of Wooster, the surrender of the charter of Ohio Delta was accepted, with the understanding, however, that it should be restored if the institution should improve, and a favorable opportunity for reorganization should be presented by the time this convention should assemble.

The last national convention instructed the general council to investigate the charges of 'low standard and weakness' preferred against the institutions in which Michigan Beta and Michigan Gamma were located, and, if sustained, to take proper action. In accordance with these instructions, I visited both institutions a year ago and gave them a careful inspection. The charge of low standard certainly lies against Michigan Agricultural College, its requirements for admission and graduation being lower than should be allowed at any institution recognized by Phi Delta Theta. At Hillsdale College there has been a great falling off in the number of students, and the chapter was weak because of the scarcity of good material. The charters of both chapters were withdrawn by vote of the general council and a majority of the chapters in the province, as required by the constitution.

It will be noted that two charters have been withdrawn and the surrender of two others accepted since the last national convention. In each case a painful duty was involved, but it is believed that the interests of the fraternity demanded such action. During the past few weeks I have visited Lombard University, and from the observations then made, I am prepared to recommend the withdrawal of Phi Delta Theta from that institution. The attendance of male students is very small, and I do not believe that the desirable material is sufficient to sustain a creditable chapter.

A number of applications for charters from Columbian University, Western Reserve University, Iowa Agricultural College and other

institutions have been rejected. The applications from the University of Maine and Pennsylvania State College, which were refused by the last national convention, were presented for indorsement to Alpha province convention a year ago, and by it disapproved, whereupon the applicants were informed that any further efforts on their part for a Phi Delta Theta charter would be useless.

The only application for charter received during the last two years which was favorably considered came from the University of Cincinnati. I visited Cincinnati last April and found that the application was recommended unanimously and enthusiastically by the Phis of that city. The institution is well equipped in all its various departments, and it has large resources, liberal support and a high scholastic standard. A charter was granted by the votes of the general council, all the province presidents, and all active college chapters in Delta province. It is believed that representation in this growing university will add greatly to the strength of our fraternity, and make Cincinnati one of the strongholds of Phi Delta Theta. I was present at the installation of the chapter last July. A pleasant feature of the occasion was the return to Phi Delta Theta of Dr. Andrew C. Kemper, who resigned from Ohio Alpha in 1851, and in 1852 became one of the organizers of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Miami. His son being a charter member of the new chapter at Cincinnati, he desired to be connected with the same fraternity, so he resigned from Delta Kappa Epsilon, and, at the unanimous invitation of Ohio Alpha, the general council and others, he again assumed the obligations of the Bond, unchanged since he was a member forty-seven years ago.

It has been encouraging to observe the determination in all quarters to uphold the prestige of Phi Delta Theta. The fraternity is certainly in better condition and its chapters stronger on the whole than they were two years ago or at any previous time. One unmistakable evidence of this is the increase in chapter-houses, the number of those owned and rented having grown from sixteen to twenty-six, or over 60 per cent. Specially worthy of commendation are the chapters at Gettysburg, Dickinson and the University of Pennsylvania for having erected houses, and California Alpha for having acquired a house by purchase. Of the twenty-six houses occupied, counting those under construction, nine are owned and seventeen rented by chapters. Much, however, remains to be accomplished in this line, for thirty-eight of our chapters, or about 60 per cent. of the whole number, are not yet domiciled in houses either owned or rented. It is believed that each homeless chapter can at least rent a house without feeling any burden, but, on the contrary, probably thus reduce living expenses. Many benefits would accrue from the closer association thus formed between members. But no chapter should be satisfied until it possesses a house which it may call its own. The ten-year-subscription-note arrangement or some other feasible plan for accumulating a building fund should be adopted without delay. Competition between fraternities is so very strong now that it behooves our chapters that have no houses to press forward in this undertaking until they are provided for at least as well as any of their rivals.

At times during the last two years the general council have been seriously concerned as to the condition of a few chapters. Ohio Alpha was weak in 1896-97, but much stronger in 1897-98, and I am glad to say, is very strong this year. Its members have gallantly won in a hard up-hill fight. In 1895-96 Virginia Zeta had ten active members, and in 1896-97 nine, but of these only one, Brother Robert G. Campbell, returned in 1897-98. One member initiated by Tennessee

Alpha for Virginia Zeta did not go to Washington and Lee as expected. The chapter remained dormant last year, but this fall Brother Campbell has added five new members, and the general council have tendered him a special vote of thanks for his valuable services. In the fall of 1897 only three members of Pennsylvania Eta returned, but Brother J. Clark Moore, Jr., president of Alpha province, gave special attention to this chapter, with the result that five men were initiated last year. This fall eight members have returned, and the chapter now numbers ten.

Several chapters, among them those at Lehigh, Washington and Lee, North Carolina, Tulane and Chicago, usually have too small an active membership. All of these are important universities, and Phi Delta Theta ought to be well represented in each. The great trouble has been that each institution was crowded with fraternities, and all of them could not prosper. It is hoped that conditions will improve, and that our fraternity will become firmly fixed in each of these institutions. At times the membership of the chapters at Columbia, Gettysburg, Randolph-Macon, Miami, Central, Mississippi, Texas and Stanford is reduced to a smaller number than seems really safe, considering the uncertainties about how many will not return after each annual commencement.

Some chapters, perhaps from a mistaken idea of conservatism, are inclined to restrict their membership to a dangerously small number. Certainly no one should be initiated who does not possess good character, good sense and a gentlemanly bearing, but it is better that a chapter should have too many members than so few as to make its condition precarious. A large chapter is generally a strong chapter, a small chapter is usually a weak chapter. Every chapter should constantly be on the lookout for desirable men, and should strive hard to get such men, not hesitating to enter the lists against any or all rivals.

During the last two years I have traveled through many states and have had the good fortune to visit as many as twenty-one chapters, namely, those at Tulane, Mississippi, Vanderbilt, Centre, Central, Cincinnati, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State, Case, Washington and Jefferson, Michigan, Lansing, Hillsdale, Indianapolis, Northwestern, Chicago, Illinois, Knox, Lombard, Washington and Iowa Wesleyan, and some of these I have visited more than once. In October, 1897, I was present at a joint province convention of Beta and Gamma provinces held at Nashville. In the same month a convention of Alpha province was held at Providence. These provincial conventions are a means by which Phis may enlarge their acquaintance, broaden their views, acquire many practical ideas relating to fraternity work and become more deeply imbued with the true fraternity spirit. It is extremely desirable that such conventions be held biennially in all provinces. The chapters of Iowa, Franklin, Union and Cincinnati have maintained summer camps, setting a good example in this respect to other chapters.

During recent years there have been many evidences of an increased alumni interest in the fraternity. Alumni members have liberally aided their chapters in building, buying or furnishing chapter-houses. They have assisted their chapters in pledging men, and in many ways have showed their continued strong attachment for Phi Delta Theta. It is my firm conviction that no fraternity can boast a more loyal and helpful body of alumni than Phi Delta Theta. I was present at the inception of the alumni chapter at New Orleans early in 1896. The formation of such chapters has been encouraged, and during the past

two years charters have been granted to alumni at Detroit, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Providence, Columbus and Athens, Ohio. Phi Delta Theta has many more alumni chapters than any other fraternity, but a few more are needed at such places as Syracuse, N. Y., Buffalo, N. Y., Lexington, Ky., Danville, Ky., Memphis, Tenn., Chattanooga, Tenn., Rome, Ga., Meridian, Miss., Austin, Dallas, Galveston, and Georgetown, Tex., Evansville, Ind., Terre Haute, Ind., Grand Rapids, Mich., Evanston, Ill., Bloomington, Ill., Madison, Wis., Des Moines, Ia., Sioux City, Ia., Columbia, Mo., Omaha, Neb., and Lincoln, Neb., where a considerable number of Phis reside. The reunions of alumni chapters on Alumni day and at other times do much to revive fraternity enthusiasm in the various localities, and are not only a source of enjoyment to the alumni, but result in much positive benefit to the college chapters. Since the custom of observing Alumni day was begun, some alumni chapters have never been awakened from their previous lethargic condition. Special efforts should be made to arouse these chapters, so that, commencing next March, they will celebrate Alumni day regularly. A great impetus will be given to the fraternity when forty alumni chapters in cities all over the union observe this annual event.

In the work of the last two years the most important factor has been THE SCROLL. Its bi-monthly visits, supplemented with those of *The Palladium*, have brought encouragement to all chapters and good cheer to members everywhere. Without any partiality, and without intending to flatter its painstaking editor, I can truthfully say that THE SCROLL stands out as the highest exponent of fraternity journalism. It leads in originality and enterprise, and all its departments are ably sustained, while its typographical appearance is unexceptionable. The increase in fraternity dues by the last national convention provides a larger apportionment of funds for publishing the magazine, and it has been materially increased in size. So long as THE SCROLL is conducted with such signal ability as at present, Phi Delta Theta will not lack for a bold, strong and useful champion. I am pleased to learn that its circulation among alumni has been considerably enlarged.

The editor displayed his usual alertness and thoroughness in his recent compilation of Phis in the war with Spain, a list which is believed to be larger than any other fraternity can show, certainly much larger than any other fraternity has shown. So far as reported, we had 213 members in the army and navy, filling all positions from drummer-boy to brigadier-general. We may congratulate ourselves that Phis of all sections responded so readily and numerously to their country's call. It proves that Phi Delta Theta is a patriotic as well as a national fraternity, and we may well be proud of the valor displayed by Phis in the charges at El Caney and San Juan hill, and on the ramparts of Malate, not forgetting the heroism of those who endured the hardships of summer camps, and who were animated with equally high motives, but were denied the privilege of exhibiting their courage on the field of battle.

The office of fraternity librarian was created by the last national convention, and the librarian has already made a large accumulation of books and pamphlets relating to Phi Delta Theta and other fraternities. He is the final custodian of official documents, and these valuable records will not be scattered and lost as many have been heretofore. For a number of years I have been collecting old fraternity documents and letters and those of greatest historical importance have been printed in THE SCROLL.

As Phi Delta Theta begins its second half-century, it should provide itself with a system of laws that will be adequate for the enlarging opportunities and increasing responsibilities of the future. A revised constitution and a proposed code of general laws, which have been in preparation for four years, will be presented to this convention for adoption, and I trust will receive most careful attention.

One of the proposed provisions is that the permanent office of catalogue editor be created, the editor to be engaged constantly in compiling data about members of the fraternity, against the time when the national convention shall order a new edition of the catalogue published. It has been seven and a half years since last edition went to press, four and a half years since it was issued. Phi Delta Theta has nearly 3,000 members not included in that edition. The work of classifying the new names and arranging the data given in the annual membership reports, SCROLL personals and annual chapter-letters should be begun without delay; and unless it is done soon it will be very difficult to find any one who will be willing to undertake the laborious task. The present constitution provides that a certain percentage of the income of the fraternity shall be used for publishing the catalogue and other fraternity books. In my opinion this convention should take steps looking to the publication of a new catalogue. I have recently explained in a SCROLL article that in my judgment the matter in a new edition should be very greatly abbreviated and printed in very compact form.

In round figures ten thousand members are now enrolled by Phi Delta Theta. We may rejoice in the fact that they are an earnest, upright and successful body of men. We are constantly reminded that Phis are making rapid advancement all over the country. We find them prominent in all the learned professions, and occupying many high positions of trust. The conviction is forced upon us that the elevated teachings of the Bond have contributed in no small degree toward shaping their conduct and purposes in life, and that they have been made stronger, better men by reason of their connection with Phi Delta Theta.

At this important stage in our history, the dictates of wisdom suggest that we should deliberate seriously as to the policy of the fraternity during the coming years. We glory in our past achievements and successes. We have made this a truly national fraternity. I honestly believe that no other fraternity is so firmly established in all portions of the country, and that a man derives more personal benefit from membership in Phi Delta Theta than in any other college association, because there is nothing narrow or sectional about Phi Delta Theta. It is organized in the foremost institutions of learning in all sections, and its members are among the leading citizens of all states. Go where you will in this broad land, you will meet with Phis whose acquaintance it will be desirable for you to make.

I feel assured that Phi Delta Theta will not abandon its national policy. The Fraternity as a whole I believe is satisfied that its national reputation adds greatly to its standing in all localities. And yet the fact has developed that in certain quarters there has grown up during the last few years an opinion that we should make no further extension in any direction. I can not approve of this idea, and I hope that it will not be generally adopted. It is opposed to the policy that we have previously followed, and on which our success has been built. I am no advocate of indiscriminate extension, but I do not believe that this country is done growing yet, and therefore I do not believe that any iron-clad restrictions should be placed on Phi Delta Theta's growth. Within a comparatively recent period, we have seen

splendid institutions of learning founded by private endowments. Cornell is only thirty years old, Vanderbilt only twenty-three, Stanford only seven and the new University of Chicago only six. Are we not to recognize such universities as these hereafter?

But I would especially urge that Phi Delta Theta should enter and intrench itself strongly in the developing state universities. These institutions are established on such sure foundations that there is no uncertainty as to their perpetuity. It has been our policy to organize chapters in universities receiving state support, and we have more chapters in such institutions than any other fraternity. The rapid rise of these institutions is shown by the following extract from an article published in the *Atlantic Monthly* for December, 1897:

The growth of state universities, especially in the west and south, within recent years is one of the most noteworthy facts in the progress of higher education in our country. The number of students in eight representative western state universities—those of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and California—in 1885 was 4,230; in 1895 it was 13,500. This was an increase of more than three hundred per cent. The increase during the same decade in the attendance at eight New England colleges and universities was only twenty per cent.

Fortunately Phi Delta Theta has chapters in each of these eight great state universities and in a dozen more. The thought which I now desire to emphasize is that other institutions as they develop, especially state universities, should not be neglected as fields for Phi Delta Theta activity. Particularly I think we should give close attention to the universities of West Virginia, Arkansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Oregon and Washington, and that applications from them should be accepted when they have developed to the proper degree. Fraternities are already established in all of them except the University of South Dakota. We should not be the last fraternity to enter them, for the earlier established chapters usually have a decided and long-continued prestige.

Some who are familiar with conditions at Harvard recommend that a chapter be established there; others think that an alumni charter only should be issued, or some kind of a Harvard Phi Delta Theta association formed. There usually are a score or more of Phis at this institution, but the situation is complicated by the prominence of local clubs, and class societies, not so much, however, as at Yale. The question of organizing at Harvard should therefore be considered very carefully before reaching a decision.

In laying down the trust that was committed to my care as president of the general council two years ago, I do so feeling that I have performed my duties faithfully and to the full extent of my abilities and opportunities. The tasks which the office involves have at times been weighty, but it has always afforded me great pleasure to devote my energies to Phi Delta Theta. I have conducted an extensive official correspondence on a great variety of subjects. I have been brought into personal relations with many Phis, active and alumni, whom I have met in different chapters and cities. I am always most happy to form the acquaintance of earnest, enthusiastic workers for Phi Delta Theta, and I am glad to say that I have met many such members during the last two years. Most sincerely thanking the fraternity for the distinguished and highly appreciated honor conferred upon me in placing the responsibilities of the office of president of the general council upon my shoulders, I now retire to the private ranks, where, as opportunity may occur, I shall continue to labor for the dear old fraternity.

Respectfully submitted

WALTER B. PALMER, P. G. C.

EXHIBIT E.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:

The report of the president of the general council will largely cover the work of your officers since the last convention, and it only remains for me to give you certain facts and data that may be worthy of preservation in our archives.

The first business of the new general council was the selection of the province presidents, and that a right selection was made in each instance, the progress of the past two years proves. J. Clark Moore, Jr., was re-elected president of Alpha province, as was M. H. Guerant, of Beta, and James G. Wallace, of Epsilon. Two new names were added: Schuyler Poitevent, as president of Gamma province, and H. H. Ward, of Delta. John Edwin Brown was elected to fill the important position created by the last convention—that of fraternity librarian, and the fraternity is to be congratulated that he was induced to accept this position, for all who know him will agree with me that no better man could possibly be found to fill this position.

The usual number of applications for charters have been considered by your officers, including applications from students of Columbian University, Washington, D. C., Lebanon Valley College, Ypsilanti College, U. S. Grant University, Adelbert College, Iowa Agricultural and Baker University. These applications were denied by the general council, or the applicants were directed to make application to this convention. The only charter granted to an active chapter was given to the University of Cincinnati, where the character of the institution and the high standard of the applicants combined to warrant us in intrusting to them a charter.

Alumni charters have been granted to alumni resident in the following cities. Detroit, Michigan, April 19, 1897; New Orleans, La., August 2, 1897; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sept. 9, 1897; Columbus, Ohio, April 23, 1898; Providence, R. I., May 28, 1898; Athens, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1898. The names of the charter members have, in each instance, been published in THE SCROLL. A charter was also issued to California Beta Alumni at Los Angeles, Cal., dated May 3, 1898, to take the place of the one granted to them June 12, 1888.

The charter of Ohio Delta was suspended October 26, 1897, and was given in trust to H. H. Ward, to be held by him awaiting the action of this convention. On account of the decline of Illinois Wesleyan University, our charter was recalled from Illinois Epsilon in March, 1897.

Acting in accordance with instructions from the Philadelphia convention, our president visited Michigan Beta and Gamma in the fall of 1897 and investigated the condition of both the colleges and the chapters, and made a report to the general council advising the recalling of both these charters. After an affirmative vote of all the chapters in Delta province and the unanimous vote of the general council, the charters of these two chapters were withdrawn by the general council on January 1, 1898, to take effect at the end of that college year. The officers and chapters voting on the question realized that this action would work a hardship on the individuals composing the chapters, but believed that the best interests of the fraternity demanded such action.

In the summer of 1898 these chapters were notified to send their records, charters and archives to the fraternity librarian, and when this was not done a representative of the general council was sent to secure the same, but with indifferent success. Both chapters claimed to have lost their charters, but later the charter of Michigan Gamma was returned. By order of the general council, your secretary, some weeks since, notified Michigan Beta that unless their charter was returned the general council would recommend to this convention that all members of that chapter who were active in June, 1898, be expelled from the fraternity. No response has been made by them to this warning, and the general council makes this recommendation.

On November, 1897, Frank C. Keen was expelled from the fraternity for acts unbecoming a gentleman and a Phi.

Dr. A. C. Kemper, a former member of Ohio Alpha, who resigned from the fraternity in 1851 and afterwards joined the D. K. E. fraternity was reinstated into membership in Phi Delta Theta in June, 1898, having resigned from Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The governing body of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity complained to the general council that Illinois Alpha of Phi Delta Theta had attempted to lift their local chapter, and demanded that the general council take steps to 'punish' Illinois Alpha. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon officers were notified by the secretary that the general council had no authority to 'punish' Illinois Alpha, but that the alleged attempt to lift their chapter would be investigated by this convention.

March 15, 1897, being the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of our beloved brother Robert Morrison, a testimonial of regard from every college chapter and every officer of the fraternity was presented to him. These testimonials were handsomely bound and will be most highly prized by our brother so long as he shall be spared to us.

One of the most perplexing questions which the general council has been called upon to decide was regarding the time and place of holding this convention. Sentiment seemed to compel us to select Christmas week as the time and Oxford, Ohio, as the place, but we were certain that Christmas week possessed too many attractions of its own to insure a successful convention at that time, and the limited hotel accommodations precluded us from holding it at Oxford. As a result the general council voted to accept the hearty invitation of Columbus Phis to meet here and selected Thanksgiving week as the most suitable time. However, the general council, not forgetting that sentiment is one of the ties that bind us together as brothers, decided to recommend to this convention that a semi-centennial meeting of the fraternity be held at Oxford on a day to be fixed by this convention in June, 1899.

Distinguished speakers should be provided, the consent of the university authorities secured to put a Phi Delta Theta tablet in the building where our fraternity was founded, a province convention possibly arranged to be held at the same time and place. A banquet in the evening would properly bring to a close one of the most delightful days ever enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to be present. We would also recommend that on December 26, 1898, the Phis of Oxford and vicinity be requested to plant on the Miami campus a tree from Robert Morrison's birthplace.

The general council believes that the policy pursued during the past five years of giving the largest amount of their attention to internal improvements but constantly keeping on the lookout for an oppor-

tunity to enter any institution that promises much for the future, has been a wise one, and has resulted in keeping Phi Delta Theta in the forefront of college fraternities.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER R. BROWN,
Secretary of the General Council.

EXHIBIT F.

REPORT OF THE REPORTER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,
Greeting :*

This is the first administration in which the editor of THE SCROLL has been a member of the general council, but the experience of the last two years has shown that it is greatly to the advantage of the general council to have at its command constantly the frequent and detailed reports of the condition of the fraternity which the editor alone can supply, and the editor has been able many times to present important matters more promptly and clearly because of his being a member of the fraternity's executive body. The proposed constitution provides that the reporter of the general council shall present to the national convention a report on details of the fraternity's condition and progress not given in reports of other general officers.

The last administration has devoted its energies chiefly to questions of internal improvement, and in marked degree to the chapter house question.

At the time of the Philadelphia convention seven chapters were reported to own houses: Amherst, Cornell, Lehigh, Vanderbilt, Sewanee, Lombard and Wisconsin. The Lehigh house was really owned by and leased from alumni of the chapter and was given up in the fall of 1897 for a more desirable rented house. The Lombard house was also practically controlled by an association of alumni and has very recently been sold by them to pay off incumbrances, leaving a fund in their hands of about \$400.

At the time of the Philadelphia convention the following chapters rented houses: Vermont, Williams, Syracuse, Pennsylvania, Ohio State, Michigan and California—seven in all. The Columbia and Nebraska chapters occupied suites of rooms, in some of which members lived.

The Stanford chapter was temporarily homeless, but took a house early in 1897. The Northwestern chapter, which had rented a house in former years, had none from June, 1896, till September, 1898. On January 1, 1897, the Hillsdale chapter took a house, giving it up at the end of the year, and the Allegheny chapter rented one, which it held for a year and gave up for a larger and better one. Ohio State moved from her first house into the present delightful quarters in the spring of 1897. In the fall of 1897, Chicago, after much hard work and under discouraging circumstances, pluckily took a flat; Case rented a house under circumstances demanding an equal amount of courage; and dozens of old and wealthy chapters remained lazily inactive. Not so, however, Union, Nebraska and Georgia, who began house-keeping with much enthusiasm. Columbia took another suite, similar to the one held before, and Pennsylvania moved to other quarters. Later in the college year, Purdue, the youngest chapter in Indiana, took the first Phi house in that Phi state. In the fall of 1898 Syracuse

and Nebraska each rented a much larger and finer house, Union having already set the example. Pennsylvania moved again and for the last time before going into her new club house, which is now rapidly approaching completion. Northwestern took a house once more; Indianapolis, with but four non-resident members, rented a cozy house, and California realized the hopes of years by buying a handsome house. Chicago and Columbia took flats again, though in different places once more. Meanwhile, Gettysburg and Dickinson had commenced the erection of lodges, which will be completed and occupied before commencement day. It is safe to say that at least three more chapters will be housed within as many months, and the indications are that two or three more may be under cover by commencement. The ability to take and hold a house is coming more and more to be a recognized criterion of a chapter's strength. When Hillsdale gave up her house, her charter followed within a year; when Lombard's house was sold, the question of the chapter's future was raised at once. Others should take warning. Every chapter should adopt the ten-year-note plan without delay, rent a house and thereby save money, then look about for a building lot. [Here followed in the report to the convention a detailed account of the chapter house situation at all Phi colleges and universities. It is omitted now, because the same matter, with additions and corrections, appears in the report of the committee on chapter houses, printed in these pages.] It has been the aim of the general council, both in and out of THE SCROLL, to make the acquisition of Phi homes a distinctive feature of the semi-centennial administration, and we commend this policy to our successors.

Another matter of internal improvement we have sought to impress on the chapters, is that of the required paraphernalia. *The Palladium* has contained contributions, illustrations, editorials and price-lists; hereafter the annual reports to the H. G. C. will bring the matter up afresh each year. Few of the chapters are equipped as they should be, but there has been marked improvement.

The historian and secretary of each chapter are urged to read carefully the clauses of the new code which define their duties. Secretaries have been woefully careless in the past in recording minutes of chapter meetings and in preserving important correspondence. Historians are equally neglectful of opportunities to enrich the chapter archives, library, album and scrap-book with documents, books, photographs and clippings that will be invaluable in a few years.

The portions of the proposed constitution and code adopted by the Philadelphia convention were printed and sent to the chapters, as was the ritual there adopted. The Lehigh and Ohio State chapters, however, in spite of reported requests, have so far failed to return their copies of the old ritual, preparatory to receiving the new.

The proposed revision of the constitution and code, as finally agreed upon by the enlarged committee, was printed and mailed to the chapters early this fall.

The reporter has called attention through *The Palladium*, following Bro. W. B. Palmer, to our need of revising chapter nomenclature, as well as to various defects in the last edition of the catalogue and in the annual reports of the H. G. C. Two delegates to the convention, Bro. McLean, of Southwestern, and Bro. Bayard, of Illinois, have never appeared in the list of initiates, for example.

But two chapters appear to have violated the constitution by initiating preparatory students since 1896. One of these seems to be innocent, as the man reported to the H. G. C. as a 'prep.' was really a

freshman, according to the college annual. The other, Georgia Gamma, acknowledges that she initiated a 'prep.' this fall to keep K A from getting him. This does not excuse her. She was accused of the same offense, by the way, at the Atlanta convention, in 1891. An inter-fraternity agreement at Mercer would be a good thing.

The reporter can heartily endorse, in closing, the statement of the president of the general council, that Phi Delta Theta has never been more progressive than during the last two years. The enthusiastic chapters at Case, Chicago and Cincinnati, the new alumni clubs, the added chapter houses, the new constitution and code, are but outward signs of a progress that includes every part and phase of Phi Delta Theta's organization and activity, and that she stands beyond question at the head of the Greek-letter world to-day.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH TH. MILLER, R. G. C.

EXHIBIT G.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,
Greeting:*

At the Philadelphia convention our financial system was improved by placing it in the hands of one officer. Instead of the members having to pay a subscription to THE SCROLL to be remitted to its manager, and dues to be remitted to the treasurer of the general council, the dues were made to include the cost of THE SCROLL, and all moneys were ordered paid to and disbursed by the T. G. C. This simplified the duties of the chapter officers, relieved the members of much confusion, and made a bonded officer responsible for all of our finances. The catalogue tax was abolished. A new schedule was adopted for the distribution or appropriation of the funds, by which 30 per cent. was placed to the credit of the convention fund, 37½ per cent. to that of the magazine fund, 10 per cent. to that of the book fund and 22½ per cent. to that of the general fund.

My last report showed a balance on hand of \$4,063.18. Out of this had to be paid the expenses of the Philadelphia convention and several sums appropriated by that convention. Before making a distribution of that balance, I deemed it best to pay all indebtedness and the appropriations to that time, except the disputed amount owing on the catalogue, which would have consumed the entire balance after making such payments. After the payment of all these things, I distributed to the various new funds the sum of \$757.33. Since that time all receipts and disbursements have been entered to the proper fund, except the amount paid out in final settlement of the catalogue indebtedness, which has been charged to a separate account, to which has also been given credit for all sales of catalogues.

The following is a condensed statement of the receipts and disbursements since the last convention, down to and including November 22, 1898, and a supplemental report will be made to the general council after the adjournment of this convention:

THE SCROLL.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Fred S. Ball, T. G. C., in account with Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

1896.	CASH ACCOUNT.	
November 26.	To balance on hand.....	\$4,063 18
1898.	November 22.	To collections from dues..... 8,319 70
	“	22. To catalogue sales..... 46 15
	“	22. To incidental receipts..... 56 37
1898.	November 22.	By disbursements as per vouchers..... \$8,305 72
	“	22. By cash on hand..... 4,179 68
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		\$12,485 40 \$12,485 40
1896.	CONVENTION FUND (OLD).	
November 26.	By balance on hand.....	4,677 32
1898.	November 22.	To Philadelphia convention.... 2,499 34
	“	22. To balance redistributed..... 2,177 98
		<hr/>
		\$4,677 32 \$4,677 32
1898.	EXPENSE FUND (OLD).	
November 26.	To overdraft.....	156 86
1898.	November 22.	To sundries..... 829 12
	“	22. By overdraft in redistribution... 985 98
		<hr/>
		\$985 98 \$985 98
1896.	EXTENSION FUND (OLD).	
November 26.	By balance on hand.....	617 64
1898.	November 22.	To redistribution..... 617 64
1896.	CATALOGUE FUND.	
November 26.	To overdraft.....	1,074 92
1898.	November 22.	To sundries..... 30 39
	“	22. By overdraft in redistribution.. 1,105 31
		<hr/>
		\$1,105 31 \$1,105 31
	REDISTRIBUTION.	
	Convention fund, old.....	2,177 98
	Expense fund, old.....	985 98
	Extension fund, old.....	617 64
	Catalogue fund, old.....	1,105 31
	New Hampshire Alpha, not included in above.....	40 00
	Ohio Beta, not included in above.....	12 00
	Convention fund, new.....	227 20
	Magazine fund, new.....	284 00
	Book fund, new.....	75 73
	General fund, new.....	170 40
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		\$2,848 62 \$2,848 62
1896.	CONVENTION FUND (NEW).	
November 26.	By redistribution.....	227 20

1898.			
November 22.	By 30 per cent. dues.....		2,485 30
"	22. To sundries.....	151 46	
"	22. To balance on hand.....	2,561 04	
		<u>\$2,712 50</u>	<u>\$2,712 50</u>
1896.	MAGAZINE FUND.		
November 26.	By redistribution.....		284 00
1898.			
November 22.	By 37½ per cent. of dues.....		3,106 54½
"	22. By sundries.....		25 60
"	22. To SCROLL printing, etc.....	2,758 63	
"	22. To balance.....	657 51½	
		<u>\$3,416 14½</u>	<u>\$3,416 14½</u>
1896.	BOOK FUND.		
November 26.	By.....		75 73
1898.			
November 22.	By 10 per cent. of dues.....		828 42
"	22. To sundries.....	42 74	
"	22. To balance.....	861 41	
		<u>\$904 15</u>	<u>\$904 15</u>
1896.	GENERAL FUND (NEW).		
November 26.	By.....		170 40
1898.			
November 22.	By 22½ per cent. of dues.....		1,866 43½
"	22. To sundries.....	1,023 15	
"	22. To balance.....	1,013 68½	
		<u>\$2,036 83½</u>	<u>\$2,036 83½</u>
1898.	CATALOGUE FUND (NEW).		
November 22.	By sales.....		46 15
"	22. By sundries.....		11 77
"	22. To sundries.....	971 89	
"	22. By overdraft.....		913 97
		<u>\$971 89</u>	<u>\$971 89</u>
	SUMMARY.	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Convention fund.....			\$2,561 04
Magazine fund.....			657 51½
Book fund.....			861 41
General fund.....			1,013 68½
Catalogue fund.....	\$913 97		
Cash on hand.....	4,179 68		
		<u>\$5,093 65</u>	<u>\$5,093 65</u>

Out of that balance of \$4,179.68 will have to be paid the cost of this convention and accounts due to Spahr & Glenn and C. E. Hollenbeck, amounting to about \$1,584.10.

There is still due to the fraternity the following amounts:

Pennsylvania Alpha—on 1894-5, \$28; on 1895-6, \$26; on February 1, 1898, \$17; on SCROLL from 1892 to 1896, \$51; a total of \$122. Pennsylvania Gamma—on 1895-6, \$34; on SCROLL, \$23; total, \$57. Pennsylvania Eta—on 1894-5, \$22. North Carolina Beta—on 1896-8, \$21. Kentucky Alpha—on 1896-8, \$63.30. Kentucky Delta—on 1896-8,

\$72. Georgia Alpha—on 1896-8, \$82. Louisiana Alpha—on 1895-6, \$21. Ohio Zeta—on 1896-8, \$38. Illinois Epsilon—on 1895-6, \$16.

This is a total of \$584.30. A large part of this has been reported to former conventions, and it ought to be charged off the books in accordance with reports of proper committees.

There is also about \$600 due from various chapters for dues of November 1, 1898, which are not herein named as delinquents on account of the action of this convention in reference thereto.

I recommend that the T. G. C. be authorized and directed to charge off the books the unpaid dues of all kinds standing against defunct chapters.

The fraternity will note with considerable pride that the last vestige of the indebtedness of the catalogue has been wiped out, and that we have now on hands over 1,000 bound copies of the publication for sale or distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. BALL, T. G. C.

[SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Jan. 1, 1899.

To the Honorable, the General Council of Phi Delta Theta:

In accordance with the intimation in my report to the Columbus convention, I submit to you the following supplemental report:

Since that report was made I have collected a total of \$379, making the balance on hand \$4,538.68. I have paid out all of the expenses of that convention and all the appropriations made by it, together with all indebtedness of the fraternity of which I have any knowledge, amounting in all to \$3,453.11, and have on hand a balance of \$1,105.57, which has been duly paid over to my successor, Bro. H. H. Ward.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. BALL, T. G. C.]

EXHIBIT H.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:

The statistical reports of the historian of the general council, for the past two years, have been published annually in the June SCROLL; consequently the present report will contain but very few statistics, the major portion of it partaking of the nature of suggestions—the work of the historian naturally leading him to form conclusions as to the causes of the results he records. From the answers of the chapter reporters to my circular letter of November 3, I am able to give the exact membership of the fraternity to date.

The total membership now is 9,954; including pledged men to be initiated during the present college year, it is 10,033. The attendant membership is 969. There have been 394 initiated since last February. The average number of initiates per chapter is 6.1 and the average attendance per chapter is 15.

The number of badges is about the same as in my last report—three-fifths of the members having them.

We should have had over 10,000 actual members. Many of the chapters have initiated but one or two men since last February. It is true, the present college year is only two months old, but that is sufficient time for chapters composed of energetic men to have secured their full quota of initiates. Many of our chapters run entirely too

low in membership. Even in the smaller colleges, where the students number not over 200, the chapter should have a membership of at least 12 or 14, whereas many of them are as low as 8 or 9—a membership too low to give the chapter any standing in the college and a matter of positive detriment to the fraternity at large. This fact is an argument which is effectively used against us in the larger colleges and universities. Another argument in favor of larger chapters is furnished by our statistics, which show that about twenty per cent. of the active membership retire before graduating, which has resulted disastrously to many a small chapter: It therefore behooves every chapter to consider this loss in addition to that sustained by graduation. There are a number of chapters which are running dangerously low in membership. The list comprises Gettysburg, Lehigh, Washington and Lee (which, by the way, is improving), North Carolina, Tulane, Centre, Central, Hanover and Lombard. These chapters should do more effective work, and if the institutions will not warrant a larger membership, then the question arises as to the policy of continuing these chapters. I am certain, though, that in a majority of the cases the chapters, and not the college, is at fault. This condition frequently results from a false, though well-meant conservatism. While conservatism should be exercised, it should be the conservatism of progress, not of exclusiveness. The conservative chapter is the one that takes in all the good men it can get, the large chapter, the chapter that is representative of the various phases of college life. Such a chapter will succeed, be a benefit to its members, a power for good in the college, and an ornament to the fraternity.

I would urge chapters against becoming one-sided. A chapter whose members are all musical men, or athletes, will become very narrow, and not attain to its highest development. A typical chapter is representative of college life in all its aspects; the scholar, the athlete, the musician, the society man, the 'hale fellow well-met' (in the good sense), should all be there to form a well-rounded, well-working, enthusiastic and successful chapter.

The question of active, successful, rushing should receive more attention, especially from our smaller chapters. All the active members should take part in this work; and not leave the brunt of it fall upon a few men, as is frequently done. With the well-timed, united co-operation of all the members of the chapter few of the 'goats' can escape. Membership in the fraternity imposes certain obligations, one of which is work.

The strong fraternity man is the man who works for his fraternity; the strong chapter is the chapter made up of workers. They work together as a well-trained foot ball eleven, and when they rush down the field, they always score. *Oi BapBapoi* seldom escape the charges of such a Greek phalanx. I am fully convinced that by work of this character every weak chapter can become strong and stay strong. I would also urge chapters not to neglect the good material which may be found in the upper classes. It often happens that splendid fellows are developed during their first year or two at college. Do not hesitate to rush such men. The fact that they have so far been neglected by the fraternities is no reflection upon them, but rather upon your judgment and want of activity. You want all the good men you can get; you want them from every class from which they are obtainable; there is no such thing as a chapter being too big; if it has fifty men, and there are yet ten good men it can obtain, that chapter is entirely too small.

I can not too strongly urge upon the undergraduates the necessity of keeping in close touch with their alumni. They should not allow home-rule jealousy in conducting their chapter to interfere with the suggestions and advice of alumni members. The alumni members, it should be remembered, are equally interested with the active members in the welfare of the chapter. They have had wider experience in the management of chapter affairs, their experience in the world renders their judgment of more weight than when they were in college. I would suggest that every chapter send a circular letter to its alumni members before the close of the college year, asking for the names of prospective students who would make desirable members. When the alumni reply, answer their letters promptly, even if their suggestions are not acceptable. It will hold their interest, and courtesy demands it.

The last edition of the report blanks is exhausted. I would therefore recommend that the convention authorize a new edition, with such changes as the general council may deem necessary. I would also recommend that the convention authorize the printing of membership record books for distribution to the chapters. The Atlanta convention passed a similar order, but owing to lack of funds, it was not executed. It is essential that chapters have a record book, in which to preserve histories of their members and other items of interest to the chapters and the fraternity. I desire to call attention to the fine imposed upon the chapters by the new constitution for failure to return their annual reports before February 10. The section reads 'Any chapter delinquent with its annual membership report on the tenth day of February shall be fined five dollars, and for each week thereafter the fine shall be five dollars additional, until the report is received by the historian of the general council. Such fine shall be levied by the treasurer of the general council, on notice from the historian of the general council of the length of time the chapter is delinquent. If the fine be not paid within thirty days from the date of the levy, the general council shall have power to suspend the charter of said chapter until the fine is paid.' This action was rendered necessary by the conduct of some of the chapter historians, who were delinquent with their reports for two or three months, even after the most persistent dunning. The whole chapter is now held responsible. Every member has as much interest as the historian himself, and this financial interest will result in the election of careful, methodical men for historians. The new constitution imposes upon the historian of the general council the special charge of the alumni chapters, which, though a pleasant duty, will be by no means a sinecure, as they now number thirty-eight, a larger list than that of any other fraternity, and a gain of seven since our last convention. They extend from Boston to San Francisco, from Minneapolis to New Orleans, a truly national distribution. And so it should be, for to the alumnus the benefits to be derived from membership in an alumni chapter are far from inconsiderable. It affords him associates of his own class, not only socially, but intellectually. And the alumnus today is as important a factor in the growth and development of the fraternity as are undergraduates, and the alumni association as necessary an organization as is the chapter. A contributor to the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* writes as follows: 'The alumni association is a fixed organization of the college fraternity system. Its future development in each fraternity, and its consequent value must be determined by the amount of support afforded it by the undergraduates in enlarging the sources of its membership. Those fraternities that have

adopted a broad policy are already reaping their reward. For the freshman is now influenced in his choice of a fraternity, not exclusively by the standing of the active chapter, nor by the list of chapters, but largely by the strength of the alumni associations.' Therefore let us all see that the alumni chapters now chartered be maintained and fostered by our united efforts; and that new ones be organized as occasion presents, until we shall have an alumni chapter in every city of importance in the United States.

An important step towards perpetuating the alumni association has been taken by the alumni chapter of my own city, by having it chartered under the corporate title of the Phi Delta Theta club of Philadelphia, with all the rights and privileges of a social club, save the sideboard. New York, strange to say, has followed the example of Philadelphia and has had its association chartered as the Phi Delta Theta club of New York. Providence and Boston are considering the same question. I favor the club idea, not on account of its being a club, but because it affords more advantages to the members and consequently increases their interest, makes the association more permanent, increases the social standing of the fraternity, and will be of greater advantage to the undergraduates in spiking new men. I think it is capable of great development; and I hope that our new general council will give it their consideration.

I would urge upon the alumni and undergraduates a more universal observance of Alumni day. It stimulates our interest in the fraternity, brings us in closest touch with each other and warms our hearts toward the 'Grand Old Man' whose mind conceived our Bond and whose labor brought forth Phi Delta Theta, God bless him!

While I have called attention to a number of defects, most of which can be easily remedied, there are many things which should receive our heartiest praise. The fraternity is to be congratulated upon its internal strength, its large membership, and its extensive list of active and alumni chapters. It has never been in better condition. It rounds out its first half century and begins the second under the most favorable circumstances, and with the most auspicious prospects.

And so, Brothers in the Bond, with this substantial present and a bright future beckoning to us, let us redouble our energies in behalf of Phi Delta Theta, until she shall shine the most brilliant star in the galaxy of fraternities!

Respectfully submitted,

MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
Historian of the General Council.

EXHIBIT I.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE SCROLL.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,
Greeting:*

Since the Philadelphia convention there have been published of THE SCROLL ten regular and two special numbers, the latter being the journal of proceedings of the Philadelphia convention (supplement to the issue for February, 1897) and Bro. Walter B. Palmer's 'Manual of Phi Delta Theta, Second Edition' (supplement to the issue for October, 1897). These twelve numbers have contained 1,442 pages, exclusive of the directory and advertisements, which have covered 70 pages in addition, or 1,512 in all. The average number of pages per

issue has thus been 132, not including the two supplements, or 144 with them, excluding directory and advertisements.

Volume XXII contained 676 pages and was furnished to subscribers for one dollar. The *Beta Theta Pi*, which issues more numbers to the volume (eight) than any other fraternity magazine, had 551 pages during the same period and asked subscribers two dollars therefor. Few, if any, of the other magazines print over, or as much as, 500 pages per volume. Most of them issue quarterly, and but few have a subscription rate as low as one dollar a year. All such are quarterlies. The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi appears seven times a year and costs subscribers \$1.50; the *Kappa Alpha Journal* and the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma print five numbers to the volume and charge \$1.50. All others save the *Beta Theta Pi* are quarterlies, the ΣX *Quarterly* costing \$2.00 *per annum*, and the others \$1.50 and \$1.00. The $\Delta K E$ *Quarterly* appears three times a year.

It will not be possible for THE SCROLL, however, to print so many pages to the volume during the next two years, as the change in dues assessed for its benefit brought about a special increase of from \$1,500 to \$2,000 just after the Philadelphia convention.

Messrs. Spahr and Glenn, of Columbus, Ohio, who had printed THE SCROLL since the convention of 1889, and who still print the *Palladium* and our rituals, constitutions, etc., introduced the editor to the technical mysteries of his new work in such a way as to cause no apparent break in the course of THE SCROLL'S even prosperity and success. Their remoteness from Irvington, however, made it desirable to select a printer closer at hand, and since October, 1897, our printers have been Carlon & Hollenbeck, now C. F. Hollenbeck, of Indianapolis. Mr. Hollenbeck has an almost national reputation as an artistic and scientific printer, and the typographical appearance of THE SCROLL leaves nothing to be desired, as a consequence.

As the business affairs of THE SCROLL are now wholly in the hands of the T. G. C., I shall not insert any financial statement, referring you to the proper section of his report.

Many of our exchanges lament the fact that it is so hard to secure contributed articles and notes. THE SCROLL has been unusually fortunate in this respect, having a whole host of contributors in our worthy P. G. C. alone, and receiving articles and items of interest from a larger number of the active members and alumni than seem to contribute to any other fraternity magazine.

The semi-centennial volumes have very appropriately given prominence to historical matters. Bro. Palmer's 'Old Fraternity Records' have appeared in all the issues for 1898 save June. An account of 'Old Illinois Beta,' also by Bro. Palmer, was printed in the April, 1897, issue. The article by Robert Morrison on 'The Badge' and that by W. B. Palmer on 'Phi Delta Theta Music' were of much value. Frank D. Swope's 'Reminiscences of Catalogue Making' will run through two or three successive numbers, and will be widely quoted. Besides these there have been many biographies of prominent fraternity workers: Robert Morrison, A. W. Rogers, J. W. Lindley, A. W. Rodgers (completing the series of lives of our founders), W. B. Palmer, J. E. Brown, C. O. Perry, W. O. Bates, D. D. Banta and others. Of permanent historical value, also, are the annual lists of initiates and statistical reports of the H. G. C., published each June.

THE SCROLL has not followed the narrow policy of some of its contemporaries, who print only what concerns and interests their sole selves. In proof of this we may cite a number of contributed articles which have been quite generally copied entire: 'Constitutional Re-

vision by the Miami Triad,' 'Chapter Houses in the South,' 'A Practical Fraternity Catalogue' reproduced and endorsed by almost every fraternity magazine published. 'Increase in Fraternity Membership' and 'Fraternity Badges and Other Emblems.' Most of these, it may be remarked in passing, came from the pen of Walter B. Palmer. THE SCROLL'S review of Baird's 'American College Fraternities,' also by Bro. Palmer, was by far the most exhaustive and discriminating one published anywhere. Of the excellent historical and descriptive articles on Case, Chicago, Virginia, Vanderbilt, Texas, Dickinson, Cincinnati and Nebraska, several were generally commented upon and quoted; the articles on Texas and Virginia were in some cases reproduced entire by our exchanges. Bro. Palmer's comments on the Kappa Alpha lift from Theta Delta Chi at Williams and the Delta Tau Delta-Rainbow consolidation were of general interest, and the editorials on Sigma Alpha Epsilon's charge of lifting against our Northwestern chapter roused much comment. Several magazines seem to rely on THE SCROLL almost entirely for fraternity news.

Of special interest to Phis have been the portraits and biographies of Dr. See, William Allen White, Colonel Funston, General Boynton and Captains Outland and Whiting, not to mention a number of others. THE SCROLL has so far been far ahead of its contemporaries in its roster of Phis in army and navy, 213 having been reported to date.

In the issue for December, 1897, letters from all of our 65 college chapters were published—a larger number than ever before appeared in one issue of any fraternity magazine. Many letters from alumni clubs have also been printed. In December, 1897, thirty-seven college annuals were reviewed, and in December, 1898, thirty-four—much larger numbers than had ever before been noticed in any fraternity magazine.

The same general lines laid down by Dr. Brown have been followed out, and whatever excellence and success THE SCROLL may have attained in the past two years must be largely ascribed to his work and to the faithful aid so liberally rendered by the members of the general council, the province presidents, Bros. Swope, Marble, Case, Couse, Hallman, Morgan, Mitchell, Bohn, Switzler, Tebault, Buntain, D. Glenn Moore and many others whom limited space and time do not allow me to name. The reporters of the college and alumni chapters have enabled THE SCROLL to score many a 'scoop' on her contemporaries, and their letters have been unusually regular and interesting.

The editor has made a fairly large number of 'breaks,' for all of which he has endeavored in one way or another to atone. The most inexcusable of all was his printing the name of the Lombard chapter along with that of Illinois Wesleyan among those whose charters had been withdrawn. He wishes once more to apologize to Illinois Zeta for this.

The Palladium is now paged consecutively instead of beginning afresh with each number, which will greatly facilitate index-making. Its average size per issue is now 16 pages, and the September number has become a fixture, making five issues instead of four each year. In its pages the matter of dues and the chapter house question have been emphasized. All phases of internal improvement have been dealt with, and Bro. W. B. Palmer has contributed valuable articles on that whole subject, emphasizing the observance of the ritual and the purchase of paraphernalia. He has also edited for publication the original minutes of Ohio Alpha, which are of priceless historical value to Phi Delta Theta and will be thus permanently preserved.

The editor is under many obligations to those he has already mentioned and to many others for invaluable assistance. He wishes the convention to understand that if he has seemed to praise THE SCROLL enthusiastically, he intends this praise to apply directly to his predecessor and to his many faithful correspondents and contributors.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH TH. MILLER,
Editor of THE SCROLL.

EXHIBIT J.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE HISTORY.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greelings:

Phi Delta Theta, having reached the mature age of fifty, deserves to have its history written, in order that its members may have a thorough knowledge of its splendid progress and achievements. A number of years ago, my offer to prepare such a history received official endorsement, and I wrote about one thousand pages of manuscript, giving a connected account of the fraternity from 1848 to 1884. That portion relating to the first twenty years has been reviewed by our venerable founder, Brother Robert Morrison, who, more than anyone else, is qualified to correct any errors and add interesting details to the history of that period.

Since the last national convention, I have made some important additions to my extensive collection of historical materials. This collection includes a file of all Phi Delta Theta publications, and many hundreds of documents, some dating back to 1848. The original minutes of Ohio Alpha have been copied by myself, annotated by Brother Morrison and myself, and printed in the last volume of *The Palladium*, so that, in case the original should be destroyed by accident, this invaluable record would be preserved. By letters and circulars I have accumulated during the last two years many old fraternity letters which throw light on the careers of various chapters. To the early members of all chapters I have sent circulars asking for reminiscences, and some very interesting replies have been received. Many resurrected old letters and documents have been printed in THE SCROLL, and others are yet to appear. The second edition of 'A Manual of Phi Delta Theta,' prepared by myself, was issued as a supplement to THE SCROLL for October, 1897. It is a pamphlet of forty-eight pages and contains an historical sketch of the fraternity. This sketch was abbreviated by me to form the Phi Delta Theta article in the recent edition of Baird's 'American College Fraternities.' To THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* I have contributed since the Philadelphia convention 164 pages of historical matter, besides 218 pages of other matter on general fraternity subjects, a total of 382 pages.

I have made a careful examination of the archives of most of our oldest chapters, namely those at Miami, Indiana, Wabash, Hanover, Centre, Wisconsin, Cornell, Lafayette and Wooster. In order to complete the history of the fraternity, I should be supplied with a sketch of each chapter. I have made many efforts to get sketches, but the following are yet delinquent: Colby, Dartmouth, Brown, Lafayette, Dickinson, University of Pennsylvania, Lehigh, Virginia, Randolph-Macon, Washington and Lee, Mercer, Wabash, Franklin, Purdue, Knox, Illinois, Missouri, Westminster, Washington and Iowa.

To these chapters I make an earnest appeal, and request that the historian of each chapter or a specially appointed committee shall furnish me with a sketch as soon as possible—at least during this collegiate year. Each sketch should contain:

1. A full account of the efforts made to secure a charter and of the establishment of the chapter, including date of charter, names and classes of charter members, and the body by which said charter was granted. If the chapter has been suspended and been re-established, all the facts connected with the reorganization should be given. Mention other fraternities organized in the same institution previous to Phi Delta Theta, with dates.

2. A record of the chapter since its establishment, embracing a succinct account of its vicissitudes, and of its peculiar customs and policy. Steps taken toward procuring a chapter house should be mentioned and a description of the house given.

3. All additional matter that would probably be of interest or throw side-lights on the history of the fraternity.

When the historian has exhausted his chapter's archives, college records, etc., he should endeavor to obtain lacking information by correspondence with alumni members. The proposed code requires the historian of every chapter to write a history of it for the year that he holds office, the same to be transcribed in a durable book. This is a very important requirement. It is to be hoped that in every chapter where this has not been done, an account of the chapter up to the present time will be prepared without further delay, and that hereafter such an account for each collegiate year will be written according to the prescribed form.

I hope to be able to complete the history of the fraternity during the next two years, and, being relieved from other fraternity work, I think I can accomplish the task, though it will involve many days of diligent research and close application. It remains for the national convention to provide the means for publication. It has been suggested that the history be printed in installments in *THE SCROLL*, so that the pages containing the historical narrative could be separated from the remainder of the magazine and bound together, making a book. This plan has both advantages and disadvantages, but on the whole seems feasible. Phi Delta Theta certainly is in need of a history. Other fraternities are making efforts in this direction, and at least two have already published books in the nature of histories, though by no means complete. My heart is set upon the completion of the historical work on which I have been long engaged, and I intend to do all that lies within my power to bring about, as soon as possible, this consummation so devoutly wished.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. PALMER,
Editor of the History.

EXHIBIT K.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNITY LIBRARIAN.

[This will be found in *THE SCROLL* for April, 1898, on pages 367-369.]

EXHIBIT L.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting :

In submitting my report of the condition of Alpha province, I am glad to be able to state that the province as a whole is in excellent condition, and that the improvement since the convention of 1896 has been of a most encouraging nature.

Counting pledged men, the membership of the province amounts to 369, as against 351 in 1896.

A convention of the province was held at Providence, Rhode Island, in October, 1897, and was attended by fifty members of the fraternity. The applications for charters from the University of Maine and Pennsylvania State College were carefully considered and resolutions were passed advising the general council to refuse both applications.

The next convention of the province will be held at Syracuse, New York, in 1899. An alumni chapter has been chartered at Providence, Rhode Island, and two Phi Delta Theta clubs, one in Philadelphia and one in New York, have been organized and regularly incorporated.

The Philadelphia club has purchased a lot opposite the main entrance to the University of Pennsylvania and is at present engaged in building a club house which will be one of the finest in the country.

The chapter at Gettysburg is now building a lodge on the college campus, which will be ready for occupancy about January 1, 1899, and the Dickinson Chapter will also soon be provided with a fine lodge.

The following table gives the present numerical strength of each chapter in Alpha province :

Chapter.	Seniors.	Juniors.	Sophomores.	Freshmen.	Total.	Initiated this term.	Pledged but not initiated.
Maine Alpha.....	6	4	2	8	20	8	2
New Hampshire Alpha.....	8	10	13	8	31	10	10
Vermont Alpha.....	2	6	8	8	16	6	9
Massachusetts Alpha.....	6	5	5	4	20	5	1
Massachusetts Beta.....	9	3	9	12	33	12	9
Rhode Island Alpha.....	5	7	6	0	18	3	2
New York Alpha.....	5	7	8	3	23	3	2
New York Beta.....	4	5	4	5	18	5	2
New York Delta.....	9	5	2	1	17	1	2
New York Epsilon.....	5	8	8	8	29	9	1
Pennsylvania Alpha.....	4	6	1	4	15	5	2
Pennsylvania Beta.....	2	2	3	3	7	1	2
Pennsylvania Gamma.....	2	2	3	5	10	3	1
Pennsylvania Delta.....	8	0	4	0	12	4	4
Pennsylvania Epsilon.....	3	6	8	3	20	4	1
Pennsylvania Zeta.....	8	4	8	5	25	5	1
Pennsylvania Eta.....	2	3	3	2	10	2	1

Since the Philadelphia convention I have had the pleasure of visiting the chapters at Colby, Dartmouth, Brown, Gettysburg, Dickinson, University of Pennsylvania and Lehigh.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARK MOORE, JR.,
President of Alpha Province.

EXHIBIT M.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF BETA PROVINCE.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:

The undersigned, your president of Beta province, respectfully submits the following report for the term of two years from November, 1896 to November, 1898. He regrets that he is unable to be present in person at the national convention, but circumstances prevent.

This province was enlarged by the last convention to include the state of Tennessee, thus giving eight chapters to the care of the president. The province as a whole has moved along smoothly and successfully for the past two years and is, with probably one exception, in fine condition to make a great campaign at the coming term.

Tennessee Alpha at Vanderbilt started in with fewer men than usual this year, and her numerical strength is hardly up to her customary number. The total strength of the chapter is 16 men, one pledged man and some 3 or 4 affiliates. In finances she has fallen somewhat behind in the past year but promises to be square with the T. G. C. by convention time.

Tennessee Beta is in a flourishing condition, having 11 old men to return and 4 initiates this past summer. The dues will all be paid before the convention meets. Last year's total of men in the chapter was 28, as given in the annual.

North Carolina Beta, I am glad to say, is in good condition, having 8 men, and will probably initiate 2 more at the beginning of next term. In finances she is a little behind but has fitted up large and handsome apartments.

Virginia Beta has 14 very strong men and has taken a very prominent place in college affairs, especially athletics. She is outgrowing her old habit of failing to send a delegate to convention and neglecting dues, and gives promise of being one of Beta's very best chapters in promptness.

Virginia Zeta, I am glad to say, is convalescent. Bro. Campbell has initiated 4 men, and this band of 5 will be a good foundation for next year's campaign. Washington and Lee has had diminished attendance and a small quantity of fraternity material in the past two years and Bro. Campbell's task has not been an easy one, especially since W. and L. is overstocked with fraternities. He deserves great credit and I hope that Virginia Zeta will rapidly fortify and strengthen herself and relieve the fraternity at large of so much apprehension as to her vitality.

Virginia Gamma has not condescended to communicate with the province president for the past two years. She was not represented at Philadelphia, and I don't know whether or not she will be represented at Columbus. As to finances or condition I know nothing, though I have some hearsay evidence that she is doing little. I think Phi Delta Theta would make no mistake in withdrawing from Randolph Macon.

Kentucky Alpha has 11 good men and as usual has little difficulty in getting what she wants. The chapter reporter might be more prompt and regular.

Kentucky Delta is small this year, having only 7 men, but the quality is of the standard gauge. The chapter lacks that cohesion in some matters that marked its former career. The reporter is irregular and the chapter treasurer has not kept the boys squared up as is so necessary. I am afraid the athletics and social duties of the chapter have somewhat interfered with its fraternity duties. Somewhat behind in dues and losing two 'spikes' is not in accordance with Kentucky Delta's past record, and she must not let it occur again.

My chapters are in condition to do a good work and I hope my successor will have more time to give to them and visit them oftener than I have done.

I attribute the smallness of the chapters to the diminution in the attendance at the several institutions and the scarcity of suitable material. The dues, I believe, will be paid more promptly, as soon as the new constitution with its provisions as to payment of dues is adopted and complied with and as the several chapters select men as reporters and treasurers who will give the matter prompt attention.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL H. GUERRANT,
President of Beta Province.

EXHIBIT N.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF GAMMA PROVINCE.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:

I take pleasure in submitting to your honorable body my report on the welfare of Gamma province as follows:

The yellow-fever epidemics and quarantines of 1897 and of 1898 have materially interfered with the progress of both Louisiana Alpha and Mississippi Alpha, and last spring Georgia Beta became involved in a very deplorable tangle. But otherwise everything with every other chapter seems to be in excellent condition, and from everywhere come reports of honors that Phis have won. The joint convention of the two provinces, Beta and Gamma, held in Nashville, Tenn., during October, 1897, was a signal and enthusiastic success, and Gamma province greatly appreciates all that was done by Tennessee Alpha.

In Texas our two chapters have taken a turn for the better, especially Texas Gamma, which braced up wonderfully last fall and which is now prospering.

Because of quarantines this fall, Tulane did not open until a few days ago. The chapter there is weak. Apparently there is no leader. At the time of this writing, some of its members fearing the fever have not returned to the city. However, they will number about twelve this session, of which number four will be initiates.

Likewise the opening of the University of Mississippi has been delayed, but Mississippi Alpha has already delved successfully into politics, and as a result high honors will probably fall to her lot this year. Moreover, the outlook for a chapter house is bright, and the day is not far distant when the chapter will be handsomely housed.

The Alabama chapters are both strong. Alabama Alpha rightly

boasts of running the University of Alabama, and the recent changes enacted there will be of great benefit to the chapter. Alabama Beta is also all right. It is one of the strongest chapters in the province, and the hall is soon to give way to a house.

Georgia Alpha and Gamma are likewise in good condition, neither of them having deteriorated in the least since the last national convention. They are hard workers, and at the end of the session they usually have credited to them a long list of honors. Georgia Alpha occupies a handsome house rented last year, and so far the only chapter house in the province. Georgia Beta, notwithstanding the internal dissensions of last spring, has, I understand, captured a full share of honors and new men this fall.

The trouble last spring, already alluded to in this report, was brought about by the expulsion from the fraternity of Leonard B. Mumford, of Macon, Ga. I thoroughly investigated the charge upon which, and the method of procedure by which, the expulsion was attained, and I came to the conclusion that one was unjustifiable and the other unconstitutional.

Besides the above, there is another matter in connection with that chapter to which the attention of your honorable body is earnestly called. It is that of the chapter house fund. Several years ago, a large amount of money was raised and was given into the keeping of a committee, and subsequently a member of that committee, E. P. Burns, loaned it to a third person. The chapter has never regained possession of it, and because of that fact the chapter's attempt to buy a house this fall was balked. In my official capacity, I wrote last spring to Prof. H. S. Bradley, of Oxford, Ga., who is a member of that building committee, and whom I addressed as such, in reference to the fund. Thus far, no answer has been received from him.

Both of these matters have taken ugly turns, and, in calling your close attention to them, I should like to make in connection with them and with other things the following recommendations:

1. That Louisiana Alpha, having, like other chapters at Tulane, suffered for two years by reason of yellow-fever quarantines, be granted one year in which time to shape herself into a chapter in good standing.
2. That Leonard B. Mumford be reinstated a member in good standing in Phi Delta Theta.
3. That H. S. Bradley, because of the manner by which he brought about the expulsion of Leonard B. Mumford, be himself expelled.
4. That a committee, of which the present president of the general council shall be *ex-officio* a member, be appointed to investigate thoroughly the chapter-house fund of Georgia Beta, and that it submit its report to your honorable body before the national convention adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

SCHUYLER POITEVENT,
President of Gamma Province.

EXHIBIT O.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF DELTA PROVINCE.

To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, Greeting:

The first duty assigned to me as president of Epsilon province was the receiving of paraphernalia, records, etc., of the chapter at Buch-

tel, discontinued by the Philadelphia convention. My second duty was a pleasure, consisting of initiating twenty-two members of Phi Lambda Omicron, thus installing Ohio Eta chapter at Case.

The following spring (1897), believing that as a substitute for a province convention a Phi Delta Theta camp at one of the islands of Lake Erie would prove an enjoyable affair to members of the chapters in the jurisdiction of Delta province, as well as to alumni members, an attempt was made to put such a project on foot. Some one hundred circular letters were sent out to active chapters in the province, and to alumni members in northern Ohio. Two or three chapters sent regrets, one was enthusiastically in favor of the scheme, while the majority evidently had other plans in view; so the project was of necessity dropped, not, however, without the hope that some day such an outing can be successfully carried to the completion.

At the opening of the fall term, 1897, I answered a summons of the general council, by going to look after our Wooster chapter, sadly in need of attention, and hampered by the peculiar attitude towards fraternities of the president of the college. The chapter was found to consist of three men, greatly discouraged on account of the scarcity of fraternity material, the result largely of college mismanagement. The surrender of the charter was accepted, the furnishings of the hall sold and the proceeds apportioned among the last members of the chapter.

It has been my privilege to visit the chapters of Delaware and Columbus, in addition to those at Akron and Wooster, and my great regret that my business has prevented my visiting and personally meeting the members of chapters located at a greater distance. Especially do I regret being compelled to leave suddenly when recently in Cincinnati, thus missing an appointment I had with the boys of our new chapter. I would recommend smaller provinces, so that the presidents might personally know the men of all chapters in their jurisdictions.

During my term, three men have been reported to me as expelled from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Four chapters have ceased to exist: Akron, Wooster, Hillsdale and Lansing; the first two not without regret on my part because of my better acquaintance with those chapters and the institutions in which they were located; the last two, because it seemed best for the general good of the fraternity that we should be no longer represented in those colleges.

In severing connections with the above mentioned institutions no reflection is cast upon the loyal men who have composed the chapters and who are entitled to all the good fellowship offered by the fraternity. Akron and Wooster have large and honorable alumni lists, and those who know them best can only hope for the day when the general prosperity of the colleges will warrant reviving the chapters.

The province has gained strength by the addition of two strong chapters at Cleveland and Cincinnati, both of which are well backed by a large local alumni. The fourteen active chapters of the province are in a healthy condition at the present time, encouraging reports having but recently been received from them. Five of these chapters (those at Case, Ohio State, Michigan, Indianapolis and Purdue) are occupying rented houses. Of these, the houses at Case, Indianapolis and Purdue, have been rented since the last convention. All the other chapters are occupying well furnished halls, but they should not be satisfied until they are domiciled in their own houses.

The alumni chapters have grown quite materially, and are doing valiant work in fostering a permanent love for the principles of our

fraternity, as expressed in our Bond. There have been added within the territory of this province since the Philadelphia convention, alumni chapters at Detroit, Columbus and Athens. It is worthy of note that the last active and alumni chapters established (both semi-centennial) have been established in Ohio, the birth-place of the fraternity, at Cincinnati and Athens. A reunion of Phis has been held in Evansville, Indiana, this year, and it would appear that their number was sufficient to warrant organizing an alumni chapter.

In closing, I wish to thank the men of the chapters of Delta province for their kindly co-operation, to commend them for their fidelity to their fraternity, and to assure them that the pages of THE SCROLL will be eagerly read by me, in my desire to know of their welfare, their interests and their successes.

Respectfully submitted,

HUBERT H. WARD,
President of Delta Province.

EXHIBIT P.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF EPSILON PROVINCE.

*To the Honorable, the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta,
Greeting:*

Since the last national convention there has been added to the province roll of college chapters Illinois Beta, at the University of Chicago. This addition marks a notably strategic move, and will, in time, give the province one of its strongest eastern posts and furnish the link which makes solid the chain from Champaign to Northwestern. For the securing of this chapter all credit should be given to our indefatigable reporter of the general council, Brother Hugh Th. Miller, for whom the difficulties and delays incident to the steps prior to the final installation held no discouragement. We have added, also, an alumni chapter at Milwaukee, which will be an important conservator and promoter of the interests of Wisconsin Alpha. This can be appreciated when one realizes that the membership of our two Wisconsin alumni chapters is almost entirely made up from graduates of Wisconsin Alpha. The beginning of the alumni chapter at Milwaukee dates from the province president's two visits to Wisconsin Alpha, and the meeting on these occasions with several of the Milwaukee alumni. The credit for the final and completed steps in the formation of this alumni chapter must be given to Brother Carl F. Geilfuss, of Wisconsin Alpha, and the loyal and enthusiastic Phis of Milwaukee, who so successfully pushed the whole matter. In this connection, it will be proper to speak of the practical revival of Colorado Alpha alumni chapter. This chapter was organized March, 1893, but since that time until June 18, 1898, had been in a state of masterly inactivity. On the above date some twenty of the forty alumni Phis of the state met in Denver at an informal reunion. They promise to be heard from every 15th of March at least.

In the matter of chapter houses, Illinois Beta and Nebraska Alpha made the 1897 record for Epsilon province. For 1898 California Alpha and Illinois Alpha are housed, the former now owning one, and four other chapters have made efforts strenuous enough to have entitled them to the complete success their efforts deserve.

Our province convention would furnish material for an extended article on 'the verity of the Hoodoo.' In 1897 it was found impossi-

ble to fix upon a time that was suited to our to-be hosts of Nebraska Alpha and the province president; at any specific time suited to the one, it was impossible for the other. In the present year a date was found convenient to the chapter, and all arrangements were made for what promised a most successful 'meet,' when the call for troops was so enthusiastically answered by Nebraska Alpha as to temporarily eliminate our hosts, and the remnant of the chapter was compelled to announce its inability to entertain the convention. Others of the chapters also had sent members of their chapters to answer the same call and it seemed inadvisable to try to fix another date before the national convention. So, to the pessimistically inclined and 'Peace at any price' coterie—if any remain yet—we can offer another item for their list of evils resultant from our late war with Spain, in the fact that it made impossible the holding of Epsilon province convention.

The matter of finances in Epsilon province can be looked at from two points of view and judgment rendered accordingly. From the view point of comparative promptness as fraternity chapters go, I can say that it is a case of 'not so bad'; from the business point of view, that considers money due, and not paid when due, as earning the debtor the name of 'slow,' it must be confessed that the province has been slow. I bow with deference to the unremitting earnestness of purpose in Brother Ball to keep the chapters of Epsilon province up to this business standard of paying dues when they are due. No chapter can complain that the standard is too high unless they are on the list of 'delinquent' chapters; as no chapter of Phi Delta Theta was ever intended to be on this list, complaint can not be made of either the man or his earnestness to assist them to the right position. As long as such definite efficiency exists under the title of 'Fred S. Ball, treasurer,' Phi Delta Theta can not well afford to add 'emeritus,' unless compelled to.

In the matter of visiting the provinces not as much has been done as during 1895-6, when the following chapters were visited: Illinois Alpha, Delta, Zeta, Eta and Minnesota Alpha. It was my desire to visit the chapters in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas during 1897-8. As the results of the visits during 1895-6 brought forcibly to the fore the advisability of province presidents so doing, not only from a chapter and province point of view but as affecting the whole fraternity, as these are parts of it, the matter of making this visiting tour was suggested to the general council; but owing to the state of the finances of the general treasury, it did not seem advisable unless considered necessary. Without wishing to obtrude views, allow me to proffer some conclusions arrived at after a trial of the two methods 'visiting chapters' and 'not visiting chapters.' Among the objections are the expense to the general fraternity, the difficulty of the province president arranging his time to allow for the time needed, the danger of establishing the precedent—and with the wrong man in the office—have the visiting degenerate into junketing. The advantages are a general, and at the same time a specific and intelligent, idea gained of the college or university at which the chapter is located, its advantages or limitations. This also of the chapter, and the additional advantage of a personal acquaintance with its members, with special reference to its officers, with whom the province president will have to do in the matter of future correspondence; every province president has realized the disadvantage of corresponding with a man whom he does not know.

The pressure in urging a matter on a chapter, as in any other case where results are the object, largely depends upon the kind of pressure and the way it is applied. The best, surest insurance is to know your man, this especially, when your man is of the age and experience of a college man. This applies to every chapter. For example, in 1895-6 I found one chapter that seemed insensible to the fact that they were part of an important body; their spirit (no doubt unconsciously) was that narrow one of a local club whose interests, club like, were narrowed down to themselves. This lack of obligation had placed them almost hopelessly behind in the matter of unpaid dues, and the chapter correspondence was very intermittent; things had gone so far in the wrong direction that their case had become one for serious consideration by the officers of the general council; they came out of this state so far as to come to the last national convention with dues all paid and chapter correspondence as regular as THE SCROLL'S issue; this the result of one visit. More instances might be given. Another advantage experienced was that the interest of local alumni can always be resuscitated, much to the benefit of the local chapter, and the effective restoration of a renewed loyalty to Phi Delta Theta in both active and alumni membership. At one place the chapter and alumni were not at all in touch, much to the grinning gratification of rival fraternity chapters. The occasion of the province president's visit was utilized by him so that the misunderstandings were removed and the local chapter has ever since been the beneficiary. Causes which detract from the full activity and efficiency of a chapter can be discovered by a visit which the semi-formal correspondence between two unknowns (except officially) would never discover.

In the matter of finances, that delicate subject, the province president, if acquainted with the chapter membership personally, can do doubly effective work and greatly supplement and aid the work of the fraternity treasurer. A no less advantage is the effect on the province president himself. No province president can make these visits, meet the men, hear their tales of woe or tales of weal, plan with them, etc., without feeling his interest and responsibility increase, he will be no man at all and less a fraternity man, if this did not follow. This result is one of the most important, for any work necessary will seem not work, but a pleasure, and the eye of enthusiastic interest will see many a thing to be done which official obligation never senses. From the experience in Epsilon province, I would earnestly urge the general council to give this matter of the province presidents visiting their province chapters such attention as they may deem necessary towards establishing it as one of the requirements of the office, and as a business proposition in keeping up chapter dues alone. I am certain that it would prove a paying investment. If a tabulation were made of the dues remitted for various causes, which should in most cases never have been causes if the situation had been forecast by the province president from notes gathered on the occasion of his visits, I am certain that in most cases the expenses of his trip would cut but a very unimportant part in contrast.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. WALLACE,
President of Epsilon Province.

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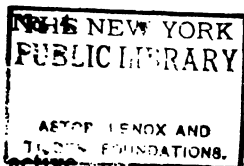


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AS IT LOOKED TO AN OLD PHI.



An old Phi, who in his college days had taken an active interest in the fraternity, wandered about the Chittenden hotel and the hall where the convention was held, for a day or two of Thanksgiving week. Among the young members, few of whom he knew, he looked and perhaps felt like a ghost of the departed. He told me in his random fashion, as we went home, how he felt about what he had seen:

'Men out of college for a time, or at least some of them,' he said, 'are inclined to look back on college and fraternity enthusiasm as a sort of amusing folly, one of those things that are all well enough for boys, but that men grow out of, you know. But it may be that the collegian is the one who is entitled to entertain the feeling of compassion. Is not our college life, after all, our highest estate? Two or three things seem to make it so. In the first place, the college is, for the average man, after his arrival at years of discretion, about the only place where the material side of life is not the chief one. Hardly any one goes to college who has not provided, for the time at least, for his bread, and he can for so long dismiss that matter from his mind. Thus, practically, all collegians are so placed that they need not consider the sordid or the material, and may concentrate their minds upon other things. The other things set before them are learning and the society of kindred spirits.

'Those who make up the goodly company found in the colleges are, in addition to the professors, young men who have undergone a selection. They are young men whose superior ambitions and higher tastes have led them there, or they are at least representatives of successful families, people who are among the better educated and more ambitious and forceful. Thus these collegians are a chosen company. They compose a little world of its own, with its high tastes and ideals, with its own peculiar rewards, its constant companionship

with books, its association with teachers, men of noble ambitions and pure minds, making on the whole a community in which merit is more clearly recognized and honored than anywhere else. Could there be a finer environment, and is it any wonder that many men look back upon their stay there as the happiest of their lives, or that their later estate seems lower than the first?

'Out of this selected company is taken another company, the members of the fraternity, chosen mainly for their personal qualities. These are thus the chosen of the chosen.

'Taken not so much for their qualities of mind—though these enter into it—as for their qualities of heart, the emphasis is on the social side. In the chapter house or hall the bond of union is gentle manners and kindly helpfulness. The standing of one is in high degree the standing of all. The fraternity tie helps many a one over a hard place, like the rope that binds together the Alpine climbers and holds up the falling brother. Perhaps out of this comes the fine sympathy and gentleness seen among fraternity men.

'The handsome, high bred faces of the young men in this convention speak of cultured surroundings. They tell the best tale of the character of the chapters. You noted the fine courtesy of all once this week under a somewhat trying situation. That demonstration at the banquet showed, also, that education does not refine away patriotism, but strengthens it. It was a most dramatic manifestation of the glorious spirit of 1898—a year in which it has been a privilege for an American to have lived, a year which has shown the mighty force of American nationality as not before since 1861, which has brought the light of patriotism to the faces of little children and the gleam of battle to the eyes of old men. The band played "Dixie," and the love of the southern men for that old melody, which seemed all the dearer when heard far from home, brought forth a round of cheers. This was the prelude to the storm, and no master of the drama could have arranged it better. As the southern cheers for "Dixie" died away, the air changed and there followed the notes of "Yankee Doodle." Then came the spirit of '98. It burst out as white hot and sudden as an electric flash. Every man sprang to his feet by one impulse and the air was white with the waving of napkins, while the cheers rang again and again like a battle call. There are great possibilities folded away in a napkin. And then, appropriately, all sang the strong and moving notes of "America," and afterward stood

in silence while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

'How youthful some of the older members look! One of the venerable founders seems scarcely to have aged since the Indianapolis convention of eighteen years ago. He says it is because he has "always associated much with young men." The honored president of the fraternity seems the same young man he was fourteen years ago. Others of the active workers for many years in the harness seem so young that one wonders if they have not found the fountain of eternal youth which the old Spaniard sought. Is this the reward of devotion to this organization? Does it show that love's labor is not always lost and that the work reacts upon the man more than we think? According to the doctrine of compensation there should be a reward for those who without thought of themselves have given their time and money to this organization, who have watched this fraternity through long years, have lived its life, felt every change in it in their own hearts' pulsations, who have gone out and "rebuilt its broken altars" and redeemed its wasted fields.

'I should like to bring to these workers some tribute of respect and love from the great multitude of those who, like us, were once active and interested but have long been too much occupied in other things to do more than remember. For we have not forgotten. In us the flame of enthusiasm may have indeed long since gone out, but the old interest lies warm and red under the ashes of years.'

CLARENCE LARUE GOODWIN,
Indianapolis and Indiana, '83.

THE OPENING CONVENTION EXERCISES.

At 10:30 A. M., Monday, November 21, 1898, in the hall of the house of representatives, at Columbus, Ohio, the president of the general council, Walter B. Palmer, *Emory, '77*, called the semi-centennial national convention to order with two raps of the gavel, and said:

Ladies, gentlemen and brothers:

I have the pleasure and privilege of presenting to you one who is perhaps the most widely known in the fraternity, certainly the most honored of all the members whose names are signed to the ever lengthening scroll, Rev. Dr. Robert Morrison, of Fulton, Mo., who was one of the original founders of Phi Delta Theta, fifty years ago at Miami University, in this state. He will offer the opening prayer for this convention.

PRAYER LED BY REV. ROBERT MORRISON, D. D.

Dr. Morrison said that before we talk to God in prayer, it seemed fitting that we should listen to God, as he speaks to us in his sacred word. As a description of one whom God regards worthy of the name of a man, he read Psalm xv, as follows :

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

And a blessing from God upon brotherhood among men in Psalm cxxxiii was read. It is as follows :

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

Bro. Morrison then offered the following prayer:

O Lord, thou alone art great, thou art almighty and all wise, king of kings and lord of lords, well worthy of the homage and praise of thy creatures. Thou art the source of all life and light and joy and blessing. Thou art our creator, preserver and bountiful benefactor. We thank thee for casting our lot in a land abounding in privileges, civil and religious, a land of Bibles, Sabbaths, schools of learning and good government over our people.

These great gifts we know bring great responsibilities. We acknowledge our short-comings to meet our high duties. We ask thy forgiveness for neglect and sins in the past.

We thank thee for thy goodness and mercy to our fraternity in all our past history, and now let thy blessing rest upon us as we are here met. Guide us in all our deliberations, so that we shall all say and do the right thing in the right way and with the right spirit; enable us to choose only the best ends and the best means to attain those ends, and when done with life here by thy grace may we all meet in the Chapter Grand and to thy name shall be the praise.

And now, Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

It was noticeable that a considerable number of voices joined in repeating the prayer learned from a mother's lips.

ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR ASA S. BUSHNELL.

Hon. Emmett Tompkins, *Ohio*, '74, then introduced Governor Asa S. Bushnell, who spoke as follows :

Ladies, gentlemen and representatives of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

It is my pleasure and privilege to extend to you a cordial greeting, a generous welcome on this occasion of your national convention in the capital city of Ohio. One of the pleasant duties of the chief executive is to welcome those from other commonwealths and those of our own commonwealth to our state and to our city. I have gathered many welcomes from the hearts of the people of Ohio, and I now take pleasure in laying them all at your feet.

Your fraternity has now reached its semi-centennial anniversary, its fiftieth mile-stone, and we are glad that you are holding this convention here in the grand state of Ohio. We are glad that you had your birth in this state, at old Miami University. That institution, as you are aware, has turned out some notable men. We do not claim for Ohio all the great men in the world, either soldiers or statesmen, but you from other states will agree that she has turned out many men who have become famous in the land. From old Miami there is an ex-president of the United States, a member of your fraternity; there is one ex-president, there are ex-senators, and there are many generals and celebrated military men.

I have a very warm place in my heart for Miami University, for it's the only institution that ever conferred a degree upon me [applause]. Unfortunately I never had the opportunities that you young men have—I was not able to go through a college course. It was my fortune to be obliged to make my own way in the world, and I had no opportunity of pursuing my education in a higher institution of learning. I am indebted to the public schools for what education I have, and I have great pride in the common schools and public schools of our land, and especially those of the state of Ohio. But old Miami was kind enough to confer the degree of doctor of laws upon me. That diploma, being in Latin, I regret very much I am not able to read, but coming from that institution, I know that it is all right [applause].

I welcome you to the state of Ohio, this bright and inviting morning. I am glad you commence your session here so early in the week, so that you can have the whole week for your meeting; that you will not be compelled to hurry your sessions through and depart for your homes. You that are from other states, and I am told that nearly every state is represented in this body, you from other states, we desire to remain with us as long as you can find it convenient. We give you, as I say, a cordial welcome, and we trust that your deliberations here may be pleasant and for the good of your fraternity.

You are engaged, or at least the institutions which you represent, are engaged in higher education, and we have a large number of these institutions in our own state. There can not be too many of them, I think, in any part of the country. Some people are of a different opinion; they think about educational institutions as they do about some commercial enterprise, that they should be consolidated. But so far as I am concerned, I believe there can not be too many institutions of this kind in the land. A country that cares for the education of the youth will always be a strong country, a great nation and a great people. This is what we are doing in Ohio, and that is what you are doing in the other states whence you have come. What you desire, and what I think should be given attention to, is expressed very clearly in the words of J. G. Holland, as follows :

God give us men ! A time like this demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands ;
 Men whom the lust of office does not kill ;
 Men whom the spoils of office can not buy ;
 Men who possess opinions and a will ;
 Men who have honor, men who will not lie.

We should aim to produce, and these institutions do produce, men of that character. Now I wish you, one and all, good health and happiness and an abundance of success in your professions. I wish long life and success to your fraternity, and Godspeed to the country we all love so well [applause].

ADDRESS OF MAYOR S. L. BLACK.

Dr. J. E. Brown, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '84, then introduced Hon. S. L. Black, mayor of Columbus. Mr. Black, who is a member of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, spoke as follows :

Ladies and gentlemen, members of the Phi Delta Theta :

I assure you that an occasion of this kind, and particularly this occasion, is one of more than ordinary and passing interest to me. Notwithstanding the fact that it has been more than fifteen years since I left college halls, and since I was actively identified with a college secret society, yet this occasion brings back over those fifteen years a flood of recollections of the most pleasant character ; and I assure you, therefore, that when I extend to you, in behalf of the citizens of this city, a cordial and hearty welcome, and turn over to you the key of the city, I am speaking from those recollections which were planted fifteen years ago, and which, while they have not been active, have been among the most pleasant of my life ; and I say with a great deal of pleasure and a great deal of pride that among my warm and closest friends in college, as well as during the fifteen years intervening, have been members of this, one of the greatest secret orders of college life in the United States, men whose friendship I prize as much as that of any men whose associations are pleasant and dear to me.

It is more than a pleasure for me to be permitted to appear before you this morning and extend a hearty welcome, a hand of friendship to you, from whatsoever state in this great union you may come. You not only represent the great educational institutions of this country, but you represent, at the same time, one of the most potent influences of those institutions, the betterment of man. Where these institutions themselves develop chiefly the intellectual and moral character of the student, it is the province of the college fraternity to develop that which we are needing in this age, that which we will need more in the years to come, and that is the spirit of friendship, the spirit of brotherhood among men. We have passed through an age of material intellectual development that has been amazing ; we have neglected the spirit of friendship, we have neglected the feeling of brotherhood among our friends and acquaintances. The college fraternities are one of the greatest elements in college life for good. They get young men in the formative period of their lives, when they are more susceptible to good and noble influences, and the friendship formed during college days will last while life lasts. The Greek letter fraternity is helping young men to a higher and purer social life in college ; it is bringing them together in closer union ; it is enabling them to understand each other better, to learn each other's ambition better. And after we leave the classic halls, and go out into the active affairs

of life, if we continue to practice what we have learned in fraternity halls, we will accomplish much greater good in life than if we had not been members of a college fraternity, but had devoted our entire time to Latin, Greek and mathematics.

Now, gentlemen, I am pleased, in behalf of our citizens one and all, to extend to you a most cordial and hearty welcome to our city. We trust that this semi-centennial meeting shall be one, not only of profit to you, but one of very great pleasure to you all, and that when you leave the capital of Ohio, you will bear away with you not only the most delightful recollections of your fellow-members here, but the most pleasant impressions of our city and its people. You are in good hands in this city, and if you are not well taken care of, or if Dr. Brown and the other members of your reception committee don't know how to treat you, I suggest that you refer them to me, and I will give them thirty days and costs. I thank you [applause and a yell for Phi Gamma Delta].

ADDRESS OF HON. CYRUS HULING.

In behalf of the members of Phi Delta Theta resident in Columbus and the local chapter, Hon. Cyrus Huling, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '78, said :

Ladies and members of the Phi Della Theta :

I am certainly very glad of the opportunity, and very proud of the opportunity, of addressing you in behalf of the association of local Phis. It brings back old recollections, to look into your faces. Saving memories of home and mother, there is probably no chord in memory's harp that will respond with such sweet strains as the memories of our college days. And you, coming as you do fresh from the fountain-heads of knowledge, seem to be but our former selves. You have listened and are listening daily to the same wise counsels which our preceptors gave in the years gone by. Your daily walks are through the same groves and temples where our feet have also trod. And we feel, in welcoming you here, that we are but bidding our former selves return. You have been welcomed to this great state and to this hospitable city, a city, I may remind you, that contains in its suburbs more groves and temples than ancient Athens, more institutions for the benefit of the infirm and unfortunate than can be found in any state of similar population in the world, and we invite you before you leave to visit these institutions and see whereof we speak.

You hardly realize to-day the importance of your sitting here. You will not know until age and experience have shown you what a cruel, cold world there is outside of college halls, the blessed privileges you are enjoying now, but in the future you will remember with pleasure, that will be undying as memory, this the day you met to consider what was best and what was not for the Phis throughout these United States; and to help you in your deliberations to make that memory more permanent, our committee will see that you are taken care of in a proper manner, that you are treated as becomes your position as our guests; and we desire to say to you that, outside of any formal welcoming here, you will find the hearts and hearthstones of every loyal Phi in this city opened to your beck and call. Enter, possess it and be welcome. I thank you [applause].

Prof. Hugh Th. Miller, *Indianapolis*, '88, editor of THE SCROLL, then responded on behalf of the delegates, visitors and officers to these addresses, and all were introduced to Governor Bushnell and Mayor Black, during the intermission which followed.

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CONVENTION.

MONDAY—THE RECEPTION.

The reception tendered by the Phis of Columbus to delegates and visitors was held, as at Indianapolis, under the roof of the hotel where the convention made its home. The Chittenden assembly hall was elaborately decorated in blue and white, the immense fraternity flag which afterward floated from the highest tower of the hotel being hung at one end of the room. On one side was the orchestra, in a balcony hidden under blue and white bunting, on the other the letters 'Φ Δ Θ' in blue and white electric lights. At the north end of the hall, where the guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, Hon. and Mrs. Emmett Tompkins, Mr. Woodbury T. Morris, Miss Morris and Mr. Walter B. Palmer, was a bank of ferns and palms. The reception proper extended from half past eight till eleven, supper being served from ten to eleven; dancing then held sway till—well, till some time Tuesday morning. One of the pleasantest features of the conventions of a national fraternity was here apparent in the meeting of the Ohio girls with southern, eastern and western Phis. The men from the middle west were anything but wall flowers, but there was a tremendous curiosity and demand to meet the men from California, from Georgia and Texas, from New England, from Missouri or Virginia. These foreigners were no less interested in studying the Ohio type, it may be remarked.

The hostesses were : Mrs. R. D. Bohannon, Mrs. Cyrus Huling, Mrs. Dudley Dunham, Mrs. Paul Thomson, Mrs. Mull, Mrs. W. A. Van Sickle, Mrs. C. E. Mark, Mrs. William McPherson and Miss King. Among the ladies present were Miss Horn, Miss Bright, Miss Beatty, Miss Stewart, Miss Chapman, the Misses Bowe, Miss Baker, the Misses Rice, Miss Longstreth, Miss O'Brien, Miss Deshler, the Misses Hicks, Miss Fullerton, Miss Lahman, Miss Mills, the Misses Bellows, Miss Coit, the Misses Powell, the Misses Farrell, Miss Hayden, the Misses Kelton, Miss Kilbourne,

Miss Holmes, Miss Monypeny, the Misses Neil, Miss Bert, Miss Thurman, Miss Fitch, Miss Bargar, the Misses Albery, Miss Nelson, Miss Huff, the Misses Brent, the Misses Hardy, Miss Rankin, Miss Huling, Miss Shauck, Miss Lander, Miss Sheldon, Miss Stimson, Miss Hall, Miss Collins, Miss Kelley, Miss Henderson, Miss Taylor, the Misses Brookes, Miss Field, Miss Hardesty, Miss Lee, Miss Mitchell, Miss Watson, Miss Guerin, Miss Nash, the Misses Hoover, Miss Potter, Miss Stevens, the Misses Smith, Miss Ide, Miss Florence Kelley, Miss Duncan, Miss Ogilvie, Miss Snider, Miss Hammond, Miss Gardner, Miss Krauss, the Misses Cope, Miss Hester, Miss Sharpe, Miss Brown, Miss Dennison, Miss Merrick, Miss Bell, Miss Wilson, Miss Fullington, Miss Wiggin, Miss Reese, Miss Gormley, Mrs. John Joyce, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Rusk, Miss Robinson, Miss Lapham, Miss Courtright, Miss Patterson, Miss Williams, Miss Young, Miss Eagleson, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. Walter R. Brown and Miss Brown, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Tallmadge, Miss Hunt, Miss Huffman, Miss Axline, Miss McCarter, Miss Lisle, Miss Loren, Miss Corner, Miss Luce, Miss Hunter, Miss Baldwin, Miss Pulling, Miss Howard, Miss Welling, Miss Green, Miss Lindenberg, Miss Raymond, Miss Barcus, Miss Canfield, Miss Carpenter, Miss Durstine, Miss Brandebbee, Miss Mabel Raymond, Miss Cole, Miss Weber, Miss Schille, Miss Rickey, Miss Twiss, Miss Hatton, Miss Skiles, Miss Slaughter, Miss Allen, the Misses Kauffman, Miss Reeves, Miss Bratton, Miss Dunn, Miss Samuel, Miss Quinn, Miss Moore, Miss Vance.

The favors were silver stick-pins crowned with the convention souvenir button, and there was a wild rush on the part of the boys to capture an extra one to take home. Those who were unsuccessful accomplished their purpose later with the aid of Mr. Auld.

The scene in the assembly hall was an unusually animated and brilliant one, and so thoroughly delightful was the evening that when the orchestra finally heeded the chaperon's command to play 'Home, Sweet Home,' the dancers demanded and secured two or three repetitions of it before the exodus began in earnest.

TUESDAY—THE SMOKER.

On Tuesday night Ohio Zeta's chapter house was the convention Mecca. Here was enjoyed one of the most unqualified 'good times' that ever falls to the lot of the college boy: Half a dozen rooms and a wide hall and stairway

filled with Phis whose enthusiasm knew no bounds, college yells, fraternity songs, music and laughter. Blue smoke and white, from pipes, cigars and cigarettes; non-smokers who were as eager for one of the handsome souvenir pipes as were the slaves to the weed. A buffet loaded to the edges and replenished as fast as it showed the faintest signs of depletion. The Georgia 'Crackers' winning the hearts of the 'Buckeyes' with their stories in one room; Captain English at the piano in another, but lost in a whirlwind of smoke and song; in another the Barringer brothers and Meily doing wonders with mandolin and guitar; Father Morrison tenderly guarding his be-ribboned pipe from dangerous collisions and smiling happily at some wild, lock-step train of shouting collegians circling past him. The whole evening was a kaleidoscope of sound as brilliant as Monday night had been in color. The boys of Ohio Zeta, to quote the expressive words of one of the 'Crackers,' 'ce'tainly did show us all a good time.'

WEDNESDAY—THE THETAS AND THE BANQUET.

On Wednesday afternoon the Kappa Alpha Thetas of Ohio State University received Phi Delta Thetas at Miss Axline's. The hall was hung in Theta black and gold and the dining-room in Phi white and blue, while the parlors were gay in the national colors, some of these being real battle-flags. There were flowers galore, but white carnations most of all. Mrs. Axline, Miss Williams, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Axline received the guests, and the active chapter and the alumni did duty as charming hostesses. Bro. Charles Grosvenor Bond, of Ohio Zeta, introduced the strangers.

No sooner had those who tarried late at the reception regained the hotel than claw-hammer coats and college colors began to proclaim that the semi-centennial banquet was at hand. The speeches and the menu are given on other pages of this issue, but a hundred pages could convey no idea of what that banquet really was. Strange to say, the 'driest' banquet we ever had proved to be the most enthusiastic. At the request of the general council, the local committee had not only left all wines off of the menu card, but had also directed that none whatever be served, even upon individual order. Some feared this might be an unwise provision for a feast that lasted six hours. Not so. From the moment the boys began to gather in the lobby and corridor to march in, the air became electric. Sixty college yells rang out in succession and in chorus: songs, 'roasts,' retorts, applause



flashed out, died away, reappeared. It was amusing to watch the waiters try to preserve their self-possession and dignity through it all and to look unconscious, when starting to set a platter down, a sharp chorus of 'drop it' and a thump on the table made them jump; or to see them bite their lips when they were marching in or out to a wild chorus of 'Hep! Hep!' Our convention gossip will have much more to say of the banquet and of many of its incidents. It was coming three o'clock when the last of the old-timers had finished talking over the 'Dixie' incident and comparing this with former feasts, and when the infants had extorted their last story from Colonel Swope and begun to wonder at what hour the Thursday morning convention session would open.

THURSDAY—FOOT BALL AND THE KAPPAS.

After the morning session and the convention picture and a hurried lunch on Thursday, there was a rush for the foot ball game, for which the manager of the Ohio State University eleven had kindly sent the convention complimentary tickets. It was a Phi game. Whitney, delegate from Amherst, and captain of the '97 team there, was referee. Sayers was captain for O. S. U., not to mention stars of lesser magnitude. Encouraging telegrams had been sent to the numerous other Phi captains, and by six o'clock telegrams began to be posted on the convention bulletin board.

Thanksgiving night, after the scores from all the home games were in and Cornell and Pennsylvania had had it out, Illinois had gloried over Minnesota and Lafayette over Lehigh, and after the Chittenden's elaborate Thanksgiving dinner was demolished, everybody went out to the Kappa Kappa Gamma reception at the Misses Raymonds'. Here was another house full of flowers and Phi colors and pretty girls. The candles were white and blue; so were the wafers; so were many of the dresses. Mrs. Raymond, Miss Raymond, Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Prof. and Mrs. Kaufmann, and Miss Cole received the guests, who included not only the Phis but the Kappa Alpha Thetas. Later in the evening Miss Field appeared and delighted every one with some charming recitations from her father's poems. The men from the south and east, after their introduction on Monday night and continued acquaintance on Wednesday and Thursday with Kappas and Thetas, to say nothing of certain Pi Phis and Tri Deltis, were prepared to carry home thoroughly revised versions of the local idea and definition

of 'co-ed.' We don't just exactly remember what nice things our Nebraska Phis did for the Kappa convention last summer (it was a Japanese tea party, wasn't it?), but we feel now it wasn't enough, and if the Thetas hold their convention this year where Phi Delta Theta has a chapter, and the Phis don't pawn their overcoats to get the girls flowers, that chapter would better not send any delegate to Louisville.

FRIDAY—MARY FRENCH FIELD.

This did not end the social side of the week, though Friday was filled with convention sessions till adjournment *sine die* just before midnight. There were a number of little dinners with Mrs. Dr. Brown, with Miss Field; long farewell calls on the city girls and the 'co-eds'; a few quiet chats of the veterans in Dr. Brown's back parlor.

A striking and delightful incident was Miss Field's visit, by invitation, to the convention on Friday morning. Dr. Brown had been elected president while claiming the floor to withdraw his name. His 'resignation' had been regretfully accepted, and 'Jim' Moore had been landed with a rush in the vacant chair, when Miss Field was announced. The election, the most exciting of all convention events, was swept aside for an hour, and ordinary applause failing to do the subject justice, Colonel Swope called for a 'Phi-kei-a!' This snappy cheer, ending abruptly with her own name, quite nonplussed Miss Field, who confessed herself at a loss how to respond. Dr. Brown introduced her to the convention with a fitting tribute to her father's memory and to her own graces and talents, but poor Miss Field had to stand and blush and smile until another storm of applause and Phi yells swinging to her name had blown over. She was a charming picture, with her big black hat and her stunning black gown, the Phi badge Missouri Alpha (her father's chapter) gave her over her heart and her beautiful face showing her puzzled interest in the tumultuous audience which welcomed her in such unconventional style. Then, just as every lover of Eugene Field, just as Eugene Field himself would have had her recite them, she gave us 'Sometime' and 'Limitations of Life,' and, when we insisted on another, 'Just before Christmas,' and, when we demanded one more, 'Fisherman Jim's Kids.' Then, with rather more composure, she listened to a few more cyclones of 'Phi-kei-a!' until the delegates became quiet enough to understand that Miss Field would be glad to meet them all. The editor of

THE SCROLL introduced the men, as well as a number of the college girls and Columbus ladies, who had been invited to hear Miss Field. Hon. Emmett Tompkins then claimed the floor and spoke of Eugene Field and of his loyalty to Phi Delta Theta and his connection with the Missouri and Knox chapters. He offered the following resolution, which was adopted with a rising vote and the inevitable 'Phi yell for Miss Field':

WHEREAS, Eugene Field, of Missouri Alpha, who has added so much honor to Phi Delta Theta and luster to American literature, has passed away to be known no more among men, save as a sweet memory, and

WHEREAS, He has left a daughter whose mission is to please the world and keep ever fresh the name of her beloved father; be it

Resolved, By Phi Delta Theta in national convention assembled, that Mary French Field be now adopted and hereafter known by us as a daughter of Phi Delta Theta.

Miss Field's speech accepting the honor was a model of charming brevity and spoken in her own winning way: 'I hope always to prove a good daughter to the fraternity, and a true sister to you all.' The delegates then invited Miss Field and Mrs. Dr. Brown, who has come unofficially to be known as the fraternity's adopted mother, to remain during the remainder of the election session, but the ladies seized this opportunity to show feminine superiority to curiosity by withdrawing.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET.

The semi-centennial banquet began early—in the evening and closed early—in the morning. It was only a few minutes after eight when one hundred and twenty Phis swarmed into the Chittenden dining-room, whence the guests were banished to the ordinary that evening, and began assorting themselves by states or provinces or age. The tables ran in three parallel lines the length of the room, with the toastmaster and a score of the veterans at a smaller one at the north end, opposite the doorway. The decorations were elaborate, and above the toastmaster's table glowed the great 'Φ Δ Θ' in blue and white electric lights, which had blazed down on the ball-room on Monday night. At the south end of the west table were the Georgia 'Crackers,' one of them puffing his souvenir pipe and applauding with his souvenir gavel. This seemed to be the southern storm center. Next to them were the easterners, and at the north end of the same table old Epsilon province, the west, was grouped. Dr. Brown presided at the south end of the central table, which was

largely filled with Ohio men, as was the south end of the east table. At the north end of the east table was a well organized Hoosier crowd, which devoted its yell-producing ingenuity to Colonel Swope, as Epsilon province did its own to the Georgians. The grouping was almost wholly impromptu, but wrought very happy results. The choruses of yells, 'roasts,' repartee and songs, varied by occasional individual contributions, kept every man on the *qui vive* for the passing jest and the whole company in the best of good humors with itself and with Phi Delta Theta.

The menu card was much more beautiful than the sketch on the next page would indicate, as the words 'Golden Anniversary Banquet,' and the lines encircling them were embossed in gold, as was the fraternity flag, in proper colors. The menu was :

Canapé à la Berne
 Cherry-stones—celery
 Green turtle, clear
 Hors d'œuvre variés
 Planked whitefish—pomme bordure
 Sliced cucumbers
 Suprême de volaille aux truffes
 Petit-pois en caisse
 Tenderloin of beef larded—mushrooms
 Haricots verts
 Punch Phi Delta Theta
 Broiled quail on toast au cresson
 Salade de saison
 Glace tutti frutti—gateaux
 Fromage—café—cigares

The toast list bore the open motto, the name of the toastmaster, Hon. Emmett Tompkins, *Ohio*, '74, and the toasts and names which follow on other pages, closing with 'The Pyx.' On the page following appeared the names of the founders following 'Phi Delta Theta, founded at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, December 26, 1848'; below was 'The Semi-Centennial Convention, Columbus, Ohio, November 21-25, 1898;' and beneath that were the names of the semi-centennial general council. The last inside page bore the names of the local committee: John Edwin Brown, *Ohio, Wesleyan*, '84; Emmett Tompkins, *Ohio*, '74; Woodbury Treat Morris, *Williams*, '92. The inside title page ran: 'The Semi-Centennial Banquet of Phi Delta Theta, Columbus, Hotel Chittenden, Wednesday evening, Novem-



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THE MENU CARD.

ber twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, half-past seven o'clock.' The whole card was an example of Wright's work at his best and a beautiful souvenir.

On a separate table in front of the toastmaster stood a large bronze statue of Phi Delta Theta's patron goddess, Pallas. For the first time in the history of convention banquets, two stenographers were present to take down all the remarks of toastmaster and speakers. This was one of the most satisfactory features of the whole occasion to President Walter B. Palmer, who fairly beamed as he saw everything going down in black and white for preservation in the archives.

From the personal point of view the notable group was the three Miami men: the two founders of the classes of '49 and '50, respectively, and Dr. A. C. Kemper, '53. It was impressive to hear these men, met again for the first time in almost half a century, and perhaps for the last time, tell of the days and the men who witnessed the beginnings of Phi Delta Theta. They all staid till the end, and their interest and enthusiam were intense, though displayed by each in his own characteristic way. Father Morrison's interesting paper was a permanent contribution to fraternity history and listened to intently. He was in splendid voice and seemed inspired by the occasion. His reading was interspersed with impromptu remarks, and in both he rose to a higher oratorical pitch than at any previous convention. Father Lindley spoke in a much lower tone, and for a moment it was difficult to hear him in the remote corners, but in the perfect silence that ensued not a word was lost. Dr. Kemper was ardent and eloquent in his patriotic appeals and was repeatedly interrupted by outbursts of applause.

The incident which every man present will remember as long as he lives and which was as startling as it was spontaneous, was one referred to already and hereafter in these pages. Cheers and laughter were rising and falling above the undercurrent of low-pitched voices, and six-score thoughts and fancies were rising in the minds of as many men from half as many colleges. The first notes of 'Dixie' floated in from the orchestra in the hall, and every man's heart stood still and his hand clenched his napkin as the piercing yell of the southern men rang out sharp and clear. But the orchestra changed to 'Yankee Doodle,' and the men in an instant were on their feet and on their chairs, cheering and waving napkins till the whole room was a surging sea of white. They sang 'America,' and tried to

listers in silence while the 'Star Spangled Banner' was played, but the chorus was too much for them, and they had to sing that, too.

POST-PRANDIAL

THE TOASTMASTER: Brother Phil:

We have reached that period in our undeliberate consideration where the material and the substantial must give way to the lighter and possibly more entertaining feature of the evening's program.

I was very much impressed to-day on witnessing the presentation of a gavel by Case chapter to each of her sister chapters in the United States, indicating the esteem and affection in which this next to the youngest offspring of the parent order holds her sisters. I did not want to mar the beauty and harmony of that occasion by obtruding my personality and making the presentation which I designed to make to the convention before it left the city: and I will now, with your permission, take occasion to meet, at least half way, a suggestion made by the presiding officer of the convention, when it was in a committee of the whole—or the hole in which Brother Palmer said he got the convention the other day.

This is a period of memento gathering—a time when we pick up and stow away souvenirs, because, as a fraternity, we are standing on the equator of the first century of our lives, and we have reached the point where we stand and give pause, certainly long enough to look back over the fifty years that have been traveled by this organization; and by the accumulation of souvenirs and mementos and testimonials we will gather together impulses and inspirations to lead the fraternity forward through the remaining fifty years of the first century of her life [applause].

Now, I am not authorized to speak on behalf of the state of Ohio; I am not authorized to represent the state of Ohio officially, as Sir Joseph Porter might, but I am a citizen of the Buckeye state, and I believe I have a right in her name to add a souvenir among those which will be gathered on this occasion, to accentuate and perpetuate the incidents of this happy day—this gavel, which called to order and was wielded over the deliberations of the convention which assembled on the fiftieth anniversary of the glorious and beautiful life of the Phi Delta Theta [more applause]. It is to be expected that the fraternity librarian will lay this gavel away in the archives, to be brought out at each anniversary,

or, rather, each biennial gathering of the fraternity in national convention.

We have much to congratulate ourselves for. There is a great deal of felicity in occasions of this sort, because they are thrilled with proud memories, and filled with incidents that we must carry with us as we journey through life. It is difficult for myself, speaking now entirely from a personal standpoint, to appreciate that so many years have intervened since I was initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta, at the hour at which I am now speaking. And I can only appreciate the fact by an examination of the calendar and by looking into the faces of those whom I met so many years ago, finding that there are a few crow's-feet gathering around the corners of their eyes, and a few threads of white sprinkled here and there in locks that were free from them eighteen, twenty and even twenty-nine years ago.

We are also reminded of the age of our fraternity in more ways than one. We are reminded by the hoary locks of our beloved founder. We are reminded by the giant strides and forward march of Phi Delta Theta in the world. And we remember that, beginning as she did fifty years ago at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with one chapter, the beginning point, the Alpha of our life, our institution has gone forward, gathering strength in every fiber of her being, becoming stronger and more erect, until to-day she is the empress of college fraternities [cheers].

It is not my intention to occupy your time—I was to perform merely the functions of a toastmaster—but it gives me pleasure to meet you upon this occasion, which revives many pleasant recollections in my own mind and takes me back to 1873, when I first had the pleasure of attending a convention of Phi Delta Theta. There are none of the faces present to-night that were present then, but while I miss them, I am greeted by a multiplied number of faces, just as genial, just as bright, and of which I am just as fond.

I presume it will be in order for me to read to you a few telegrams we have received from members who were expected to be present, but in the last hour were disappointed. Here is one from my old friend, Hilt. Brown. I am afraid he is trying to work off on us the same thing that he has been working off on us for the last five or six years when he was not able to attend. 'Twins at home prevent my attending convention' [great laughter]. He does not say whether they are the same old twins, or a new set. 'Nothing else would keep me away' [cries of 'that's right'].

The toastmaster then read telegrams from Harry Weidner, *Miami*, '89, F. Wm. Rane, *Ohio State*, '91, and others.

THE TOASTMASTER—The first toast on the evening's program will be responded to by James Clark Moore, Jr., *Pennsylvania*, '93. Brothers, he needs no introduction from me. He has distinguished himself as a member of our order, and to him has been assigned the pleasing subject of 'Our Semi-Centennial.'

BROTHER MOORE—Brother Phis and Toastmaster:

I could not understand why I had been assigned to this toast, and telegraphed Brother Brown asking him to get some one else to respond to it, until this afternoon, when he explained to me in his very genial manner that they needed some one to pave the way for the better speakers [laughter]. As that is my position, I suppose I ought to be a little careful about stealing any thunder. Brother Swope objected this afternoon to his thunder being stolen by others, and as he is down on the toast list for a response to-night, I am afraid if I steal any of his thunder he will give us another talk on song-books [laughter].

I was just thinking while sitting here to-night, brothers, that it has been about nine years since I entered college. At that time I was about the greenest man that ever got inside [laughter]. I was as innocent, in fact, as the small boy who was seen wandering among the children's graves in the cemetery eating green apples and singing 'Nearer, My God, to Thee' [renewed laughter and cheering]. Fortunately, I was taken into the fraternity, and I consider to-night that I am particularly fortunate in being able to be present at this celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Phi Delta Theta.

It is a fraternity of which we may all well be proud. Think of it, my brothers, a fraternity which was organized fifty years ago, has withstood the tests of half a century, and is getting stronger every day; a fraternity with ten thousand members. Of that number possibly two thousand have reached the age when men become well known, become famous if they are to become famous. Of the two thousand, speaking approximately, we have had a president of the United States, a vice-president, a secretary of state, a secretary of the interior, a postmaster-general and other men prominent in political and other walks of life too numerous to mention. I say, my brothers, that is a remarkable record for any organization, and I do not believe there is any organization in this country to-day, or in any other country, that can show such a record, and I think it is highly gratifying to us to be able to look back on the record Phi Delta Theta has been making during the last fifty years. It is another source of gratification that we are able to have with us two of our founders. It is fortunate for a man to be able to be present and see the point that an organization has reached which he founded fifty years ago, and it is fortunate for us, as members, to see the man who founded the fraternity still taking an active interest in it.

I think we are doing the right thing in this convention in reorganizing our methods of government, adopting a new constitution, and making our system as perfect as possible. There is nothing that we need so much as thorough system, if we are going to advance in years to come, and I feel sure we are. They tell a story down our way of a Jew peddler who went to sell suspenders to a mercantile establishment which happened to be up on the second floor of the building.

The Jew went in and went up to one of the members of the firm who was sitting at his desk, and said 'Suspenders, gentleman?' And the man did not pay any attention. 'Suspenders, gentleman?' He did not say anything. The man still persisted in trying to sell suspenders. The member of the firm got up and took him by the collar and shoved him out on the landing of the stairway. The junior partner happened to be coming in at that time and saw what was happening. He did not know just what it meant, but he seized the peddler and threw him downstairs. The porter who was at the bottom of the stairs then grabbed him and kicked him out into the street. The Jew gathered himself up and sat on the curb, and looking up at the building, said: 'Holy Moses, what a system!' [Great laughter and applause.]

Now what we want is system—a system in our fraternity for getting a man in the order, rather than getting him out. We want a man on every landing to grab him just as soon as the other fellow lets go, and if he is a good man, we do not want to lose him until he is in, and we want to have a good system all the way through. Organizations of this kind are not like men that live to a certain age. A great many of us only live to the age of fifty years. Here is an organization increasing in strength; increasing in influence every year, and I thoroughly believe that it is going to continue to prosper and increase throughout all time. [Great applause.]

I do not know that I can add anything further, brothers, but suggest that we give the old Phi Delta Theta yell. Are you ready? [The yell was heartily given.]

THE TOASTMASTER: The response to the toast 'Our Semi-Centennial' is naturally suggestive of the presence of two of our founders. I regret very much to be compelled to say that one of the three survivors can not be present to-night, but two of them are here in the persons of Brother Morrison and Brother Lindley. I shall ask them to respond in their own way. I first present to you our honored founder, Brother Robert Morrison, D.D., *Miami*, '49 [great applause].

BROTHER MORRISON: Mr. Toastmaster and brother Phis, older brothers and younger brothers:

After fifty years' membership in our order, I greet you. We are here to-night on the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the order. It is a memorable day, of course, our golden jubilee. I suppose I am the oldest Phi; certainly I am the oldest of those yet living who instituted the order fifty years ago. The great majority of you still have the energy of early life, and the bloom of youth on your brows. But I realize very well that, not only shall I never see the centennial, but that many of you will not live till then, though a great many more, when God multiplies the number, will see that day. While I am old, yet I can say in some sense with one of Shakespeare's characters:

Though I look old, yet I am strong and lusty;
For in my youth I never did apply
Hot and rebellious liquors in my blood;
Nor did not with unbashful forehead woo
The means of weakness and debility;
Therefore my age is as a lusty winter,
Frosty, but kindly.

I have listened with a great deal of pleasure to some things that have been prefaced to the talking which were not very common in the early days of my brother and myself—the songs about the hole in the bot-

tom of the sea, the yells that were emphasized so much—I have enjoyed them. They have been new to me in a good many ways; I was born and got through college before they came into fashion, and I have patiently, and I may say gladly, listened to them.

Now, you will indulge an old man who does not feel as old sometimes as he looks, because for one reason I have been associated all my life with young men, and been in touch with young men, and like to mingle with them; consequently I have not got old as I should if I had been altogether among old men all the time. There is a man in St. Louis who is a patriarch, though he is a younger man than I. 'Why,' he says, 'I thought you were an old man sometime ago, but such fellows as you never do grow old; you live among young men so much you forget that you are not young.' It helps a man to be young, to be amongst young men. Coleridge says in his *Moral Philosophy*, 'We can regulate youth and age and have the best results from both in our work.'

I feel very gravely embarrassed, more embarrassed just now than ever before, perhaps, in taxing the patience of my friends, but I know that no men would likely be more patient with an ancient Phi than my young brothers. Therefore, I shall ask your indulgence for the one time in saying more than I should say under other circumstances. So I shall take it for granted, and load my gun and fire it off. Probably it don't make any more noise than we have had for a little while.

Brother Morrison then read the following paper :

I am glad to meet you, brothers, on this festal occasion to commemorate the founding and early history of our order.

Thanks to divine providence for its allwise, beneficent guidance, not only in the launching of the good ship Phi Delta Theta, but during the storms when sailing was dangerous, or when shoals and rocks beset the way, we have safely reached a grand haven in this good hour.

Let us look back, a little more than fifty years ago, at things as they were at Miami University.

It was a quiet New Year's day in 1848. The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity had weathered the storm which President Junkin had sent upon them. They numbered then at college five men. The Betas had six. Some worthy men there were in both fraternities. The total number in attendance at the university was not large.

Was there any need of another fraternity? Were the principles that should include fraternity life all exhausted or already in use? It seemed to some of us that there was room for one more, provided it were founded upon a different basis from the foundations that, we understood, characterized the two fraternities referred to.

And we further thought that there was some good material nigh at hand, and possibly available.

I am not about to try to furnish to you all an up-to-date, complete set of reasons to justify the organization of a new fraternity; I will simply state how the matter appeared to the mind of one man when all the fraternities were new things, at least in Miami.

While every man by his birth has an individual existence, he is also born a member of a society, of at least three persons. He needs the loving, gentle care of others, and his relation to his most intimate society insures that attention. The young new-comer will not have looked around for many years until he finds himself a part of a vast net-work in some way touching every individual of the race, and so to

be helped and to be helpful to others are not only essential conditions of our happiness, but of our existence as well.

Then the question that concerns every one is, how can this duty be best discharged? How can happiness and usefulness be secured in the highest degree? The answer in the line of life's best enjoyment is found in the inspired teacher's utterance—that 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

An instructive and interesting lesson is found in the beautiful story of the friendship of David and Jonathan. They were two noble and gifted, God-fearing young men. They plighted their troth to be helpful and true to each other in time of difficulty or danger. They formed a secret society and were all the more helpful to each other because of that secrecy. For such a brotherhood, characterized by such high principles, it seemed to me that there ought to be room, and that the world then needed such workers in greater numbers than it did even three thousand years ago.

A great and wonderful opening at Miami soon occurred which made a field for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to enter such as few fraternities ever found. To this historical chapter never before written, so far as I am aware, do I now invite your attention.

Though but in fable, it is pleasant to think of the goddess of wisdom as ready without a long period of delay for instruction and training to go forth at once to enlighten and to bless the world.

So, without any parade or flourish of trumpets, Miami University began her work in a very quiet way in 1824. In 1826 she sent forth her first representatives—twelve well educated, earnest men who were ever after proud to call her *alma mater*. Year after year a faithful round of work was done, and other brave men went forth to mingle in the battle of life. In 1834 there were nine men who took a post-graduate course, representing Ohio, Kentucky and South Carolina. There were also twenty-two graduates. There were in the A. B. department in college 130 men, with a total of 238. In 1841, which was the last year of Dr. Bishop's administration, there were twenty-six graduates, making a total of alumni in the sixteen years of his work of 305; besides nearly as many more who were not graduates, though, as years went by, the proportion was not so great.

Rev. Geo. Junkin, D. D., president of Lafayette College, Pennsylvania, succeeded Dr. Bishop, and was president three years. His first graduating class, of course gathered by Dr. Bishop, numbered thirty. The next two were eighteen and thirteen, respectively. Dr. Junkin had trouble with the Society of Inquiry and the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. His administration could hardly be said to be a popular or successful one.

The third president was Rev. Erasmus Darwin McMaster, D. D. His name is on the diplomas of the five graduating classes of '45 to '49, inclusive. His '45 class, his first, the one gathered by Dr. Junkin, was his largest one. It numbered twenty-seven. The '46 class numbered eighteen; that of '47, but eleven. The first session of the '48 class found it on New Year's day numbering twenty.

All seemed then peaceful and serene. No signs were there in the heavens above or in the earth or sea below of any storm or trouble. But who can tell what changes a day may bring forth! On Wednesday evening, January 13, after prayer-meeting at the church in town was over, some students who had been there, before they parted for the night, stood on the steps of the main college building. As the weather was warm and the snow deep and soft and in good condition to roll in great balls, some one said: 'Before we go to our rooms, let's

roll up a ball or two.' So very soon a great ball, some six feet in diameter, put in an appearance. Then some one said, 'Why not roll it into the halls of the college and bar the entrance doors to the chapel?' 'Agreed,' said two or three; so without delay, at it they went. A pole some ten feet long happened to be near at hand and was thrust through the heart of the huge wheel, and it was easily rolled where it was wanted. It took but little time to wheel a good many other balls into the halls, so that the doors were pretty fairly blocked by the snow. A rope something like an old bedcord was hunted up and brought for use, and after the barring of the doors was complete an exit was made through a second story window by means of the rope, which was left dangling in the air.

One of the professors, when he saw the rope as he passed by, going to chapel in the morning, and found no way open through the doors, laughed and said, 'They were not much in earnest in keeping us out, or they would not have left their rope hanging there.' Of course, Job, the colored janitor, had no great difficulty, sailor-like, in climbing the rope, and opening the doors, but it caused chapel services to be a little late that morning.

It was customary for the president, in those days, to lead in conducting those services, and it was noticed that though outwardly calm he was somewhat excited, with lips a little tighter closed than usual. He emphatically spoke of the barring out as a great outrage, and went on to say that the faculty would get the names of the guilty persons and expel them, and thus have a 'decent college.'

As to the affair being an outrage, one of the prayer-meeting party, who was dismissed from college for participating in it, but who now is an eminent and useful D. D., coolly looking over the fifty years gone by, writes: 'It was a mere escapade, a piece of fun without any malice or evil intent, and had it been so regarded, and treated with a little tact, would have blown over.' Another of the class of '48, now a preacher, a D. D. and an eminent educator, speaks of the affair in the same way.

Other students who had not been in the prayer-meeting band on Wednesday night, when they heard such threats as those, were indignant that some of the most orderly and best students should be visited with the most disgraceful of college penalties, without any intent to do wrong.

Thursday night the weather was still mild and the snow slowly melting. It was a tempting time to mischief-makers. There was then organization and plan. Things were to be more thoroughly done; doors more securely barred and no rope left hanging loose from a second-story window. Some of the Wednesday night men joined in to help, as they said they might as well be hung for an old sheep as a lamb. Near at hand was a lot of cordwood four feet long—the kind of fuel used in college in those days. That was carried in and banked well against the doors, and some old stoves found were used as barricades. The window was duly fastened and no rope left in sight. The university has around it a beautiful campus of fifty-six acres, and no college officer lived within its precincts. Most of the students roomed in two large dormitories adjacent to the main college building, which was the scene of the great barricade. Additional to the snow and wood work, some two or three students who had been expelled for good cause were still hanging about town, and so they thought it a good time to get in a little of their work. Theirs was a separate job. It was taking down the college bell and throwing it into a well.

It goes without saying that there were no chapel services on Friday

morning. It was a serious business to clear the halls and open the doors, but it was done at last with an ax through Professor McArthur's room, and the faculty entered. An east room upstairs was occupied by them as a court-room, and there students one by one were summoned for examination or trial. Some two weeks were thus employed, during which time there was little recitation and less study, and as the weather was cold, the cordwood near at hand was utilized in making a big fire every day just east on the campus and near the outer door leading to the court-room. When a boy went up to answer a summons, the students cheered him, and if he came down suspended or dismissed they carried him for a distance on their shoulders and cheered three times.

The court consisted of Dr. McMaster, the president. He was the executive of the faculty and practically the faculty in this business.

He was the prosecuting attorney, jury and judge as well. His was a striking figure. His form was perfectly erect. He was six feet, two inches high, with lower limbs unusually long, supporting a short body seemingly upside down, a very short neck, with head looking as if set on his body, between his shoulders. He had a sallow complexion, a nose rather handsome and slightly aquiline, a piercing eye and an ever-beardless face. The general expression of his countenance was grave and solemn. His scholarship was accurate and profound. He was a splendid logician, and while he had the courage of his convictions, he was not very patient with those who differed from him. His laws were made of cast-iron. He knew much and well about books and was well qualified as a teacher, but as a governor of men not so competent as many others who were inferior to him in mental ability. He thought with threats he could force one student to be an informer on another; he seemed to think every man guilty that could not prove himself innocent or disavow such proceedings.

A Mr. Clarkson, from Kentucky, a fairly good student, but in irregular studies, was called. Dr. M. asked, 'Were you in this business on the 14th?' 'No, sir,' he replied; 'I could not have been even if I had wanted to, for I was sick.' Dr. M. then asked, 'Mr. Clarkson, if you had not been sick, would you have been in it?' Mr. C. replied, 'I don't know what I might have done in that case.' Dr. M. promptly answered, 'Mr. Clarkson, you are suspended for fifteen days.' Professor Moffat, the Latin professor, here interposed, 'Mr. President, Mr. Clarkson has always been a good student and well behaved; make the sentence as light as possible.' Dr. M. replied, 'Let it stand at fifteen days, Mr. Clarkson.' Mr. C. replied, 'Mr. President, just make it final,' and bowed himself out, took his books and went home. On the way he stopped at Cincinnati. Hon. S. P. Chase asked him why he left college. When Mr. Clarkson told him, Mr. Chase made no reply.

I was among the first that were called. I was asked, 'Were you in this business?' I replied, 'No.' I was then asked, 'Do you know anything about it?' I replied, 'Nothing definitely.' I had no personal knowledge in the matter. Dr. M. then asked, 'Was any one in your store that night?' I answered, 'Yes.' He asked, 'Who?' I answered, 'David McDill.' Dr. M. inquired, 'What time did he leave?' I answered, 'About nine o'clock.' The next question was, 'What way did he go?' The answer was, 'Toward home.'

David McDill and I were then juniors and, of course, classmates. He was a model young man every way. I never dreamed that I had said anything to his injury. He was, however, very promptly sent for and asked if as he went home that evening he saw any disorder on the

campus. He said that he did. He was asked if he recognized any of the students thus engaged. He replied, as was understood, that he did. He was then asked 'if he knew anything as to who the parties were.' He replied that from a conversation with some of the boys, he supposed he did. Mr. McDill was then asked to name them. This he declined to do. Dr. M. then instantly threatened that if he persisted in refusing to testify he would be treated as a guilty person himself. Dr. M. then visited Mr. McDill's father, and asked him to compel his son, not then of age, to name those parties. This the father declined to do. Then the young man was called before the faculty and addressed thus: 'We are of the opinion that you well deserve the highest penalty the faculty can inflict, but owing to your youth and inexperience and because your father has taken sides with you in this matter we will deal with you as leniently as we can. You are suspended for contumacy until you shall see and confess your error.' The 'contumacy' was simply a refusal to turn informer on his fellow-students.

I have mentioned these instances quite fully because they were sample cases. When such men as McDill were suspended or dismissed, the faculty were regarded by other students as dealing unfairly with some of the best students of the college. The real guilty ones, except the bell stealers, wrote out a confession and acknowledgment and signed their names, asking that no one should be censured for not informing on them. Their names were signed in a 'round robin.' This act was regarded as a bravado or defiance, and they were summarily dismissed, and other colleges were warned not to allow them an entrance within their walls.

The end then came to this business. The campus fire died out and 'Order reigned in Warsaw.'

The students then secured the services of a brass band, and marched the students who were suspended and dismissed in triumph to the town. It was a sad day for old Miami, but 'it is a bad wind that blows no good to anyone,' as we shall see by and by.

During the time of trial before the faculty, Professor McArthur, the Greek professor, pleaded for a remission in whole or in part of some of the penalties bestowed by Dr. McMaster. Some of the students showed their appreciation of this kindness by presenting him with a pair of gold spectacles.

Dr. McMaster regarded that incident as another evidence of the perversity of the actors of 'the great snow-ball rebellion,' and his politeness toward Professor McArthur was quite formal for some time afterward.

In spite of the warnings sent to the various colleges of the land, Rev. Dr. J. C. Young, president of Centre College (Ky.), when he had learned the facts in the case, threw the doors of Centre College wide-open and welcomed suspended and dismissed students from Miami, receiving them into the same classes they were in at Oxford.

A classmate entered Centre College in the last half of the junior year, and then concluding to go to Yale took a letter of dismission from President Young, and when he made his application to President Woolsey was asked where he had studied. As he had been longest at Oxford, he answered, 'Miami University.' Dr. Woolsey then said, 'We feel bound to observe a comity with that institution and if you are one whom Dr. McMaster censured, we can not take you.' 'Oh! but,' said the young applicant, 'I come now from Centre College, with Dr. Young's recommendation.' Hastily crossing the room and holding out his hand, Dr. Woolsey said, 'I welcome you, Mr. H.' So he

was received after an easy examination and passed *ad eundem gradum* to the senior class and graduated there as soon as if he had staid at Miami. Including the suspended, dismissed and sympathizers, all the Betas left, but two, and they went at the end of the college year. All the members of the A Δ Φ fraternity left on account of this trouble but one, and he staid away because of a young woman in Oxford.

So the fraternity coast was clear and no member was there to call any such roll at the beginning of the college year of 1848-'49. They all disappeared when the '48 class graduated in August. Was there not then room for a new fraternity? It was in the last month of that eventful year that the fraternity was born whose semi-centennial we are celebrating here to-night.

As the wisdom and propriety of such an organization had been the subject of reflection for some time, I one day said to my friend and classmate, John McMillan Wilson: 'Suppose we form and start a Greek letter society.' Said he, 'All right; you go ahead and get things in shape and I will help you to put things through.' Accordingly, I set to determine upon a motto, which from its initials should give name to the fraternity. It seemed appropriate that they should be three Greek words, each important, together forming a climax and a significant and essential idea of the character of the fraternity. It was no trouble to find a word that suited the idea sought in the first letter. A good Greek word suiting to the second cost but little more. The third word did not come so easily at call, yet it was regarded as the most important in making the complete sense of the sentence desired. After, however, a considerable examination of Greek dictionaries, grammars and compound words was made, a Greek word expressing the idea wanted was coined. It may be stated, as of some interest, that the very word, in an abbreviated form, was afterwards found as used by an author of high repute in the Greek world. In this inquiry no help was obtained from any knowledge furnished by or from the fraternities of the past. Philosophy could, we thought, be hardly a sufficient guide for life, as 'twas said was the motto of the Φ Β Κ, nor did we believe that a bond merely because it was secret was the dearest or best, as it was claimed to be the motto of Α Δ Φ. As to the motto of Β Θ Η, as reported, it seemed to us a jumble of Greek words chosen because they happened to have suitable initial letters.

The most important and difficult of all the preparatory work was the writing of the Bond. To do this I called in Wilson to help. Above where it was to be written we put the motto, and we gave our most earnest thought and care to bring harmony, expression and expansion to those three words as the only unalterable instrument of the order.

And now looking back over these fifty years so filled with great and wonderful things, more magnificent perhaps than those of any other half century of the Christian era—while the existence and growth and usefulness of Φ Δ Θ is certainly not the greatest of these great things, who will undertake to say it is the least?

It seemed to be a little thing to do what six plain but earnest men did fifty years ago. The planting of an acorn or a branch of a banyan tree may be a small work, but the results may be a blessing to many in the march of ages. Who were these founders?

They were six in number, each born and reared on a farm. They were early made acquainted with hard working and plain living, but were in no wise injured thereby. They went from different counties

in Ohio, and five of them were born in that state, the other in Pennsylvania. They were plain, earnest men; not one of them was a genius. Nor was there a crank in the number; their heads were all as level and their judgments as cool and correct as the average of good common-sense men. They were not boys. They were men of mature minds and established principles. They were not dyspeptics. Whether they had each *mens sana* or not, they had everyone a mind *in corpore sano*. They were not soured at the world, as the world had never treated them badly, as they thought. They were all professors of religion, though in three denominations. They were cheerful and companionable people. At the time of the fraternity's organization, two were seniors, two were juniors and two were sophomores. In scholarship they were all above the average of good students.

Two, the eldest of the six, the Roberts—Robert Thompson Drake and Robert Morrison—became Presbyterian preachers. Ardivan Walker Rodgers died in the course of a very broad and thorough preparation for that office. While Robert Drake's work seemed, for a short life, well rounded up and complete, with Rodgers and Wilson the case was somewhat different. A pure marble memorial shaft, abruptly broken off a little above its beginning, seemed well to represent their lives, but their work was well done. The old Hebrews say that God likes adverbs. He likes to say of a long or short work, not, 'your work is done,' but 'it is well done.'

John Wolfe Lindley became teacher, professor and president in colleges, and is now living in a serene and useful old age as justice of the peace on the farm on which he was born. Colonel Andrew Watts Rogers has had a useful and quiet life as an attorney. During the great war of '61-'65 he was a fighting colonel of the 81st regiment of Illinois volunteers.

Three have left us: Rodgers, in 1856; Wilson, in 1873; Drake, in 1874. The shadows are lengthening fast to those three yet with you. Soon none of us will meet in your pleasant company any more. We have enjoyed our Phi life, and thank God for it, and we will trust him for the future.

It has often been sagely remarked that we founders, 'buildd wiser than we knew.' That is no doubt true, and the reason of the success that followed was that

'God had made divinely real
The highest form of our ideal.'

The Germans have a saying that God and one man is a majority. I think it is also true that one man with God by his side is a quorum for business, and successful business every time. Each generation has its own peculiar work to do, and if its men build as wisely as they know, they will be credited by the next generation as building wiser than they knew, and each generation's work ought to be grander and better than that of the one before.

The elder Silliman at Yale had a gifted son who was also professor in his father's lifetime. One day some thoughtful friend undertook to comfort the senior by telling him that his son's work showed a broader view than his. The reply was: 'It ought to be so, for he is standing on my shoulders.'

Your horizon, my brothers, ought to be wider than that of the plodders who only laid the foundations. See that you do greater, better work for your generation than we have done. We are not jealous of you. We are glad and proud that we have such successors. Go on and rear a glorious superstructure that will be more and more beautiful and useful as the ages unfold the destiny of men [applause]

THE TOASTMASTER: I next present a fellow-traveler with Brother Morrison, Brother John Wolfe Lindley, *Miami*, '50.

BROTHER LINDLEY: Mr. Toastmaster and brother Phis:

It is unnecessary for me to express my great feeling of pleasure in meeting with you on this memorable occasion. The tone of my voice indicates the feelings of my heart. You know that I enjoy and appreciate this greatest privilege I have experienced for years. While I am the youngest member of the six founders of the Phi Delta Theta, I have passed over three-score years and ten, but, like Brother Morrison, I still claim to be young. Not quite in the way that he maintains his youth; he mingled with young men, while I, in my early life, was thrown into the society of young ladies. For many years I had charge of female schools, and, consequently did not know anything about the society of men, and I must confess that after I quit teaching and got out among men, I felt as awkward as the young man feels when he goes into the society of young ladies for the first time. I do not know that I have really gotten over that feeling yet.

I should like just for a few moments to allude to some things that Brother Morrison has referred to. Although what he has said about our old friend, Dr. McMaster, is true, yet I want, in the first place, to make some apologies for my old friend. Strange to say, Dr. McMaster and I were intimate friends, and I suppose just because we were so much the reverse—so contrary one to the other. He has been well described to you by Brother Morrison, but I think the secret of his want of success lay simply in the fact that he did not understand boys. Dr. McMaster was never a boy himself, in the true sense of the word, and he had no kind of use for a boy that he thought was not prompted by motives of integrity and uprightness. Dr. McMaster was a man of very sarcastic tendencies and expressions.

Let me illustrate, and by the way, I had the reputation when I was in college of planning the mischief and getting the other boys to work it out [laughter]. One day, or one night, rather, the boys did a thing that perhaps was not justifiable and was not very nice. They drove twenty-three cows off the green pasture into the chapel and shut them up there over night. The next morning we went into chapel for prayers [cries of 'louder!']. Excuse me, brothers; I don't believe I can be heard over the hall, but I will do the best I can. The next morning, as I said, we were all called into chapel as usual. Dr. McMasters did not say a word, and you would not have supposed that he knew anything about what had occurred, but after prayers and just before we were dismissed, he referred to the condition of affairs, and just remarked that it showed what kind of mothers and sisters we had. That is a good illustration of the character of Dr. McMaster's sarcasm and insinuation, and of course as a result he hadn't many friends among the boys.

I said in the outset that this was a joyous occasion for me, but Brother Morrison has alluded to another fact, it is also one of exceeding sorrow. While we celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary of our organization, founded by six young men who were closely united, perhaps as closely as six young men ever were, we are brought to the realization of the fact that three of us have passed to the chapter grand, and only three remain, but two of whom are permitted to meet with us to-night. I had fondly hoped that our third remaining brother, Col. Andrew Watts Rogers, of Missouri, would be here. I



ROBERT MORRISON, '49. JOHN WOLFE LINDLEY, '50.
THE TWO FOUNDERS PRESENT AT THE CONVENTION.

have not met Brother Rogers since we left college. He and I, I think, were as intimate friends as there were in college, and I should have been happy to meet him here to-night.

In regard to what occurred before the founding of our society, Brother Morrison has very ably and very extensively given you its history. But I wish to allude to some things in connection with the founding of the society. I read in some Phi literature not long ago something like this—that there was no doubt of the morality of the young men who founded Phi Delta Theta, and of those who were brought into the society during its earlier life, but there was an insinuation that we were not the best talent that might have been obtained. In regard to morality, I have just this to say; that all six of these men were members of church; four of us were members of the Presbyterian church, one of the Associate Reformed church, and one of what we then called the Seceders' church. Three of these men became ministers of the gospel. Brother Morrison still lives to represent one of these three; and by the way, I may remark just here that after Dr. McMaster left college and I had graduated, they tried to get me to go to New Albany Seminary to study theology, but Dr. Anderson called the class together one day and very kindly informed us that he would like for all of us to study theology but did not want any \$450 preachers out of us. So, I concluded I would not study theology.

In regard to the mental caliber of our men, I will allude only to the ability with which all that were concerned in the foundation of the society performed their work, and the sagacity with which it was carried out. You have the Bond, which I regard as almost perfect, showing the ability of those who formulated that Bond. You see to-day the effects of the commencement of our work in the growth of our society, which is now scattered all over this grand country. You represent here to-night ten thousand members, and Brother Morrison and I in our memories reach 'way back to fifty years ago when there were only six of us. It is not necessary that I should mention those who were connected with the earlier life of the society. Our history shows the character of the men who laid out and worked out the plans upon which our organization was based.

In regard to the possibility of the society being merely local and only temporary—a matter to which Brother Morrison has alluded—subsequent events have shown that that certainly could not have been entertained by us for a moment. I will give you one instance to show that we had no such idea as that. Very shortly after the organization of the society—the next vacation—I went home to Knox county. I lived near Kenyon College. My brother and another man who was afterwards my brother-in-law were members of the senior class. I was appointed by the society at Miami to secure those men, if possible, with the view of placing a chapter in Kenyon College, and I was furnished with a copy of the Bond and constitution to give to them. I went and secured those men, and, as it has been so long ago, I have forgotten just why a chapter was not organized there at that time. I think, however, it was because those two men were in the senior class and graduated, and went out of college before they had an opportunity of perfecting any organization. Another idea which I think is correct, is that at that time the Kenyon faculty were opposed to secret societies. That, however, is sufficient to show that from the very start we did not intend that the society should be merely local, or temporary. Brother Morrison has given you other instances to the same effect.

I have nothing more particularly to say. All that occurred after that you have had as a matter of history, and all are perhaps as familiar with it as I am. This is the first time I have ever been permitted to meet in the national convention, though I have attended smaller gatherings of the fraternity. It is unnecessary for me to say that I have been more than pleased with all I have seen and heard during the sessions of this convention. I am pleased to see that you are now amending your constitution, which I think is all right; it shows a live, progressive and healthy condition. There is one thing, however, that I have never heard, and never expect to hear you will undertake to change or amend or improve upon in any way, and that is the grand old Bond that unites us as brothers [great applause]. While I am an old man and hardly expected ever to meet you again, I have been so rejuvenated by meeting with you to-night that I now think that I shall be able to meet with you again, not in another semi-centennial anniversary, but in the next biennial meeting of our fraternity [great applause].

THE TOASTMASTER: We have a letter from our third surviving founder, which will be read to us by Brother Dr. Brown. It is a short production and well worth listening to.

Dr. John Edwin Brown, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '84, then read the following communication from Col. Andrew Watts Rogers:

WARRENSBURG, MO., November 18, 1898.

DEAR BROTHERS—It grieves me more than I can tell not to be able to be with you on the great occasion of the celebration of the semi-centennial of the founding of our beloved fraternity. I can scarcely realize that fifty years have so nearly passed away since Morrison, Wilson, Lindley, Drake, and οὗ Πόγερου (as the boys used to call Ardivan W. and myself) met and organized the society which from that small and humble beginning has become so great in numbers, power and influence as we see it to-day. Surely we builded better than we knew. We had no idea at that time of future limits or extension. The needs of the then present environments seemed to dictate the organization. The first care was the endeavor to have the basic principles correct; to eliminate or prevent as far as possible what of evil tendencies we had observed in other similar organizations; to set the society properly on its feet; to give it a fair start, and as to the future, to 'let chance and time determine.'

We see what we have now. But what else might we expect coming from the brains of (to say nothing of the living) such men as Wilson, Drake and Ardivan W. Rodgers? Men trained in a school of thought which estimated things at their real worth, that made no compromise with evil and fostered in them an ambition, the highest earthly culmination of which was to be useful to their fellow-men. I need say nothing of Brothers Morrison and Lindley. More fortunate than I, they, I hope, are with you and can speak if necessary for themselves, while I, the humblest of them all, only claim as my full meed of reward, to be remembered with them whom you are sometimes wont to call 'the immortal six.'

I congratulate the fraternity upon its wonderful growth in number and territorial expansion, on its significant power and influence in morals, science, art and literature, that it enrolls men of most eminent distinction in all the learned professions, and upon the fact that from

its ranks have been drawn material to fill many, even the most exalted, positions of responsibility, trust and honor of our beloved government.

Surely the Phi Delta Theta can not be set down as a failure; nor again as an organization whose tendency is alone to promote and foster selfish interests, but rather to excite youthful ambition to that which is great in its goodness and good in its greatness.

Permit me, my dear brothers, to extend to you my hearty greetings—my congratulations upon the fact that you are so fortunate as to be present at this the celebration of the semi-centennial of the Phi Delta Theta.

Yours in the Bond,

ANDREW WATTS ROGERS, *Miami*, '51.

The secretary of the general council, Walter R. Brown, *Minnesota*, '89, proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in national convention assembled, that we telegraph to Colonel Andrew Watts Rogers our congratulations, and our regrets at his inability to be present at our semi-centennial banquet.

DR. JOHN EDWIN BROWN : Mr. Toastmaster and brother Phis: I have three short letters from other early members of Miami, and by your leave I will now read them, as it will take but a moment :

MY DEAR SIR—Your letter has been forwarded to me here, and I am very sorry to disappoint my brethren of the Phi Delta Theta, but it will be absolutely impossible for me to accept the invitation to be present at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. I have been engaged as principal counsel for Venezuela in the boundary arbitration with Great Britain, and the work involved is so great that I have been compelled to decline every invitation of this kind. I have worked every day all summer, and can not now take time for what would be so great a pleasure. Trusting that the occasion may prove successful in every way, and assuring you of my best wishes for the prosperity of our beloved fraternity, I am

Very truly yours in the Bond,

New York, N. Y.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, *Miami*, '52.

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your letter and in reply I regret to have to state that it will be impossible for me to accept your kind invitation to attend the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of Phi Delta Theta, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, during Thanksgiving week, as I have just returned from a vacation which has exhausted all of my available leave of absence for this year.

It would afford me very great pleasure to attend this anniversary of the founding of our fraternity and to meet Bros. Morrison and Lindley, two of its founders whom I personally knew in college, and also to make the acquaintance of others, who, while their juniors in date of membership, have the same warm devotion to the interests of the society which their seniors have ever manifested.

We may well be proud of the growth and success of our fraternity, which from a feeble beginning half a century ago in the dark days of 'old Miami,' has extended until it now covers this continent from the

Atlantic to the Pacific and from the lakes to the gulf, and exceeds in numbers many of its rivals which can boast of greater age.

Wishing you a large attendance and a very pleasant meeting, I remain
Yours in the Bond,

JOHN K. BOUDE, *Miami*, '52.

Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR—I have delayed replying until I could definitely determine the question of my being able, as I earnestly desired, to be present at the Phi Delta Theta convention next week.

It is now settled, as I feared, that imperative business engagements will positively prevent my presence, and I feel compelled to give up all idea of being able to attend.

With best wishes for the success of the semi-centennial convention, believe me
Fraternally yours,

Dayton, Ohio.

JOHN N. STODDARD, *Miami*, '58.

THE TOASTMASTER : I can hardly imagine anybody connected with the convention having as much difficulty as I have had, not only in remembering the members by names, but also in giving them their proper locations. However, there are some names so prominent in Phi Delta Theta that I can never forget them : Brown, for instance. There has been no great scarcity of Smiths ; also, we have had our share of Joneses, but the name of Brown has been especially prominent in this fraternity. One, of Indianapolis, has been president of the general council ; I read a telegram from him to-night. One, of Minneapolis, is now secretary of the general council, and one, of Columbus, was formerly secretary of the general council and for years editor of THE SCROLL. At every convention the question ' Which Brown ? ' is asked with great frequency.

I can not refrain from relating a little incident that occurred at the railroad station last Sunday afternoon, when Brother Dr. J. E. Brown, chairman of the local committee, went there to welcome any incoming Phis. Of course, there was a great deal of noise in the station, in the way of blowing of whistles, ringing of bells and the rumbling of trucks and other vehicles. Indeed, it is with difficulty that a man with the most acute ear can hear distinctly and accurately just what is said.

The train rolled in and from it stepped several Phis, among them Brother Palmer. One of them was Brother Phetteplace, the delegate from Brown University. Brother Palmer introduced the delegates to Dr. Brown. ' Brother Phetteplace, Brother Brown,' said Brother Palmer. Brother Brown extended the right hand of fellowship and blandly inquired, ' What place ? ' ' Brown,' said Brother Phetteplace. ' Brown,' exclaimed the doctor, ' why, my name is Brown ;

how are you?' A bewildered look overspread the features of Brother Phetteplace and then reflected itself on those of Brother Brown, as both realized that there was some misunderstanding; but the confusion in the station was too great for easy explanation, and both of them walked away feeling that something had been left unsaid.

In assigning to Brother Frank D. Swope, *Hanover*, '85, the subject next to be discussed—'Kentucky Colonels,' it was not the purpose of the committee that all the military geniuses of the state of Kentucky bearing that title should be spoken of, but we know of no better field in which the merits of that reticent and obscure member of the fraternity might be displayed on this occasion [applause].

[From all parts of the hall members came bearing smilax wreaths which had decorated the banquet tables and wound them around Brother Swope's neck and over his head. When the uproar occasioned by this incident had partially subsided, he proceeded:]

BROTHER SWOPE: Gentlemen, brothers, friends and revelers:

If this were the favorite green product of the state of Kentucky, and if I had here the other necessary ingredients, I would cram the whole thing down your throats [great laughter].

My topic, as announced in a paper this evening, would lead you to believe, perhaps, that I was about to speak upon a subject which certainly interests me more than any other subject—myself. The subject was announced by one of the evening papers as 'Kentucky Colonel Frank D. Swope' [renewed laughter]. However, I am prevented from speaking upon this subject by bearing in mind a little verse which I saw in a paper the other day. I am a pretty good hand at blowing my own horn, as was insinuated by the worthy toastmaster, as well as the horn of the song-book, but this verse put me down completely.

It was as follows:

A tutor who tooted the flute,
Tried to teach two young tutors to toot;
Said the two to the tutor,
'Is it harder to toot, or
To tutor two tutors to toot?' [Great laughter.]

So, although I am a pretty good tooter, yet I am not going to toot my own horn this evening [renewed laughter]. Our open motto forbids any such procedure. *Eis άνθρω οὐδεις άνθρω*, liberally translated, means 'a single man is a damned fool' [great applause and laughter]. Naturally, therefore, as I can not put myself in that class, I can not talk about myself alone.

However, there is something very appropriate in asking me in Columbus, Ohio, to respond to the subject of Kentucky colonels. It may not occur to any of the residents of Columbus why there is that appropriateness; but this is about the thirty-fifth anniversary of an event which concerns some Kentucky colonels very nearly, for about thirty-five years ago, locked up in the Ohio state penitentiary, were a number of young Kentucky colonels, captains and lieutenants who

have now attained great prominence in Kentucky. One of these, a *Pat* is Colonel Thomas W. Ballitt; and amongst others were General Basil Drake and the late Judge Thomas Hines, of the highest court of our state, the Kentucky court of appeals. But they were not all *Colonels* when they were here. Colonel Ballitt, whom I at one time asked about this subject, said when he was in the army he was a lieutenant. While he was incarcerated in the Columbus penitentiary he was *promoted* to a captaincy. After he returned to Kentucky his friends and acquaintances *promoted* him to that proud title of colonel, which he bears to this day.

A very wide subject has been assigned to me—Kentucky Colonels—but I hope it will not prove a dry one [laughter]. The state of Kentucky is a very large and fine state. Many people think that it is confined to the blue-grass, but I quote from a speech which was made by a young lawyer of my state before a jury, when he had been twitted by an opposing lawyer with being from that district known as the b'ar-grass region. He said: 'Gentlemen of the jury, I am not ashamed of the district of this great and glorious state from which I come. All Kentucky, gentlemen of the jury, is divided into five parts. The mountains, the blue-grass, the b'ar-grass, the pennyrile and the purchase; but the greatest of all is the b'ar-grass' [laughter].

Beginning with the mountains, however, I will discuss the state systematically from one end to the other [groans and laughter]. Yes, from one end to the other, or until I am requested to stop [renewed groans and laughter]. However, I will say that such a request will not be noticed unless it is put in writing and handed in at the secretary's desk [renewed laughter and applause].

John Fox tells an anecdote of his experience in the mountains with a mountaineer, as illustrating Kentucky hospitality, and I will say that Kentucky hospitality is as high as the mountains of the eastern portion and is as long as the tortuous passage of the Ohio that bounds it on the north. Mr. Fox was riding in the mountains one day, and at dinner time he came to the cabin of one of the natives. Being very hungry, he dismounted, and asked if he might stop for dinner. The mountaineer assured him he could. When they were seated at the table a dish of potatoes was brought in, and it proved to be all that there was for dinner. The mountaineer, however, was not at all embarrassed, but said: 'Stranger, take one of them thar taters! Take two of them thar taters! Take three of them thar taters! In fact, stranger, take damn nigh all of them thar taters!' [Great laughter and applause].

Well, Mr. Toastmaster, since you have introduced me as both reticent and obscure, since the company seems so unwilling to hear me discuss the state of Kentucky from end to end, and since the hour grows late, and there are yet many brilliant speakers sitting here with their minds on their own speeches and not on mine, and their pockets bulging with memoranda of jokes, stories and witty sayings, I feel inclined to retire to the obscurity whence you have dragged me forth. If the next convention should come to Louisville, I shall make it my special duty to see that every man forms an acquaintance with Kentucky colonels that he can remember all his life. The whole-souled hospitality of the Kentucky mountaineer of whom I have spoken is the kind that, I promise you, will be extended to you in Louisville in 1900 [loud applause, cheers, stamping of feet, cat calls, cries of 'Louisville,' 'Swope,' 'who swiped Swope?' 'What soap does Swope use?' and general rioting].

THE TOASTMASTER : As I said in the beginning, we are standing to-night at the equator of our first century. Much time during our recent session has been devoted to the contemplation of things past. As we have gone through the past we have constantly been reminded of the future. What our horoscope may be will be well defined by Brother Frederick Samuel Ball, *Ohio State*, '88.

BROTHER BALL : Brother Toastmaster and brother Phis :

I am neither a prophet, nor a son of a prophet, but any man acquainted with the past of Phi Delta Theta need not be a prophet to see a bright future in store for this fraternity. I believe that throughout all ages God has had a plan, and the acme of that plan is perfect manhood. I believe that in the progress of civilization we have reached the acme of that plan in the United States of America. I believe that God has it in that plan that the Anglo-Saxon race shall dominate this world [applause]. And I believe that God has planned such things as this great fraternity, his chosen instrument for its creation being our venerable founder, our beloved Brother Morrison, whose mind conceived and whose hand wrote the Bond of Phi Delta Theta [great applause]. The principles upon which our fraternity are founded are imperishable. The men who have signed that Bond, and who have pledged eternal faith to the principles contained therein, are the best that can be found. They are selected, in the first place, from the ranks of the best manhood in this country, from the best institutions of learning ; and the best men in those institutions, if we make no mistakes, are the men who compose the order of Phi Delta Theta.

I would have Phi Delta Theta in 1948 be the ideal realization of the dream of my boyhood days of what the ancient Greek was. I would have him a man perfect in stature; a physically perfect man, if that thing be possible. In the members of this fraternity I would have the fulfillment of the Bond which we have sworn allegiance to uphold. I would have them cultured in every respect; I would have them moral; I would have them religious. I would have them turn their backs upon those things which tear down manhood, and I would have their faces pointed onward and upward. I would have them first and foremost in the march of human progress [applause]. We have as our patron goddess Pallas, the goddess of wisdom; and the watchword which I give you to-night for the next fifty years shall be the one word represented by that patron goddess—the one word 'wisdom.' May the future of Phi Delta Theta be carved out in the highest wisdom that God can give to man, and may we in 1948 find in Phi Delta Theta the acme of all that is good and all that is noble and all that is true in man [applause].

THE TOASTMASTER : We have with us this evening one who does not belong to the same class as the founders of our fraternity, yet who is so nearly allied to them in age, experience and relationships that we can scarcely distinguish him from one of the founders. He was with the organization in its early youth, and is with it to-day. I have the pleasure of presenting to you our brother, Dr. Andrew C. Kemper, *Miami*, '53, who will speak upon the subject of 'The Cradle of Phi Delta Theta—Old Miami.'

BROTHER KEMPER: Mr. President and brothers:

I object to being classed with the founders of Phi Delta Theta, because I am not so old as that [laughter]. And latterly I have had very little experience in rocking cradles, so what I know about cradles is very limited. I know that they are made of a great variety of material. I have heard of their being made of gold, of mahogany, of polished walnut, of solid oak and of the sugar tree trough. Now, perhaps, it was a sugar tree trough in which Phi Delta Theta was cradled at Miami [laughter and applause]. But I do not know that the material out of which the cradle was made is of such importance as some other of the circumstances that might have had an influence upon that young chap in the cradle. What was he fed upon? What was his diet? What was the atmosphere that he breathed? What was the horizon that bounded the vision of his young eyes, as he first began to use them and search into the distance beyond him?

I can illustrate by pointing you to the Gulf Stream, one of the most wonderful things in nature, with its warm waters from the southern hemisphere blowing up along the side of the continent, striking the headlands of the north and veering off until it makes the Emerald Isle. So are there streams of civilization, and one of them started from that very Emerald Isle where Scotch-Irish Presbyterianism had its birth. There came from thence to this country the Tennetts. They were the first of those who came here to preach the gospel, the gospel of Jesus Christ; there is no other gospel worth mentioning. He settled himself in the eastern portion of our country, and built his stake-and-rider rail fence about him, and within that enclosure he established his home, his school-house, his church, and from that plantation came forth the church of America, the schools of America and the homes of America, each one of which has a distinct and individual character in and of and by itself.

Those school-houses came to be known as the log school-houses. They spread themselves around through Virginia, by virtue of the labors of Gilbert Tennett and his brothers and others of his family, and many who joined with him in his ideas. They spread down through the valley of the Shenandoah, as well as up the valley of the Potomac, and along with them went the church which came to be in subsequent years the Presbyterian church in the United States of America. The church was a church of the people, by the people and for the people. The people were priest, king, prophet. There were none between them and their God except the Savior, the mediator—the only church that is adapted in its form of government to a free people, every one of whom has the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

That log school-house was based upon the idea that religion was at the bottom, the solid bottom of all true education. That home was a church; that home was a school. There was no primogeniture; every man there was the equal of every other. The Bible was the text-book of the home, as it was of the church and of the school. It colored all the wind, all the waters of that great gulf stream that struck this nation, and flowed through these states westward. Then there came about that wonderful legislation, so wonderful that it marks a period in the history of mankind, creating the Northwest Territory, which seemed as though it was made expressly to open up for this school, this church, this home, this great Northwest Territory in which you and I are called upon to live and act.

Brother Morrison, it was that gulf stream that struck old Miami;

it was the influence of that gulf stream that created Miami. No college has ever succeeded in making strictly first-class citizens which was not under the care and direction of men who regarded religion as one of the chief things in education; and that old Miami University was under the care and supervision of the strongest minds, the best statesmen, the purest christians, under the care of the loveliest mothers of this grand western country. It was that that gave to Miami such a host of alumni so highly honored—Matthews and McGuffey, Junkin, McMaster, Anderson—when shall I cease naming men whom the longer we look at, the greater they grow in our estimate of them? That was what made Miami what it was, and the Phi Delta Theta that was born there was a legitimately born son of true parents, and could not be anything else than they were. No man under the influence of that gulf stream of civilization undertaking to found a Greek fraternity could do anything else than write the Bond of the Phi Delta Theta [applause].

Every man builds better than he knows if he builds right, because God is building for eternity, and every brick that is laid, is laid by his hands. Rocked in the cradle! Think of it! That was a glorious cradle, and Old Miami was a glorious place, and may there ever be Christian education in this Christian land upon which to found our Christian civilization. God speed our nation, and he will solve the problem without our consent, or discussion. He will send Phi Delta Theta far away around the earth. I do not know how many Phis there are in the Philippine Islands now—I think thirty-seven or thirty-eight, more or less. I hear talk of their getting an alumni chapter over there, and I hope they may. I am proud to-night to have borne a sword up the Tennessee river, through Shiloh and Corinth and Mississippi, 'round Washington, through Richmond, into New Orleans. I am proud to have borne that sword in the true spirit of Phi Delta Theta, and I thank God that that sword to-day is in the Philippine Islands, defending the stars and stripes, fighting for liberty, not for conquest [great applause].

I thank you all. I am very glad to be present here to-night, and it has given me peculiar pleasure to hear of my boyhood days—my earliest boyhood days. But it took my breath away when they asked me to join Phi Delta Theta—it took my breath away. I was right from the farm; I went up there to old Miami. Morrison was lingering around some place, I don't know just where, but he was not far off. Brother Andrew Watts Rogers was in the neighborhood, too, and this other man from whom you heard the letter read to-night. I knew them all. Ben Harrison and I wrangled a little about some unimportant things, and I went out, but the boy that carries the sword brought me back again [great applause, followed by three cheers for Lieut. James B. Kemper at Manila].

THE TOASTMASTER: It was our anticipation we would be favored with a poem on the subject of 'Our Semi-Centennial,' but Brother Abbott is not able to be present this evening, and in his place, with the privilege of speaking as he pleases and upon whatsoever subject he chooses, I will introduce Brother and Captain George H. English, Jr., *Missouri*, '97.

BROTHER ENGLISH: Mr. Toastmaster and brother Phis:

I was not aware that I should be called upon to address this banquet this evening, and I shall not detain you long. I am told to speak upon whatsoever topic I choose, and as that is a wide subject, I shall make it extremely short. The subject which lies next to my heart, which has been brought up particularly by the speech of Brother Kemper, and which is suggested to me by the title which I once bore, and by which I was introduced to you, is the subject of the part played by Phi Delta Theta in the late unpleasantness with Spain.

About three months ago there sat upon the top of Snodgrass hill, in the confines of Chickamauga park, a small but enthusiastic body of Phis, who were at that time engaged in fighting, bleeding and dying for the benefit of these United States. They fought, bled and died entirely within the confines of Chickamauga park, and all of them have since returned to the United States, as I understand. In that party was Brother Knox, who is here to-night, Brother Gardner who is known to many of you, Brother Switzler, myself and numerous other Phis. They were a body of men who were deeply imbued with the spirit of the Phi Delta Theta, and who showed it even under inauspicious circumstances. Other fraternities had held their meetings, and Brother Knox decided that our fraternity must be upheld, so he instituted a Pan-hellenic banquet, and he had another friend come in with him. Those two constituted the Pan-hellenic banquet. They brushed off their blue shirts—that is what we called washing in the army—shaking them in the wind and then putting them on. Brother Knox did that, and brushed up his uniform and went down to the hostelry at Lytle Station and there indulged in a water-melon, and came back and told the other boys what a good time he had had down there at the Pan-hellenic banquet.

I could tell a great many things that occurred in the army, but will only say here that Phi Delta Theta was represented more strongly than any other fraternity, and that its principles were upheld all the way through, whether upon the bloody fields of battle, or patiently enduring the hardships of camp life. The men were always cheerful, ready and willing to be sent to the front, and had circumstances allowed it, the banner of Phi Delta Theta would have taken its place beside the stars and stripes in the bloody conflict which might have occurred [applause].

THE TOASTMASTER: In 1873, when I attended my first convention of Phi Delta Theta, being then a mere stripling in years and rather emotional, I was very much affected by the eloquent words which fell from the lips of Brother Beckwith of Georgia. I then felt and then said that one strong instrumentality in reconciling the differences between the north and the south would be the college fraternities, and especially did I believe that to be true of Phi Delta Theta. The emotions I then felt were nothing more than a prophecy, but I have beheld year by year these differences fading away, and at the same time witnessed the growth of the Phi Delta Theta both in the north and the south. Seemingly all that remained to remove the last vestige of sectionalism was wiped out in the magnificent outpouring of patriotism under the

call of the president for volunteers, to uphold the honor and dignity of the United States in its war with Spain [applause]. From the day of that presidential call, since that hour, there have been no differences between the north and the south. And I say that a large instrumentality in bringing about the brotherhood of Americans between the north and the south is the college fraternities, and among them our own. This thought suggests the next subject, 'Puritan and Cavalier.' I introduce Daniel Fitts, Jr., *Williams*, '99, who will respond to that toast.

BROTHER FITTS: Brother Toastmaster and brother Phi :

While I consider it a great honor to be permitted to address this assembly, I do not think I should take up your time in any lengthy address, for no mantle of a Chauncey Depew or a Frank Swope has ever fallen on me, and the introduction of our toastmaster is in my case a little overdrawn. My remarks on this subject will therefore be brief, but there are one or two thoughts which have been suggested by our toastmaster, and which I shall dwell upon for a moment.

The west has always been considered the stronghold of our fraternity. That is no doubt true, as the west is the birthplace of Phi Delta Theta ; but about nineteen years ago, in 1879, Phi Delta Theta crossed the Hudson river and planted itself in New England, the first chapter there being formed at the University of Vermont. From that year the movement in New England has been very rapid. It is true that Phi Delta Theta has found a great deal to contend with there, being obliged to come in competition with older fraternities, but I wish to caution our brothers from the west that one day perhaps they can not claim the stronghold of this fraternity, because the New England chapters are seeking to make that section of the country the stronghold of Phi Delta Theta. Not exactly the stronghold either, but we are seeking to make the fraternity a unit throughout the entire country. We wish to make every section a stronghold; not to have any one particular place which it can be said is stronger than another.

Brother Tompkins spoke of the late war with Spain as having been very instrumental in wiping out sectionalism. Now, that is what we in the east have always looked forward to. The national sentiment is a thing that Phi Delta Theta has always aided in bringing about in the past, and will continue to do so in years to come. All, of course, are desirous to make Phi Delta Theta the strongest, as it is already the best college fraternity, everywhere in the United States, and it is with this hope that we are all here from the east, the west, the north and the south; and when that end is reached, as we expect it to be reached soon, I hope that we will all be there to rejoice at the outcome of this grand movement [applause].

THE TOASTMASTER: I will introduce one whom I am pleased to see with us to-night, and who is an exemplification of the patriotism that is to be found in the breast of every loyal Phi, Sergeant and Brother Ernest G. Smith, *Lafayette*, '94, of the regular army.

BROTHER SMITH: Brother Toastmaster and brothers in the Bond :

Having for the last few months undergone through the authority of the war department a rather uncertain condition of affairs with refer-

ence to military orders. I submit to-night to the order of this fraternity headquarters with reference to the toast which I am to respond to. In regard to the army, brothers in the Bond, I have to say this: I was impressed when in the pages of THE SCROLL I glanced over the record of Phi Delta Theta with reference to its captains and higher officers than captains: with reference to a number of first lieutenants, for they were many, and with reference to second lieutenants, for they were many more. But I was still greater impressed with reference to the number of privates in the United States army, both regular and volunteer, their number far exceeding the list of officers. I am proud of that, boys: I am proud of that for the reason that every private who has gone out who has been a Phi Delta Theta, who has been a college-bred man, has given up something, has given up more than he cares to tell about to become even a private in Uncle Sam's army.

The number of privates that Phi Delta Theta sent out in the army of the United States showed to me what patriotism existed among the members of this fraternity, and that our men were willing to give up anything, everything that pertained to their own selfish interests—give it up willingly—to this nation. Those who have not seen active service any where on the firing line have displayed a heroism that is second only to the heroism that has been displayed upon the fighting line. Every man who went out into the service and who suffered silently in camp, or on the battle field is a hero, and he is a worthy hero. There can not be any distinction drawn between the men who have seen battles and the men who have not seen battles [applause].

Many of you perhaps have wondered whether or not the sacrifices the volunteers and regulars have made for the government have been entirely without reward. When at night in the regular service or in the volunteer army we heard the regimental band play that grand old national hymn, the 'Star Spangled Banner,' there came to every one in the ranks—I do not care whether a commissioned officer, a non-commissioned officer or a private—there came to him a feeling that what he had given up to get into the ranks was only a small matter. When the evening gun was fired and the flag came down, and at the same signal the band began to play, he felt as if he were a better man. And so to-night I say that every man in the service was elevated and ennobled by the mere fact that he was enlisted, whether as officer or private, to fight the battles of his country, and to defend the flag which floats above us and protects us all [great applause].

THE TOASTMASTER: When the committee having the duty of selecting toasts selected the one which is next in order, we little dreamt of its appropriateness, but the one who will respond to it is a married man, and as he takes that small object in his arms, somewhat red and not very expressive at this time, he can truthfully inquire 'What's your name?' But I do not believe the answer will come as it is written here. I will introduce Brother Marcus Gaston Evans, *Wooster*, '77, who will respond to the toast 'What's your name?—Phi-keia' [applause].

BROTHER EVANS: Brother Toastmaster and brother Phis:

When this toast was first proposed to me, I could not comprehend what it meant, and, to tell you the truth, I do not comprehend it yet altogether. Brother Tompkins has spoken about the young infant I have

had at my house, now about three weeks old, but I can not give any light in that direction—[great applause and cries 'Another little Phi?' 'Boy or girl?']. I can not give any light in that direction, for the simple reason that he has not been named yet, but I am going to make a Phi out of him [applause].

I believe that *Φικελα* has some connection with the ritual adopted since I was at college. With regard to the ritual, I have a little reminiscence to relate, which is a part of the history of the fraternity, but which I do not think is very generally known among you. On one occasion the national grand chapter, which was then at Wooster, completely suspended and abrogated the existing ritual, and initiated some twelve or fifteen members under an improvised ritual gotten up on the day upon which they were initiated. Now, it is a very serious thing in any order to suspend the ritual. In most fraternities it is not permitted under any circumstances, but we, then being the national grand, had the power under the laws of the order to grant charters. We had an application from Buchtel College, signed by some twelve or fifteen students who wanted to come into the fraternity. We granted the application and, according to the arrangements, they were to come to Wooster to be initiated. They came, arriving upon a morning train. Everything was going smoothly and happily up to that time, but lo! and behold, on the same morning there appeared upon the streets, and all over the university and all over the city in fact, a publication of our ritual, and it was complete in every detail. Of course it went into the hands of all these candidates. They read it. We were humiliated to the highest degree, and in fact we did not know exactly what we would better do. We could not confess to them that it was a publication of the true ritual, because it was contrary to the Bond, and yet at the same time, we did not feel like initiating them that night according to the ritual as they already knew it, and as it was published. So a few of us gathered together, and, in a downcast sort of way, went into consultation as to the best method to pursue under the circumstances. The result was that we concluded to get up a new ritual, entirely—a new ritual, except the Bond.

We prepared the new ritual and initiated the men under it that night. Of course, it was not so very complete; we probably introduced a great deal more frivolity than we otherwise would. We afterwards explained fully to the charter members that we could not, of course, under the circumstances, initiate them under the old ritual, and being the national grand chapter, we had the power, as we considered, to grant ourselves a special dispensation for that occasion, and we did so. I never have seen an account of that printed in any periodical of the order, and, consequently, I do not believe that the fact is generally known that such a thing ever occurred in our fraternity. That was the start of the agitation for a new ritual.

Now, my brothers, I am not going to take up any more of your time. I merely want to say this: that I believe the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in its personnel, is the best Greek letter fraternity in the United States [great applause]. I believe that the chapters all over this union are very careful in the selection of their members. If you ever deviate from that course, my brothers, it will be the downfall of the fraternity. I happen to be in possession of certain information with regard to other societies that take in members indiscriminately. Those societies are being weakened; the good men that already belong to them are pulling out. The good men that they ought to get will not go in them, simply for the reason that they have gotten into the hands

of inferior men, which means downfall and ruin. So long as you maintain the principles that this fraternity has always maintained, and is maintaining now, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity will continue to be, as she is now, the greatest Greek letter fraternity in the world. I thank you, gentlemen, [great applause].

THE TOASTMASTER : We have reached that point in the program which is known as 'The Pyx.' It is a free for all, without limitation : no restriction as to subject, and I will first introduce at the head of this list our old brother Hon. William E. Bundy, *Ohio, '85*, of Cincinnati.

BROTHER BUNDY : Brother Toastmaster, honored founders and brother Phis :

I am reminded of the advice my grandfather used to give me at the time when as a boy I entered the Ohio University, and was in the habit of looking up, as most of us did at that time, to Brother Emmett Tompkins as an old man. You may all observe how well, through good care, bodily and mentally, he has been preserved. My grandfather impressed upon me the truth of the old adage : 'Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.' But I never get with a body like this, even though the hands of the clock may show the early morn, that it does not occur to me that it is just as well to go to bed early in the morning and get up early in the afternoon [laughter].

I notice that we have with us to-night, as a delegate from the alumni chapter of Cincinnati, the perennial delegate that we always elect upon this particular occasion. The chapter has not had any meeting, but bearing in mind that advice of Brother Morrison that in this order God and one man constitute a quorum, Brother Bonham had a meeting at Cincinnati last night. There was a quorum there ; but it does not develop yet as to who signed Brother Bonham's credentials to this convention [renewed laughter].

What has impressed me most to-night occurred in the early part of the festivities of this occasion. First the band played the inspiring tune of Dixie [applause]. I never hear that song that I do not feel I can never wonder again why the gallant boys of the southern confederacy marched and fought so valiantly for their cause. Following that came the strains of Yankee Doodle. All cheered to that old tune of the republic. Then one and all joined in that grand acclaim, 'My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty.'

Christian ethics, founded upon the Bible, teaches that man has three great duties to perform : one to his God, one to his country and one to himself. The very foundation of our system of government is the home, and its safety and perpetuity depend upon the education, the morality and the patriotism of the sovereign people, and I know of no instrument that has ever been written that contributes more to these three great principles and upon which they can be better founded than the great, the inviolable, the everlasting Bond of the Phi Delta Theta [great and long continued applause]. I say this to you, brothers : All praise to Brother Kemper, who carries his father's sword in the far-away Philippines, and to his comrades and our brothers there in arms. Let these beautiful words, this beautiful verse of our literature and of our song, be to them their watchword and their inspiration :

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigured you and me ;
As he died to make men happy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on !

[Great applause.]

THE TOASTMASTER : We have with us a brother who has been honored by his state, and who has done honor to his state, Brother Thomas H. McConica, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '81, whom I now present to you.

BROTHER MCCONICA : Mr. Toastmaster and brother Phis :

I had hoped that some new rule had been adopted by our fraternity providing that at some time during the course of the twenty-four hours Phi Delta Thetas were supposed to go to bed [laughter and applause]. It seems, however, that such amendment has not yet been made.

It has been twenty years since I became a Phi—seventeen years since I left college. But I want to say, my brothers, that I have been most wonderfully pleased with this session. I have been very much renewed in my Phi Delta Theta faith by coming to this convention and attending this banquet. I always had a very high opinion of our fraternity. I met with many loyal good fellows while I was in college who were members of this fraternity. It was a very great help to me, and I hope that my boys—and I have two promising little fellows at home [applause]—I want to see them, before many days, rank among those who wear the colors of this fraternity [renewed applause]. It is the influence of an association like this which a young man in college needs.

I had a pretty good time at college. A man can not be around where Brother Bonham is without having more or less enjoyment as he goes along. When he gets up to speak he will take the balance of the night, and that is the reason they put me in ahead of him [laughter]. But I want you, young men, to have a rattling good time in college now [laughter]. You owe it to yourselves [renewed laughter]. Recently, while visiting the college at Delaware, I was called on to say something. I told the boys that I did not think I had as much fun as I ought to have had. I suggested to the boys that they ought to have more fun than I did, and the faculty did not cheer me at all. But, be men ; stand up for your principles ; do your duty. Do all that, but have a good time, because you will be in college but once.

I am very glad to see so representative a class of gentlemen here as delegates to this convention. I am assured that the interests of Phi Delta Theta have fallen into worthy hands. The spirit that I see manifested here to-night convinces me that the fraternity will go on in the future with increased momentum, and it is a source of delight to me. I want to know where the next convention is going to be held, and I hope it will be somewhere in the United States [great laughter and cheering].

I might say this : I happened to have something to do with the institution which Brother Swope says was visited by the Kentucky colonels during the war, the Ohio penitentiary. Now, if any of you gentlemen would like to visit that institution while you are here, I will extend to you the courtesies of the institution in order to enable you to do so, and if you will call on Brother Dr. Brown I will see that you get the proper credentials to admit you. [A voice: 'How about getting out?'] Well, I will give you a pass that will get you in, and then you will have to look out for yourselves [laughter].

THE TOASTMASTER : I want to introduce one of our brothers who may not do a great deal of speaking, but we will insist on his doing some whistling, Brother John B. Ballou, *Wooster*, '97.

After Brother Ballou had responded to the request of the toastmaster a delegate said: 'Mr. Chairman: I move you, sah, dat de brudder repeat de cho'us.'

THE TOASTMASTER: If the brother will not whistle any more for us, I should like to present to you one more, who will close the speaking for the evening, or night, if you please, and that is Brother Scott Bonham, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '82, of Cincinnati.

BROTHER BONHAM: Mr. Toastmaster and young gentlemen of Phi Delta Theta:

I did not think I was going to be called upon at all [groans and cries of 'Ah-h']. If you don't believe it, I will show you the speech I have written for the occasion [reaching in his inside coat pocket]; written impromptu by me in the hotel this afternoon [great laughter and cheering]. It is very late—

THE TOASTMASTER: Not for you [laughter].

BROTHER BONHAM: Brother Tompkins is about right, I think; but I haven't any twins at home [laughter]; I wish I had [renewed laughter]. I am always delighted to be at a convention of Phi Delta Theta. I have had the pleasure of attending three besides this one. I had not expected to be here at all until within a day or two ago, and so wrote to Dr. Brown. It was, though, with great pleasure that I was able to arrange my affairs so as to come to Columbus to be here this evening. The first convention I was at was in 1880. The worthy toastmaster and also Brother Palmer are mementos of the convention of 1880 at Indianapolis. I do not believe that a more enthusiastic delegate ever came back from a convention than I was when as a sophomore I returned from Indianapolis eighteen years ago. I thought I was about the hottest baby—well, in the bunch, or that ever came down the pike [great laughter and applause]. I had the pleasure, after graduation, of being at the New York convention in 1886, and again at Atlanta in 1892. I believe my first meeting in a convention with Brother Frank Swope was at Atlanta in 1892, and I have had tender recollections of him ever since [laughter and applause]; and I suppose I always will have, for occasionally Frank sends me up some five or ten-dollar tailor bills to collect for some friends of his [laughter and applause]. In other words, Frank and I believe in the reciprocity business between Cincinnati and Louisville, and we are doing the best we can in that direction.

I think I am safe in predicting that Phi Delta Theta is bound to be what I believe I am right in saying it already is, it is bound to continue to be the best fraternity in America [great applause]. That prediction is based upon the appearance of the young men who constitute the delegations to this convention. At that Indianapolis convention, for its memory still clings to me, I thought we had the handsomest crowd of young men that any fraternity at that time could get together. But I am free to confess that you double-discount anything we had there at that time.

We have with us to-night Brother Jason Blackford, of the class of 1863 at Ohio Wesleyan University, from whom I should like to hear something. I don't know whether he ever attended a convention before or not. He has on one of those old badges, and I have no doubt all of you would have been more pleased to hear from him than to hear anything I have to say. I thank you very much for calling on me [applause].

THE TOASTMASTER : The omission to call upon Brother Blackford was caused by the toastmaster's not being aware of his presence. I will now introduce him to the assembled brothers, and we shall be certainly glad to hear from him. Brother Jason Blackford, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '63.

BROTHER BLACKFORD: Mr. Toastmaster and brother Phis:

I assure you that it is with a good deal of surprise that I find myself just now in the position I am. I have received invitations year after year to attend these $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ banquets. Somehow or other, Brother Scott Bonham, of Cincinnati, discovered that at some time or other I had been a Phi, and he has sent me regularly, year after year, invitations to attend these assemblies, and, for one reason or another, I have failed to attend them until on this occasion, when I suppose I may say that I am indebted to Brother McConica for bringing me down to the semi-centennial.

Since I was in school I find that things have changed very materially. I see some things here that we did not have in the '60's. This Phi Delta Theta yell I hear to-night is entirely new to me. I am reminded by that of the experience of a young lady friend of mine, a young girl who was in Chicago some years ago with her mother, and while seeing the sights of the city became a little anxious to have something to eat, and besought her mother to get her something at a restaurant; but the mother did not have the time, or a convenient opportunity, and put it off until the young lady made the request that she might have at least a ham sandwich, but she did not get that. Afterwards, when talking about the matter of her visit to Chicago, she remarked that she was destined to go through life short one ham sandwich [laughter and applause]. I think I am destined to go through life short a fraternity yell [renewed laughter].

I am pleased to-night to see about me so many bright young faces. It renews my youth to look on and see your enjoyment at a banquet of this kind. I realize the fact that before me sit young men who in the next generation will hold in their hands the destinies of a nation. Every generation has its crisis. Every generation has its Manila, either geographically, morally or religiously. The time always brings the man, and we may rest assured that when the crisis comes to the next generation, this college yell will furnish the impetus that will put the young men over the brow of the hill, right in the face of the enemy [great applause]. I feel very grateful, indeed, that I received an invitation to be with you to-night, and if you should offer me an invitation in the future, I think, like Brother McConica, I shall be looking for it, and I probably may, after awhile, be the oldest man that comes to your convention banquets. I thank you [great applause].

TOASTMASTER TOMPKINS : The hour has grown so late that we must draw our festivities to a close; and I suggest, inasmuch as the star spangled banner is the pride and inspiration of the American people (and Phi Delta Theta is peculiarly an American institution), that we end the night with the Phi yell to Old Glory. Are you ready?

The banquet was concluded with the Phi yell to Old Glory.

THE CONVENTION GOSSIP SAYS:

At Philadelphia, in 1896, the impression among many of the delegates was that Miami University and Oxford were the logical meeting place for the semi-centennial convention. Ohio Alpha and her alumni were anxious to try to entertain, but those who have had experience in handling previous meetings became convinced, after investigation, that two hundred men could not be entertained for a week in Oxford successfully. The events of Thanksgiving week fully justified that conclusion. Columbus was none too large, considering the many demands made on the local committee, the chapter and the alumni club. To handle successfully a national convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ nowadays requires abundant resources of many kinds.

Meetings in the famous larger cities, like Philadelphia and New York, are pleasant experiences for the delegates who have visited them, but our experience in 1896 showed that sight-seeing is usually subordinated to committee work. It is also pleasant, however, to take full possession of a city of more moderate size, where a fraternity convention is inevitably, for the time being, 'the whole thing' socially. Columbus was an ideal convention city. The convention's unprecedented social successes are commented upon elsewhere. It has been suggested that the time we have chosen for the last two meetings and the next—Thanksgiving week—is best adapted of all the year to this end.

For the first time in our history convention sessions, ten in all, were held on five successive days, beginning on Monday morning at 10:30 and closing Friday night at 11:40. On Thanksgiving day all the morning was given up to convention business. On Friday three sessions were held. The delegates were faithful to duty, giving up the tally-ho ride Thursday morning for the sake of hard work.

At previous conventions the rule had been to devote Monday evening to a smoker or some informal gathering of the delegates and visitors, and to reserve Tuesday evening for the reception and dance. At Columbus, for various reasons, the order was reversed, with most satisfactory results. The men, who were later in the week to meet the city and university girls at a number of other gatherings, became acquainted with their hostesses at once, and found social progress greatly simplified.

The Columbus Phis were sadly disappointed at failing to get us out sight-seeing as much as they had planned. They

were worried especially because most of us did not see the penitentiary, of which they were always talking, or the other state institutions.

This was the first convention in Ohio since that of 1878, at Wooster, and the first ever held in Columbus. For the fifth time we met in a state capitol, having convened under the state-house dome in Richmond, in 1882; at Nashville, in 1884; at Atlanta, in 1891; at Indianapolis, in 1894; at Columbus, in 1898. The twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated, as was the fiftieth, by an Ohio convention. Bro. Emmett Tompkins, *Ohio*, '74, was the only member present who was at Athens in 1873. The weather was much cooler than at Philadelphia, and some of the delegates from the extreme south, who had left a land where all the leaves were still green, were often seen seeking the warm corners. For most of the southern men this was their first trip to the north, the delegate from the University of Texas, for instance, having never been outside of his native state before, save for travel in Mexico.

For the first time two of our three living founders were present. Many of us had met Father Morrison before, but Father Lindley was known personally to but few, as this was his first national convention. Universal regret was expressed over the absence of Colonel Rogers.

The presence of Miss Morrison and Miss Lindley, daughters of the founders, was a pleasant innovation.

The founders are to receive badges made on the model of the original design, which survives alone, so far as is known, in the pin worn by the editor of THE SCROLL and belonging to his father, Rev. John C. Miller, *Indiana*, '55.

The souvenir button was a distinct advance on anything yet seen and called forth the prophecy that eighteen karat diamond badges would be in order soon. The design was beautiful and a great credit to Mr. Auld, who was given a clear field by his rivals in his display at the hotel. The button, a cut of which appears herewith, was in gold and white and blue enamel for the delegates, and in silver, blue and white for convention visitors and guests at the reception.



The convention gavel was a new one, furnished by the state and presented to the fraternity by Brother Tompkins at the banquet. The head was of lignum vitae, and the handle of rosewood.

The souvenir gavels presented to the chapters by Brother

Stephan, of Case, were of historic value. The heads were of black walnut from the Miami campus, and the handles of oak from Father Morrison's birthplace. Brother D. Glenn Moore, *W. and J.*, '96, secured the latter; Brother Zwick and the boys of Ohio Alpha secured the former. The work of turning and finishing them was also done exclusively by Phis of the Case chapter. One large gavel was presented to the convention, and a smaller one to the representative of each chapter. It was in responding to Bro. Stephan's presentation speech that Bro. Swope complained of his 'thunder' being stolen, as noted in Bro. Moore's banquet speech. The gavels were no sooner in the delegates' hands than ready college wit devised a use for them, and Bro. Swope found the applause he called forth almost embarrassing in its emphatic quality. The noise produced by sixty gavels vigorously wielded in concert is indescribable.

As at Philadelphia, a written ballot was taken for but one office, all the others being filled by acclamation and suspension of the rules. This hardly reaches the record at Indianapolis, in 1894, when there was but one man named for each office, without exception—'a monotonously unanimous affair,' as George Banta declared.

The election was not the convention's most important business, evidently. Consideration of the constitution began on Monday and did not close till Friday afternoon. It was gratifying to note how fully the delegates had studied the proposed revision and how well prepared their amendments were. President Palmer confessed that he had come to the conclusion that the constitution he submitted was just about perfect, that every possible question had been discussed and settled by his committee. He also confessed that many of the amendments proposed were marked improvements. It was noticeable that open-mindedness was a general characteristic of the convention. A compromise that included the main points desired by debaters was instantly accepted. Nobody was ashamed to be convinced and to change his mind and his vote.

The blackboard at the hotel was a happy thought of the local committee, and invaluable for important announcements (in Fred Ball's Spencerian chirography) requiring attention between convention sessions.

From the hotel flagstaff, all week after Monday night, floated the immense fraternity flag made by the Lilley Company under the direction of Dr. Brown. Miss Field re-

marked its presence as soon as she arrived, with an enthusiastic comment.

The electric 'sign,' which bore '♦ Δ Θ' in white lights with a border of blue ones, and which was removed from the ball room to the dining room the night of the banquet, played quite a role in convention jokes. Colonel Swope, who is said to have 'swiped' a room full of signs and cigar-store Indians while at Harvard, was accused by certain banqueters in chorus of having designs on the electric display. He retorted that it was 'too hot' for him. Another reveler who had staid till the end of the banquet, on the next day at lunch, noticing the 'sign' with its lights all extinguished, said it looked 'just like' he felt.

One of the favorite themes of banquet repartee was Colonel Swope. After accusing him of 'swiping' divers articles and asking 'Who swiped Swope?' they queried, 'Does Frank Swope use Pear's soap?' Quick as a flash came back from Swope's Indiana friends, 'No, Swope uses soft soap,' which apt reply brought down the house. One favorite yell was an old one improved :

What's the matter with Miss Field? She's all right!
Who's all right? Miss Field!
Who says so? Everybody!
Who's everybody? Phi Delta Theta!

It goes without saying that though Miss Field was favored with an ample supply of that yell, hers was not the only name that figured in it. Then there was a yell attributed to Hackett and said to have been stolen from Cornell :

We yell very well, we do ;
We yell very well, we do ;
We yell very well, we yell like [painful pause];
We yell very well, we do !

The editor of THE SCROLL, whose memory of delegates' names and faces is credited by his colleagues to cultivation for political purposes, was favored with :

We wonder does Miller remember the Maine !

And with such outbursts as :

What's your name? Don't know ; ask Miller !

And Moore revived his old :

Osky-wow-wow !
Skinny-wow-wow !
Shinny-wow-wow ! Wow !
Hurrah for Alpha province !

With Indiana back in Epsilon province Swope and Miller revived memories of Atlanta and Indianapolis with :

Hi-yi-yi-yi ! Hi-yi-yi-yi !
Hi-yi-yi-yi ! Epsilon !

Many chapter yells and all the college yells were used again and again at the banquet. As a result vocal power was much diminished in convention debates the next morning.

Bro. W. B. Palmer came down from Cleveland with a brand new yell, which he sought to introduce, invoking the splendid lung power of Bro. Swope to give it full effect. It is an adaptation of the open motto, followed by a part of the old yell:

Els ávhp! Els ávhp! Oúðels! Oúðels! Oúðels ávhp!
Phi-Kei-A! Phi Delta Theta! Rah! Rah! Rah!

Bro. Palmer invented this yell while traveling on the railroad, and went out on the back platform and practiced it by himself, while the train was going forty miles an hour. It was used a good many times during the convention, but its adoption was not pressed, as there were so many other things to do. It has the qualities of being entirely unique and being resonant, but the chief improvement claimed over the old yell is that it does not begin with 'Rah! Rah! Rah!' which is characteristic of so many college yells. While we were shivering in the cold on the north steps of the state-house, waiting for the photographer to arrange the group, Bro. Moore suggested that it was a good time to give the new version, '*Ice aner! Ice aner!*' etc.

Bro. Swope was favorably inclined to the proposed yell. On general principles, however, he is opposed to changing any of the old landmarks. He was one of the chief opponents to reforming the system of chapter nomenclature, so as to make the titles of chapters correct chronologically, as they were prior to the unfortunate change made in 1880. He wore one of the largest badges seen at the convention—an old-timer—and he says that the badges worn when he was initiated at Hanover were large enough for a Phi to put the shield on his left arm; and, taking the sword in his right hand, he could go down the street and with these weapons kill the first man he met. Ever since then the size of the badges has been gradually decreasing, and Bro. Swope says that now entirely too close an inspection is necessary to distinguish a Phi by the badge he wears. By way of illustration, he tells of an historical incident. The judges and barristers of England each wear gowns and wigs, the only difference being that a wig of a judge has a small button on top, while the wigs of the barristers do not have this appendage. Originally the judges wore caps in court, but the caps were made smaller and smaller, until only a button was finally used. Bro. Swope fears that our badge will go on

diminishing until it reaches comparatively insignificant proportions.

Columbus was so centrally located that there were few large parties formed of delegates who traveled some distance together. The eastern men, especially, came on in small parties. The men from the northwest, who were entertained by Illinois Alpha at a smoker on the evening of November 19, came down in a body, and Fred Ball had a goodly escort of southerners with him.

Every active member of Ohio Zeta and of Ohio Beta was present, and had it not been for the unfortunate accident that befell Bro. O'Bleness, all Ohio Gamma's men would have come, as well. The attendance of alumni from these chapters was very large. The whole number of chapters represented among the visitors was thirty-three, against thirty at Philadelphia. Eighteen alumni chapters were represented, against fourteen at Philadelphia. The number of province presidents present was smaller than usual, one being kept away by ill-health, one by business and one by military duties.

The total number of delegates and visitors, as our incomplete returns indicate, was 210. Of these 109 were undergraduates and 101 alumni. This is our largest recorded attendance, the Indianapolis convention of 1894 coming next with 206. Of those present thirty-six had attended former conventions. Thirteen found this their second meeting; six, their third; five, their fourth; three, their fifth. Bro. Tompkins counted it his sixth and Bro. Palmer his eighth, while Father Morrison doubtless heads the list. With the exception of the meetings of 1874, 1875 and 1876, the roll of every Phi convention held in the last quarter of a century was represented by one or more members. Bro. Tompkins was the only one present at the twenty-fifth anniversary, in 1873. Father Morrison had attended conventions before that, however, and Bro. B. P. Jones was at Indianapolis, in 1868. The veterans were Bros. Morrison, Palmer, Tompkins, Banta, J. E. Brown, Swope, Bouham, Marble, Ball, W. R. Brown, Miller, Goodwin, Bundy and Mrs. J. E. Brown. Bros. Moore, Findley, Hamilton and Blount are also candidates for the honor. Those who have attended one convention before the last one are Bros. C. H. Welch (at Wooster, in 1878), B. P. Jones (at Indianapolis, in 1868), A. V. Evans (at Bloomington, in 1889), Bethel, Bennett, Ingram, Bowditch, Wave Miller, Switzler, Condit, Hapgood, Radcliffe, F. J. R. Mitchell, McCune (at Indianapolis, in

1894), Munro, Meily, Riederer, F. S. Palmer and Stephan. The previous meeting attended by most of these was the one at Philadelphia, in 1896.

The 'Mammoth Cave' party of 1891 and sundry members of the local committee and the general council held a pleasant reunion at dinner with Mrs. J. E. Brown one evening. Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Marble, Swope, W. R. Brown and Miller, with the adopted member, W. B. Palmer, were present, as at the second reunion, in Philadelphia.

If any item of comfort or convenience was overlooked to the detriment of any Phi guest by Manager Rusk, of the Chittenden Hotel, the fact has not been recorded. We have been exceptionally fortunate for many years in our choice of convention headquarters, but the Chittenden takes first place by unanimous vote.

Some convention visitors fortunately had time to take a peep into the fraternity library, and the Gossip secured a kodak of one of the cases of college annuals and fraternity magazines, histories and catalogues. He also kidnaped a snap shot of the librarian, as he sat on the deck of a river steamer last summer. It was a vacation trip, and the genial librarian was probably hailing some boon companion, though President Palmer says he is 'spieling to the natural scenery.' These pictures are on the next page.

The testimonials which chapters and officers presented to Brother Morrison on March 15, 1897, when he was seventy-five years old, and which were handsomely bound in morocco and presented to him again a year later, were brought by him to the convention and exhibited at the banquet.

The large cabinets of Father Morrison, Father Lindley and of the two founders together, may be ordered at fifty cents each, postage prepaid. The convention group costs one dollar by express, charges collect. Many of the delegates and visitors have ordered the group picture as a present for the home chapter. The pictures are all finely finished and an invaluable addition to any chapter's collection. Address the Baker Art Gallery, State and High streets, Columbus, Ohio.

Besides Miss Morrison and Miss Lindley, Mrs. W. R. Brown and her daughter were present from a distance, all of them, with Mrs. J. E. Brown, appearing in the convention picture. It was their first convention for all these ladies except Mrs. Dr. Brown, who was at Atlanta in 1891, at Indianapolis in 1894, and at Philadelphia in 1896. She is now enrolled among the veterans. Other ladies whose presence and aid



A CORNER OF THE FRATERNITY LIBRARY.



A SNAP SHOT AT THE LIBRARIAN.

were especially efficient in adding to the social success of the convention were Mrs. Emmett Tompkins, Miss Morris and Mrs. A. P. Rusk, who were indefatigable in seeing that nothing was left undone.

New Orleans once more invited the convention to meet within her walls, St. Louis 'serving notice' for 1902. The fight between Louisville and New York brought out the most animated debate of the convention. President Palmer, who was converted by the New Yorkers at the eleventh hour, made the speech of his life and changed vote after vote. Bros. Hackett, Swope and Hegeman were eloquent, too. Colonel Swope was all but paralyzed when his bosom friend, Palmer, came to him before the debate began and said that he had been convinced that New York was the place. The question of voting proxies was raised by New York in this connection, as practically all the proxies were for Louisville, but Louisville won without the proxies, and New York made it unanimous.

A number of the committee chairmen presented reports that were unusually elaborate and carefully prepared—Fairchild, on special resolutions; Phetteplace, on internal improvement; English, on chapter houses, for example. This was the first time a separate committee had been assigned to the chapter house question, the subject having been regularly given to the committee on internal improvement. The committee on appeals and grievances, one of the hard-worked ones, was delighted to see the board of trustees established to do their work between conventions.

Father Morrison's farewell talk, which appears on another page, was an impressive incident. His words were earnest, replete with sound advice, full of simple dignity. He certainly has a fine physique for a man of his age—he is now in his seventy-seventh year. He stands more erect than many of the college boys; his favorite movement in commencing a speech is throwing his shoulders back. At the banquet he attributed his vigor to his not having taken 'hot and rebellious liquors' in his veins in youthful days.

It was pleasant to note the cordial greetings received by the convention from the Ohio State University chapters of Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Nu. They were responded to in the same spirit, both in the convention resolutions and in the cheers in the convention for our friendly rivals.

The new ritualistic convention opening ceremony was used in full on Monday afternoon for the first time. The short form was used at other sessions. The session was continued

until so late Friday night that the new general council was not installed in ritualistic form, and the long closing ceremony was omitted.

The Columbus newspapers were unusually courteous and enterprising. The full text of the special resolutions and a summary of all important legislation were printed on Saturday morning, a large part of President Palmer's exhaustive message was used, and the social affairs were elaborately written up. Bros. Hackett (who was one of the convention's kodak fiends), Chase and Rex were a faithful press committee.

To intimate friends Bro. Palmer confessed that he was not exactly *au fait* on rules of order, and explained that he had been so very busy prior to the convention that he did not have time to review upon the subject. He made an amusing slip when he announced that 'The convention will go now into the (committee of the) whole to consider the report on the constitution,' inadvertently omitting the words in parentheses. At one session when motions, substitutes, amendments and amendments to amendments were being offered fast enough to confuse even the most experienced presiding officer, Bro. Palmer summoned Bro. Lamkin to a seat beside him, and thus accomplished a double purpose in securing his aid as a parliamentary coach and preventing him from raising points of order on the floor. Bro. Lamkin is one of the brightest parliamentarians that has attended our recent conventions.

One of the convention 'larks' was the party chaperoned out to Newark (thirty miles and back in two hours) by Bro. A. D. Ingram. The experiences of the train crew and the good people of Newark with this joyful band would be interesting reading, if reported.

The Louisville alumni have begun early. All the papers of that city, on Monday after the convention, contained elaborate notices of preparations already made for the meeting Thanksgiving week, 1900. A national fraternity convention is a novelty in Louisville, and Colonel Swope announces that the Kentucky girls have promised him to make this our red-letter convention.

Mary French Field, the eldest daughter of 'America's poet laureate of home and childhood,' was born at St. Joseph, Mo., in 1876. In 1883 her parents moved to Chicago. She attended the Rockford (Ill.) college and was graduated from the Monticello seminary, at Godfrey, Ill. Miss Field is said to have been her father's severest critic as well as his most ardent admirer. Two years ago she began to give

readings from her father's works and met with instant success. She has gone as far west as Denver, but most of her readings so far have been given in the east. Her present season will close with a list of engagements on the Pacific coast. She has appeared a number of times in college towns where Phi Delta Theta has chapters. Missouri Alpha has entertained in her honor, and Ohio Theta, Pennsylvania Gamma, Pennsylvania Zeta and many other chapters cherish proudly her photograph or some other souvenir of her visit. Her manager is Bro. Crawford A. Peffer, *Allegheny*, '94, who is as loyal a Phi as he is successful in his profession. Miss Field is charming socially, as well as on the stage. She has beauty, grace and wit, an artist's touch and poetic insight. In conversation she is brilliant, and her mastery of Irish, German, Hebrew and negro dialect in her inimitable stories is something wonderful. She promised all the boys that she would attend the Louisville convention, and that fact alone insures a record-breaking attendance for the meeting of 1900. Miss Field's trip from Pittsburgh to attend the convention showed her loyalty, as did her badge and her enthusiastic words. Some of the older members, who remember stories circulated by the fraternity press in former years, have expressed surprise that the action of the convention was correctly reported and understood, and that nobody is claiming that Miss Field has been initiated into $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.



MARY FRENCH FIELD.

Three of the Ohio Zeta boys are nephews of noted Ohio politicians. W. P. Meily, of the late Calvin S. Brice, who was a Δ K E; C. K. Dow, of Chas. L. Kurtz; C. G. Bond, of Congressman Grosvenor, himself an honorary member of Ohio Gamma.

One of the Columbus papers remarked that probably no athletic event had ever before occurred in Ohio at which so many colleges and universities were represented as at the foot ball game Thanksgiving day. The fact was rendered somewhat apparent by the boys giving their own college yells along with the Phi yell every time the ball was called down.

The convention announcements printed in *THE SCROLL* and *The Palladium* were utilized to good advantage by many of our subscribers, judging from the number of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania papers containing them that were sent to the editor. In several cities 'specials' from Columbus a week before the convention gave full particulars of the program and a history of the fraternity.

The Associated Press, of whose Cincinnati office Bro. S. J. Flickinger, *Cornell*, '76, has charge, scattered reports of convention sessions from Boston to San Francisco. In the latter city, the *Chronicle* gave a double-column picture of Mary French Field along with the dispatch which related her adoption as a daughter of Phi Delta Theta.

Bros. Condit, Fletcher, Boushey and McDowell seem to be missing from the convention photograph. There are 126 in the picture, of whom 120 are Phis. As at Philadelphia, a number of the visitors and of the local alumni failed to get in the group.

If the boys who visited Columbus wish to 'trade last' with the Gossip, he will confide to them that a Columbus friend wrote recently that 'the Phis made the best impression here of any set of college men that ever gathered in Columbus.'

Among those from whom letters and telegrams of regret were received were: J. L. Mitchell, *Indiana*, '89; Paul M. Jones, *Vanderbilt*, '89; D. D. Woodmansee, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '81; William F. Vilas, *Wisconsin*, '57; J. M. Mayer, *Columbia*, '86; Hilton U. Brown, *Indianapolis*, '80; T. H. Baskerville, *Columbia*, '86; W. C. Abbott, *Wabash*, '92; E. P. Couse, *Allegheny*, '89; Prof. Waller Deering, *Vanderbilt*, '85; S. R. Duffy, *Illinois*, '95; E. O. Grover, *Dartmouth*, '94; Kent Knowlton, *Dartmouth*, '94; J. B. Shaw, *Lafayette*, '85; S. J. Flickinger, *Cornell*, '76; Dudley R. Horton, *Cornell*, '75;

Harry Wiedner, *Miami*, '89; F. W. Rane, *Ohio State*, '91; Benjamin Harrison, *Miami*, '52; John K. Boude, *Miami*, '52; John W. Stoddard, *Miami*, '58; and A. W. Rogers, *Miami*, '51.

Two others come from two Phi newspaper men, who are well known to us and to the world at large:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—It has always been my ambition to appear at a Phi Delta Theta convention. I used to read THE SCROLL and look with great awe upon the names of the distinguished gentlemen who responded to the toasts at the banquet and made addresses at the convention, and I used to wonder if I should ever be placed in that bright and particular galaxy of the Lord's anointed own. And now your letter comes and places the possibility so near and yet so far, for I can not under any circumstances accept your invitation. I took the 'Keeley cure' for poetry five years ago, and have not written a line since. I can not write poetry and I was smart enough to find it out early in the game.

I thank you for your kind invitation and beg of you to extend to the other members of the Phi Delta Theta my sincere good wishes.

Yours in the Bond,

Emporia, Kansas.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE.

DEAR BROWN—I have been romping around in the wild and frisky west for a few days and delayed answering your letter and very kind invitation, until I could present the case to the city editor, accompanied with prayer for parole on or about Thanksgiving day. The prayer of your petitioner was scornfully denied and the case squashed, pumpkined and thrown bodily out of court. I used to think sometimes that the city editor might at one time or another in his career have been an anarchist or a chicken-thief, but for the first time my eyes are open and now I believe he's a Sigma Chi. It's an awful thing to believe about your fellow-man, but I can't help it. He is a fine, genial fellow, apparently, and yet since he said I couldn't have more than three vacations in one year and attend the Phi banquet, I can't get it out of my head that he is either a Sig or was bitten by a Sig that was let run loose without a muzzle. It's a sad, sad thing and an awful reflection on our colleges. Doctor, I am sorry as can be that I can not be with the boys at Columbus. But there is usually a good deal doing, as they say, out here in Missouri, around about Thanksgiving day, so that it would be impossible for me to get away. *The Tribune* must and shall be published every day tho' the heavens fall, and if I should be taken away even for three or four days, I shudder at the result. So that lets me out. Have a good time, enjoy yourself with the brothers that gather about the banquet table; and the fellowship and good cheer will be like the honey that ran down even Miller's, Hugh Th. Miller's, beard, and the world will know how Phis love one another, and the hotel man will know how they can eat and carry away the spoons and all other bric-a-brac that does not happen to be chained.

Remember me to Palmer and all the fellows. If you do not object I may send a pathetic poem in verse telling how damned sorry I am I couldn't attend.

Honestly,

Kansas City, Mo.

RICHARD HENRY LITTLE.

remember him as the author of a delightful article entitled 'An Unanswered Question,' published in the issue for 1884. This article had a touch of pathos; a deep fraternity feeling and a finely-finished literary quality, as are seldom exhibited in the pages of the fraternity journal, and it was reproduced by about every similar contemporary journal. Bro. Goodwin has no more loyal member than Clarence Goodwin. His continued interest in its welfare during all these years was evinced by his coming from another state to the Columbus convention. Bro. Goodwin was a prize orator in college days and represented Indiana in the inter-state test of 1882.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer*, of December 18, 1898, contains a dispatch from Findlay, Ohio, which forms an interesting sequel to the semi-centennial banquet.

The recent banquet of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity held in Columbus has brought out some interesting history. Senator T. E. McConica, who is a member of that fraternity and who is a member of the board of managers of the Ohio penitentiary, was present at the banquet. Frank D. Swope, of the law firm of Joyes, Jarvis & Swope of Louisville, was also present, and responded to the toast, 'Our Kentucky Colonels.' In his speech he referred to the fact that many Kentucky colonels made their home in Columbus during a part of the civil war, and that Col. T. W. Bullitt, of Louisville, also a Phi Delta Theta, was one of the number confined in the Ohio penitentiary. Swope referred to Col. Bullitt's escape with John Morgan and other officers by means of a tunnel under the prison walls. Senator McConica responded that many believed that there was no secret exchange of prisoners.

This led to further conversation, the correspondent responding and to an exchange of letters between Col. Bullitt and Senator McConica. Col. Bullitt stated that a number of

matter attracted much attention in the Columbus, Cincinnati and Louisville papers, and there has been a noteworthy revision of the accepted historical version of the escape of the Morgan raiders in consequence.

CONVENTION LEGISLATION.

Phi Delta Theta having completed its first fifty years, and now occupying such a high vantage ground, it is important that plans for the future be well matured, in order that the progress of the next half century may be equal to that of the past. No other college organization ever made the advancement in fifty years that has been made from 1848 to 1898 by Phi Delta Theta, which to day has under its protection more college chapters and more active members than any similar fraternity. It is more national in extent and influence than any other. So much for the past and the present ; the future will be what we make it.

It is to be hoped that Phi Delta Theta will not become so conservative that advantages will not be taken of favorable opportunities for entering institutions which may develop into prominence, but the chief energies of the fraternity hereafter will doubtless be devoted to internal improvement. The principal objects now in view are to render chapters more secure in their surroundings and to increase their property interests.

The beginning of its second half century was an opportune time for the fraternity to adopt a new constitution, which will form the basis of future growth. With sixty-four college chapters, thirty-eight alumni clubs, over 1,000 active members, and an alumni roll of 9,000, the interests of Phi Delta Theta are so numerous and varied as to render a thoroughly systematized body of laws absolutely essential to the welfare of the fraternity. The constitutional enactments of 1898, it is believed, will greatly improve the efficiency of fraternity administration.

The report of the committee on constitution was four years in preparation. The appointment of such committee was authorized by the convention of 1894. A report in the form of a pamphlet of 110 pages was presented to the convention of 1896. The adoption of a revised ritual consumed much time at that convention, and sufficient time was not left for a full consideration of the proposed constitution and general statutes. However, some of the most important provisions

were adopted as amendments and were later issued as a twenty-page pamphlet. Among these were provisions which added a fifth member to the general council, who should be, *ex officio*, editor of THE SCROLL, which established the office of fraternity librarian, and which made alterations in regard to the payment of dues and the apportionment of receipts into different expense funds.

The report was thoroughly revised again, and issued in the fall of 1898, for chapters to examine and criticise prior to the convention. In the committee of the whole at the convention the report was debated, section by section, and the many excellent amendments offered by various delegates showed that they had given very careful study to the subject-matter. The new constitution supplants the one which was adopted by the convention of 1886, held in New York, and which has been amended by each succeeding convention.

Heretofore we have had only a constitution, but the convention of 1898 adopted not only a constitution, but a code and other general statutes. The constitution is reduced to fundamental principles, while the code embodies the details of administration. A synopsis of the principal changes effected has appeared in *The Palladium*. It certainly is not desirable to publish a full synopsis of them in THE SCROLL, but some of them, perhaps without impropriety, may be mentioned.

The greatest change made by the new constitution was to provide for a reorganization of the board of trustees, who are the legal representatives of the fraternity under the charter of incorporation from the state of Ohio in 1881. The board consists of nine members; the five members of the general council are, *ex officio*, members and officers of the board; and the other four trustees are elected by each national convention. The board constitutes a kind of supreme court in the fraternity, to decide cases that may be appealed from chapters.

In the national convention each trustee, whether a member of the general council or not, is allowed one vote. Chapter delegates and general officers are to be reimbursed out of the convention fund for sleeping car fares for night travel, as well as for railroad fares under the reduction usually secured. If within three months from the time the journal of proceedings is issued, the S. G. C. should receive notice that any action of the convention, other than granting or

withdrawing a charter, has been disapproved by two-thirds of the chapters, such action shall be null and void.

In case of the physical disability, or absence from the United States of any member of the general council, a unanimous vote shall not be necessary to arrive at a decision. Under an amendment offered by myself, the P. G. C. is made ineligible to re-election for the term next succeeding that during which he has served. The duties of the T. G. C. are better defined, especially with regard to making bond, and forwarding receipts, checks and statements, and thorough business methods are introduced.

Certain restrictions are placed upon the general council in the appointment of province presidents, the interested chapters now having a voice in making selections. Province presidents are to assist the T. G. C. in the collection of dues. The convention increased the number of provinces from five to eight. Among the delegates from the old Alpha province and Epsilon province there was strong opposition to division, and they were left unchanged, except that the two California chapters were detached from the latter, and put in a province by themselves.

Catalogue editors were added to the list of permanent general officers, and two editors were chosen and directed to begin the compilation of data preparatory to the publication of a new catalogue, the information therein to be very much condensed, as compared with catalogues which have recently been the fashion, and which cost beyond all reason. Much to the personal gratification of the writer, provision was made for the publication of the history of the fraternity, the manuscript for much of which is already prepared.

Changes were made as to the required vote for granting charters. The vote for chartering a suspended chapter shall be the same as for chartering a new chapter. Provision was made for the disposition of the property of suspended chapters. Members of suspended chapters are to be assigned to neighboring chapters, which shall have full jurisdiction over them. However, the members of a suspended chapter are not to be catalogued with any other chapter, but kept in a separate roll. The question of reforming our chapter nomenclature in states where it has become irregular, which was advocated in the November *Palladium*, was not presented to the convention, unfortunately, until a very late hour at the final session, and no change was made.

Heretofore members who have moved from one college to another, and affiliated with the chapter at the second insti-

tution, have been catalogued with the second chapter. This rule was changed, and hereafter the affiliation of a member shall continue during his active membership only, after which he shall be under the jurisdiction of his original chapter and be catalogued with it. Thus each chapter will get full credit in the catalogue for all members which it has admitted to the fraternity.

Unless another member be appointed instead, the reporter, instead of the warden, is the proper officer to extend an invitation to join the fraternity to a person who has been elected to membership. Another important change as to duties of chapter officers is the requirement that the treasurer, instead of the reporter, forward dues to the T. G. C. A penalty attaches to a chapter for delay of its historian in forwarding membership reports annually to the T. G. C. The report, as decided in 1896, is due on February 1, each year, which is also now made the date for annual circular letters, the object being to have as few dates for important events as possible, so as to avoid confusion. As decided in 1896, annual dues are payable half on November 1, and half on February 1.

THE SCROLL was already the cheapest fraternity journal published, the price of most of such magazines being \$1.50 or \$2 per year, but the convention provided in the code that alumni members of Phi Delta Theta should receive both THE SCROLL and *The Palladium* for \$1 per year. A review and classified index of both magazines is to be issued every ten years, as in 1886 and 1896; and an historical sketch of the fraternity, similar to that contained in the second (1897) edition of 'The Manual of Phi Delta Theta,' is to be issued every four years.

Members are called active and alumni members, instead of attendant and correspondent members, as they have been called since the foundation of the fraternity. Greater limitations are placed upon the eligibility of students to admission into Phi Delta Theta. A form of certificate of membership, something like a college diploma, was approved.

Alumni chapters will be known as alumni clubs hereafter, and will be named for the cities in which they are located, as 'The Phi Delta Theta Club of Philadelphia.' Instead of having a separate constitution for such organizations, as heretofore, all provisions relating to them are included in an article of the constitution and a title of the code. Already we have a large number of the alumni clubs, but others should be organized at places where a sufficient number of

Phis reside, such as Syracuse and Buffalo, N. Y.; Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Toledo, Ohio; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Terre Haute and Evansville, Ind.; Evanston and Bloomington, Ill.; Madison, Wis.; Duluth, Minn.; Des Moines and Sioux City, Iowa; Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.; Lexington, Ky.; Norfolk, Va.; Augusta, Athens, Brunswick, Savannah and Rome, Ga.; Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn.; Vicksburg and Meridian, Miss.; Galveston, Dallas, Waco, Austin and Fort Worth, Texas. Province presidents please note.

The change which probably will excite most general attention, is the adoption of a new coat-of-arms. As related in a letter by Gen. John C. Black, *Wabash*, '62, published in *THE SCROLL* for April, 1897, the old coat-of-arms was designed in 1865 by several young Phi officers, who had recently returned from the war, and being animated with a martial spirit, gave a military character to the arms, hence the sword was added to the shield at that time, and both appeared in the arms, together with a helmet, a javelin and other things.

The various emblems were grouped in a striking manner, made an attractive display, and produced a good pictorial effect, but there were several grave faults in the design considered from a heraldic standpoint. First, a coat-of-arms should not bear the name of the association, but rather should suggest it by the use of symbols. Second, the helmet, when one is used, should rest on top of the shield, instead of in front of it. Another objection was the duplication caused by the large scroll, besides the scroll on the shield, and besides the visible ends of a parchment.

In the new coat-of-arms the shield appears as the escutcheon of heraldry, and the sword, helmet and javelin of the old arms are retained. The eye, scrolls, serpents, wheat heads, parchment and one of the javelins are omitted, while the six stars, which have been displayed on the fraternity flag, are added to the fraternity arms. Scroll work, which, in heraldic language is called a lambrequin or mantling, appears about the helmet. In the proper place below the escutcheon is the open motto. The tinctures, of course, are azure and argent. The blason of the arms as given in the new constitution is as follows:

Escutcheon: azure; on a bend argent, between six mullets of the second, a sword point downward proper.

Helmet: affronté visor closed proper, mantling of the first and second.

Crest: a dexter arm embowed vambraced, hurling a javelin proper.

Motto: *Εἰς ἀνὴρ οὐδεὶς ἀνὴρ.*

Many works on heraldry were consulted, and much study given to the subject, in order that an heraldically correct coat-of-arms might be chosen. Several designers were considered and numerous modifications made before the committee decided upon the arms that were adopted by the convention. Great care was taken not to crowd or overload the composition. The result is an expressive, simple and dignified achievement. Every emblem has marked Phi Delta Theta characteristics, and the design as a whole could not be mistaken for that of any other fraternity. The two most prominent emblems of Phi Delta Theta are the two most prominent emblems on the new arms, the sword being charged on the shield, or rather on a bend, argent, which divides an azure field. This charge is most appropriate, as the shield form of badge was adopted in 1849, and the sword was added in 1865.

In the adoption of this design Phi Delta Theta has made a distinct advance. Every Phi claims that the shield and the sword make the most beautiful badge that is worn. It is believed that the simplicity and Phi Delta Theta suggestiveness of the new coat-of-arms will likewise appeal strongly to the good taste and love of appropriateness which Phi may possess. The emblems are arranged or marshaled in strict conformity to heraldic requirements, and the design will stand the test of the most rigid criticism.

As a rule college fraternities have taken whatever the engravers have given them, because they have not had a proper standard held up to them. Some engravers seem to think that the more they can get into a design the more it is to be admired, and apparently their aim is to produce a startling effect with a mass of symbols. Pure heraldry is founded on fixed laws, and is always correct; it does not change with time or fashion, but asserts itself in the long run as true art.

In perfecting the new coat-of-arms, the committee were aided by Mr. Richard B. Lockwood, of 203 Broadway, New York city, with whom the chairman was in correspondence nearly a year. He was most painstaking in carrying out the wishes of the committee, and he was consulted on many points. The mantling, which relieves whatever stiffness there might be about the design, was entirely his suggestion. The convention decided that he was entitled to the exclusive right to engrave the new arms for a period of four years, and adopted a resolution to that effect, and also provided that this should be the only design used by chapters

in college annuals for that period. The chapters are now being supplied with insets of the new design. Mr. Lockwood was the designer of the arms of ΣX in 1894, and he executed the new armorial bearings of $B \odot \Pi$ in 1898.

The alumnus button adopted by the convention was suggested by the souvenir buttons presented to those present by Mr. D. L. Auld. The design is a beautiful one and doubtless will become very popular. The pledge button remains unchanged. The alumnus button will be smaller than the convention souvenir, the description of it, as given in the code, being as follows :

A miniature gold or silver badge, without a chain ; the shield and sword mounted on a disc, having a blue enameled center and a white enameled border ; the sword appearing to pass diagonally back of the shield, from the sinister chief point to the dexter base point, and bisecting the disc, the border bearing the word 'alumnus' in the dexter chief half, and six five-pointed stars in the sinister base half.

I believe this is the first alumnus button adopted by any fraternity. The pledge button remains unchanged. Mr. Auld will soon be prepared to fill orders for the alumnus button. Members are prohibited from purchasing $\Phi \Delta \odot$ badges from any but official jewelers—D. L. Auld, Columbus ; J. F. Newman, New York ; Roehm & Son, Detroit ; Wright, Kay & Co., Detroit, and Simons, Bro. & Co., Philadelphia, all of whom advertise in THE SCROLL.

The prescribed forms which follow the code will do much to systematize the business of the fraternity. The by-laws and other matter will also contribute to more uniform methods among the various chapters. With a revised ritual adopted in 1896, a revised constitution and new general statutes adopted in 1898, Phi Delta Theta is well equipped for the work of the future. The new constitution and code, with an index and other matter, are now in press and will soon be ready for distribution. Several copies will be furnished to each chapter instead of only one copy of the constitution as heretofore. Until the distribution takes place the old constitution remains in force.

WALTER B. PALMER.

BROTHER MORRISON'S FAREWELL TALK.

At 5 o'clock Friday afternoon the convention took a recess to hear a farewell talk from Brother Robert Morrison, who was compelled to leave the city shortly afterward. He had taken an active part in the proceedings during the five days, both he and Brother Lindley having been accorded the full

privileges of the convention. Brother Morrison's parting words were listened to with the closest attention. He spoke in part as follows :

This will be the last time some of you will see my face ; the last time I shall see all of yours. And now a word about this convention : It has been a grand convention. Some of you perhaps will say that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has reached such a point that it can afford to be conservative. Will you pardon me if I, in the midst of your enjoyment, in the midst of your appreciation of this convention, pardon me if I say, 'Guard against elation.' Let your progress and conservatism be consistent with wisdom. Look around you and do what is best. Take the motto of Julius Cæsar, beginning '*Ne actum reputans.*'

'Counting the past as nothing while anything remains to do !' $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will not reach that point for another fifty years at least. There is something to do year after year, as the fraternity grows, that will be well worthy of your best directed efforts—something to do. Don't look at the past as a thing that is satisfying ; look at it only as something that in general was well done, and thank God for it, and go on and do something better. Go forward, forward, my brothers.

If you go forward in the line of the Bond, God will speed you. The All Wise has favored the order ; I believe that it takes such high rank to-day because of its recognition of the Great Creator. Whoever honors God, God will honor him ; you may be sure of that. My parting advice is to grant charters, other things being equal, where the Bible has a place, and where it is the standard of moral duty. We want men, and only such as are moral men, men of integrity, and we can best find them in those institutions where God's book is held in reverence. I leave that on your hearts and consciences, as a farewell word of mine. I want you to foster Miami University, where $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was born. Its president and professors believed in honest work, and the result was a great many eminent men have gone forth from there.

I have been interested in young men and their work a long time. I thank you, brothers, for all your personal kindness to me, and I hope that God will spare you to be useful to your generation, a blessing to the order to which you belong, and to the Great Maker who has placed you here. I should like to take you all by the hand, and look into your faces and say 'good-bye.' I am glad to have had the pleasure of attending this convention with you, enjoying your society, and seeing how you conduct yourselves and what you are trying to do. You are on the right track, and I hope you will all prosper. God bless you all, my brothers !

EDITORIAL.

March 15,

ALUMNI DAY

1899.

The Bond: Unchanged for fifty years; its principles endure.

A MEMBER of another fraternity, who has had opportunities to learn much of the inner workings of leading Greek letter societies, said recently: 'I am compelled to acknowledge that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is the best managed college society in the country.' It has been said by another observing fraternity man that the alumni of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ are the most intelligently loyal, as well as the best organized of all. This may seem to some extravagant praise; to some it may not. To many it appears not only that both statements are true, but that between them there exists a close connection. Both the chapters and the general organization owe every year more and more to the persistent and well-directed aid and advice of a host of alumni Phi's, whose ardor does not cool with time. THE SCROLL greets them, as they meet to celebrate alumni day, and in the name of all thanks them for their loyal and active support of all Phi enterprises. Nor is gratitude their only reward. Every man who renews his youth and broadens his narrowing horizon by meeting again with collegians and graduates, from his own and distant chapters, with men of varied pursuits and professions, but of one badge and Bond—every such man has a reward of personal satisfaction that is lasting and intense. Let no alumni club fail to celebrate our founder's birthday, and let no faithful Phi be absent when the faithful gather. Let the college chapters attend these meetings wherever a club is near at hand, and let all others see that every resident alumnus is invited to the chapter's alumni day meeting. The general council suggests as the opening topic for discussion on alumni day the one which precedes this paragraph: The Bond: Unchanged for fifty years; its principles endure.

THAT the semi-centennial convention is to go down in the history of Phi Delta Theta as in every way the most successful of all yet held is to be ascribed to several causes. The committee on arrangements, with its elaborate and perfect provisions for the comfort and convenience of the delegates and the convention, as well as for diversion and entertainment: the committee on revision of the constitution and code (especially its chairman, who did three-fourth of its work with its elaborate and careful report; and particularly the members of the convention, from our founders down to the sophomore delegates, with their intelligent interest, tireless industry, open-mindedness and sound judgment—to them is due the fact that the convention of 1898 will be counted fruitful in permanent benefit, as well as altogether delightful in its personal memories, in a most unusual degree.

THAT the local committee was so happy in its plans and in what it accomplished is doubtless in no small degree due to the efforts and advice of its auxiliary members, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Tompkins and Miss Morris. This is certainly true of the social events, in which the part they played was delightfully apparent. Still, we see no occasion on that account to reduce our high estimate of the thorough and unselfish work of Dr. Brown, Bro. Tompkins and Bro. Morris. They are all as far away from commencement day and as successful in their chosen pursuits as the typical college and fraternity man we read about as 'the alumnus who has lost his interest.' Each of them is a living refutation of the charge that fraternity loyalty and enthusiasm are incompatible with the absorbing cares of the successful business and professional man.

Their abundant success was due not only to their own efforts and the advice and aid of their charming assistants. It is further to be ascribed to the hearty co-operation of the Columbus Phis in general, in particular to the college and alumni members of Ohio Zeta. And lastly, but by no means

in least degree, we must credit the social successes of the week to the Columbus girls. Their role was a leading one and played exquisitely well. The Kappa Alpha Thetas and the Kappa Kappa Gammas will be long remembered for their courtesies, and it is evident that there were members of other sororities, and those who were members of none, who will not soon be forgotten, at least in certain corners of Phi Delta Theta's domain.

IT HAS BEEN a matter of common remark, in preparing the program of the last three national conventions, that the amount of business to be transacted was in each case so large as necessarily to eliminate to a very considerable degree the social features of the meeting. The consideration of catalogue, ritual, constitution and code was deemed of such supreme importance that the general officers were inclined to frown on plans for anything outside of what they considered the 'inevitable' reception and banquet. Indeed, at Philadelphia, it may be remembered that committee meetings were to blame for the absence from the brilliant reception at Houston Hall of practically all the older members of the convention and of many of the more youthful. When the local committee on arrangements for the semi-centennial convention outlined its plans to President Palmer, it is no secret that he expressed very serious fears for the fate of 'his old constitution and code,' as one of the advisory members of the committee aforesaid expressed it.

It is, consequently, a source of much satisfaction to realize that the unusually important business of the week was in no wise slighted, that the delegates were faithful beyond expectation in continuing each session to the latest possible hour, in meeting on the morning of Thanksgiving day and in remaining on the last day, in numbers amply sufficient for a quorum, for a night session that closed only a few minutes before midnight.

In spite of all this devotion to matters of business, however, the social features of the Columbus convention may be truthfully said to have been an unprecedented success. They

were more numerous than ever before. The reception and ball on the opening night, the famous smoker at Ohio Zeta's chapter house, the semi-centennial banquet, the receptions by the young women of Kappa Alpha Theta and of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Miss Field's visit, the foot ball game, the incessant whirl of enthusiasm and good-fellowship in the Chittenden lobby, the calls on Columbus and university girls that the ingenious delegate managed to sandwich in to the succession of roll-calls and receptions—these are some of the things that will remain as vividly in the memory of all who were at Columbus as will the things recorded in the journal of proceedings.

IN THE January *Palladium* a summary of the important legislation of the convention was given. Portions of more general interest are treated more at length by Bro. Walter B. Palmer in this issue of THE SCROLL. The new constitution and code, for which our faithful ex-president of the general council is preparing a complete and detailed index, will be sent to the chapters some time in March. Phi Delta Theta will then be equipped with a set of laws well worthy of her eminent position as she enters her second half-century, and her progress and prosperity are insured in the execution of this admirable code by her faithful and efficient officials in the chapters and among the alumni.

THE PROVINCES were increased in number by the convention from five to eight by resolving Gamma province into the two from which it was formed in 1896, by cutting off the Indiana chapters from Delta province and making of them the new Epsilon, and by giving the two California chapters a president of their own. After having tried both plans the fraternity has decided that many provinces are better than few, both because province meetings are then more easily arranged and more attention given to the individual chapter by the province president, as well as because more provinces provide more trained workers eligible to higher official positions. The general council has been

peculiarly fortunate in making selections this time, and has secured in the new province presidents a remarkably well-equipped corps of assistants, every one of them being a fraternity worker of wide and successful experience.

THE NEW officers on the general council need no introduction to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Bro. Moore has been 'marked out' for the G. C. ever since the fraternity as a whole came to know him at Indianapolis, in 1894. He is a very busy and a very successful business man, but he has always found time, as an alumnus of Pennsylvania Zeta and as president of Alpha province, to give $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ a large share of his best effort. Frank D. Swope has been known to convention goers since we met at Nashville, in 1884. His work on the catalogue made him one of the best known Phis anywhere. Besides this monumental work, he has for nearly ten years been the unquestioned leader of convention enthusiasm and one of the most popular men personally in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Hubert H. Ward is one of the godfathers of Ohio Eta and has been a model province president. As a careful and successful business man he is an ideal successor to our record-breaking T. G. C. who retires. Fred S. Ball, as president in succession of two provinces at the time in such a condition as to require boundless energy and tact in their administration, and as treasurer of the fraternity at the time the panic of 1893 made financial management in any organization doubly difficult, leaves behind him an enviable record. Walter R. Brown, as province president, as the man who revived Minnesota Alpha, and as an earnest and enthusiastic all-round worker, closes his four years' term with no less credit. Our retiring president, Bro. W. B. Palmer, deserves a separate paragraph, but the only way to realize the magnitude of his work for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is to read the report in the convention proceedings of his official acts, of his visits to more than a score of our chapters, of his work on the constitution and code, the history, *THE SCROLL* and *The Palladium*. No other fraternity has ever produced a member who gave more freely,

more effectively and more intelligently of his very best effort than Walter Benjamin Palmer has given to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and still gives.

THE OFFICERS chosen at Columbus, then, are J. Clark Moore, Jr., *Pennsylvania*, '93, president of the general council; Frank D. Swope, *Hanover*, '85, secretary; Hugh Th. Miller, *Indianapolis*, '88, reporter and editor of THE SCROLL; Hubert H. Ward, *Ohio State*, '90, treasurer; Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, *Lafayette*, '77, historian. These five are *ex officio* trustees, the other four being Emmett Tompkins, *Ohio*, '74; Dr. J. E. Brown, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '84; Arthur A. Stearns, *Buchtel*, '79; Royall H. Switzler, *Missouri*, '98. The new editors of the catalogue are Louis J. Shlesinger, *Case*, '96, and Frank E. Hulett, *Case*, '98. Dr. J. E. Brown is fraternity librarian once more. The provincial presidents are, respectively, Walter W. Case, *Allegheny*, '84; Jno. H. DeWitt, *Vanderbilt*, '94; Earnest G. Hallman, *Emory*, '96; Woodbury T. Morris, *Williams*, '92; Edward E. Ruby, *Indiana*, '97; Francis J. R. Mitchell, *Northwestern*, '96; John A. Lomax, *Texas*, '97; William O. Morgan, *California*, '86.

THE PRESENCE of our founders, Robert Morrison and John Wolfe Lindley, was an inspiration to all and a revelation to many. It rarely happens that any successful organization celebrates its fiftieth anniversary in the presence of two of those who prepared its unchanged basis of union and action. Every Phi at Columbus has a fuller appreciation of the meaning and purposes of the Bond, a higher ideal of fraternity work, a better understanding of the history and meaning of our great fraternity after meeting and listening to Father Morrison and Father Lindley. The absence of Andrew Watts Rogers, our only other surviving founder, was deeply to be regretted. With Col. Rogers there, the circle would have been complete.

THE COMMITTEE on 'time and place of next convention' made the following introductory report and recommendation at Columbus :

That, inasmuch as December 26, 1898, is the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at Miami University, the Phis of Miami on that day plant on the campus a tree taken from Brother Morrison's birth-place, and that on Tuesday of commencement week there be held a gathering around this tree of all Phis who can be present. We further suggest that a tablet with proper inscriptions be placed in the hall in which Phi meetings were first held.

In accordance with these suggestions a tree has been planted, and a committee has been appointed by the general council to arrange for a meeting at Miami on Tuesday, June 13, 1899. On that occasion we trust the Phis of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and neighboring states will be present in large numbers. An interesting and appropriate program is being prepared, and all details of the celebration will be announced in the April SCROLL. Meanwhile, make your arrangements to spend June 13 at Oxford.

AT THE Columbus convention it was reported that twenty-six chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ had houses. To-day the number stands at thirty, no less than four houses having been taken since Thanksgiving week. Missouri was the first. Then came Illinois, Emory and Mercer in such rapid succession as to bewilder the statistician. The Gettysburg house is now finished, and the Dickinson and Pennsylvania houses are being rapidly pushed to completion. Among the thirty 'houses' but one (Columbia's) is a flat, Chicago having exchanged her flat for a much more commodious house. Missouri is now working with renewed energy to raise money to build on the lot purchased last fall. Emory and Illinois occupy the pioneer houses at their respective institutions, if we except an unsuccessful effort of $K \Sigma$ a few years since at Champaign. Mercer has not only taken the first house there, but has incurred faculty wrath and condemnation by doing so. We count on our Georgia alumni to present this matter in its proper light to the Mercer fac-

ultly. It is understood that the chapter has been given formal permission to hold the house till next fall.

Nor does this close the chapter house news list. Auburn has secured legislative incorporation, with the purpose of working for a house, and De Pauw and Washington Jefferson are making a strong effort to be housed by April. Others have formed chapter house associations, and we have been asked to wait no longer than October for definite news from Indiana and Ohio. And these are not all—certainly not all that should and can be housed. To quote from a recent letter from one of our trained workers:

It seems to us here so easy a thing to rent a house, that for those of us we can't see why Missouri's example isn't followed by all unhoused chapters. The active members have their board and lodgings to pay for, anyway—even where they live in dormitories, so why not apply the amount of money so used every month toward rent, his cooking, grocery and meat bills? Do the boys wish to shirk the responsibility of management? Such management would only be a practice for them and a substantial addition to their education. Of course, a rented house ultimately proves the added value of one owned. Did I ever tell you how we started with a one-story cottage of five or six rooms and only two men to live in it? True, the chapter took lunch at the house. Gradually, however, incoming freshmen men applied for space, and upper-class men also joined, so that we had very soon to seek much larger quarters. Perhaps we do find the advantages of a large dance hall, but as but one or two of our dances need be given in a year, that feature ought not to cut into our figure, while the important consideration is the fact that it is a house we are after for the boys, such as they were accustomed to before coming to college, and not a hall or a club.

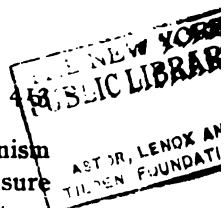
Some chapters, who with alumni aid can afford both, have a hall as well as a house. Others rent suitable halls for their term dances or annual receptions. Others have halls large enough for these parties, and others have residences where alumni who throw open their houses to the chapter. There is no inevitable loss, and there is much assured gain in taking a house. The chief trouble with most chapters is that they have not been shown how easy it is. Write to the nearest chapter that is running a successful house, or, better still, visit it and learn how the thing is done. Who will be next?

THE SCROLL.

THE SCROLL has always stood for practical Pan-Hellenism and cordial inter-fraternity relations. It notes with pleasure many signs of the prevalence of these among our chapters. The elaborate smoker given by Indiana Alpha recently to all the fraternity men of the university, one somewhat earlier in the year at De Pauw, the gathering held by Nebraska in honor of some of her men who were leaving the university, and many more such meetings, at which the fraternity men of the college were entertained or where receptions were given in honor of the college or a visiting glee club, as at Franklin, Ohio, and Vermont, recently, or the foot ball team, as at Purdue—all these are encouraging signs of the advent of a healthy spirit of friendly rivalry, which $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is doing and will do as much as any fraternity to foster and establish. They are signs, also, of social enterprise and leadership.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL has deputed Bros. Lester B. Fulton, *Chicago*, '99, now a member of the staff of Commissioner F. W. Peck, representing the United States at the Paris exposition of 1900, and Bro. Knight F. Flanders, *Chicago*, '98, now studying in Paris, to take charge of the register of members of Phi Delta Theta who visit Paris in 1900. One or more special reunions of visiting Phis will be held, dates and full particulars of which may be expected in later issues of **THE SCROLL**. This plan seems to have been first suggested by Bro. Arthur J. Bleazby, *Michigan*, '00. Bro. Fulton's address is '20 Avenue Rapp, with the embassy of the U. S. A. to the international exposition of 1900.'

THE convention is to blame, along with the printers, for delaying this number past the last day of the month. It was decided to be of supreme importance that the report of our semi-centennial should be complete and accurate, though **THE SCROLL** should be late. Many interesting articles, including a continuation of Bro. Swope's 'Reminiscences of Catalogue Making' and a discussion of the ΣX endowment fund, are crowded out, and will appear in April.



Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY COLLEGE.

The winter term at Colby began on January 5 with nearly all the old students in their accustomed places. Among the absent ones are Bros. Kane, Barber, and Chipman, who are teaching and will return before the end of this term. Although this is usually considered the quietest term of the year, there is much going on both in social and athletic lines. All athletic work is confined to the gymnasium. Later there will be an indoor athletic meet, where each class will compete for a cup. In consequence of this much hard work is being done. Basket ball is arousing considerable interest, and a series of class games is to be arranged.

Since our last letter we have initiated eight of the best men in the freshmen class, whom we introduce with great pleasure. They are Charles W. Atchley, Bath, Me.; Henry A. Barber, Hancock, N. H.; William W. Drew, Waterville, Me.; Bert O. Jones, Livermore, Me.; Robert Johnston, Portland, Me.; Roy A. Kane, Brookline, Me.; Harry Pratt, Phillips, Me.; Charles A. Richardson, Jefferson, Me. Bro. Atchley, Drew and Kane were members of the 'varsity foot ball team, and Bro. Richardson is a member of the glee club, the mandolin and guitar club and the college orchestra.

Besides the college honors already mentioned, permit us to note the following: Bro. Brown, '99, is a member of the glee club, of the college orchestra and president of the senior class. Bro. Chase, '99, won the seven mile run, leading from the start; Bro. Sturtevant, '01, took third. Bro. Waldron, '99, is statistician of his class; Bro. Pillsbury, '99, treasurer, and Bro. Chase, '99, a member of the executive committee. In the junior class Bro. Doughty is a member of the glee club and of the *Oracle* board and class chaplain. Bro. Furbush, a member of the mandolin and guitar club, and class vice-president. Bro. Severy, treasurer of the Y. M. C. A.; and Bro. Towne, president of the athletic association, member of the 'varsity foot ball team, class marshal and news editor of the *Echo*.

We have been honored with a call from Bro. R. G. Hooper, Ohio Beta. We hope for other calls from our brothers in the Bond.

Fraternally yours,

C. F. TOWNE.

Waterville, January 13, 1899.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

All is well with Dartmouth and with New Hampshire Alpha. The foot ball season has closed with another championship to our credit, though the team labored under many disadvantages; and now work is beginning in the gymnasium and ball cage for the work of the spring.

This year we held our annual initiation banquet at the Norwich Inn and were rejoiced to have with us Bro. Austin, of Amherst, and Bro. Andrews, of the University of Vermont.

Of our new brothers in '02, Bro. Archibald is class president; Bro.

Abbott, captain of the class base ball team; Bro. Stanley center on the class foot ball team; Bro. Mooney accompanist to the glee club. We are pleased to see once more Bros. Mitchell and Carr, '98, who have just been discharged in Porto Rico, where they have been stationed since enlistment.

The 'Buskin' is soon to present Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night,' and we are represented in the cast of characters by Bro. Barney, '99; Bro. Rich, '00; Bro. Tirrell, '00; Bro. Norris, '00; Bro. Owen, '01. Bro. Salinger, '00, is manager of the organization. Bro. Beal, '99, was

Rufus Choate scholar last year and received the highest scholarship in his class. Bro. Owen, '01, has just been chosen as one of two from the sophomore class to compete for the college prize in original orations.

President Tucker and Vice-president Lord are both abroad on well-earned vacations, and Prof. Richardson of the English department, will be acting president in their absence.

Our college is growing in numbers and our chapter in strength. To those who chance this way we repeat our invitation to call on New Hampshire Alpha.

Yours in the Bond,

Hanover, January 10, 1899.

CHARLES P. GRAHAM.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Our letter for the December SCROLL was a few days late, on account of the early issue of that number. In it we introduced our initiates for the present year: Theron Cummins Brooks, Randolph, Vt., of the class of '01, and Harold James Adams, West Haven, Vt.; Chas. Edwin Goodwin, Kennebunkport, Me.; John Nelson Harvey, Montpelier, Vt.; Ronald Rudolph Hayward, Burlington, Vt.; Geo. Glenn Morse, Morrisville, Vt.; Levi Miller Munson, Morrisville, Vt.; Cassius Leuben Peck, Burlington, Vt.; Don Martin Rice, Westford, Vt.; and Arthur Day Welch, Sharon, Vt.—all of the class of '02. On account of the large number of initiates two evenings were taken for the ceremonies. The initiation banquet was held at the Hotel Burlington, October 28. Bro. J. Leonard Barney, '99, represented the Dartmouth chapter on that occasion, and our Bro. Max W. Andrews, '99, later represented us at the Dartmouth initiation.

The 'varsity foot ball management secured for the past season the services of a Cornell coach, who succeeded in reviving foot ball spirit in Vermont to a gratifying degree. Six games were played, resulting in three victories, two defeats and one tie. Dartmouth and Holy Cross defeated us, but we scored in each game. Bro. Morse, '01, played right end, and Bro. Murray, '00, at half until forced to retire by injuries. The season closed with the sophomore-freshman game, Saturday, November 19. Though it was a cold, rainy day, the game was well attended and resulted in a victory for the sophomores, the score being 7—0. Brother Adams, at left tackle, captained the freshman team and Bros. Dodge and Morse filled the positions of center and right end respectively on the sophomore team.

A cake walk, participated in by a large number of students, was given at the armory Friday evening, December 2. About 1,200 people were present, and something over \$200 was realized for the benefit of the 'varsity foot ball team.

A very attractive little volume containing a collection of verse, chiefly by the undergraduates of the university, has recently been published.

The material was collected by R. H. Taft, '98, and among the poems we note several by Brothers Stewart and Kilbourn, '93, Dunham, '94, and Lincoln, '97. The price of 'Vermont Verse' is one dollar.

We think we have failed to note that Bro. Andrews, '99, received the junior prize of \$25 for progress, and Bro. Peck, '02, honorable mention in the freshman entrance examination in mathematics. Bro. Blair, '99, is president of the classical club and Bros. Blair and Morse are members of the cotillion club.

A new custom has been instituted at the university in the form of a sophomore hop, given at the armory on the evening of January 10. The event was quite successful and will doubtless be kept up by other classes. Bro. Morse was our representative on the hop committee. The musical clubs, under the efficient management of Bro. Andrews, have been very well received in their opening concerts, and a successful season is assured. The glee club has had excellent training, the results of which show where there has possibly been a slight weakness in former years. A joint concert with the Dartmouth clubs was given at the opera house here Friday, January 20. There was a good audience, and its appreciation is shown by the fact that nearly a double program was rendered. After the concert an informal reception and smoker was given to the members of the two clubs and others at the Phi Delta Theta house. A pleasant social time with frequent musical selections was much enjoyed, and the opportunity for better acquaintance well improved by all. We were much pleased to meet and entertain Brothers Graham, Thayer and Tirrell, of the Dartmouth clubs.

Burlington, January 25, 1899.

In the Bond,
G. C. GOULD.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA. AMHERST COLLEGE.

Our foot ball season closed November 19, and we succeeded in winning second place in the Amherst-Dartmouth-Williams league. The season was marked by the revival of the old Amherst spirit shown in the great enthusiasm and loyal support accorded the team. We interpret the revival of this old time spirit as characterizing the beginning of a new epoch in Amherst athletics.

The prospects for a good base ball team are at present very favorable. The old Barrett gymnasium, which is being repaired and equipped for a base ball cage, will soon be ready for use; a coach has been secured, and active practice will soon begin.

The track team, of which Bro. Klaer, '00, is captain, has already begun training for the B. A. A. and spring meets. The Boston athletic association games occur February 18.

The new college catalogue just issued shows a total registration of 380. A new department has recently been added to the college curriculum, that of 'Modern Governments and their Administration.' This course open to seniors is conducted by Prof. Edwin A. Grosvenor. The *Olio*, the annual publication of the junior class, made its appearance about the middle of December. Bro. Cooke, '00, was our representative on the board of editors. The junior prom., the chief social event of the year, will be held Friday evening, February 10. The annual Amherst-Williams chess tournament will be held in Amherst during the present term.

The chapter was shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden death of Bro. Charles Gordon Herald, ex-'00, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on November 11, 1898. Bro. Herald left college at the end of his freshman

year and entered business in New York. His untimely death was the result of an attack of spinal-meningitis. Bro. Herald was a man of genial disposition, sterling character and a loyal and devoted Phi.

The first social event of the winter was a very enjoyable dance given by the senior delegation on December 3, 1898, from 4:30 to 8:30 P. M. Bro. Cooke, '00, has left college to engage in business.

Yours in the Bond,

Amherst, January 16, 1899.

DEWEY H. HURD.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA, BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Owing to press of duties which compelled our former reporter to resign, we were unable to present a letter in the December issue of THE SCROLL.

Our entering class of 250 afforded ample new material for the thirteen fraternities represented at Brown, and we have added eight names to our roll: G. E. Buxton, Jr., Providence; L. L. Drury, Bellingham, Mass.; J. Holmes, Mystic, Conn.; H. Natsch, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. A. Paige, Franklin Falls, N. H.; W. K. Putney, Gloucester, Mass.—all of '02; also E. B. Evans, '01, Providence, and H. H. Mallory, '99, Chicago, who entered Brown this year from the Pennsylvania State College, where he was a member of the local society, $\Phi \Delta E$.

We have begun the new year by moving into exceedingly cosy and pleasant new rooms on college hill, the best location obtainable. The Phi Delta Theta club of Providence will hold their meetings in our new quarters, and the intimate and cordial relations existing between them and the active chapter promise much benefit to the latter.

As usual, Rhode Island Alpha is at the front in all departments of university work and organizations. Bros. Hapgood, '01, Melendy, '01, and Wheeler, '98, helped Brown score on Harvard last fall while Bro. Gifford, '99, was manager of the team. Bros. Gifford, '99, Bass, '00, and White, '00, are members of the Brown *Daily Herald* staff, and Bro. Putney, '99, is editor of Brown verse for the *Brunonian*. Bro. Putney, '99, is also editor-in-chief and Bro. Stillman, '00, associate editor and artist of the *Liber*, Brown's annual, of which Bro. Green, '98, was editor-in-chief last year. Bro. Mallory, '99, and Bro. Paige, '02, represent us on the glee club, the former also playing with the mandolin club and being treasurer of the combined musical clubs. Bro. Burdick, '01, was manager of the sophomore foot ball team, but we regret to add that he has been compelled to suspend his college work temporarily on account of his eyes. Bro. Evans, '01, is secretary and treasurer of the sophomore ball committee, and Bro. Paige, '02, is vice-president of his class. Bro. Norton, '00, won the Abby Wheaton Chase prize scholarship of \$200, which is awarded on a basis of ability and character, the last Phi to win this prize being Bro. Aldrich, '95. Bro. White, '01, is assistant manager of the base ball team, and if precedent is followed, will be manager next year. This is a very important position, considering the fact that Brown has been champion of eastern colleges twice in the last three years. Bro. Boynton, '00, is one of the directors of the athletic association. Bro. Downs, '00, is secretary of the Sears reading room association, and Bro. Hapgood, '01, leads the cheering of his class. Bro. Putney, '99, has the address to undergraduates for next commencement, which Bro. Green, '98, had last year, and Bros. Green, '98, Gifford, '99, and Phetteplace, '99, made $\Phi B K$ at the last drawing.

The otherwise most happy and prosperous life of Rhode Island Al-

pha has recently been saddened by the death of our beloved Brother John K. Upton, '98. Appropriate resolutions were published in the *Brown Herald*.

Providence, January 13, 1899.

In the Bond,
H. H. MALLORY.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

New York Alpha entered upon the second term January 3, with bright prospects. As a result of the recent fall examinations 30 students were found wanting and dropped from the university, but we are glad to say that no Phi name appeared on the list. The new university register for 1898-99 is out, and shows an increase of 248 men in this year's registration; the total is now 2,038. The rapid advancement of Cornell the past year has also been marked by the founding of two new colleges: the Medical College and the New York State College of Forestry. In connection with the College of Forestry the legislature provided for the purchase of 30,000 acres of land in the Adirondacks.

We regret to announce that Bro. A. E. Whiting (L.L.B. '98), who so successfully led our band of Ithacan warriors on the gridiron the past foot ball season, has left college and entered the New York office of the Whiting Paper Co. While in college Bro. Whiting was well liked by all; he was prominent in all phases of student life, and best of all was for four years a loyal Phi.

During the past vacation the university suffered a severe loss in the burning of the Kappa Alpha lodge. The house was located on university ground, at the entrance of the campus. It was one of the handsomest and most expensive fraternity houses at Cornell. The house was totally destroyed, the stone walls alone remaining.

Junior week will begin January 30, and on Tuesday night, the 31st, New York Alpha will give its annual dance.

Athletics are rather quiet at Cornell just now, but before the winter term is far advanced all the different teams will be at work in the gymnasium. January 7, the candidates for the freshman crew were called out; 75 men responded and from now till June will work under the eye of Coach Courtney. Next month the base ball team will begin its work, with Jennings of the Baltimore league team as head coach.

Under the able leadership of Bro. J. H. Wynne (M. E., '98) the glee club had a most successful Christmas tour, stopping at Buffalo, Franklin, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago. Bro. W. H. Morrison, '01, also accompanied the club.

Although the rushing season is pretty far advanced at Cornell, more than one new name will soon appear on the chapter roll of New York Alpha.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,
Ithaca, January 8, 1899. KILTON EWING WHITE.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION UNIVERSITY.

The beginning of the winter term sees Bro. Gayetty, ex-'98, back at his work, and he will complete his course with the class of '99.

The past term was a very successful one for the college and for the chapter. The standing of the brothers was a credit to the fraternity and a source of gratification to ourselves.

The foot ball team was not heavy, but the abundance of earnest,

snappy players enabled Coach Pollard to turn out an excellent eleven. Only one defeat mars the season's record, but that was the one which lost us the pennant in the New York state inter-collegiate league, composed of Hamilton, Colgate, Hobart and Union. Hamilton defeated us in a hard-fought game, in which we were crippled by the absence of Mallory, our star half-back. Bro. Willis represented us on the team, and his play at right guard was steady and effective. The prospects for next year are very bright. Only one of this year's team is to be graduated, and with the new material to work with, we are sure to have even a better team than this year. The base ball prospects are equally good. Bro. Gambee, who, as assistant manager, filled the vacancy caused by the resignation of last year's manager, holds over this year. All of last year's players are back except Thatcher. Nothing is yet known of the material in the freshman class, but we hope to add this season's pennant to the collection of trophies which old Union has won and to make a record for Phi management by turning out two teams of pennant winners in succession. Bro. Grout will undoubtedly appear at his old place at third. Some of the other brothers will be candidates for the team.

The present term sees one more stride in the advance of New York Beta. Under the management of Bro. Brownell we are boarding in the chapter house instead of going out for our meals as was customary heretofore.

At the freshman banquet, Bro. Griffith responded to a toast, and his effort was very favorably received.

Yours in the Bond,

Schenectady, January 15, 1899.

J. D. EDWARDS.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

An air of unusual activity pervades university hill since the holidays. Nothing startling is happening, but the steady routine of work is being entered into with remarkable vigor. The professors added to the faculty at the beginning of the year have proven themselves able and competent men. Dr. Jones and Dr. Farley, of the English department, have been engaged in literary work, which will soon be presented to the public. Dr. Mace, for some years at the head of the department of history, is absent delivering a course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania. Before returning he will lecture in New York, Baltimore, and other prominent places. Dr. Hargitt, in charge of the department of biology, has been invited to lecture before the next national teachers' association at San Francisco.

Socially, the university has been rather quiet. A few receptions have been held, mostly in honor of the entering class. After the mid-year examinations the social season will begin in earnest.

On December 16 we gave a reception to our alumni. A collation was provided, and every arrangement made for a pleasant evening. We were surprised at the number of alumni present.

Many of our men have gone into training for track events and base ball. We have reason to believe that we shall make a creditable showing in athletics in the spring. Our scholarship committee makes, on the whole, a good report of the class standing of the members of the fraternity. Indeed, some of our freshmen have quite distinguished themselves already. We are on the *qui vive* for good men, and hope soon to add a few more to our number.

Yours in the Bond,

Syracuse, January 12, 1899.

ALLEN DUNCAN BURNHAM.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

We have just closed one of the most successful terms of fraternity life. During the month of November we gave a smoker, which it is hoped is but the beginning of a series of socials with our alumni brothers. With great pleasure do we announce that Bro. Edward G. Bray has been elected captain of the foot ball eleven for the season of 1899. Too much can not be said in his praise. He is a conscientious student as well as one of the best full backs in the country, and these qualities have been recognized in the approval which the students and friends of the college give to the choice. His steady and spirited play—ing puts life into every game, and often wins victory where defeat seemed certain.

The once charred and smoking ruins of Old Pardee have again been built upon, and in a few weeks we shall occupy the improved and renovated departments. In the geological section Prof. Peck has built up his department and has it much better equipped than formerly. The electrical engineering part of the building, which suffered through shifting, has taken advantage of time and general improvements, and has added new dynamos, ammeters, voltmeters, wattmeters and other appliances.

The literary societies are pushing forward work on their rooms. Contracts have been awarded for decorating and furnishing their quarters. Experience has suggested many improvements as to the arranging and decorating of the halls. Their libraries will be benefited in that they will be provided with the latest and best books.

It is an ill wind that blows no one any good, and thus it is with Pardee Hall. The incoming term will see its doors swing open and improvement after improvement meet our eyes in the resurrected building.

Yours in the Bond,

GEO. W. HAGNEY.

Easton, January 5, 1899.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Beta began her winter term with seven active members, and one pledged man, who will be a full-fledged Phi, by the time this letter is published. He is Wm. J. Klinefelter, '99. We may congratulate ourselves in being able to pledge him, he having been asked by several other fraternities. He is very popular among the students, and prominent in many of the college affairs, being editor-in-chief of the *Gettysburgian*, assistant editor of the *Mercury*, assistant editor of the '99 *Spectrum*, member of the Promethean club and president of his class in the junior year. Two more men are being considered, and we trust we may also introduce them in a future letter.

The semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees will occur this week. Probably the one change which is expected, and one which will interest the students most of all, is the adoption of the cut system in recitations. Each student is to be allowed sixteen absences from recitations each term. Heretofore the students were compelled to make up every recitation missed, giving the professors an undue amount of extra work, and being a great inconvenience to the students.

The foot ball season at Gettysburg closed on Thanksgiving day, with a victory from Baltimore Medical College in a beautifully played game. After a lapse of five years, Gettysburg and Dickinson have again decided to meet each other in different athletic contests, having

arranged series of games in foot ball, base ball and field sports. Though defeated in her first game, Gettysburg hopes to be able to win some of the laurels. The student body was very much pleased over the outcome of the committees in charge of the resuming of athletics, and have already shown their interest in it, by practicing daily for the spring games. As these contests will afford frequent opportunities for meeting our Pennsylvania Epsilon brothers, we feel sure we shall come in closer touch with each other than heretofore.

Owing to the weather and delay in getting some of the materials, we were not able to occupy our chapter house at the time specified, January 1. We feel safe, however, in saying that by February 1 we shall be comfortably located in the house of which so much has been said of late. We hope to give to the readers of THE SCROLL, a full description of our house in a future number.

The chapter was greatly interested in the proceedings of the national convention. The report our delegate had to offer seems to have increased our admiration for Phi Delta Theta. He reports a fine time, and speaks in the highest terms of the many Phi Delta Theta he met, and of the manner in which the Ohio boys entertained the convention.

Among the alumni who have visited us recently, it gives us pleasure to name Brothers Reinawald, '85; Lantz, '94; Friday, '97; Meisenhelder, '97. It was also our pleasure to meet Bro. N. S. Hendricks, of Tennessee Alpha, now a student at Princeton.

About twenty-five men have applied for positions on the base ball team, a much larger number than heretofore. Daily practice in the cage has begun, and we bid fair to develop a winning team. The schedule is not completed as yet, but in all probability about two games a week will be played. Bros. Huber, '01, and Floto, '03 (pledged), are applicants representing Phi Delta Theta.

The glee and mandolin clubs are at present actively engaged in preparing for their mid-winter trip, which has been arranged. In these Phi Delta Theta is represented by Bro. Ott and Bro. Huber.

The Y. M. C. A. lecture course has been announced, the season opening January 21.

We were very sorry to learn of the illness of Bro. H. E. Gettier, '93. Bro. Gettier is assistant surgeon, U. S. A., and while on his way home on a furlough was stricken with typhoid fever. He was removed to the Staten Island Hospital, where we hope for his speedy recovery.

The reporter desires through THE SCROLL to acknowledge the receipt of chapter letters from Cornell, Syracuse, California, Texas and Sewanee.

Yours in the Bond,

Gettysburg, January 14, 1899.

HIRAM H. KELLER.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA. WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

The second term began on January 4, with more than the usual number of students present at the opening, on account of a recent rule of the faculty, which causes a student to be expelled if he misses more than twenty recitations during the term. So far, this new system has served very well, and although most people have the grip, the students have better health than usual, if one judges by their attendance at college.

All our men are back except Bro. Bulger, who is out on account of his health. This leaves us with twelve men; we have three men pledged, whom we shall soon have the pleasure of initiating.

Last year Bro. Carline was assistant manager of the base ball team.

When war was declared, he took Manager Edward's place. On account of the fact that he conducted affairs so well last year, Bro. Carline has been unanimously elected to manage the team for this year. Chas. S. Bowman, B Θ II, has been elected captain.

Our foot ball team was not quite as successful this year as it has been the three years previous. Many of our players having gone to war, our prospects seemed very poor, but we did better than we expected. Mr. J. A. Mathews, 'Texas,' our famous fullback, has been unanimously elected captain. The faculty claim that he can not serve, because he is not in the college proper, but in the preparatory department. All the students hope that the faculty will permit him to captain the team, on account of his great foot ball talent and tact.

Phi Kappa Sigma is going to move. At present they have a house out on East Maiden street, but it is not central and is too far from college. Their new house will be on East Bean street, near the college. Delta Tau Delta is going to go into a house on North avenue. This is a very good location, and an ideal site for a fraternity house.

Mr. James G. Monroe, who was a member of Delta Tau Delta, died in the hospital at Manila. This is the first man to die of the twenty-nine that left W. and J. when war broke out. Bro. Ralston has been very ill since he went to Manila, but he is recovering. Bro. Eicher is in good health, but has lost several pounds in weight in that tropical climate.

The Phi Delta Thetas have been considering two houses, and by April 1 will be comfortably settled. We have often tried to go into a house, but the fates seemed to be against us. Things are especially favorable now. Hoping that our alumni will give us their hearty support, and come to see us in our new home, I remain,

Yours in the Bond,

Washington, January 14, 1899.

W. C. GRUBBS.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The foot ball season, which was brought to a successful close on Thanksgiving day, by a complete victory over the Meadville athletic association team, was one of the most prosperous in the history of the college, the number of points scored far surpassing the record of any previous team. On Thanksgiving evening the team was royally banqueted by President Crawford. Φ Δ Θ was represented on the toast list by H. H. Wright, *Amherst*, '98, our physical director, and J. C. Byers, of the active chapter.

With the close of the foot ball season, interest in athletics has centered on the basket ball team, of which Bro. Wolstoncroft is captain. Careful work has developed a strong team, which is expected at least to equal that of last year, which defeated the champion team of western Pennsylvania.

The glee concert given the latter part of the fall term was an event of great interest in college and town circles. After the concert the members of the glee club were tendered a reception by the young ladies of Hulings Hall.

On December 10, '98, we initiated Bro. Archer Russell, '02, whom we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity as the fourth of his family to become a member of Pennsylvania Delta. Bro. Wilkenson, who was out of college the latter part of the fall term on account of trouble with his eyes, is with us again.

Bro. L. H. Blanchard, *Dartmouth*, '97, was a frequent and welcome caller at the chapter house during his few weeks' sojourn in town.

The chapter desires to renew its invitation to all Phis passing through Meadville to make our house their headquarters.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,
Meadville, Pa., January 15, 1899. EDWIN S. OAKES.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Virginia Gamma returned six men this fall, all full of Phi enthusiasm and ready to land any 'fish' deemed worthy of such an honor. As the new men were rather young it was thought advisable to allow them time to develop, and so we have thus far initiated only one man, who was secured from the leading fraternities represented here, and whom I now introduce as Bro. Newton Taliaferro Bringham, '01, Alexandria, La.

By graduation we lost last year Bros. Dolly, Kern and Clements. Bro. Dolly is taking a course in medicine at Johns Hopkins University; Bro. Kern responded promptly to his country's call and is now in the volunteer army; and Brother Clements is running a big farm in Maryland. Bro. Janney, after taking the greatest honor at the disposal of this institution, the Sutherland medal given to the best orator, failed to return this fall, and is now in business.

As usual, the Phis are taking the lion's share of college honors. We have the presidents of all the class organizations, president of the literary society, president of the athletic association, secretary and treasurer of the athletic association, manager of the foot ball team, and associate editor of the college journal. We were also ably represented on the foot ball team by Bro. Davis at right guard. It is early to speak of base ball, but prospects for a good team are very fine, and Phi Delta Theta will be sure to be heard from there.

We were very sorry not to be represented at the convention at Columbus, but circumstances were such that it was practically impossible. Every man wanted to go, but the fact that this is our examination period—owing to a change in our system of examinations, making three exams. annually instead of two as formerly—precluded the possibility of any one of us getting off even for a short time.

Yours in the Bond,
Ashland, November 30, 1898. HENRY GEORGE LAVINDER.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The winter term is always the dullest at W. and L., and the beginning of 1899 is not an exception. With no chance of outdoor sports, there seems nothing left but study, and such a crowd of studious men was never seen here before. The standard in scholarship has certainly become higher, but it may be a question whether this will tend to promote college spirit and interest in college sports. It would be impossible to predict what part in athletics W. and L. will take in the spring. Work on the crews and base ball team has not begun, and the track team has not been organized yet.

Since our last report several honors have fallen to Virginia Zeta. Bro. Sloan was chosen vice-president of the intermediate celebration of the Washington literary society, and Bro. Graybill holds the position of secretary in the same organization.

Virginia Zeta regrets that her delegate was unable to attend the convention at Columbus. This was due to the fact that the regular Christmas examinations begin at W. and L. in the early part of December.

Lexington, January 20, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
R. G. CAMPBELL.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

We lost by graduation last session Bro. C. H. Johnston. Bro. Johnston won the much-coveted Worth prize in philosophy and was one of the four senior speakers at commencement. He is teaching this year at the Bingham school, Mebane, N. C. Next year he goes to Harvard to pursue the study of philosophy. Bros. Wescott Roberson and S. R. Buxton have obtained law license and are no longer with us. Bro. Buxton led the class of fifty-one applicants before the supreme court, and Bro. Roberson was mentioned as having the second best paper. Bro. Roberson is practicing law at High Point, N. C., and Bro. Buxton will practice at Newport News, Va.

Bros. Winston and Donnelly were marshals at commencement.

Bro. E. S. Askew, ex-'98, is back this year.

We hear that our president, Dr. E. A. Alderman, has been tendered the presidency of the University of Iowa. It is believed he will not accept. Dr. Alderman is a strong, vigorous president. We can not afford to lose him.

The university library has recently been rearranged and ornamented. It is a model of beauty. Co-education is becoming more and more strongly fixed at this institution, there being an increased number of women students here this session. Most of them are graduates from other colleges, several being from Smith College.

Bro. Donnelly is one of the editors of the university magazine. Bro. Coxe is one of the editors of the *Hellenian*.

Everything points to a successful year in all branches of athletics. The foot ball team will be unusually strong. We hope to win from Virginia Thanksgiving. Bros. Coxe and Donnelly are candidates for the team. Bro. Winston is the undergraduate member of the athletic advisory committee. He has been re-elected captain of the 'varsity base ball team, and is captain of the senior foot ball team.

The latest addition to our number is Bro. G. B. Newby, '01. Bro. Newby is manager of his class foot ball team.

Φ Δ Θ is represented on the dramatic club by Bro. Harris. The club has become an interesting feature of our college life. It will make a tour of eastern Carolina during the Christmas holidays.

Chapel Hill, November 5, 1898.

Yours in the Bond of Φ Δ Θ,
E. S. ASKEW.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

Kentucky Alpha has had the good fortune not to lose any men by failure to return after the Christmas holidays. But unfortunately Bro. Johnson, '00, was called home in November on account of his father's poor health. We have pledged three more men who are in the preparatory department of Centre, but they will not be initiated until next year. It has become quite a custom at Centre among the fraternities to spike men before they enter college on account of the small quantity of fraternity material. By the next issue of THE SCROLL we hope to introduce another brother of the class of '02 who

is now pledged. We are glad to have Bros. Jamison and Sanford, who were active members of Ohio Alpha, affiliate with us.

Kentucky Alpha has a good reason to be proud of herself, because she has paid off all the back debt to the fraternity. This was not the fault of the present chapter, but of the members of the past two or three years.

We now number eleven active members, which is the largest number we have had for some time.

Danville, January 14, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
BOYLE O. RODES, JR.

KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

We regret exceedingly that Kentucky Delta has been unable to send in a letter this year, and that we were compelled to be unrepresented at the Columbus convention. Indeed, everything seems to have gone against us, starting with the unfortunate fire of last year.

Regardless of these misfortunes, however, we are beginning to pull out again, and in this connection we wish to thank our many friends and alumni who have given us their able assistance.

We take pleasure in reporting that Central University opened splendidly this year. Phi Delta Theta introduces the following new men: Bros. Lewis B. Herrington, '01, Atlanta, Ga., and Tilman J. Robb, '02, Helena, Ky. We regret the loss by graduation of Bro. Huffaker (now in the Columbia law school) and of Bros. Clark, Bowles, Jones and Douglas, who have failed to return to college.

For the fifth successive year a Phi has captained Central's foot ball team, and this year Bro. G. K. Speed has much to be proud of. He won every game he played and was only once scored against, and then on a fluke. We defeated our old rival, Centre, by the overwhelming score of 30 to 0, thereby winning the Kentucky championship. Vanderbilt also went down before us on her own grounds by a score of 12 to 0. Other Phis on the team were Bros. Booker, Blanton and L. M. Smith. It is also pleasing to us to know that three of these were placed on the All-Kentucky team, which is now preparing to face the Carlisle Indians.

The Miller Gymnasium, lately completed, is a great addition to the university, and Kentucky Delta expects to be well represented there. We also have bright prospects for the coming base ball season. Bro. Booker is secretary and treasurer of the athletic association, and Bro. Blanton managed the foot ball team. Bros. Greenleaf and Smith represent us in the law department. Bro. Greenleaf was appointed major and military commandant, but, on account of ill health, has as yet been unable to take up his duties.

Kentucky Delta rejoices with other Kentuckians that the next convention is to be held in Louisville—and expects to be there to a man, and assist in making it better, if possible, than our previous ones.

We wish to take advantage of this opportunity to thank our old friend and adviser, Bro. Frank D. Swope, for his many kindnesses to Kentucky Delta and to congratulate him on his election to the general council.

Richmond, December 5, 1898.

Yours in the Bond,
LEWIS B. HERRINGTON.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

We are justly proud of our chapter house. Last year we had it repainted and recently we have had it beautifully papered. Electric lights will be put in as soon as possible, making it very inviting.

The glee, mandolin, and guitar clubs have been organized and put under competent trainers. The trip this year will probably be through Kentucky, Tennessee and part of Alabama. We are represented on the clubs by Bros. Carr, Crider, Howell, S. Pilcher, C. Pilcher and Wilson.

Basket ball, which was begun at Vanderbilt about three years ago, has grown into great popularity as a winter game. The classes have organized teams and in a short while will contest for the championship of the university. Bro. Grantlin Rice is captain of the '01 team. We will be well represented on all of the teams.

In base ball we have Bros. Rice and Carlyle, who were members of last year's team. These men are sure of places on this year's eleven, and it is probable that we will have one or two other men to make it.

We are glad to have with us Bro. G. B. Baskerville, Jr., who so gloriously acquitted himself at Santiago de Cuba. He will resume his work in the university. It is a pleasure to introduce to the fraternity world our new brothers: John A. Wilson and Vaughn Cooper, both of Nashville. Bro. Cooper was quarter back on the '02 class foot ball team.

We are now preparing for the hardest part of the year, intermediate examinations. When these are over, it is our custom to give an entertainment to which we invite all fraternities in college. We also give several informal dances during the year.

We will probably have one more affiliate, Bro. Folmar, who has entered the dental department. This will give us a strong chapter and will greatly increase our strength for the coming year.

Yours in the Bond,

Nashville, January 13, 1899.

GILMER WINSTON.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Owing to the winter vacation the university is not at present in session, the Lent term opening about the middle of March. The season just past has been one of unprecedented success in foot ball, and Sewanee is justly proud of her wearers of the moleskin, having won every game and having been scored against but once. They defeated on home grounds the University of Nashville 10 to 0, the University of Texas at Austin, 4 to 0, the Southern athletic club at New Orleans, 23 to 0; and the season had a fitting culmination in the defeat of our old rival, Vanderbilt, on Thanksgiving day at Nashville, by the score of 19 to 4.

We are very glad to welcome among us Bro. Robt. D. Hudson, *Alabama*, '99, who has affiliated with us.

Tennessee Beta loses this year four true and worthy brothers, whose absence will be greatly felt, but this loss will only spur us on to greater activity. Bro. Parrott has finished his law course and will receive his degree next commencement. Bro. Bathurst at the recent medical commencement received the degrees of M. D. and Ph. G., and Bro. Enoch that of M. D. Bro. Jemison, of the law department, leaves this year to engage in business at his home in Birmingham, Ala. Bro. Jemison was one of the Trent debaters and is alternate for the debate with Vanderbilt this year. Bro. Thomas, M. D., and Bro. Gaskell, M. D.,

both professors in the medical department, also received the degree of Ph. G.

We were very glad to receive a visit from Bro. Stults, *De Pauw*, '98, during the fall. The mountain received flying visits from the following Phis, alumni of Tennessee Beta: Bros. A. L. Cotton, of New York city; Rev. C. B. K. Weed, M. A., of New Jersey, and Lieut. Oscar Wilder, of the 1st Kentucky. We were very glad to welcome them again and only hope that in the future their visits may be of longer duration.

The new dormitory, which is the bequest of the late Dr. Hoffman, of New York, is rapidly approaching completion and will doubtless be ready for occupancy by March.

Sewanee, January 2, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
WM. LOWRY GILLET.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The University of Georgia has opened up with some additions, and with prospects of more by the beginning of the second term. In athletics this is of course the dull season of the year, but we are looking forward to a successful base ball season. Foot ball for 1898 closed in Atlanta on Thanksgiving, with a technical defeat for our team by that of Auburn, Ala. This defeat was a great disappointment for Georgia, especially as it was the last game of a series of five in which Georgia and Auburn already stood two and two. With the exception of a crushing defeat by the team from the University of North Carolina, Georgia sustained no other defeats during the fall.

Of the new men who have entered, Georgia Alpha has extended the grip to one, and takes pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters Bro. S. C. Rucker, of Columbia, South Carolina. At the same time she has suffered the loss of Brother Offutt, of Rockville, Maryland, who has entered the mysteries of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ since our last letter. The Chapter is grieved to announce the recent death of Bro. McWhorter's father.

The University of Georgia has selected her two debating teams to meet the University of North Carolina and Mercer University in the spring. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is represented on the team which meets Mercer.

Extending our hospitality to all visiting Phis, we are

Athens, January 10, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
KARL D. SANDERS.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

Emory reopened on January 3 with the best attendance in her history. Only one new man, however, was deemed worthy of Phi Delta Theta. It is with pleasure that we introduce Bro. Charles Watson, '02, of Atlanta. He is a brother of Sydney P. Watson, *Sewanee*, '97.

Bros. Willard, Lovett and Hancock did not return after the holidays. We wish them much success in their new fields, and assure them that they will be greatly missed by the chapter.

The appointment of Bro. Earnest G. Hallman, '96, as president of Gamma province, is eminently satisfactory to Georgia Beta. Bro. Hallman is an honored alumnus of Emory, and withal the most enthusiastic Phi we have ever met.

It is with sadness that we chronicle the death of Dr. Morgan Callaway, '59. Dr. Callaway was an honorary member of Phi Delta Theta, and loyal in every sense of the word to the cause. For more than twenty years he has been connected with Emory as vice-president and professor of English. His loss will be felt keenly by Emory College, and in his death the cause of higher education at large sustains an irreparable loss.

Base ball practice has begun, and we note with pleasure that the pitcher of each class team, and of the 'varsity as well, is a Phi. The election for manager has not been held yet.

Oxford, January 16, 1899.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

W. W. TINDALL.

GEORGIA GAΠΠA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Mercer opened her winter term on January 2, with flattering prospects. The roll stands about the same as at the fall opening. In a few days work will be begun on the alumni hall, which is to cost \$15,000. This building will contain an excellent gymnasium with complete equipment, and four large halls additional; two of these halls will be devoted to the use of the two societies, while the other two will serve respectively as reading-room and Y. M. C. A. hall. The University of Georgia is very anxious to secure Bro. Pollock as chancellor, but we trust that he may not be prevailed upon to accept.

On November 9, Bro. Eugene Fred Hunter, and on November 12, Bro. Reginald Fale, were initiated. Bro. Hunter is a leading member of the law class and one of whom we are very proud. Bro. Fale was eagerly sought by other fraternities, especially by $\Sigma \Psi$ and $\Sigma \Lambda \epsilon$; he is an honor graduate of the military institute at Barnesville and holds a second lieutenant's commission for state service.

In this connection we regret to state the loss of two of our most loyal brothers, Bro. Pearson and Bro. Roberts, both of whom were forced to abandon their work on account of continued ill health. We miss them, but look forward with pleasure to their return next year.

There are no new men who have displayed sufficient worth to warrant our considering them; but it is very probable that in the near future some may prove themselves worthy of our consideration.

In base ball Bro. Stetson has been appointed assistant manager to Bro. Turner, and they have arranged a schedule which will furnish about fifteen games. We are very anxious for Bro. W. D. Sanford, who is an old member here, to enter the law class and take a position on the team. He holds a fine record as a player, and if he can be prevailed upon to enter the institution, will prove a valuable acquisition, both to the fraternity and to the team.

We are formulating plans for a chapter house and most earnestly desire that the near future will find us the owners of a commodious and well furnished home.

We are pleased to have with us Bro. Lane, of Brown University, and Bro. McNeil, of Emory College. These brothers, who have endeared themselves to each one of us while sojourning in Macon, attend our meetings and encourage us with their words and presence.

Bro. Jelks holds the position of reviewer of magazines on the staff of the *Mercerian*, the college periodical. Bro. Jelks and Bro. Turner are the editors from the fraternity on the board of editors of the '99 *Kinetoscope*, the college annual.

Mr. Hatcher, who is pledged, will join us soon. We have an ex-

ceptionally large amount of class honors—more than our share—and space will not permit me to give a list of them.

Bro. Whitney was highly pleased with the cordial reception extended him by all the brothers who attended the convention; he gave a most interesting talk to the fraternity, in which he told of the changes in the constitution and officers, described the banquet and attendant pleasures and declared it—taken all in all—one of the greatest events of the closing century.

Macon, January 9, 1899.

Yours in the Bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

R. J. COATES.

ΑΛΑΒΑΜΑ ΒΕΤΑ, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

This has been a very successful year for our chapter. At the beginning of the college year fourteen old men returned, three of these being graduates of last year, returning to accept the positions of instructors in their different branches. Bro. A. McB. Ransom is instructor in chemistry; Bro. John Haralson, Jr., in electricity; and Bro. J. W. Williams in pharmacy. This speaks well for our chapter, as all three of them received first honors in their respective courses. Their loss next year will be keenly felt, as our chapter has been greatly improved by their good influence and management.

We take great pleasure in introducing our new brothers: S. D. Gilbert, '00, Florence, Ala.; M. C. Baldridge, '00, Huntsville, Ala.; S. H. Roberts, '01, Montgomery, Ala.; W. L. Greene, '01, Opelika, Ala.; J. H. Edmonson, '01, Eufaula, Ala.; A. J. Moseley, '01, Union Springs, Ala.; L. H. Moore, '01, Montgomery, Ala.; W. M. Askew, '02, Newnan, Ga.; H. B. Park, '02, La Grange, Ga. Bro. Garber, formerly of Alabama Alpha, was affiliated. With the three graduates this gives us a total of 24 men. The new men are the pick of the college, and we expect Phi Delta Theta to derive many benefits from them throughout their college course.

In the military department we have Bro. I. F. McDonnell, captain of Co. A, and Bro. G. M. Wheeler, captain of Co. D. As first lieutenants we have Bros. C. W. Minge, James A. Ward, Jr., and A. M. Boyd. Bro. A. H. Feagin is first lieutenant and quartermaster. As non-commissioned officers we have Bros. Gilbert and Flowers, sergeants, and Bros. Roberts, Greene and Burnett, corporals.

Our foot ball team was a surprise to every one this year. At first our prospects were very poor. The team was very light, and all the men were new; but 'Auburn grit' and superior training won for us in the Auburn-Georgia game in Atlanta on Thanksgiving day. Phi Delta Theta came in for her share of the glory, being represented on the eleven by four men: Bros. Feagin and Haralson, half backs, and Bros. Wheeler and Park, ends. At the end of the season Bro. Feagin was elected captain for next year. In honor of our victory over the Georgians, the faculty gave a banquet to the 'varsity and scrubs, which did much to increase the foot ball spirit and enthusiasm.

At the beginning of the new year all our members returned with the exception of Bros. Moseley and Thompson. There was not much fraternity material among the new men that came in after Christmas, and we have not tried for any at all.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL we have suffered a severe loss by the death of two most worthy brothers: O. H. Chapman, '99, of Troy, Ala., and D. H. Minge, '00, of Faunsdale, Ala. Bro. Minge left last year to attend the University of Alabama, where he was affiliated

with Alabama Alpha. Appropriate memorial exercises were held and resolutions passed by our chapter in memory of our deceased brothers.

Our chapter is in good condition in every way, and we hope in the near future to show our sister chapters an improvement on our part in securing a new home.

Yours in the Bond,

Auburn, January 7, 1899.

GEORGE M. WHEELER.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Alpha has been very unfortunate in losing several members during the year. We regret very much their loss but wish them every success in their new positions. Bros. Jamison and Sanford have gone to Centre. Bro. Beauchamp has gone to O. S. U. to take a course in mechanical engineering. Bro. Curtis is attending the Fairfield military academy, at Fairfield, New York. Bro. Evans has accepted a position in the bank at Frankfort, Ohio, and Bro. Walker expects to leave soon for Cincinnati. The unfortunate loss of so many has greatly weakened us, but Ohio Alpha is still in a good condition and quite able to take care of herself.

The work on the new buildings is not progressing very rapidly, on account of the cold weather. The west wing, which contains the chapel, is expected to be completed and ready for use in April. All have been greatly inconvenienced this year, in not having a public meeting place or room in which entertainments could be given. We shall be more than recompensed, however, for our annoyance, as the new chapel will be much larger and be a credit to 'new Miami.'

Yours in the Bond,

Oxford, January 14, 1899.

W. E. STOKES.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We sorrowfully announce to the fraternity the death of Bro. Edgar Downing Albright, '92, which occurred at his home in Lima, Ohio, December 10, 1898. Since graduation Bro. Albright first was superintendent of schools at Belpre, Ohio, and later occupied the same position at Parkersburg, W. Va. He was spending Thanksgiving at home, expecting to return to his work in a few days, but, having suffered a relapse from a serious attack of pneumonia, was unable to do so and was unexpectedly taken from us. Bro. Albright is remembered as a loyal and devoted brother, brilliant in intellect and unswerving in principle, always maintaining the highest standard of Christian morality. The chapter attended the funeral in a body.

The beginning of the new year has bright prospects for Ohio Beta. We were recently honored by a visit from our worthy president, Bro. W. B. Palmer. His presence was a great benefit to the chapter and a source of much pleasure to the individual members.

The national convention, being held so near, was a special inspiration to our chapter. All our members were present and were afforded the pleasure of meeting two of the founders and many of the younger wearers of the blue and white.

All our men, with the exception of Bro. Pauley, who completed the work required for graduation at Christmas, have returned this term. We take great pleasure in presenting Bros. Wave Wilber Blackman, of Wauseon, Ohio, and Ernest Leuchton Karr, of Delaware,

Ohio, both of the class of '02. We have also five pledged men, three of whom we expect to initiate at the close of the present term. To the list of pledged men mentioned in the last SCROLL may be added Howard Daniel Marsh, of Pomona, Cal.

At the departure of Bro. Pauley, regretting the loss of our loyal Phi, yet rejoicing in mere contemplation of the honors he is sure to bring to the argent and azure, we gave a banquet in honor of the occasion. Bro. R. G. Hooper, '97, was present.

Class spirit at present appears to be at flood tide, and already preparations are being made for a genuine celebration of our general class rush, which is to take place on February 22.

The university has been considerably strengthened by the recent magnificent gift of Hon P. P. Mast, amounting to a quarter of a million dollars. The disposition of the money has not yet been determined, but it is earnestly hoped by the student body that the cause of athletics may in no wise be overlooked.

The latter part of the present term will find our students contesting for positions on the base ball team, and we are glad to say that some of the most promising material is found within the ranks of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Yours in the Bond,

Delaware, January 16, 1899.

W. R. BAYES.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Gamma during the past year has sustained two very severe losses. These were the death of our pledged brother, Cydnor Welch Tompkins, who died in San Gabriel, California, on the 28th of January, of that dread disease, consumption; and that of Brother Ralph Alphonso O'Bleness, '01, who died here on December 1, as the indirect result of an accident sustained on the athletic grounds during foot ball practice.

On November 15, while practicing for a game of foot ball with the West Virginia University, which was to be played on the following day, Bro. O'Bleness collided with another player in such a manner that his spine was injured, causing total paralysis of the lower limbs, which, after two weeks of intense suffering, resulted in his death. On December 3 he was buried with our ritualistic ceremony, and on the 18th we assembled, together with the family of the deceased and a few of the most intimate friends, in the fraternity hall to pay the last sad rites to our late brother by a memorial ceremony.

Brother O'Bleness as an all round college man had no superior and few equals. In fraternity life he was an enthusiastic, affable and congenial brother. In college athletics, as a quarter back on the 'varsity eleven, he had few equals in this state. In collegiate affairs in general he was a thorough gentleman in every sense of the word, and one who always held high rank in his studies.

To say that Ohio Gamma feels her loss keenly, is saying too little, as she realizes that by Bro. O'Bleness's death she has lost one of her most promising sons; but bowing to the supreme will of God, we utter again those few comforting words: *'In celo quies est.'*

Since our fall initiation we have pledged two men. These men, of whom we justly feel proud, are Charles W. McCaughey, '04, and Thomas Watson Craig, '04, both of Athens, Ohio.

In athletics we gained few new honors this year, as the terrible accident which we sustained caused all dates for games to be canceled, and practice to be discontinued.

During the holiday vacation the resident members of the chapter

employed their spare time in refitting and partially refurnishing our hall, and this, with a number of pillows, cushions, and flags kindly given us by our friends, added much to its appearance.

In the social world we occupy, as always, a very prominent position. On the 31st of October the chapter, together with the alumni and the Phi girls, assembled at the home of Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Chapin, to enjoy our annual halloween party. At different times during the early part of the fall term we enjoyed several social affairs of various kinds. We have enjoyed quite a number of visits from our alumni during the past term, and would appreciate visits from all Phis who happen to come into this vicinity.

Most of the active and several of the alumni members of this chapter attended the Columbus convention, and returned with many pleasant memories and the determination to attend each convention hereafter, if possible.

Nothing has happened here that has given us so much pleasure as the founding of the alumni chapter did, as it brings us in contact with our alumni more than ever before.

Yours in the Bond,
DORR C. CASTO.

Athens, January 10, 1899.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The convention is a thing of the past, and a more enjoyable week was never spent by the members of Ohio Zeta. We are now more certain than ever that Phi Delta Theta is the 'only' fraternity in the college world.

The new year opens with all members of Ohio Zeta back, and with a larger enrollment in the university than ever before.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL we have initiated and take pleasure in introducing Bros. Walter M. Dann, '02, of Columbus, Ohio, and J. M. Barringer, '02, of Washington, D. C. We have pledged Mr. Rex Monserratt, '02, of Columbus, Ohio, who will soon be introduced to the goat.

Bro. Beauchamp, *Miami*, '01, has entered O. S. U. and affiliated with us.

Bro. De Witt has recently been initiated into the law fraternity of Phi Delta Phi.

Bro. Erdmann is at present confined in the hospital with a very severe attack of *the grippe*.

Bro. Savers was chosen captain of the 'varsity eleven for next year.

During the holiday vacation the glee and mandolin clubs took an extended trip through the southern part of Ohio, with the 'Barringer Brothers' both Phis doing the specialty work.

Yours in the Bond,

Columbus, January 7, 1899.

CLAUDE B. DE WITT.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

The close of the first term finds Ohio Eta in better condition in all respects than ever before in her history. While there is still room for improvement, we feel happy to be able to report so much progress.

The freshman class, while the best that has entered the school for years, is strangely a stumbling-block to fraternities. But one man bid by our chapter has refused to pledge himself, the others being held back by their parents. Bro. Louis D. Gibson, of Youngstown,

Ohio, is our only '02 man, but we have the promise of several later in the year.

Bro. Bates, ex-'99, who left college at the end of his sophomore year, has returned and will resume his studies. E. O. Cross, '99, of Fultonville, N. Y., and Marshal C. Gibson, '99, of Youngstown, Ohio, are pledged. Mr. Cross is president of his class and Mr. Gibson, vice-president of his.

Although foot ball did not end as gloriously for Case as was anticipated, the college was very enthusiastic over Bro. Nieding's work as captain, and in consequence he was unanimously re-elected. Bros. Nieding and Quarrie carried off the bulk of the honors in every game they entered.

Bro. Stephan represented Ohio Eta at the Columbus convention and gave a most enthusiastic report of proceedings.

Bro. Alexander has been elected historian of the senior class. Bro. Gleason is gymnasium instructor.

Owing to ill health, Bro. Diebold will be obliged to leave college, but we rejoice that, owing to his excellent record, his diploma will be awarded him. Bro. Cleveland has been out of school for some time owing to sickness. However, we hope soon to have him with us again.

Bro. MacDonald visited us at Thanksgiving. 'Mac' was one of our strongest men, and his absence from the chapter fold is much felt by all. He is at present employed in the Erie shops at Fort Wayne, Ind.

As a result of recent contributions from Bros. A. A. Stearns and H. A. Kelley, the chapter now has a nearly complete set of THE SCROLL from 1880 to date. A few numbers are still lacking and we should like very much to exchange some extra copies which we have for these. A list of those desired will be found in another part of THE SCROLL.

On Thanksgiving day the house men gave a dinner in honor of their fair friends who honored the brown and white. In the afternoon the town men, properly accompanied, came in, a few at a time, until about thirty were assembled, and a most pleasant afternoon and evening was passed.

On December 10 the chapter gave a very successful hop at the Euclid Avenue House. The committee, under the management of Bros. Bassett and Backus, elicited much praise for the manner in which the programme was carried out.

Miss Bertha Ramer entertained the Phi girls and boys at her home in Collinwood on January 14 at a taffy pull. This event was pronounced by all the most enjoyable of the season.

The chapter has had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining Bro. Walter B. Palmer during his stay in Cleveland, and has profited very much by his counsels.

Trusting that all Phis who happen at any time to visit Cleveland will not fail to look us up, I am

Yours in the Bond,

Cleveland, January 16, 1899.

ROY C. GIFFORD.

OHIO THETA. UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The Cincinnati chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ now has a local habitation and a name. 'Ohio Theta' sounded a little strange at first, but that soon wore off when Bro. Lange composed the yell. With enthusiasm and hard work as tools we intend to make Ohio Theta an honor to herself and her friends.

The friends of the University of Cincinnati have been very liberal during the past year. Closely following the gift of \$60,000 for the erection of Cunningham Hall, which was mentioned in my last letter, was a gift of \$57,000 for a library building. The donor, Mr. Asa Van Wormer, is a retired merchant of Cincinnati. Seeing that the donation would be useless without the books, Mr. William A. Proctor offered the university the famous Robert Clarke library of 100,000 volumes. This splendid gift will form, however, only the nucleus of a much larger library. Collections of books, such as are owned by the Historical Society, will no doubt be added when the building is completed. Work on Cunningham Hall has started, and, if continued steadily, the building will be ready for use next September. With a view of securing and taking care of future donations, an endowment fund association was incorporated on January 6. The association is composed of enterprising members of the alumni.

Last season's foot ball team was the best we ever had. Much credit for the success of the team is due Mr. Cavanaugh, of Dartmouth, the able coach, and Captain Morrill, law, '00. The victory over Dartmouth was especially gratifying, as it was unexpected. A record of the foot ball games of last year will be found in the circular letter that Ohio Theta will shortly issue.

The chapter was represented at the Columbus convention by Bros. Gores, Lange, Schell and your correspondent. On their return from the convention Bro. Frank S. Palmer, Georgia Beta, and Bro. G. W. Whitney, Georgia Gamma, favored us with a visit.

A smoker given by the chapter on December 3 served to call together quite a number of local Phis. Our alumni expressed themselves as well pleased with the hall. On November 21 Miss Mary French Field gave a reading in the hall of the Stamina Club. An invitation extended to Ohio Theta to attend was cordially accepted.

During the holidays Bro. Walter B. Palmer visited the chapter.

A movement is on foot here to have a chapter of Δ K E established. Prof. Norton, of the department of chemistry, is a Deke and may have some weight in the matter.

Our numbers will soon be increased to thirteen, as we have awaiting initiation Albert Edward Keller, '01. He is a good student and will make a strong man in the chapter.

Yours in the Bond,

Cincinnati, January 16, 1899.

STUART A. MCGILL.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since our last chapter letter, the new law building and University Hall have been built and improved, respectively. The lawpoint with pride to the imposing new structure as their future home. University Hall once more puts on a neat and finished appearance, since the old dome, so long conspicuous by absence, has been replaced by a newer and more majestic one. The auditorium of this hall has been immensely improved by a paneled ceiling. It was opened for the first time this year on Friday evening, January 13, when the debate between Northwestern and Michigan took place. This debate is a preliminary debate, leading to the championship of the central debating league, of which Chicago and Minnesota Universities are the other members. The question for discussion was, *Resolved*, That the United States should maintain a much larger navy than at present.' The judges gave a unanimous decision for Michigan, representing the negative.

The debate was warmly contested throughout, drawing out some very animated rebuttals on the part of contestants from both sides. The debate was of special interest to Phi Delta Theta, as Bro. Andrew Cooke, of our Northwestern chapter, represented that university as first honor contestant on its team. Bro. Cooke was the strongest man on the Evanston team, and was recognized by Michigan debaters as their most clever opponent. During his stay in Ann Arbor he was entertained at our chapter house.

All know of Michigan's great success in western foot ball this year, which gave to the Wolverines the undisputed championship of the west. From gridiron athletics we turn now to preparation for spring base ball and track tournaments. The athletic management feels sure of an eastern trip this year for the base ball team, hoping to have a series of games with each of the 'big four' and, perhaps, Cornell. Everything points to a successful spring season and a 'wind-up' similar to that which closed the foot ball season.

The mandolin, glee and banjo clubs are practicing hard nowadays, with the idea of giving a concert in University Hall just before the spring vacation, hoping by that time to gain the favor of the administrative board and make a spring vacation trip through some of the larger western cities. The powers that be seem about to yield to those who have suffered long and patiently since the clubs had such a good time a few years ago.

The comedy club has become an abiding and prosperous organization in university life, and this year will put upon the stage the very pleasing play, 'A Night Off.'

Bro. J. M. Barr returned from the convention at Columbus, Ohio, full of Phi spirit, feeling that he could not have spent a week's time more enjoyably, and satisfied to the fullest extent with the proceedings of the convention.

The thoughts of Michigan Phis are now wandering to different parts of the country in happy anticipation of many delightful dances with the fair damsels whom Michigan Alpha always chaperones to the junior promenade. Our 'J. Hop' occurs on the night of February 10, this year, and the committee in charge is making extensive preparations to make this hop given by the class of '00 the most successful one in the history of that festive occasion. Bro. Walter S. Foster represents the fraternity on the promenade committee.

Since our first initiation we have initiated three freshmen, whom we take pleasure in presenting: John Sheeley Stuart, of Rock Island, Ill.; Maxwell Wright Ross, of Perrysville, Ohio; and Roylance Russell McCloy, of Bay City, Mich.

In our first letter we announced the purchase by our kennel club of a bull pup, and his immediate decease. That was a painful (?) duty. I now have the pleasure of introducing a really noble animal, our St. Bernard Phi dog, 'Gladstone,' who holds the keys to our Phi home, which is always open to Phi Delts visiting this college town.

Sincerely yours in the Bond,

Ann Arbor, January 13, 1899.

ARTHUR JUDSON BLEAZBY.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

We desire to correct the errors made in reporting the names of our initiates of the fall term; they should be Ralph Waldo Morris, Louis Samuel Graham and William Anderson Karsell. In addition to these

we can now introduce to the fraternity Bros. Clarence Walroff Miller, Frankfort, Ind., and Frank Harris Masters, of Sedalia, Ind., both of the class of '01. We expect to add one or two others at an early date. Bro. William Griggs Rogers, '02, of Indiana Epsilon, has affiliated with us. Bro. Folsom, who has been out of college for several terms, is with us, and will be graduated with the class of '99. Our chapter now numbers seventeen, this being the largest chapter in the university. We have recently refurnished our hall, and the indications are that we will have a successful social season.

The foot ball team turned out by Indiana this year has proved a great credit to the institution. In a number of crucial tests it has shown itself to be one of the strong teams of the west. Our only defeat was received at Purdue, and even there after the first ten minutes of the game we were able to prevent further scores. During the season Indiana scored 89 points; her opponents, 17. The glee club has followed up the success of the foot ball team; they received a flattering reception at every point on their holiday trip through Indiana and Illinois. We hope this spring to be able to make base ball continue for the university what foot ball and the glee club have begun. Bro. Dodge played right end on the eleven; Bro. Edwards is a member of the glee club, and Bro. Alsop will probably be at his old position at third on the nine. A new stimulus has been given to track athletics; Horne, the athletic director, is especially interested in this branch of athletics, which fact, together with our victories of last year, leads us to expect great things for the coming season.

Indiana Alpha is in line for the province convention at Indianapolis; we will send a delegate, and with him half the chapter. We hope to meet there many Indiana Phis.

Bloomington, January 13, 1899.

In the Bond,
H. LESTER SMITH.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

All our men returned to college the second term with the exception of Bros. Rush and Evans, and it is to be hoped that they may soon enter. The meetings of our chapter last term were regular and well-attended. Every man showed much enthusiasm and strove to maintain our chapter's high standing in college as well as to strengthen the bond of fraternity among ourselves.

The chapter gave several successful dances in its hall during the term, but the social event of the fall was the Pan-Hellenic dance, at which the six fraternities of Wabash were represented. Phi Delta Theta furnished her share of men, having twelve present. On December 16 we gave what we call our 'term dance.' Our hall was tastefully decorated, and quite a few guests from out of town were present. Among visiting brothers were Thos. A. Davis, '96, Robert Peck, of Indiana Theta, and Percy A. Parry, ex-'96.

Bros. Buttholomew and McClamrock are members of the college quartette, and they do the fraternity honor.

Crawfordsville, January 6, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
WALTER GLENN TODD.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL our chapter has enjoyed an unusually pleasant and prosperous term. We are in fine financial condition, and have all reasons to expect that we shall continue to be so.

We were represented at the Columbus convention by Bro. McGaughey, '01. Bro. Blount, '97, was also present the greater part of the week. During the fall term Bros. McGaughey and Van Sickle accompanied the basket ball team to Crawfordsville and reported a cordial reception by the Wabash Phis.

We were delighted to receive a visit from President Walter B. Palmer just before the Columbus convention. We were also called upon by Bro. Reap, of Hanover, and Bro. Kelly, of De Pauw.

Spanish has been introduced into the college curriculum this term, and quite a number are availing themselves of this opportunity. The class is conducted by Bro. Hugh Th. Miller.

As usual $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has her share of college honors, Bro. Hobbs being editor-in-chief of the college annual which is published by the senior class, and Bro. Ward being one of the associate editors. By faculty appointment John M. Cunningham, '01, has received a place on the *Collegian* staff as athletic editor. At the election of members of the university committee on arrangements for Washington's birthday Bros. Longley and Lybrand were chosen. Realizing our power, both the other fraternities of the college opposed us strongly.

It is exceedingly gratifying to us to note the political honors that have come to our alumni, as will be shown more in detail in the 'personal' pages. Indiana Gamma is more than proud of Bros. Harris, Hadley and Kirkpatrick.

We were royally entertained by Bro. Van Sickle last term, while the sleighing snow was on. He took us out to his home, some six miles in the country, where the evening was spent in games and dancing.

We hope many of our Phi brothers will call on us at our house, at the time of the state oratorical contest.

Yours in the Bond,

Irvington, January 15, 1899.

JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

The spiking season at Franklin has been prolonged later than for many years. While we have lost two good men to our opponents, we have taken from them eleven of the most desirable men in college. Since our last letter we have pledged six excellent fellows, whom we will be proud to introduce as brothers to the fraternity.

We feel that we have taken a leading part in most college affairs. In the glee club we have Bros. Parker (director), Demaree (business manager), Kenny (violinist), Thurston (pianist), Covert and House. After their first concert, on the evening of January 16, we will entertain the club and their friends in our chapter rooms.

In athletics Bro. Wilson was manager of the foot ball team, and Bros. Covert, Bowser, Weyl and Sellers played on the college eleven. Bro. Paskins is vice-president and Bro. Wilson secretary of the athletic association. It is not too early to begin to see the formation of the base ball team, and there is little doubt that we will have four men on the college team.

In oratorical affairs, Bro. Slack is secretary of the local, and Bro. Holman president of the state association. Bros. Covert and Slack represented us in the primary contest.

In literary society work, Bro. Kenny is treasurer and Bro. Covert secretary of the Periclesian society. Bro. Kenny represented the society in the inter-society debate. Mr. House, one of our new pledged men, will represent the freshmen in the freshman-sophomore debate, and also, as soloist, in the freshman-sophomore contest in music. He

is a member of the freshman quartette. Bro. Holman and Bro. Covert are assistant editors of the *Phis and Star*, and Bro. Slack, of the *Kodak*.

In class affairs, Bro. Kenny is treasurer of the class of '99; Bro. Covert, vice-president of '00; Bro. Wilson, historian, and Bro. Proffit, treasurer of '01; Bro. Hill, vice-president, and Bro. Fisher, secretary of '02.

We now have six teachers in the faculty. Bro. Parker, '97, has charge of the college department of vocal music, and Bro. Williams is instructor in the department of chemistry.

We have opened our hall several times to our friends and have had, also several very pleasant 'spreads' among ourselves, 'pledges' and alumni during the last month.

We are very much pleased with the men we have pledged, and we are watching carefully the grades, conduct and disposition of several other college men with a view to their fitness for the fraternity.

We have with us again this term Bro. Guthrie, '01, and Bro. Holman, '00, who returned last term.

Our delegate at the convention, Bro. Wilson, reports an interesting, profitable and thoroughly enjoyable time.

Yours in the Bond,

Franklin, January 12, 1899.

JESSE L. HOLMAN.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

'Blessed is the chapter whose annals are short,' may well be said of Indiana Epsilon. Everything of late has been running very quietly, the Phis only keeping enough steam on to keep them in their accustomed place at the head. Since our last report we have initiated Bro. E. T. Sherman, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was then reported as pledged. Bro. Leroy Snyder, who has been out on account of illness, will soon be back.

On the evening of December 1 Bro. Oldfather won the Voris prize contest in oratory, and at the same time the honor of representing Hanover at the coming inter-collegiate contest to be held at Indianapolis January 27. Bro. Deibler holds the office of vice-president of the Indiana oratorical association.

Bro. T. C. Whallon, '98, is now attending the law department of the University of Indianapolis.

Bro. E. A. Ballis, our delegate at the convention, and Bro. H. G. Garber, a visitor, gave glowing reports of the meetings, and Indiana Epsilon has decided to attend in a body the next convention at Louisville in 1900.

Yours in the Bond,

Hanover, January 14, 1899.

W. A. OLDFATHER.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

A high honor has been conferred on an alumnus of De Pauw in the election of the Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, '85, to the United States senate. His election is a source of great satisfaction to our alumni and the student body.

Our old chapter hall, considered one of the best in school, has been remodeled and refurnished during the winter vacation; so that we now have a hall that is all that can be desired for entertainments or for chapter purposes.

Bro. Foxworthy, '99, is now tutor in mathematics. In class elec-

tions Bro. F. S. Cartwright has been elected president of the sophomore class and Bro. Campbell treasurer of the junior class. On the primary debate team we are represented by Bro. Hodge, '99, and Bro. Thomas, '00.

Bro. Edwards, '01, is with us again after an absence of one term. We are sorry to lose Bro. Kelly, '02, who has left school to go into business.

The chapter sends best wishes to the new officers of the general council.

Greencastle, January 14, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,

CHAS. B. CAMPBELL.

INDIANA THETA, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

President Smart, who has been absent in California for the benefit of his health, has returned, but is not yet able to attend to his duties. Since the beginning of this term we have pledged Frederick George Whipple, '02, of Chicago. We regret to announce the departure from school of Bro. Samuel Kier, graduate student, of Pittsburgh, who has accepted a lucrative position with the Westinghouse Electrical Co., and of Bro. Hubert B. Clapp, '01, of Chicago, who is now traveling in the south. Roy Wallace, '99, of Lafayette, Ind., has assumed the life vows of Phi Delta Theta.

We have received frequent visits from Bros. McCauley and Work, of Ohio Alpha, who are now located at Brookston, Ind., and have also entertained Bro. Terrell E. Morse, '97, of Wabash, Ind. We enjoyed a delightful visit at the beginning of this term from Bro. Herbert M. Woollen, who stopped off on his way to the University of Wisconsin.

On December 16 we gave a very delightful informal at our hall in the city, and on January 20 will again entertain in the same manner.

We regret exceedingly that our delegate to Columbus, Bro. Brown, was prevented from attending by the serious illness of his mother, and upon so short notice that it was impossible for any of the rest of the members to attend.

We have at last settled the question of inter-fraternity societies, and have withdrawn our membership from the senior 'Skulls of Thirteen.'

The applicants for a charter of Phi Kappa Psi have organized themselves into a local society known as Beta Kappa Kappa. They have a membership of eighteen initiated, and four pledged men, and occupy a rented chapter house. The chapter house question seems to have taken a strong hold upon Purdue fraternities, as they are all housed with the exception of the oldest Sigma Chi, who has not yet taken a home.

La Fayette, January 14, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,

EDWIN LENNOX.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

In athletic circles at Northwestern, the interest at present centers in the ladies' basket ball team, and should the team engage in any inter-collegiate contests much may be expected from feminine wearers of the purple.

Candidates for the track team and base ball nine will soon go into training. Our foot ball team made a rather poor showing the past

season, which was principally due to the scarcity of good foot ball material. Heretofore the foot ball team has always been managed by a student, but in the light of the season just past it is thought best to make a change, and accordingly Dr. Hollister, our athletic director, has been chosen as manager for the season of 1899. Just now the popular outdoor amusement is skating, Sheppard Field having been converted into an excellent rink.

The social function of the year, the annual junior promenade, will be held February 17, at the Country Club. The committee in charge have been at work for a month, and elaborate arrangements are being made. The annual parties given by the different sororities are always very enjoyable and are anticipated with a great deal of pleasure by the young men who are fortunate enough to be on the invitation list. At the parties thus far given Illinois Alpha has been represented by numbers ranging from five to twenty-five.

We very much enjoyed meeting so many convention bound Phis on the evening of November 19. Of the older Phis present there were: Bros. Geo. Banta, *Indiana*, '76; Curtis H. Remy, *Indianapolis*, '72; W. E. O'Kane, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '87. We have received visits from Bro. Edward Junius Edwards, *Lombard*, '74, of Minneapolis; Bros. Stone and Mueller, of Nebraska, and Bro. H. R. Holland, of Knox.

While Bro. Andrew Cooke was taking part in the Michigan-Northwestern debate at Ann Arbor, Bro. Clay Buntain was striving for laurels in the Cleveland declamation contest. Both boys did themselves great credit, and we are proud of them. Bro. Cooke speaks in high terms of the hospitality of Michigan Alpha.

The annual junior play will be presented on January 27. The cast is being drilled by Bro. Francis J. Webb, of the school of oratory. Bro. Webb is president of the Thalian dramatic society and always figures prominently in the plays.

We are represented on the *Syllabus* board by Bro. Rollin S. Sturgeon, of the literary committee.

On the glee club Bro. Martin Crawford sings bass, and Bro. Francis J. Webb is reader.

Our rushers have been active, and as a result we will initiate two more men this week.

We are delighted to have our province president, Bro. F. J. R. Mitchell, '96, chosen from our chapter.

Yours in the Bond,

FRANK W. PHELPS.

Evanston, January 14, 1899.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Illinois Beta begins the new year with the best of prospects. After hard and continued rushing for the last three months, we are now able to introduce Bros. Guy C. Kinnaman, James Sheldon and David Morris. The initiation of these men took place on the evening of January 7, and was followed by a banquet served at the Victoria Hotel.

Besides the newly initiated we have two men pledged, whom we hope to take in within a month or two.

This increase of members makes it necessary for the chapter to find a larger home, and the end of another month will probably find us occupying a whole house, instead of a flat, as hitherto.

Yours in the Bond,

LAFAYETTE W. CASE.

Chicago, January 18, 1899.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of THE SCROLL we have initiated two new men, Bros. Webster Guy Heinly, '02, of Creston, Iowa, and Daniel Bradley Kimball, '02, of Galesburg. We have pledged Mr. Robert Homer Gaines, preparatory, of Greenfield, Iowa. These new men are leaders in their classes, and Illinois Delta takes great pleasure in introducing them. Bro. Potter, '01, re-entered college just after Thanksgiving.

Knox ended her victorious '98 foot ball record on Thanksgiving by defeating Beloit, 18—0. The excellent work of the season and 'purity' in regard to players has placed Knox at the head of the smaller colleges of the middle west in foot ball, a position which has been accorded her by a number of the most prominent athletic critics. We are especially proud of this fact, because both captain and manager were Phis.

A large share of college honors has fallen to our lot during the past two months. On the preliminary Knox-Beloit debate Bros. Blodgett, '99, and Parkin, '00, were elected and both resigned. Bro. Rex, '99, was elected to fill Bro. Parkin's vacancy. On the Knox-Illinois debate Bro. C. W. McCornack, '01, will be one of Knox's representatives. Bros. W. R. McCornack, '01, and Lewis, '00, are on the Adelphi prize debate. Bro. Torrey, '01, has been appointed as one of the six contestants on the sophomore declamation contest.

Bros. Parkin and Blodgett were members of the committee of three on the mock congress. Bro. Blodgett was elected nominee for speaker of the house on the Republican ticket. Bro. W. R. McCornack was unanimously elected manager of the foot ball team for 1899. Bro. Lewis was elected captain of the 'varsity indoor ball team. Bro. J. Grant Beadle, '99, was elected as one of the two alumni members on the athletic board of control. The indoor base ball contest resulted in a tie between the seniors and preps. Four Phis were represented on the senior team and one on the preparatory.

Illinois Delta will be well represented on both track and base ball teams the coming season, as some of the most likely candidates are Phis.

Miss Mary French Field will, in the near future, give readings from her father's poems under the auspices of the college, and all Knox Phis are looking forward to the event with a great deal of pleasure. On the evening of December 21, in Carr Hall, was held the Phi Delta Christmas party, an affair which has come to be an annual event in fraternity circles.

The students of the college gave a benefit hop for the athletic association at the close of the foot ball season.

Of late we have discussed a great deal the advisability of moving into a chapter house, and will undoubtedly upon the first suitable opportunity procure a house.

Bro. Rex reports a most enjoyable time at the Columbus convention.

In the Bond,

Galesburg, January 18, 1899.

HAROLD M. HOLLAND.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Bro. Conger returned with a very pleasing report of the Columbus Convention. He reports most excellent treatment from all. Bro. Fletcher, who also attended the convention, says that a spirited and Beneficial convention was held.

Since the previous issue of THE SCROLL, Lombard has been royally

entertained by the senior class. The gymnasium was the scene of the evening's enjoyment. After a well-rendered program, the remainder of the evening was given up to dancing. Not long ago Phi Delta Theta, together with Pi Beta Phi friends, enjoyed a delightful banquet.

We are glad to say that basket ball has made a successful entrance into Lombard sports. Bro. Fletcher is an efficient manager of the team, which so far has played very successfully.

We have one man pledged, whom we will soon introduce into fraternity exercises.

Pi Beta Phi and Phi Delta Theta enjoyed a most delightful evening at the home of Miss Lora Townsend, on Saturday, January 21, 1899. Miss Townsend is president of the Pi Beta Phi chapter here, and entertained her guests most royally. Here at Lombard there are only a few of us; but we are united, and in unity there is strength.

In the Bond.

Galesburg, January 14, 1899.

FAY A. BULLUCK.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The winter term opened at Illinois on January 2, and eighteen members of Illinois Eta are in attendance at the university. The chapter has just moved into an elegant, well-furnished and roomy fraternity house on Green street, near the university, and is now located in one of the most beautiful parts of the city. Illinois Eta is the first fraternity in town to take this step, and after two weeks of house life is convinced that it is a great improvement over the old method of having club rooms. The other chapters in school are already talking of and taking steps toward following our example. There are fourteen rooms in the house, and sixteen of the members are living in it, while the remaining two are boarding at the table. Two or three dinner parties have already been given in the house with great success, the last one being on the evening of January 14 to the faculty members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The latter are Prof. H. S. Piatt, Illinois Eta; Prof. E. B. Greene, Illinois Alpha; and Dr. N. C. Brooks, Kansas Alpha. We are now making preparations for our annual on February 9, at which time we expect to give a dancing party and a banquet. Several alumni members are expected to be in attendance at this event.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our last initiate, Arthur C. Quisenberry, of Lincoln, Illinois. He enters the university as a junior from Lincoln College.

Bro. Parkins was unable to return the first of the term, as he is sick with appendicitis at his home in Chicago. He is improving, however, and we hope to have him with us again soon.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will install a chapter here on the night of January 28. They have about sixteen men in their present local organization.

We have several men playing for the base ball team, of which Bro. Frank T. Sheean is manager. Bros. Johnston and Bruce Fulton, who were connected with the team last year, will undoubtedly play again. Bro. Johnston was captain of the foot ball team last fall.

The glee and mandolin clubs this year are better than they have been in some years and have already completed one very successful trip through the state. We are well represented on the clubs by Bros. Harper and Mills, both of whom are prominent in the organization; Bro. Mills has also been selected for the track team of ten men who

will represent Illinois at the contests to be held at Notre Dame on March 1, when they dedicate their new gymnasium.

Bro. Henry D. Sheean is president of the students' dancing club this year, the most select inter-fraternity organization in school.

Yours in the Bond,

Champaign, January 16, 1899.

WM. J. FULTON.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter the chair of oratory has been added to the school and is being ably filled by Prof. Marsh, of the Columbian School of Oratory.

Our chapter this term consists of eight men. Our rivals, the Beta Theta Pi, have six. Although both chapters are small this year, everything points to larger chapters next fall and renewed enthusiasm along fraternity lines.

Bro. Smith is local editor for the German College paper, *Der Wesleyaner* and Bro. R. Stafford and your correspondent have been selected to represent Iowa Wesleyan in its annual debate with Illinois Wesleyan, to be held March 15. Bro. Beck, as editor-in-chief of the *Wesleyan*, Bro. Crawford, as advertising manager, and Bro. Stafford, as subscription manager, are all reflecting credit upon themselves and the fraternity.

Brother A. L. Day, of the hospital corps of the Fourth Infantry, U. S. A., paid us a farewell visit before departing for Manila. Iowa Alpha is well represented in that distant land, having no less than a dozen alumni there.

In the social line this year, we have given a number of informal receptions, which have proven to be very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our delegate, Bro. E. E. Crawford, came home with the most flattering reports from the convention of the work done as well as of the pleasant times had with Phi brothers. From his report the convention was certainly a success in every particular.

Yours in the Bond,

Mt. Pleasant, January 14, 1899.

FRANK D. THROOP.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The new year finds Missouri Alpha in a snug chapter house. It is a two-story building of eleven rooms, and is now accommodating nine Phis. While not especially adapted for chapter house purposes, it is a cozy home, and in perhaps the best situation in Columbia. The chapter is also fortunate in having under its roof Mrs. Winter, the mother of Bro. Neil Winter, '01. Mrs. Winter takes a maternal interest in the whole chapter, and incidentally looks after its domestic welfare.

In addition to this rented house, Missouri Alpha still retains its hall, and is not relaxing any of its exertions towards the acquirement of a permanent home. The chapter house association has drawn up its articles of incorporation under the supervision of Bro. Hinton, '90, and will be formally incorporated under the laws of the state at the next (February) term of the circuit court. At the banquet of the Missouri Alpha alumni, held in Kansas City on the evening of Thanksgiving day, the subject was broached and the most encouraging interest was

manifested on the part of the alumni. There is no doubt that our alumni will give us prompt and efficient support in this matter.

The only change in the faculty of the university since our last letter is the appointment of Prof. J. M. White to succeed Prof. J. P. Blanton in the chair of pedagogy. This appointment seems a satisfactory one to the friends of the university.

Columbia is in a fair way to obtain the hospital so much needed by our medical department for clinical facilities. This is made possible through the liberality of Mr. William R. Parker, a citizen of Columbia, who has donated the sum of \$15,000 for this purpose, with the proviso that \$10,000 more be raised for the same purpose. Other parties have contributed \$5,000 more, and the remaining \$5,000 will probably soon be forthcoming. This building will be placed upon the campus. It is to be hoped that this is but the first of a long line of donations from private individuals, by which means only it seems possible for institutions of learning in this country to become great. Moreover, the university is soon to have the advantage of railroad connections directly with the southwest. The requisite sum of \$20,000 has been raised for constructing a line to connect Columbia with the M. K. & T. system at Kennard, eight miles distant.

That the university has made further progress is shown by the action of the board of curators in their meeting of December 20. Tuition fees in all departments except those of law and medicine have been abolished, and education is at last free all over Missouri. These many changes should have the effect of increasing the attendance of the university very largely.

The foot ball season closed more prosperously than was expected early in the year. The fine showing of what had been thought a weak team made against the heavy Kansas eleven was very gratifying to lovers of the sport, and the plucky fight made by the Tigers reflects great credit upon both the players and their coach. Financially the season was a success and the athletic association is gradually recovering from the disastrous season of '96. The chapter was represented on the team only by Bro. Peper at substitute tackle.

The Plis are represented in the athletic association by Bro. Broderick, who has been elected secretary of the association and is also member of the board of directors. Bro. Burruss was elected manager of the base ball team.

On the *Independent*, the college paper, we are represented by Bro. White, as athletic editor, and Bro. Burruss on the local staff.

The birthday of the chapter, on November 20, was celebrated by our attendance at a dinner party given by Bro. MacBaine. Afterwards, anniversary exercises were held in the hall. The chapter, since the last letter, has been increased and diminished by one. Bro. Forsythe has left school on account of ill health, and we have initiated Clifford Lee Reid, of Shelbina, Mo.

Several annual letters have been received already, and Missouri Alpha congratulates her sister chapters on their prosperous condition as shown thereby.

Yours in the Bond,

GEO. H. ENGLISH, JR.

Columbia, January 9, 1899.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

College is again open after the Christmas holidays, and the prospects of the coming mid year examinations keep the men hard work. We are unfortunate in the enforced absence of Bro. Walker.

who has not yet returned to college, being detained in St. Louis, where a delicate operation in his ear has been performed. It is expected that he will be in second term and with him Bro. Campbell, whose eyes failed him early in the present school year.

Our delegate to the national convention, Bro. C. F. Lamkin, brings back most enthusiastic reports of that meeting and is loud in his praises of the splendid treatment shown the delegates by Ohio Phis in general and the Ohio Zeta chapter in particular. The chapter is under obligations, in common with the other chapters of the order, to the Case chapter for the gavel so thoughtfully prepared. Being Bro. Morrison's home chapter, the gavel is doubly appreciated by us.

Missouri Beta hastens to declare her approval of the constitution as adopted. It also approves of the selection of Bro. Mitchell as province president. No better man or more enthusiastic Phi could be found.

In college politics our chapter holds its usual strong place. Bro. Lamkin is president and Bro. Conway is censor of the Philologic literary society; Bro. Scott is vice-president of the Philalethian; Bro. Scott is president and Bro. Stratton secretary of the senior class, and Bro. Lamkin is editor-in-chief of the *Searchlight*, the college annual; Bro. Caruthers is secretary of the sophomore class. Bro. Conway has just been elected treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. for the next year. A Phi was president and a Phi manager of the foot ball association this year, and it is expected that a Phi will captain the team next fall.

The chapter has been given two very pleasant parties recently and expects to have a formal affair immediately after the examinations.

The board of trustees of the college has decided to have the new president—who is so much needed—here before June, and this will prove of immense benefit to the college.

Two innovations have been made at Westminster. The seniors for the first time have donned caps and gowns, wearing them constantly. The fraternities represented in the college have organized a Pan-Hellenic council for the betterment of inter-fraternal relations and general good of the Greeks. Bros. Lamkin and Stratton are our delegates, the former being president of the council.

Cordially yours in the Bond,

Fulton, January 11, 1899.

PAUL BALDWIN.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Affairs at the university have been proceeding in the even tenor of their way since the holidays without confusion or disturbance. Even the *Weekly* election has become as a thing dead, and candidates for editor and manager are hard to find. The place of managing editor is anyone's. With the outgoing administration Bro. Jewett retires as associate editor-in-chief and Bro. Fletcher from the editorial board. The voice of oratory is again heard from the tomb out of which it had a brief revival last spring when Kansas' delegate won for her the first honors in the inter-collegiate contest, the first instance of the kind during half a dozen years.

In fact, everything and everybody here is at parade rest from the time Christmas holidays end till the beginning of the second term in February. Then the period of hibernation is suddenly ended, and all are awake and alive in preparation for the annual spring parties, of which each fraternity usually gives one.

There have perhaps been more small parties during the present period than usually. Kansas Alpha entertained her friends at billiards and dancing in her chapter hall one night recently. Our green table

is a new acquisition of which we are very proud. We have also added quite materially to our stock of furniture and fixtures.

After next week we will introduce to the Phi world through the medium of the goat Messrs. Thatcher and Heinecke, our two last pledges. They will make nine initiates in all for this year, and proud of them all we are. We are also glad to welcome back for next term Bro. Rothrock after his long absence.

Brother Landes failed to return after Christmas, having entered Salina Wesleyan with his brother.

Brother Fletcher brought us an enthusiastic account of the Columbus convention and the delegates he met. Would that conventions might come oftener and that everybody could go!

Lawrence, January 22, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
FRANK E. CASE.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since our last chapter letter Nebraska Alpha has initiated two fine men, who are making the best kind of Phis; William Morris Pryce and Walter Payne Thomas, the former an assistant in the gymnasium and an all-round athlete, the latter in the law school.

We have also pledged two men for next year, making three as a nucleus for our next fall's campaign, and we have more in sight. Three of our strongest and best men left us during the Christmas holidays, having obtained work in the electrical line in Chicago, Bros. Stone, Mueller and True. As a sort of 'send off' for them the chapter gave a smoker at the house, at which there were representatives from all the other fraternities in school and several of the faculty. Every one seemed to have a good time, and stayed until the last bit of 'rough-house' was over. We have given informal chafing dish parties, using as a model those we gave last year, and they have been as successful.

In a military line we can not help being 'in it,' with five commissioned officers in the chapter; two captains, the adjutant and two first lieutenants, besides the non-coms. Bro. Parmelee, who was captain of the Pershing Rifles, the crack military organization of the university, was compelled to resign the office in order to take up work as an assistant chemist at the Union Pacific headquarters in Omaha. Bro. Stebbins won the Pershing Rifle medal at a 'spell down' of the company the other night, and will add it to his long string of trophies won in that field. Bro. Sumner is president of the officers' club recently organized.

Athletics at this time of year are not very lively, except in basket ball. The Phi Psis sent a challenge to us for a game, which we accepted, beating them by the score of 25 to 4. The game was played in the university armory, and brought out quite a number of sympathizers on both sides. There is some talk of an inter-fraternity basket ball being formed.

The event which most interests the university at large at present, is the action to be taken on the appropriation bill pending in the legislature, now in session in this city. The alumni of the institution have bought the big pipe-organ which was in Omaha during the exposition last summer, and it is now occupying space in the armory, awaiting the appropriation from the state wherewith an addition may be built to the building, and a large auditorium and chapel built out of it. The appropriation bids fair to be forthcoming.

Lincoln, January 28, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
JOHN T. SUMNER.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The University of Mississippi opened on November 15, just two months late, on account of the prevalence of yellow fever in the town of Oxford. The full work, however, will be accomplished, and everything points toward a successful session. Extensive preparations had been made to celebrate with appropriate exercises our semi-centennial, but this celebration had to be postponed until a more favorable time.

Eight of last year's chapter returned this session: Weatherby, '99, law; Richmond and Ray, '00, law; Henry, Pruitt and McCleskey, '99, literary; Rauch and Spann, '01, literary. Brothers Hardy, '98, and Hall, '01, literary, of last year's chapter, entered Vanderbilt in October. Brother Sam Witherspoon, '01, has a position with the Meridian Waterworks Company. On November 19 we initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta the following men: William Webb Venable, '99, literary, of Meridian; Carl Clifton Stingily, '00, law, of Pelahatchie; Davis L. Fair, '01, literary, of French Camp; Bem Price, Jr., '02, literary, of Oxford; Wm. Edward Bray, '02, literary, of Winona. We are sure these men are worthy in every respect to uphold the honor and dignity of Phi Delta Theta and it is with pleasure that I introduce them. On January 7 George Oscar Robinson, '02, literary, of Brandon, was initiated. We now have a chapter of fourteen.

Brothers Hardy, Lucas and Ray were graduated last year. Your correspondent won the senior debater's medal from Phi Sigma society. Next commencement Brother Henry will represent Hermaean society in the senior debate, and Brother McCleskey will be one of the debaters from Phi Sigma. Brother Henry is business manager of the *Record*, and Brother Richmond is on the editorial staff of *Ole Miss*.

Despite the fact that our university opened very late, we put out a foot ball team which was fairly successful. It was composed largely of new, inexperienced men, but by hard work they accomplished good results. Brothers Richmond and Henry made the team.

The numerical strength of the fraternities in the order of their establishment is: Δ T Δ, 12; Δ K E, 23; Δ Ψ, 24; Σ X, 23; Φ K Ψ, 12; Σ A E, 5; Φ Δ Θ, 14.

It was the good fortune of the writer to attend the convention at Columbus. It was a very great pleasure to meet so many true and loyal Phis, especially Brothers Morrison and Lindley.

Yours in the Bond,

University, January 14, 1899.

GEORGE LATHAM RAY.

LOUISIANA ALPHA, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Tulane commenced its sessions on November 1, one month later than usual, with a very good attendance, in spite of the fact that the yellow fever gave us such a set-back. As last year, Tulane has been compelled to hold sessions on Saturday, and the students have been altogether hard pushed. This is the reason why we were unable to send a delegate to the Columbus convention, no member being able to get off from college duties.

We have been very unfortunate in losing Bros. Ludlow, Landry, Woods and Gasquet, all of whom discontinued their course in the junior year. However, we have initiated Bro. Joseph Gaillard Martin, '02, and have affiliated Bros. W. S. Lewis and S. S. Prentiss, who are alumni of Louisiana Alpha, and are taking the law course. Our active

chapter now consists of eight men. We have two men already pledged for next year.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has now a chapter at Tulane, making nine fraternities represented here.

Bro. Gilmore is captain of the freshman foot ball team, in which he plays guard. Bro. Copp is art editor on *Jambalaya*; Bro. Martin is one of the editors of the *Collegian*.

Yours in the Bond,

New Orleans, January 28, 1899.

FRANK T. COPP, JR.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Texas Beta hereby introduces to all Phis Bros. Patrick Henry Winston, '02; James Waggener, '02; Roy Bedichek, special; William Lambden Prather, '01; and James Ainsworth, '00, law, and commends them to your favor. Bro. Winston is president of the freshman class. Besides the above, our chapter has ten old men and one affiliate, Bro. R. B. Creager, of Southwestern University. Last commencement we lost by graduation Bros. Battle and Pfeiffer, of the academic department, and Bros. Batsell, Thompson and Connally, of the law department. Bro. Batsell won the prize for the best senior essay on a legal subject, the prize being a handsome set of the American and English Encyclopedia of Law. Bro. Connally, who left school and entered the army as soon as the war broke out, was nevertheless awarded his diploma on account of his patriotism and his previous high standing in his class.

The University of Texas, happy in the possession of its commodious new wing, has begun the year with every prospect of success. Up to the present about eight hundred students have been enrolled, a number considerably in excess of the registration in any previous year. The campus has been much beautified by the construction of the imposing Fitzhugh peripatos along the western side. This is to be extended until it entirely encloses the campus.

In athletics the outlook is very good, and since the passage of the faculty regulation requiring gymnasium work of all freshmen, we may hope for an increase in the number of athletes. Our foot ball team, though rather light, has been able through the coaching of Edwards, of Princeton, to make a very fine showing. The only defeat of the season was at the hands of Sewanee, by a score of only 5 to 0.

Of the ten fraternities in the university, Kappa Sigma has the largest chapter, with a roll of about twenty-five men. Phi Delta Theta has more than any of the remaining fraternities. Alpha Tau Omega, which was established here only last year, is manifesting a good deal of energy, and already has a very fair chapter. Texas Beta's prospects seem very good. We have a membership of sixteen men, and we are working on two or three good men whom we hope to take in soon. Bros. Colville and Dumas, who were unable to return at the beginning of school, will again be with us after January 1. We regret to say that Bro. B. Y. Cummings, law, '99, will soon withdraw from the university in order to practice law.

Bro. T. T. Connally, '98, who enlisted as sergeant-major in the First Texas, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant; but he has since been honorably discharged, and is now practicing law in Waco, Texas. Bro. W. W. Battle, '98, is in the responsible position of commandant of cadets at Baylor University. He is also instructor in chemistry in that institution. Bro. O. A. Pfeiffer, '98, is instructor in mathematics

in the San Antonio high school. Bro. F. E. Smith, '99, is student assistant in the department of biology in the university.

The members of this chapter are jubilant over the fact that Bro. Rhodes S. Baker is to be alumni orator at commencement next year. Although he has been an alumnus only two years, he was able to defeat a much older and very popular man, who has achieved quite a reputation for his literary and oratorical powers.

Our delegate to the convention at Columbus was Rufus L. Hardy, and he reports a splendid meeting and a glorious time. Since the convention met Bro. John A. Lomax, an active member of our chapter and an alumnus of the university, has been appointed president of this province. He is a man of sound, practical sense, and an enthusiastic and well-informed Phi, and will make a fine province president.

Socially speaking, Texas Beta has come out of her shell and has become an important part of university life. Our first initiation this fall was followed by a steamboat excursion and picnic on Lake Macdonald. In this we were joined by all the Phi girls, our brothers in the faculty and their wives, and one or two resident alumni. A band was taken along, and dancing indulged in; and all had a very enjoyable time. Two weeks ago the chapter gave an informal banquet at the Driskill Hotel.

The members of Texas Beta are well pleased with the officers elected at the last convention, and are especially gratified by the re-election of the editor of THE SCROLL.

Fraternally yours,

BATES H. MCFARLAND.

Austin, December 26, 1898.

THETA PROVINCE.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The new year finds California Alpha of Phi Delta Theta in a flourishing condition, comfortably established in the new chapter house purchased for us by our alumni, and with an active membership of eighteen men. We present to the fraternity with pride our latest initiates, Bro. Ben Weiser Reed, of Oakland, and Bro. Ernest Percy Gardiner, of Everett, Wash. Several other men are being rushed and we hope soon to announce still further accessions to our ranks.

A full share of college honors has fallen to the Phi Delta Theta for the present semester. Bro. Robert Moulthrop and Bro. Charles Seyler, Jr., have both been appointed first lieutenants in the university cadets, and Bro. Moulthrop is in addition adjutant, an appointment which never before in the history of the university has been given to a junior. Bros. Rammel, Bugbee, Spencer and Henderson are sergeants and Bro. Taft is corporal of recruits. Bro. George Kierulff, '96, who graduated as a captain, is now clerk in the commandant's office.

Brother Duncan McDuffie is business manager of *The Californian*, the university daily, and under his administration the paper is enjoying unprecedented prosperity. Bro. McDuffie is also secretary of the athletic association. Bro. Gardiner and Bro. Reed are both on the editorial staff of *The Californian*.

In collaboration with Professor L. DuPont Syle, Bro. Henderson has adapted Goldsmith's comedy, 'The Good-Natured Man,' for presentation on the modern stage, and the play will be produced on the evening of Charter day, March 23, for the benefit of the English department library and the athletic association.

Phi Delta Theta entertained fifty of its friends at a card party this evening. The affair was highly enjoyable. Several of the members of the faculty have been entertained at luncheon recently. Bro. William Carey Jones, professor of jurisprudence, and Bro. C. O. Perry were both present at the last initiation.

The stockholders of Phi Delta Theta of Berkeley, under which name the alumni have incorporated for the ownership of the fraternity house, held their annual meeting at the chapter house a week ago and chose as directors for the coming year Bros. D. Edward Collins, /president; C. O. Perry, Everett Goodyear, Dr. G. W. Rodolph, Duncan McDuffie, Frank Parcels and Louis Titus. Under their wise direction the financial interests of the fraternity are certain to be well cared for.

Martin Kellogg, the venerable president of the university, has resigned on account of age and on Charter day, March 23, will step down from the president's chair. Bro. William Carey Jones, professor of jurisprudence and one of the three Phoebe A. Hearst trustees for the securing of an architectural plan for the university, will probably be appointed acting president, and he is at present the most prominent candidate for the presidency. Bro. J. B. Reinstein is the most influential member of the board of regents and has distinguished himself by his splendid services to the university in connection with the international competition for the choice of permanent plans for the grounds and buildings, made possible by the munificence of Mrs. Hearst. He is also one of the three Hearst trustees.

Yours in the Bond,

VICTOR HENDERSON.

Berkeley, February 9, 1899.

CALIFORNIA BETA, LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY.

The second semester of the year at Stanford opened January 10-11, with the usual heavy registration. With the exception of Bro. Eaton, who has gone into the railroad business in San Francisco, all our members have returned, and we introduce a new and worthy Phi in the person of Roy E. Schulz, now of Redlands, Cal., but lately of Jamestown, N. Y. Bro. H. G. Hill has returned after a semester's sick leave, making the fifteenth man now domiciled in the chapter hall. These, with two men outside, warrant our feelings of pride and security, and the envy of our rivals. As we will lose only two men by graduation this next May, our prospects for the ensuing year are very bright.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new library and assembly halls, the cornerstone of which was laid last November. The assembly hall will be finished by May, while the library building, a \$300,000 structure, will be completed next January.

Faculty and students are called upon to mourn the death of Prof. W. W. Thoburn, of the bionomics department, which occurred during the first week of the new year. Dr. Thoburn was a man held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Most of the inter-collegiate contests are still ahead, and Stanford is making desperate efforts to wipe out the memory of her first foot ball defeat by winning what has heretofore been considered her rival's events.

Our Phis still hold their own in scholarship, athletics, journalism,

debating and social circles. We are proud of our record and of the fact that we will be able to better it during the next year.

We keep open house, and will be glad to welcome any visiting Phis.

Yours in the Bond,
Stanford University, January 12, 1899. EDWARD T. MAPLES.

ALUMNI CLUBS.

LOUISVILLE.

Your honorable reporter has recently been promoted to the exalted position of dramatic editor of the *Courier-Journal*, and in consequence his time is entirely occupied by editorial duties. In view of this fact, he has asked me to write a letter to THE SCROLL, which I am very glad to do, since it will give me another opportunity to cheer for the Columbus convention and to congratulate the Columbus Phis upon the great success they made of it. In 1900 we will endeavor to equal the semi-centennial convention, and I am satisfied if any Phi is reasonably sure that he will have as delightful a time in Louisville as he did in Columbus, we shall not lack for numbers.

It is useless to say that the Louisville $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club was greatly gratified at her success in securing the next convention, and will in no wise be remiss in fulfilling to the utmost extent all the promises made by her representatives. Already several plans are on foot for entertainment. We have had several informal meetings, at which the program for the next convention was thoroughly discussed, but as yet nothing definite has been decided upon. We are also greatly gratified that Bro. Frank D. Swope was chosen for our next secretary of the general council, and congratulate the fraternity upon securing so efficient an officer.

Yours in the Bond,
Louisville, January 27, 1899. PEYTON B. BETHEL.

KANSAS CITY.

After the annual foot ball game between the universities of Missouri and Kansas at Kansas City, on Thanksgiving day, the active and alumni members of Missouri Alpha in Kansas City at the time had a reunion dinner in the parlors of the Midland Hotel. About twenty-five loyal Phis were present, including Prof. Milton Updegraff, *Wisconsin*, '84, and Prof. H. T. Cory, *Missouri*, '94, both of the University of Missouri. Matters pertinent to Missouri Alpha were discussed, the chapter house question receiving the greatest attention. Professor Cory explained in detail the prospective plans for building Missouri Alpha's future home. The alumni responded heartily. All possible exigencies were discussed and provided for, and a definite line of action mapped out. It was decided to immediately incorporate the Missouri Alpha chapter house association according to the laws of Missouri; after which the pending deal for the lot should be closed, the first payment made, alumni thoroughly canvassed, stock issued and the house built. It was hoped that in this way Missouri Alpha could be occupying her own house by next September.

The dinner was fully up to expectations, and it was unanimously decided to meet next year at the same time and place.

In the Bond,
Kansas City, November 25, 1898. ELMER C. PEPPER.

PERSONAL.

The ancestors of Addison Clay Harris were miners in Cornwall, England: later some of them adopted the Quaker faith and moved with William Penn to Pennsylvania, afterward emigrating to North Carolina. Among the first of those



ADDISON CLAY HARRIS, INDIANAPOLIS, '62,
MINISTER TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

prominently mentioned in the records as of the present family was Obadiah Harris, a North Carolina Quaker preacher, who manumitted his slaves in conformity with the decree of the Society of Friends that a member ought not to hold slaves, and moved to Ohio, where he settled them on lands accord-

ing to his best means. He himself pushed further to the frontier, and in 1810 settled in the forest a few miles north of where Richmond, Ind., now stands. His reputation as a man of peace secured him immunity from trouble, during the war of 1812, from white men and Indians alike. He was one of the wheel-horses of the political party which brought Indiana into the union as a non-slave state.

Addison Clay Harris was born on a farm northwest of Richmond, October 2, 1840, and his father, Branson L. Harris, was the grandson of the old Quaker pioneer, referred to above. His early education was secured in the Quaker common schools of the neighborhood. Afterward he attended the Northwestern Christian (now Butler) University, where he was initiated in Phi Delta Theta, and from which he was graduated in 1862. After reading law at home in the office, and attending a course of lectures, Brother Harris was admitted to the bar in 1865 and began to practice in Indianapolis, giving his attention principally to corporation practice. In 1876 he was elected state senator and served in the sessions of 1877 and 1879, during both sessions being on the judiciary committee. One peculiar fact in relation with Brother Harris's career as a lawyer is that he never accepted a retainer in a criminal case. With the exception of his state senatorial campaign in 1876 and his congressional campaign in 1884, he has never sought any public office.

The nomination of Bro. Harris to be minister to Austria came as a surprise to his many friends throughout Indiana. His selection was peculiarly fitting because of his personal qualities. He is a man of unusual breadth of mind, strength and organized force, and his training and experience have further developed his natural ability. He was offered the ministry to Brazil when that other diplomatic Phi, Hon. E. H. Conger, *Lombard*, '62, was promoted to the Chinese ministry, but he declined it.

Indianapolis—Judge John V. Hadley, '63, was sworn in on January 2, as judge of the Indiana state supreme court.

Centre—Ex-vice-president Adlai E. Stevenson, '60, was the chief speaker at the Jackson day banquet at Omaha, on January 7.

Wabash—Captain W. P. Black, '64, recently a candidate for judge of the superior court of Chicago, was one of the speakers at the banquet tendered William J. Bryan by the Jackson club of Chicago, January 7.

Indiana—Ex-secretary of state John W. Foster, '55, member of the Canadian joint high commission, has recovered from a dangerous attack of pneumonia. The commission has adjourned to meet in Quebec in August.

Indianapolis—Hon. A. B. Kirkpatrick, '78, who is a member of the Indiana house of representatives, has become a leader of the Republican majority, and been assigned to five of the most important committees, being chairman of one.

Miami—Ex-president Benjamin Harrison, '52, counsel for the republic of Venezuela before the board of arbitration which will decide the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, leaves in a few weeks for Paris, where the matter is to be argued and decided.

Illinois Wesleyan—T. H. Simmons, '83, who was the Democratic candidate for mayor of Bloomington, Indiana, at the last election, was the leading speaker at the Jackson day banquet in that city, and created something of a stir by advocating expansion and condemning his party's tendency to espouse the anti-expansion policy.

Vanderbilt—Governor W. H. Ellerbe, '83, was inaugurated for his second term as chief magistrate of South Carolina on January 16. He has been seriously ill of late, and his condition is a source of much anxiety to the conservative Democrats of the Palmetto state. They have chosen him, it is said, to defeat and succeed Senator Tillman, in 1903.

Chicago—Judge Christian Cecil Kohlsaat, '67, has been appointed by President McKinley as United States district judge at Chicago. Gen. John C. Black, *Wabash*, '62, is district attorney there, and Judge William A. Woods, *Wabash*, '59, is United States circuit judge in that circuit. We do not recall another instance of monopoly of such important judicial positions by one fraternity.

Richard Henry Little, one of the best known Chicago newspaper writers, began his work on the *Tribune* in June, 1895, and has been with the paper since that time. Previous to that time he had acted as city editor of the *Bloomington Bulletin* and *Leader* and had practiced law in Bloomington, Ill., but law was not to his liking, although he attained considerable success in his first year of practice. He decided to come to Chicago and try his hand at newspaper work on a metropolitan daily, and, of course, desiring a position on the best paper of Chicago, sought a position on the *Tribune*, where, through the influence of Bro. J. M. Glenn

and others, he was installed as a space writer. This is the beginning step of newspaperdom and is generally a heart-breaking proposition to an ambitious young man, unless he is fortunate enough to make a hit with the city editor at an early date. But Bro. Little did not make a hit at that



RICHARD HENRY LITTLE, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN, '95.
Correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune* at Havana.

time with the city editor, and it remained for a change of administration to discover his ability as a newspaper writer; but after serving seven months as a space man, hard, conscientious work at routine reporting and several cleverly written sketches in a humorous vein, won for him a position on the regular staff, and since that time his progress

has been steady. His unique style of writing humorous and descriptive stories has won him a place among Chicago newspaper readers, and his striking personality and genial manner have made him a host of friends both in and out of newspaper circles in Chicago.

It is the ambition of a newspaper man to become a correspondent, and for the last two years Bro. Little has been on the wing. He wrote descriptive sketches of the Republican national convention at St. Louis in 1896, which appeared in the *Tribune* as the 'Convention Seen by a Man in the Gallery,' and has written similar stories of the state conventions. He was the *Tribune's* representative at the big strikes in the Pan coal regions of Illinois and at different minor events around the country.

Last spring he was detailed at Chickamauga and remained there for two months visiting the different camps of the south and writing of them for his paper. He was called in from Chickamauga and detailed to cover the Trans-Mississippi fair at Omaha, and remained there six weeks. From there he returned to Chicago, and was later sent to Newport News to cover the christening of the battleship *Illinois*. Two weeks before Christmas he was ordered to Havana for three months to cover the occupation by American troops, reconstruction and events of importance in the island. He will travel over the island, going to the principal cities before returning to Chicago.

His reports from Havana have been the feature of newspaper work of late, and he has been sending the best stuff which has ever come out of Havana, from a newspaper standpoint. His reports are being published simultaneously in the *New York World*, *New York Journal* and *Chicago Tribune*. Brother Little has the faculty of seeing a great deal in a very small occurrence, and making a commonplace interesting in his reports.

Pennsylvania—George L. Darte, '96, United States consul at Martinique, W. I., was the first to inform the authorities at Washington of the arrival of Cervera's fleet in American waters.

Missouri—President McKinley has appointed Thomas J. See, '89, professor of mathematics in the navy, with relative rank of lieutenant. A portrait of Bro. See, and a sketch of his remarkable career and astronomical discoveries, appeared in THE SCROLL for April, 1897.

Ohio Wesleyan—Ed. L. Keen, '91, who was correspondent

at Chickamauga last summer for the Scripps-McRae papers, has been at Manila since the protocol was signed. His cablegrams are prominent daily features of the *Cleveland Press*, the *Cincinnati Post*, the *St. Louis Chronicle*, the *Indianapolis Sun* and other papers. Shortly after going to Manila he formed the friendship of Aguinaldo and several insurgent chiefs. On January 26 he was captured by the insurgents and held a prisoner until the matter was brought to the notice of the insurgent secretary of the interior, who ordered his release. He has been in the thick of the recent fighting, and his reports have attracted much attention.

George Harrison English, Jr., *Missouri*, '97, whose picture in the uniform of captain in the Fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry is here given, is a typical western college man, full of life and energy. He entered the University of Missouri as a sophomore from the Central high school of Kansas City, his home, in 1894, and became a Phi the same year. His course has been marked with much distinction and honor, both in scholarship and in college affairs. He has been on the staff of the *Independent*, the college paper, and on the board of the *Savitar*, the annual; he has figured prominently in oratory and debate, having led the 'varsity team to victory in the famous debate with the University of Nebraska



CAPT. GEO. H. ENGLISH, JR.,
MISSOURI, '97.

on the Hawaiian question; he has won praise in college dramatics and for several seasons managed and led the glee club; in 1896 the 'varsity football team was under his management, and it was under his leadership that the team made that long-to-be-remembered trip to Texas and the City of Mexico, during the Christmas holidays; in the battalion of

cadets, a prominent feature of student life at the University of Missouri, he attained the highest office, that of cadet major. When the call for volunteers was made last spring, he was among the first to respond, it being through his instrumentality that the company of students was accepted, in preference to many other companies, and his unanimous election to the captaincy thereof was a justly deserved compliment. In 1897 he took the degree of bachelor of arts and is now a candidate for the law degree and that of master of arts. He is a member of Theta Nu Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi, and last spring was elected to the exclusive senior society, Q. E. B. H. More than all, he is a loyal and enthusiastic Phi, and represented his chapter at the recent convention at Columbus. He is an energetic worker in the chapter house movement, being one of two active members on the committee on permanent home, and was an important factor in the plan which has just landed Missouri Alpha in a chapter house for the first time. After graduation he will enter the practice of law in Kansas City as a partner of his father, Col. George H. English, a prominent member of the bar of that city.

R. H. S.

Besides Colonel Funston and his Kansas Phi officers, there are over twenty other members of the fraternity in the thick of the fray at Manila. The First Nebraska, which had the honor of being first attacked and of opening hostilities with the insurgents, enrolls four Phis, one of whom, Lieut. B. D. Whedon, '99, was seriously wounded in the thigh in a later encounter. Lieut. J. B. Kemper, *Cincinnati*, '00, with the 14th infantry, has been in a dozen hot skirmishes. Major R. A. Barr, *Vanderbilt*, '92, and the First Tennessee have gone to Iloilo, where the 51st Iowa, which fairly swarms with Phis, had been holding the city. The Phis of the 10th Pennsylvania, and our giant color-sergeant, R. G. Holmes, *Lafayette*, '00, have also been under fire a number of times.

The following Phi soldiers and sailors have been reported to the editor since the list in the last SCROLL was made up. Our total enrollment, so far, is 238:

Master-at-arms Samuel F. Owen, *K. M. I.*, '86, U. S. S. *Yosemite*.
First Sergeant M. M. Case, *Lombard*, '91, Co. F, 1st U. S. V. Engineers, Porto Rico.

Private Cicero Nichols, *Vanderbilt*, '98, North Carolina Vol. Inf.

First Lieutenant F. J. Mills, *Vermont*, '86, Co. K, 2d U. S. V. Engineers, Honolulu, H. I.

Sergeant Ernest G. Smith, *Lafayette*, '94, 17th Infantry U. S. A., Santiago (now at Manila).

First Lieutenant James U. Brown, *De Pauw*, '86, Co. E, 21st Kansas, Chickamauga.

Private Franklin G. Tingley, *Purdue*, '93, U. S. Signal Corps, Jamaica, W. I.

First Sergeant Leander Steketee, *Michigan*, '96, Co. K, 32d Michigan, Tampa.

Captain Lewis M. Southworth, *Mississippi*, '83, Co. F, 2d Mississippi, Jacksonville.

Lieutenant Rupert C. Dewey, *Minnesota*, '92, 15th Minnesota, Camp Alger, Va.

Private Frank C. Neal, *Iowa*, '99, commissary dept., 2d brigade, 2d division, 4th corps, Porto Rico.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Charles A. McAllister, *Cornell*, '87, passed assistant engineer, U. S. S. *Philadelphia*.

Ensign Herbert H. Morrison, *Cornell*, '97 (*Columbia*, '97), assistant engineer (acting chief engineer), U. S. S. *Osceola*.

Private J. H. Foster, *Southwestern*, '96, hospital corps, 1st Texas Cavalry, San Antonio.

Private Thaddeus B. Seigle, *Gettysburg*, '86, 10th Pennsylvania, Manila.

Lieutenant Will Dana Shelby, *Hanover*, '95, acting asst. surgeon, 2d brigade, 2d division, 1st corps, U. S. A., Matanzas, Cuba.

Captain Wylie H. Forsythe, *Westminster*, '94, asst. surgeon, 1st brigade, 2d division, 1st corps, U. S. A., Matanzas, Cuba.

Sergeant Maurice F. Bayard, *Illinois*, '01, Co. L, 159th Indiana, Tampa.

Seaman August L. Saltzman, *Lehigh*, '95, U. S. S. *Badger*, Santiago.

Sergeant Clarence Baker, *Iowa*, '88, Co. E, 3d U. S. V. Engineers, Manfuegos, Cuba.

Second Lieutenant A. W. Jones, *Auburn*, '93, Co. F, 1st Louisiana, Jacksonville.

Second Sergeant E. S. Lay, *Auburn*, '98, Co. H, 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.

Private J. S. Paden, Jr., *Auburn*, '98, Co. H, 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.

Private Robert Eby, *Iowa*, '02, Co. I, 51st Iowa, San Francisco.

Private Joseph H. Allen, *Iowa*, '95, Co. F, 49th Iowa, Marianao, Cuba.

Ensign William M. Garton, *Iowa*, '96, asst. surgeon U. S. N., Brooklyn navy yard.

RALPH ALPHONSO O'BLENESS.

Ralph Alphonso O'Bleness died at the home of his parents in Athens, Ohio, on December 1, 1898, a little over two weeks after receiving the injury that indirectly was the cause of his death. On the fifteenth of November, while the Ohio University foot ball team was practicing for a game with the University of West Virginia team, to be played the next day at Parkersburg, Bro. O'Bleness collided with a fellow player and dislocated the seventh vertebra of the cervical group of the spinal column. This resulted in an injury to the spinal cord, and from that time the lower part of his body was completely paralyzed. This necessitated that he lie constantly on his back, and as a result a congested condition of

the lungs followed and developed into pneumonia, which was the direct cause of his death.

Ralph O'Bleness was nineteen years of age, and was the



RALPH ALPHONSO O'BLENESS, OHIO, '01.

Died December 1, 1898.

youngest son of Henry O'Bleness, the well known contractor and president of the First National Bank of Athens. He was an exemplary young man and beloved by all who

knew him. This was shown by the immense throng of friends that followed the body to its last resting place and the flowers that were contributed by loving hands.

Beautiful designs were sent by Ohio Gamma of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, by the chapters of $\Delta T \Delta$, $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Pi B \Phi$, by the foot ball team, by the citizens of Athens and by many others. The university flag was placed at half mast, and the administration building draped in mourning. The sophomore class attended the funeral in a body, as did Ohio Gamma. Bros. McCune, Gold, Casto, Merwin, Witman and Shepard acted as pall-bearers. At the cemetery the chapter, with Bros. Scott and Super leading, performed the beautiful and impressive burial ceremony of the ritual of Phi Delta Theta. Later, at the hall, the memorial ceremony was held, in the presence of the family and other friends. Ohio Gamma adopted the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, In the mysteries of Providence, Ralph Alphonso O'Blencan, our brother and school-mate, has passed to his invisible home, be it

Resolved, That we, as his brothers in Ohio Gamma of Phi Delta Theta, realize that our fraternity has lost a loyal member and our chapter an earnest and devoted brother ; and also

Resolved, That, bowing to the divine will of Almighty Power, we offer our deepest sympathies to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family; be printed in THE SCROLL and in the newspapers of Athens.

JAMES P. WOOD.

G. L. GOLD.

CARL D. SHEPARD.

Athens, Ohio, December 2, 1898.

It will be remembered that the Columbus convention passed resolutions of sympathy and of hope for Bro. O'Blencan's recovery.

ON account of pressure for space we have been compelled to omit two-thirds of our collected personal, college and fraternity news from this issue. These departments will be given prominence in the April number. The roll of the Chapter Grand, with notes, will appear then, and the editor would like to have full and exact data at once in regard to all Phis who have died in the last year, or whose deaths have not been reported in previous rolls of the Chapter Grand.

COLLEGIATE.

In the war with Spain the University of Nebraska had 164 students and alumni enlisted.

Yale will play Harvard at foot ball on November 18 Cambridge this year, and Princeton on November 25 at New Haven.

A Harvard Club has been formed at Yokohama, Japan. Twelve of its twenty-four members are Americans, and twelve Japanese.

The newspapers of Detroit have been making a vigorous but unsuccessful effort to secure the removal of the University of Michigan to that city.

The interminable Fayerweather will case has been finally disposed of by the United States supreme court, and the colleges concerned will receive and use their bequests in peace.

California defeated Stanford at foot ball for the first time this year. Several hundred California students had made a vow not to wear neckties the rest of the term if they failed to win.

Prof. Stephens, of Lafayette, has been found guilty of burning Pardee Hall, and sentenced to nine years in prison. The charge of stealing books from the college library was not pressed.

The second revival of the Olympic games will be held at Paris in 1900. Cornell has decided to train for the long distance run, which was from Marathon to Athens in 1896, by holding twenty-five-mile cross-country races.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to build a \$100,000 library for Pennsylvania State College, if the state will give \$10,000 a year to maintain it. President McKinley will deliver the commencement address this year.

The Cornell nine is being coached by shortstop Jennings, of the Baltimore league team; California has secured Joe Corbett, formerly of the same team, by meeting Stanford's bid. California paid her foot ball coach \$1,500 in 1898. 'Pop' Warner, of Cornell, will coach the Carlisle Indian eleven this fall.

A university club is reported from Manila. It is said to have 150 members, but details of the organization are lacking. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has 30 soldiers and a war correspondent there; $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$ reports 12, including correspondent Bass, of *Harper's Weekly*, who was wounded recently. $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ reports 13.

This year the enrollment at California is 1,665, not counting the professional schools in San Francisco; Cornell enrolls 2,344 in all; Nebraska, 1,915; Tufts, 530; Pennsylvania, 2,790; New York University, 1,680; Minnesota, 2,590. There are 872 women students at Nebraska, 702 at California.

The dinners of the alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia and Boston, on February 3, were connected by long distance telephone, individual receivers for many of the guests and a megaphone being provided at the tables in each city. An orchestra at Milwaukee furnished music, and Thomas A. Edison spoke from his home in New Jersey to the diners.

Last year for the first time the doctor's degree in French universities was made accessible on favorable terms and conditions to foreign students, and it is expected that the German universities will hereafter find it difficult to monopolize American students abroad. No fees are charged in the French universities for matriculation or instruction, and the fee for the doctorate of letters is only \$26, the professional degrees ranging higher. It is announced that a wealthy American lady, 'already known for her munificence to the cause of education,' is about to endow the University of Paris in the interest of American students.

Washington University has been promised four buildings by wealthy St. Louis citizens, and work on these at the new site facing Forest Park will begin at once. The buildings will be located and designed with a view to the university's expected growth. The four buildings are: 1. A main building for collegiate recitation rooms, costing \$200,000 and erected by Mr. R. S. Brookings; 2. An engineering building, costing with equipment \$150,000 and given by Mr. Samuel Cupples; 3. A fully equipped chemistry building, costing \$100,000 and given by Mr. Adolphus Busch; 4. A library building, costing \$100,000, to be built from a bequest of Mr. Stephen Ridgely. There will also be a men's and a women's dormitory and a gymnasium.

At the twenty-seventh quarterly convocation of the University of Chicago, January 4, 1899, President Harper announced that gifts aggregating \$403,000 had been made to the institution. Martin A. Ryerson, president of the board of trustees, donated a tract of land adjoining that now occupied by the university. The value of this is \$34,000. John D. Rockefeller had promised to duplicate the gift in cash, thus making \$68,000. Marshall Field, of this city, gave a tract of land adjoining that given by Mr. Ryerson, and which has been used by the university as an athletic field. The value of this land is estimated at \$135,000. Mr. Rockefeller agreed that when this was given to the school he would give \$200,000 for the building of a gymnasium and the equipment of the athletic grounds. The university has, therefore, received \$169,000 in land value and will now receive from Mr. Rockefeller \$234,000 in cash.

Yale, Amherst, Iowa, Cincinnati and California are still seeking presidents. Rev. G. E. Merrill, Harvard, '69, is the new president of Colgate. Rev. J. M. Taylor, Rochester, '68, now president of Vassar, has declined the presidency of Brown. President Harper, of Chicago, who is charter day orator at California, is said to have been sent for by the regents to advise them in making their choice. Among the likely candidates are President Finley, of Knox, and Professor Wm. Carey Jones (a California Alpha Φ Δ Θ) of the university. The new University of Indianapolis has chosen its first president in Rev. Dr. Burriss A. Jenkins. He is twenty-nine years old, with degrees from Bethany, Yale and Harvard. He was a member of B Θ Π at Bethany, but resigned from the fraternity in his senior year.

Inter-collegiate debate continues to grow in popularity. Michigan is winning laurels galore, her latest victim being Pennsylvania, on March 3. Butler defeated De Pauw on the same evening, on the Philippine annexation question, which is to be debated later by Indiana and Illinois, by Knox and Beloit and by California and Stanford. Phi Delta Theta shows up well on the debating teams. Two members of the Iowa Wesleyan team which meets Illinois Wesleyan are Phis, Bros. Throop and Stafford; Bro. Andrew Cooke was the star of the Northwestern team which met Michigan, and Bro. R. W. Hobbs of the Butler team that met De Pauw. The Knox chapter has one or two men on each team there, and the same reports come from Georgia. A signal honor, too, has fallen to Φ Δ Θ at Harvard. Bro. Wilbur Morse, *Pennsylvania*, '99, is a member of the team finally chosen to

neet Princeton on April 5 and is the first winner of the new Coolidge prize of \$100, awarded to the speaker making the best grades in the trial debates. This is the third time Bro. Morse has been chosen to represent Harvard; he has gone to Yale twice, once on the freshmen team and last year on the 'varsity as a sophomore. California won the Carnot debate from Stanford this year for the fourth consecutive time.

President Jordan, of Stanford, in an article contributed to the *Independent*, says: 'In 1887 I spoke before the students of the University of Minnesota. Ten years later I stood on the same platform. The change in these ten years seemed to be the work of magic. In 1887, a few hundred students crowded in coarse barracks, with few teachers and scanty appliances. In 1897, a magnificent university that would do wise stand in shame if brought in comparison with Oxford or Cambridge, or the still broader and sounder universities of Germany; beautiful buildings, trained professors, and adequate appliances, with upward of 2,000 students.'

Special articles on subjects of university and college interest will be a feature this year of *Book Reviews*, published by the Macmillan Company, New York; \$1 a year.

Under the will of the late P. P. Mast, of Springfield, O., Ohio Wesleyan University receives \$175,000 in money, and the donor's house and grounds at Springfield, valued at 200,000.

HELLENIC.

The editor of the *K A Journal*, in his November (or Christmas) number, gives comparative statistics of fraternity men in the late war. From a fairly complete table compiled by one of the general officers of K A, who fails, however, to give the year of graduation or last assignment of his men, we learn that K A has reports of 149 soldiers and sailors, besides nine cadets now at West Point and Annapolis. The editor calculates that K A, with a total membership of 3,855, furnished 3¾ per cent. of her sons for military service. He finds by the same method that Σ N sent out 3 per cent.; Δ A E and Φ Δ @, 2½, per cent. each; and the others smaller percentages. None equal K A's record of 3¾ per cent. 'It appears,' he concludes, 'that K A, in proportion to her whole membership, furnished the largest contingent of Greek-letter representatives in the Spanish war. As Δ K E claims to have contributed the most distinguished contingent and Φ Δ @

the largest absolute number, it would seem that our other military historians would have hard work finding points left in which to excel.

The reports in fraternity magazines, up to the present, are few and confessedly incomplete. Only the following present systematic lists: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 238 men; K A, 149; Σ A E, 125; Φ K Ψ , 123; K Σ , 117; Σ X, 116; Δ K E, 110; Σ N, 80; A T Ω , 71; Θ Δ X, 26.

To be sure, 149 men are about $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of 3,855; but to argue from this that K A is more patriotic than those who sent out only 3 per cent., or $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., of their total membership, would be misleading. On this basis M Π Λ , with her 43 members, would have to furnish but two soldiers to eclipse K A's record, Φ Φ Φ and A X P but three, and so on. The larger and older fraternities have thousands of members who were not eligible for enlistment because of their age. Of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s 238 men in the service, only 14 were graduated earlier than 1885, and but 5 before 1881; 75 per cent. belong to classes later than that of '92. Nearly 6,000 of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s members were initiated before 1889.

The only true basis for comparison would be to take the members of each fraternity who were between thirty-five and eighteen years of age and determine the proportionate number of enlistments, perhaps making allowance for those kept at home or in college by necessity or constraint. But this would be as absurd as some of the arithmetical deductions of our friends in Δ K E and Ψ Y. Such calculations are neither practicable nor desirable. As Commodore Schley said, 'there is glory enough for us all;' and the plan of weighing it out by ounces and grains does not commend itself. Since, however, our K A friend is fond of comparative statistics, we append a table of enlistments from the chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and of K A in the nineteen institutions where these two fraternities meet. The figures for K A are taken from the *Journal* for November (the last received) and those for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ from our own records to date.

	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$	K A		$\Phi \Delta \Theta$	K A
Virginia,	4	1	Alabama,	12	0
Randolph-Macon,	1	6	Auburn,	9	4
Washington and Lee,	2	2	Tulane,	4	2
North Carolina,	1	1	Texas,	1	5
Centre,	2	6	Southwestern,	1	1
Vanderbilt,	6	0	Missouri,	11	2
Sewanee,	9	3	Westminster,	2	3
Georgia,	4	9	California,	1	1
Emory,	6	3	Stanford,	0	1
Mercer,	7	7			

total for the nineteen chapters: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ (deducting 6 affiliates, counted twice), 77; K A, 57.

It might be argued by some that the southern chapters of $\Delta \Theta$ are thus shown to be more patriotic than their friends and rivals in K A. Such is not the case. The K A chapter in Alabama will surely report a few names, and other chapters will doubtless be able to help reduce the difference; but this is a matter of slight or no importance. K A, by reason of the somewhat military character of her origin, traditions and organization, from the fact that in southern colleges and universities far more stress is laid on military instruction than in the north, and because of the conspicuous enthusiasm with which the educated men of the south entered the late war, should make an excellent comparative showing in recent military records, and so she does. The only point at which her rivals might be inclined to criticise her claims lies in the fact that the Beta chapter at the Virginia Military Institute, which fraternity historians say died in 1888, when the faculty there prohibited fraternities, furnishes 32 of K A's 149 soldiers, or 31 per cent. It is well-known that the K A chapter at Washington and Lee continues to initiate members of the graduating class at V. M. I. each commencement. Most fraternities have given up the plan of violating the spirit or the letter of college anti-fraternity regulations as undignified and unprofitable, and it has not been long since the K Σ *Caucus* read K A a lecture on the case in point. The 36 living chapters of K A report 111 enlisted men.

Editorial statements in the *Shield* of $\Theta \Delta X$ and the *Record* of $\Sigma A E$, that members of those fraternities are not permitted to resign therefrom, evoked an article in the *Shield and Diamond* from Rev. Robert Hill, an officer of $\Pi K A$, who takes the ground that, if a member may be expelled from a fraternity, he has the reciprocal right of withdrawal; or as he puts it exactly: 'If several men claim the right to drive me hence when they please, they, *ipso facto*, give me the right to go hence when I please.' The editor of the *T Δ Rainbow* thinks that Mr. Hill's logic 'will not bear the test of practice,' and says:

The expulsion of a member may be so guarded by constitutional requirements and by rights of appeal that the chances for haste or injustice are very slight. Besides, every initiate knows, or ought to know, the rule of the fraternity he joins regarding this point, and may refuse to go further, if he so wills. At any rate, it is sure that the conditions of fraternity membership should be exceedingly binding. Mr. Hill's logic, carried out to its conclusion regarding chapters and sections of a fraternity, offers dangerous possibilities. It is even more extreme than the old doctrine of 'state's rights,' as applied to the fraternity system.

The right of withdrawal which a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ had has been modified by recent national conventions. According to our new general statutes, a member may, under certain conditions, be granted honorable dismissal, but no one will find it a very easy matter, of his own accord, to sever his connection with the fraternity.

A wonderful writer has developed among the sons of Wooglin at Hanover. His epistle in the December *Beta Theta Pi* begins in the following strain, which some certainly will consider more sacrilegious than facetious:

Iota has something to say to her sister chapters. Since our last letter, Iota has sat in heavenly places—has stood upon a mount of transfiguration, as it were. While we were on the mount with Father Wooglin, our forms were changed and our faces became radiant, and we said, one to another, let us build here a chapter house, that we may abide here forever. But as we spake, the vision passed away, and we found ourselves in the valley of contemplation.

Likely they will remain in the 'valley' for some time, as the chapter-house appears to be nothing more substantial than a 'vision' as yet. Modesty is another trait of this writer. He says: 'We enjoy a *merited prestige* with the girls' (italics ours), and some of the young ladies named '*sport*' the Beta colors. Getting down finally to solid facts, he says:

Among the local chapters, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is giving us most concern. They are aggressive, original and energetic, and promise to make it interesting for us. They have captured the last four oratoricals, and will represent the college at the coming state contest at Indianapolis.

The $K \Sigma$ *Caduceus* takes $B \Theta \Pi$ to task for initiating a Wabash student named A. J. Carter on the same night that his resignation was accepted by $K \Sigma$, and says:

It turns out that he was solicited to join $B \Theta \Pi$ while still connected with $K \Sigma$ The information which comes to us is that the Wabash chapter of $B \Theta \Pi$ has on more than one occasion incited members of other fraternities to join it, and it is time the matter was given publicity.

This is quoted by H. S. Shedd, the Wabash correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi* for December. The best defense he can present is:

Carter entered college with the class of '00, and was hustled into the $K \Sigma$ fraternity. He soon found himself in the wrong place, and while perfectly friendly with his fraternity brothers, found his best friends and most congenial associates in $B \Theta \Pi$. During all last year he went with the Betas, and it was evident even to outsiders that if he were not a Beta, he ought to be one. This fall he was given an invitation to join our chapter; he accepted and immediately sent in his resignation to $K \Sigma$.

It is here admitted that the Betas extended an invitation to him to join their chapter, and that he accepted it, while

still a member of K Σ. The Beta correspondent adds insult to injury by the following statement :

Carter was looked upon by every one here as the best, in fact the only good man K Σ had, and is one of the most prominent men in college. He is captain of the base ball team, and very popular socially. He is a good addition to B Θ Π, and no mud which K Σ can throw will alter our opinion. We assure you that Tau chapter has acted in a perfectly honorable manner in this case, and has nothing whatever to regret.

This appears to have been a very plain case of 'lifting,' and might be characterized as a very flagrant instance. If the facts were as stated, the utter disregard of Wabash Betas or the rights of K Σ was anything but 'honorable.' We note, by the way, in a recent issue of the *Wabash*, a report of the recent resignation of a member of the Beta chapter. It seems to have created a sensation.

The Lombard correspondent of the Σ N *Delta* for November says, the italics being ours :

At first the outlook for members was somewhat *gloomy*, not from any opposition on the part of our enemies, however, as will appear later, but *because the men in college were not such as we desired.* On September 22, we initiated two men, pledged from last year. They were strong men, and so strengthened our chapter that we were not anxious to take in any except first-class men. But our friends, the nemy, were becoming desperate, and, not wishing to make them any less so, *we ferreted out every man in school* whom we deemed worthy to become a member of Σ N. Seven were found, and on October 6, we initiated five of them, the other two having decided not to join any fraternity this year.

Just here a word in regard to our rivals, the Φ Δ Θ's, may not be out of place. Three years ago they were the leading fraternity in college, at least so they thought, though we never saw it just that way. Things have changed since then. To-day they have but eight men in college, while we have eighteen. They have initiated but one man this year. We do not wish to rejoice over the defeat of a fallen rival, but we can not help recalling with a smile a statement that appeared in THE SCROLL in 1896 to the effect that they had everything their own way, and that our days were almost numbered. We sincerely trust that our friends of Φ Δ Θ are as far from annihilation to-day as we were then. We are truly sorry that they lost their chapter house, and hope they may be able to build again in the near future.

We stand at the head of nearly every movement in college that is worthy of our attention. Nearly every man in the Erosophian literary society is a member of Σ N. The foot ball team is largely made up of our men, and the indications are that it will soon be wholly so. The boys are thinking of challenging the entire college to a battle on the gridiron.

It is evident that Σ N has swept things very clean at Lombard. Knowing that the college was small, Φ Δ Θ has never desired a large chapter there. We seriously doubt the wisdom of Σ N's policy of enlarging its chapter by fer-

reting out members, when the material to work on is so poor, as it happened to be this year, and especially when the strongest incentive and avowed object was to make a rival more 'desperate.' Although the correspondent says 'the men in college were not such as we desired,' it seems that seven men good enough for ΣN were found. Under present conditions we prefer a chapter of eight to a chapter of eighteen at Lombard.

This proves my report on Lombard last fall that Σ rushed in men so quick and so many of them that $\Phi \Delta$ had very little chance left.

W. B. P.

Commenting on the numerical comparison of fraternities given by the *Beta Theta Pi*, the editor of the $\Theta \Delta X$ has this:

It will be noticed that the highest number of chapters in a fraternity is 63, and the lowest 6, while the average runs from 12 to 20 except in the eleven largest. We are led to gauge the standing of a fraternity largely upon that of the college. Those fraternities which have over 25 chapters must draw their balance from institutions of very small caliber.

It is easily possible to refute this opinion by an examination of the list of colleges in our country. ΨY has 6 chapters in colleges where $\Theta \Delta X$ is not represented; $\Theta \Delta X$ has 5 chapters where ΨY does not compete. Combine the two rolls, and, on the supposition above given, either ΨY or $\Theta \Delta X$ or both are represented in 7 'institutions of very small caliber.' If now we note that neither fraternity is represented by a chapter at California, Stanford, Virginia, Williams, or Northwestern, not to mention the splendid state universities of some of our middle western and southern states, the oracular opinion seems to have no foundation whatever.— $\Delta T \Delta$ *Rainbow*.

The *Rainbow* of $\Delta T \Delta$, referring to mention of that fraternity in our December review of college annuals, says that it 'can not believe that the members of the Allegheny chapter' of $\Delta T \Delta$ violated their fraternity laws by joining $\Theta N E$ or by initiating preps. The editor of THE SCROLL writes this item with the Allegheny annual open before him; on the page devoted to $\Theta N E$ he finds the names of two Delta Taus, W. G. Harper and J. H. McCloskey, as '*fratres in collegio*' of the sophomore society aforesaid. In the roll of the $\Delta T \Delta$ chapter he finds the names of John R. Andrews and Ralph E. Blood, classified on page 33 as second preps., and Earle McDonald, classified on page 32 as a third prep. Under 'first preparatory,' with the subhead 'special,' Robert X. Brown and Ira D. McQuiston appear. The other

four Delta Taus are in the college classes, the two members of $\Theta N E$ being classified with '99. This may mean that they were initiated before the convention of 1897, which outlawed $\Theta N E$, but it does not affect our statement that two members of the $\Theta N E$ chapter come from $\Delta T \Delta$. The preps. named above may have been only pledged, but no such statement is made. All nine Delta Taus are labeled '*fratres in collegio*,' and in one column two of the preps. precede a freshman.

The following Phi colleges and universities had no foot ball teams last year: Columbia, Emory, Mercer, Iowa Wesleyan and Southwestern. Columbia, since her removal up town, expects to be able to secure grounds for practice and student support, and has planned a team for 1899. Emory and Mercer have presumably been influenced by the death of a player on the University of Georgia eleven to forbid foot ball. Georgia still plays, however. Iowa Wesleyan expects to have a team next year; lack of student support was to blame this time. The faculty is presumed to be hostile at Southwestern.

In the 59 Phi institutions which supported teams there were 12 captains chosen from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, besides one at Miami who captained the second team, formed after the faculty had disbanded the first. These twelve were Whiting, of Cornell; Outland, Pennsylvania; Campbell, Washington and Lee; Speed, Central; Sayers, Ohio State; Nieding, Case; Oldfather, Hanover; Finley, Knox; McElvaine, Lombard; Johnston, Illinois; Hobbs, Iowa; Cousley, Westminster. There were 12 non-fraternity captains: at Williams, Union, Gettysburg, Centre, Georgia, Auburn, Wabash, Franklin, Purdue, Kansas, Mississippi, Stanford. Five chose captains from $\Delta T \Delta$: Sewanee, Ohio, Indiana, Indianapolis, California (the captain first chosen at Indianapolis was a Bethany $B \Theta \Pi$, but his ankle was broken the first of the season). Four chose from $\Sigma A E$ (three of these in Pennsylvania and not one in the south proper): Lafayette, Allegheny, Dickinson, Missouri. Three came from ΔY : Brown, Syracuse, Northwestern. Three were from $\Delta K E$: Amherst, Alabama, Miami; three from ΨY : Dartmouth, Lehigh, Minnesota. Two were from $B \Theta \Pi$ (besides the Indianapolis captain named above): Wisconsin, Texas; two from ΣX : Vanderbilt, De Pauw; two from $\Phi K \Psi$: Washington and Jefferson, Michigan; two from $A T \Omega$: Colby, Tulane; two from $A \Delta \Phi$: Cincinnati (a Dartmouth man), Chicago. One each came from $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ (Ohio Wesleyan), $K \Sigma$

(Nebraska—initiated during the season), Σ N (Virginia), Φ K Σ (Randolph-Macon), Z Ψ (North Carolina), Φ Δ Φ (Washington—the Cincinnati captain being also one), Δ Ψ —local (Vermont).

This summary contains many details of interest. See A T Ω , Σ A E, A Δ Φ , K Σ , Δ K E and Ψ Y, for instance. Note the absence of southern K A, X Ψ , Θ Δ X, X Φ and all the smaller eastern societies. Phis have always been good students. We are glad to see they are good athletes, as well. Two famous coaches of last season's teams were Phis: King, of Wisconsin, and Davis, of Lafayette. For this year the number of Phi captains and managers promises well again; Bro. R. D. Starbuck, *Cornell*, '00, whose picture appeared in the last SCROLL, will succeed Bro. Whiting as Cornell's captain. Bro. S. B. Newton, *Williams*, '91, has just signed a three years' contract to direct athletics at Lafayette and coach all teams.

Although the new senator from Indiana, Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, DePauw, '85, is a member of Δ K E, it may be truthfully said that Φ Δ Θ was a prominent factor in the contest. First of all, Benjamin Harrison, *Miami*, '52, was constantly mentioned for the place, and would have been elected with a rush if he had consented to allow the use of his name. Mr. Beveridge was elected by the combined forces of two candidates who represented the Harrison wing of the Indiana republicans, as opposed to the Gresham-McKinley-Fairbanks wing. Another Phi who was urged to allow the use of his name, and who would have been undoubtedly successful, was Hugh H. Hanna, *Wabash*, '62, who has made a national reputation as chairman of the executive committee of the sound-money organization. A third Phi, who was constantly mentioned as the reserve or 'dark horse' candidate of the Fairbanks men, was Addison C. Harris, *Indianapolis*, '62, who was appointed minister to Austria on the eve of the senatorial election, presumably to injure the chances of Mr. Beveridge by rousing the prejudices of the other cities of Indiana against Indianapolis as winner of all the prizes. One of Mr. Beveridge's earnest and effective supporters was Hilton U. Brown, *Indianapolis*, '80, of the *Indianapolis News*. Mr. Beveridge is but thirty-six years of age, and has made a remarkable record as orator and advocate. He has made his own way unaided since boyhood, working his way through DePauw and winning every prize in sight. He was winning orator in the interstate oratorical contest of 1885. His wife is a member of

the DePauw chapter of K K Γ. The editor of THE SCROLL has long enjoyed the acquaintance and friendship of the senator-elect, and heartily congratulates him and Δ K E on their honors.

The reason why Bro. Palmer stated in December that Δ T Δ has no flag was that Baird mentions none in his 1898 edition. The *Rainbow* says, 'we have had a flag for years. In 1894 a good cut of our flag was printed in this journal.' The report that the charter of the Allegheny chapter was withdrawn came to us from the Σ A E *Record* and a local alumnus of Δ T Δ. The *Rainbow* pronounces it incorrect.

The cover of the November *Delta* is adorned with a handsome Σ N flag. The field is of gold, across which are three narrow black stripes, which are set with forty-one diamonds, probably referring to the active chapters. The union is black and bears the badge in gold. The flag was adopted in 1892, though it is not mentioned by Baird.

Π K A has revived her North Carolina chapter, inactive last year, with eight members.

Φ Γ Δ has a petition from Δ P (local) at the University of Maine. Φ K Ψ has an application from B K K (local) at Purdue. A A Ω is a new local at Dartmouth, with 20 members. New local sororities are Φ A Π at Dickinson and B Γ at Cincinnati.

Δ Δ Δ has a new chapter at the Baltimore Woman's College, Δ Γ one at Indiana University, Π B Φ one at the University of Vermont. All the general sororities save K K Γ are now represented at the Woman's College of Baltimore. Π B Φ now has a larger number of chapters than any other sorority. She is said to be organizing at Missouri.

B Θ Π seems to have no members at all at Mississippi this year, judging from statistical reports to THE SCROLL and the Φ K Ψ *Shield*.

Σ A E at Northwestern, 'which seemed ready to give up the ghost, has pledged three new men and is on its feet again,' according to a correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi*.

The December *Shield* of Θ Δ X, Mr. Holmes's last issue, is so replete with matters of interest to fraternity men in general and to Phis in particular that we have despaired of doing anything with its contents in the limited space left

This month. We shall take it up in April. The March ΔY *Quarterly* contains an interesting group of statistics giving the migration fees, times and financial management of the various chapters. This will call for comment later, as will the article in the *Sentinel* upon 'The Greek Press.'

$\Delta \Phi$ held her convention at Philadelphia, November 24. — $\Phi \Sigma \chi$ celebrated her 25th anniversary with a convention in New York City in November 22. — $\Theta \Delta \chi$ met in Boston, January 22. Mr. Jay W. Holmes resigned as editor of the *Spectator* and will go west to recover his failing health. It was rumored that a Theta Delta chapter is to appear soon at California. — $\Delta \chi \epsilon$ met at Detroit, November 19. Charters were granted to applicants from Tulane and Toronto. The next convention goes to Amherst. — $\Lambda \Gamma \Omega$ met at New Orleans, December 29. $\Theta \Sigma \epsilon$ and ribbon societies were outlawed, and the initiation of non-collegiate members was forbidden. It was decided to divide the fraternity into provinces. Mr. L. C. Eble was re-elected editor of the *Palm*. An endowment fund similar to that of $\Sigma \chi$, was established, and the general fraternity was made trustee of all chapter house funds. The next convention goes to Boston. — $\Sigma \Lambda \epsilon$ met at Nashville, December 27. The applicants at the University of Illinois were formally chartered. Applications from the University of Pennsylvania, Western University of Pennsylvania and the John B. Stetson University were refused. Before the convention it was announced that an application would be presented from Kentucky State University [College?]. As one of the returning delegates reports that two charters were granted, this application may have been successful, too. Mr. H. C. Lakin was re-elected editor of the *Record*. The next convention goes to Boston. — $Z \Psi$ met at Montreal, January 6. — $K \Sigma$ met at Chattanooga, December 30. It was decided to district the fraternity. Mr. J. Har Covington was re-elected editor of the *Caduceus*. The next convention will probably be held in Philadelphia.

The $K \Lambda$ lodge at Cornell, which was burned on December 29, was insured for \$20,000 and valued at \$30,000. It was a brown stone villa.

The December SCROLL contained a list of suspended fraternity journals, including the $X \Psi$ *Purple and Gold*, which we have learned has been revived. The same issue of THE SCROLL gave a list of secret fraternity journals like the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ *Palladium*. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ also has such a journal in addition to its *Quarterly*.

THE PYX.

Reporters of alumni clubs will please send in accounts of alumni day dinners without delay.

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Chapters will please remember to send copies of their annual circular letter to the editors of the catalogue, Bros. F. E. Hulett and L. J. Shlesinger, 585 W. Market street, Akron, Ohio.

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The Indiana University *Daily Student* has been publishing historical sketches of the chapters and fraternities represented there. The one on $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was very full and carefully prepared. The one on $\Delta T \Delta$ says that fraternity was founded in 1858 and now has over 11,000 members.

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The editor has received a number of notices of Phi social events, weddings and alumni club dinners-to-be, as well as glee club and other programs and announcements, which space will not allow him to acknowledge separately. Those which do not receive mention elsewhere by April will be noted in *The Pyx* then.

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The Philadelphia convention provided that members on rolls of dead chapters should be assigned to some neighboring living chapter, which should send them annual circular letters, and in other ways treat them as their own alumni. The general council has made the following assignment of chapters which have become inactive since the Philadelphia convention: Illinois Wesleyan to Northwestern; Wooster to Ohio State; Hillsdale to Chicago; Lansing to Michigan. All concerned will please take notice.

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The fine for delay in sending annual membership reports due February 1 to the H. G. C. has worked like a charm. But five chapters were delinquent, and that proved to be on account of blanks and reports going astray in the mails. We wish to congratulate the chapter historians and the H. G. C. The statistical tables will be printed in the May *Palladium*.

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We wish to express our thanks to the reporters and others who send us their college paper. The *Daily Californian*, the *Nebraskan*, the *Iowa Wesleyan*, the *Weekly Gettysburgian*, the *Sewanee Purple*, the *Alabama Crimson-White*, the

of *The Morning Post*, the *Pennsylvania Alumni Register*, the *London Standard*, the *Knickerbocker*, the *Massachusetts Review*, *Cincinnati*, the *Western*, the *Franklin Advocate*, the *Collegiate*, *Indianapolis* and occasional copies of others are sent us. Most of those named have Phi in the editorial staff, usually as editor-in-chief or as business manager.

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A copy of last year's *GAZ* from Williams was received just after the December *SCROLL* went to press. It will be reviewed in the next issue. Annals of this year's crop are beginning to arrive. The *Dartmouth Aegis* and the *Amherst Owl* are already in, and we are looking for the *Columbian* and the *U. GAZ* any day. Don't forget THE SCROLL's copy of your annual, and be sure to get inserts of the new coat-of-arms from Mr. Lockwood, as directed by the convention. This design may not be reproduced by cheap woodcuts or process plates, as this only cheapens the design and infringes on the copyright. The price of the inserts from a steel plate is only \$1.00 per hundred. Address Richard E. Lockwood, 206 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Be sure also to prepare a correct chapter roll of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Consult the directory in this issue for names of chapters and institutions and their division into provinces.

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A design for the certificate of membership adopted by the convention is being considered, and copies will be ready by commencement.

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Mr. R. B. Lockwood, who executed the steel plate for the new coat-of-arms, presented the first proof to Bro. Palmer, chairman of the committee on revision of the constitution, the impression being on India paper, which was suitably framed. Bro. Palmer made a present of it to the fraternity library. It has been suggested, in view of the national character of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, that an appropriate coat-of-arms would be a map of the United States charged on a Phi shield.

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The new constitution and general statutes, with an index prepared by Bro. Palmer, will be ready late in March for delivery to chapters, alumni clubs and general officers.

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A new form of blanks for annual membership reports was issued by the H. G. C. this year. In essential features it is like the old form, but under the head of 'general information' there are a number of new questions designed to ascer-

tain whether chapters possess all required paraphernalia, perform all ritualistic ceremonies, and attend to other business in accordance with the code.

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Brother Palmer, ex-P. G. C., visited the chapter at Ohio University on February 13 and 14, and reports that it is in excellent condition. Among its archives he found the minutes of the convention held at Chicago in 1869. He has examined the records of nearly all old chapters, to get material for the history of the fraternity which he is writing, but never before discovered a copy of these minutes. He now has the minutes of every convention held since the first in 1851.

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As usual the Phis of Indiana elected every possible officer in the Indiana inter-collegiate oratorical association. Bro. L. A. Folsom, of Indiana University, is president; J. L. Holman, of Franklin, vice-president; V. B. Demaree, of Hanover, recording secretary; J. E. Thomas, of DePauw, corresponding secretary; W. A. Lybrand, of Butler, treasurer, and W. H. Hays, of Wabash, inter-state delegate. Bro. Oldfather, of Hanover, is president of the state tennis association, and Bro. Hays, of Wabash, secretary, and Bro. Dill, of Purdue, executive committeeman of the state athletic association.

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At the university day celebration of the University of Indianapolis, on February 22, Bro. John C. Morrison, of Butler, was chairman of the day. Bro. R. H. Gerard, of Wabash, was secretary of the general committee, and of the six chairmen of sub-committees two were Phis, W. A. Lybrand, of Butler, and F. G. Wishard, of Wabash. Bro. Wishard and Bro. T. C. Whallon, *Hanover*, '98, are members of the university glee club; Bro. Wishard is also a member of the quartette and Bro. Whallon of the mandolin club.

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Bro. Daniel Stratton was unanimously elected committeeman from Westminster and president of the Missouri inter-collegiate oratorical association. Bro. C. F. Lamkin won at Westminster and took third place in the state contest.

Bro. W. A. Oldfather won the Voris prize at Hanover and represented that college in the Indiana oratorical contest. This is the second Voris prize Bro. Oldfather has won; Indiana Epsilon has won three-fourths of the Voris prizes since they were established.

The first province convention under the new administration was held at Indianapolis, January 27. The seven chapters of Epsilon province were represented by sixty-three visitors and delegates. Bro. E. E. Ruby, province president, presided, and Bro. C. A. Macauley, of Miami, was secretary. A second convention was arranged for at Bloomington in October, in celebration of Indiana Alpha's semi-centennial. Chapter houses were earnestly discussed, and the session closed with a banquet at which forty-three enthusiastic Phis were present. With two province conventions in one year, Epsilon province may well claim the record.

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Ohio Eta wishes the following numbers of THE SCROLL to complete her files: January, 1880; October, 1883; March-April, 1884; June, 1888; October and November, 1889; February and April, 1890; October and December, 1893; February, April, June and December, 1894. The chapter has many extra copies to offer in exchange. Address R. C. Gifford, Fairmount and Wilbur streets, Cleveland, Ohio.

The following are desired by Bro. R. H. Switzler, P. O. Box 1208, Columbia, Mo.: October, 1892; June, 1897. He also wishes *The Palladium* for January and March, 1895, and May, 1898.

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REMINISCENCES OF CATALOGUE MAKING.

(Continued from the December number.)

There are many curious letters and answers to questions asked by catalogue compilers. Some are from cranks, some are quaint, and some come from the Phi wits.

A letter to an outsider brought forth this quaint and charming reply, typewritten upon the back of an 'Address to the Churches on Peace and Arbitration':

BLOOMINGDALE, IND., 6th IX, 1890.

Frank D. Swope;

Dear Friend;

In reply to thine of 1st Inst. I can say that the Postal address of Wilson H. Turpin is

Sylvania Parke County Indiana

He is said to have a nice little wife and a baby and manages his father's farm.

Thine truly

B. C. HOBBS.

Contrast the genuineness of that with the following letter from a Phi. I will not call its spirit by names, but you may say of it what you please. I shall not object.

WEISSPORT, PA., May 10, '89.

Mr. E. L. Randolph,

Dear Sir,—In answer to your circular permit me to say briefly and courteously, that I desire to have my name withdrawn as a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

The following are my main reasons:

1. No one who calls himself a Christian, can consistently take the oath demanded of him at his initiation.

2. Secret societies are, in secret and subtle ways, assuming more and more a hostile and dangerous attitude toward the Christian Church.

3. The basis upon which secret societies exist or rest is a selfish one. They engender or beget clannishness. While American in one sense, they are decidedly un-American in the higher and better senses. They prevent men from being cosmopolitan in sympathy and feeling.

4. There can be but one true fraternity or fellowship, and that is the fellowship of hearts which the religion of Jesus Christ has made kindred.

However groundless these objections may seem to the members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, I trust they will as gentlemen give me credit for acting as I do from *conviction* and on *principle*. My heart is too big to confine it to so small a world as a fraternity or secret society, and while I expect to be socially ostracised so far as the members of Phi Delta Theta are concerned, I know I shall always be ready to extend to all of them the hand of *Christian* fellowship.

I am a brother to the world!

Mankind is my fraternity!

Sincerely Yours,

He did not get an honorable dismissal; but his name was dropped, and I leave it to everlasting Phi oblivion. If he has escaped the asylum, I dare say by this time he wishes that he had not been taken so seriously.

How different the spirit of this letter from Bro. Miller, and what tender chord of boyhood memory did Tol. Bart touch to call it forth!

Dear Old Tol.:

Forgotten you? No! The Lord forbid. When I forget a friend may my hand lose its cunning and my tongue forget its trade. May the fountains of justice dry up, and the courts adjourn *sine die*. In short, may Gabriel blow his trumpet and Abraham call me to his bosom. No, I have never forgotten you and have wondered sometimes if I should know your dear old 'phiz' if I should see it. I forget only my enemies. May the Lord take them all unto his sheltering wings—right away. For my friends the flowers of memory bloom perennial, but I let the dust of oblivion settle softly upon the graves of my enemies. For the one, life and joy and eternal happiness; for the other, may they forsake their iniquities and seek the stool of repentance before it is everlastingly too late.

Your Friend,

John R. Miller.

It has been hinted before that Phis like other boys and men, are only human, but the details concerning the unhung belong to the Phi skeleton rooms and are not to be dragged forth. The letter which follows transpired to have been written about another man and not about a Phi of the same name—otherwise it would not follow.

Dear Sir.

I take the liberty to inform you you are wasting time and money to write to Mr. Caudle he is a Dead beat is not Honorable dose not know the first rudiments of politeness or truthfulness. he is not what he represents himself to be I hope you will not bother your selfe with him for he is not worthy of the thoughts of a Honorable person believe me cincearly his wife P. E. G. Caudle.

Mrs. Caudle must have meant 'yours cincearly' rather than what she says. I felt shocked to have so unwittingly dragged to light this slight family jar. Let us hope that

time has long since healed the breach. 'Cinccarly,' however, is a triumph. I know only one better example of 'English as she is spelt.' A Phi wrote home from rural France that he missed the roasting ears; at least that was what his family understood by 'rocen years.' Like Jim Mitchell's father, I am not proud of myself, but I am proud of my younger brother, and this was his greatest triumph.

It might be well to add for the benefit of the doubting that all the communications quoted herein are word for word as they were received by me. I have in no way doctored the returns, except that I have not given Mrs. Caudle's real name.

Occasionally a name would be sent in by a Phi in response to the inquiry for names and residences of Phis living near, when the man named was not a member and never had been. Oftentimes these names would give us a great deal of trouble since, owing to the imperfection of early records, we had found many who had not been in previous editions. One man sent in a circular filled out in full and giving his chapter as 'Zeta.' We tried all the Zeta chapters, but without avail. A subsequent letter brought forth this: 'I was initiated by the Zeta chapter of Brown University, Providence, R. I., in September, 1857.' I happened to be present at the birth of our chapter at Brown, and as I myself had been born subsequent to 1857, I saw at once that there was some discrepancy. In Marble's handwriting on the circular was endorsed: 'This man is probably a member of Theta Delta Chi, not of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.' He had sent in a subscription to the catalogue and it was with reluctance that I omitted his name. It is not often that a man forgets the name of his fraternity, and it was more notable in this case because he had remained in college four years after initiation, being graduated in 1861.

There were twenty-nine questions on our circular, and after reflecting somewhat since upon the matter I am satisfied that there were fully twenty too many. Some of these questions brought forth amusing answers, some amusing because they were intended to be so, some because they totally misconceived the purport of the book, some because they showed how little a man remembers about his past life when he comes to set it down circumstantially. Bro. John B. Elam did not take his circular over seriously. To the inquiry, 'If you are the author of a book,' he replies: 'Oh! that mine enemy would write a book! I never did.' Again to the question: 'If you have a business partner in the fra-

ternity'—he replies: 'Benjamin Harrison was my business partner, but has recently quit the business.' This was March 27, 1889. He winds up at the bottom of his circular, 'Would any other gentleman like to ask me anythin'?'

Another brother, after filling his circular to the margins with information such as 'Author of the *K. K. Lex* letters in Battle Creek (Mich.) *News*, 1881-2,' responds to the request for other facts in regard to himself, as follows: 'Am in favor of national and state prohibition through any party that has the moral courage to champion it. Have made some speeches and written some articles for the press in favor of tariff reform, and am a disciple of Mr. Garfield on that question.' I really think he expected this paragraph to be quoted under his name, after the fashion of the books published in Chicago entitled, 'Biographies of the Prominent Citizens of the State of Kentucky,' where the length of your biography is dependent upon the amount paid for the insertion of your photograph. Our brother dutifully subscribed for a catalogue; but, alas! we could not use Chicago methods to make him pay for it.

One industrious but misguided brother could not get on the circular all that he had accomplished in the six or eight years since leaving college. By the aid of a type-writer, however, he managed to write out enough to fill a page of the catalogue, if it had been carefully boiled down. Poor fellow, to be consigned to the ignominy of three lines and a half, after having taken such great pains!

In going over the historian's reports we ran across several incidents somewhat out of the usual order. One youthful historian had given a friend's address at a certain number in Milwaukee. We used this address and discovered that it was the address of his sweetheart. Another historian, reporting facts concerning a member of his chapter, concluded with his address as, 'In Portland, Oregon, looking for a job.' Even to this day a carefully prepared historian's report would give me a thrill of pleasure. They are invaluable to a catalogue editor, and a historian who does a little more than his duty, from my point of view, was and is now a shining honor to his chapter.

Two men who undertake so great a work as a present day catalogue, begun as a recreation, continued as a labor of love, pushed forward as a matter of pride, and finished on grit, must necessarily be drawn close together. There were many incidents between the two editors, private, personal, fraternal—and largely catalogical. Our opportunities for

personal interviews were limited, owing to the distance between us. Once when Randolph was returning from a vacation which had expired, he stopped to see me over night and we sat up all night going over details of the catalogue. Once his house caught fire, burned down to the catalogue—and went out. I have always thought that even a New York fire found the catalogue too tough a job to tackle.

In looking over some letters I unearthed this old memorandum :

‘ May 30, 1891.

‘ *My dear Eugene :*

‘ I think I lost one of your letters with memo. A sneak thief entered my office yesterday afternoon while I was in the back office and stole my overcoat, carrying off several important pieces of catg. mail matter and I think one of your letters. FRANK.’

Upon this Randolph endorsed :

‘ *Swope :*

‘ I am very sorry to hear of your loss—personal, not catg. This adds one to the curious episodes beginning with my N. Y. fire. R—.’

If I remember correctly, Randolph was not half as sorry at my loss as I was. Catalogue editors apparently are not the only unfortunates. Here is a newspaper man's own account of his misfortunes :

‘ *Dear Sir and Brother :*

‘ Enclosed find blank filled out as requested. Answers are as full as I can recall. Have been so busy hustling for dollars that I've forgotten much of the good old school days. I'm too hard up now to subscribe for a book. When pay day comes 'round Monday evenings, Fifth avenue, from Madison to Washington streets, is crowded with my creditors waiting to get a bite out of my weekly stipend. There's where I sometimes fool 'em. I slide down the rear fire-escape, but the alleys are usually guarded, too. Oh! this is a tough world. Come and see me if you are ever in town. I'm on night work. You can find me at the *Herald* office at 7 P. M., or at the reporter's room in the city hall from 11:30 to 12, midnight, any night. Well, so long.

‘ S. P. MACLEAN.’

I have always wondered if Bro. Maclean's conclusion that this was a tough world, had anything to do with inviting me in the next breath, to come to see him. It sounded very much as if one more misfortune would not matter a great deal in a world so tough.

Randolph had charge of the printing. When three or four of my chapters came together, I would receive letters from him every other day, saying that the printers were praying for copy and urging me to hasten. Then three or four of his chapters would come in a bunch, and I would not hear a word from him for four or five weeks, while the printers quit praying for our copy and in fact could not get enough type to set it up until some other job was finished.

I should like to mention the names of all those who helped with brain, hand and heart the two young fellows who had gone out after butterflies and caught a herd of elephants. Most of them are known throughout the fraternity. A few I can recall were Dwight Marble, who in his quiet, persistent way, was always at hand to advise and work; Hugh Th. Miller, he of the funny middle initial, who reproaches me to this day because my signature has changed and is no longer the old, familiar one of reams of catalogue correspondence; J. Ed. Brown, as he then styled himself—now sobered down to J. E.; Jimmy McCormick, the best half-back in Indiana in his day, who pecked away at a typewriter for many weary months because his handwriting was then and is now so bad that no one could read it; Sam D. Harsh, who is now enrolled with the chapter grand; Charles G. Haines who combined the three virtues of promptness, carefulness and accuracy; Wm. O. Morgan, who knows more about fraternity matters than any man west of the Mississippi; and Walter B. Palmer, who began at the beginning and stayed with us to the end. It would be hopeless to try to mention all who did as much as they could.

When I look over the interleaved copy of the '83 catalogue that I fingered through four bindings, the last one now in tatters, many pleasant recollections of those who worked, countenances of those whom I came to know, and pleasures of the task, rise in the mind and obscure and wipe out as though they had never been, unpleasant incidents, hours of nightly toil, months of insomnia, and the pangs of broken health. I honestly believe a tank-car would scarcely hold all the oil I burnt on the '94 catalogue. But peace to its ashes! Let this be the final word. They are giving away the old one and beginning a new one, and I have once and for all time given up my perennial position of catalogue editor.

FRANK D. SWOPE.

(Though Brother Swope seems to have written 'finis' here, the editor hopes to be able to secure at least one more installment.)

SIGMA CHI'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

An interesting article about the financial system of Σ X, written by Mr. Joseph C. Nate, Illinois Wesleyan, '90, grand quaestor of the fraternity, appears in the *Quarterly* for November. He says:

During the past decade there have been many successive changes in the fraternity's financial legislation. . . . The first effort was the catalogue sinking fund. It was established as a means of aiding to

place our catalogue and history of 1890 upon the market. That publication cost some \$6,000, and when it appeared had exhausted, not only the sinking fund, but about all other available resources, including the physical strength of many scribes and the patience of one publishing house. The financial troubles which then arose were practically ended in three years, through various measures, at first considered largely experimental, but which proved splendidly successful. A debt of \$3,000 was paid, and five hundred remaining catalogues were disposed of, the former without hardship and the latter without complaint.

After the catalogue debt was paid, the catalogue sinking fund began to accumulate, and, at the Cincinnati convention (or grand chapter in Σ X nomenclature) July 15, 1895, amounted to \$848.26. A chapter house sinking fund and a railway expense sinking fund were established by this convention, and half the amount in the catalogue fund was transferred to the chapter house fund. Mr. Nate says:

The chapter house sinking fund was intended to provide for loans to those of our chapters which were planning to build chapter houses and had already made a considerable start. The money was to be returned into the same fund, for similar use over again. Its only sources of income were: (1) \$428.13 turned directly into it from the catalogue sinking fund, as above stated. (2) Fifty per cent. of the national fraternity's initiation fee, as required of all initiates into active chapters. (3) Ten per cent. of the annual dues of all active members. On July 15, 1897 (twenty-third or Nashville grand chapter), it had already made a building loan of \$900 to our Cornell chapter, and had a balance of \$481.78. It was then abolished, and the balance turned into the present endowment fund.

The railway expense sinking fund was intended to pay the railway expenses of a delegate from each chapter to biennial grand chapters. Its only source of income was twenty per cent. of the annual dues of all active members. On July 15, 1897 (twenty-third or Nashville grand chapter), it showed a balance of \$942.54, a sum which sufficed to pay the railway expenses of all of the forty-eight delegates present (out of fifty chapters), and leave a balance as a start for next time. This fund was retained by the Nashville legislation, and was allowed thirty instead of twenty per cent. of active chapter dues.

At the Nashville convention in 1897, a new constitution was adopted. It had been prepared by a committee of alumni, and 'had been before the chapters in printed form for nearly a year.' Article XVIII of this constitution now in force reads:

SECTION 1. There shall be a permanent fund, designated as the endowment fund. All money coming into the possession of the fraternity, and not otherwise appropriated, shall be carried into the endowment fund, at the end of each college year.

SEC. 2. The endowment fund shall be used and employed only as follows: First, in loans to chapters on good security, to assist them in the acquisition of chapter houses and otherwise, the money on such loans, when repaid, to be returned to said fund. Secondly, the income (but no part of the principal) may be used, in case of extreme need, to defray the legitimate expenses of the fraternity.

This fund (continues Mr. Nate) received by direct legislation the

sum of \$6,175 from the abolished chapter house fund. It has also to its credit the \$400 formerly loaned from the old chapter house fund, now drawing interest at four per cent. It also receives annually, by statute, all of the fees required to be paid into the general fraternity treasury by initiates into active chapters. Such fees, at \$2.50 per initiate, amounted during the last fiscal year to \$221.90.

From the foregoing, it appears that thirty per cent. of the annual membership dues goes now into the railway expense fund. The quoted portion of the constitution indicates that the remaining seventy per cent. of dues goes into the new endowment fund, which also receives the initiation fees of \$2.50 per initiate. It seems that the principal is to be loaned to chapters, to aid them in building houses, and the interest thereon to be used if needed in paying current fraternity expenses. Mr. Nate says:

The reasons why we should immediately create a large endowment fund are many. To begin with, a carefully invested endowment of only \$15,000 or \$20,000, available for loans of from \$500 to \$2,000 in chapter house building, and with the interest available for personal visitation of chapters and alumni gatherings by grand officers, for extension, for publications, and for new fields of effort, and will make our institution a leader.

If the active members of the fraternity are willing to contribute in this manner to the endowment fund, it will undoubtedly reach a considerable sum in the course of time. The intention is also to solicit subscriptions to the fund from both active and alumni members.

It is strange how history may repeat itself. At the Danville (Ky.) convention, May 8-10, 1872, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ established a 'permanent fund,' having much the same basis as ΣX 's new 'endowment fund.' All initiates were required to pay \$1 into the fund, and the strongest sort of appeals were made to all active members, as well as to alumni, to contribute cash or make notes for the benefit of the fund. The originators of the scheme displayed all the enthusiasm about it that is shown by Mr. Nate, who says that the endowment fund will make ΣX 'a stronger institution financially than any other college fraternity has yet become.' In financial legislation he believes that ΣX has already advanced further than any other college fraternity.'

The writer well remembers that one of his first acts in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, while still a minor by several years, was to execute a note for \$5 as a contribution to our permanent fund, and candor compels him now to confess that said note remains unpaid to this day. The object of the fund was not to assist chapters in erecting houses (for the chapter-house question was very little thought about in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ then), but was

to provide a fund, the interest of which would be sufficient to pay current expenses, so that in time the fraternity would, as it were, run itself, without active members having to pay any dues whatever. It was believed that this arrangement would make $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 'a stronger financial institution than any other college fraternity,' to quote Mr. Nate again. The originators, it seems, had other ideas even more grand, one being to endow $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ chairs in various colleges.

The plan was popular at first; some cash and many notes were given, while every person admitted to the fraternity had to contribute his dollar. After a while, members began to study the question, and then complaints arose. It was argued, with truth and force, that it was not the duty of Phis of to-day to contribute to a fund, in order that Phis of ten or twenty years hence might be exempt from paying dues. All money coming into the fraternity now should be used for present needs, the probabilities being that Phis of the future would have more money than those of the present, and, therefore, would be amply able to take care of themselves. Why should we tax ourselves for the benefit of posterity? The country is constantly growing richer. It is looking too far ahead to burden active members, so that their sons, when initiated a quarter of a century from now, will be free from all financial obligations to the fraternity.

The opposition which our old permanent fund finally aroused was fully equal to the great enthusiasm which attended the original conception. The fraternity became intensely disgusted with the whole business, and, at the national convention of 1880, the fund was abolished. It has been regarded ever since by all who remember about it as $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s 'South Sea bubble.'

ΣX expects not only to obtain notes from both active and alumni members, but also to require alumni, as well as actives, to pay dues. Mr. Nate says:

The grand triumvirs have already taken the matter up, and are being aided by a committee of alumni who have the subject seriously at heart. The result will undoubtedly be legislation by the next grand chapter providing for a system of alumni dues. Such a system, whatever its details, will logically accrue in large part to the increase of the endowment fund. The question of whether such a system can be universally enforced is foreign to this paper. It is a problem for the grand triumvirs and the special committee. Suffice to say here that they feel able to prepare a plan which will be a success.

The difficulty of making alumni amenable to regular dues is very lightly dismissed, though it is admitted that 'any system of alumni dues can hardly be made binding upon alumni already out of college, except as they voluntarily enter into

it, although those *hereafter* initiated into active chapters can be just as thoroughly bound to alumni as to active obligations.'

The chief object of ΣX 's endowment fund seems to be to erect chapter houses, the chapters to receive such assistance to be chosen by the corporate body of the fraternity, called the grand council. Mr. Nate says :

Of our fifty chapters, the present conditions are : Four now own, through alumni corporations or otherwise, house or lodge property, and do not definitely require any assistance from the endowment fund to remove any existing incumbrance. One chapter now owns and occupies house property, but will definitely require such assistance. Fourteen chapters occupy rented houses. Thirty-one chapters neither own nor rent a house, but have the usual arrangements, either rented halls for regular sessions, or suites of rooms adapted to both business meetings and social gatherings. Of these thirty-one chapters, five consider the lack of a house a decided present drawback, while, on the other hand, five indicate that local conditions are such that a house would be really undesirable.

Only four or five of the chapters of ΣX now being provided with houses of their own, it would be a long time before the remaining forty odd chapters could be similarly supplied under the proposed plan, and meantime many members would probably raise much objection to paying dues while in college for something that would not benefit them while in college, and perhaps would not benefit their chapters until some very remote date in the future. Doubtless, also, much dissatisfaction would be engendered by the choice of the grand officers in selecting chapters to be assisted. Will not the policy be to favor first the chapters in the large educational institutions, and if so, will not chapters in smaller schools consider that they have a just ground of grievance? Cornell was first favored, and Mr. Nate says :

Considering the early pressing need of four or five splendid chapters, we must keep in view the far broader equalization of fraternity responsibilities involved in any appeal to all of our present alumni to generally contribute to our endowment fund, and remember that it exists as a source of strength and pride to our entire membership.

Legal complications also will arise. Mr. Nate says :

The bulk of the debt for a house is made locally for a long term, either among or secured by interested alumni of the particular chapter. With this part the general fraternity has nothing to do. Its part is to loan the comparatively small amount usually necessary to enable the house construction actually to commence.

Either the local creditors or the fraternity must take a second mortgage. Which will it be? Is it believed that the grand officers of ΣX , or any other college fraternity, are qualified, at such long distance, to judge of the adequacy of security that may be offered by chapters in all portions of

the Union? And suppose there is a failure to pay the interest on the loan, or to pay the principal at maturity. Foreclosure proceedings may be instituted, and the first mortgagee may get his money back, while the second may not. Such things have been known to happen with several fraternities. After all, any chapter may become weak very unexpectedly. Instance the sudden falling off in the active membership of ΣX chapters at Dickinson, Cincinnati and Northwestern recently. Had these chapters been carrying heavy burdens, such as interest to be paid on a mortgage, or an installment to be paid on a debt, they would have been in danger of failure.

ΣX may be able to succeed where $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has failed in this respect, but our experience is that a permanent fund is impracticable and breeds dissatisfaction; that no feasible plan has yet been devised for making alumni pay regular dues unless members of city clubs; that dues of active members should be made as low as possible, and that the fraternity's financial system should be made as simple as possible. College fraternities can not be run like a private enterprise or a business corporation, because the active membership of such fraternities is constantly changing, while the officers in charge of fraternity affairs are also changed by annual or biennial conventions. The same strict business methods can not be applied, and consequently it is unsafe to accumulate large sums which are loaned out for long periods of time.

The simplest system as regards the erection of houses is to let the active and alumni members of each chapter contribute to its own building fund. Active members of a chapter in Texas, for instance, will subscribe far more willingly to build a house there, than to build houses in Massachusetts or California; and a much more effective appeal can be made to alumni to assist their own chapter in building a house than to assist other and perhaps unknown chapters, hundreds or thousands of miles away. By the simple plan of letting each chapter depend on its own resources, with such outside help as it may be able to obtain voluntarily, it is believed that much more money will be raised in the whole fraternity for building purposes, and that chapters will acquire their own domiciles more rapidly than under the elaborate, not to say complicated, system which ΣX has adopted.

It deserves mention here that the recent grand quaestors of ΣX have in recent years been wonderfully successful in the collection of dues. In 1891 the chapters were \$1,265 in arrears; in 1892, \$685; in 1893, \$527; in 1895, \$73; in

1897, there was not a single delinquent chapter. We would be glad if $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ could show as creditable a record in this respect.

The uniform assessment plan for paying the railroad expenses of delegates to conventions was adopted in 1873 by $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, which was the first college fraternity to adopt it. Mr. Nate's article shows that this feature was not incorporated in ΣX legislation until 1895. Another interesting statement made by him is that the ΣX catalogue of 1890 (containing some historical matter) exhausted all the available resources of the fraternity, 'including the physical strength of many scribes and the patience of one publishing house.' The actual cost of publication was about \$6,000, and when the book appeared there was a debt of about \$3,000, to pay which three years were required. Almost identical conditions resulted from the publication of our catalogue of 1894, the only material differences being that it did not contain historical matter, and that the cost considerably exceeded \$6,000. Parenthetically it may be here stated that the 1898 edition of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$'s catalogue cost \$11,000, according to one of the chief officials of that fraternity. The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* refers approvingly to an article by the undersigned, published last April in THE SCROLL, wherein he took the position that fraternity catalogues should be greatly reduced in size, all useless details being omitted, and that there should be a permanent office of catalogue editor, or editors, to be constantly engaged in collecting and arranging materials, so that a new edition, a condensed and practical catalogue, might be published without delay whenever so ordered. The office was established, and two catalogue editors elected by our Columbus convention.

Since the foregoing was put into type the February *Quarterly* has appeared. It contains another article on the subject of ΣX 's 'endowment fund.' Mr. Nate explains that the object is to raise \$25,000 in subscription notes. Alumni are asked to subscribe \$25 each, or rather to give five notes, each for \$5, payable one every year until all are paid, without interest. The plan is similar to what is known in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ as the ten-year-note plan, which has been in successful operation for eight years or more. The chief differences are that in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ the notes are executed to the chapter corporations individually, instead of the incorporated fraternity, as in ΣX , and that ten notes are usually given in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, payable in as many years, though our Washington chapter and perhaps others has or have obtained from each subscriber five notes of equal amount.

In ΣX no note was to be payable until 500 'sets of five' \$5 notes should be secured, a total of \$12,500. Evidently Mr. Nate has prosecuted his canvass for subscriptions with great energy, having visited for this purpose Omaha, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Washington, Philadelphia and New York, besides other cities and various chapters. He has about succeeded in procuring notes for \$12,500. In the last *Quarterly* he speaks of assistance rendered to Cornell and Michigan, these big chapters being the only beneficiaries mentioned. To me the thought is suggested that many chapters, which from their own resources should be able to erect houses by their own exertions, would delay making any effort, while waiting for a loan from the general endowment fund, which might not come to them for many years.

The March issue of the *Palm* contains an account of the congress of A T Ω at New Orleans last December. This congress (convention) adopted a resolution providing for a chapter house fund.' The high council is to have full authority to make appropriations therefrom to aid chapters in building houses. It does not appear that such advances are ever to be repaid. A building lot must be owned free from encumbrance before any advance is made, and the advance shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. of the cost of the improvement. The title of the property is to vest in the general fraternity in case the chapter should cease to exist.

There are several differences between this scheme and that of ΣX . One is that the chapter house fund of A T Ω is to be raised by selling to members certificates of membership at \$5 each. Further, a senior or alumnus may make five notes for \$2 each, payable one every year, for which he shall receive a membership certificate and the *Palm* for five years, the amount being divided equally between the magazine and the chapter house fund. Moreover, the chairman of the high council shall inform each chapter how much money it must raise for a house each year, and the chapters to send this money to the worthy grand keeper of exchequer, to be placed to its credit, but the money can not be withdrawn from his hands without concurrent action by the chapter and the high council.

These projects of ΣX and A T Ω may be successful, but to the writer it seems that the best way to secure a chapter house is to go about it in the most direct manner—raise the necessary money by cash subscriptions or subscription notes, and avoiding circumlocutory methods. Our ten-year-note

plan is far simpler than the plans of either ΣX or . Its success has already been demonstrated, a number of chapters having acquired houses in this way, and others having thus accumulated funds which are constantly increasing. Each chapter manages its own fund. There is no danger of chapters becoming dissatisfied because some chapters have been favored with loans while their applications have been rejected. Neither is there any danger of our system of mismanagement of a large fund. College fraternities are usually officered by young men with no great business experience. If they should mismanage a large fund in which there were conflicting interests, it certainly have a very discouraging effect, if not catastrophic results to the fraternity involved.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1899.

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- '02. Charles Winslow Atchley, Bath, Me.
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- " William Winter Drew, Norridgwock, Me.
- " Bert Orlando Jones, Livermore, Me.
- " Reuben Thomas Johnston, Portland, Me.
- " Roy Adelbert Kane, Brookline, Me.
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- " George Glenn Morse, Morrisville, Vt.
- " Levi Miller Munson, Morrisville, Vt.
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 '02. Clarence Howard Van Allen, Coalbough, Pa.
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- '91. Percival Seitz Heintzelman, Fayetteville, Pa.

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- '00. Guy Parks Burchfield, Titusville, Pa.
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- '99. Jesse Clement Caldwell, Jr., Danville, Ky.
 '01. James Aspinwall Merritt, Danville, Ky.
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 '02. Eugene Walter Lee, Jr., Danville, Ky.
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GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

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 '02. Walter LeRoy Dekle, Thomasville, Ga.
 " Frank Ellerson Jenkins, Shiloh, Ga.
 " William Jutson Rogers, Jr., 115 Jackson St., Augusta, Ga.
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 " Edward Lovett, McRae, Ga.
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 '00. Robert Feagin, Welleston, Ga.

- '00. Frederick Eugene Hunter, Elizabethton, Tenn.
- '01. Warren Roberts, Wesleyan, Macon, Ga.
- " Reginald James Fale, Hawkinsville, Ga.
- '02. Thomas David Masee, Marshallville, Ga.
- " William Henry Long, Leesburgh, Ga.
- '03. Chandler Wikon Wimberly, Waynesboro, Ga.
- " Howell Brantley Erminger, College St., Macon, Ga.

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- '00. James Harvey Pride, Jr., Madison, Ala.
- " Benjamin Franklin McMillian, Jr., Stockton, Ala.
- '01. Carl Abercrombie Brown, Montgomery, Ala.
- " Alfred Augustus Walker, Birmingham, Ala.
- '02. Mortimer Harvey Jordan, Birmingham, Ala.
- " Peter Bryer Searcy, Tuskaloosa, Ala.
- " John Douglas McQueen, Eutaw, Ala.
- " James Parish Brown, Uniontown, Ala.
- " Francis Schroeder Montgomery, Gadsden, Ala.

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 - '01. Walter Lee Green, Opelika, Ala.
 - " Shepherd Harrison Roberts, Montgomery, Ala.
 - " John Herron Edmanson, Eufala, Ala.
 - " Alexander Jackson Moseley, Union Springs, Ala.
 - " Louie Huntington Moore, Montgomery, Ala.
 - '02. William Marvin Askew, Newnan, Ga.
 - " Henry Bingham Park, Lagrange, Ga.
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- '00. James Roy Jamison, Frankford, Ohio.
- " William Renick Hughey, Frankford, Ohio.
- '92. Otis Preston Flower, Oxford, Ohio.
- " Hugh Wallace Evans, South Salem, Ohio.
- " Charles Foster Macready, Monroe, Ohio.
- " Henry Clay Heistand, Eaton, Ohio.
- Spec. Louis Gilbert Flower, Oxford, Ohio.
- " James Goslee Sanford, New Castle, Ky.
- " Thomas Clifford McDill, Oxford, Ohio.
- " Jack Camp Curtice, Eminence, Ky.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

- '00. Waid Carson, Ripley, W. Va.
- '91. William Earl Brown, Bloomingsburg, Ohio.
- " Warren Lewis Hulse, Brecon, Ohio.
- " William Robert Bayes, Wauseon, Ohio.
- " Delbert Bancroft Sayers, Marits, Ohio.
- " Charles Maxwell Earhart, Lockbourne, Ohio.
- '92. *Wave Wilbur Blackman, Wauseon, Ohio.
- " *Ernest Melancthon Karr, Delaware, Ohio.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

- '02. Walter Rice Sheldon, Denver, Colo.
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 " Carl Dunkle Sheppard, Macarthur, Ohio.

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- '01. Earl Cranston Grant, Grove City, Ohio.
 " Earnest Victor Reutlinger, Chillicothe, Ohio.
 " James Frank Miller, Columbus, Ohio.
 " *John Martin Barringer, Washington, D.C.
 '02. Wilson Roy Carothers, Sidney, Ohio.
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 " Walter Melville Dann, Columbus, Ohio.

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 " *Edward Ostrom Cross, Fultonville, N. Y.
 '00. Harry Meredith Backus, 200 West 5th St., Jamestown, N. Y.
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- '98. Henry Lester Smith, Bloomington, Ind.
 '98. Oran Arnold Province, Providence, Ind.
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 '01. Zach Monroe Laughlin, Scotland, Ind.
 " Ralph Waldo Morris, Richmond, Ind.
 " Clarence Waldo Miller, Frankfort, Ind.
 " Frank Harris Masters, Sedalia, Ind.

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- “ Louis Samuel Graham, Bloomfield, Ind.
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- '99. Oliver Wendell McGaughey, Russelville, Ind.
- '01. Harry David Alfrey, Crawfordsville, Ind.
- '02. Harry Graham Evans, Crawfordsville, Ind.
- “ Charles Newton McClamrock, Crawfordsville, Ind.
- “ Joseph Byron Rusk, Crawfordsville, Ind.
- “ Paul Wilson Welty, Valparaiso, Ind.
- “ *Charles Allen Reynolds, Valparaiso, Ind.
- “ *Carl Henry Peter, Seymour Ind.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

- '99. Robert Wilson Hobbs, 1909 North New Jersey St., Indianapolis.
- '01. Walter Archibald Lybrand, Terre Haute, Ind.
- “ William Raymond Longley, Noblesville, Ind.
- '02. Bradford Todd Wheatcraft, Greenwood, Ind.
- “ Harry Howard Heinrichs, Cumberland, Ind.
- “ Wesley Harry Adkinson, 2116 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

- '99. Embree Munsey Slack, Bristol, Va.
- '00. John Stanley Williams, Whiteland, Ind.
- '01. Maris Marion Croffit, Franklin, Ind.
- '02. Emery Eugene Hill, Franklin, Ind.
- “ Clarence Earle Fisher, Franklin, Ind.
- “ *Otis Baxter Sellers, Franklin, Ind.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

- '00. Victor Barr Demaree, Franklin, Ind.
- “ Edwin Taft Sherman, Cleveland, Ohio.
- '02. Thomas Hardy Masterson, Rockport, Ind.
- “ William Earl Hunter, Clinton, Ill.
- “ Levy Snyder, Milton, Ky.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

- '00. John Elmer Thomas, Vevalia, Ind.
- '01. Charles Weeks, Swayzee, Ind.
- '02. Lester Paul Sims, Portland, Ind.
- “ Samuel Elijah Dove, Tower Hill, Ill.
- “ Thomas Albert Bryan, Greencastle, Ind.
- “ James Vernon Kelley, Greencastle, Ind.
- “ Thomas Leroy Holland, Knightstown, Ind.

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- '99. Roy Weston Wallace, Lafayette, Ind.
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- “ Louis Dunlap Ream, Peru, Ind.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

- '01. *Aubrey Matson Skiles, Woodland, Shelby, Ohio.
- '02. *Miles Standish Warfield, 10300 Longwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
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- “ David Harold Keller, 228 Fremont St., Chicago, Ill.
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- “ Lafayette Wallace Case, Waterloo, Ia.
- '02. *Guy Carson Kinaman, Ashland, O.
- “ *David Aubrey Morris, 570 E. 46th Place, Chicago, Ill.
- “ *James Milton Sheldon, Forrest, Ill.
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ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

- '01. Frank Henry Williams, Hoopston, Ill.
- “ Harry Norton Torrey, 100 Sumner St., Creston, Ia.
- '02. Webster Guy Heinly, Havana, Cuba.
- “ Daniel Bradley Kimball, 555 N. Broad St., Galesburg, Ill.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

- No Class System. Sidney Gault, Knoxville, Ill.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

- '99. Irwyn Horatio Hill, Joliet, Ill.
- “ Ralph Walter Mills, Webster Groves, Mo.
- '00. *Arthur Clifford Quisenberry, Lincoln, Ill.
- '01. Robert Bruce Fulton, Hartford City, Ind.
- “ Robert Douglas Jack, 408 Bowen Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- “ Harlow Barton Kirkpatrick, Anna, Ill.
- “ Maurice Francis Bayard, Vincennes, Ind.
- '02. Walter Ray Hatch, Goshen, Ind.
- “ Louis Butler Tuthill, Anna, Ill.
- “ Robert Russell Ward, Benton, Ill.
- “ Guy Oliver Duffy, Ottawa, Ill.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

- '00. Samuel Bowman Gregg, Danville, Ia.
- '01. Mark Humphrey Newman, 2 Langdon St., Madison, Wis.
- “ Thomas William Leahy, Marion, Ia.
- “ Byron Houghton Stebbins, Little Fall, N. Y.
- “ Harold Gano Ferris, Carthage, Ill.
- “ Joseph Albert Gund, 329 Empire St., Freeport, Ill.
- “ Nelson James Wilcox, Eau Claire, Wis.
- “ John Lea Keenan, Winona, Minn.
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- “ Sidney Cleveland Niles, 200 Maple Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
- “ Thomas Francis Frawley, Eau Claire, Wis.

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IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

- *00. Arthur Bradford Cullison, New Windsor, Ill.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

- *99. Moray Lester Eby, Adair, Ia.
- “ Julius Edinger Beale, Dennison, Ia.
- “ John William McKee, Columbus Junction, Ia.
- “ Robert Howe Munger, Sioux City, Ia.
- *00. Clare William Roberts, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.
- “ William Henry Murphy, Onawa, Ia.
- “ Charles Conklin St. Clair, Holdrege, Neb.
- “ Robert LeRoy Reiley, Wapello, Ia.
- (Affiliated from Illinois Delta.)
- *01. Levi Albert Birk, Anamosa, Ia.
- “ George Washington Ball, Iowa City, Iowa.
- “ Louis Tourtellotte, Wyoming, Ia.
- *02. Henry Garfield Huntington, Onawa, Ia.
- “ Robert Hershe Eby, Adair, Ia.
- “ Charles Aden Moore, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

- '00. William F Switzler, Columbia, Mo.
- '01. Charles Mortimer Hamilton, 4430 Morgan St., St. Louis, Mo.
- “ Robert Culver Forsythe, Kirkwood, Mo.
- “ *Percy Napton, Deer Lodge, Mont.
- '02. George Houck, Jr., Bloomfield, Mo.
- “ James Patterson McBain, Columbia, Mo.
- “ Clifford Lee Reid, Shelbina, Mo.
- “ *Ray Hayden Allee, Olean, Mo.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

- '01. William Quarles Conway, Sedalia, Mo.
- “ Albert Bowen Cruthers, Kennett, Mo.
- '02. Martin Yates, Jr., Fulton, Mo.
- “ Thurman August Kinder, Marble Hill, Mo.
- “ Laken Dubart Walker, Farmington, Mo.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

- '99. Xenophon Pierce Wilfley, Sedalia, Mo.
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- “ Edwin Farnham Carter, Farmington, Mo.
- “ George Ward Parker, Jr., 3405 Oak Hill Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

- '99. Frank Leonard Jewett, Olathe, Kan.
- '00. George Lovett Davis, Spring Hill, Kan.
- '01. Melvin H. Taylor, Lyons, Kan.
- " William Richard Murphy, Las Animas, Colo.
- " Chester Louis Mize, Atchison, Kan.
- '02. Louis Herbert Bowen, Independence, Kan.
- " Carrol Barton McMath, Ft. Scott, Kan.
- " George Albert Landes, Arkansas City, Kan.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

- '98. Thomas Francis Roddy, Nebraska City, Neb.
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- " *Walter Peyre Thomas, Falls City, Neb.
- '01. Paul Leland Case, Endicott, Neb.
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MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

- '99. William Webb Venable, Meridian, Miss.
- '00. Carl Clifton Stingily, Pelahatchie, Miss.
- '01. Davis Love Faid, French Camp, Miss.
- '02. William Edgar Bray, Winina, Miss.
- " Bem Price, Jr., Oxford, Miss.
- " *George Oscar Robinson, Brandon, Miss.

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TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

- '98. Otto Andrew Pfeiffer, San Antonio, Texas.
- '00. James Seaton Ainsworth, Waco, Texas.
- " Rentfro Banton Creager, Brownsville, Texas.
(Affiliated from Texas Gamma.)
- '01. William Lambdin Prather, Waco, Texas.
- '02. Patrick Henry Winston, Austin, Texas.
- " James Pendleton Waggener, Austin, Texas.
- " Roy Bedicheck, Eddy, Texas.

TEXAS GAMMA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

- '01. Charles Augustus Johnson, Calvert, Texas.
- '02. Garland Slater Smith, Fifth and Bowie Sts., Austin, Texas.
- " William Dyer Moore, West Point, Texas.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

- '00. Alva Jacob Rimmel, Alameda, Colo.
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 nest Percy Gardiner, Everett, Wash.

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 arles Edgar Waite, Riverside, Cal.
 lph Dennison Fusselle, Bakersfield, Cal.
 in Everett Johnson, San Marcial, Mexico.
 y Chapin Bowman, Ashland, Ohio.
 ward Griffith Stevenson, Menlo Park, Cal.
 arles Mitchell Kellogg, Emporia, Kan.
 liam Augustus Eaton, Palo Alto, Cal.
 y Edwin Schulz, Redlands, Cal.

TWO PHI HEROES.

A recent banquet (November 21, 1898) of the Uni-
 of Wisconsin chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fra-
 , one of the speakers responded to the subject, 'Two
 s of Phi Delta Theta.' His response was as follows :
 young men unknown to history, but whom the hero-
 their dying hours made worthy of a place upon the
 heroes, have been associated with this chapter, though
 r was a member of it. The son of one of the early
 sors at this university, Theodore Read, class of 1854
 University of Indiana and a member of our fraternity
 lived here in Madison for a short time previous to the
 war. He enlisted at the outbreak of hostilities and
 through various grades until in 1865 he was a colonel
 evet brigadier-general of staff and had been nominated
 e full brigadier-generalcy. On the 6th of April he was
 pursuing lines that were hemming in General Lee and
 so soon to bring him to the point of surrender. A
 over the Appomattox offered a means of retreat for
 mn of harrassed Confederates. It was impossible to
 up a body of Federals large enough to hold it, in time
 icipate the passage of the Confederates. To ride to
 idge and try to rip up its planks and set fire to it, was
 t hazardous thing to do, yet General Read volunteered
 ke the attempt. Before he was able to accomplish
 ing in the work of destruction, there was a rush of
 derate cavalry, and in a hand to hand combat he was
 wn. In recognition of his bravery, the Confederates
 l in their flight long enough to give him burial. Ho-
 Cocles keeping back the Tuscans at the bridge over

the Tiber, lives in history. Theodore Read, single handed and alone seeking to stay the flight of a retreating and desperate enemy, was at least as brave a man as the Roman. The fate of the fatherland and the courage of despair nerved Horatius and his comrades. In the fight at the bridge over the Appomattox, the courage of despair was on the side of the hundreds whose flight the lonely aggressor sought to stay. It was a deed of the wildest bravery. Horatius and Latour D'Auvergne live in song and story. Theodore Read lies in an unknown grave in a Virginia pasture, and his name is well nigh as forgotten as his resting place.

Ralph Gully Cole, of St. Louis, left Washington University of that city at the close of his sophomore year and became a junior with '94 at this university. A member of our society at his former college, he roomed at the chapter house here and applied for affiliation, but the formalities connected with the transfer of membership occupied so long a time that the papers did not arrive until on the day of his funeral, when they were laid on his coffin. That is the only claim our chapter has upon one of the handsomest, most lovable, and noblest boys that ever lived. Four weeks after his arrival, while hunting across the lake, Ralph shot himself through the abdomen. He was carried to the little hunter's hotel over there, and as soon as horses could get them there, doctors and the chapter were at his side. An immediate operation was declared necessary and stimulants were required to keep up his strength. The only stimulant procurable in that out of the way place was whiskey. But Ralph refused to take the whiskey.

'You must,' said the doctors. 'It is practically the only chance for your life.'

'I have promised my father that I will never touch intoxicating liquors and I can not break the promise,' replied the stricken boy.

'But it may save your life. Your strength must be kept up for the operation. We have nothing else.' And to the entreaties of the doctors were added those of the boys.

But with the shadow of death upon him, Ralph Cole held to his promise. The operation failed to save him, and at midnight he passed away. No tricks of rhetoric are needed to glorify the story of the death of this hero. The narration unadorned compels the admiration and sorrow of all, and however simply told, once heard, it can never be forgotten.

EDITORIAL.

IT WOULD SEEM that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was making this a year of superlatives. The last twelve months have witnessed unprecedented progress in chapter-house acquisition; the Columbus convention, in its important legislation and its social pleasures, was our greatest meeting; the alumni clubs have celebrated our founder's birthday with far more unanimity and enthusiasm this year than ever before. Rumors have reached the editor of alumni-day dinners besides those reported in the letters printed this month from the clubs and the chapters, but the reports that do appear furnish ample evidence that Phi alumni will rally to the flag in force and with undergraduate ardor if they but have the chance. One alumni club was compelled by force of circumstances to arrange a dinner on very short notice. All resident Phis who could be reached in twenty-four hours were warned, but a number had previous engagements or failed to receive notice in time. So disappointed and insistent were they when they learned of what they had missed, that a second dinner has been arranged for at an early date. It is gratifying to note in the lists sent in that the Phis of the sixties and seventies are still quick to respond to these invitations. In fact, the only drawback to universal and enthusiastic celebration of the day we honor has been the lack of Phis with leisure to work up the preliminaries. These are naturally to be found among the most recent graduates or the undergraduates of some near-by college chapter, and their number is on the increase in all our cities.

TWO NEW ALUMNI CLUBS are now in process of formation, and we hope to be able to announce them in the June number. We urge our alumni readers to study the list of cities given by President Palmer in his message to the Columbus convention and to take the lead or lend a hand in every case where the opportunity offers itself to establish a successful club. The benefits to the members will not be small; Phis are interesting and congenial wherever you find them. But

the college chapters and the fraternity as a whole will also derive many direct benefits from the organization of every alumni club and from every meeting held.

IF THE PHIS in college want to do their share toward bringing the alumni together, keeping their interest intense and receiving their moral and material aid, they can use no better means than the annual circular letter. Many of the letters issued this year show marked advance in the attention given to their preparation. The model in the code is being more and more carefully and elaborately followed. The chapters which have postponed or neglected the sending out of this letter are making a most serious mistake. It will reach alumni who do not read THE SCROLL; it will give much fuller information to those who do; it will convince the boys of old that the Phis of today remember them, and nothing so warms the heart of an old college man as to have his youth recalled and to know that his name is not forgotten by the boys who are freshmen a decade after him.

AND SPEAKING of freshmen. This is the time to give them lessons in rushing; to make them do substitute duty in collecting money and news; to see that they are thoroughly familiar with the history and organization of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; to lick them into shape for the skirmish line and the firing line in the fall. If a freshman's enthusiasm is taken in hand early and well directed, if his latent powers of the best sort are developed at once, he becomes the most valuable and devoted member any chapter can have. The only other man who can approach him in enthusiasm and effectiveness is the mature senior or junior who has come in from an anti-fraternity college or who has been discovered late by the chapter, who takes his fraternity life very seriously, realizing what he has missed before he came into it. Put the freshmen to work and keep them at it. In next fall's rush they will be closest to the incoming class; their memories of last October will still be fresh. Let the upper-class men direct and advise them, but let them do much of the work.

AND MAKE MOST of your preparations for the fall campaign now, before the commencement whirl begins. Go at it in more systematic fashion than ever before. Profit by every mistake you or your rivals made last time. Keep your eyes open and write to the alumni. Determine to secure a delegation of full size and of the very best quality. Don't dare to say that you will be so strong in the fall that you can afford to be conservative. That means laziness, dry rot, suicide. Get your share of the freshmen always and get the best ones. There are always 'best ones' enough to supply the best chapters.

SIT DOWN deliberately now, you who are homeless, and make out your chapter-house plans. Then get to work on them. If you wait till summer, the chances are that you will find some unexpected obstacle rising to shut you out at the last moment in the fall. Write to other chapters for the results of their experience, or to the general officers. Assign ten of the alumni to each member, send them frank personal letters, and don't be discouraged if some are returned unclaimed or some answered with the assertion that chapter houses were not needed in the seventies and therefore not now. Get the more recent alumnus to talk to the older one. Have one of the active men talk to him if he is close at hand. Don't expect anybody to take you seriously when you say you can't afford or can't find or can't enjoy a house. If you are so lacking in enterprise, business ability and a realization of the spirit and tendency of the best fraternity life of the day as this would indicate, keep your croaking to yourself and initiate some freshmen with self-confidence and energy.

THOSE CHAPTERS which have this year begun house-keeping should be on their guard now. The novelty of the new plan has worn off; the unforeseen mistakes in management, the burden of responsibility, petty details in matters of convenience magnified by the discontented—all these have a tendency to discourage. But don't be so weak as to give up. A house should save money, not lose it; the training in managing it is the most practical part of your educa-

tion. A chapter which, once having rented or purchased a house, surrenders it and relapses to the artificial plan of a rented reception-hall, loses incalculably in self-confidence and strength, falls in the esteem of its rivals and of the fraternity. If you have lost money, revise your budget; if there has been too much romping, make and enforce good house rules; if the house is not good enough for you, get another that is better, or remodel this one.

IT IS GOOD to see that our Phi orators and debaters are just as numerous and as successful as our Phi athletes and our Phi soldiers and sailors. There is nothing in all the college curriculum that will be of more practical benefit to a man than systematic training in debate. Whether you win the day for Harvard or Butler, as the papers say Morse and Hobbs did, or go down with flying colors as Cooke and Ernst did before Michigan and Chicago, or bear a part in the thankless labor of the 'scrub' team, there is good in it for yourself, for your chapter, for your college, for your fraternity. It is good to know that our men can not only scintillate in the dazzling firmament of the junior prom., break the Princeton line for a ten-yard gain, manage a team or edit a paper, but also win valedictories and medals and fellowships still, use books well, think closely, talk to the point and carry audience and judges with them. It goes a long way toward reconciling the old boys to these latter-day german-leading chapters to have their members walking off in the same old way with the prizes that some people think are the predestined reward of the spectacled, stoop-shouldered, shy and awkward, unworldly bookworm. It is a wonder to many how the fellows can dance all night and train all day and yet find time to take a degree *cum laude* in philosophy, law or engineering. But they do it.

THE TIME has not yet come to write the history of the share of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the Philippine sequel to the war with Spain, but it would seem ungrateful if at least a word were not written of the patient endurance, the steady courage,

the dashing heroism of the Phis at Manila—almost every man of the thirty and more conspicuous already for some brilliant feat. Here's to the Phis in the trenches and the rice-fields, and may every one of them, from Frederick Funston, the hero of heroes, and the boys with him at the front, back to those who fight fever and wounds with the hospital corps, come home safe and sound when the war is done!

AT OLD MIAMI, on the thirteenth of June, the Phis of the central states should gather to a man. Who has not wished many times to see the room in the old north dormitory where those six men met in '48? Old Miami! Oxford! What Phi so unlettered in fraternity lore or uninspired with veneration and filial affection as not to wish to join this pilgrimage to the cradle of the best of all fraternities? In the Pyx of this issue, and at some length in the May *Palladium*, announcement will be made of the arrangements in detail. There will be the speeches, the ceremonies, the Phis from every quarter, the historic halls, to make it an occasion memorable and delightful as no other could be.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION and general statutes have been printed and distributed to chapters and general officers. They make a handsome book of 111 pages, bound in cloth, with the new coat-of-arms as a frontispiece. We can offer no better advice to chapters than that the revised laws should be carefully read and studied. During the remainder of the collegiate year each chapter should devote several meetings to their consideration, so that every member may become thoroughly familiar with all the provisions. The classified index to the constitution and code, prepared by Brother Palmer, embraces thirteen pages, and will be found extremely useful in looking up special subjects. The revision is as perfect as long experience could suggest, and by a strict observance of all the sections, clauses and prescribed forms, the affairs of the various chapters and of the fraternity at large ought to be much better administered than ever before.

Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

With one exception all the members of last year's nine have returned and under the direction of coach Abbey the men are working hard. Much new material is being developed. On the New York trip, April 19-27, the following games will be played in the order named: Union, Syracuse, Hobart, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova, Seton Hall, Fordham and Manhattan. The home games are: Tufts, May 4-5; Union, May 19; Colby, May 15-16; Holy Cross, May 22; Dartmouth, May 24-30; University of Toronto, June 22; Williams, June 24. On the New England trip, June 3-10, Williams, Amherst, Trinity, Wesleyan, Tufts, Boston University and Holy Cross will be played.

The non-resident lecture course, established by the alumni of the university during the early part of the year, is proving a success in every way. The course consists of fourteen lectures by prominent men and women from other colleges and institutions. The lectures are free to students, and are largely attended by town people.

Since the opening of college last fall, about five thousand books have been added to the college library, including the Rebellion collection of the late Rush C. Hawkins, and about four hundred books from the Henry Holt Co., of New York. This makes the total number of volumes now in the library nearly 55,000.

The junior class book, *The Ariel*, appeared March 24, this year, somewhat earlier than usual. The junior promenade will be given at the armory Friday evening, April 7. The musical clubs recently made a successful short trip to the southern part of the state.

Both of our seniors, Brothers Andrews and Blair, have been appointed commencement speakers. Brother Perry, '01, has been elected business manager of the '01 *Ariel*. Brother Lovett, '00, was one of the delegates to the recent Y. M. C. A. convention held at Laconia, N. H. He has been elected treasurer of the college Y. M. C. A. for the coming year, and Brother Ufford, '01, corresponding secretary. Bro. Farr, '00, has left college, and expects to enter the Albany Business College soon. Bros. Perry and Ufford, '01, and Adams and Peck, '02, will represent us in the preliminary contest of the Kingsley prize speaking.

Alumni day was very pleasantly observed on the evening of March 15, the service outlined in the new ritual being used. A reading was given by Bro. Adams, '02, and Bro. Andrews, '99, gave recitations and impersonations, in which he was assisted by a quartette, composed of Bros. Blair, Gould, Dodge and Parker. The question of buying a chapter house was brought up by the alumni, and measures were taken for corresponding with all the old members as to means of raising money for this purpose. The house we now occupy is remarkably well suited for a chapter house, and we feel confident that the plan already started will be promptly carried out.

According to an established custom, members of the upper classes of the chapter gave a whist party at the house on the evening of the close of the winter term. Refreshments were served, followed by an informal dance, and a pleasant social time was enjoyed by all.

Among our alumni, Bro. Sinclair, '82, was elected a member of the

board of aldermen at the recent city election. Bro. Hogle, '92, has entered the employ of the Union Bridge Co., of Philadelphia. Bro. E. R. Davis, '95, was admitted to the Vermont bar last fall.

In the Bond,
G. C. GOULD.

Burlington, March 27, 1899.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Bro. Fitts's report of the national convention revived to a marked degree the ever-present enthusiasm of Massachusetts Alpha for the fraternity at large.

During the past month we had the pleasure of welcoming Bros. Travell, '89, Tarbox, '92, Buell, '96, and Northup, '97, at the annual alumni banquet of the chapter.

The attention given to the coming base ball season is perhaps more than usual on account of the formation of the new league. Upon the withdrawal of Dartmouth from the triangular league with Williams and Amherst, Wesleyan entered, thus increasing the number of championship games, as the games with Dartmouth, previously arranged, will be played, and friendly relations will continue to exist.

With the coming of spring they have begun to break ground for the erection of the new building which is to serve as a center of college life. The students are anticipating with much pleasure the gains to be thereby acquired.

Since our last letter Bro. Fitts has been chosen treasurer of the class day committee; Bro. Stoddard, secretary of the New England inter-collegiate athletic association; Bro. Peck, a member of the sophomore prom. committee; Bro. Wilbur, chairman of the freshman cane committee. Bro. Morrison is a candidate for the 'varsity nine.

Yours cordially in the Bond,
GEORGE H. ANSLEY.

Williamstown, March 31, 1899.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

The winter term at Amherst, which is usually characterized by close application to study, with comparatively little activity along athletic or social lines, has been an exception to the general rule this year.

A most important change has been made in our athletic relations with Dartmouth and Williams by the dissolution of the old New England triangular league in all three branches of athletics—foot ball, base ball and track athletics—and the formation of a new league composed of Amherst, Wesleyan and Williams. While it is regretted that dissatisfaction at Dartmouth has caused the rupture in the old league, yet it is felt that the new union with Wesleyan, a college naturally bound to Amherst and Williams by situation, equality in size, strength, scholarship and athletic policy, offers many great advantages.

Amherst was represented at the B. A. A. games held in Mechanics' Hall, Boston, February 18, by a team of nine men, including Bro. Klaer, '00, captain of the athletic team, and Bro. Gladwin, '01. The base ball squad, which includes Bro. Whitney, '99, Bro. Couch, '01, and Bro. Thompson, '02, has been hard at work during several weeks under the direction of C. A. Nichols, of the Boston league team. The management has arranged a schedule of some thirty-two games, twenty-three of which will be played in Amherst.

The series of inter-class basket ball games held during the winter for the championship of the college was won by the freshman class. A number of indoor meets has also been held, in which much interest has been taken. The Leland prize exhibition in light gymnastics,

given on March 22 by the three lower classes in competition for \$100 in gold, was won by the junior class. The Ladd prize exhibition in heavy gymnastics, which immediately followed, was won by the freshman class.

Besides the annual junior promenade on the evening of February 10, the social life of the college has been enlivened by several fraternity receptions and an unusually large number of informal dances, teas, and musicales, given by the fraternities and by members of the faculty. The annual Amherst concert of the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs was given Wednesday evening, March 22, the day of the heavy gym. exhibition.

The senior dramatic company has arranged for an extended trip through southern and central New York and New Jersey, presenting the farce 'The Magistrate.' This trip will occupy the entire Easter vacation and include ten engagements.

Amherst is still without a president, but the administration committee has managed the affairs of the college judiciously, and has put it on a firmer basis for the reception of the president to be.

Massachusetts Beta has not been inactive during the winter. A very enjoyable dance was given by a few members of the chapter, January 21, at which a number of young women from Smith College were present. On the afternoon of February 10, preceding the junior prom., the visiting young women were entertained at the chapter house by the presentation of the one-act farce, 'A Revolving Wedge,' given by a few of the brothers. Alumni day was appropriately observed on Tuesday evening, March 14. We had with us Bro. H. E. Riley, '96, Bro. J. F. Carfrey, *Syracuse*, '92, superintendent of schools at Northampton, Mass., and Bro. J. R. S. Sterrett, our professor of Greek, all of whom gave interesting addresses. An informal smoker was held after the exercises.

The Phi Delta Theta comedy company presented the two-act farce, 'A Limb o' the Law,' at the chapter house, Tuesday evening, March 21. A few members of the chapter gave an informal dance March 22, from 5 to 7:30 o'clock.

Since the last letter to THE SCROLL, Bro. Hurd, '00, has been elected to the editorial board of *The Student*, and Bro. Gladwin, '01, and Bros. Cunningham and Trevoy, '02, have been appointed on the sophomore and freshman Kellogg fifteens, respectively.

Our annual reception will be given on April 29, and before the next issue of THE SCROLL the eleventh anniversary banquet of this chapter will have been held.

Amherst, April 1, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
DEWEY H. HURD.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

New York Alpha takes pleasure in introducing Bros. Barber Benjamin Conable, '01, Harvey Joel Couch, '01, and Edward Harrison Powley, '02.

Because of the winter examinations, we were compelled to postpone our annual banquet from March 15 till some early date in the spring term, when we hope to have many of our alumni with us and will welcome all Phis.

Since our last letter the university has heard of President Schurman's safe arrival at Manila, where he and the rest of the commission appointed by President McKinley will begin the investigation of the Philippine question. Professor T. F. Crane, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, is now acting president.

While it was with reluctance that we gave up Bro. and Captain A. E. Whiting, '98, who so successfully led our foot ball warriors last fall, it is with a feeling of pride in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ that New York Alpha announces that Bro. R. D. Starbuck, '00, is the captain-elect of the Cornell team for 1899. Bro. Starbuck's foot ball record speaks for itself. He is a brother of Frank Starbuck of the famous '94 team, who was also a Phi. Bro. Starbuck at full back last fall made an able side partner to Captain Whiting. In the Princeton game he was almost the sole player that could gain ground for Cornell against the magnificent defense of the Tigers. In the Pennsylvania game, it was Starbuck, time and again, who tore the Quaker line open. Bro. Starbuck is a loyal Phi, and has always worked hard for the best interests of New York Alpha and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Athletics in general are very active at Cornell just now. On March 26 the 'varsity base ball team, in company with Coach Jennings (of national league fame), will start on its southern trip. The freshman crew has been on the water a couple of weeks, but the 'varsity men are still at work on the machine in the gymnasium. Coach Courtney makes no predictions, but we know what Cornell crews can do when June comes around. The track team is also hard at work, and has already defeated Williams in the relay race.

Bro. Thomson, '98, who since the beginning of hostilities with Spain has so successfully filled the position of assistant engineer, U. S. N., has recently been honorably discharged and will in the future be located in the city of Mexico.

New York Alpha has received many circular letters from other chapters, and congratulates them on their success and prosperity.

A new reporter has been elected. All correspondence should hereafter be addressed to Wm. H. Morrison, 5 Edgemoor Lane, Ithaca, N. Y.

Although it is a little early we are beginning to look out for new men for the class of '03. We urge our alumni and chapters in the Bond to help us by sending us names of good men who intend to enter Cornell next fall.

Ithaca, March 23, 1899.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

KELTON EWING WHITE.

NEW YORK DELTA. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Since my last letter New York Delta has initiated seven men, affiliated one and pledged two more. Our initiates are Warren Mersereaux Van Name, '99, of Tottenville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Herman Simon Riederer, '02, science, of New York; Adrian Russell Allan, '02, college, of Montclair, N. J.; Truman Roswell Temple, special, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joseph Stettenheim Buhler, '01, college, of Columbus, Ga.; Frederick P. Delgado, '01, college, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Frederick Knowles, '00, medicine, of this city. Bro. H. S. Riederer is a brother of E. J. Riederer, '97. Bro. Walter Johnson, of Illinois Zeta, has affiliated. There are now forty-eight Phis in the various schools of Columbia. Unfortunately many have not affiliated, or else we should lead the fraternity list at the university. There are ten Phis on the educational and administrative staffs of the university.

The undergraduate members have been extremely active of late. Bro. O. H. Hinck, '99, read a paper lately before the university Germanic society. He is also vice-president of the Philolexian society, the leading literary society, and will represent this society in a public debate against the the Y. M. C. A. of this city. Bro. W. M. Van Name, '99, was toastmaster at the senior dinner. Out of a total of five

speeches three were made by members of New York Delta. We are well represented in the class-day program. Bro. L. S. Hackett, '91, as president of the graduating class, will deliver the salutatory address. Bro. Van Name is on the class-day committee, and Bro. Ernst is on the class-book committee.

In athletics New York Delta will be prominent. Bro. Vinton, '91, will enter the shot put; Bro. Allan, '02, has made the cycle team; Bro. Hinck, '99, will run in the two-mile event, and Bro. Ernst, '99, entered in the high jump.

Bro. Ernst has been chosen as one of a team of three to debate with the University of Chicago in Chicago on April 14.

Thirty visiting Phis have registered their names at our chapter rooms during the last few months. The annual alumni dinner held at Sherry's on March 15 was a great success. There were thirty-five Phis present, including two 'Rough Riders'—Bro. E. Emerson, *Miami*, '91, and Bro. Frank S. Angell, *C. C. N. J.*, '90.

Our chapter is more prosperous than it ever was in its history.

In the Bond,

New York, March 20, 1899.

BERNARD M. I. ERNST.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

The main interest of the university, outside of the daily routine work, is centered in athletics. At an indoor meet held recently several records were broken by members of the freshman class, which speaks well for the future of the university in athletics. Bro. Scrafford made the running high jump at five feet eight, breaking the college record by two inches.

In January occurred the death of Brother George D. Hammond, Asheville, N. C. Brother Hammond entered Syracuse with the class of '93, remained two years, then went to Harvard, where he was graduated with the highest honors. His remains were brought to Syracuse for burial.

On February 17 we held our annual banquet. Covers were laid for more than forty, nearly all the local alumni and a number from other towns being present. The event was thoroughly enjoyable and highly successful.

Brother Shipman, who has been studying abroad, has been very ill with typhoid fever, but is recovering. He reports having met a number of Phis at Vienna, where they held a reunion and a banquet.

We have been pleased to receive visits from a number of our alumni since our last letter. We were especially glad to entertain Bro. J. H. Carfrey, '92, superintendent of the Northampton, Mass., public schools, on his return from the recent teachers' convention at Cincinnati. We extend a cordial invitation to all Phis passing through this city to make our chapter house their headquarters.

Yours in the Bond,

Syracuse, March 20, 1899.

ALLEN DUNCAN BURNHAM.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The spring term of the college has just opened, with a slight increase in the number of students enrolled. Bros. Byers and Swearingen will not return to college this spring. Bro. Wilkenson has been obliged to give up work again on account of trouble with his eyes, but will receive his diploma with the class. Bro. Soult is back in school.

Since our last letter we have initiated William Alexander Wom

'00, of Clarke, Pa., John McKinstry Griffith, '02, of Tarentum, Pa., and pledged Samuel Christian Lampé, '03, of Pittsburgh.

The basket ball team of this season has been a record breaker. The number of points scored by it is 271, against 105 by its opponents. The defeat of several college teams and the refusal of the others to accept our challenges gives Allegheny the collegiate basket ball championship of western Pennsylvania. During the past season Bro. Wolstoncroft held the captaincy of the team, which office Mr. Lampé will fill next year. The election of Mr. Lampé is an honor well deserved by his brilliant record as a player. Bro. Wilkenson was first sub. on the team.

Bro. Elliott has lately received double honors, being elected president of the Y. M. C. A. and secretary of his class. Last term President Crawford announced in chapel that a comparison of fall term grades, made by the faculty, showed that five of the male students of the college had attained an average of forty-five or over on the scale of fifty. Of these, three were members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. In the preliminary oratorical contest held April 6, Bro. Swisher carried off the Excell prize of fifty dollars. Besides the substantial remuneration Bro. Swisher will have the honor of representing the college in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest, which is to be held in May.

The example of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in seeking more commodious quarters has been followed by $\Sigma A E$, who has this spring moved into a larger and better house.

During the past term we have received visits from Bro. W. H. Stenger and Bro. R. R. Ross, both of this chapter.

Meadville, April 6, 1899.

In the Bond,
E. S. OAKES.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Since our last letter Raymond T. Hutchinson, '02, of Warrior's Mark, Pa., and Henry M. Hamblin, '01, of Greenville, Pa., have been initiated into $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Our annual sleighride to the Holly Inn in February proved to be an event long to be remembered. The weather was ideal for sleighing, and the eight-mile drive put every one in excellent spirits and added greatly to the evening's pleasure.

Work on the house has been resumed, suspension of building operations being necessitated by reason of the cold weather.

During the term we were glad to welcome back from various duties Bros. Kriebel, Adams, Bowman and Souders, all of last year's class. Bro. English, ex-'00, now affiliated with New York Alpha, spent Thanksgiving week with us. A few days ago we were delighted to welcome Bro. Muse, of Illinois Wesleyan, who is a member of the celebrated Chicago quartet, the Ottumwas. This organization gave a concert here in the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course.

The college musical clubs are preparing diligently for the Easter trip, which will occupy about ten days. We are represented by Bros. Kline, Loose and Ganoe. The midwinter sports held on March 4 were a decided success, owing largely to the energy of Bro. Shiffer, the manager. Base ball candidates are hard at work. Bros. Ivins and Kline will likely represent the Phi camp in this department. Dickinson has arranged for a dual track meet with Gettysburg on May 17. We also meet State College a week later. Both track and relay squads are getting into shape, and when the relay races at Philadelphia are held, we hope to send both Wertz and Sterrit with the team.

The second of the series of three debates with State College will be held here in April. State is fortunate in having two of her last year's team with her while Dickinson's representatives are all new men.

Bro. Eshier '09 has been elected permanent secretary of the class of '09.

Alumni day was appropriately celebrated by an informal banquet and smoker. The evening was spent in songs and toasts, and in the discussion of our plans.

The chapter will extend a hearty welcome to all Phiis whom business or pleasure may bring to Carlisle.

Yours in the Bond.

Carlisle, March 21, 1899.

T. MARSHALL WEST.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL three new members have begun to wear the badge of Phi Delta Theta. Bros. Mattison, Long and McClain. Bro. Mattison is a leader in the freshman medical class; Bro. Long is a member of the Pennsylvania hockey team; Bro. McClain is a member of the track team and vice-president of the sophomore class. Bro. Myers, of Lafayette, who is now taking a course in the law department has affiliated. Bro. Lessig, of Columbia, who is also in the law school, has done likewise, as has Bro. Outland, of Kansas, the captain of last year's foot ball team who had not hitherto been actively connected with our chapter.

Bro. Gardner and Bro. Jacobs have represented us on the gymnastic team. Bro. Diendorf is a member of the mandolin club.

On February 6 Phi Delta Theta gave a dance in Houston Hall. Only those of our brothers who have seen Houston Hall can realize what an ideal place this is for a college dance. There were some forty couples present, some of our alumni being among the number. The wish was expressed on all sides that we might henceforth make an annual dance one of our customs.

On March 15 we celebrated alumni day. In past years it has been usual for the active and alumni members to hold a banquet in one of our hotels. This year, it was decided as a change to give a smoker and supper at our chapter house. No dress suits or prepared speeches were allowed, the circular which announced the occasion saying that members could even neglect to prepare their impromptu speeches. Were we to follow the custom of the newspapers in reporting a social function, we should say that 'among the prominent alumni present' were Bro. Moore, our newly elected president, and Dr. Radcliffe, our faithful historian.

Yours in the Bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

Philadelphia, March 22, 1899.

J. H. R. ACKER.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

We desire to correct two errors made in our last letter to THE SCROLL. Bro. H. D. Furniss is clinical, not clerical, assistant to Dr. Buckmaster. Bro. Ames's name in full is Warner Ames and not R. W. Ames, as reported. On March 18 Conrad Powell Carter, of Loudoun county, Va., signed the Bond, this being the only initiation since our last report. After the 'goating' we enjoyed a fine 'spread' furnished by Bro. Moseley. Our chapter now numbers fifteen, some of the best of whom we will lose by graduation at the end of the term.

Nevertheless those to return next year are fully capable of looking after $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s interests.

There are few colleges, I dare say, that make more of Easter week than Virginia does. There are to be ball games nearly every afternoon and germans in the evenings, besides numerous smaller entertainments in between times. The fair sex from all over the state have already begun to arrive, and we think Easter of 1899 will be an unusually gay one. The base ball team left to-day for Richmond, where they play Yale to-morrow. Remembering last year's score with Yale, and having seen our team defeat Lafayette, Cornell and Lehigh within the last week, we hope for great things. The team is undoubtedly one of the best we have had for years. Bro. Carter is one of the pitchers, and we are sure he will do us credit. In the game with Cornell, he allowed our opponents only four hits.

At a recent meeting of the board of visitors a good many important points were settled and some changes in the different departments made. The \$20,000 donated to the university by the trustees of the Randall fund will be expended in the erection of a new dormitory building containing forty bedrooms. Perhaps the most important step taken by the board was that of making the medical term one of four years instead of three, as at present, and in appropriating the sum of \$20,000 out of the Fayerweather fund for the purpose of inaugurating a suitable hospital building. Provision was also made for the teaching of Hebrew and New Testament Greek, Dr. Charles E. Young, of Chicago, being elected instructor in Hebrew. Hereafter the Teutonic languages will be taught by Dr. James A. Harrison, while the chair of Romance languages is to be filled later. Col. W. E. Peters, who has been professor of Latin for a good many years, notified the board that at the expiration of three years he would resign. Prof. Thomas Fitzhugh, of the University of Texas, was chosen as his successor, on condition that he spend two years in Berlin and one at Rome in the study of Latin. A New York alumnus donated \$10,000 to the university. The object of the donation is to create an alcove in the library devoted entirely to Virginia history. Prof. Chas. A. Graves, of Washington and Lee University, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the law faculty caused by the death of Prof. Walter B. Dabney.

Bro. J. N. Furniss reports a most enjoyable time at the Columbus convention.

Yours in the Bond,

Charlottesville, March 31, 1899.

J. WOODS PRICE.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Examinations have just been finished, and the season for outdoor sports has come. Our tennis courts and ball fields are full every afternoon, and we have a track team practicing for a coming match with a team from Richmond college. This year's base ball team, though light and composed for the most part of new men, is a fairly good one. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is represented on it by Bros. Rucker and Peatross in the out field, and Lavinder on second base.

Owing to the fact that very few men entered college at the half session, little initiating was done. K A took in several men, but they were old students, and with this exception no 'bugging' was done.

Virginia Gamma enjoyed greatly a visit from Bros. Dolly and Carpenter during the Easter holidays. Bro. Dolly is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins, and Bro. Carpenter is in business in Baltimore.

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Bro. Kern having been mustered out of service in the volunteer army, is now taking a course in architectural drawing in Richmond.

It has been honored by Bro. Davis's election as president for the last night of commencement exercises.

Yours in the Bond,

Asheville, April 7, 1899.

HENRY GEO. LAVINDER.

VIRGINIA ZETA. WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Examinations are just past at W. and L., and with the spring term comes the announcement that Prof. Charles A. Grove, dean of the law department, will become a member of the law faculty of the University of Virginia after the present session. Mr. Grove's loss will be felt deeply by the university.

The boat crews and base ball team have been in training for the past week. Bro. Keeble is an applicant for the position of coxswain of the Albert Sidney crew, and Bro. Campbell is captain of the base ball team. Bro. Keeble is also president of the class of '02, and Bro. Graybill is secretary of the Washington literary society.

On February 18 the chapter was delightfully entertained at the home of Bro. B. C. McBryde. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and will long be remembered by the chapter.

Yours in the Bond,

Lexington, April 2, 1899.

R. G. CAMPBELL.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The spring term of the university opened January 4. Nearly all matriculates of last fall have returned, and in addition about thirty new men. This slight addition carries our enrollment above five hundred.

The state legislature has appropriated for the university a handsome sum for a system of water-works. Mr. J. S. Carr, an alumnus of this institution, has given \$15,000 for dormitories. The alumni building is in process of erection.

Since the Christmas holidays the faculty has received a severe blow in the death of one of its oldest and most honored members, Dr. John Manning, of the law department.

Our latest initiate is Bro. W. S. Bernard, of Greenville, N. C. In the Washington birthday exercises, held in Gerard's Hall, Bro. Bernard delivered an eloquent oration on 'Forces that Make for Imperialism.'

With the advent of warm weather the athletic park is filled with candidates for the nine. Under the excellent captaincy of Bro. Robert Winston, who was also captain of last year's team, we have high hopes.

Through graduation this coming June, we will lose Bros. Winston, Kittrell, Donnelly and Askew. Bro. Coxe will also be graduated, but he returns next fall to take law.

Our representative at the convention, Bro. Harris, reports a delightful time.

Yours in the Bond,

Chapel Hill, March 15, 1899.

G. BRUCE NEWBY.

KENTUCKY ALPHA. CENTRE COLLEGE.

Bro. Yerkes, who is president of the athletic association, has been made manager of the class team of '99. Bro. Monks has also been

made captain of the sophomore base ball team. Bros. Boyle and Caldwell still hold their own as the best students in their respective classes.

We are well represented on the different teams. Bros. Lee, '02; Monks, '01, and Rodes, '02, are on the gymnasium team, while Bro. Monks expects to make the base ball team, also.

The president of Centre, Dr. Roberts, is by far the most enterprising one we have ever had. He is raising a subscription from the citizens of Danville for beautifying our already picturesque campus. Asphalt drives and the latest styles of fencing will be among the contemplated improvements.

Kentucky Alpha hoped to get out a circular letter for the benefit of her alumni and all who are interested in her this year, but will not attempt it at this late date. Next year we hope to stand in the first ranks of Phi Delta Theta's chapters, as we will have no debts hanging over us. We already have three preparatory students pledged for next fall and prospects for two or three more, all of whom live in the immediate vicinity of Danville.

Centre has announced class day exercises, which for several years have been omitted on account of complications between the students and faculty. The senior banquet will be a leading feature of commencement week.

Bro. Johnson paid us a visit a few weeks ago. Bro. Jamison, of Ohio Alpha, whom we expected to affiliate, has been called home on account of his father's illness. Bro. Sanford, also of Ohio Alpha, has affiliated.

Yours in the Bond,

Danville, April 5, 1899.

BOYLE O. RODES, JR.

KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Bros. T. J. Robb, G. K. Speed and H. M. Blanton did not return after the holidays. We wish them much success in their new fields, and assure them that they will be greatly missed by the chapter. We returned six good men, and with the addition of our new brother, S. C. Cardwell, '01, Louisville, Ky., we still have a fine chapter. Bros. Greenleaf, Taylor and Smith are in the law school.

The foot ball season closed with many victories to our credit, and Kentucky Δ was very much gratified with the showing made by the Phis on that team. Our base ball coach has placed our team in fine condition. Bro. Booker plays a strong game at first. He is also a star tennis player.

Since our last letter, your humble servant has been placed on the editorial staff of the *Central News*, our college paper.

Kentucky Δ has been struggling under many difficulties, but by hard work among the brothers, and as a result of the kind remembrance and assistance of some of our alumni, have every reason to believe that we are going to enjoy an unusually prosperous and pleasant term. The chapter continues to lead here socially.

It is very gratifying to us to note the success and honors with which our alumni have met recently.

Yours in the Bond,

Richmond, March 21, 1899.

LEWIS B. HERRINGTON.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

It is with pride that we call attention to a recent article in *Harpers' Weekly* on southern athletics. Mr. Caspar Whitney in his article praises the southern inter-collegiate athletic association for the work

that it has accomplished in purifying athletics. He places Vanderbilt and the University of the South among the foremost that have labored in bringing about this end.

After some unavoidable delays base ball practice has actively begun. The first game of the season will be with the University of Nashville in March 25. Two games are scheduled with Cornell on the third and fourth of April. The team will be composed almost entirely of new men, but from the quality of the men trying for the various positions the team will be stronger everywhere except in pitching than it has been for some time. Six Pias are trying for positions on the team. Practice was materially delayed by the unprecedented cold weather. For account of a coal famine the university was forced to shut down for almost a week.

Interest in oratory has recently revived at Vanderbilt, and in the near future we are to have a series of debates with the University of North Carolina. Two societies in the literary department and one in the law furnish ample opportunities for oratorical training.

The basket ball season has closed the inter-class championship going to the seniors. We were represented on the class teams by Bros. Grantham Rose and Martin Reed, who were also members of the university team.

The glee club has completed several successful trips to neighboring cities. The social as well as the financial success of the trips was very gratifying. It is interesting to note that five of the twenty-five members are Pias.

Yours in the Bond.

Nashville, March 14, 1899.

GILMER WINSTON.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Lent term of the university opened on March 16, and the majority of our members appeared on time. We now have a chapter of eleven men and are in good working condition. Good material does not seem to be very plentiful this term, but we have one man pledged, whom we will be pleased to introduce in our next letter. We are very glad to welcome among us Bro. Garber, *Alabama*, '98, who will affiliate with us.

Tennessee Beta has her share of college honors, Bro. Williams being president of the junior german club; Bro. Hodgson, secretary of the senior german club; and Bro. Gillett, treasurer of the Pi Omega literary society.

Base ball practice has just started. It seems probable that Bro. Hodgson will fill a place in the field.

Owing to the unprecedented cold the new junior dormitory, the bequest of the late Dr. Hoffman, was not ready for occupancy by March; is now completed, however, and will be opened in May. Numerous improvements are being made around the university, and the domain is being rapidly beautified.

Tennessee Beta also has not been inactive, and many changes and improvements are under way, which will add greatly to the appearance and comfort of our house.

Yours in the Bond,

Sewanee, March 31, 1899.

WM. LOWRY GILLETT.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

Since my last letter to THE SCROLL, Georgia Beta has moved into a home of her own. For years past it has been our dream to occupy a chapter house some day; but we hardly dared hope to see it realized for many months, at least. The place is admirably suited to our purposes and is one of the most desirable in Oxford. We rent the house complete—furniture, pictures, piano, and all. It is beautifully furnished and in every way an ideal home for the chapter.

The chapter will go to Atlanta for its picture on April 3. Three of the other six clubs and the senior class will also go up the same day.

The annual contest for speakers' places in the freshman and sophomore classes will occur shortly. The places in the junior and senior classes are awarded on scholarship.

We intend giving an elaborate banquet at commencement, and extend a cordial invitation to all Phis to be present.

Bro. W. Ambrose Bradley, '98, now attending lectures at the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, visited us recently.

Yours in the Bond,

Oxford, March 31, 1899.

W. W. TINDALL.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Mercer's new gymnasium, to be known as Alumni Hall, is under course of construction, and it is thought that it will be finished by commencement. The college has received nearly \$20,000 in the last year to be placed on its loan and endowment funds.

The student body will go up to Atlanta on April 25, in a body, to attend the championship debate between Mercer and Athens. There is the strongest kind of movement to break the chain of Mercer's victories, but we can securely look forward to continued success.

We have the strongest base ball team this year we have ever had. The schedule has been extended, and this season will probably furnish 22 games. On March 31 we played Cornell, and through glaring errors on our part lost the game to them with a score of 11-7. Phi Delta Theta has the manager, assistant manager and two players: Bro. Mitchell and Bro. Gunn, at short stop and center field. In the game with Cornell Bro. Mitchell established himself as the favorite of the Macon public.

Georgia Gamma introduces four new brothers: Scott W. Anthony, '02, Griffin, Ga.; Felton Mitchell, special, Rome, Ga.; Eden Taylor, '01, Pope's Ferry, Ga.; S. D. Hatcher, '02, Macon, Ga. Bro. Jelks has seen fit to quit his course when within a few weeks of graduation.

In regard to the chapter house, we have to say that at present the outlook is very gloomy. On October 1, the date appointed by the faculty on which we shall relinquish our house, we will have paid about \$200 on our furniture, and the choice will remain to us of losing this amount paid in, or continuing the payment to have left on our hands some useless furniture. Of course, it appeals to us that the faculty are in the wrong, but we do not by any means wish to create the impression that they acted rashly and hastily in this matter; on the contrary, on several occasions they met representatives from our fraternity and freely discussed the matter with us. To shorten what might otherwise be an extended explanation, it is thought best to insert the decision of the faculty, after a careful and minute discussion on their part:

We, the faculty of Mercer University, are opposed to the organization and establishment of chapter houses for the fraternities, because we feel that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the institution to allow them. In the present case of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, which has assumed extensive financial obligations without first conferring with the faculty, we recommend, first, that all rent notes and contracts for furniture be annulled, if this can be honorably done; if not, we will allow the fraternity to occupy the house already rented not later than October 1, 1899. We will reserve for the fraternity the hall now occupied by them.

In regard to this decision of the faculty, we should like to say that we realize it would be only a waste of time for us further to discuss the matter with them, and unless some outside pressure is brought to bear on them whereby they will repeal this decision, Georgia Gamma will go out of her house in October, and all future hope of entering another will be lost. If our sister chapters are interested in this matter and will follow the advice given in the March *Palladium* under 'Mercer's Chapter House Trouble,' we may yet be able to remain in our new quarters.

Macon, April 6, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
R. J. COATES.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Alabama Alpha began the present year with fourteen members, three not having returned after the Christmas holidays. Our chapter and the university suffer a severe loss in the absence of Bros. Milhouse, Robertson and Brown.

The base ball season has opened, and we are sure to be ably represented on the 'varsity by Bro. Forman, '01. Bro. Clements is captain of the '00 base ball and foot ball teams. Bro. Walker is a member of the '01 nine, and is secretary and treasurer of his class. Bro. McQueen is on the '02 nine, and is secretary and treasurer of his class. Bro. Montgomery is captain of the '02 foot ball team. On the track team we have Bro. Clements. Bro. Forman is one of the leading tennis players.

Bro. Owen has been chosen by the faculty as editor-in-chief of the *Corolla*, our college annual. He is also manager of the 'varsity base ball team. Bro. Pride is president, and Bro. McMillan is vice-president, of the junior law class.

Our social standing in Tuscaloosa is as high as ever.

University, March 11, 1899.
Yours in the Bond,
JOHN D. MCQUEEN.

ALABAMA BETA, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Since our last letter to THE SCROLL, Alabama Beta has lost one of her youngest members, Bro. W. L. Burnett, Jr., who has resigned college to accept the appointment to Annapolis from his district.

Bro. I. F. McDonnell, who was formerly captain of Co. A, has been promoted and given the rank of senior captain and assistant to the commandant. Bro. G. M. Wheeler has been elected manager of the base ball team.

Games have been arranged with the Technological School of Atlanta, Athens, Sewanee and Tuscaloosa. Mr. J. W. Heisman, Auburn's well-known foot ball coach, is with us as coach in base ball. Phi Delta Theta is well represented on the nine.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. D. D. McLeod, '84, who died recently at Anniston, Ala. Bro. McLeod was a major in the

Second Alabama during the late war with Spain. Appropriate memorial exercises were held in his memory.

Our chapter will celebrate its twentieth anniversary on the night of March 31.

Auburn, March 27, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
SHEPHERD H. ROBERTS.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The work on the new buildings is progressing as rapidly as the inclement weather permits. The east wing is now under roof and is rapidly nearing completion. The chapel will be ready for use in a few weeks. The work on the buildings has caused great inconvenience. During the extremely cold weather no classes could be held, as the furnaces were unable to supply enough heat when the end of the building was undergoing repairs. It is expected that both buildings will be completed and ready for use in June.

Great preparation is being made for the celebration of Miami's seventy-fifth anniversary. The various committees have been hard at work the entire year and will no doubt put to good use the \$1,000 appropriated by the board of trustees. An effort is being made to have reunions of the various classes, and to have conventions of the different fraternities. B Θ Π and Φ Δ Θ, however, are the only fraternities that are doing much toward a reunion of their alumni.

As this is our last letter that will appear before the semi-centennial celebration to be held at Oxford Tuesday, June 13, we desire to extend a hearty invitation to all Phis to attend this celebration; we promise to do all within our power to entertain them as best we can. It is especially desired that as many as can should remain for the rest of the commencement festivities, especially Wednesday, as this day celebrates the seventy-fifth anniversary of Miami's founding. Oxford Female College and the Western College for Women will have closed by that time, and their buildings will be thrown open for Miami's guests. We assure everyone excellent as well as cheap accommodations. The arrangements for the celebration are in competent hands, so that success for it is certainly assured.

Ohio Alpha's annual alumni banquet will be held Wednesday evening, June 14, at 8 o'clock; it is hoped that all of our old and young alumni will attend; all other Phis who can arrange to come will be most heartily welcomed. This event is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the active chapter and those of our alumni who make a practice of attending each year. This will be the chapter's special celebration of the fiftieth year of its existence, and very elaborate arrangements are being made. Tickets for the banquet should be procured from Bro. Jay D. Gath, Oxford, Ohio, before June 10, as the number expecting to come should be known by that time.

Oxford, April 6, 1899. Yours in the Bond, W. E. STOKES.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Our biennial publication, the *Bijou*, is now in press and will be out by April 15. The annual letter of Ohio Beta has just been prepared and sent to her alumni and sister chapters.

It is a pleasure to introduce Bro. Robert Legan Ewing, Arcola, Ill., and Bro. Howard Daniel Marsh, Pomona, Cal., both of the class of '02.

Since our last letter Ohio Beta has had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. Jones, '97, of Toledo, Ohio; Bro. Sheldon, Ohio Gamma, '99, of Athens, Ohio; Bro. Hollington, '92, of Fayette, Ohio; and Bro. McCune, Ohio Gamma, '95, of Athens, Ohio.

At present the students are considerably interested in the joint fraternity entertainment to be given the latter part of May.

The preliminary contest for selecting the orator to represent the university in the inter-state contest to be held at Cornell, occurred March 27. Five speakers contested. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was represented by Bro. Cherrington, '94, who tied for first place.

We regret that Bros. Blackman, Earhart and Curren will not be with us this term, but are assured they will be back in the fall. D. M. Bowker, pledged, '92, of Bryan, Ohio, has returned and will be in the remainder of the year.

Delaware, April 6, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
W. R. BAYES.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Gamma, together with the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Athens, celebrated alumni day at Hotel Berry on the evening of March 15. After almost an hour of renewing friendships and passing pleasantries, a short business meeting was held and we then adjourned to the banquet hall, where a very enjoyable repast was served. This was one of the most pleasant events of the college year, as we had at that time more of our alumni present than at any other time in the history of our chapter on the celebration of this day.

During the month of February we were very pleasantly surprised to receive a visit from Bro. Walter B. Palmer, past P. G. C. To say that we enjoyed his call is expressing it lightly indeed.

On the evening of February 6 we entertained the Phi girls of Athens with a sleigh ride.

On March 28 we assembled at the hall to pledge Lorenzo Perry Preston, of Athens, Ohio, whom we secured only after a severe contest with our friends in $\Delta T \Delta$.

In the college attractions of this year the chapter, with some of its alumni, have played quite a prominent part, as Bro. McCune, '96, and Bro. Scott, '98, managed the lecture course, and several of the active chapter took quite an interest in a reproduction of the passion play, which was given here for the benefit of the college athletic association.

Bro. S. L. McCune, '96, who has been engaged in the study of law for the past two years, has accepted a position in the Bank of Athens.

During the term just finished we were visited by Bros. DeCamp and Heizer, of Gallipolis, Ohio; Bro. Merwin, of Columbus, Ohio; Bro. Hill, of Miami; Bros. Grider and Preston, of Ohio State and De Pauw, respectively.

In the annual letter of this year, through a typographical error, the name of Bro. F. H. McVay, ex-'94, of Stuart, Ohio, was omitted, we are sorry to say.

We are beginning to look forward with a great deal of interest to the social events of commencement week, and should any Phis of this or any other chapter happen to be in this vicinity, we should be more than glad to have them attend our annual June banquet.

Athens, April 1, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
DORR C. CASTO.

OHIO ZETA. OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

O. S. U. Society, which the gloom of Lent is not entirely able to subdue, nevertheless promises to take on a new life in the season just opening, when a sophomore informal, a junior reception, the senior promenade, and the women's faculty club reception to the girls of the university are promised. These many social functions show the reaction after the severe strain of examination week.

The local oratorical contest is also booked for this week, to choose a representative in the central oratorical contest, which is to be decided at Cornell next month.

Rumor has it that our President Canfield is being considered in connection with the deanship of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Ohio Zeta loses from her rolls this term four loyal members: Bros. Meily, '01, Miller, '02, Beauchamp, '02, and Grant, '01; two of them, however, Bro. Meily and Bro. Grant, will be with us again next year. Bro. E. T. Smith, '98, is contemplating a trip to Bocca del Toro, United States of Colombia, S. A. Bro. DeWitt, '00, is spending his vacation duck shooting in the northern part of the state. Bro. Reutinger, '01, has entered the chapter house. Bro. Woods, '00, is a candidate for $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ and will be initiated next week.

Our alumni smoker, held at the chapter house on March 18, was an unpretentious affair, but a very enjoyable occasion. Bros. W. B. Palmer, W. T. Morris and J. E. Brown were among the alumni present.

Ohio Zeta intends to have base ball and tennis teams this year, and as many of the other fraternities have expressed a desire for a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ scalp, some interesting contests are anticipated.

Yours in the Bond,

Columbus, April 5, 1899.

CHARLES H. WOODS,

OHIO ETA. CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

In our last letter Bro. Diebold was reported as about to quit school, in the middle of his senior year, owing to ill-health. His intention was to leave for California on the fifteenth of January. But an examination proved that an operation was necessary to save his life before he could leave. That operation was performed and ended in his death, January 17, 1899. A portrait of Bro. Diebold and a sketch of his life appear elsewhere in this issue.

Bro. Cleveland, who was out of school through sickness, is now recovered. He is at present in Chicago, and hopes to return to us next year.

We are glad to welcome to our ranks three new brothers: Chas. M. Nissen, '00, editor-in-chief of the '00 annual board, and Mark A. Ammon and Robert R. Abbott, both of the freshman class. After their initiation, on March 24, a banquet was given them. Of the city alumni, Bros. Jones, Chesborough, Watson, Wood, Gilbert, Couch and Merriam were present. This gives us three freshmen to date.

Bro. Quarrie, '01, has been chosen field day captain for this year's events. Bro. Nissen is historian of '00.

On March 16 Bro. Harry Springstein, *frater in facultate*, was married to Miss Clara Bassett, sister of Bro. Lawrence Bassett, '01. It was distinctly a Phi wedding.

On January 17 the first annual school reception and dancing party was given to the students of Case by the ladies of the faculty in the halls of the main building. On the school reception committee were Bros. Nissen, '00, and Yost, '01. On March 17, Miss Jeanne Tarboll entertained Ohio Eta and some of the chapter's friends at her deli

ful and beautiful home. During the week of March 26, 'Rupert of Herten' was on the boards at the opera house. Among the company was Bro. Lewis, who was the assistant stage manager. He visited the house and was made a welcome guest. Six Phis surprised him one night by greeting him behind the scenes from the ranks of 'sages gathered from Ose.' One of the most delightful events of the year was the salsmagundi given by Mrs. Charles Osgood Bassett for the Phi boys at Ose on March 25. Our alumni banquet was held on March 17 at the Stillman.

We have leased our large and spacious home for another year. It is well adapted for our purposes, and we are proud to have the best fraternity house in Cleveland. If any Phi thinks we are boastful, we urge him to call the next time he is in the city and see for himself. Our latch string is always out.

In the Bond,

Cleveland, March 21, 1894.

HARRY MEREDITH BACKUS.

OHIO THETA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The catalogue for next year adds several new courses and provides for an additional instructor in history. On May 1, the university will lose the valuable services of Assistant Prof. L. A. Bauer, who will enter the United States coast and geodetic survey. The junior prom, was given on March 11. We were glad to have with us on that occasion Bro. Dodds, *Wagoner '93*. Bro. McGill was a member of the committee in charge of the affair.

Chapel services are held regularly at the university now, under the auspices of the branch of the Y. M. C. A. which was recently established here. Bro. Stovall has taken a leading part in this work.

A new society, known as $\Sigma \Sigma$, has lately been formed. It is composed mostly of fraternity men in the sophomore year.

Considerable attention has been paid to the interfrat improvement of the chapter recently. A complete system of by-laws is now in working order. Several presents in the shape of pillows and pictures have been received. The charter of Ohio Theta has arrived and has served to quicken the sense of responsibility in each member of the chapter.

Our brother in the Philippines, Lieutenant James B. Kemper, has been in some of the thickest of the fighting and has not been found wanting.

Ohio Theta is looking forward with deep interest to the semi-centennial of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to be celebrated at Miami University. Let every Phi come who can.

Yours in the Bond,

Cincinnati, April 2, 1894.

STUART A. MCGILL.

MICHIGAN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We have now forgotten the gayeties of the inter-semester recess and the many delights of the junior promenade, but the thoughts of our last initiation and the annual banquet still linger in our memory. To no one is the memory of our last initiation greener than to Ray D. Chapin, of Lansing, Mich., who entered the university at the beginning of the second semester, and whom we now take pleasure in introducing. Bro. Chapin, together with an unusually large number of Phis, inexperienced with the sensations developed in the Kyad degree, were introduced into the mysteries of that historic order at the annual banquet. Following is a list of the toasts on that occasion:

'We meet again'—Fred R. Hoover, '99; 'Michigan Alpha'—E. M. Hulse, *Purdue*, '98; 'Recollections'—Allen H. Kessler, '95; 'What struck me?'—Ray D. Chapin, '02; 'Detroit alumni'—W. P. Putnam, *Wooster*, '93; 'A lawless career'—Russell B. Thayer, '00; 'Phi-keia'—Wilbur C. Abbott, *Wabash*, '92; 'Athletics'—H. L. Begle, '01; 'Auf Wiedersehen'—H. Montgomery Smith, '97.

Bro. H. F. Shier, '89, was to preside as toastmaster, but in his absence Bro. Abbott very brilliantly acted that part. The motto on the menu card was: 'Come in and let us banquet royally, after this golden year of victory.' We were fortunate in having with us Bro. John Ballou, *Ohio State*, '98, of Bowling Green, Ohio, and we were all delighted by a few whistling solos from him.

The Michigan legislature visits Ann Arbor and the university on Friday, April 7, and the students expect to give them a rousing reception in University Hall, which will be crowded to its utmost capacity. The students also expect an enthusiastic time when Governor Theodore Roosevelt visits the city on April 11. Doubtless a great demonstration will be made at the station when the colonel of the Rough Riders arrives early Tuesday morning. A similar demonstration was made when Grover Cleveland came to Ann Arbor four years ago.

The University of Michigan comedy club successfully rendered the extremely humorous drama, 'A Night Off,' on April 5. This event is one of the social attractions of the year. The fraternities gave theater parties, among which that of Phi Delta Theta was conspicuous. Sousa's band gives a concert in University Hall on April 8, under the auspices of the woman's league. John Philip Sousa is a great favorite here. The minstrel show promises to be a sensational entertainment, as numerous roasts are destined for prominent professors and students. This is the first minstrel performance given by students in many years. We are planning for a house party for April 28.

The annual 'varsity oratorical contest' took place the night of our banquet. Martin H. Carmody won first honor and the privilege of representing the university in the northern oratorical contest at Oberlin, May 5. Our debating team which was victorious over Northwestern's team leaves Thursday for Chicago, whose team they meet in Studebaker Hall on April 7, the question for discussion being, 'Provided it is constitutional, would a graduated income tax be desirable in this country?' Michigan has the affirmative.

In athletics the anti-Chicago feeling is high and seems to us justifiable. Both parties to the controversy, however, seem to be riding on high horses. The matter must sooner or later end in a complete equalization of athletic forces in the west. It seems a pity, though, that there should be a breach between the two leading western universities over a mere matter of gate receipts. Phi Delta Theta will doubtless reap a fair share of athletic honors this year. In the mid-winter indoor meet, Bro. Hartsburg won second honor in the low and high 40-yard hurdles and in the 40-yard dash. We have many young enthusiasts in class athletics. Bro. Foster is likely to prove a fast 'dark horse,' as rumor claims he is attracting much attention in the gymnasium.

This part of the college year is always taken up with politics. Bro. McCloy, of Bay City, Mich., brought much honor upon the fraternity by his election to the '02 *Oracle* board. He has the distinction of having received the highest vote of all the candidates. Bro. McCloy will doubtless be elected business manager of the board.

Our spring vacation begins April 14 and closes April 24. This recess comes somewhat later than that of most colleges. Michigan Alpha's

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home is always open to This from far and near, for here are our hands with our hearts in them, and there is no key to the door.

Yours in the Bond,

Ann Arbor, April 4, 1899.

ARTHUR JUDSON BLEAZBY.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The movement in the last state legislature against the interests of Indiana University was overwhelmingly defeated, and the friends of the institution feel no more uneasiness about the matter. The attendance is increased this term.

For the past two weeks the weather has been very unfavorable for out-door athletic practice. Mr. Moore, the base ball coach, however, has been drilling his men in batting and in light field work.

We are glad to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Fred Vail Overman, of Tipton, Ind., and Charles Darwin Hesler, of Bluffton, Ind. Bro. Alsop, who has been absent two terms, is with us again, and Bro. Gifford has re-entered after an absence of four years. This gives us a membership of twenty.

Yours in the Bond,

Bloomington, April 6, 1899.

H. LESTER SMITH.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

Out of five managements of Wabash student enterprises, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ holds three. Bro. Bartholomew was elected manager of the glee and mandolin clubs on the resignation of the former occupant of the office. He now has the clubs on a trip through the northern part of the state, and from all reports is making an admirable success of his trip. Bro. Hays, on account of illness, was compelled to tender his resignation as manager of the base ball team, and your correspondent was fortunate enough to succeed him. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will probably have one man on the team. Bro. Mull, who represented us on the team in the season of 1897, will enter college this spring and undoubtedly make the nine.

On March 3, the annual Pan-Hellenic dance, at which about forty couples were present, took place. Indiana Beta played her customary role in sending twelve men and their ladies as representatives. On this occasion we enjoyed a visit from Bro. Brown, of Purdue.

Yours in the Bond,

Crawfordsville, March 30, 1899.

WALTER G. TODD.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

A reception given to resident $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ alumni and their wives and daughters opened the social season for the winter term. This meeting of the older and younger $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s brought up a flood of reminiscences of old chapter life, and the gathering was a great success. This was followed by a number of parties at the chapter house during the term, and each in turn was voted by all the best of the season.

On the university nine we are represented by two men; at present we have the captaincy of the team. We will also have several men on the track team.

In the debate with De Pauw, Bro. Hobbs, to quote from the *De Pauw Palladium*, was the life of the team, and Butler's victory was largely

due to his efforts. Bro. Hobbs has a place on the Indianapolis-Notre Dame debate, and bids fair to win for us new laurels. Three members of the chapter went with the debating team to De Pauw on March 3, and Indiana Zeta entertained us royally. The chapter is undoubtedly the strongest at De Pauw, and its hall a thing of beauty.

There is in school here a growing number of B Θ Π's, who have had no chapter in Butler since 1881. There are two on the faculty, and the new president of the university was once a Beta. It is said that he will resume his membership soon. In the academic department we have Betas from Bethany, De Pauw, Miami and Indiana University.

Prof. J. D. Forrest, on account of ill health, is in the south on a vacation. His chair is being filled by Prof. D. O. Kinsman, of Wisconsin and Chicago. Prof. Zink, physical director, has tendered his resignation, to take effect next June. Prof. H. J. Boos, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, succeeds him. Prof. W. D. Howe, a Delta Tau here of the class of '93, now at Harvard, has been made head professor of English. Prof. W. M. Thrasher, of the department of mathematics, after many years' service, will retire in June to his fruit farm in California. His place will be taken by Mr. S. A. Harker, '97, now at Chicago.

Irvington, April 6, 1899.

In the Bond,
WALTER A. LYBRAND.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Since our last letter our Φ Δ Θ orchestra has become an organization in which we take much pride. The following brothers compose it: Guy Guthrie, clarinet and director; Glen Kenny and Walter White, first violin; Arnold Hall and Will Wilson, second violin; Everett Wiley, cornet; Omar Covert, piccolo; Earl Fisher, cello; Neal Thurston, piano; Carl Weyl, drums. Bro. Wilson is business manager. It the only organization of its kind in the college.

Bro. Wilson, as business manager, has made the *Kodak* a financial success this year. Bro. Holman has been elected president, Bro. Slack secretary, and Bro. Wilson delegate-at-large, of the college Democratic club. Bro. Holman, who was president of the state oratorical association last year, has been elected vice-president for the coming year. Bro. Covert has been elected president of the athletic association, and Bro. Edwards holds the position of treasurer of that organization.

We take great pleasure in introducing Otis Sellers, '02, of Franklin, Ind., whom we initiated last term. Before our next letter several more of our pledges will have become brothers in the fraternity.

It is not our habit to let alumni day pass without recognition. The custom of celebrating the birthday of our founder has become so firmly fixed that the day will probably never pass without the annual banquet. The affair this year was entirely under the direction and control of the active members of Indiana Delta, and in answer to our invitations forty-four Phis and their ladies promised to be with us. It was a delightful affair.

Our glee club is, at the present time, making a tour of the state. The annual will be out in a few weeks.

Franklin, April 1, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
JESSE L. HOLMAN.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the spring term finds our active membership increased to nineteen by the return of Bro. Kelley, '02, who left us at

the close of the first term. Mr. Pritchard, '03 (pledged), is again with us. The past term has been a very successful one for De Pauw, excepting the inter-collegiate debate, which we lost to Butler. But it is not out of place to say here that the victory was generally conceded to us until Bro. Hobbs, in closing the argument for Butler, spoiled our prospects by his masterly speech. We were glad to be able to entertain at that time Bro. Hugh Th. Miller and Bros. McGaughey, Hobbs, Lybrand and Adkinson, of Indiana Gamma.

The glee and mandolin clubs have returned from a very successful two weeks' tour of Illinois and southern Indiana. On the glee club we are represented by Prof. Walker, Bros. L. R. Cartwright, F. V. Smith, Edwards, and F. S. Cartwright. On the mandolin club we have five of the six members, the Smith brothers, the Cartwright brothers, and Bro. Edwards. Bro. F. S. Cartwright is president of the glee club and leader of the mandolin club.

Bro. E. C. Walker, '09, was the delegate from this chapter to the Epsilon province convention, held January 27, at Indianapolis. About ten of our chapter were in attendance. At the same time Bro. Thomas was elected corresponding secretary of the state oratorical association.

Two of the three faculty members of the athletic board are Phis—Dr. Stephenson and Prof. Walker. Dr. Stephenson was elected secretary of the Indiana college association at its last meeting. He delivered the first of a series of three lectures by members of the faculty for the benefit of the athletic association. Prof. Walker is manager of the glee club. Bro. Thomas is now vice-president of the Indiana college league of Democratic clubs. He was toastmaster at the annual banquet of the Pan-Hellenic association, of which he was treasurer. Bro. Smith has been elected vice-president of '99, and Bro. Bryan vice-president of '02. In the department of oratory a forensics club has been organized with a membership limited to forty. Extra training in oratory and debate is its object. Among the charter members are Bros. Hodge, Foxworthy, F. V. Smith and L. R. Cartwright. Since then Bros. Thomas, F. S. Cartwright, Walker, Dove and Parker have been elected.

Base ball is the topic which is attracting the most attention at present. We confidently expect to keep the state championship where it has been for the past three years.

Greencastle, April 4, 1899.

Yours in *Phi-keta*,

CHAS. B. CAMPBELL.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

We commence the spring quarter with an increase of over one hundred per cent. over that of the beginning of the college year in October. Our increase has been larger than that of any of the other fraternities of Chicago, both in point of per cent. of increase and in the actual number of men taken in. We have had our own way with all the men whom we have rushed, taking most of them away from the oldest fraternities and those formerly regarded as the strongest here. Since the last SCROLL, in which we announced three initiates, we have initiated three more men; we now take great pleasure in introducing: Bros. Harvey T. Woodruff, Austin Young Hay and Frank W. De Wolf. Bro. Woodruff is sporting editor of the *Chicago Record*, and is at present taking special work in English at the University. Bros. Hay and De Wolf are both members of the class of '02.

Besides these initiates we have two more men pledged, one of whom we expect to take within a week or two. The other will probably come in by June.

Realizing our expectations, as stated in the last SCROLL, we have been able to leave our cramped quarters, in a flat, and are now very comfortably situated in a large, fourteen-room house at 5750 Madison avenue. Of our fifteen active members, six have rooms in the house. The other rooms are occupied by our graduate members, who have been very active in aiding the chapter in every possible way.

During the last quarter the chapter has given a number of stag parties and smokers, also an informal dance. Now that we have the room we shall probably give a series of house parties and dances this coming quarter. The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ alumni club of the city gave their annual banquet at the Union League Club, March 15, at which we were well represented.

Bro. Dr. See, of Missouri Alpha, and formerly a member of the University of Chicago faculty, favored us with several visits during his stay in Chicago, preparatory to going to Washington to accept his new position as professor of mathematics in the U. S. navy. Bro. Samuel M. Coulter, of Indiana Epsilon, has recently received a fellowship in the department of botany. Bro. Calhoun, of this chapter, has been appointed instructor of geology and physiography for the ensuing quarter. He also represents the graduate school on the board of athletic control.

Illinois Beta will occupy her house this summer and will be glad to have any Phis who expect to attend the summer school at the University take rooms at the house. Phi visitors are always welcome.

Yours in the Bond,

Chicago, April 4, 1899.

LAFAYETTE W. CASE, Jr.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Since the last letters to THE SCROLL, Illinois Delta has initiated another good man in Bro. Clark Emry, '00.

On founder's day Bro. Judge Nathaniel C. Sears, '75, and Bro. Judge C. C. Kohlsaas, Illinois Beta, '67, with Pres. Harper of Chicago, were the speakers of the day. A memorial tablet was set up in honor of the founders of Knox, and Bro. G. C. Gale, '93, gave the dedicatory oration. On the evening of January 27 the chapter gave a reception in honor of the visit of Miss Mary French Field to Galesburg.

On the athletic teams we will be well represented in some of the most prominent positions. The basket ball team, which Bro. Wilson, '99, captained, won the championship of central Illinois. Bro. Parkin, '00, has been appointed by the faculty as one of the six junior oratorical contestants, and also has been appointed college marshal having charge of all public college affairs. Bro. Lewis, '00, is working hard on the year book and it will undoubtedly be the best of its kind ever published at Knox. Bro. Strain is chairman of the senior class play committee. Bro. J. Guy Latimer, '97, was elected as Knox's delegate to the W. I. A. A. meeting held at Chicago.

Upon the return of Bros. Finley, Phelps, Blodgett and Rex from a week's hunting trip on the Illinois river, the chapter was treated to a sumptuous feast of tame ducks.

Bros. Lewis, '00, and Cook, '02, are the only men members of the of the Knox dramatic club. An athletic entertainment was given in the latter part of the winter term, in which Phis had a prominent part.

Ian MacLaren delivered a sermon to the students of Knox on the evening of March 26.

The announcement of President Finley's acceptance of the McClure offer of editorship and his resignation from the presidency, to take place next October, have caused considerable stir in college circles. At the annual meeting of the board of trustees in Chicago, Bro. J. Brown, '86, was elected a member of that body.

In the Bond,

Galesburg, April 6, 1899.

H. M. HOLLAND.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Since the last SCROLL was issued, Illinois Zeta has moved into a new home. A suite of five rooms has been engaged, which were considered to be the best available, being excellently arranged for fraternity and social purposes. The new hall is nicely furnished, one room being arranged especially for the meetings.

It is the earnest intention of every member of Illinois Zeta to keep the standard of the chapter up to a high mark, and this will be done, though we are compelled to restrict our membership to a small number. In the last SCROLL Bro. Palmer remarks upon the fact that $\Sigma \chi$ rushes men in so rapidly that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has no chance. Illinois Zeta does not consider that anything of great value was lost in this way last fall. When a man is wanted for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ he is invariably secured.

On the evening of March 24, 1899, the new rooms were formally opened. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed in dancing. The hall was handsomely decorated in the fraternity colors and cut flowers. A few friends were invited, as were also the alumni members.

A signal event in the history of Lombard University has just been celebrated. This was the completion of forty years of continuous service by Prof. Isaac A. Parker, A. M., Ph. D. On the evening of February 28 a banquet was tendered to Prof. Parker in the gymnasium. A large attendance proved in what high esteem the venerable Doctor is held by his pupils and friends.

Bad weather has so far hindered athletics. A quarter-mile track has been surveyed on the campus, and will be built as soon as possible. It is contemplated that a grand stand and other permanent improvements will be put in before next year's foot ball season begins.

The foot ball prospects for next year are good. Last year's team was composed of strong material, and almost the same men will return next fall. The two best players last year were Phis.

In the Bond,

Galesburg, April 5, 1899.

FAY A. BULLUCK.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Although the rushing season proper is over, Wisconsin Alpha has not been entirely inactive in her lookout for new men; as a result I am able to introduce Bro. Edward H. Hughes, '02, of Spokane, Wash. We have also another new member of the chapter since the last letter to the SCROLL. Bro. Jacob Lowell, Jr., law, '01, has affiliated from Minnesota Alpha. This brings the chapter roll up to twenty-eight, the largest chapter we have had in some years. Besides our success in securing new men we have been very fortunate in the purchase of our chapter house. Thanks to good times, money has been coming in faster this year than it did last, and we will probably be able to pay a

larger installment this year than ever before. This is the third year that we have been buying the house, and everything is looking prosperous, indeed. With fifteen rooming in the house and twenty-three boarders, the running expenses of the house are well taken care of. Within the last three or four years boarding in the house has become quite a feature of life at Wisconsin. At present seven of the fraternities here are doing this, and all find it a great aid in rushing new men. This is our third year of it, and we have found it a success financially, as well as in the comfort and pleasure of all eating together.

Wisconsin Alpha celebrated alumni day by a dinner of about fifty covers given in the house. After dinner we had toasts from the alumni and from some of the active chapter. Those given by the active members were generally on fraternity matters. Those of the alumni were mostly on their experiences as active brothers and were very interesting, indeed. Bro. Davies, a member of the old Wisconsin Beta chapter at Lawrence University, who is now a professor in Wisconsin, told us of the re-establishment of Wisconsin Alpha in 1879. He was about the only Phi in Madison at the time and was very helpful to the brothers in getting their charter again. After the speaking was over we adjourned to the sitting-room and passed the rest of the evening very pleasantly there. We had just received a lot of the old chapter groups that day. They had all been destroyed by fire about six or seven years ago, and the chapter had not replaced them. This year we decided to do that, and we now have seventeen of them framed in the chapter room. They add greatly to the room, as they represent every year but one since the chapter was re-organized. That one has not been found, and it is more than probable that none was taken that year.

We are having rather hard luck in our athletics this spring on account of the lateness of the season. Last year our crew was rowing on the lake on March 22. To-day there is still about two feet of ice, and the chances are that the lake will not be clear until nearly the end of the month. This will be a very serious handicap, as we have a race in May, and the crews that we row in at Poughkeepsie in June have been in the water for over a month. Our base ball team has not been able to play together, either, as the field is still under water and our first games can hardly be played here.

Yours in the Bond,

Madison, April 6, 1899.

JOHN S. OSBORNE.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Bro. Simpson, of Winona, is back in college to finish his academic course and is taking law, also. We have pledged two men since Christmas, one a freshman, the other a resident of Minneapolis, who will be in college next year. The number of good fraternity men compared with the total attendance and the number of fraternities is small, and this, with the six high schools in St. Paul and Minneapolis, has reduced rushing to a scramble from the first of September to the day college closes. All of the fraternities go into the high schools, and it has been reported that Psi Upsilon has pledged juniors. This kind of work may bring students to Minnesota who would otherwise go elsewhere, but it has made rushing almost an agony.

We are unwilling to accept the statement that Minnesota Alpha has no home of her own. Nor do we understand why Mr. Baird, in his lists of the chapters that occupy houses, should leave out Minnesota Alpha of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. We are in the six-room flat that we have rented for the last five years. Every year the question of moving comes up be-

just the chapter and we have unvocally decided that with from fifty to seventy-five per cent of the chapter living in Minneapolis or St. Paul, it is best and most satisfactory to keep our club rooms as we have in the past.

Iowa Chapter has built this year and it is universally acknowledged that their fraternity house is the only fraternity O.K. around the campus.

Nearly all the arrangements have been made for the annual banquet on March 11. It is to be held in St. Paul in order to get out a larger number of St. Paul alumni. We expect it to be a great success.

Yours in the Bond,

Minneapolis, March 4, 1899.

WM. T. DONALDSON.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Alpha is proud to introduce to § A & Bros. C. O. Geise, special '01, Weymouth, '01; W. R. C. Kendrick, '02; Charles T. Forbes, '01, and Burton Beck, '01. All five are fine men and will be valuable additions to the chapter.

At a recent meeting of the athletic association Bro. Randall was elected tennis manager, Bro. Stafford track manager, and Bro. Burton Beck captain of the track team.

At a recent meeting of the Hamline literary society Bro. Fred Smith was elected president, and all the other offices are filled with Phis.

While our chapter has been somewhat small this year, the year has been characterized with hard, persistent and united effort all along the lines of fraternity work and more has been accomplished than one would think with a small chapter. We are now making arrangements to give an elaborate banquet sometime in June, and we want all the loyal alumni of Iowa Alpha to be present. Already enough have promised to attend to make it a success, and we hope for many more.

Bro. Pace has left us this term, but will return in June to be graduated with his class. He is filling an appointment at Thorneburg, Iowa.

President Stafford will resign in June. It is not yet known who his successor will be.

Yours in the Bond,

Mt. Pleasant, April 6, 1899.

FRANK D. THROOP.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Three departments have finished their year's work: the homeopathic, the medical and the pharmacal. The twenty-second annual commencement of the homeopathic department and the eleventh annual commencement of the pharmacal were held jointly on March 28. The former conferred degrees on eight men. The same department also graduated two women as trained nurses. The pharmacal department graduated a class of fifteen. Owing to the lengthening of the course in the allopathic medical department there were only two that received degrees there.

Work on the new collegiate building has been progressing rather slowly on account of bad weather.

Iowa Beta is in as thriving a condition as it has been since it received its charter, as it has a membership of twenty-two and is, comparatively speaking, out of debt. We have two men pledged, one a collegiate, '02, and the other a law, '00. Brother Hobbs, medical, '01, left last week for his home. Bros. Morton and Tourtellot,

medical, '01, will remain with us until May, as they are taking a course in bacteriology. Bro. Chamberlain has not been with us since Christmas, but will return to be graduated in June. Bro. Eby will captain the football team in 1899, and Bro. Birk will take care of the financial end of the athletic union for the same year. Spring athletics have not developed much as yet.

Δ T Δ will hold a province convention in Iowa City, April 4-6.
Bro. T. G. Fee reports a very enjoyable time at the convention.

Yours in the Bond,

Iowa City, April 4, 1899.

B. A. SHAVER.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

The mid-year examinations have passed, and the reports are very gratifying to the chapter, an unusually large number making distinction. The terrors of examination week were lightened by two delightful parties, the first being given to our Phi girls in the town, and the second to the local chapter of the B Σ O sorority. We will entertain again soon after Easter.

On alumni day we were favored with the presence of our beloved founder, Dr. Robert Morrison, who recounted the story of the founding of the order, and retold the tales of the past. A most pleasant feature of the evening was hearing Father Morrison read letters and telegrams of congratulation that had come to him during the day. This all over the union had written to him on his anniversary, and it almost seemed that they were present with us.

The foot ball association held its annual meeting recently and chose its officers for the coming year. Bro. A. B. Caruthers was elected president, and Bro. T. A. Kinder captain of the team. Bros. Caruthers and Kinder are both on the team, the former being the running half-back and Kinder a very strong man at tackle.

Our circular letter has been unavoidably delayed, but will be in the hands of the chapters before THE SCROLL is published.

Bros. Kinder, Yates and Caruthers represent us on the base ball team. In the election of officers for the athletic association Bro. Caruthers is president and Bro. Baldwin secretary. Bro. Daniel Stratton is president of the Philalethian society. Bro. C. F. Lamkin is now editor-in-chief of the *Student*, which is being published semi-monthly. Bro. Scott has been made editor-in-chief of the *Searchlight*, the annual. Bro. Lamkin represented Westminster in the state oratorical contest, taking third place, but averaging first on thought, lack of training losing him the contest. He has been elected by the two societies as leading debater against the State University in a debate that has been arranged for.

The college declamatory contest will be held April 21, and we shall be represented by Bro. Yates.

I shall close by introducing Bro. James Kennedy Black, '01, of St. Louis. Bro. Black entered the second term, and was rushed by both our rivals. He is the sixth man we have bid this year, and we have had six initiations.

Sincerely yours in the Bond,

Fulton, March 31, 1899.

PAUL BALDWIN.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

The members of Missouri Gamma have cause for jubilation at present over the announcement recently made by the faculty of Washington University to the effect that ground will be broken this spring on

the new site preparatory to the erection of the new buildings of the university. Four of these have been endowed—a lecture building, costing \$20,000; an engineering building, to cost \$1,500,000; a chemistry building, to cost \$500,000; and a library building, to cost \$100,000. In addition to these, dormitories are to be built, to be followed by a gymnasium at some later period. The architecture is to be of the classical type, and the larger buildings will present a very handsome appearance; the dormitories are to be more simple. The ground on which the university is to be built is exceptionally well adapted to the uses of a great educational institution. It is just outside of the city limits, adjoining Forest Park, and commands a splendid view of the park, the city and the adjacent country.

The faculty of the university have kindly agreed to donate to our chapter the grounds necessary for the erection of a chapter house. This house is to cost \$5,000, and will present an attractive appearance within and without. Of the requisite funds \$1,500 are at hand in the form of notes, and it is expected that the loyal Phis of St. Louis will appreciate the necessity of immediately completing the sum.

Our annual banquet takes place on March 25. The active members of the chapter are endeavoring to induce as many as possible to make out notes, with which to create a favorable impression at the banquet, which will inspire others to subscribe.

There is at present a noticeable increase of activity in all departments of the university, particularly in athletics. In connection with the removal of the university from the city, this will add vastly to the pleasure of our college life, and, consequently, to that of our fraternity life.

Yours in the Bond,

St. Louis, March 7, 1899.

H. W. ELIOT, JR.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

We have read with much pleasure the many circular letters that have come to us from the chapters. They manifest an enthusiasm and a progressive spirit that are entirely gratifying, and they show that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is leading everywhere.

Nebraska Alpha has pledged four men for next year, who will represent us in the class of '03 in all branches of college activity. These we intend to have act, however, as a nucleus only for our next fall's campaign, which the brothers are preparing to enter with unprecedented vigor. There is a good prospect for much fine material next fall, as the legislature has been in session in the city since the first of the year, which means that representatives from all portions of the state have become better acquainted with the university, and will in the majority of cases send their sons and daughters here for their higher education. Furthermore, the income of the university has been augmented by an increase of the state tax, making it a better school, which will draw here many who are undecided where to go.

Our annual alumni banquet was most enjoyable. It was held at the chapter house, which we have found by experience to be the place where we get the most real good out of the reunion. Everybody feels at home and under no constraint. If the fraternity cheer, given many times, if fraternity songs and the loyal words of the brothers in toasts are an indication of the spirit that Nebraska Alpha has for the fraternity we are a part of, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ need never fear for her chapter in Nebraska.

The chapter base ball team practices whenever the weather permits,

which has been seldom for the last month, but we expect to hold our own in the games among the different fraternities which are being arranged.

The university base ball team has many good men on the field. Some good college games are scheduled for our own campus, besides an eastern trip, the team going as far east as Notre Dame, Indiana.

Yours in the Bond,

Lincoln, April 3, 1899.

JOHN T. SUMNER.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

A few greatly needed improvements have been made recently in the equipment of our university. A complete water-works and sewerage system has been constructed, and now work is being rapidly pushed toward the completion of an electric light plant. The faculty has finally consented, much to the delight of the seniors, that the class of '99 may enjoy the distinction of wearing caps and gowns.

The election for manager and captain of the base ball team took place on March 1. They were elected by the student body, and the attendance on that memorable occasion was very large. Brother Walter Weatherby was overwhelmingly elected manager of the team, much to the gratification of the Phis, as this now gives us the management of the team for three of the past four years. We were ably assisted in this contest by our friends, the Delta Psis, the Sigs and the Phi Psis. We will probably play Alabama, Tulane, S. W. B. U., Nashville, Texas and Jefferson College. We were very anxious to arrange games with Vanderbilt but failed.

Brother Henry is manager of the senior class base ball team, which up to date holds the championship. Bro. Spann plays on the sophomore team, and Bro. Price is on the freshman nine. Bro. Fair was manager and captain of the sophomore eleven. Bro. McCleskey is president of $\Phi \Sigma$ literary society and one of the senior debaters from the same. Bro. Henry is a member of the board of control of the athletic association, which has been reorganized recently.

We have initiated no new men since our last report, but expect Bro. R. W. Whitfield to return in April to resume his work in the sophomore class, where he was compelled to leave off last session on account of ill health. We will then have fifteen men, our usual number. The chapter is in a most prosperous condition in every respect, and it is especially gratifying to us that we are in such fine shape financially.

$B \Theta \Pi$ is inactive here now, having only one member; they had only three last session. $\Sigma A E$ is weak, having four old men, two initiates and one affiliate. We wish them much success in their efforts to strengthen their chapter. The present numerical standing is: ΣX , 23; $\Delta K E$, 23; $\Delta \Psi$, 25; $\Phi K \Psi$, 12; $\Delta T \Delta$, 14; $\Sigma A E$, 7; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 15.

Yours in the Bond,

University, March 24, 1899.

GEORGE LATHAM RAY.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Brother Rufus Lamar Hardy, delegate from this chapter to the Columbus convention, is dead. He died on February 21 from injuries received by the explosion of a stove on February 12. He had gone to his home in San Marcos, Texas, to remain over Saturday and Sunday (February 11 and 12), which, it will be remembered, were the coldest

days of the February blizzard. Sunday morning he was attempting to thaw out some water-pipes connected with a heater on the back of a stove, when the accumulation of steam in the reservoir (or some such cause brought about an explosion. A piece of iron struck Brother Hardy just above the left eye, tearing away about an inch of the skull and a portion of the brain. The doctors pronounced his case hopeless from the first, but his immense vitality enabled him to hold on for ten days. For a good part of this time he was more or less conscious, and this fact engendered in us a vain hope of his recovery. Fever set in, however, on the 20th, and he died at sunset on February 21. The funeral took place at San Marcos, and was attended by the law class of '99 and Texas Beta in a body.

Brother Hardy was one of the most popular men in the university. He was loved by all classes because of his genial good nature and kindness. As an orator he stood high, and as a student, at the head of his class. His standing in the chapter was shown by the fact that he was chosen as our delegate to Columbus; at the time of his death he was president of Texas Beta. We could have sustained no greater loss.

Yours in the Bond,

BATES H. MCFARLAND.

Austin, March 31, 1899.

THETA PROVINCE.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

California Alpha feels highly gratified over the organization of Theta province. Stanford and California are at so great a distance from other Phi chapters that the maintenance of a separate province government is the only means of keeping in close touch with province work. Bro. W. O. Morgan, since his appointment as province president, has shown new marks of his always strong and wise interest in the welfare of the local chapters, and his suggestions have proven helpful and inspiring.

The alumni dinner on March 18 was a memorable occasion. The banquet was served at the Poodle Dog restaurant in San Francisco, and partaken of by forty guests, including members of the Stanford and California chapters, alumni of both universities, and Phis from many other institutions. Bro. D. Edward Collins, president of the board of trustees of the chapter house corporation, was the toast-master; the speeches of the evening were exceptionally clever.

The Phi base ball team is in active training, under the direction of Capt. Harry A. Kluegel, for a game with the Δ T nine. Other interfraternity games are expected to follow. Bro. Robert Moulthrop, first lieutenant and adjutant of the university cadets, is hard at work in conjunction with Professor Soule and the regimental officers laying plans for the annual parade, review and sham battle, April 29. Bro. Duncan McDuffie is to take part in the amateur circus to be given for the benefit of athletics near the end of the term.

Bro. Ben W. Reed has been elected manager of Mask and Gown, the student dramatic society. During the recent Stanford vacation, California Alpha enjoyed visits from several Phis from that chapter. Plans are now being laid for entertaining our friends on class day.

We introduce with much pleasure our latest initiate, Bro. Lathrop W. Jewett, '99, of San Francisco, a student in the College of Agriculture.

Yours in the Bond,

VICTOR HENDERSON.

Berkeley, April 6, 1899.

ALUMNI CLUBS.

BOSTON.

The Phi Delta Theta club of Boston held its annual meeting and dinner on alumni day, Dr. Spalding, of Williams, presiding as toast-master.

The meeting was favored with the presence of W. W. Case, the new president of Alpha province, who outlined his policy with reference to the different chapters. B. F. Hurd, *Cornell*, '91, was elected president for the ensuing year; A. W. Lyon, *Dartmouth*, '94, vice-president; W. K. Durbin, *Amherst*, '96, treasurer; W. W. Howe, *Buchtel*, '91, historian; Emerson Rice, *Dartmouth*, '87, reporter.

The evening was passed in pleasant reminiscences of college days, and expressions of renewed interest and loyalty to the fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,

Boston, April 1, 1899.

EMERSON RICE.

PROVIDENCE.

The Phi Delta Theta club of Providence held its first annual meeting on March 15, in the rooms of the active chapter. As we had joined with the active chapter in their anniversary banquet only a few weeks previous, it was decided that our celebration of alumni day should be of the nature of a smoker. The success of the occasion proved the wisdom of the choice, for as the boys gathered around the cheerful big fire and pulled their pipes of peace, story after story brought forth memories of past college days and the early history of the chapter.

Pop-corn and apples washed down with lemonade and coffee, topped off with good old 'Brown Mixture' in corn-cob pipes, reminded all of the impromptu 'feeds' after our meetings in days of old.

Later, to make the likeness more marked, we went through the alumni day ritual, all being especially impressed by hearing the Bond read once more. The chapter then proceeded to matters of business. A set of by-laws being adopted, Bro. A. T. Swift was re-elected president and Bro. A. M. McCrillis to fill the other offices. The social part of the evening was then resumed and lasted till the small hours, when we adjourned with best wishes for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and a strong determination to keep her in the front rank of college fraternities.

Yours in the Bond,

Providence, March 18, 1899.

ARTHUR M. MCCRILLIS.

NEW YORK.

The Phi Delta Theta club of New York banqueted at Sherry's on the evening of alumni day. Bro. J. M. Mayer was toast-master. The after-dinner speakers were: T. H. Baskerville, 'Old New York Delta'; Col. C. J. Wright, 'Army beef in 1865'; O. H. Hinck, 'The New York Delta'; Edwin Emerson, Jr., and Frank S. Angell, 'The Spanish imbroglio'; Frank S. Hackett, 'The spirit of the semi-centennial convention'; T. A. Winslow, 'Phi Delta Theta'; D. R. Horton, 'For the old Phis'; B. M. L. Ernst, 'Phis in debating'; Joseph S. Buhler, 'The latest initiate'; Geo. E. Farish, 'Western Phis'.

Among those present were: *Columbia*—J. M. Mayer, '86; T. H. Baskerville, '86; Dr. E. G. Brown, '93; F. B. Ware, '94; E. J. Riederer, '97; W. G. Kilian, '97; G. W. Rappold, '97; O. W. Ehrhorn, '98; O. H. Hinck, '99; F. S. Hackett, '99; R. R. Simpson, '99; W. M. Van

Name, '99; B. M. L. Ernst, '99; C. F. Bell, '00; J. S. Buhler, '01; G. E. Farish, '02; H. S. Riederer, '02; *C. C. N. Y.*—F. A. Winslow, '87; F. S. Angell, '90; G. L. Walker, '90; *Michigan*—S. H. Van Ruck, '97; R. M. Hardy, '98; F. C. Cheston, '98; *Cornell*—D. R. Horton, '75; *Colby*—D. J. Gallert, '93; *Lombard*—W. A. Johnson, '00; *Williams*—John Hill, '91; *Wabash*—F. P. McNutt, '91; *Miami*—Edwin Emerson, Jr., '91; *Lafayette*—Col. C. J. Wright, '61.

Yours in the Bond,

New York, March 24, 1899.

CHAS. A. WINTER.

PITTSBURGH.

The annual dinner of members of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Pittsburgh was held at the Henry hotel on the evening of March 15. Thirty-four Phis were present. The veteran of the evening was Bro. S. H. McKee, class of 1872, Monmouth college, and the youngest representatives were members of the classes of 1899 and 1901, at Allegheny.

R. B. Scandrett presided, and there were five set speeches: 'The goat,' J. A. Langfitt; 'Alumni day,' George Newton Chalfant; 'The alumni,' J. R. McQuaide; 'The Columbus convention,' Dwight N. Marble; 'Phis and Fees,' R. T. McElroy.

Among the impromptu speakers were Prof. Bignell and Bros. Gerwig, Peffer, Foster, Goodwin and Blickle.

One of the clever jokes of the evening was Bro. McElroy's sudden assumption of Bro. Scandrett's prerogatives as toast-master by suddenly rising and calling upon Prof. Farrar for a sentiment and a story. The victim was obliged to respond, but remarked it was the worst trick he ever had played on him. The witty stories and jests came fast then.

The election of officers resulted: President, Dwight N. Marble, formerly historian of the general council; secretary, J. M. Wright; treasurer, E. C. Chalfant; reporter, E. P. Couse.

Through the kindness of Bro. Marble congratulations were telephoned to the Cleveland alumni then in session, and greeting was received from them in return.

A letter from Bro. W. W. Case, province president, was read. His advice will be assimilated by Pittsburgh Phis to the best of their ability.

The impromptu remarks of Bro. Goodwin and his article in the recent number of THE SCROLL were favorably commented upon. Though Bro. Goodwin lives over in the hills of Cambria county, no distance is too great for him to go where Phis will talk and eat.

Pittsburgh alumni were well represented at the Columbus convention. Bros. Beazell and Marble went as delegates, and Bros. Goodwin and Peffer were visitors.

A complete list of those present at the dinner follows: G. N. Chalfant, *Lafayette*; J. R. Wright, *W. & J.*, '88; Th. Gjertson, *Lehigh*, '92; C. F. High, *Ohio State*, '91; R. Tschentscher, *Purdue*, '97; F. E. Park, *Williams*, '93; E. G. Stone, '87; R. W. Darragh, *Allegheny*, '93; C. A. Peffer, *Allegheny*, '94; W. P. Beazell, *Allegheny*, '97; Irwin Campbell, *Allegheny*, '01; F. A. Hartung, *Allegheny*, '99; P. C. Farrar, *W. & J.*, '91; R. T. McElroy, *Hanover*, '92; E. H. Pond, *Allegheny*, '83; E. C. Chalfant, *Lafayette*, '95; E. P. Couse, *Allegheny*, '89; C. L. Goodwin, *Indiana*, '83; D. N. Marble, *Centre*, '82; W. R. Blickle, *Lehigh*, '93; P. B. Straub, *Lehigh*, '97; S. B. Knox, *Lehigh*, '93; W. P. Bignell, *Allegheny*, '87; J. R. Bell, *W. & J.*, '87; G. W. Gerwig, *Nebraska*, '89; J. G. Cook, *W. & J.*, '82; W. T. Tredway, *W. & J.*, '86; S. H. McKee, *Monmouth*, '72; R. D. Scandrett, *W. &*

J., '85; J. A. Langfitt, *W. & J.*, '79; J. D. White, *W. & J.*, '82; J. R. McQuaide, *W. & J.*, '83; J. M. Wright, *Allegheny*, '96.

Bro. Arthur E. Linhart, former president of the alumni club, is in Porto Rico, where he is practicing law and looking after business interests.

Yours in the Bond,

Pittsburgh, March 30, 1899.

E. P. COUSE.

PHILADELPHIA.

The Phis of Philadelphia celebrated alumni day with a reunion at the local chapter house. There were fifty-four, all told, including alumni and active men. A very alluring programme of 'supper, smoking, refreshments and adequate entertainment all evening' had been sent out, and those who came were in no wise disappointed, for a right royal good time it proved.

Professional talent furnished the 'adequate entertainment,' and no investment ever yielded better returns. Musicians furnished popular airs or classical music, as desired, while the men were gathering. The programme was opened by two of the artists giving a trick musical performance. Then came cornet solos, bell ringing, disk playing and various other novelties. After these an important business meeting was begun, but to allow a little consultation an adjournment was taken for supper.

At supper we did not allow any grass to grow under our feet. After supper came the star performance of the evening. A very clever magician kept all hands interested and amused for over an hour. It was surprising, and several reasons restrain us from mentioning the many strange things that were discovered upon the persons of many of the men.

But the best returns of the entertainment, as an investment, were seen when the meeting was reconvened and it was made known that about \$1,000 had been subscribed among the active men and nearly \$3,000 among the alumni, toward the completion of the chapter house now building.

With a small additional sum yet needed (and at this writing almost arranged for), the house can be completed as originally planned. We shall then have a place worth about \$35,000.

Yours in the Bond,

Philadelphia, April 6, 1899.

GEORGE DOUGLAS CODMAN.

LOUISVILLE.

Alumni day was duly observed by the Louisville club. Frank Swope had decided that an informal smoker at his home would be more enjoyable than a course dinner with set speeches, and what Frank Swope thinks best for local Phis to do is always done by unanimous consent.

Phi Delta Theta, her teachings and her glory, was of course first and foremost in thought and on tongue; but the presence of 'Mistah Bud Johnsing' and sundry dusky confederates was responsible for some fearful and wonderful buck and wing dancing and rag-time melodies that were torn off by the yard. A sable orchestra, stationed in the hall, aided largely in the festivities.

Frank Swope, Peyton Bethel and Frank Kenney were loaded to the muzzle with reminiscences of the many delightful features of the Columbus convention, but each story of theirs was met with the expression: 'Just wait till the convention of 1900!'

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Informal meetings without number have been held on the subject of that next convention, and even now committees are at work in regard to the football game between Sewanee and one of the Kentucky colleges, a dinner at the Pennsylvania, an afternoon reception, a smaller dinner party, and a ball at the Galt house have been decided on as some of the methods of spending the hours not taken up by the business sessions of the convention.

Louisville's daughters are fair and justly famed for their charm and beauty, and the ladies of these are pledged to do all in their power to promote the pleasure of visiting Phis.

The mayor has promised to turn over the keys of the city, and the entire police force and all other disturbers of the peace will be duly notified that the regular order of business must be dispensed with when the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ convention assemblies here in November, 1900.

Yours in the Bond,

Louisville, March 9, 1899.

R. J. McBRIDE, JR.

AKRON.

The Phi Delta Theta club of Akron observed alumni day with a dinner and a reunion at the Empire hotel. The affair, however, was quite informal though thoroughly enjoyable. Doctor G. M. Todd, *Wooster*, '87, formerly also a member by affiliation with Pennsylvania Zeta, was chosen president and the undersigned, reporter. We are pleased to announce the return to Akron of Bro. Louis Schumacher, *Buchtel*, '77, after a prolonged stay in Germany, managing the affairs of the American Cereal Co. there.

Sincerely in Φ -acia

Akron, March 27, 1899.

S. EMERSON FINDLEY.

CLEVELAND.

The Phi Delta Theta club of Cleveland celebrated alumni day by holding its annual meeting and dinner at the Stillman.

Thirty Phis from fifteen chapters took their seats at the banquet table at seven o'clock. A sumptuous repast of eight courses was highly enjoyed. Phi songs and yells were interspersed among the courses.

After the coffee cups were emptied the meeting was called to order by President Howard A. Couse. The minutes were read and approved, as was the treasurer's report. The election of officers followed: G. K. Shurtleff, president; L. C. McLouth, vice-president and reporter; W. D. Mapes, secretary and treasurer; Rev. Ward L. Pickard, chaplain; Howard A. Couse, warden.

The committee appointed a year ago to look up the advisability of sending a missionary to some foreign country through the students' volunteer movement reported that it had conferred with Bro. Harrison and decided that the scheme was impracticable. Bro. Brockman was sent by private funds. The report was accepted and a vote of thanks given Bro. Shurtleff and committee.

After the closing of the business meeting toasts were responded to, Bro. H. A. Couse acting as toastmaster.

A number of bright and witty toasts were enjoyed, mingled with fraternity songs and yells. The toasts were: G. K. Shurtleff, 'Welcome, old friendships;' W. B. Palmer, 'History of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$;' Roy C. Gifford, 'Our baby—Ohio Eta;' W. T. Morris, 'Our last convention;' Thomas Martin, 'Southern Phis;' E. L. Findley, 'Fraternity and culture;' C. A. Gleason, 'Phis in the war;' G. R. Mansfield, 'The ladies;' H. H. Ward, 'The Chapter Grand;' J. A. Thompson, 'Reminiscences—the

goat.' Bros. Wood, Merriam and Gilbert were also called upon and responded.

The following were present: H. H. Ward, *Ohio State*, '90; W. T. Morris, *Williams*, '92; Howard A. Couse, *Allegheny*, '91; Walter B. Palmer, *Emory*, '77; Wells S. Gilbert, *Cornell*, '93; G. K. Shurtleff, *Syracuse*, '83; D. W. Jones, *Case*, '98; Wilbur J. Watson, *Case*, '98; Edwin L. Findley, *Buchtel*, '91; Cecil B. Clyde, *Case*, '00; Louis D. Gibson, *Case*, '02; Lewis C. McLouth, *Lansing*, '89; Edward V. Cross, *Case*, '99; Bertram D. Quarrie, *Case*, '01; Orrin F. French, *Case*, '98; Roy C. Gifford, *Case*, '99; Ellis J. Chesbro, *Allegheny*, '93; Samuel P. Bates, *Case*, '99; John W. Thompson, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '89; Thomas Martin, *Centre*, '83; W. H. Merriam, *Vermont*, '84; W. D. Mapes, *Williams*, '86; J. P. Alexander, *Case*, '99; C. A. Gleason, *Case*, '90; F. J. Warner, *Allegheny*, '88; G. R. Mansfield, *Amherst*, '97; H. C. Wood, *Amherst*, '93; W. A. Carter, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '92; George Chisell, Jr., *Ohio State*, '92.

Yours in the Bond,

Cleveland, March 16, 1899.

L. C. McLOUTH.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

The modest celebration of alumni day by the Phis of Columbus occurred Saturday evening, March 18, at the home of Ohio Zeta on North High street. For a number of reasons which seemed good to the local committee, it was thought best to adopt this plan of celebration rather than the usual dinner at a down-town hotel, and the date was changed to Saturday evening to be more convenient for the university boys and to enable us to have present on that occasion Bro. Walter B. Palmer, who was to arrive in the city Thursday, the 16th inst. The chapter sent out notices that open house would be kept at the house Saturday evening. Cigars and a plain Dutch lunch were on hand to help alumni and undergraduates to mix in brotherly fashion. Some twenty-five were present, of whom about ten were members of the alumni chapter, and the others the undergraduates of Ohio Zeta. Smoking and conversation made up the program of the early evening. The lunch in the dining room was followed by impromptu toast responses by Bro. W. B. Palmer, ex-president of the general council; W. T. Morris, province president; Dr. J. E. Brown and L. F. Sater, of the alumni, and Schlesinger, Woods, DeWitt and Buck, of the undergraduates. The affair was thoroughly enjoyable in every respect, and the boys of Ohio Zeta are much to be commended for the hospitable manner in which they opened their house, and the attractive way in which it was decorated for the occasion. Undoubtedly next year will see the regular celebration and dinner at one of our down town hotels.

In the Bond,

Columbus, March 20, 1899.

J. E. BROWN.

ATHENS, OHIO.

The Phi Delta Theta club of Athens, Ohio, was chartered October 19, 1898. It has an enrollment of some forty members. It recognizes south-eastern Ohio and the border-lands of West Virginia as its territory, with Athens, Ohio, as its headquarters.

Soon after we received notice that a charter had been granted us, a call for a meeting was issued. It was favored with quite a liberal response. Ohio Gamma favored us with an invitation to hold our meetings in their well-appointed halls. Accordingly we met, and the following set of officers were elected to hold until March 15: Bro. F. S. Coultrap, superintendent Athens public schools, president; I. M.

Foster, secretary and reporter; H. H. Haning, treasurer. A thorough organization was effected, Bro. C. G. O'Bleness being elected delegate to the national convention at Columbus, Ohio. The chapter adjourned, the next meeting being March 15, 1899.

The committee on alumni day issued invitations for a stag dinner at Hotel Berry, at 7:30 P. M. Some thirty brothers responded in person, while near fifteen replied with letters to be read at the banquet. It is confidently expected that the roll of the chapter will be swelled to sixty members by next alumni day.

Bro. Coultrap called us to order at 7:30, in the parlors of the hotel, for a short business session. The new officers elected are: Bro. A. A. Atkinson, professor in Ohio University, president; S. L. McCune, secretary and reporter; F. H. Super, treasurer. An adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where an elaborate dinner was followed with the toasts: F. S. Coultrap, '75, toastmaster; G. L. Pake, '85, 'The college man in the world;' C. G. O'Bleness, '98, 'William the Conqueror;' A. A. Atkinson, '91, 'Phis as seen by the faculty;' A. E. Price, '88, 'The political pot-pourri;' R. C. Super, '95, 'The Yankee pig;' H. E. Dickason, '77, 'Ohio Gamma, then and now;' S. L. McCune, '96, 'The graduate and his chapter;' N. H. Bennett, '99, 'Ohio Gamma.'

With 'informal remarks' Bros. H. H. Haning, I. M. Foster, W. K. Scott, F. H. Super, F. S. Coultrap and H. D. Cretcher, of Ohio Zeta, happily responded. Letters of regret were read from the following: Emmett Tompkins, Columbus; B. C. Vorhes, Albany; J. M. Hyde, Nelsonville; W. E. Bundy, Cincinnati; T. A. McFarland, Zaleski; Geo. DeCamp, Gallipolis; E. A. Tinker, T. L. Young, East Liverpool; L. D. Poston, Nelsonville; F. H. McVay, Stewart, and C. F. Heiser, Gallipolis, Ohio.

Resolutions were adopted extending the best wishes of those assembled to Bro. John F. Laird, prosecuting attorney, who was prosecuted at his home in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Much of the success of the banquet was due to the devotion and energy of the active chapter of the Ohio University; their entire number was in attendance.

The banquet did not close with the accustomed Phi yell, but instead, a silent toast was drunk to the dear memory of Bro. Ralph A. O'Bleness, whose injuries on the gridiron last fall proved fatal, and who is now a member of the Chapter Grand.

Among those in attendance we recall: F. S. Coultrap, '75; H. E. Dickason, '77; C. H. Welch, '78; G. L. Pake, '84; A. A. Atkinson, '91; J. C. Pickett, '93; H. H. Haning, '94; F. H. Super, '95; R. C. Super, '95; I. M. Foster, '95; S. L. McCune, '96; W. K. Scott, '98; C. G. O'Bleness, '98; H. L. Charter, '99; P. J. Welch, '01; and the following from the active chapter: N. H. Bennett, '99; T. H. Sheldon, '00; D. C. Casto, '01; J. P. Wood, '01; D. N. Witman, '01; W. R. Sheldon, '02; G. L. Gold, '02; C. D. Sheppard, '02; and the following pledged men: F. H. Tinker and T. W. Craig. From another chapter was Bro. H. D. Cretcher, '89, of Ohio Zeta; Bro. Rev. D. D. Canfield, of Illinois Alpha, who is located in Athens, was prevented from attending by business engagements.

This, the first annual observance of alumni day under the charter of an alumni club, was a decided success. All will gladly welcome the second annual banquet next March.

Fraternally,

I. M. FOSTER.

Athens, March 19, 1899.

DETROIT.

The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Detroit celebrated alumni day with Michigan Alpha at Ann Arbor. Since our last letter the Detroit Phis have indulged in two banquets and one informal dinner.

On the evening of November 12, 1898, we assembled around the banquet board with our Michigan Alpha boys here in Detroit. The evening was very pleasantly spent, and all agreed to make it an annual occurrence, since at this time of the year Michigan holds her annual foot ball game here with one of the leading western universities.

In February, eight of the local Phis met one evening for an informal dinner at Hotel Ste. Claire. These informal dinners after business hours seem to be the best way to get the boys together, and it is our intention to hold such meetings from time to time.

The banquet with our active chapter at Ann Arbor on the seventeenth inst. was a most enjoyable affair. Our boys of Michigan Alpha are royal entertainers and know how to arouse all of the latent Phi spirit available. A pleasant feature of the evening was the Kyad degree, which was given to fourteen men who had never been initiated into its mysteries. As Bro. Colton said, no well regulated family can keep house without the Kyad. Bro. Colton, who first introduced this degree to Michigan Alpha, was present to give his personal attention to this last initiation. After the Kyad we proceeded to do justice to an elaborate banquet and afterward listened to toasts and stories. Bro. Abbot, *Wabash*, '92, acting as toastmaster. The later hours were spent in singing songs and dancing to the inspiring music rendered by the boys. Another feature of the evening was the whistling of Bro. Ballou, *Ohio State*, '98, who was in town to attend the banquet.

In closing this letter the writer wishes to comment upon our Michigan chapter. It has never been our privilege to visit Ann Arbor before the late banquet, but the impressions gathered from the boys who compose Michigan Alpha are of the most complimentary character. Such a body of men are a credit to any fraternity, and we predict a brilliant future for our chapter at Ann Arbor.

In the Bond,

Detroit, March 19, 1899.

W. P. PUTNAM.

FRANKLIN.

Alumni day was fittingly observed by Franklin Phis. Over forty members of Indiana Delta and the Franklin alumni club, with their wives and lady loves, assembled in the parlors of the Leland, and enjoyed an hour's social good time before toastmaster R. A. Brown, '84, headed the procession to the dining room downstairs. The hotel was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The blue and white were everywhere, and occasional festoons of rose and green, and wine and blue gladdened the hearts of the Alpha Gams and Pi Phis who were present. The stair case was decorated with the good old red, white and blue, and to prove the patriotism of the company, none of the excellent music rendered by the Montani orchestra of Indianapolis was more heartily applauded than the medley of national airs. When 'Dixie' floated out on the air, the sigh of Bro. Slack, '99, was audible in all parts of the room. The company entered the dining room at ten o'clock. Here Phi Delta Theta and the white and blue were much in evidence. The walls, ceiling, chandeliers, tables—indeed everything reflected something of the dear old fraternity. Nor were the

societies marked here their names frequently appearing. At each place was a white card-table, and most of the ladies carried bunches of the fragrant flowers. The menu was an eight-page folder, with the title in gold on the cover and tied with knots of blue and white ribbons. The menu itself was headed by these lines from Eugene Field,

The menu that was served that night was mighty hard to beat;
Though somewhat awkward in performance, it was not so to eat.

There were ten courses and toward the close Bro. Alexander expressed grave doubts as to the truth of the closing phrase of Mr. Field's statement as applied to the present case.

After the ladies were seated, Master Brown arose and in a happy vein spoke of the occasion and its meaning. He read telegrams of regret from Bro. E. E. Stevenson, '81, and E. E. Ruby, *Indiana*, '97, who were prevented from coming at the last minute. Bro. E. L. Broughton, '90, responded to *Indiana Phis.* in Bro. Ruby's stead, and the dinner club filled in the gap made in the list by Bro. Stevenson's absence by electing officers for the coming year. Bro. C. H. Hall, in his response to 'The days of our youth,' gave an interesting account of the revival of *Indiana Phis.* in 1896 and of the organization of the local dinner club in 1897, it being the first such organization ever effected. The speakers were all happy in their efforts, and 'quips and jokes' kept the company in constant good humor. The toast list was as follows: 'What is the night?' E. M. Slack, '90; 'The goat,' A. Neal, '90, *Indiana Phis.*; E. E. Ruby, *Indiana*, '97; 'From the standpoint of the dinner,' E. E. Stevenson, '83; 'The days of our youth,' Bro. C. H. Hall, '90; 'Fraternity spirit,' H. G. Garber, *Hanover*, '90; 'O law and the boys of the world,' Frank Martin, '95; 'Columbia,' E. R. Owens, '94.

The clock in the dining room showed one hand pointing toward XII and the other toward III as the carriages whirled the revelers homeward, which was the long and which the short one. I shall leave to conjecture.

Among the guests were R. A. Brown, '84, of Indianapolis, clerk of the supreme court of Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, of Indianapolis; Bro. Martin, '84, being deputy auditor of state; Hugh Garber, '90, of Hanover College; Miss Kate Stewart, of Greensburg; Miss Emma McCoy, of Indianapolis; Maurice Douglas, '96, of Sulphur Hill; Ivory Drybread, '97, of Columbus, and J. U. Jones, '94, of Trafalgar.

In the Bond,

Franklin, March 10, 1899.

FRED R. OWENS.

INDIANAPOLIS.

The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Indianapolis met, as has become its custom, for a noon luncheon on alumni day, this year at the English cafe. Twenty-three Phis. were present, including members of all the Indiana chapters. Last year's officers were unanimously re-elected, Benjamin Harrison being president and W. A. Bastian, reporter. Messages of regret and greeting were received from General Harrison and Judge John V. Hadley, *Indianapolis*, '63.

Those present were: *Indianapolis*—Gen. Irwin Robbins, '60; J. C. Norris, '76; H. U. Brown, '80; F. R. Kautz, '87; Prof. Hugh Th. Miller, '88; R. F. Davidson, '92; F. C. Olive, '97; T. R. Shipp, '97; F. T. Brown, '97. *Indiana*—Amos W. Butler, '81; J. W. Fesler, '87; J. L. Mitchell, '89; Ralph Bamberger, '91. *Franklin*—R. A. Brown, '84; Frank Martin, '95; H. H. Woodsmall, '98. *DePaul*—W. A.

Bastian, '91; S. K. Ruick, Jr., '97. *Purdue*—Dr. R. G. Morgan, '94; F. C. Lingenfelter, '94. *Wabash*—T. A. Davis, '96. *Hanover*—T. C. Whallon, '98. *Wooster*—Rev. R. V. Hunter, '77.

The meeting was so thoroughly enjoyed, and reports of it roused such regrets in those who were unable to attend, that another will be held before the close of the present college year. The Indianapolis alumni are planning to go to Louisville en masse in 1900.

In the Bond,

Indianapolis, April 6, 1899.

W. A. BASTIAN,

CHICAGO.

On alumni day the Chicago Phis got together to show the world how they could love one another. Sixty-five brothers, past and present; aged and venerable men, with the glory of great deeds well done, and scintillating young freshmen from Chicago and Northwestern, sat side by side. Between the extremes were all sorts and conditions of Phis. There were lawyers and business men, in fact every profession was represented except the ministry. Mitchell got up the party. And Mitchell doesn't like ministers. Anyhow there were no ministers there, but there will be next year if we have to send to Indiana for one. The Dekes had a banquet here this spring and had two ministers on hand, and we are going to have one at our next meeting if we have to have one specially ordained. Lawyers preponderated at our banquet. The majority of the brothers present were either lawyers or wanted to be. This was probably because Mitchell is a lawyer and Mitchell got up the party. It was the first banquet the Chicago Phis have had for several days. There was a banquet at the Union League club when the fraternity went into the University of Chicago, but it was such an informal sort of an affair that the only man who attended in a dress suit was mistaken for a waiter and ordered to stay in the cloak-room and watch the overcoats. The trouble was that the brethren are so scattered in this great city as well as being considerably interested in the piling up of dollars and cents, that nobody has time to get up a banquet or think about it, except a few of the Phis who are newspaper men and who have more time left after counting up their dollars and cents than the others do. Then the Northwestern Phis and the Chicago Phis used to be accused of being jealous of each other. I do not say they were at all. Mind you, I say nothing of the kind. I want to keep right on living in Chicago and not for worlds,—no, not for two worlds, would I make such a hideous accusation. But they were accused of it. They both, so the little birds whispered, wanted the loving sympathy and financial favor of the Chicago alumni, and so any move made by one chapter towards corralling the aged brethren up in a big room where they could not escape and perhaps saying something about 'our needs' always met the disapproving frowns of the other chapter. But Mitchell fixed all that. Mitchell, you know, is Frank J. R. Mitchell, the new president of this province. The first thing he did after being anointed president was to hold up his right hand and swear even by the oil upon Aaron's beard that as long as he was the province president the Phis should have an alumni day banquet each year in Chicago. So he went out on the highway and byway this spring and invited the brethren to the feast. He hunted down every solitary brother that he could hear of; he fished Phis out of the top of tall office buildings and dug them from the remotest recesses of La Salle street. From Evanston to South Chicago he chased Phis and rounded them up on the campus of Northwestern University and

stalked them out on the prairies beyond the Midway. The finding of a new Phi was a greater joy to Brother Mitchell than the death of a great uncle worth two million dollars. To all doubters and scoffers who would say, 'Oh! you can't get up a Phi banquet in Chicago,' Mitchell would say, 'You just watch and see.' On March 15 Mr. Mitchell delivered the goods. At six o'clock sixty-five Phis sat down to dinner in the Union League club. Distinguished lawyers sat at the head of the table and beamed benignly, the brethren from the university on the Midway and they from Northwestern sat side by side and held hands, and Mitchell sat with them and led them with a sweet, sweet smile. A rapid count of noses around the table showed there were sixteen colleges represented. Frederick A. Smith, *Chicago*, '66, was toastmaster, and after the coffee and cigars had appeared introduced Judge C. C. Kohlsaas, *Chicago*, '67, the guest of honor. Of course, all the grand old Phis were guests of honor of the greater body of younger men who were mainly responsible for the banquet, but Judge Kohlsaas was especially signalled out in recognition of his recent appointment to the bench of the United States district court. Judge Kohlsaas made an address that was only disappointing because the committee had neglected to provide a stenographer so that the speech might have been taken down and published. Other speakers were A. H. Meads, *Syracuse*, '85; C. H. Remy, *Indianapolis*, '62; W. E. Higbee, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '83; William O. Wilson, *Chicago*, '97; W. S. Harbert, *Michigan*, '67; Col. Henry M. Kidder, *Northwestern*, '59; John T. Boddie, *Vanderbilt*, '87. Clay Buntain, '99, spoke for Northwestern and Frank Webb recited several selections that were encored and re-encored until the toastmaster decided that the brothers should have to listen to more speeches. Brother Mitchell was then called for and modestly related how he had managed to drive all the Chicago Phis into one room and keep them there five hours without locking the door. He also told of the convention at Columbus. A general love feast was next declared, and short speeches were made all around the board. Between times there were Phi yells, and Parson Davies, the best known Phi in Chicago, acted as chorister in the singing of tender and plaintive ditties, such as 'I want mah Loulou' and 'Ah don't a lov' a nobody.' The reporter who writes this tale of what happened at the Union League club on March 15 apologizes for the paucity of details in this account, but pleads in extenuation the fact that he was not elected to his exalted station until the meeting was almost over and of course had taken no notes of what had transpired. The election for president resulted in the selection of Bro. W. S. Harbert for president for the ensuing year. Bro. F. L. Davies, *Cornell*, '98, was made chairman of the committee to arrange for the next meeting. Among the letters of regret read at the banquet were those from Ex-vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, Judge W. A. Woods, the Hon. R. A. D. Wilbanks and Isaac R. Hitt, (you all know Hitt), of Washington, D. C. Altogether the occasion was a delightful one to all the Phis who had the good fortune to be present. More than that, it developed the fact that there is as much love burning for the old fraternity in the breasts of the Chicago alumni as there ever was, and all that is needed to bring them together is merely somebody to name a time and place and say 'Come on!' The Chicago alumni club is now on a solid basis; so eager are the brothers to get together again that it is not probable they will be willing to wait a whole year, but that another Phi

banquet will occur within a few months. Such was the inspiration that came out of alumni day.

In the Bond,

RICHARD HENRY LITTLE.

Chicago, April 11, 1899.

MADISON, WISCONSIN.

The Madison alumni have not yet been organized into a club. They are numerous, however, and took part this year in the celebration of alumni day; so that a report of the meeting from the point of view of the alumnus may be in order.

The men of Wisconsin Alpha made the alumni guests of honor on this occasion. In addition to twenty-seven members of the university chapter the following were present: Dr. John E. Davies, *Lawrence*, '59, professor of physics at Wisconsin; Dr. E. D. Jones, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '92, professor of statistics; Prof. F. A. Parker, *Northwestern*, '63, of the department of music; E. R. Maurer, *Wisconsin*, '90, of the department of engineering; Prof. B. V. Swenson, *Illinois*, '93, of the department of engineering; Hon. John Whitehead, *Wabash*, '77, of Janesville; Dr. George Keenan, *Wisconsin*, '82, late consul at Bremen; Chas. H. Schweitzer, '87, of La Crosse; Leslie T. Hubbell, '98, of Duluth, and L. J. Pickarts, '87, A. B. Winegar, '88, W. A. Curtis, '89, and Louis McL. Hobbins, '98, of Madison. These forty Phis met at the chapter house at seven o'clock to begin at once the consideration of an elaborate menu and an interesting toast list, practically all the alumni present figuring on the latter. The banquet proper did not end till half past nine. The unavoidable absence of Prof. A. R. Priest, *DePauw*, '91, of the department of oratory, who takes a most active interest in the chapter, was a source of much regret, as was the inability to be present of our remaining three resident alumni. Twelve colleges and universities were represented among the guests: Wisconsin, Lawrence, Wabash, Purdue, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Minnesota, Illinois, Northwestern, Carthage and Ohio Wesleyan. Eighteen of the forty present had Phi relatives, six of those at the table being related to each other; one had five, three had three, three had two. Twelve of the undergraduates were related to other Phis, three to Phis of other chapters. One was son of a Wabash B Θ Π, one of a Hamilton Δ K E, one of a Columbia Ψ Υ, one was grandson and nephew of Dartmouth Ψ T's, one was brother of a Brown B Θ Π and of a Michigan Δ T Δ, one brother of a Columbia A T Ω, three were cousins and nephews of Δ K E's, A Δ Φ's and Σ X's. It may be noted further that nine were Episcopalians and six Catholics.

Other details of this delightful meeting will be found in Wisconsin Alpha's letter to this issue.

In the Bond,

Madison, March 29, 1899.

WARDON A. CURTIS.

ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS.

The Phis of St. Paul and Minneapolis celebrated alumni day by holding, at the West Hotel in Minneapolis, one of the largest and most successful banquets which the association has ever given in the course of its existence. The arrangements were in charge of the active chapter of the university, and the guests of honor were: Hon. James Gray, mayor of Minneapolis, and Hon. N. C. Young, *Iowa*, '86, of the North Dakota supreme court. All the members of Minnesota Alpha, both active and alumni, know who witty, bright, genial Jim

Gray is and it came as no surprise to his friends and acquaintances that when the Democracy of Minneapolis looked about last fall for the best man they had to nominate for mayor of the city, they should choose the man who had proved himself in his newspaper work intelligent, honest and capable, as well as a rattling good fellow. And having nominated him, it was no surprise either that they should elect him with a handsome majority—the first Democratic mayor that Minneapolis has known in many years. Through an unfortunate misunderstanding Judge Young was unable to be present at the banquet, and those who were unfortunate in this regard thus missed the opportunity of meeting a brother who has not hitherto been present at one of our banquets, but whose fame as a man of sterling worth and enthusiastic devotion to the fraternity had preceded him and caused his presence to be looked forward to as a star event of the evening.

Bro. Leonard A. Straight, who needs no introduction to the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and who has been the very efficient president of the alumni association for the past year, presided at the banquet as toastmaster. Bro. Straight's stories are always good. They need to be, to stand the wear and tear of time and use to which they are subjected. Toasts were responded to by Bros. James Gray, *Minnesota*, '85; Oscar Hallam, *Wisconsin*, '87; H. N. T. Allen, *Minnesota*, '88, and others. Telegrams of regret were read from Judge Young and from our former province president, Bro. J. G. Wallace.

The election of officers at the conclusion of the toast programme resulted as follows: J. E. Crews, *DePaul*, '82, president; W. H. Condit, *Minnesota*, '96, secretary and treasurer; W. F. Hunt, *Ohio State*, '87, reporter.

Yours in the Bond,

St. Paul, April 5, 1899.

WM. F. HUNT.

ST. LOUIS.

The annual banquet of the St. Louis alumni club of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ occurred at the Planters' Hotel on March 25. Thirty-five Phis were present, including the members of Missouri Gamma and two active members of Missouri Alpha. Bros. Seward, *Cornell*, '97; Barr, *Hanover*, '77; Flitcraft, *Michigan*, '67, and Clark, *Washington*, '95, were kept away at the last minute. Besides the undergraduates there were present: *Washington*—Bros. Danforth, '91, McCulloch, '91, Collins, '92, Hall, '92, Rutledge, '92, Hudson, '93, Harrison, '95, Carter, '96, Wilson, '97, Boeck, '97, Caldwell, '97, Chappell, '97; *Missouri*—Bros. Thompson, '98, Burruss, '99, Ried, '00; Bros. Pitman, *Vanderbilt*, '97; Renaud *Tulane*, '95; Barton, *Roanoke*, '89, and Schurman, *Cornell*, '77. Bro. Roper, *Cornell*, '83, was also a member of Missouri Gamma.

The after-dinner speakers were Bros. Chaplin, Adkins, Collins and T. B. Carter, of Missouri Gamma, Bros. Thompson and Burruss, of Missouri Alpha, and Bro. Roper, of New York Alpha.

The report from the treasurer of the chapter house fund showed that over six hundred dollars in notes had been added to it this year, and that its total was about twenty-four hundred dollars, of which about five hundred dollars was in cash. The chapter house movement was thoroughly discussed, and the new officers elected for the ensuing year pledged themselves to make every effort to increase the fund. The new officers are: Bro. Danforth, president; Bro. Pitman, vice-president; Bro. Wilsley, historian; Bro. Pettus, secretary and treasurer.

Yours in the Bond,

T. F. CHAPLIN.

St. Louis, March 26, 1899.

NEW ORLEANS.

Your reporter is sorry to admit that he is not able to arrogate to himself any of the honor for the triumphant success of the alumni day banquet of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of New Orleans. All credit justly belongs to the committee of which Bro. Martin, Tulane's latest initiate, was a leading member. Considering the fact that the dinner was arranged on only twenty-four hours' notice, and in a large and gay city like New Orleans, all the more credit is due the committee for securing the attendance of nearly thirty members—over half the number of our alumni. Previous engagements prevented the presence of the others.

Bro. E. T. Merrick, of Vanderbilt, was toastmaster, and Judge R. H. Marr, of the same chapter, was one of the speakers of the evening. Your reporter has had the good fortune to attend every banquet or dance given by the Phis of this city, but never before did he see displayed such intense Phi enthusiasm. An event like this is of great significance, and the result will be of incalculable benefit to the active chapter at Tulane University. The direct result of this banquet is that the New Orleans alumni are going to, or, rather, have actually organized for the purpose of considering plans for a chapter house at Tulane. The first steps to this end were taken at the banquet.

Your reporter is sorry that he is not able to give the toast of Bro. Dr. C. H. Tebault, Jr., who, as many remember, was surgeon in charge of the officers' hospital and who was Gen. Leonard Wood's family physician in Santiago de Cuba, and that of Dr. Hamilton Jones, who did heroic work in all the battles around Santiago. With pen descriptions from Bro. Wat Cluverius, one of the surviving officers of the *Maine*, and the reports just mentioned, New Orleans Phis could furnish $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ with an interesting volume of war history. Bro. Cluverius is on his way to the Philippines, and is engaged to Admiral Sampson's youngest daughter. A toast to 'Our brothers in the army and navy,' was the last of the evening.

The same officers were re-elected, and it was decided, after the Lenten season, to give a big fraternity ball at the Atheneum. Those Phis who did not avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing our Mardi Gras festivities can make full reparation by coming to our state fair, to be held here May 4-25. President McKinley will be present to review a grand naval parade in the Mississippi river.

Yours in the Bond.

New Orleans, March 16, 1899.

GRANTLAND L. TEBAULT.

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

On March 15 one half of the Phis in Calcasieu parish had supper together at the Hotel Howard. It is true that none were present but Dr. A. J. Perkins, *Southwestern*, '86, and O. L. Simmons, *Purdue*, '93, but, so far as known, there are only four Phi Delta Thetas in the parish. Dr. D. S. Perkins, *Southwestern*, '87, lives at Sulphur, and he was not in town. District Attorney A. R. Mitchell, *Central*, '92 was kept at home by serious illness in his family. The celebration of alumni day would have been much more formal but for the recent death here of Bro. Ralph Howard, *Central*, '95.

The beginning has been made in our reunions, and later affairs will no doubt be more pretentious. We who celebrated the day this year lived over again our college and chapter days in delightful fashion.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

Lake Charles, April 2, 1899.

ORVILLE L. SIMMONS.

AUSTIN

It is a pleasure to know that the suggestions made at the convention in regard to the organization of new alumni clubs have not fallen on barren ground. The editor of THE SCROLL has received clippings from the daily papers of Austin for March 14, which show that our Texas Phi is well aware of a meeting was held on alumni day at the Lyceum, and it was decided to draw up an application for charter as an alumni club. Bro. J. E. Caldwell, '94, was chairman of the meeting, and Bro. E. H. Eves, '94, secretary. In Austin there are seventeen resident alumni at the University of Texas as many more undergraduate Phis, and at Georgetown, in Texas Gamma, a larger number. Georgetown is only twenty-five miles from Austin. Delegates from Texas Beta and Texas Gamma were present at this meeting, and an executive committee was appointed to attend to the preparation of a formal application. Its members are John A. Lomax, '94; W. H. V. Williams, '94; E. H. Eves, '94; J. E. Caldwell, '94; J. W. Snyder, Jr., '94.

SAN FRANCISCO

The annual dinner of the Phi Delta Theta club of San Francisco was given at the Pacific Log restaurant in this city, on Saturday evening, March 14. It is our custom for the undergraduates of California Alpha and Beta to meet with us on this occasion, and as the members of the beautiful chapter and some others must come from a distance, it is more convenient to make the time of meeting Saturday evening. Thirty-seven loyal Phis gathered around one large circular banquet table so that all could see and be seen, hear and be heard with equal facility. Besides active and alumni members of California Alpha and Beta there were present Bro. C. O. Perry, *DePauw*, '69; W. H. Anderson, *Southwestern*, '76; and T. E. Haven, *Williams*, '87. It is interesting to note that all of these archcharter members of their respective chapters. Every class of California A since its organization in 1870 was represented, except eight. Of the class of 1873 all were present: Bros. Otis, Reinstein and Scott.

After the menu was demolished the following speakers were listened to with much interest: D. Edward Collins, *California*, '74, toastmaster; C. O. Perry, *DePauw*, '69; Wm. Nat. Friend, *California*, '86; Dr. L. S. Burchard, *California*, '75; Homer A. Boushey, *California*, '91; Frank Otis, *California*, '73; Wm. O. Morgan, *California*, '87; W. H. Anderson, *Southwestern*, '86; A. J. Brown, *California*, '89; Ralph E. Gilman, *Stanford*, '99. The toasts were interspersed with instrumental music by Bro. C. E. Parcels, *California*, and Bro. Marion Waite, Roy Schulz, and Charles Waite, *Stanford*; and by singing fraternity and college songs and giving fraternity and college yells.

Heartly fellowship and good cheer marked the gathering, not only on account of the excellent appointments and the genial feeling and the happy toasts, but because of the encouraging reports from the two California chapters, both of which are in a flourishing condition. The establishment of Theta province will tend to cement this bond of fellowship.

Yours in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,

San Francisco, March, 1899.

E. F. GOODYEAR,

SPOKANE.

The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Spokane met on the evening of March 15 to celebrate alumni day. Those present were W. C. Sivyver, *Wabash*, '83; J. W. Pinfield, *Ohio State*, '89; L. G. Nash, *Wisconsin*, '91; H. B. Ferris, *Illinois*, '94; J. P. Helpfrey, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '98, and Thos. H. Jones, *Central*, '99, who attended, in a box party, the performance of 'The School for Scandal' by the James-Kidder-Warde company. After this they enjoyed a social supper at Davenport's restaurant, when 'our founders,' 'the fraternity' and '*alma mater*' were toasted. Many reminiscences were given of chapter life by each Phi present. It was an occasion of great pleasure and enjoyment.

Judge Norman Buck, *Lawrence*, '59, and Judge J. Z. Moore, *Miami*, '67, were unable to be present on account of business engagements. Brother Helpfrey was down from the storm center of mining excitement, Republic, Wash., and was thus able to meet with the Spokane alumni.

Yours in the Bond,

HIRAM B. FERRIS.

Spokane, March 19, 1899.

MANILA.

A business meeting and dinner of the members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in Manila was held at the Paris restaurant Thursday evening, January 26, at seven o'clock, in response to a call circulated by Bro. D. D. Thornton, *Wisconsin*, '94, assistant surgeon of the 1st Colorado. Bro. J. B. Kemper, *Cincinnati*, '99, lieutenant of the 14th Infantry, U. S. A., read the first account of the Columbus convention that had penetrated to the far east. Along with our discussion of the troublous times and immense amount of guard duty we were supposed to do, we elected Bro. Thornton president, and the undersigned reporter, decided to hold meetings the second Saturday in each month, to make our organization regular and permanent and to prepare an application for charter as an alumni club. We had what we termed a 'big time.' Just as your reporter was preparing to put his letter into proper shape, the explosion came; so for the time being our plans will have to be adjourned, as we are badly scattered and very busy.

In the Bond,

JAMES BROWN KEMPER.

Manila, March 1, 1899.

PERSONAL.

FREDERICK FUNSTON, KANSAS, '92.

The most conspicuous figure throughout the conflict between the Filipinos and the Americans has been Col. Frederick Funston, of the 'Fighting Kansas' regiment. His charge across the fields and over the breast-works at Caloccau, leading his men in cheering as in fighting; his dash under fire through the river before Marilao, where he led the Kansas and Montana men who enacted this revival of Kipling's 'Taking of Lungtungpen;' his ride into Malolos itself, 'always at the front,' the first man to raise the stars and stripes in Aguinaldo's capital—these are some of the exploits that have come before us all in the brief messages from the front.

At the capture of Caloccan he led the brigade in their charge through the jungle lined with Filipino sharpshooters and across the plain before the insurgent earthworks. They charged with bayonets fixed, reserving their fire, cheering as they ran through the fields in the face of a blinding fire and carrying the entrenchments with a rush. On the next day the Kansas legislature tendered Colonel Funston and his regiment their 'sincere thanks for the noble and brave manner' in which they had performed the duties assigned them, 'and especially for gallantry in action before Manila.' A copy of the resolution was sent to Colonel Funston, to be read to the regiment at dress parade.

James Creelman, the war correspondent, cabled to the *New York Journal*, in his account of the taking of Malolos:

At the end of the main street there was a stone barricade. Scattering bold spirits among the insurgents, concealed behind this, poured a hot fire into the Kansas ranks.

But Colonel Funston, leaping from his horse and swinging his hat, yelled, 'Give them hell, boys!' With the colonel at their head the Kansas men dashed over the barricade and down the street with terrific yells, firing volleys as they ran.

The papers are all telling how, when a superior force was concentrating its fire on his Kansans in an exposed position, General McArthur sent an orderly to ask how long he could hold his own; and how he sent back his reply 'Until the regiment is mustered out'—which does not seem in the light of events to have been an overstatement. The *Boston Globe* said of this reply: 'Such an ideal soldier should never be mustered out until the age limit retires him from the



COLONEL FREDERICK FUNSTON, KANSAS, '92.

army. May he be spared to his country and its service until that event takes place!"

The Kansas and Missouri papers have been filled, during the past few months, with little else than the exploits, present and past, of Funston and his men, among whom were three Phi lieutenants. The *New York Herald* of April 9 gave almost an entire page to pictures and descriptions of events in Colonel Funston's career. The picture of the 'Little Colonel' and the story of his romantic life have appeared in the most unexpected quarters. His home is besieged by correspondents in search of 'stories,' and none of his Kansas relatives has a photograph of him left. 'We have given them all to newspaper men,' said his father in answer to a recent urgent request. The governor of Kansas cabled to the colonel on April 1, after his entry into Malolos: 'Kansas honors you and your brave men.' The way seems clear for a brigadier-generalship, and there is already prophecy of 'Governor Funston.' Kansas feels rightly that her glory is not one whit less than that of New York.

Among the details of the career of this 'modern soldier of fortune,' as the *New York Herald* calls him, we may note some things which have not appeared in the notes in THE SCROLL in April, 1897, and February, April and October, 1898. Colonel Funston was born in North Carlisle, Ohio, November 9, 1865, but has been a citizen of Kansas since 1868. While in the public schools he ran away, with two other boys, to an Indian reservation, where he lived on excellent terms with the red men till his parents found him, two months later. The old Osage chief, Black Dog, is still a great friend of Funston's, and sent for him when he returned from Cuba last year. Frederick Funston was initiated into Kansas Alpha of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in September, 1886, his brother being also a member of that chapter. When his father ran for congress, in 1886, the son not only aided him in preparing his speeches, but took the stump himself most effectively. In 1888 he became editorial writer on a Democratic paper in Little Rock, but took advantage of the absence of the editor-in-chief to come out for the Republican ticket and left on the next train after his employer's return. After some mining experiences in California, he became a cowboy on the famous IXI ranch in Texas. While here, he dislodged alone a party of marauding Apaches by climbing to a cliff over their camp and using his rifle and a large supply of fire crackers with such effect as to convince them that a regiment was attacking them. While on a visit to

Chihuahua, he fought a duel with a toreador who had slapped a flower girl when leaving the arena after a bull fight. The toreador was disabled for several months, it may be remarked. Many details of his adventures in Alaska have come out recently. One of the most exciting was being cast away in Bering sea on a crumbling iceberg for three days. Another was being lost in the Yukon country with some of the members of a scientific expedition. One of the most frequently repeated incidents of his Cuban campaign is the one that marks his part in the battle of Bayamo, when his horse was shot under him thirty yards from the Spanish lines, and he waited to save his saddle and bridle and carried them off the field, under fire of 2,500 men.

It seems that while her husband is at the front, Mrs. Funston is acting adjutant of the regiment, doing all of his work she can in his absence.

Just as THE SCROLL goes to press comes the report of the 'Little Colonel's' last deed of daring. On April 25, while advancing on Calumpit, Funston and five men who answered his call for volunteers crawled along the iron girders of a wrecked bridge in the face of a fire from the Filipino trenches on the opposite bank, slid down to the water when they reached the broken span, swam to shore, crawled up the bank, the little colonel leading the way to the trenches, revolver in hand. Colonel Funston said afterward: 'It was not much to do. We knew they couldn't shoot straight and that our boys would attend to them while we were crossing.'

EDWIN EMERSON, JR., MIAMI, '91.

Edwin Emerson, Jr., whose portrait is published in this number, is a Phi with an unusually checkered career. Though the son of an American college professor, he was born and brought up abroad. In 1888 he accompanied his brother, Prof. Alfred Emerson, to Miami University, and with him became a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ there.

According to those who saw much of young Emerson during his early student days, he was one of the wildest and at the same time most brilliant fellows who ever electrified the peaceful atmosphere of the venerable *alma mater* of our fraternity. Though a first-class honor man in his studies, he lived in constant feud with the college authorities and with the city marshal of the old Ohio town. He it was who precipitated a skillfully constructed straw dummy from the roof of one of the old dormitory buildings down into the ranks of demure college maidens filing through the campus

below. For this crime Emerson was formally forbidden to enter either the grounds or the buildings of either of the two women's colleges situated near Miami University, while the girls were even more strictly prohibited from visiting the university campus or from otherwise exposing themselves to the dangerous proximity of so depraved a villain. He it



EDWIN EMERSON, JR., MIAMI, '91, AT CAMP WIKOFF.

was, too, who cracked the ancient college bell by filling its inverted bowl with water on a freezing night, and who brought upon himself the wrath of the college president by sending the clapper of the bell to the chairman of the university board of trustees, by way of a Christmas present. At a province convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at Miami, Emerson, who was one of the delegates, enlivened the proceedings by get-

ting up a masquerade ball and a torchlight procession. Two of the delegates, whom he invited to go horseback riding with him, nearly broke their necks. Finally Emerson's restless energies outran all bounds, and he left the college under compulsion without completing his course.

Soon afterward distant echoes reached Miami from the plains of Colorado to the effect that Emerson had been encountered there on a ranch earning his living as a cow puncher and bronco buster. This proved to be the case.

Next he turned up in the east as a scholarship man and private secretary of President Andrew D. White, at Cornell. Here the erring son was once more received into the fold of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. When President White was appointed ambassador to Russia, Mr. Emerson was to accompany him to St. Petersburg as attaché, but he seemed to prefer to complete his college course. Accordingly he accepted another scholarship at Harvard, and finished his course there with highest honors in literature. Incidentally he distinguished himself as college athlete and staff writer on the *Harvard Advocate*. In 1891 he took his degree.

A Boston editor promptly sent the young graduate to Europe to act as the foreign correspondent of his newspaper in London and Paris. When Mr. Emerson returned after a year or so, it was to become a member of the editorial staff of the *New York Evening Post*. From this newspaper he was called to a more responsible position on the *New York Sun*. On the death of his chief, the late Charles A. Dana, he resigned from the staff of the *Sun* to take an independent part in New York's political campaign of 1896. After this municipal event, President Low, of Columbia, appointed Mr. Emerson to the secretaryship of one of the colleges of that university.

This office he held until February 15, the date of the explosion of the *Maine* in Havana harbor. Then he resigned his collegiate post and went to the front. In the guise of a German war correspondent he entered Cuba after the departure of Consul-general Lee from Havana, and later went to Porto Rico, where he co-operated with Lieutenant Whitney of the U. S. army, sent there as a secret service agent of the war department.

In Porto Rico Emerson was captured and imprisoned to await trial by the Spanish military authorities. Before his identity could be discovered, however, he escaped, and tracking his way across the mountains to the coast, sailed away in a small boat to the Danish West Indies, where he effected a junction with Lieutenant Whitney.

Both returned to Washington to report in person to Gen. Miles and the Secretary of War. Here Emerson received an urgent invitation from Theodore Roosevelt to join his Rough Riders at the earliest opportunity. By the time this message arrived in Washington the American troops were already on their way to Cuba. Mr. Emerson embarked on the next transport carrying reinforcements to the front and reached Cuba just in time to join Col. Roosevelt's regiment as it was moving into action. By special order he was mustered into the ranks of the Rough Riders on the spot, and thus enjoyed the unusual privilege of going into active service without any of the customary tedious preliminaries. His personal bearing during his first engagement was such that Gen. Wheeler's attention was drawn to him, and at the general's request the newly arrived trooper was forthwith transferred to duty at general headquarters. Thenceforth Emerson served under the immediate orders of Gen. Wheeler, remaining with him throughout the Santiago campaign and at Camp Wikoff until the Rough Riders were mustered out of service.

After his return to civil life Mr. Emerson once more took up his work as an active journalist and writer. He became the special correspondent of *Collier's Weekly*, and was dispatched first to the Philippines and then to Cuba to make close observations of all the stirring changes effected by the American military occupation of those islands. Interesting articles on these and kindred subjects appeared at the same time over his signature in the *Century*, the *Review of Reviews*, *McClure's*, *St. Nicholas*, the *Criterion*, *Munsey's* and *Leslie's Weekly*.

The name of Edwin Emerson, Jr., may be found on the title pages of the following books: 'Pepys' Ghost,' 'In War—In Peace' and 'Told by a Trooper.' He is also the permanent editor of 'The American College Year Book and Athletic Record.'

Willis P. King, *Missouri*, '86, was war correspondent for the Kansas City *World* in Cuba.

Lee W. Branch, *Emory*, '92, was a first lieutenant in the 3d Georgia when mustered out last week.

Pennsylvania—The class of '96 is securing a fund for the permanent endowment of a prize in memory of Bro. Harrison G. Kimball, who died in the hospital last fall on his return from service in Porto Rico. The prize will be offered in the architectural department, in which he was a student.

Lieut. Edward W. Hearne was born in Van Buren Co., Iowa, in 1873. After graduating from the Keosauqua high school he entered Iowa Wesleyan University. Here he was always known as a good student and an enthusiastic Phi, being prominent in the military department and in athletics, as well as in literary work. In his senior year he was editor-in-chief of the *Iowa Wesleyan*. After his graduation he entered the Y. M. C. A. Work at Oskaloosa, Iowa. On account of his executive ability and charming personality he was soon made state secretary of college work, which office he held at the breaking out of the late war. Being a sergeant in Co. F, 3d Regiment, I. N. G., he went with his company to Des Moines, where he was elected second lieutenant. He is now with his regiment, the 51st Iowa, in the Philippines.



LIEUT. EDWARD W. HEARNE,
Iowa Wesleyan, '94.

He was stationed for some time at Iloilo, but has now gone to Malalos.

PHIS IN ARMY AND NAVY.

The following Phis in army and navy have been reported, in addition to those previously mentioned:

Major D. D. McLeod, *Auburn*, '84, 2d Alabama, Jacksonville.

First Lieutenant D. D. Thornton, *Wisconsin*, '94, assistant surgeon, 1st Colorado, Manila.

Captain Charles C. Tear, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '83, Co. G, 14th Minnesota, Chickamauga.

Second Lieutenant Graham L. Johnson, *Georgia*, '00, appointed by President McKinley from civil life.

Second Lieutenant N. R. Chamblis, *Alabama*, '90, appointed by President McKinley from civil life.

Second Lieutenant Amos Townsend, *Knox*, '96, appointed by President McKinley from civil life.

Ensign D. M. Addison, *Gettysburg*, '95, assistant paymaster U. S. N. (honorably discharged April 11, 1899).

Second Lieutenant Hiram Cassidy, Jr., *Mississippi*, '87, regimental quartermaster, 2d Mississippi, Jacksonville.

Lieutenant Thomas J. J. See, *Missouri*, '89, professor of mathematics in the naval academy and director of the nautical almanac.

Second Lieutenant Guy E. Manning, *Washington and Lee* and *Ohio Wesleyan*, '93, appointed by President McKinley from civil life.

Private Edwin Emerson, Jr., *Miami*, '89, 1st U. S. V. Cavalry Roosevelt's 'Rough Riders'; Santiago (later on staff of Gen. Wheeler).

W. L. Burnett, Jr., *Auburn*, '01, has been appointed to a cadetship in the U. S. naval academy, at Annapolis.

Thos. C. Longino, *Virginia*, '92, is now assistant surgeon, with rank of first lieutenant, in the regular army.

Wisconsin—Lieut. L. A. Curtis, '94, has gone to Manila with his regiment, the 12th Infantry, U. S. A.

Bro. Clay Allen, *Northwestern*, '98, was a first lieutenant, not second lieutenant (as reported in THE SCROLL), and adjutant of the 22d Kansas.

Ohio—Ensign Louis R. De Steiguer, '87, has been relieved of his duties on board the repair ship *Vulcan* and ordered to resume his post on the *Montgomery*.

A late number of the *K A Journal* named 'Bodily Huff, Washington University, '97,' as a Phi in the 3d U. S. V. Engineers. Mr. Huff is not a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Gettysburg—Lieut. H. E. Gettier, '93, is assistant surgeon in the 10th Cavalry, U. S. A., and not in a Pennsylvania volunteer regiment, as at first reported.

L. S. Doten, *Vermont*, '97, has accepted an appointment to a position in the navy department at Washington, D. C. The appointment was the result of his receiving the highest grade in a competitive civil service examination.

Edgar Russell, *Missouri*, '82, now a captain in the U. S. V. signal corps in the Philippines, but before the war a first lieutenant in the 6th artillery, U. S. A., has been designated as one of the officers to be retained in the service.

De Pauw—James U. Brown, '86, was senior first lieutenant (Co. E) of the 21st Kansas, and the only member of the Kansas legislature of 1897-8 to enlist in the volunteer army. His present address is Tribune, Greeley county, Kansas.

Mercer—G. C. Conner, Jr., '93, formerly first lieutenant of company F, First Georgia, has been chosen captain. His place was filled by another Phi, R. C. Hazelhurst, '87, who had been second lieutenant in the same company, which was recruited from Macon.

General H. V. N. Boynton, *K. M. I.*, '58, who was mustered out of the volunteer service on April 12, has been appointed one of the three members of the commission on brevets, medals and awards for distinguished service in the war with Spain.

The Nebraska Phis have had hard fighting all along. In the capture of Malolos, and on the day preceding, their regiment had the hardest work and suffered the greatest loss. They drove the rebels on the second day from the earth-works where they had made their only effective stand.

Nebraska—W. H. Oury, '97, formerly captain of Nebraska volunteers, but now second lieutenant, Twenty-third Infantry, U. S. A., has been in the custom house in Manila, after a term of service in the presidency of the water-works. He and Bro. Russell were both ordered back to their regiments when hostilities with the insurgents broke out.

Washington and Jefferson—C. Ward Eicher, '96, of Greensburg, Pa., who was a corporal in Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania, now in Manila, has been discharged from the service and is now at home. Bro. Eicher participated in the battle of Malate and in the siege of Manila. His brother, Alex. Eicher, '99, is still with the regiment.

The University of Pennsylvania will build a \$60,000 gate way as a memorial to her sons who died in the war with Spain. It will be an archway surmounted by a four or five-story building, affording dormitory accommodations for some 40 students, and supported by massive stone towers. Bro. H. G. Kimball, '96, is one of the Pennsylvania men who died in the service.

Nebraska—A recent letter to the editor from Lieut. Philip W. Russell, '98, now at Manila, contained the following: 'We Phis out here feel our fraternity ties grow stronger every day and the memory of past associations sweeter. Nothing will give me greater pleasure than to enter the chapter house once more and take part in some of the ceremonies of the ritual. It is only now that I have come to appreciate how much $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ really was and is to me.'

Brother Russell has been detailed with Gen. Hughes in the municipal administration at Manila, but is now an aide to Gen. H. G. Otis.

Indianapolis—John Randolph Spears, '72, well known as war correspondent for *Harper's Weekly* and the *New York Sun*, and as a contributor of war articles to *Scribner's* and

other magazines, is the author of a volume on 'Our Navy in the War with Spain,' published by Charles Scribner's Sons. Besides being a good narrative writer, Bro. Spears is an authority on the scientific side of sea power and naval construction. He was once a cadet at Annapolis. As an eye witness of the events of the Havana blockade and of the Santiago campaign he gives to his story a vividness and a completeness which add greatly to its interest and value.

Washington and Jefferson—Capt. Frank B. Hawkins, '96, of Company D, Tenth Pennsylvania, now in Manila, has been recommended for a commission as second lieutenant in the regular army. He has been indorsed for the position by Congressman Acheson, Congressman Robbins, Ex-Governor Beaver and other well-known Pennsylvanians. President McKinley has signified his intention of appointing a lieutenant from each of the volunteer regiments in the Philippines, and General Otis will make the selection. Captain Hawkins has also been recommended by his brigade commanders, Gen. H. G. Otis and Gen. Irving Hale. He is a son of Col. A. L. Hawkins, of the Tenth Pennsylvania, and has been in every engagement in the Philippines.

Missouri—Dr. T. J. J. See, '89, whose appointment as professor of mathematics in the U. S. Navy, was announced in the last SCROLL, has been given charge of the nautical almanac, and will be the ranking lieutenant in his grade. In the *Atlantic Monthly* for April, Bro. See writes of 'The Solar System in the Light of Recent Discoveries.' Most of these discoveries were made by himself, one of them being a new law of temperature. Bro. See has been lecturing in the famous Lowell Institute courses at Boston during the past winter. A correspondent of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* says recently of him :

One very marked thing in the work of Professor See is the illumination he has thrown on the work of other scientists. For instance, in relation the younger Darwin had made a number of very important discoveries in physics, whose isolated and unrelated values he well knew, but their value as links in a chain, as parts of a whole, he did not guess until Professor See's keen eye discovered this related value at once and interpreted Darwin to himself.

The following Phis are reported to be at Harvard. SCROLL readers who know of others will please send their names to the editor: D. B. Trefethen, *Amherst*, '98, 10 Appian Way, Cambridge; George H. Kain, *Gettysburg*, '97, 58 Kirkland street; Wilbur Morse, *Pennsylvania*, '99, 25 Holyoke; E. B. Essig, *Pennsylvania*, '97, 34 Sumner street; J. H. Lyon, *Alabama*, '94, 20 Perkins; F. P. Wells, *Hillsdale*, '96, 7

Perkins; E. W. Olive, *Wabash*, '93, 84 Wendell; L. G. Coleman, *Washington*, '98 (late with the 'Rough Riders'), Craigie 207; J. B. Fife, *Stanford*, '96, 3 Sumner street; E. J. Green, *Stanford*, '97, 1727 Cambridge street. Other Phis known to be at Harvard, but whose exact addresses are not known, are G. C. Ricker, *Dartmouth*, '01; H. H. Green, *Vermont*, '99; E. W. Matthews, *Indianapolis*, '91; Roy C. Gasser, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '94; H. C. Marshall, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '91; Aquilla Webb, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '94.

Missouri—Bro. Geo. H. English, Jr., '97, has published a pamphlet on the record of his *alma mater* in the war with Spain. He describes the circumstances at the University of Missouri which favor the development of military training and reviews the record of Company I, the university company, of which he was captain, and Bro. R. S. Edmunds, '99, first lieutenant. This company's muster-out rolls show not a death, not a fine, not a sentence, not a stoppage of pay or allowances. The guard reports of the regiment do not contain the name of a single prisoner from Company I, nor does the field court record show a conviction from that company. The company was selected from the entire brigade for important provost work at Chickamauga. The list of soldiers sent out by the university comprises 102 names, besides that of Bro. Willis P. King, '86, war correspondent for the *Kansas City World*. Of these 102 men, 11 were from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 9 from $\Sigma A E$, 7 from $B \Theta \Pi$, 5 from ΣN , 5 from $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, 3 from ΣX , 3 from $K A$, one each from $K \Sigma$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $Z \Phi$.

Sewanee, '84—The records of the war department show an interesting story in connection with the nomination by the President of an officer on the retired list of the army, Robert W. Dowdy, to be a captain in active service. At the outbreak of the Spanish war Dowdy was a lieutenant in the Seventeenth Infantry. As the troops were lying at Tampa waiting to embark, he took his examination for promotion as a captain, but was found physically unfit. The recommendation of the board that he be retired was forwarded to Washington. Meantime the Seventeenth went to Cuba and Dowdy went along. He was in the thick of the fighting everywhere, suffered every hardship and exposure and went through the whole campaign without losing a day from illness. Just as the troops returned in victory to the United States, the papers came back from Washington retiring Dowdy from the service. Upon looking into the case, the president was satisfied that this was a particular hardship, and that the man who was strong enough to render such

service as Dowdy had rendered was good enough to retain in active service, hence the nomination.—*Indianapolis News*, January 25, 1899.

A. M. I.—Gen. H. V. N. Boynton, '58, to whom more than any other one man belongs the honor of bringing into existence Chickamauga park, has been presented with a magnificent sword by the citizens of Chattanooga. The weapon is a Toledo blade, inlaid with gold, the handle being of gold set with diamonds. The grip is a graceful statuette of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s patron goddess, Minerva. On handle and scabbard are engraved many scenes from Chickamauga, and inscriptions relative to Gen. Boynton's personal history. All the work on the sword was done entirely by hand, none of the designs ever having been used before, and all having been prepared for this express purpose. At the famous Gridiron club dinner in Washington, on December 3, Gen. Boynton, who has since been chosen as the club's president, was presented with a 'freak' horse as a 'mark of high esteem.' The Gridiron club is an organization of Washington newspaper men, of which Gen. Boynton was a charter member, and its eccentric dinners to distinguished men eclipse even those of Philadelphia's Clover club.

On the U. S. S. *Yosemite*, with the Michigan naval reserves, were three Phis: J. W. Judson, *Michigan*, '00, mentioned in the October SCROLL; Dr. A. H. Kessler, *Michigan*, '94, reported in the December number; and Samuel F. Owen, *A. M. I.*, '86, whose name has just come to the editor. Bro. Owen, who was general sales agent for the National Fire Escape Co. at the outbreak of the war, was notified while on a business trip in the west that the second division of the Michigan naval brigade, of which he was formerly lieutenant (commanding), was ordered with the other divisions on board the *Yosemite*. He enlisted at once, and was rated as a 'master-at-arms.' He, with Bros. Kessler and Judson, assisted in the landing of marines at Camp McCalla, Guantanamo bay, having convoyed them there on the U. S. S. *Panther*, from off Havana. Later they were assigned to blockade duty at San Juan de Porto Rico, relieving the *St. Paul*, and being relieved, after sixteen days, by the *New Orleans*. While before San Juan the *Yosemite* drove the Spanish supply ship *Antonia Lopez* on the reef under the guns of Morro castle, destroyed her and engaged the castle and shore batteries for four hours. They also engaged the destroyer *Terror*, the cruiser *Isabella*, the gun-

boat *Concha* and other vessels, repeatedly driving them back into the harbor and occasionally striking them, though never receiving shells in return except through the rigging or within a few yards of the ship.

John Hancock Wynne, better known to Cornellians as 'Johnny,' was graduated from Cornell last June with the degree of M. E. and returned this year to take graduate work. His home is in Washington, D. C., but he prepared for Cornell at Cascadilla School, Ithaca, N. Y. While in school Brother Wynne showed marked ability as a musician, and was rewarded with a place on the Cascadilla glee club. He entered Cornell with the class of '98, but did not try for the glee club till his sophomore year, when he easily secured a place. He rapidly improved in his work, and in his senior year we find 'Johnny' leader of the '97-'98 club. Upon returning to college last fall to take graduate work, Brother Wynne was immediately re-elected, and under his able leadership the Cornell glee club of '98-'99



JOHN HANCOCK WYNNE,
Cornell, '98.

made one of its most successful tours of the west. Bro. Wynne has attained many other college honors, being a member of the '98 freshmen crew, his class societies and so on; but best of all, 'Johnny' is a loyal Phi. Upon taking his master's degree, in June, Bro. Wynne will immediately proceed to Oelwein, Iowa, where he will be connected with the Chicago and Great Western Railroad.

KELTON EWING WHITE.

Emory—Frank S. Palmer, '99, was class prophet at the '99 arbor day exercises on February 28.

Washington and Jefferson—Gibson L. Caldwell, '98, is a law student at the University of West Virginia.

Case—Clinton D. Hoyt, '98, was married on February 23, 1899, to Miss Frances Klooz, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Kansas—T. J. Schall, '88, until recently editor of the *Hawatha (Kan.) World*, is now editor and proprietor of the *Troy (Kan.) Chief*.

The Wabash college faculty has announced the five senior orators for commencement. Two are Phis: M. E. Foley and O. W. McGaughey. There are five fraternities at Wabash.

Lombard—*Harper's Weekly*, of April 1, devotes an entire page to E. H. Conger, '68, minister to China. His portrait is given along with many views of the American legation at Peking and much personal description.

Hanover—W. B. Barr, '75, whom the *Railway Journal* calls the '*facile princeps* of toastmasters,' presided at an elaborate banquet given on March 4 by the railway men of St. Louis. Bro. Barr is assistant general manager of Street's Cattle Car Company.

Miami—Rev. Dr. Robert Morrison, '49, reports 'a shower of kind letters and telegrams, from his thoughtful brothers' on the occasion of his seventy-seventh birthday. Dr. Morrison attended the alumni day banquet given by Missouri Beta.—William B. Cullen, '01, is at the New York Military Academy at Cornwall on-Hudson. He is an honorary member of the local fraternity X Σ X.

Franklin—Gen. T. J. Morgan, '61, of the Baptist home missionary society, who has been visiting Cuba and Porto Rico and examining conditions there, has been made chairman of the inter-denominational committee formed by the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist societies of the United States, to arrange for co-operative evangelistic work in Porto Rico. It is believed that this action opens a new era in Protestant missionary work.—Robert A. Brown, '84, clerk of the Indiana supreme court, has been mentioned as a gubernatorial possibility.—Frank Martin, '96, deputy auditor of state of Indiana, is in line for the auditorship when the present incumbent retires, so the politicians say.—Eman L. Beck, '97, has gone to Mexico city to accept a position with the Mexico Coffee and Rubber Co.

Minnesota—Walter R. Brown, '89, was elected treasurer of the Hennepin county (Minneapolis) bar association at its last meeting.

Lafayette—Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, '77, was elected treasurer of the Philadelphia alumni association of his *alma mater* at its last meeting.

Chicago—At a recent dual pentathlon meet between the University of Nebraska and the Omaha Y. M. C. A. team, at Omaha, Boudinot G. Leake, '01, helped the Omaha men to victory by his work in the pole vault and the potato race.

Cornell—Dudley R. Horton, '75, has removed his law offices to the Mutual Reserve Bldg., 309 Broadway, New York city.—Wells S. Gilbert, '93, late of Duluth, is now the Cleveland representative of the Duluth Imperial Mill Co. His office is at 601 Garfield Bldg.

Wisconsin—The February *Lippincott's* has a story by Wardon A. Curtis, '89, entitled 'The Tale of the Doubtful Grandfather.' Bro. Curtis is announced by the *Saturday Evening Post*, of Philadelphia, as the contributor of a series of 'Modern Munchausen Papers.'

Virginia—Rev. Carter Helm Jones, '86, who is pastor of the Broadway Baptist church, of Louisville, Ky., was mentioned in the press dispatches during Rudyard Kipling's illness as having asked his congregation to join in a prayer for the poet's recovery. The 'Recessional' was sung at that service. Bro. Jones was initiated by the old Richmond chapter.

Dickinson—The traveling fellowship of Drew Theological Seminary, held last year by Bro. Edwin L. Earp, '95, was this year won by Bro. Henry L. Noon, '96, whose thesis was on 'The Development of Theistic Theology.' Bro. Noon will pursue his studies in philosophy next year at the University of Edinburg. He sails for that place about May 30.—On March 27, 1899, Walter G. Souders, '98, was married to Martha J. Zeitler, at Punxsutawney, Pa. Bro. Souders is pastor of the Blue Island Congregational church, of Blue Island, Ill.

Wooster—Rev. S. S. Palmer, '87, pastor of the Broad Street Presbyterian church, of Columbus, Ohio, was elected to the presidency of his *alma mater* on March 27, but declined the honor, largely because of the fact that his stay in Columbus had been of such brief duration. On March 29, a portrait and sketch of Bro. Palmer appeared in the San

Francisco Chronicle. He was for five years in charge of a church in Oakland, Cal., having gone there from Sterling, Ill., in 1893. Just before his return to Ohio, Bro. Palmer was urged to accept a call from the Central Union Presbyterian church of Honolulu, the largest and wealthiest congregation in Hawaii. With the call was an offer of a salary of \$4,500. Mrs. Palmer is a Wooster K K Γ.

Lansing—Prof. L. H. Bailey, '82, of Cornell, contributed two articles on certain phases of evolution to the *Independent* for January 26 and February 2, 1899.—Ray Stannard Baker, '89, has contributed to almost every number of *McClure's* for the last year an article on some recent advance in science. The paper on liquid air has been widely quoted and discussed. The editor refers to the series as one of extreme importance and interest.—William C. Bagley, '95, who was at the University of Wisconsin last year, is now at Cornell. Bro. Bagley attended the Columbus convention.

California—J. B. Reinstein, '73, is representing Mrs. Phebe A. Hearst in the preparations for an international competition of architects and engineers for permanent plans to govern municipal improvements in San Francisco. At a recent banquet given by the architects and engineers of New York, as a mark of honor to Mrs. Hearst for her wise beneficence, Regent Reinstein was the guest of honor, and spoke in behalf of Mrs. Hearst, who was then in Europe. Mr. Reinstein will probably be president of the Pacific Ocean international exposition, which is to be held in San Francisco in 1901.—D. Edward Collins, '74, president of the California Bank, Oakland, Cal., has been elected state president of the California Y. M. C. A.—Leslie Hewitt, '90, has been appointed assistant city attorney of Los Angeles, Cal.—Rea Hanna, '00, is traveling through the east in the service of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Vanderbilt—Claude Waller, '84, who has had a remarkably successful career as city attorney of Nashville, circuit court judge and assistant attorney for the L. & N. R. R., entered, the first of the year, upon his new position as chief counsel for the N., C. & St. L. Ry., an important system of about 2,000 miles.—John H. DeWitt, '94, president of Beta province, became, at the first of the year, superintendent of the Sunday-school of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church at Nashville; and about the same time was installed as the chancellor commander of Myrtle Lodge, the principal K. P. lodge in the city. He is lecturer on dental

jurisprudence in the University of Tennessee, and was a member of the committee which prepared the new city charter for Nashville, recently adopted by the legislature.

Knox—The Chicago *Times-Herald* mentions George W. Prince, '78, congressman from the tenth district of Illinois, as a probable candidate for governor of the state on the Republican ticket.—Frank E. Blane, '88, has been elected county judge of Menard county, Ill.—Will J. Phelps, '88, of Elmwood, Ill., was married on October 25, 1898, at Evans-ton, to Miss Sarah Ward.—John L. Smetters, '94, was recently elected county surveyor at Waverly, Ill.

Oglethorpe, '72—The following letter shows how Phi loyalty and ardor do not wane as the years go by. All who attended the Atlanta convention in 1891 will remember Bro. Gaskill. He has been a subscriber to THE SCROLL from the beginning, and the 'Old Fraternity Records' published in recent issues show that he was one of our most active workers in the seventies:

ATLANTA, GA., April 4, 1899.

Dear Brother: This evening twenty-eight years ago, I signed the bond of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. I am celebrating that occasion by wearing the badge to-day that I wore then. I have aimed to strike at the highest mark of loyalty, and the Phi who tries to go ahead of me will have to put on more steam than they generally use. I look back and can say that in my love for the fraternity I have leaped forward every time, because I am a better Phi to-day than I have ever been.

Enclosed please find a dollar for my subscription to THE SCROLL. Pardon my delay in sending it. THE SCROLL and *Palladium* reach me regularly and are read with great interest.

With love to you and all loyal Phis, believe me ever

Your brother in the Bond,

CHARLES B. GASKILL.

Nebraska—Prof. Geo. Bell Frankforter, '86, of the chair of chemistry in the University of Minnesota since 1893, when he took his Ph. D. at Berlin, was married recently to Miss Mary Carter, Minnesota, '00, a member of $\Delta \Gamma$. Dr. Frankforter is a member of $\Phi \beta \kappa$ and $\Sigma \Xi$. It may be added that the wife of Bro. Conway McMillan, '83, of the chair of botany at Minnesota, is a member of $K \Lambda \Theta$.—Homer J. Edmiston, '92, who received his Ph. D. at Cornell in 1895 and taught Latin there two years after, has been called to Harvard as adjunct professor of Latin, from Princeton where he had been an instructor since 1897. He is a member of $\Phi \beta \kappa$.—The new senator from Nebraska, Hon. M. L. Hayward, is the father of Bro. W. H. Hayward, '97, who was a captain in the Second Nebraska during the late war.

Illinois—The January *Municipal Engineering*, which is recognized as the foremost journal devoted to municipal improvements, contains a carefully prepared article on 'The Duties and Compensation of Municipal Engineers,' by A. D. Thompson, '93. Bro. Thompson has followed the profession of civil engineering with marked success since his graduation and is well and favorably known by municipal engineers throughout the United States. He is now the city engineer of Peoria, Ill.—Frank H. Hamilton, '95, is city engineer of Springfield, Ill.—W. J. Fulton, '98, has been honored by his *alma mater* with a position on the board of athletic control of the University of Illinois. Bro. Fulton has always been prominent in athletics, and his recent election is a fitting recognition of his ability.—Thomas M. Hatch, '95, is a member of the firm of W. W. Hatch & Son, contractors and construction engineers, at Goshen, Ind. His address is 1601 S. Eighth street.

Westminster—Rev. S. Edward Young, '86, is meeting with marked success in his work with the Second Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh. The *New York Observer*, of January 26, says:

Fifty new members were received into the church on January 15, when the Rev. S. Edward Young preached his first anniversary sermon. These additions make a total of 280 persons received during Mr. Young's first year. This large number makes a record in the Second church, being 100 more new members than were ever received in any previous year of the church's history of almost a century. The progress in all departments of church work has been marked. The audiences have been so large that 100 additional sittings have been provided, and no more room is available.

Bro. Young has attracted much attention in the Pittsburgh papers recently by having printed in the theater programs of the city an announcement of the services of his church. The invitation assures its readers that if they accept it they 'will find, however stupid the sermon, a lovely people, a warm welcome and hearty chorus and congregational singing, led by Professor Morgan, director for Mr. Walter Damrosch.' Bro. Young states in interviews that he desires especially to reach the non-church-goers who attend the theaters, as he considers them more intelligent and open to conviction than those who stay at home from both church and theater. He never attends the theater himself, but believes that theater-goers and actors demand the attention of the church.

COLLEGIATE.

During his recent visit to California, President Harper recommended the continuous session to the regents of the university. They have as yet taken no decisive action, but the students are up in arms against the proposed innovation.

Mr. Brookings, of St. Louis, who has given \$200,000 for a new building to Washington University, offers \$100,000 more if other citizens will subscribe \$400,000.—The last legislature gave the University of Wisconsin \$151,000 for new buildings.—The Yale alumni will try to raise \$2,000,000 for the bi-centennial of their *alma mater*, in 1901.

William K. Vanderbilt has decided to present to Vanderbilt University a dormitory building for the students. The structure, the estimated cost of which is \$100,000, will be erected on the campus. It will be on West Side row and will be in the same style as the dormitories that are now being erected at Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania. It will be four stories high besides the basement, and afford accommodation for about 175 students.

Michigan won from Chicago in debate on April 7, at Chicago. Wisconsin won from Iowa on March 31, at Milwaukee. Chicago won from Columbia on April 14. So far, three debates have been held between eastern and western teams, and the west has won all three. Michigan holds the western championship over Minnesota, Northwestern and Chicago. North Carolina has defeated Georgia, Earlham has won from Indiana, Wisconsin from Illinois, Illinois Wesleyan from Iowa Wesleyan, Illinois from Indiana, Beloit from Knox.

An exciting topic in western athletic circles is the boycott of the University of Chicago by the Universities of Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. They demand equal division of gate receipts for all games played in Chicago, as elsewhere. Before the boycott was declared Wisconsin had made a verbal agreement to play base ball with Chicago, and the students at Madison have decided that it must be kept. Instead of playing Chicago on Thanksgiving day, Michigan is to play Wisconsin in Chicago, while Chicago plays Brown in the same city. Pennsylvania will play Michigan at Ann Arbor on November 11, and Chicago at Chicago on October 28.

The new president of Oberlin is Dr. John Henry Barrows, a graduate of Oberlin College March in 1867, and of late years lecturer on comparative religions in the University of Chicago.

In February the newspapers announced that a Chicago millionaire had offered to give \$500,000 to Kentucky University if it would perpetuate his name in some way. It transpires that this gentleman was temporarily deranged from a business speculation when he telegraphed the offer, and that he imagines he is worth untold millions. The Kentuckians think that 'God bless when he recovers he will make the university a handsome gift.'

The University of California expects to profit largely by a recent decision of the state supreme court, declaring that the university has a corporate existence and may receive bequests from individuals, thus reversing the decision of a lower court. Governor Gage's 'pocket veto' of appropriations leaves the university without an auditorium for this year's commencement exercises, as the big tent used last year is now at Manila.

The ten architects chosen from the hundred who entered the first competition for permanent plans for the University of California have now all visited Berkeley to make a personal study of the magnificent university site, and are now at work perfecting their plans for submittal in the final competition. The jury, which sat for the first competition in Antwerp, Belgium, will come to San Francisco to make the final decision. This will be announced next fall. The perfected plans will mark out the general lines along which all future improvements of the site and all future buildings shall be designed. All the present buildings are to be torn down, eventually, and a complete new university equipment provided, of noble architecture and harmonious plan. Mrs. Phebe A. Hearst has promised to erect two of the new buildings—a mining building and a women's building, each to cost probably not less than a half million dollars, and sums aggregating \$5,000,000 have been promised for other structures.

The distinction of 'youngest president,' which was contested by Dr. Jenkins, of the University of Indianapolis, and Dr. Graves, of the University of Washington, is again transferred. On April 20 the trustees of Westminster College announced that Prof. John Henry McCracken, of the chair of philosophy in the New York University, son of Chancel-

lor McCracken, had accepted an offer of the presidency of that institution, and would be inaugurated in June. President McCracken is undoubtedly the youngest college president in the world, being but twenty-four years old. The students of Westminster write THE SCROLL that they are delighted with the choice of 'a layman, a young man and a northerner.'—Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of Cornell, has recently visited Berkeley, and is being favorably mentioned in connection with the presidency of the University of California. He is forty-five years old, is a graduate of Brown and a member of A Δ Φ. He is said to have declined the presidency of six universities already.—President John H. Finley, of Knox, who has been mentioned for the presidencies of Iowa and California, has accepted a position as supervising editor of *McClure's Magazine*, and will leave Galesburg in October. Yale, Brown, Amherst, Wooster, Iowa and Cincinnati are without presidents, and President Stafford, of Iowa Wesleyan, will retire in June.

In the *Outlook* for January 6, President Canfield, of Ohio State University, writes of 'The Educational Situation in the West,' and gives statistics showing the growth of interest in higher education in the seventeen years ending with 1897 as follows:

Institution.	Total Income.		Value of Plant.		Students.		Instructors.	
	1880.	1897.	1880.	1897.	1880.	1897.	1880.	1897.
Armour Institute.....		\$100,000		\$1,500,000		1,148		60
California.....	\$99,000	380,000		2,113,548	268	1,500	35	100
Chicago.....		500,000		8,000,000		2,132		180
Illinois.....	100,000	399,429	\$600,000	1,338,512	400	1,075	40	87
Indiana.....	30,000	120,000	100,000	350,000	189	941	14	60
Iowa.....	52,510	148,376	208,000	625,000	557	1,334	42	102
Michigan.....	291,000	422,000	812,000	1,875,000	1,427	2,975	51	121
Nebraska.....	25,000	189,000	305,000	1,000,000	348	1,653	13	104
Northwestern.....	47,000	237,300	1,236,000	4,724,000	658	2,600	46	281
Oberlin.....	23,364	80,842	250,000	600,000	949	1,283	33	79
Ohio State.....	46,636	200,000	500,000	2,445,000	217	1,019	22	78
Ohio Wesleyan.....	30,805	95,000	227,000	552,000	611	1,404	23	98
Purdue.....	26,225	112,116	300,000	625,000	233	964	12	64
Stanford.....		180,000		1,250,000		1,091		84
Wisconsin.....	79,582	410,706	589,000	1,500,000	436	1,650	42	118

In thirteen of the fifteen institutions given in President Canfield's table, Φ Δ Θ has chapters. No other fraternity has as many. At Oberlin there are no fraternities, and at Armour Institute but one—Φ K Σ. To his table President Canfield should have added Minnesota, Kansas and Missouri, three other growing institutions, in which are three good Phi Delta Theta chapters.

HELLENIC.

The March *Record* contains an account of Σ A E's convention at Nashville last December. The frontispiece is the convention group of eighty-six Sigs. The report of the eminent supreme archon 'advocated a rigid policy with regard to our few weak chapters.' The *Record* says: 'We can truthfully say that with the exception of Iowa Sigma and Connecticut Alpha (Simpson and Trinity, both chapters having died recently) no chapters showed any alarming signs of decay.' A charter was granted for a chapter at the University of Illinois, and the chapter has since been installed with eighteen members. Petitions from Kentucky State College, University of Pennsylvania, Western University of Pennsylvania and John B. Stetson University were rejected. A 'considerable surplus' was shown by the eminent supreme treasurer's report, and the *Record* says: 'Judging from that, we shall have in a few years a national fund big enough to provide houses for all our chapters that do not in the meantime get them for themselves.' Query: Is this meant seriously? The convention decided that the private journal *Phi Alpha* was too large; hereafter it will not exceed sixteen pages. 'The *Record* will have a considerably larger appropriation,' and an appropriation was made for a manual similar to Brother Palmer's Manual of Φ Δ Θ issued in 1886 and 1897. The catalogue editor 'was commended for his beginning, and was warned that he was expected to get out the finest fraternity catalogue ever issued.' A ritual and a set of regalia were adopted. The *Record* says: 'The feature of the new ritual is its simplicity, coupled with its brevity.' We are glad that Mr. Lakin continues as editor of the *Record*.

The April *Beta Theta Pi* contains an account of legal proceedings brought by the chapter of Κ Κ Γ at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., to prevent the fraternity from withdrawing its charter. Following a two days' visit of the grand president to Canton in April, 1898, the chapter learned that other chapters were voting upon the withdrawal of its charter, 'for the alleged reasons that the standard of the college was low, that the women of the town and college were deficient in culture and refinement, and that it was believed that the members of the chapter would not be congenial to those of any other chapter.' A majority of the chapters voted to withdraw the charter. Seven mem-

bers of the chapter attended the convention of K K Γ at Lincoln, Neb., in August, 1898, to protest against withdrawal, but the grand council voted to withdraw the charter.

Two suits to restrain such action had already been begun in Massachusetts and New York. The Massachusetts court granted a preliminary injunction. The New York case came to trial in March, 1899. The chapter had filed the constitution of K K Γ with the bill of complaint. The constitution provides that 'to withdraw a charter, the unanimous vote of the grand council, together with the affirmative vote of two-thirds the chapters, is necessary.' Counsel for the chapter, however, 'claimed that the constitution itself contained no provision for withdrawing a charter that had once been granted, so long as the college was in as good condition as when the charter was granted, the standard as high and the attendance as great, the members having done nothing in violation of the laws and rules of the fraternity.' He further claimed that 'no association could deprive individuals or a chapter of their rights of membership in the fraternity without a hearing, after proper notice, and with an opportunity to confront the witnesses brought against it upon the charges alleged.'

The defendant fraternity made no allegations in court as to the low standard of the college, or the want of culture among the members of the chapter, but contended that the grand council had 'proceeded according to precedent and the constitution,' that the fraternity was 'a law unto itself, and hence the court had no jurisdiction over its members or chapters.' Counsel for the fraternity also relied largely 'upon the fact that the chapter had committed a fraternity crime by giving publicity to its constitution,' when the same was filed as a part of the proceedings. The opinion of Judge Russell, of the state supreme court for St. Lawrence county, will be awaited with interest, as also comments on the case from the *Key*, the organ of K K Γ. The fraternities at St. Lawrence are: B Θ Π, 1875; K K Γ (ladies), 1879; A T Ω, 1882; Δ Δ Δ (ladies), 1891. It is said that the K K Γ chapter was established at St. Lawrence principally through the influence of Mr. Baird. Many of the members of the Kappa chapters have married Betas, and the chapter's counsel, Mr. L. P. Hale, is a Beta.

Over four hundred charters of fraternity chapters have been withdrawn before this one, and it falls to K K Γ to have the first one taken before the courts. It is hardly to be presumed that a decision against the fraternity would lead many chapters to emulate the example of Beta Beta of K K Γ.

If she should force her way back into the chapter roll (which was not printed, we notice, in the last *Key*), it is an open question whether such action would not, in the eyes of many, help to substantiate the charge of 'uncongeniality.'

When Theodore Roosevelt visited Chicago recently $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ tried to make a demonstration during the parade of students before him, and an Alpha Delt succeeded in pinning a badge on the Governor at his hotel, much to the amusement of the Chicago papers. The Dekes kept quiet. At Ann Arbor the Alpha Delts kept quiet, and the Dekes went in a body to the reception given him, remaining some time in conversation with their distinguished half-brother.

The $\Lambda T \Omega$ chapter at Ohio Wesleyan gave a midnight banquet on February 17 to some twenty co-eds on the fourth floor of the women's hall. The affair was reported in the press dispatches to have cost exactly \$65, to have included a pig roasted whole, and to have mystified the college authorities.

$\Phi K \Psi$ established her fortieth chapter at the University of California, on April 15, 1899. The initiation was in charge of the San Francisco alumni and the Stanford chapter, which is said, by the way, to be reduced to seven members by the withdrawal of half a dozen from the university at the Christmas vacation. The new chapter has fifteen members. California now supports chapters of $Z \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, ΣX , ΣN , $X \Psi$, $\Sigma A E$, $K A$, ΔY , $\Delta T \Delta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$, besides the sororities $K K \Gamma$, $K A \Theta$ and $\Gamma \Phi B$, and the professional societies, $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$ and $\Xi \Psi \Phi$. $\Phi K \Psi$ chartered her first California chapter in 1881 at the University of the Pacific, under the impression that the petitioners were in the state university. After Stanford opened, in 1891, this chapter migrated thither in a body.

In commenting on Princeton's losing a debate to Harvard for the fourth time in succession, after having adopted an improved system of primaries and coaching, an eastern correspondent writes:

Princeton objects to fraternities because they might injure her literary societies; and yet the pick of the members of these societies have a habit of losing when they meet the students of Harvard in debates. Possibly some of our Princeton friends can give a reason for this, about as logical as their excuse for not meeting Pennsylvania in athletics.

Bro. W. B. Palmer's article on 'A Practical Fraternity Catalogue' has been more widely reproduced by the Greek press than any other published in recent years. The $K A$

Journal for January devotes twelve pages and an editorial to it. The *Beta Theta Pi* for November gave it fourteen pages and an editorial. The $\Sigma N \Delta$ gave it the same amount of space in November. The $\Theta \Delta X$ *Shield* devoted nearly ten pages to the subject.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* for March makes the mistake we had been expecting from others in saying that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has elected Miss Field as 'an honorary member.' $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ can not elect honorary members. The convention conferred on Miss Field the title of 'Daughter of Phi Delta Theta,' which implies membership of no sort in the fraternity.

$\Sigma A E$ —In the last *Record* the North Carolina chapter reports work in progress on a chapter-house, now nearly completed. At Georgia but nine members out of twenty-nine are living in the house, because of parental opposition to chapter-house life. The Emory chapter is making 'strenuous efforts' to be ready to take a house next fall. Two items are interesting: 'Since our last letter we have initiated * * Alfred Craig, of Detroit. * * Brother Craig will enter the University (of Michigan) next fall.' 'Our chapter (Denver) has decided to have all pledged men wear badges when sustaining such a relation for more than one term.'

The Texas chapter, which took a house last fall 'with no money and nothing with which to furnish a house,' is now comfortably supplied with both. The Missouri chapter, which is not as large as some of its rivals, thinks there are too many fraternities there. California, Stanford, Wofford and Davidson were not represented at the Nashville convention. The Washington chapter 'initiated one man in December and has a few more in view,' but in so large a city as St. Louis finds it 'hard to get the fellows to attend the regular meetings.'

Arkansas is the scene of the latest anti-fraternity campaign. A vindictive circular to members of the legislature resulted in an investigation and conference with the students at the State University. The non-fraternity men interviewed refused to endorse the anonymous circular, however. The University of Arkansas faculty have forbidden the initiation of freshmen by the fraternities, which are $\Sigma A E$, $K \Sigma$ and $K A$.

The Nebraska correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi* says that 'a Beta-Phi Delt mandolin club is being talked of, and will probably startle the musical world in a few weeks.'

The $\mathbf{K \Sigma}$ *Caduceus* will be published five times a year hereafter, instead of six, appearing as do the $\mathbf{K A}$ *Journal* and THE SCROLL, 'bi-monthly during the college year.'

A fraternity called $\mathbf{\Pi \Lambda \Phi}$ was founded at Yale in 1895. The $\mathbf{\Phi K \Psi}$ *Shield* says that it is restricted to Hebrew students. The chapter list in this year's *Columbian* includes Yale, Columbia, C. C. N. Y., New York University, Cornell, Harvard and Pennsylvania. The badge, the *Beta Theta Pi* informs us, is of the shape already chosen by $\mathbf{\Phi \Gamma \Delta}$, $\mathbf{\Sigma A E}$, $\mathbf{\Psi Y}$ and $\mathbf{\Delta K E}$, and displays the letters ' $\mathbf{\Pi \Lambda \Phi}$ ' on a field of gold.

$\mathbf{K A}$ (Southern)—A contributor to the *Journal* calls for the publication of an 'anthology'—the best verses printed in that magazine in recent years. Many of the poems have no bearing on the fraternity. A soldier correspondent of Lee's corps tells in the *Journal* how a grand Pan-Hellenic banquet was planned at Miami in September, and how it fizzled ingloriously because pay-day was deferred, and the Greeks could not all obtain passes on the same evening, as well as for other reasons. As was intimated in the February SCROLL, the fine showing of $\mathbf{K A}$ in the late war is in part due to the initiation of graduates and other ex-students of the Virginia Military Institute by the neighboring chapter at Washington and Lee. Of the 32 soldiers furnished by the V. M. I. chapter, the last *Journal* shows 24 to have been initiated since the abolition of fraternities there. Four additional $\mathbf{K A}$ soldiers are reported, bringing the total up to 153. The Westminster correspondent of the *Journal* says: 'We heartily agree with the editor in saying that a chapter should be established at Washington University, St. Louis. An alumni chapter has recently been organized in the city, and the time is ripe for an active chapter in Washington University.'

Of this year's conventions, that of $\mathbf{\Delta \Gamma}$ will be held at Albion. $\mathbf{\Phi \Gamma \Delta}$ will meet at Dayton, Ohio, October 19-21; $\mathbf{\Delta T \Delta}$, at Chicago, August 23-25. $\mathbf{\Sigma X}$ will convene at Philadelphia or some adjacent seaside resort.

At the University of California several chapters are much reduced in membership, according to the $\mathbf{\Sigma \Psi}$ *Quarterly*: $\mathbf{\Sigma X}$, 4; $\mathbf{X \Psi}$, 4; $\mathbf{\Phi \Gamma \Delta}$, 5; $\mathbf{Z \Psi}$, 7; $\mathbf{X \Phi}$, 8; $\mathbf{\Sigma A E}$, 8; $\mathbf{B \Theta \Pi}$, 9. The other chapters are said to have ten men or more. Inasmuch, however, as the number of Phis given is incorrect, and the number of Betas apparently so, there may be some doubt as to these figures, save in the case of $\mathbf{\Sigma X}$.

Φ Γ Δ reports eleven soldiers in the Philippines; Δ Κ Ε, twelve; Φ Κ Ψ, sixteen; Φ Δ Θ, twenty-nine.

The Φ Γ Δ *Quarterly* for January presents a picture of Chancellor Maclean, of the University of Nebraska, but calls him 'Floyd Van Valin' for some strange reason. Possibly 'George MacLean' might be mis-read thus if written very illegibly.

The Δ Τ Δ *Rainbow* has a new assistant editor, Mr. Will D. Howe, Indianapolis, '93, whom THE SCROLL, takes pleasure in welcoming into the Hellenic sanctum general as former pupil and fellow-teacher, as well as loyal friend and all-around good fellow.

The Φ Γ Δ *Quarterly* says that Δ Κ Ε has designs on Sewanee and Texas in the south, on several state universities in the west, and on McGill University in Canada. Σ Χ is also said to have her eye on Sewanee, but Η Κ Α, the last fraternity to enter there, found the field already fully occupied.

The new editor of the *Shield* of Θ Δ Χ is Mr. E. W. Huffcut, professor of law at Cornell. He belongs to Δ Χ as well as to Θ Δ Χ.

Since the 1898 Baird was issued, Α Τ Ω has revived her chapter at Charleston, and lost those at Lehigh and Marietta, leaving her 41 at present.

The Φ Γ Δ semi-centennial was attended by 163 members of the fraternity. All but one of the 45 active chapters were represented, and nine of the 23 alumni chapters.

The University of Maine correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi* reports that the local society 'Δ Ρ has entered a petition for a chapter of Φ Γ Δ.' The fraternities at Maine are Β Θ Η, Κ Σ, Α Τ Ω, Φ Κ Σ and Q. T. V. The chapter of Φ Κ Σ was formed from the local society Ο Ε Η Η, whose application was rejected by Φ Δ Θ.

Χ Φ was the first fraternity at Emory to rent a house, not Φ Δ Θ as stated in the last SCROLL. The following item is from the Emory letter in the Δ Τ Δ *Rainbow* for March:

Six fraternities besides ours have chapters here: Κ Α, Χ Φ, Φ Δ Θ, Σ Α Ε, Α Τ Ω, and Σ Ν. Only two have chapter houses—Χ Φ and Φ Δ Θ. The latter recently rented the handsomest mansion in Oxford to be used as a club-house.

Students at Michigan are petitioning the faculty to secure a charter from Φ Β Κ. It is said that President Angell objects on the ground that such a society is undemocratic.

The editor of the *K A Journal* adheres to his recently announced policy of giving very little, if any, attention to other fraternities, but a protest comes from the Randolph-Macon correspondent, who writes to the January *Journal* as follows:

In the humble opinion of Zeta's scribe, the *Journal* will not be improved by the omission of Greek notes and clippings and the Greek press; and in this view he has the honor to agree with the editor of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ SCROLL. . . . A knowledge of what is going on in the fraternity world at large, besides being interesting, would make us more conversant with the general fraternity world and thus help us in the 'rushing' season.

The Arkansas correspondent also desires a general Greek news department.

The Hillsdale correspondent of the *Palm* is very much mistaken in saying that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was 'driven' from there. Our Michigan Gamma was as strong as any of its rivals when we withdrew its charter, giving up the limited field to $A T \Omega$, $\Delta T \Delta$ and ΣX .

At Washington and Lee there are 150 students, 83 of whom are fraternity men. The fraternities now enroll, $K A$, 11; $\Phi K \Psi$, 9; $\Sigma A E$, 9; $\Delta T \Delta$, 9; $M \Pi \Lambda$, 9; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 6; ΣN , 6; $A T \Omega$, 6; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 5; ΣX , 5; $\Phi K \Sigma$, 4; $\Pi K A$, 2; $K \Sigma$, 1; $B \Theta \Pi$ (no chapter), 1. The $\Theta N E$ chapter has men from $K A$, $\Sigma A E$, ΣX , $\Pi K A$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. The 'ribbon' society ' Δ ' will probably be discontinued.

The province convention of ΣX at Omaha last September adopted a resolution recommending that the grand officers take steps at once toward the re-establishment of the chapter at the State University of Iowa.

The *Western College Magazine* for February contains a well-written article on chapter houses by Bro. R. H. Switzer, *Missouri*, '98. Cuts of houses of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $Z \Psi$, $\Sigma A E$ and $\Delta K E$ are given. The Phi house is New York Alpha's.

A Manila correspondent of the $\Phi K \Psi$ *Shield* writes: 'A certain prominent fraternity of almost international reputation tried to get up a Thanksgiving dinner out here. Those in charge found about eighteen men in the corps, but only three showed up. One, a friend of mine, said he did not go because a lot of "farmers" would be there. A "farmer" declared that he staid away because those Yale men always ran things, and the men from the other colleges were left in the cold.'

The late Stephen J. Field was at Williams, where he was graduated in 1837, a member of an anti-secret society, from which as well as others of like nature ΔY was evolved twenty or thirty years later. The Williams branch withdrew from ΔY in 1862 and disbanded in 1863, but was revived twenty years later. Sereno E. Payne, who succeeds the late Nelson Dingley as leader of the Republican majority in the house, is also a member of ΔY , Rochester, '64. Mr. Dingley was a $Z \Psi$, Dartmouth, '55.

The retirement of Speaker Reed, who is a $X \Psi$, Bowdoin, '60, calls out a number of Greek-letter congressmen as candidates to succeed him. The leading one in the west is A. J. Hopkins, of Illinois, a Hillsdale $\Delta T \Delta$ of the class of '70. In the east the most prominent is James S. Sherman, a Hamilton $\Sigma \Phi$, of the class of '78, who is supposed to be Mr. Reed's choice.

The December *Beta Theta Pi* says: 'Some of our chapters do not seem to be up to their normal numerical strength during the first part of the year.' But one man is on hand at Mississippi. The North Carolina correspondent reported only three members but hoped for additions after Christmas. The Bethany correspondent reported only five members, but believed the election of a new college president would bring prosperity to both the college and chapter. $B \Theta \Pi$ now has the only chapter at Bethany, which was the birthplace of $\Delta T \Delta$, and for a time a home for $\Phi K \Psi$ and ΣN . $\Phi K \Psi$ recently refused a petition for the re-establishment of its chapter.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ is said to have a chapter in prospect at Missouri. The gymnasium director, who is a William Jewell Fiji, and a son of a Phi Gam who was formerly on the faculty, are pushing the matter.

The average initiation fee of our chapters is about \$15, while the dues average about \$20 a year. Several of the chapters have abolished the initiation fee, while the highest fee is \$35. The highest amount of yearly dues is \$50, while the dues run as low as \$10; but every chapter charges dues, and in those chapters where no initiation fee is charged, the dues average higher than in the other chapters.— *ΔY Quarterly.*

The December and February numbers of the *Beta Theta Pi* contain an interesting article on 'The Fraternity Press,' written doubtless by the editor, Mr. W. R. Baird.

In the spring of 1868, ΔY issued under one cover two numbers of *Our Record*, dated October, 1867, and April, 1868; in 1870 two numbers of the *University Review*, the *Quarterly* not being established until 1882. In 1869, $\Theta \Delta X$ issued one number of the *Shield*, but the present magazine by that name was not established until 1884. $X \Phi$ issued annuals called the *Chackett* in 1868, 1869 and 1873, and began publication of the *Quarterly*, which became the *Chackett* again before it ceased to exist in 1895. The *Beta Theta Pi* was established in December, 1872. The writer says: 'The second of the national fraternities to issue a journal was $\Phi K \Psi$, which started a *Monthly* in January, 1875.' Concerning THE SCROLL, he says:

Almost simultaneously with the publication of the $\Phi K \Psi$ *Monthly*, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ began the publication of a journal called THE SCROLL, at Indianapolis. It started as a quarterly, and, after a period of suspension for some months, was revived as a monthly. During its career as a quarterly, it was issued *sub rosa*; and, according to the code of ethics then existing in the fraternity world, devoted a large portion of its space to unfriendly gossip about other fraternities. Since its revival it has been well supported. It has been the vehicle through which Mr. Walter B. Palmer, recent president of the fraternity, has published the result of his researches into the history of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and other societies, and has stood exceedingly well among its cotemporaries.

As THE SCROLL was first issued and dated January, 1875, it is not understood how priority can be claimed for $\Phi K \Psi$ over $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, or why the 'simultaneous' establishment is qualified by 'almost.' As to the 'unfriendly gossip about other fraternities,' an examination of the files of other journals would disclose the fact that THE SCROLL was not the only or perhaps the worst offender. This is indicated by the following paragraph which we found while looking up another subject in THE SCROLL for April, 1881:

The $X \Phi$ *Quarterly* asserts that the other fraternity notes in the *Beta Theta Pi* are a series of malicious squibs—*A \Delta \Phi Star and Crescent*. We heartily indorse the statement.—*\Delta T \Delta Crescent*.

THE SCROLL was suspended from September, 1876, to September, 1878, and the journals of $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi K \Psi$ have been suspended for an equal or longer period of time. $\Delta T \Delta$ began issuing a journal in 1877, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ in 1879, ΣX in 1881, and $\Delta K E$ in 1883. The article is handsomely illustrated with reduced *fac similes* of the covers of recent issues of the magazines, for the use of which the editor acknowledges indebtedness to Mr. Alfred T. Vernon, Yale, '75, of New York. The plates were first used for the secret journal of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. Mr. Vernon is a district chief of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and supplies the *Quarterly* of that fraternity with many half-tones at his own expense. He also published the new $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ cata-

logue, which cost \$11,000, and he is said to be a very liberal contributor to the building funds of various chapters. He certainly is a valuable man to $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

Mr. George Ade, *Purdue*, '87, who claims 'eight years experience on a metropolitan newspaper,' has an article on 'prominent members' in the February ΣX *Quarterly*. He holds the opinion that they do not amount to much to a fraternity, and says: 'In the language of a popular song, "All Sigs look alike to me."' He thinks $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has made too much about having had a president of the United States. In choice newspaper English he says: 'President Harrison has filled the Phi Delt show window.' To have satisfied Mr. Ade's fine sense of propriety, we should have kept Gen. Harrison very far in the background or out of sight altogether.

Perhaps some fraternities have found that they must get along without prominent members, and the meaning of Mr. Ade's article seems to be that ΣX can very well dispense with them. However, as General Harrison is the only one whom Mr. Ade mentions, among all the prominent members of all fraternities, it looks a little like a case of sour grapes. True, ΣX also has an ex-president in Mr. Cleveland, but, from a fraternity standpoint, there is a great difference between a president of the United States who was a Greek while in college and one who was badged after his election as president. And yet ΣX made quite an ado over Mr. Cleveland. We believe that a special convention was called to ratify his election to membership by the Ann Arbor chapter, and we have some recollection of syndicated newspaper articles illustrated with a large ΣX pin, studded with diamonds, and said to have cost \$500, which was presented to him to wear on the occasion of his second inaugural.

Mr. Ade is greatly mistaken, however, if he imagines that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ finds in Gen. Harrison its only prominent member. We have had a vice-president of the United States, and three cabinet portfolios have been held by Phis—*bona fide* Phis, every one. In Chicago alone, Mr. Ade's own city, we have had in David Swing and Eugene Field the most prominent men in their professions in the city. We had the last mayor of the city, and we have much more than our proportionate share of the highest judicial positions there.

This article sounds rather amusing than otherwise, coming as it does from a young man (of undoubted ability and considerable literary reputation) who, along with that other young *Purdue Sig.*, John T. McCutcheon, has filled the ΣX 'show window' to distention at various times. The ΣX

list of 'prominent members' in the 1898 edition of Baird fills four-fifths of one page, and inasmuch as it finds its climax in one governor, one lieutenant-governor and a 'late consul at Cork' we may guess why 'prominent members' are not to be esteemed by ΣX above all things else. It is well understood in Indiana, however, that Ade and McCutcheon constitute the battle-cry of ΣX at Purdue in the rushing season and that other Indiana chapters seek to dazzle bewildered freshmen with the name of 'the Honorable T. H. Hanna, lieutenant-governor of the Hoosier state in 1880-84'—in other words that the Sig chapters make use of other 'prominent members' and of Mr. Cleveland, whenever opportunity offers quite as much as Phi rushers use Benjamin Harrison, Adlai E. Stevenson, John W. Foster, Wm. F. Vilas, Addison C. Harris, Geo. B. Swift, Wm. A. Woods, Henry V. N. Boynton, John C. Black, J. C. S. Blackburn, Frederick Funston, David Swing, Eugene Field, William Allen White and others who grace from time to time 'the Phi Delt show window.'

We might infer that Mr. Ade considers that to be a good fraternity member a man, even after becoming a 'dignitary,' must 'come around and smoke cigarettes with the boys' as often as they might desire? We seriously disapprove of such a doubtful, not to say harmful, practice being made a test of fraternity loyalty. College fraternities do not stand for social enjoyment alone, but for high moral principles and high intellectual attainments. And when members distinguish themselves in any line of human endeavor, and are rewarded with positions of trust, it is not unreasonable for the fraternities to which they belong to claim some of the credit for forming their characters and giving proper direction to their ambitions. It seems to us that all fraternities have cause to felicitate themselves when their sons achieve honorable distinction. Certainly $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is very proud of her members who have attained national prominence. If proud of their college successes, why not of their successes later in life?

In our opinion, the large number of members of Greek-letter fraternities who have become famous in the world is a credit to the whole fraternity system, and indisputable evidence of the real worth of such organizations. And if such members receive the plaudits of all classes of all people, surely their merits ought to receive deserved recognition from those who have acknowledged the same bond and assumed the same obligations. We have sought to give honor to whom honor is due, whether members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ or not.

Prominent members of other fraternities have been mentioned more frequently in THE SCROLL than in perhaps any other fraternity journal—certainly much more frequently than in the organ of Σ X. We have not felt, and do not feel, any jealousy toward other fraternities, but on the contrary rejoice whenever we are informed that a Greek of any of the various orders has made a name for himself—a little the more, if he is a Phi, of course. Mr. Ade, however, makes a very true observation when he says that 'most of the best fellows in the world do not stand where the calcium light may fall upon them.'

Owing to the unusually heavy pressure on THE SCROLL'S pages in February, we were unable to devote space to the Θ Δ X *Shield* for December, which contains much news and comment of interest to fraternity men generally. It is the farewell issue of the editor, Mr. Clay W. Holmes, Lafayette, '69. It is certainly a splendid number and well merits extended mention. Mr. Holmes has been editor of the *Shield* ten years, from 1889 to 1898 inclusive, and has had editorial connection with a fraternity journal longer than anyone else except Mr. Wm. R. Baird, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*. The retirement of Mr. Holmes will be deeply regretted not only in Θ Δ X but in every Greek press sanctum. During the ten years he has given to the *Shield*, he has presented a magazine that had many most excellent qualities. The editorial department has been ably conducted, and we have to thank Mr. Holmes for his extremely fair and courteous treatment of other fraternities in the exchange department, which has always been a prominent feature of the *Shield*. Mr. Holmes has done his share towards elevating the standard of Greek journalism. No handsomer magazine than the *Shield* has been issued by any fraternity. It really deserves the credit for the introduction of half-tone illustrations, having set the example in 1890.

Mr. Holmes has been a valuable man to Θ Δ X in many ways. He edited and published the 1891 and 1895 editions of the fraternity catalogue, and the semi-centennial history. When receipts from sales of these books, or the income of the *Shield*, failed to equal the expenses of publication, he has paid the difference himself without asking for reimbursement from the fraternity—a remarkable fact which speaks volumes for his loyalty to Θ Δ X. The success of the semi-centennial convention at New York last year (in the Windsor Hotel, the scene of the recent holocaust) was in large measure due to him. On his late trip to the coast he doubt-

has had considerably to do with paving the way for the early establishment of $\Phi \& \chi$ at the University of California. We really do not see how $\Phi \& \chi$ can afford to dispense with his services. It is some comfort to know that he will continue as exchange editor of the *Shield*.

The December number contains the following very interesting analysis of the matter published in the various fraternity journals: the result of a laborious count of the pages contained in each during a period of ten years:

MAGAZINE	1880 to 1889 Inclusive	1890 to 1899 Inclusive	Total	Editorial	Personals	Chapter let- ters	Symposia	College notes	Exchanges	Illustrations
Theta Delta Chi	1773	1285	3058	291	25	41	501	55	250	141
Kappa Alpha	1772	1277	3049	156	201	782	265	40	149	131
Phi Kappa Phi	1772	1277	3049	159	136	731	115	123		148
Phi Delta Theta	1772	1277	3049	140	165	911	226	219		213
Delta Tau Delta	1772	1277	3049	15	192	619	176			138
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1772	1277	3049	121	94	874	118	72		142
Phi Gamma Delta	1772	1277	3049	149	41	520	132	67		80
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1772	1277	3049	40	180	348	81	52		15
Sigma Chi	1772	1277	3049	122	255	828	61	22		14
Delta Tau Delta	1114	1271	2385	134	149	494	29	84		79
Sigma Nu	721	1265	1986	36	131	729	50	61		30
Alpha Tau Omega	721	1262	1983	161	46	580	125			82
Kappa Kappa Gamma	721	1246	1967	70	31	520		52		97
Kappa Sigma		2548		126	106	1667		114	211	130

The figures show the number of pages, except that those in the last column show the number of illustrations. Mr. Holmes explains: "We have been obliged to estimate the contents of the last numbers of some of the quarterlies of the year 1898, including our own." It will be observed that the *Shield* had the greatest total of pages during the first five-year period, and THE SCROLL the greatest number during the second five-year period and during the whole ten years. However, the figures necessarily fail to show the excess of matter printed in THE SCROLL, as its pages are much more closely set than those of any other fraternity magazine. Usually during the ten years, only strictly editorial matter has been set led in THE SCROLL, and a large portion has been put in breviter solid, while most other fraternities have used long primer throughout, and much of that besides editorial has been led. It will be noticed that the Δ K χ has published the fewest pages during the last five years.

In 'symposia' THE SCROLL comes next after the *Shield*. Under this head it appears that Mr. Holmes has classified

'original matter' which has been 'prepared directly by the editor,' not editorial matter but 'leading articles in the first part of the book.' In this classification THE SCROLL comes next to the *Shield*, which is first. Undoubtedly Mr. Holmes has written for the *Shield* more than any other one writer for the Greek press. He states that he himself was compelled to write most of the introductory articles for his magazine because of the lack of contributions. Of college notes THE SCROLL has had nearly twice as many pages as any other. Under 'exchanges' no figures are given for THE SCROLL, as it has not had such a department, but if Mr. Holmes had counted pages devoted to Hellenic news he would undoubtedly have found that THE SCROLL has published much more such news than any of its contemporaries. In pages devoted to chapter letters THE SCROLL is second, in pages devoted to personals sixth, in number of illustrations first.

In this valedictory number Mr. Holmes says many kind things about the productions of other editors, an old habit with him, by the way. The following complimentary remarks concerning THE SCROLL are highly appreciated:

As we look through the pages of THE SCROLL, of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for October, we feel it in our bones that we will not find a handsomer journal in the whole pile. The paper a coated book, of better grade than any other journal uses. Whether it be a special feature of this number or the regular thing we can not state, but it is fine. There are seventeen plates, beside a number of small ones interspersed with reading matter, in this number, and they are all good illustrations, well printed and of a proportionate size, which adds to the typographical appearance.

One of the most interesting things in the whole number is entitled 'Old Fraternity Records,' by Walter B. Palmer, the able historian of the fraternity. Such records are valuable. We have noticed many articles by Mr. Palmer in past numbers of THE SCROLL, and have envied the editor. We have longed for just one such helper ourselves. We are interested in the war pictures, of which several appear. There is also a long list of soldier boys' names. The journals all have them, and it is a good thing. It is possible to obtain an almost perfect record of the 'Spanish war.' If we could only have had such a record of the civil war, what a valuable history it would be now.

Just as we have completed this interesting number, the December issue puts in its appearance, ahead of time. What we said in a general way of the October number applies equally to the December issue. It only contains five illustrations, but they are excellent ones.

The first article is 'Reminiscences of Catalogue Making,' by Frank D. Swope, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s last catalogue maker. It gives an interesting account of experiences so similar to those we have met that with a change of name it would do for the *Shield*. The next article is one on 'Fraternity Badges and other Emblems,' by that same prolific, but most captivating writer, Walter B. Palmer. It is a statement of interest to $\Theta \Delta X$, which is quoted in full and answered in another department. We would like to produce it entire, but there are too many Greek

symbols in it for our printers, who are not up on Greek. The editor always has to set the Greek text himself, and time is too valuable just now. The next thing is two full page tables of chapter houses owned or rented by the various fraternities. Then comes 'Old Fraternity Records,' by Walter B. Palmer, ten pages long. The editor gives a seventeen-page review of college annuals, well written and interesting.

Some time ago Mr. Holmes complained that $\Theta \Delta X$'s badge had been 'plagiarized.' Brother Palmer inferred that this charge was probably directed against $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. In the December SCROLL, he stated that the shield badge of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was first made in June, 1849, and that our founders then knew nothing of $\Theta \Delta X$ or its badge. He inquired what proof $\Theta \Delta X$ possessed as to its form of shield having been made earlier than that date. Mr. Holmes quotes the two middle paragraphs of page 143 of the December SCROLL, and says:

It is with a great feeling of pleasure that we respond to so courteous an appeal. Mr. Palmer is certainly possessed of the true fraternal spirit. For his information we would state that we now have in our possession, and have had for a number of years, one of the first $\Theta \Delta X$ badges ever made. It was obtained in Albany in December, 1847, by Abel Beach, one of the founders of the fraternity and also one of the designers of the badge. In its general outline the badge is exactly like the ones in present use. It is, however, larger, but a distinctive shield. The date of purchase probably needs some explanation to reconcile it with the 'founding date,' adopted after much discussion, as June 5, 1848. The fact is, there are written evidences and abundance of unwritten history to prove that $\Theta \Delta X$ was conceived and really born in October or November, 1847, but the oldest record in the Alpha minute book being June 5, 1848, the writer was one of those who strongly insisted on being absolutely safe and sure, by counting our birth as of June 5, 1848. This is proven by the badge itself. In that early day there would be no conceivable inducement for the college boy to have his badge dated back. The owner of the badge still lives and declares that he purchased the same in 1847, as stated. We trust this statement will establish priority in Mr. Palmer's mind. We can readily understand his statement that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ might have easily conceived a similar badge without ever having seen one of ours.

Now in regard to the remark that our reference to 'plagiarizing' was intended for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Mr. Palmer is altogether wrong. In order to prove this we must tell the whole truth, like our illustrious friend, George Washington, but we do it without any feeling of animosity, hoping that our friends who are hit will not take it unkindly. Our remarks were directed entirely to $\Phi K \Psi$, who are making a shield so near like that of $\Theta \Delta X$ that it is almost impossible to detect any difference at a distance of ten feet. This fact has been acknowledged by $\Phi K \Psi$ men to the writer with regret. The only sensible difference in the shape is that there are two points at the top center, instead of one, as in our shield. The border is of pearls, and while the center characters in the enamel are different, they are not easily detected at any distance. It is, to say the least, very unfortunate, and had $\Theta \Delta X$ not possessed absolute proof that our badge was created, made and worn nearly five years before $\Phi K \Psi$ was founded, the writer would have insisted on a change being made in our badge, which would enable us to recognize it at all times and in all places. Now the simple fact that

Φ K Ψ or any other fraternity has a shield badge, does not affect Θ Δ X in the least, but when anyone so nearly copies it as to resemble it closely and occasion errors on the part of members of both fraternities, it is time for somebody to change the style of their badge. Clearly priority of possession does not call upon Θ Δ X to change hers. The shield of Φ Δ Θ or southern K Α have never troubled us in the least. They are distinctively different and would never be mistaken by either fraternity. We trust we have made ourselves perfectly understood by Mr. Palmer. He has expressed himself so kindly that we wish to thank him for his loyalty to right no matter whom it affects.

Brother Palmer accepts Mr. Holmes' statement that Mr. Beach purchased the first Θ Δ X badge in December, 1847. On the question of similarity, it may be remarked that the badge of Φ Δ Θ is not complete without the sword, which was added to the shield in 1865, and the combination makes a badge quite different from that of any other fraternity.

The December *Shield* closes with an index of the first fourteen volumes (1884-98), compiled by Mr. Holmes, who says that so laborious was the task that he hopes he will never have another like it. He says that such an index has been issued by only one other fraternity journal, referring of course to Brother Palmer's ten year index and review of THE SCROLL in 1886, which work he repeated in 1896.

THE PYX.

The list of initiates and affiliates in this issue may contain some mistakes. If so, please send corrections to the editor. In all cases, however, where an initial is given instead of a full name, the editor has personal assurance that the 'initial only' is correct.

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Chapter treasurers will do well to make collections and settlements before the expensive commencement season drains all pockets.

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As space is at a premium this month we have taken the liberty of omitting from chapter letters the statements that 'the winter term opened with a slight increase in enrollment,' that 'base ball prospects are brighter than ever before,' that the new men initiated are the pride of the chapter and certain to do the fraternity honor, that the new general council and the other chapters have 'best wishes' for success and happiness. Let these things all be understood by our readers, however.

The editor confesses to a little uneasiness as to the effect of an ordinary issue of THE SCROLL on his subscribers. The enthusiasm over the convention number, due naturally to the subject presented, was so intense as to be disquieting. If the reports from alumnus day are read carefully, however, there will be no opportunity for an immediate collapse.

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The Chicago chapter will retain its house during the summer vacation, and if any Phi who expects to spend a part or all of that season in Chicago wishes to secure lodging in congenial surroundings, we urge him to write Bro. L. W. Case, Jr., 575th Madison avenue, Chicago, and engage a room at once.

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We are glad to welcome the *Sewanee Purple* after the end of the Lent recess and to receive the *Westminster Student*, of which Bro. C. F. Lamkin is editor-in-chief.

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Among Phi orators who have distinguished themselves lately in collegiate contests we may mention Bro. L. B. Herrington, of Kentucky Delta, and Bro. F. B. Cherrington, of Ohio Wesleyan. The similarity in names is striking.

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Bro. Geo. Wm. Cone, of Riverton, Va., has a complete set of THE SCROLL which he would be willing to dispose of at a reasonable figure. Bro. Thos. C. Blaisdell, of the Fifth Avenue Normal School, Pittsburgh, Pa., has a practically complete file from Volume IX to Volume XXII, inclusive, in regard to which the same announcement may be made. The Chicago chapter wishes to obtain by exchange the numbers for February, June and December, 1894; February, 1895, and June, 1896. Address L. W. Case, Jr., 575th Madison avenue, Chicago.

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The last SCROLL stated that Bro. Homer A. Boushey, of California Alpha, was one of four official delegates not in the convention group photo. We take pleasure in saying that we have discovered Bro. Boushey in the back row, to the left of the right column.

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The Phis of Chicago are collecting data for a directory of the resident alumni. Chapters will please send names and addresses to Bro. F. J. R. Mitchell, Box 122, Evanston, Ill.

Annals from Amherst, Dartmouth, Columbia and Union are in already and one from Vermont on the way. Please send THE SCROLL its copy promptly, before the edition is exhausted or the matter forgotten. The new coat-of-arms appears first in the *Garnet*, but Mr. Lockwood reports that it is being ordered from all quarters. If you have not yet secured your inserts, write Mr. R. B. Lockwood, 203 Broadway, New York, who has sole charge of the copyrighted design. Mr. Lockwood has made a reduced *fac simile* of the crest for stationery, which is a great success.

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Delegates to the Columbus convention are ordering convention group photos or pictures of the founders for their chapters. The former cost one dollar; the latter, fifty cents each. Address the Baker Art Gallery, 106 South High street, Columbus, Ohio.

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The editor acknowledges gratefully a number of invitations to alumni day banquets, class, commencement and chapter receptions and exercises, and Phi weddings. These will all be found mentioned in our chapter correspondence or the personal columns.

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Chapter letters from Gettysburg, W. & J. and Kansas were received too late for insertion. Letters for the next SCROLL should be in the editor's hands before May 15.

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Circular letters continue to arrive. Chapters should not fail to issue them because they neglected to do so on the date fixed. There is plenty of time between now and commencement to get out a good letter.

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Chapters that did not have delegates at the convention, and consequently did not receive Miami gavels, may obtain them from the fraternity librarian.

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Please do not send the editor personal checks in payment of subscription bills unless they are on banks in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago or St. Louis. To all others add ten cents for cost of collection.

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The annual alumni dinner of Ohio Alpha, at Miami, will be held on Wednesday evening, June 14, at 8 o'clock. An

effort is being made to have present all the living Phis who have signed Ohio Alpha's Bond. Tickets for the dinner should be procured from Bro. Jay D. Gath, Oxford, Ohio, before June 1.

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In his autobiography, published in THE SCROLL for April, 1907, Bro. Robert Morrison tells of his attending Ohio University before he entered Miami. In a recent letter to Bro. W. B. Palmer he says that while at Athens he occupied room 57, the southeast corner room of the second story of the east wing, which building is still standing. In one of the dormitory rooms is a mammoth drawing made by 'Sunset' Cox when he was a student there. This is always shown to visitors. Now that Father Morrison's room has been located, Ohio Gamma may point out to succeeding generations of Phis this place of historic interest to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

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Very careful attention is being given to the design for the certificate of membership authorized by the last convention. The design is to be executed on a steel plate, and unfortunately it now appears that the work will not be completed in time for certificates to be issued this collegiate year.

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The new alumnus buttons have been made in several grades, and price lists will be furnished on application to the manufacturer, D. L. Auld, 76 East Gay street, Columbus, Ohio. They are very handsome fraternity emblems, and all chapters should call the attention of alumni to them. Seniors should supply themselves with the buttons to wear at commencement and afterwards.

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The Brown chapter held its tenth annual banquet on February 24, in union with the first annual banquet of the Providence alumni club. Bro. H. H. Mallory, '99, was toastmaster. Bros. Rich. of Dartmouth; Case, president of Alpha province, and Kain, of Gettysburg and Harvard, were present. Other guests were F. E. Carpenter, '89; Fred Slocum, '95; Arthur Cushing, '89, and Kennerson, '96.

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The Latin quotation on page 404 of the last issue should have begun with *nil* instead of *ne*. In full it is '*Nil actum repens, siquid superesset agendum.*'

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The announcement to be found in the chapter letter of Texas Beta will come as a painful surprise to our readers.

All who attended the Columbus convention remember with pleasure the tall, handsome, genial fellow we all grew to know so well as 'Texas.' Hardy was unquestionably one of the general favorites of the meeting. The editor was perhaps the last of all the convention host to see him, as they two rode from Columbus to Indianapolis together on the way home.

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We had hoped to be able to present in this issue short contributions from Bro. C. O. Perry and Bro. F. D. Swope, as well as a review of the history of $\Theta \Delta X$, by Bro. W. B. Palmer, but lack of space forbids.

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Just after the December review of college annuals went to press we received the Williams *Gulielmian* for 1898. Williams College was founded by Col. Ephraim Williams, who fell in battle at Lake George, September 8, 1755. It was not formally chartered until 1793, however. The total number of graduates to date is 3,633. The number of students last year was 374, of whom 151 came from New York and 107 from Massachusetts; 19 are from New Jersey, 17 from Illinois and 14 from Ohio. Twenty-six states are represented. There are 58 seniors and 87 freshmen. The fraternity membership is as follows: K A , 22; $\Sigma \Phi$, 14; ΔY , 17; $X \Psi$, 12; $Z \Psi$, 23; $A \Delta \Phi$, 18; $\Delta \Psi$, 18; $\Delta K E$, 18; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 20; $\Theta \Delta X$, 18—total 180, or 48 per cent. of the whole number. Massachusetts Alpha is a strong all-around chapter, especially in athletics, society and prize winning, and evidently one of the very best at Williams.

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The general council has appointed as a committee on the celebration at Miami University on June 13 the editor of THE SCROLL, chairman, Walter B. Palmer, Dr. John Edwin Brown, Woodbury T. Morris, Capt. Harry Weidner and Karl H. Zwick. The trustees of Miami have granted the fraternity permission to place a granite memorial tablet in the wall of the room where the fraternity was founded. This tablet and the memorial trees will be formally dedicated, and literary exercises, consisting of an oration, a history and a poem, will be held at three o'clock in the afternoon. The evening will probably be given up to a reception. Reduced rates may be secured on the certificate plan, and every Phi in reach of Oxford should attend. Further announcements will be made in the May *Palladium*.

All those intending to attend the celebration and remain at Oxford over night can have pleasant rooms and good board retained for them at very moderate cost by writing Bro. Faye Walker, Oxford College, Oxford, Ohio, and stating at what time they expect to arrive.

As the seventy-fifth anniversary of Miami will be celebrated on June 14, a pleasant time will be in store for those who remain after the celebration.

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Besides the Phi debaters who were mentioned in the last issue as distinguishing themselves in inter-collegiate contests we may mention Bro. B. M. L. Ernst, *Columbia*, '99, a member of Columbia's team which met Chicago. Bro. R. W. Hobbs, *Indianapolis*, '99, is a member of the team which is to meet Notre Dame on May 3. The following associated press dispatch from the dailies of April 6 tells of other laurels won :

Mainly owing to the debating of Wilbur Morse, of Pennsylvania, the judges of the Harvard-Princeton contest, which was held in Alexander Hall, at Princeton, last evening, rendered a decision in favor of Harvard.

Bro. Morse's brilliant record in debate was described in the last SCROLL.

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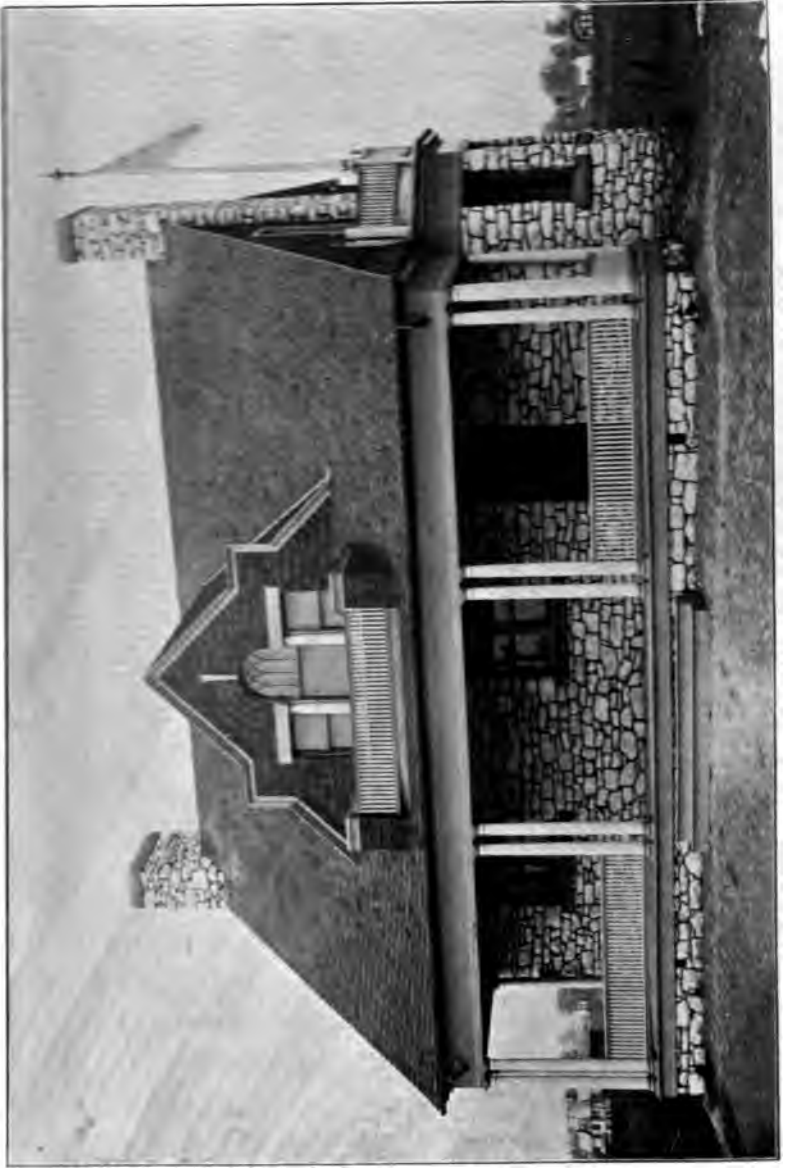
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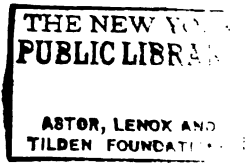
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PENNSYLVANIA (GETTYSBURG) COLLEGE.

The rise of the institutions of a country is an index to the needs of its people, and the founding of most of the older institutions of learning in the east may usually be attributed to the need of the settlers for an educated and a capable ministry. The thrifty Germans who came to Pennsylvania naturally brought their religion and its doctrines with them, and after they had built their homes, they made ready to build their churches. But then they were confronted with a lack of men to fill their pulpits. There was no theological seminary to prepare men for the Lutheran ministry, and these Germans for the most part were Lutherans. For a while they called pastors from the Fatherland, but the growing country soon needed more ministers than could be brought from Germany, and to supply this need, the first Lutheran theological seminary in America was founded at Gettysburg in 1826. But no sooner was this need satisfied than another one arose. It was found that a classical school to prepare men for the study of theology was wanted. Before this, efforts had been made to secure collegiate training for students who contemplated entering the Lutheran ministry, but the efforts had not been crowned with success. The first attempt was made at what is now the University of Pennsylvania. So far as it went, it was successful, but it did not supply the want. An unsuccessful effort was made in 1783 to connect Lutheran interests with Dickinson College, and another in 1787 with Franklin College. This latter was established in the joint interests of the Lutheran and German Reformed churches, but it never was of much service. In 1850 the interests were severed, the Lutheran interest founding the Franklin professorship at Pennsylvania College, and the Reformed branch uniting with Marshall College to form Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster. Thus



RECITATION HALL, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

we see that the time was at hand for the founding of a Lutheran college as a preparatory school for theological students.

Dr. S. S. Schmucker, who had established the seminary in 1826, founded a classical school in Gettysburg the next year. It was known as the Gettysburg Gymnasium. It soon outgrew its accommodations, and its friends made efforts to develop it into a college, where not only could the theological students receive their training, but where, too, those in other walks of life could secure a broad classical education. Finally, on April 7, 1832, Pennsylvania College was chartered. This name is still the official title of the college, although, because a number of other institutions bear the name of the state, the students in 1893 decided hereafter to call the college by the name of the town in which it is located; and now in all save official capacities, it is Gettysburg College. In regard to the founding of the college, one writer says: 'Its origin was thus marked by a relation very peculiar. Among the educational institutions of our country there are numerous instances in which the work of a college has led to the organization of a theological school. But the cases are very few, if this does not stand absolutely alone, in which the order has been reversed, and a theological seminary has led to the founding of a college.'

But, although the college was founded under Lutheran auspices, it is not a denominational college. Of course it derives its support mainly from the Lutheran element, but no qualifications of creed or belief are required, either in trustee, professor, or student, other than that 'he shall demean himself in a sober manner and conform himself to the rules and regulations of the college.' This freedom is granted by the charter, which, by a modification in 1850, further provided that the board of trustees should be self-perpetuating. In later years, however, the board has granted to the alumni the right to name a certain proportion of trustees.

As we have seen, the primary object of the college was to fit men for the ministry, and the institution has fully realized the design of its founders in this respect. But the founders were broad-minded men, men who realized the importance of a college education in all callings of life. So in 1837 we notice the appointment of a professor of civil engineering and architecture. In 1839, on motion of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, from whom, by the way, the site of the college was bought and who has given his name to the building occupied by the preparatory department, steps were taken to organize a law department. Hon. Daniel Durkee of York was elected professor of law, but he failed to accept,



and the law school never became a reality. The medical department was more successful, however, although few of us to-day know that it ever existed. It was located in Philadelphia and lasted from 1839 to 1861, when, through no fault of its own, it came to an untimely but honorable end. By reason of the civil war, a heavy tax was laid on the buildings, which were supposed to be exempt from taxation. The board of trustees refused to pay the tax, claiming that the faculty years before had agreed to bear such expenses. No member of the faculty at that time had been a party to the agreement, it having been made by an earlier faculty, if at all, and the then faculty disclaimed the burden, causing the dissolution of the school.

At present the college consists of a classical and a scientific course, the latter differing only in the substitution of chemistry and mathematics for Greek. There is also a preparatory department, controlled by the board of trustees, but having its own independent faculty. Women are admitted to all courses, but by reason of the absence of convenient accommodations for students from a distance, the enrollment of women students has been mainly local. The standard of work is high, great stress being laid upon the classical studies, even in the scientific courses. The work for the first two years is specified, but after that, opportunities for specialization are offered, particularly in the lines of mathematics, chemistry, anatomy and biology. At present arrangements are on foot by which the work in anatomy and biology will be accepted by the leading medical schools as an equivalent for the first year's work in medicine.

The college has had four presidents: Charles Philip Krauth, D. D., 1834-50; Henry Louis Baugher, D. D., 1850-68; Milton Valentine, D. D., LL. D., 1868-84; and Harvey W. McKnight, D. D., LL. D., the present incumbent. Dr. Schmucker, although not officially the president, was such in reality for the first two years of the college. Under the efficient administration of President McKnight, a member of the local chapter of $\Phi K \Psi$, the college has made great strides in equipment, in buildings, in instructors and in students. He has developed the scientific courses, with the aid of Prof. E. S. Breidenbaugh, the head of that department. The number of buildings has been almost doubled, several new professorships have been founded, and of the whole number of alumni, now about 1,100, almost 400 have received their degrees by the hand of President McKnight during his fifteen years of service.

The college is situated directly on the battlefield, almost

in the heart of the first day's fight. During the battle, the old dormitory, Pennsylvania Hall, was used as a hospital, and its cupola as an observatory. In commemoration of this, the United States battlefield commission is about to insert in the walls a bronze plate, and one of the new government avenues may be so placed as to run through the campus. This, together with the plan to cultivate and lay out the whole forty odd acres of college property, the adoption of which has been decided upon, will give to the college a campus which for beauty and historic interest can be equaled by few similar institutions. At present the campus proper comprises about ten acres, the buildings arranged in



PENNSYLVANIA HALL.

the time-honored quadrangle, making a most attractive appearance. Pennsylvania Hall, the first college building, erected in 1838, is now a dormitory and one of the handsomest old college buildings in the country. The gymnasium, formerly Linnaean Hall, was dedicated in 1847, by the Linnaean society as a museum of natural history, the first building so dedicated by students in America. In 1890 it was enlarged and converted to its present use. The president's house was erected in 1858 and remodeled in 1898. Stevens Hall, popularly known as 'Prep.,' was erected in 1867 and completely remodeled during the past summer. The old gymnasium, built in 1872, was converted into a chemical laboratory in 1889. The observatory was erected

and fitted in 1875; Recitation Hall, during the years 1887-89. The latter contains the society halls, the library and lecture rooms. In 1889 Brua Memorial Chapel was built, and immediately thereafter the steam plant, heating all the college buildings, was put in. In 1895, Nixon Field, the athletic field, was completed and named after Prof. Nixon, the professor of mathematics whose efforts in its construction were very great. In 1897 the pressing need for more dormitories led to the erection of South College, which is the first of a contemplated row of similar buildings. Two literary societies, dating from the foundation of the college, are active factors in college life, having recovered from a period of temporary inaction. The Pen and Sword society has for its object the furtherance of the college interests in all lines, educational and athletic. The Promethean club is a secret organization having somewhat similar aims.

At present there are five fraternities in the college: $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, ΣX , $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $A T \Omega$. The first four have lodges on the campus, the dormitory system and the rule of the faculty and trustees forbidding houses in which the members may live. The college, however, donates the sites for the lodges. In addition to these, there have been chapters of $Z \Psi$, 1861-67; $X \Phi$ (Princeton order), 1867-72; $Y B$, a fraternity of few chapters, which disappeared completely upon the absorption of the local chapter by ΣX in 1874; and $\Sigma A E$, which established its first northern chapter here in 1883. This lasted only a year but was re-established in 1893. In 1895 the last member left college, and the charter was again withdrawn. At present a local society is applying for a return of the charter, with but fair prospect of success.

THE FRATERNITY LODGES AT GETTYSBURG.

$\Phi K \Psi$, established in 1855, in 1884 erected a blue limestone lodge containing one room. The style is Queen Anne. A fair estimate of the cost of the house is about \$1,800. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, established in 1858, in 1891, at about the same cost, erected a two-story Moorish lodge, containing three rooms. In 1898 a porch was added. The material is brick. ΣX , established in 1863, erected in 1891 a one-story Romanesque lodge of brownstone, with tile roof. It contains two rooms. The cost seems to have been almost \$3,000, due to its expensive materials. Its location is poor, due to an unsuccessful attempt to foresee the location of the new dormitories. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, established in 1875, has just entered its new lodge, built at a cost of about \$2,300. The lodge is of a modernized Col-



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onial style. The material is local white limestone trimmed with Hummelstown brownstone, the roof and gables being of shingle. A wide porch extends along the front of the building, and a bay window overlooks the campus. On the first floor is a smoking room, connected by a wide doorway with the reception room. On the second floor is the meeting room, a large ante-room and two paraphernalia closets. The interior finish is in cypress. From the smoking room arises the stairway, at the first landing of which is a large stained-glass window bearing in the center the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ flag. At each end of the house is an open fireplace, and in addition the house is heated with hot air, its location, unsurpassed in other respects, preventing connection with the college steam plant. The lodge is situated in line with the lodges of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$, just beyond the edge of the campus proper, and is in a more prominent position than either, being the first to be seen on approaching the college. A great deal of filling was necessary but most of it has been done, and the generally expressed opinion makes the building the 'handsomest fraternity house on the campus.' The dedication will take place during commencement week, about June 14, and to it all Phis are invited.

A word or two as to the efforts made to secure the lodge may be an encouragement to other chapters with the same object in view, and at the same time a stimulus to the older Phis who too often allow the cares of life to sweep away from their minds the memories of their college days.

The completion of the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and ΣX houses in 1891 left $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $A T \Omega$ the only chapters without homes. $A T \Omega$ had never been considered a dangerous rival, and so $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, unhoused, was left practically alone, to compete against the three older fraternities with their long lines of alumni and their lodges to influence new students. The blue and white had ever been waving high, and the active chapter determined that it should keep its place. It had taken $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ thirty-three years and ΣX twenty-eight to enter their lodges, and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at the time had been at Gettysburg only sixteen years. With half the age of the other chapters, could she hope to build a lodge? $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ had been housed for seven years, but had existed twenty-nine years without a home of its own. The odds did not discourage the loyal Phis of '91, and the effort was begun. 1898 sees $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the handsomest and, with one exception, the most expensive lodge on the campus, twenty-three years after Reddig and the rest of her loyal founders first wore the sword and shield at Gettysburg.



The Carver Class Commencement

One afternoon in 1891, Bros. Reddig, '77, Troxell, '80, and Weber, '82, all of them men who have been high in general fraternity offices, were in Gettysburg, and, meeting with the chapter, decided that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ must and should have a house. Committees were appointed, plans were drawn, a site was granted. So far, all was well. But the alumni paid no heed to appeals for subscriptions. About \$600 was subscribed, but there was no security for payment, the subscriptions being mere promises. Bro. C. W. Walker, '91, was chairman of the soliciting committee. He and his fellows worked hard and faithfully, but without avail. Desultory efforts were made from time to time until 1895, when Bros. Forney, '96, Friday, '97, and Kain, '97, were appointed to write to all of the alumni again. Not more than six answers were returned, and two dollars was the sum total received. Meanwhile, the struggle to maintain the chapter's prestige was becoming harder and harder. At one time the members were contemplating the return of the charter rather than lower the standard of the chapter. A new stimulus was given to the house movement at the '97 banquet, when Bros. Trump, '77, Weber, '80, Reinewald, '85, and others of the alumni were present, and a new plan was agreed upon. Upon consultation, however, it was not deemed feasible and was not tried. But after all these discouragements, success came at last. To Bro. Forney, '96, and Bro. Kain, '97, is due the credit. Two of the alumni agreed to lend the money if it would be covered by installment subscriptions. Bros. Lantz, '94, Forney, '96, Kain, '97, Beerits, '99, with Bro. Musselman, '83, as adviser and treasurer, were appointed as a committee, with sole powers. All of the committee were then resident in Gettysburg, and the work progressed rapidly. New plans were drawn, a new site was obtained, and at last the alumni began to respond. At the banquet in June, 1898, final arrangements were made, and over \$600 was subscribed. Work began in September, 1898, and the house was entered in February of the present year. On last alumni day the beautiful Phi flag floated for the first time over the campus—a reality, where for seven years even hopes had seemed vain.

In the erection and furnishing of the house, credit is especially due to Bros. Ehrhart, '93, Gettier, '93, Eckels, '95, Meisenhelder, '97, Coble, '97, Beerits, '99, Carver, '00, and Keller, '01, for advice and assistance. The dedication exercises, as said before, will take place sometime during commencement week, probably about June 14, and a hearty invitation is extended to all Phis to be present.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

INITIATES OF THE CHAPTER GRAND.

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Hollis Montague Clayton Chase, *Vermont*, '88.

Died November 10, 1898, at Chicago, Illinois.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Charles Gordon Herald, *Amherst*, '00.

Died November 11, 1898, at Brooklyn, New York.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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John Willis Upton, *Brown*, '98.

Died December 13, 1898, at Malden, Massachusetts.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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David Thomas Devin, *Cornell*, '74.

Died ——— —, —, at Chicago, Illinois.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Almon Clayton Greene, *Cornell*, '75.

Died ——— —, 1898, at Copenhagen, Denmark.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Charles Edward Washburn, *Cornell*, '75; *California*, '76.

Died ——— —, 1898, at San José, California.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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John Henry Blot, *Columbia*, '94.

Died ——— —, 1898, at New York, New York.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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George Daniel Hammond, *Syracuse*, '93.

Died January 15, 1899, at Asheville, North Carolina.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Charles Frederick Bates, *Syracuse*, '98.

Died October 29, 1898, at Savannah, New York.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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George James Fox, *Pennsylvania*, '94.

Died May 4, 1899, at Easton, Pennsylvania.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Harrison Goff Kimball, *Pennsylvania*, '96.

Died October 13, 1898, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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William Hasselden Ellerbe, *Wofford*, '81; *Vanderbilt*, '83,
Died June 2, 1899, at Dillon, South Carolina.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Henry Page Bosley, *Centre*, '47,
Died February 7, 1898, at Danville, Kentucky.

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Salvador De Soto, *Centre*, '50,
Died August —, 1898, at Danville, Kentucky.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Wellington Harlan, *Centre*, '93,
Died September —, 1898, at Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Ralph Howard, *Central*, '95,
Died February 2, 1899, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Morgan Calloway, Sr., *Emory*, '59,
Died January 16, 1899, at Oxford, Georgia.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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George Tarleton Bestor, *Alabama*, '98,
Died May 6, 1898, at Mobile, Alabama.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Joseph Forsythe Black, *Alabama*, '98,
Died August —, 1898, at Jacksonville, Florida.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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David Harrison Minge, *Auburn*, '00; *Alabama*, '00,
Died ————, 1898, at Faunsdale, Alabama.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Daniel Douglass McLeod, *Auburn*, '84,
Died March 20, 1899, at Anniston, Alabama.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Osborne Henry Chapman, *Auburn*, '99,
Died September —, 1898, at Troy, Alabama.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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John Thilman Hendrick, *Miami*, '32,
Died March 10, 1898, at Waco, Texas.

In Coelo Quies Est.

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Horatio Burgoyne McBride, *Miami*, '69,
Died January 5, 1889, at Merced, California.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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John Walker Fieghan, *Miami*, '70,
Died May 28, 1898, at Spokane, Washington.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Arthur Bradley Murphy, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '85,
Died June 18, 1898, near Bowling Green, Ohio.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Walter Findlay Mair, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '89,
Died December 30, 1897, at Pella, Iowa.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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William Henry Slevin, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '90,
Died August 18, 1897, at Toledo, Ohio.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Edgar Downing Albright, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '92,
Died December 10, 1898, at Lima, Ohio.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Ralph Alphonso O'Bleness, *Ohio*, '01,
Died December 1, 1898, at Athens, Ohio.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Cydnor Welch Tompkins, *Ohio*, '02 (pledged),
Died January 28, 1898, at San Gabriel, California.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Alfred William Diebold, *Case*, '99,
Died February 18, 1899, at Cleveland, Ohio.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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David Hume Ellison, *Indiana*, '78,
Died November 25, 1898, at Mitchell, Indiana.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Joseph Michael Carlon, *Indiana*, '95,
Died July 22, 1898, at Denver, Colorado.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Robert Bruce Spilman, *Wabash*, '61,
Died October 19, 1898, at Manhattan, Kansas.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Reed Carr, *Indianapolis*, '92,
Died March 20, 1899, at Leipsic, Indiana.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Charles Berryman Peterson, *Purdue*, '91,
Died February 7, 1899, at West La Fayette, Indiana.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Lewis Bacon Probasco, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '91,
Died December 19, 1898, at St. Louis, Missouri.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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William Jay Matthews, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '96,
Died July 21, 1898, at Buffalo, Illinois.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Joseph Albert Perry, *Illinois*, '96,
Died November 20, 1898, and buried at sea.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Alexander Rutland Arbuckle, *Washington*, '99,
Died October 16, 1898, at San Antonio, Texas.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Leland De Forest Henshaw, *Kansas*, '90,
Died January 22, 1899, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Lawrence Eugene Thompson, *Mississippi*, '85,
Died January 24, 1899, at Oxford, Mississippi.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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Rufus Lamar Hardy, *Texas*, '99,
Died February 21, 1899, at San Marcos, Texas.
In Coelo Quies Est.

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CHAPTER GRAND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

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WILLIAM HASSELDEN ELLERBE, *Wofford*, '81.—William Hasselden Ellerbe, governor of South Carolina, died near Dillon, S. C., June 2, 1899. About two weeks before, in the last stages of consumption, he left the governor's residence at Columbia, where he had been an invalid for months, and went to die at his plantation home in Marion county. He was a descendant of Captain Thomas Ellerbe, of Mari-

on's brigade, who went to South Carolina from Virginia in 1773. He was born in 1862, and educated at Wofford College and Vanderbilt University, in both of which institutions he was an active member of Phi Delta Theta. He was a planter and merchant at the inception of the Tillman movement in 1886, and was elected controller in 1890. He was re-elected in 1892. In 1894 he was defeated for the nomination for governor, though an open primary would have chosen him. In 1896 he was elected governor, carrying every county in the state except one, receiving the votes of many conservatives, as he had proclaimed his determination to know no faction. When the Spanish war began he promptly seconded the call of the president for volunteers, and his appointment of officers gave general satisfaction. In November, 1898, he was re-elected governor, after a hot campaign, and over a most formidable opposition. His domestic life has been a most happy one. He leaves a widow and six children. He had valuable estates in Marion county, where he had been a farmer all his life. He was the youngest governor South Carolina has ever had, and would surely have been chosen to the United States senate in a few years, had he lived.

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Ralph Howard, *Central*, '95, died at New Orleans from the shock attending a series of surgical operations. He was born in Tyler, Texas, July 29, 1875. He attended Central University from 1890 to 1893, becoming a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ there. His mind was unusually active. He was quick to see and quick to act. His business qualifications were excellent. Until his last illness he had been employed in the office of the Lake Charles (La.) Rice Milling Co., as assistant to superintendent. To his many friends Ralph Howard was the perfect gentleman. His manners were those of a Chesterfield, and his grace that of a gentleman of the old school. His friends were all who knew him. The people of all ages and stations in life expressed regret and sympathy for the family when his death was announced.

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Charles Berryman Peterson died on February 7, 1899, of pneumonia. He was at the time of his death instructor in mechanical drawing at Purdue University. He was born July 24, 1868, near Darlington, Ind. He was for some years a student at De Pauw University, where he was initiated into $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. He entered the junior class in mechanical engineering at Purdue in 1890, being graduated with high

honors in 1891 and elected to T B II. After a year's work with the Detroit (Mich.) Bridge Co., he returned to Purdue to accept an instructorship. He spent the summer of 1892 in Europe. In 1894 he was married to Miss Olla Alkin, a classmate. He leaves two children. Brother Peterson was universally beloved, being extremely popular with his students. Indiana Theta passed appropriate resolutions and sent a beautiful shield of white carnations and light blue violets, attending the funeral in a body.

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Edgar Downing Albright was born in Delawan, Ohio, April 9, 1869. He became a Phi at the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he was graduated in 1892. The same year he was chosen superintendent of the public schools in Belpre, Ohio. In 1893 he became principal of the high schools in Parkersburg, W. Va., which position he held till the time of his death. His death was due indirectly to an attack of pneumonia a year before, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. Brother Albright was one of O. W. U.'s most promising young alumni. His modest and unassuming bearing did not prevent him from exerting a wide influence, and his circle of friends was a remarkably wide one.

Ohio Beta attended the funeral services at Delaware in a body, and later adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The All-wise Father, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to summon from our fraternal band our friend and brother, Edgar Downing Albright, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ fraternity, mourning the loss of our loyal and devoted brother, yet submitting to the will of the Almighty, do extend to the bereft family our sincerest sympathy and most brotherly consolation; and further be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family; be published in THE SCROLL and in *The College Transcript*.

A. J. CURREN,
C. M. EARHART,
W. R. BAYES.

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Lewis B. Probasco, *Illinois Wesleyan*, '91, died of congestion of the brain at St. Louis, Mo., on the morning of December 20, 1898. His death was very sudden. The editor of THE SCROLL, and other Indianapolis Phis who knew him at the convention of 1894, had met him but a short time before, and he seemed in perfect health. He was a prominent member of the Masons and of the Elks. For some years he had been engaged with his father in the grain business, in which he was remarkably successful. His popularity in Bloomington was very great, and his acquaintance through-

out the fraternity was such that this announcement will cause widespread and profound sorrow. He was his chapter's delegate to Atlanta in 1891, as well as to Indianapolis three years later.

Brother Probasco was born in Bloomington, Ill., June 5, 1871. He attended the grammar schools and entered the high school with the class of 1890, but did not finish the course, taking up instead the law, and being graduated from the Illinois Wesleyan law school in 1891. The last few years he has been his father's mainstay. He was shrewd, long-headed and thorough. No feature of the grain market nor any of its conditions escaped him, and with rare perceptibility he saw far into the future the chief elements that would control the business he was engaged in. His manner was rugged and abrupt, but a true heart and an honest, frank disposition won and held his friends with resistless force.

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Rev. Morgan Calloway, D. D., professor of English in Emory College and one of the best known Methodist educators in Georgia, died at Oxford on January 16, 1899, of pneumonia. He had been identified with Emory for seventeen years and was vice-president of the faculty until ill-health forced him to resign. He was sixty-eight years old and had been a minister since 1865. He was graduated from the University of Georgia in 1849, and at once began the practice of law, which he soon gave up for preaching. He served three years in the Confederate army, enlisting as a private and being mustered out as captain of artillery. He was twice wounded severely and was present when Lee surrendered at Appomatox. He was president of La Grange Female College for several years, and taught Latin at Emory before taking the chair of English. He was the author of several books and many magazine articles. Dr. Calloway was a preacher of great power and greatly beloved by the people of Oxford, the students and the Methodists of Georgia. He was an honorary member of Georgia Beta, and took a constant and intense interest in the progress of the chapter. His only son, Prof. Morgan Calloway, Jr., of the University of Texas, is a member of Georgia Beta.

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Horatio Burgoyne Mac Bride, '69, was born near Oxford, Ohio, January 7, 1846, and died in Merced, California, January 5, 1899, aged 53 years. He was graduated from Monmouth College in 1869 (A. M. 1872), from the Theological Seminary of the Northwest in 1873, and was ordained a Pres-

byterian minister in 1873. He was pastor at Pioche, Nevada, 1873-74; Ione, California, 1874-75; Colusa, 1875-77; Tehama, 1877-79; Ukiola, 1879-85; Healdsburg, 1885-91; Golden Gate, 1891-96; Merced, 1896-99. He was commissioner to the Presbyterian general assembly in 1880, 1890 and 1896; moderator of the synod of the Pacific in 1886; secretary of the presbytery of Benicia, 1886-91, and of the presbytery of Oakland, 1891-96. He was married at Carthage, Illinois, June 24, 1880, to Miss Emily Martha Bande, who, with three sons and two daughters, survives him. The family resides at Merced, California.

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Alfred William Diebold died March 17, 1899, aged twenty-one years. His record from high school through college was one of unusual excellence.

He won the prize scholarship at Case, thereby earning his tuition for four years.

He was vice-president of his class when a freshman. In the junior year he was business manager of the successful '99 annual. He regularly held a place on the college base ball team. By rare ability he completed the four-year course at Case in three and one-half years, and that, too, with the highest grades. He had the honor of being the brightest man ever graduated from the chemical department. His popularity and many friends were shown by the floral tributes to his memory and the attendance of his class, many of his professors and his chapter at the funeral. Our six seniors in Ohio



ALFRED WILLIAM DIEBOLD, CASE, '99.

Eta, Bros. Alexander, Gifford, Cross, Gibson, Gleason and Stephan, and Brothers Backus and Quarrie were pall bearers.

The chapter performed the burial service of the new ritual at his grave and later held the memorial service in the hall.

Bro. Diebold was a loyal Phi and an earnest worker for the advancement of the chapter and the fraternity. His is the first death that has occurred in Ohio Eta, and the shock was a most severe one to the chapter. He died of peritonitis. An attempt was made to save him by an operation, which was successfully performed by Bros. T. C. Martin, *Centre*, '84, and W. H. Merriam, *Vermont*, '89, but his vitality was too low to enable him to rally. HARRY W. BACKUS.



HISTORY OF THETA DELTA CHI, 1848-98.

Mr. Clay W. Holmes, the indefatigable worker in the vineyard of $\Theta \Delta X$, has rounded out his labors by editing and publishing a 'Memorial History of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, with an Account of the Semi-centennial Convention and Banquet.' It is a handsome octavo of 314 pages, not counting numerous pictorial inserts, and was published by subscription, the price being \$5 per copy.

The account of the semi-centennial convention (New York, February 8-10, 1898) proceedings, literary exercises and banquet occupies 96 pages. The historical portion of the book covers 200 pages, and there are 18 pages devoted to 'In Memoriam,' and 'Our Living Actors.' $\Theta \Delta X$ differs from other fraternities in calling its chapters 'charges.' The list of deceased members is called the 'Omega Charge,' as $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ enrolls them under the 'Chapter Grand.' The history of $\Theta \Delta X$ from 1848 to 1872 was written by Wm. L. Stone, Brown, '57. The honor of founding the fraternity belongs to Abel Beach, Andrew H. Green, Theodore B. Brown, William G. Akin, William Hyslop and Samuel F. Wile, all of the class of '49 at Union. Hyslop was valedictorian and Green stood second in his class. Four of the six were elected to $\Phi B K$. Beach and Green are yet living. The following is quoted from the minutes of Alpha charge:

On the night of the 5th of June, 1848, the following named gentlemen, members of Union College, met according to agreement at the house No. 15 Front street, occupied by the family of the late Governor Yates: Wm. G. Akin, Abel Beach, Theodore B. Brown, Robert L. Dodge, Theodore J. Fonda, Jesse D. Fonda, Andrew H. Green, Wm. H. Hyslop, Francis E. Martindale, Samuel F. Wile, Newton B. Sherman, Abram Walrath. It was unanimously resolved that a secret association be formed.

The following record appears in the front of the minute book of Alpha charge:

Though the subject, for the settlement of which the first meeting of our fraternity was held, had been under consideration some weeks previous—it is believed by the founders of our fraternity that the first active steps may properly date from the fifth of June, the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and that day is accordingly recommended to the fraternity as the anniversary of its foundation, June 5, 1848.

The other fraternities at Union then were: K A, 1825; Σ Φ, 1827; Δ Φ, 1827; Ψ Υ, 1833; X Ψ, 1841. Θ Δ X is the youngest of the six fraternities born at this venerable institution. Mr. Stone writes:

Although the germs of the society were planted in the spring of 1847, it was not until June, 1848, that the fraternity was completed and proclaimed. . . . Although it will be seen that some twelve persons were present at the first formal meeting of the fraternity, yet its real founders, as being the ones to suggest, talk over the subject and prepare for the first meeting, were the six already mentioned. At this meeting a constitution and a model of a badge were adopted, and the first officers elected.

The founders, as we are informed by Bro. Burdge, passed through no formal initiation, but signed the constitution, and solemnly pledged themselves to abide by the obligations found therein. In fact, until the present elaborate service was adopted in the fall of 1848, all the initiations consisted merely of signing the constitution, learning the grip, being told the motto of the society and the meaning of the symbols, and making a simple promise of secrecy and fidelity. The original signs of recognition were of a beautiful character, but too observable—the letters Θ Δ X were formed by ingenious movements of the arms, shoulders and head.

The original badge was a small gold shield with a chased edge. It bore the stars and arrows as now. 'It was worn by only two persons,' says Burdge, 'Akin and one other.' About January, 1849, the badge was enlarged and enameled by Drew, of Albany, N. Y. It was then universally admired in Union College, as its symbolical beauty made it superior to the monograms and geometrical figures of the rival fraternities. It was larger than the present badge and without the rim of pearls. . . .

The first person regularly initiated by the Alpha, after its formal organization, into the mysteries and enjoyments of Θ Δ X, writes Abel Beach, was George D. Cowles, who resided at Syracuse, N. Y. Martindale and Wile were the committee to represent the founders in the initiation, which was duly performed at the Eagle Hotel, Schenectady, October 26, 1848. Cowles was then a junior, and had entered Union during the preceding month. He was elected the head of the charge the following year. He has the honor of having presided at the first annual convention (Troy, N. Y., 1853), and is well known in central New York as an eminent lawyer. It is interesting also to note in this connection that the ritual of the fraternity was first used at this initiation, and it was about the same time that the badge was publicly known.

This record settles the fact that Θ Δ X was the first fraternity to adopt the shield form of badge, but the badge of 1848, a fac-simile of which appears in this history, was of considerably different proportions from those of the present badge, and also of quite different shape from the shield form

of $\Theta \Delta \Theta$ badge, first made in June, 1849, and a fac-simile of which appeared in THE SCROLL for June, 1898.

The history of $\Theta \Delta X$ from 1873 to 1898 was written by Duncan C. Lee, Hamilton, '91, with an appendix by Clay W. Holmes, Lafayette, '69. In 1898 the fraternity had twenty-one active charges, seventeen inactive charges, and 3,411 members. In *ante bellum* times it had charges at William and Mary in Virginia, and the universities of North and South Carolina, but they were killed by the war. After the war the William and Mary charge was revived, and charges were established at Washington (now W. and L.) and Virginia, but each lived only a few years. $\Theta \Delta X$ is now an eastern fraternity with three charges in the west. The parent charge at Union died in 1867. The active eastern charges are at Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Harvard, Tufts, Boston, Amherst, Williams, Brown, Yale (S. S. S.), Cornell, Hamilton, Hobart, Rochester, C. C. N. Y., Columbia, Columbian (D. C.), Lafayette, Lehigh.

A charge was established at Kenyon in 1854; it disbanded in 1863, was re-established in 1870, and suspended again in 1896. The next western charge was placed at Wabash in 1879, and did not prove to be a fortunate venture. The charter members were bolters from $\Delta T \Delta$, and this transaction was a blot on $\Theta \Delta X$'s escutcheon. However, it is not evident from this history that the bolters were encouraged by $\Theta \Delta X$ in their disloyalty to $\Delta T \Delta$. The charge never prospered, but died within three years. Since then charges have been established at Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The inactive charges, other than those mentioned, were at Vermont, M. I. T., Wesleyan, Reusselaer, Ballston Law School, Princeton, Washington and Jefferson, Dickinson, Bucknell. Mr. Holmes writes:

The intense ambition of early years had been completely deadened by the civil war, which so disastrously affected the educational system of the country. This was followed by a painful conservatism, which was at last broken, in 1889, by the addition of the first western star (Michigan), to be followed later by two others—not, however, without intense opposition.

To-day the fraternity does not speak of 'western,' 'eastern' or 'southern' extension, but stands ready to go wherever there is a worthy field. She is wisely conservative in being able to consider any institution which applies, solely on the merits of the case. If there should seem to be material of quality for present and future prosperity, and the college were of such character as would compare with our ideas, then without doubt a favorable hearing would be granted. Since 1873, over forty applications have been received for charters, which have been declined by the grand lodge without reference to the charges. In some cases a second application has been made in following years by the same college. It is a noteworthy fact

that petitions have been received from nearly every institution where $\Theta \Delta X$ had an extinct charge, but in most instances they have been declined solely on the ground of the low standing of the institution itself.

Of the twenty-one active charges, those at Cornell, Hamilton, Amherst and Tufts own houses, and eleven others rent them. Alumni associations exist at Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago and San Francisco. The song book is said to contain upwards of fifty songs, and the good quality of the extracts therefrom in this history makes us eager to see all of the verses. Hon. John Hay, author of 'Little Breeches,' also wrote a fraternity drinking song beginning :

Fill up your blushing goblets
Till the bubbles kiss the rim.

Another member of the Brown charge wrote of the 'Origin of $\Theta \Delta X$ ' :

One bright Olympian morning,
The gods were very blue ;
For, ever since the dawning,
They nothing had to do.

$\Theta \Delta X$ has the proud distinction of having two members in President McKinley's cabinet—John Hay, secretary of state, and John W. Griggs, attorney-general. It is interesting to note that when the Lafayette charge was organized in 1867, Clay W. Holmes was elected as its president and John W. Griggs corresponding secretary. In the book under review there are forty half-tone portraits of prominent members, sixteen half-tones of charge groups, one family group, the semi-centennial convention group, half-tones of five charge houses, two steel plate emblematic designs, besides fac-similes of the badge, monograms, flag and first page of first issue of the *Shield*. The progress that $\Theta \Delta X$ has made during recent years is in great measure due to Mr. Holmes, whose retirement took place just before the recent national convention at Boston. The fraternity will indeed be fortunate if she is able to enlist the services of another such willing, faithful, untiring, intelligent and efficient worker.

WALTER B. PALMER.



CALIFORNIA ALPHA'S HOUSE, BURNED MAY 16, 1889.

California Alpha's chapter house at Durant avenue and Dana street, Berkeley, was completely destroyed by fire at 11 o'clock on the night of May 16. It was one of the handsomest club houses in the college town and had only been in use about three years, the chapter having purchased it a year ago. Victor Henderson, '00, the only occupant, had a narrow escape from being burned to death.

The origin of the fire is utterly unknown. Smoke was seen coming from the place at about half past ten, and an alarm was at once turned in. The nearest company of firemen hurried to the scene, followed by all the other companies in the town, but the flames were beyond control. The location of the house is quite high, and it was a good deal of a journey for the firemen to reach the scene. When they did arrive the house was black with smoke, and a few moments later burst into flames. A great crowd gathered to watch the blaze. There was much active work done by the firemen, and they succeeded in saving most of the furniture.

In California Alpha's letter, in this issue, will be found further details of the unfortunate event. It is pleasant to read, however, of the courtesies offered by other chapters at Berkeley, and it is especially gratifying to note that a new house will be built this summer on the old site. California Alpha is all right.

A REMINISCENCE OF PROF. L. H. BAILEY.

Prof. L. H. Bailey, *Lansing*, '82, of Cornell University, formerly resided on a fruit farm near South Haven, Michigan. In 1880 I visited his native town, and registered at the hotel as follows: 'C. O. Perry, Φ Δ Θ.'

It was his custom, when in town, to look over the hotel register. On this occasion his eye fell upon my name and the Greek letters following. We were not strangers, although we had never met. I knew him by reputation, as a loyal Phi and a rising scientist. He had attained an international reputation as a botanist long before he was graduated. He had botanized the west coast of Michigan and northern Indiana, and had startled the scientists of all Europe by the discovery of certain plants that, until then, were not known to exist in that latitude. He knew me by reason of my connection with the fraternity, having twice been elected to preside over its national conventions.

The hotel porter showed him to my room, where he found me very ill. His visit was brief but full of manifestations of heartfelt sympathy, such as only those who have mingled with true Phi know how to extend. In the afternoon of the same day, he called in his carriage and took me to his home and cared for me till I was fully restored to health. This kindness I have never forgotten and never can. It was an oasis in the desert of life from which sprang a friendship that has endured and shall continue as long as we both shall live.

When I was able to be out we spent much time under the trees in the great peach orchard, discussing the luscious fruit, plants, plant life, bugs, worms, snakes and various 'insects injurious to plants.' Scientific terms and names were as familiar to him as the names of his own household.

A flea—just the commonest kind—was always *pulex irritans*; a lark, *alauda arvensis*. During a very animated discussion of plants and plant life, which was both entertaining and instructive, I ventured to suggest the propriety of dispensing with technical terms and of popularizing science,



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so as to bring it within the comprehension of the common people. He opposed the suggestion most energetically. I maintained that the common people could not properly pronounce many of the scientific terms in use; for instance, I said, how would you pronounce 'bac-ka-che?' That is French, said Bro. Bailey, and pronounced 'ba-ka-sha.' Then, said I, this confirms me in my position; you pronounce it 'ba-ka-sha,' while I pronounce it 'back ache.' There was a sudden ending of the discussion and I appealed to the highest limb of a friendly peach tree for protection.

This incident had long since passed from my memory, but evidently not from his, as the following letter attests:

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y., February 2, 1899.

My dear Perry—I am still alive and now and then try to do something, but don't seem to accomplish much. I am afflicted with a sort of mental 'ba-ka-sha.' Hope you are happy. We are.

Yours on a gold basis,

L. H. BAILEY.

Allow me to add in conclusion that 'with all his faults I love him still,' and you, my good brothers, would love him, too, if you knew him, for he is a jolly good fellow and always welcome at Locksley Hall, Belvedere, California.

C. O. PERRY, *De Pauw*, '69.

THE PHI DELTA THETA CLUB OF AUSTIN, TEXAS.

The Phi Delta Theta club of Austin, Texas, dates its existence from May 19, 1899, with the following charter members: J. W. Lowber, *Indianapolis*, '71; A. H. Graham, *Oglethorpe*, '71; H. M. Whaling, *Richmond*, '76; Morgan Calloway, Jr., *Emory*, '81; J. H. W. Williams, *Southwestern*, '85; D. F. Houston, *South Carolina*, '87; L. B. Fontaine, *Richmond*, '87, *Texas*, '91; F. H. Raymond, *Texas*, '87; E. H. Eyes, *Ohio*, '91; J. H. Caldwell, *Texas*, '91; J. A. Lomax, *Texas*, '97. The chief credit for founding the new club is ascribed by Texas Phis to Bro. E. H. Eyes, who is on the staff on an Austin daily paper. The chapter at the University of Texas can not help reaping many direct benefits from the new organization. It is worthy of note that the last four clubs chartered have been in cities where there is an active Phi chapter.

EDITORIAL.

OUR semi-centennial college year closes most appropriately with the reunion and celebration at Miami University. This issue of THE SCROLL is too nearly simultaneous in its appearance with the exercises at Oxford to make it worth while to enumerate their features and urge attendance, or possible to present them as events that have passed into history. The *May Palladium* has already announced what may be expected, and the October SCROLL will make known to what degree these expectations were realized. Two, if not all three, of our living founders, many of the general officers, with a full representation of neighboring chapters, will assist in making the more formal ceremonies of our semi-centennial as complete a success in their way as was the semi-centennial convention.

It is good to know that our fiftieth year is our best year yet. We have had fewer weak chapters, more chapter houses, more initiates to the chapter, more badges owned, a larger convention, a more perfect constitution and code of laws, more promptness and completeness in reports, more thorough and effective work on the part of the province presidents as a body, more general prominence in current literature, politics and war on the part of our alumni than in any previous year of the history of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Besides these tangible evidences of steady growth may be mentioned signs of movements beneath the surface, whose efforts can be accurately measured only after the lapse of years. Those who study closely comparative fraternity history, and who have opportunity to examine into the life and spirit of the individual Phi chapters are persuaded that the fraternity is exceptionally fortunate in being able to work out her purposes as free from the stifling incubus of conservatism for the sake of being conservative, as from the unsafe leadership of restless and unreflecting radicalism. In other words, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is threatened neither with a dynasty of 'aunties,' nor

yet with 'jingo' supremacy. And besides this evenness and independence of general fraternity thought, there are unmistakable signs that the average of intelligence and interest in general fraternity history and progress is higher now than ever in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Phis know something of chapters and of fraternities besides their own. And, finally, it seems that the knowledge how to work most effectively and the enthusiasm that makes work a pleasure and a necessity are this year more in evidence than ever before. Which things being true, let us profit by our successes and our mistakes—as well as by those of others—and make next year yield still better results. The chapter or the fraternity that comes to believe there is dignity or safety in stopping short on the speedway of progress to harangue oneself on the excellence of the pedigree of one's courser is not only sure to be distanced hopelessly, but also quite likely to be hustled unceremoniously after awhile by rivals if not by backers.

THE statistical tables given in the May *Palladium* show that the number of men initiated during the year ending February 1, 1899, was 439; that 1060 Phis were students at our 64 Phi colleges and universities on the date named. The total membership of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was then 10,012. The number of alumni clubs had increased to 38. This now becomes 39 by the chartering, on May 19, 1899, of the Austin club. The total membership of the fraternity has doubled in a little over eleven years. The number of alumni clubs has increased 75 per cent. since 1892. The number of chapter houses has doubled in four years. Nearly 20 per cent. of the active members have Phi relatives. As last year, the Dartmouth chapter is the largest on the roll, and the one at Washington and Lee the smallest. The tables are a mine of valuable information, and the fraternity is under many obligations to the historian of the general council and to the chapter historians for their accuracy, thoroughness and promptness in preparing the matter for these tables.

CHAPTER houses have played a leading role in the drama of the past year. In October Indianapolis and Northwestern took houses, Gettysburg, Dickinson and Pennsylvania commenced to build, California bought a house and lot. Later in the year Missouri, Emory, Illinois and Mercer entered houses. Counting Columbia's flat as a house, we have held 30 during the past year. Nebraska, Chicago, Case, Union, Syracuse and Columbia have all moved into better quarters. Vermont, Lehigh, Indianapolis and Northwestern will all seek new and better locations next fall. California has just lost her house by fire, but will build at once; Stanford is building a house on the campus. None of the chapters now housed think of relapsing to homelessness next year, unless Mercer is forced to do so by faculty decree. Among the new arrivals we are happy to announce Knox, who will build this summer. Auburn, Westminster, Miami and Southwestern are working actively on house funds. The alumni are coming to the aid of Tulane and Columbia. Washington is almost ready to build, and Iowa may be expected to rent in the fall. Homeless chapters will please note that excuses do not 'go.' If it is the plan you want, write to the general officers or to the successful chapters. If you lack money, raise it. If you are not hopelessly lazy and out of date, do something to free yourself from suspicion. The summer vacation is the best time to arrange for a house. Do so without delay.

TO SOME members of the class of '99 THE SCROLL must now say farewell. But let this number be as small as possible. The only way to keep in touch with the life and work of the fraternity is to read regularly its magazine. The man who neglects to provide himself against the danger of absorption by the details of business or professional life by continuing his relations with his college and his fraternity, does himself serious injustice. There is no more genuine social pleasure than that which comes from meeting chosen spirits of common traditions and interests; no more complete intellectual satisfaction than that gained from inter-

course with the elite from academic life. And if a Phi wishes to remember the name of his chapter, to know of its condition, to discover dozens of Phis like himself at his very door, he must read the letters from his chapter and the news of the alumni. It is a paying investment for a man to keep track of the progress and of the members of his fraternity.

The class of '99 has brought $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ much honor in undergraduate life, and we expect to hear from them soon again and often. We shall expect to read their names in the reports of reunions next alumni day, and when they settle in cities not yet blessed with alumni clubs, we shall look for applications for charters. And first of all, we look to them for efficient aid in rushing the class of '03 and those that come after, either in returning for a week or two in October to *alma mater*, or in reporting the names of desirable men to the chapters or to THE SCROLL.

THE rushing season will be at its height in most chapters when the October SCROLL appears. The membership committees should begin their work seriously and systematically at commencement and cover the ground as never before. Use every possible means to discover names of new men and to learn of their antecedents. Reflection and ingenuity will suggest various feasible plans. Make sure that a large delegation is on hand before the term opens and ready for work when the first freshman arrives, and whatever you do keep out of the bottomless pit of lazy self-satisfaction. Let us hear no weak talk of 'lack of material,' and 'conservative policy,' and 'quality rather than quantity.' Every class has some good freshmen, and these are the men you want. You can't get too many. A chapter of twenty is infinitely to be preferred to one of twelve members, and when the number drops below twelve the danger line is reached. A large chapter means enthusiasm, self-confidence, financial ability; a small chapter the reverse. If there is not enough good material to go around, get a good share early. Don't discuss juniors and seniors, but rush the freshmen, and initiate plenty of them.

MANY chapters are completing and binding their files of THE SCROLL. This can not be too highly commended. It is still possible for nearly every chapter to secure an almost complete set of the magazine from the beginning. Once collected, this can be easily kept up, and the value in future years of this library, with its exhaustive ten-year general indexes, can not be overestimated. Many of the alumni are giving their files or odd numbers to the old chapter; some of the later chapters and some of the alumni are buying files or missing numbers; others are securing what they lack by exchange. THE SCROLL is ready to do all in its power to aid the good work.

THE chapters of Alpha province will hold their biennial convention at Gettysburg the latter part of October. The interest attached to the historic field where Pennsylvania Beta makes her home, the new Phi house, the enthusiasm which always characterises the conventions of our largest province—all should make this a great occasion. President Case and the boys at Gettysburg want every Phi in the east to be present, and they promise all who go a rare good time. We quote from a preliminary announcement:

Besides interesting topics for discussion, there will be the usual receptions and dinners, and a day spent in going over the battlefield of Gettysburg. * * * * Notify your alumni, and have an announcement published in your college paper. * * * * Full particulars will be mailed to any address about September 25.

Chapter Correspondence.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

President Tucker has just returned from a prolonged absence in Europe. He was greeted with a warm welcome and escorted from the station to his residence by a procession of the entire student body.

Since our last letter several honors have come to the chapter. In the senior class Bro. Beal is a commencement speaker, ranking third in scholarship, and Brothers Barney, Child and Graham have class-day assignments. Bro. Chase, '99, was one of the Dartmouth trio which recently defeated Williams in the annual debate.

Bro. Washburn, '01, has been elected assistant foot ball manager to assume duties of 'varsity manager in his senior year; Bro. Hunter, '01, has received the managership of the '01 *Aegis*.

The base ball season is well under way, and the Dartmouth team has played fast ball and won three of the four games thus far in the triangular league series with Amherst and Williams. Bro. McCarten, '01, and Bro. Abbott, '02, represent us on the diamond and play a strong game on second and third base.

The chapter will lose eight men in June by graduation, but a large entering class is assured from '03; and so long as there are good men in college, Phi Delta Theta will never be in difficulty.

Yours in the Bond,

Hanover, May 20, 1899.

CHARLES P. GRAHAM.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

The chapter house which we now occupy has been sold, and we have consented to vacate it July 1. We had leased the house for another year, but get a consideration sufficient to warrant vacating this spring. Of course we shall rent another house next year, if possible. We expect to get some plan started on a firm basis at our coming alumni banquet for raising funds, by means of a joint stock company or otherwise, to buy or build a chapter house. We therefore request our alumni to make a special effort to be present, and shall gladly receive from any chapters or individual Phi suggestions or information regarding ways for raising funds for this purpose.

Though the Vermont base ball team has won games from Pennsylvania, Union, Hobart, Tufts and others, it has not done all that was hoped for it at the beginning of the season. The injury to Richmond on the first trip, and the loss of Johnson soon after, necessitated a change of positions at a critical time which could only prove detrimental.

In the inter-class games, the juniors now lead with a very good chance of winning the cup. On this team we are represented by Bros. Murray and Beebe. Bro. Andrews is on the senior team; Bros. Perry, Parker and Dodge on the sophomore, and Bros. Goodwin, Hayward and Adams on the freshman team, with Bro. Munson as freshman manager. We are to have a tennis tournament with Bowdoin this spring.

The last military hop of the year will be given at the armory, May 29, in honor of the Dartmouth base ball team, which plays here then.

The musical clubs recently gave a very successful concert at Plattsburgh. They are to appear at Middlebury, May 30.

Bro. Lincoln, '00, has left college, but may return next year. He is doing engineering work. We shall lose two men by graduation, Bros. Andrews and Blair.

Bro. Beebe, '00, has been re-elected business manager of the *University Convener* and attended the recent meeting of the New England collegiate press association. Bros. Adams and Peck, '02, have been chosen speakers for the Kingsley prize speaking.

We were very much pleased to meet and have with us at our last meeting Bros. Hegeman, Gambee, Edwards and Grout, of the Union base ball team.

Yours in the Bond,

GLENN C. GOULD.

Burlington, May 25, 1899.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA, AMHERST COLLEGE.

The year at Amherst, just drawing to a close, has been one of progress in many ways. The college has risen from the lethargy into which it has been falling for several years and has now entered upon a new epoch of activity characterized by a most cordial feeling among faculty and students and alumni. Both alumni and undergraduates are awaiting with hopeful expectation the choice of a new president, upon whom the future prosperity of Amherst largely depends. The committee of the trustees will probably announce the name of the new president at commencement, which will be held this year, June 25-28.

Plans for the erection of a new alumni assembly hall, to cost \$100,000, have been made by the class of 1884 and approved by the trustees. A large sum for the purpose has already been subscribed, and the success of the project is practically assured.

The base ball season has been disappointing to Amherst supporters. The team has shown remarkable strength at times and at others has been disastrously erratic. With four more games to play in the championship series, Amherst can not hope to win more than second place.

In the New England inter-collegiate athletic association meet at Worcester, May 20, Amherst took third place, thus maintaining a prominent position in the association. Bro. Klaer, '00, won third place in the 880 yard run. Bro. Gladwin, '01, was second in the 440 yard dash.

The tri-collegiate games of the Amherst-Wesleyan-Williams league were held June 3. Williams was an easy winner. Bro. Klaer, '00, and Bro. Wiggins, '01, took second and third places respectively in the 880 yard run. Bro. Gladwin, '01, won the 440 yard dash in 52½ seconds and secured third place in the running broad jump. Bro. Phillips, '02, tied for second place in the pole vault.

The annual reception of the chapter given to young ladies from Smith and Mount Holyoke Colleges, members of the faculty and their wives and representatives of the other fraternities, was held in the chapter house Saturday, April 29, from 4:30 to 8:30 P. M. The entire house was thrown open to the guests, and the reception was in every way enjoyable. About forty young ladies were present.

The eleventh anniversary of the founding of Massachusetts Beta was celebrated Friday evening, May 12, with an unusually pleasant banquet at Hitchcock Hall. Bro. Marriott, '99, was toastmaster. Of

our alumni, Bros. Leach, '92, and Strong, '98, were present. Bro. Gifford, *Brown*, '99, brought the greetings from Rhode Island Alpha.

In addition to the commencement honors held by our senior delegation already mentioned in a previous letter to THE SCROLL, Bros. Austin and Brooks have been appointed speakers on the commencement stage. Bro. Brooks also has been chosen as one of the 'Hyde six' to speak in competition for the Hyde prize of \$100.

Throughout the past year there has been a strong feeling of unity and brotherhood existing in the chapter, and our growth in influence and strength has been marked. The year with us has in every way been encouraging, and we believe that Massachusetts Beta is better able to maintain the ideals of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in Amherst than ever before. With the class of '99 there will go from us nine loyal Phis, who have done much to build up this chapter. Their places will be hard to fill, but we shall expect to secure before the next issue of THE SCROLL a strong freshman delegation which will be an honor to the fraternity.

Yours fraternally,

Amherst, June 3, 1899.

DEWEY H. HURD.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA. BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Notwithstanding the fact that Brown has been many months without a president, the year has been the most prosperous and successful in her history. Probably the name of the next president will be announced before this is published, and with very encouraging progress in the raising of the two million dollar endowment fund, a still brighter future is dawning upon 'old Brown.' The one hundred and thirty-first annual commencement, June 21, will see the largest graduating class Brown has ever had, 149 in number.

Since our last letter several important positions have fallen into the hands of the chapter. Bro. G. G. Bass, '00, has been elected managing editor of the *Daily Herald*; Bro. C. C. White, '00, has been elected base ball manager. Incidentally it may be added that Bro. White hopes to manage a better team than is representing Brown this season. However, our nine has defeated some very strong teams, notably Princeton (6-3) and Holy Cross (3-2). Bro. A. E. Norton, '00, has been elected to $\Phi \beta \kappa$. Bro. W. R. Harvey, '01, has been elected associate editor of the *Daily Herald*. Bro. J. W. Downs, '00, and A. E. Norton, '00, are two out of four chosen from the junior class to compete in the Hicks prize debate. Bro. C. C. White, '00, was a member of the junior prom. committee and of the junior celebration committee. In track athletics, Bro. J. G. Melendy, '01, broke the New England inter-collegiate record for the shot put at the recent Worcester meet, and Bro. D. H. Hall, '99, took silver medals in both the hammer and the discus throws.

Bro. Gifford, '99, represented us at the annual banquet given by Massachusetts Beta, May 12, and reports most cordial treatment at the hands of our Amherst brothers.

Preparations for class day this year are as usual quite extensive. About \$5,000 has been contributed by the senior class and the fraternities as a working fund, and the '99 class day is expected to eclipse all former events of this kind. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will decorate Sears Reading Room for her spread, and will have a platform on the front campus. Bro. Freeman Putney, '99, as stated in our last letter, is principal speaker of the day.

The numerical strength of the fraternities now represented at Brown is shown by the following figures: $A \Delta \Phi$, 26; $\Delta \Phi$, 24; $\Psi \Upsilon$, 24; $B \Theta \Pi$,

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25: I K E F I * H: $\Phi \Delta \Sigma$ 18; $\Delta \Upsilon$ 27; $\Sigma \Phi$ 23; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 26; A T O,
 27: I K E F I * H: I An attempt has been made to install $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ here.
 Your reporter for the coming year is Bro. A. E. Norton, 28 University
 Hill, Providence.

Rhode Island Alpha takes pleasure in introducing to the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$
 world Bro. Walter Elphinstone Newcomb, '02. We have already begun
 pledging for next year and would urge members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ all over the
 country to direct us of any desirable men who may be coming to
 Brown.

Yours in the Bond.

Providence, May 20, 1904.

H. H. MALLORY.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

New York Alpha was honored a short time ago by a visit from the
 Bro. John W. Foster, Indiana Alpha '85, the country's greatest dip-
 lomat. He delivered a course of lectures on diplomacy to the students
 of the university and while here was entertained by numerous profes-
 sors and clubs.

Shortly after our return from the spring vacation we held our twenty-
 eighth annual banquet at the Oriental Cafe in Ithaca; our crew and
 track men were not allowed to attend on account of training.

At this season of the year athletics at Cornell are at their highest
 pitch in all the spring sports, but as usual, most interest is centered
 in the work of the crews. Although there is not the incentive of a race
 with Yale and Harvard this year, the men are working with the same
 enthusiasm. On May 10 a second varsity race with Pennsylvania will
 be held here on Cayuga Lake, the best course in the world. An observa-
 tion train of forty cars will be run by the Lehigh Valley R. R., and a
 large crowd is expected. We have Bros. Coit, '00, Fay, '01, and En-
 glish, '01, trying for the varsity boat, and Bros. Kugler and Powley
 for the freshmen boat, all of whom have excellent chances of making
 seats.

Our base ball team started the northern series in fine style. Un-
 fortunately several of the best men have been injured, but they are
 gradually improving and will be in the game again in a few weeks.
 Bros. White, '01, and Brower, '00, are playing on the second team,
 and both should have good chances for next year's nine.

Recently an open track meet was held on Percy field, in which the
 representative athletes of New York state participated. In this meet
 the Cornell men were very successful, winning a majority of the
 events. So far only one dual meet has been held—with Syracuse Uni-
 versity which we won by a small margin. Bro. Kinsey, '01, in the
 pole vault is $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s only track representative.

In lacrosse Cornell has been distinguishing herself, having already
 won the inter-collegiate championship. This branch of athletics has
 been in very poor shape here for several years, so the record this year
 is most gratifying and will undoubtedly secure the game a prominent
 place.

Bro. Ihlder has been re-elected to the *Cornell Sun* board. Bro.
 Wynne is working hard with the glee club for the senior week concert.

We intend to repaint and refurnish our lodge soon and get in good
 condition for next fall's rushing. All Phis who know of men enter-
 ing Cornell with the class of '03, will receive our thanks and appreci-
 ation if they inform us of their names, and, if possible, of their Ithaca

addresses. This would give us an advantage over the other fraternities, and it is our intention to so help our sister chapters whenever it is possible.

Ithaca, May 14, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
W. H. MORRISON, JR.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Another college year is gone, and with it we lose six of our best men—Bros. Truman R. Temple, Warren M. Van Name, Richard G. Simpson, Clarence F. Bell, Frank S. Hackett and Otto H. Hinck. Still we close the year with brighter prospects than the chapter has ever had. We have found that a chapter house is absolutely essential to a strong chapter at Columbia. High city rents have prevented us from having a house thus far, but we have fully determined to strain every nerve and begin the next collegiate year in a house. On May 11 the Alumni Club held a very successful dinner at the St. Denis Hotel, at which seventy-five Phis were present, including the president of the general council and the president of Alpha province. At this dinner it was decided to take immediate steps toward the purchase or erection of a fraternity house. A committee of fifteen alumni was appointed, and over six hundred dollars was subscribed on the spot. Each member of the undergraduate chapter will sign a note of five dollars, payable on November first, to insure funds to maintain, if necessary, a temporary house next year. To compete with the fifteen other fraternities at Columbia a house is absolutely necessary, and we intend to have one.

Next week the chapter will give a reception to the candidates for entrance into the university. Bro. Frank S. Hackett has been appointed to the rhetoric department. Bro. Balthasar G. Germann is a marshal for commencement.

Ten Phis will receive degrees at commencement.

Bro. George E. Farish is the president of the newly-formed Western club and chairman of several class committees. Bro. Joseph S. Buhler, the business manager of the *Morningside*, has been elected vice-president of the Philolexian literary society, and won third prize at its prize oration contest.

The sophomore class for years has celebrated its victory over mathematics by burning the books and the professors in effigy, after several funeral orations, and by parading. Bro. Buhler has been appointed chairman of this 'triumph,' the most important sophomore function. Bros. Clarence T. Bell, '99, and Bernard Ernst, '99, played on the class ball team in the inter-class series. Bro. Allan, '02, is the star rider on the college cycle team, and won the half mile race in the Cornell-Columbia dual meet in record time. Bro. Otto H. Hinck, '99, who was accounted a sure winner in the two mile race in the university track games, sprained his knee and was unable to compete. Bros. Hinck and Ernst have made the track teams, and will be entitled to wear the 'varsity 'C.'

On Thursday evening Bro. Edward A. Darling, *Cornell*, '86, chairman of buildings and grounds, and Bro. Frederick A. Goetze, *Columbia*, '97, gave a reception to the chapter. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

New York, May 20, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
BERNARD M. L. ERNST.

NEW YORK EPSILON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Our commencement season is the week of June 2-7. We will lose by graduation this year Brothers Kelly and Reddick. Bro. Kelly, who has been the efficient captain of the base ball team, expects to take the law course and so may be with us two years longer. Bro. Reddick will preach a year, after which he will take a course at Drew Theological Seminary.

Since our last letter the '98-'99 catalogue has been issued; it shows marvelous development in every department of the university during the past twelve months. The number of students in the four colleges is 1,152, an increase over last year. The faculty numbers 132. The departments of pedagogy and chemistry offer several new courses. There are also new courses in numismatics, elementary Greek, Greek epigraphy, Latin epigraphy and philosophy.

The past month has been unusually active in all lines of college affairs. Base ball has had its share of attention; the annual dual track meet with Cornell has been held, in which Cornell won by the narrow margin of seven points; two fencing contests have been held with Cornell, the first being won by Cornell and the second by the Syracuse team; two fraternities have been added to our roll of 'Greeks' in the law college— $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ and $\Delta \Sigma$, Bro. Skinner being one of the charter members of the latter. *The Onandagan*, the annual of the junior class, has been issued.

A sudden interest has been taken in aquatics at Syracuse, both by students and alumni. Our large-hearted trustee, Mr. L. C. Smith, has presented the university with an eight-oared shell and two four-oared gigs. Rowing machines have been set up in the gymnasium, and a squad of candidates has begun to train. A coach will be engaged at the beginning of next year. So Syracuse will take a place in the ranks of the rowing colleges at next year's regatta.

Dr. Frank Smalley has been elected as the Syracuse representative on the faculty committee of the inter-collegiate athletic association of America. Syracuse will have a strong team at Mott Haven this year, among them Bro. Scrafford in the high jump.

An important educational convention has recently been held in Crouse College, lasting three days. Several bishops of the M. E. Church were present, and many noted and distinguished educators. The result was the formation of plans for increasing the endowment of the university by \$2,000,000. In reference to one of the speakers I quote from the *University Forum*: "The Rev. C. C. Albertson, Ph. D., of Buffalo, was perhaps the most eloquent speaker of the session." Dr. Albertson is a loyal Phi and was entertained at the chapter house. We are pleased to know that he is to deliver the sermon before the Christian associations on commencement Sunday evening.

New York Epsilon is justly encouraged by the progress of the past year. Our new chapter house has been a success. While a few men will not return next year, we have two men pledged and others in view. Brothers Nichols, '94, Brown, '94, Mills, Hobart and Granger, and Brothers Hubley and Bray, of Lafayette, have paid us short visits.

Yours in the Bond,

Syracuse, May 23, 1899.

CLAUDE M. MARRIOTT.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The end of this year and the beginning of the next will see many important changes at Lafayette. Pardee Hall is to be dedicated the last of May. During the summer the old dormitories will be united,

and the side fronting the campus will be made attractive. The interior will be furnished with steam heat, electricity and modern sanitary appliances.

In athletics Lafayette is holding her own. Our base ball team has defeated so far Pennsylvania, Lehigh, Syracuse, and a number of small colleges. Bro. Dr. Newton, our new coach, has revived track athletics, and has succeeded in producing quite a number of able men. Among those prominent upon the track are Bros. Bray and Roper. On the base ball team we have such stars as Bros. Hubley and Bray. Both these men are the best in their positions that Lafayette has seen for some time. Bro. Pierce, the manager of the team, has proved himself worthy by his business-like methods and by his well arranged schedule of games.

In the musical clubs we are represented by Bros. Hultgren, Van Allen and Roper. Bro. Moon has been appointed mantle orator for the class of '99, and Bro. Frett has been elected to the Orpheus of Easton.

This year our number has been increased by the following: Bro. Edmund S. Tillinghast, '00; Bros. William C. Frett, Morris Rosenbaum and Thomas Wilson, '01; Bros. Benjamin H. Evans, Winfield S. H. Roper, Clarence H. Van Allen and John A. Wenrich, '02. The chapter roll, which now includes sixteen members, compares favorably with those of the other fraternities in college, which are $\Delta K E$, 19; $Z \Psi$, 11; $\Theta \Delta X$, 13; $\Phi K \Psi$, 22; $X \Phi$, 19; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 21; ΔT , 20. By graduation we lose but three men.

Our banquet this year will be held on June 19, and we will be pleased to have with us as many of our alumni as possible.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of many chapter letters, and to extend our thanks to the general council for the kind interest they have taken in us.

Easton, May 25, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
GEO. W. HAGNEY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The advance program for commencement presents an interesting array of events. In addition to the usual exercises an alumni dinner has been arranged for, as well as several class reunions; but that which interests this more than anything else will be the dedication of our new lodge.

The college year, which is now fast drawing to a close, has been an eventful one for Pennsylvania Beta in more ways than one. Starting last fall with but six men we have now a roll of nine active members and two pledged. During the year we have succeeded in having our new lodge built and furnished, so that now we can compete in every way with the other fraternities on the campus. Heretofore we have been severely handicapped in securing new men simply because we did not have a house. $A T \Omega$ is now the only fraternity here that does not have a house, and she is no longer considered a formidable rival by the others. The local society which has been trying to secure a charter from $\Sigma A E$ has been turned down. This is the information given to us by one of the members of the society. The fraternities number as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, 9; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 16; ΣX , 11; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 9; $A T \Omega$, 8.

The senior finals will take place the latter part of May and commencement will occur on June 14. Pennsylvania Beta will lose three men by graduation. Bro. Klinefelter will be salutatorian of his class, and Bro. Beerits will have the presentation of gifts as his part on class

lay. Both will be among the honor men. Bro. Sloop is the third member to graduate. Bro. Beerits expects to enter the U. of P. medical school next fall, while Bros. Klinefelter and Sloop may go into business.

During the year we have been well represented in all college organizations. Bro. Beerits is president of the athletic association, president of Philo society; he was elected manager of the base ball team, but could not accept owing to the amount of his outside work. Bros. Bickel and Krafft are members of the 'Sons of Hercules,' the gymnastic team. On the musical clubs we are represented by Bros. Ott and Huber. At a recent election of the *Weekly Gettysburgian* board Bro. Keller was elected one of the business managers for the ensuing year. Bro. Klinefelter having been editor-in-chief during the last year. Bro. Markel is president of his class and a member of '00's *Spectrum* staff. He will be the mantle orator for '00. At a recent meeting of the sophomore class to elect a *Spectrum* board Bros. Heintzelman and Keller were elected as associate editor and business manager, respectively.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the Phi world Bro. Walter J. Bickel, '02, Pittsburgh, Pa. Bro. Bickel is the only freshman we have seen fit to ask this year, owing to the woeful lack of fraternity material in this class. Although we may have been severely criticised for our failure to initiate more freshmen, and may have given the impression that this was due to the weakness of the chapter, we believe that we have not been the losers by our conservatism. The class of '03 promises to have some men for next fall, and we hope henceforth to see our chapter roll grow steadily larger.

The Pen and Sword society, though organized but little more than a year ago, has been doing some noble work for the advancement of the interests of the college. It is purely an honorary society, its election being public and occurring annually on February 22. Bros. Beerits and Klinefelter represent $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Through the efforts of the society, aided by the students, a permanent athletic coach has been employed.

The base ball schedule for this season is harder than those of former years. The team started out well by defeating Franklin and Marshall in a fine game. We meet Dickinson twice, besides in the dual athletic meet, which will be held at Gettysburg on May 17. Mr. Floto, '03 (pledged), is a substitute on the nine and pitcher of the preparatory team.

The annual inter-fraternity tennis tournament is being arranged to take place during commencement week. This is one of the most interesting events of commencement week. Bros. Huber and Carver have been selected as $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s representatives this year. The prize is a silver cup, now held by $\Phi \kappa \Psi$.

During the past few months we were glad to welcome back Bros. Meisenholder and Coble, '97, now of John Hopkins University; Bro. Kain, '97, now of Harvard; Bros. Eyster, '81, and Gettier, '93. We also had the pleasure of having visits from Bros. Hamblin, Schmucker and Ivins, of Dickinson; Bro. Welsh, of Lehigh, and Bro. Muse, of Illinois Wesleyan.

We are very much gratified at the renewed interest our alumni are taking in the chapter. This serves as an inspiration to greater activity among the men in college. A number of our alumni have been especially kind to us during this term, two of them having provided the chapter with a new upright piano, and another presented us with a large bronze statue. Such substantial manifestations of their loyalty must result in much good to the chapter.

Our dedication, as previously announced, will take place on June 14 and 15. On June 14 the dedication proper will take place, and on June 15 we will have our opening reception, for which invitations have already been issued. Judging from the numerous letters already received, a large number of our alumni will be present. The general synod of the Lutheran church will meet in York about that time, and will be the means of bringing in a large number of our alumni from a distance who otherwise could not be present.

We shall consider it a special favor if any brother knowing of desirable men who contemplate coming to Gettysburg in the fall will inform us of the fact.

Yours in the Bond,

Gettysburg, May 13, 1899.

HIRAM H. KELLER.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Gamma takes pleasure in introducing Bro. George Edward Mellor, '02, of Edgewood; Bro. Ira Bugher Shallenberger, '02, of Edgewood; Bro. Thomas Charles Williams, '02, of Pittsburgh; Bro. John Alfred Metz, '01, of Williamsport. Bro. Mellor fell ill shortly after he was initiated and was not permitted to return to college until the beginning of this term. His father has presented us with the use of an elegant combination piano. This adds to our enjoyment as well as to our initiation ceremonies very much, and we are very grateful to Mr. Mellor for his most suitable present.

Bro. Gibson will not be with us this term, as he has gone to Chihuahua, Mexico, to look after some interests in a gold mine, in which his father is a stockholder. He expects to stay there until next fall and then return in time for the opening.

Bro. Core has been elected captain of next year's foot ball team. Mr. Mathews was elected to captain the team, but the faculty claimed that he could not serve on account of the fact that he was not a regular student, as he was pursuing a partial course. Bro. Core has been playing on the team for four years, beginning while still in the preparatory department, and he will certainly render good service with such bright prospects as we now have for a first-class team next year.

Bro. Carline is manager of the base ball team for the second time, and has a very good schedule arranged. Our first game will be played at Washington on April 22. The team will take a few two or three day trips, but most of the hard games will be played here.

The inter-collegiate meet, which has heretofore been held at Pittsburgh, will be held here this year. Westminster Gamma, Grove City and W. and J. contend for the championship.

Δ T Δ has removed from a hall to a rented house, very conveniently situated on North avenue. At present they have only six men in it, but they expect more to enter it soon.

Κ Σ and Φ Δ Θ are the only chapters not living in houses now, but we have our boarding club, and since many of our members would not be permitted by their parents to go into a house we think that it would not be advisable to enter one. [How is it that the parents of the members of so many rival W. and J. chapters do not object to chapter houses? ED.] We have two very suitable rooms, and, with our piano, they make a very inviting place.

Yours in the Bond,

Washington, April 10, 1899.

W. C. GRUBBS.



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PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

On April 24 the sororities held their annual 'Pan-Heavenly' banquet. The example was followed by their Grecian brothers on the 27th, when the Pan-Hellenic banquet took place. It was an unusually successful affair. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was represented on the toast list by Bros. Couse and Weatherly. The senior and sophomore classes will banquet together the last of the month. Bro. Oakes is chairman of the banquet committee, and Bro. Couse will respond to a toast.

Pennsylvania Delta will entertain its friends at the chapter house on the 22d. Social activity among the fraternities is unhappily much restricted this year by faculty regulations, but the chapter intends to make the most of its limited opportunities.

The classical club, of which several of the brothers are members, gave a very delightful informal reception on May 9.

An event of considerable importance in college circles is the organization of a quill club, which purposes to furnish each paper of importance in Allegheny's patronizing territory with a college correspondent. The work of promoting the club has been accomplished largely by members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

The intense interest aroused in college athletics by the record of the basket ball team, has been well sustained by the work of the nine, which has recently returned victorious from a visit to five colleges of eastern Ohio. In the seven games played up to date, the team has scored sixty-six points against twenty-two by its opponents, and has yet to meet defeat.

It has been recently announced by President Crawford that Gov. Lloyd Lowndes, of Maryland, an alumnus of Allegheny, will act as toastmaster at the commencement alumni banquet. Ex-Postmaster General Gary, another distinguished alumnus, is also expected to be present.

The '99 *Kaldron*, of which Bro. Stolzenbach is editor-in-chief, will make its appearance in about a month, and is being eagerly looked for, as it is rumored to be an unusually interesting number.

We have recently pledged to the chapter Joseph Emil Morrison, of Blairsville, Pa.

Bro. Casteel, who is graduated in June, has accepted a position as instructor in biology at Ohio Wesleyan.

Meadville, May 15, 1899.

In the Bond,
E. S. OAKES.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

We have recently initiated Frank Cayou, of Carlisle, Pa., and pledged John Wynn, of Wallaceton, Pa.

We are now engaged in making preparations for entertaining a large number of alumni whom we expect at commencement. By that time we hope to have the house far enough advanced to enable us to hold our annual banquet there. By the opening of the fall term the structure will be completed.

Athletics at Dickinson are booming. Up to the present we have suffered but one defeat in base ball out of nine games played. Bro. Ivins in center is considered the fastest outfielder on the team.

On April 29, during the relay carnival held at the University of Pennsylvania, Dickinson's runners won from their old rivals, Bucknell and Gettysburg, breaking the record for that class. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ contributed largely to the victory, being represented by Brothers West and Cayou.



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The latter ran a beautiful race, starting with a lead and increasing it by ten yards. He is the speediest man in college, both in the quarter mile and the sprints.

Bro. Mallalieu, '99, has been honored by the faculty with an oration for commencement day; he will also, in all probability, be first honor man of the class.

Pennsylvania Epsilon graduates but three men this year, and will return a large delegation in the fall—so that the chapter will not be materially weakened in numbers; an aggressive campaign is being arranged for when the rushing season opens.

Yours in the Bond,
Carlisle, May 13, 1899. T. M. WEST.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Eta regrets having overlooked her letter to the April SCROLL. We are about to enter the trials incident to spring examinations, which continue until June 10.

We take pleasure in introducing Brother Samuel T. Harleman. Brother Harleman's father is also a Phi, and was one of the organizers of Pennsylvania Eta. Brother Harleman is assistant business manager of *The Brown and White*.

Brother Grubbe is now captain of the track team, of which Brother Brice is also a member. Brother Becerra, who has represented us on the foot ball field for the past four years, will be graduated this spring, as will also Brother R. M. Straub.

The chapter is looking for new quarters. Our present location, while pleasant, is inconvenient and the house undesirable.

Yours in the Bond,
South Bethlehem, May 28, 1899. E. B. WILKINSON.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA GAMMA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Randolph-Macon entered on her third and final set of examinations to-day. The three-examination system has not proved very satisfactory, and in all probability will not be tried again next session.

Virginia Gamma will lose this year by graduation Brothers Davis and Rucker. The rest of us will probably return next session, and we hope and expect there will be more good fraternity material than there was last fall.

Brother Peatross has recently honored us on the tennis courts by winning with Mr. Kern the tennis doubles, the second year that he has thus won.

Randolph-Macon will issue an annual this year, and it will be a credit to her in every respect, though it is her initial attempt in this line. It will be named the *Yellow Jacket*.

Yours in the Bond,
Ashland, June 1, 1899. HENRY GEORGE LAVINDER.

VIRGINIA ZETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Examinations are now going on at W. and L., and every one is looking forward to the pleasures of commencement week. Probably the most interesting feature of the gaities will be the annual regatta. In this Virginia Zeta will be well represented. Bro. Keeble has been

chosen coxswain for the Albert Sidney crew, and Bro. Campbell will pull number three in the same boat.

Work on the Tucker Memorial Hall is progressing rapidly. This handsome building will add much to the appearance of our campus.

W. and L. has been very fortunate in securing William L. Clark, Jr., for the chair of common and statute law, made vacant by the removal of Prof. Graves to the University of Virginia. Though comparatively a young man, Mr. Clark has written several well known law text-books and has an enviable reputation in his profession.

Our president, William L. Wilson, was recently honored by being appointed one of the three representatives from this country to the Royal Society, which meets in England this month.

We are well represented in the class of '99 by Bro. Campbell, who is an applicant for the degree of A. M. His loss will be deeply felt by Virginia Zeta and the university. He has been the leading athlete in W. and L. for several years and is a scholarship winner straight through.

Bro. Epes has been forced to leave college on account of his health, but will be with us again in the fall.

Bro. D. C. McBryde left Lexington some time since for the Adirondacks, where he will spend a year recuperating.

The prospects for a large attendance here next year are flattering, and the rushing season promises to be very lively. Virginia Zeta expects to get her full share of the good material. We shall be strengthened by the presence of several of our alumni.

Yours in the Bond,

H. R. KEEBLE.

Lexington, June 3, 1899.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

In the near future Vanderbilt will have a new dormitory. William K. Vanderbilt has donated \$100,000 for this purpose. The building will be placed near the old west side row, and will be modern in every respect. It will have two walls so arranged as to divide each floor into apartments suitable for fraternities or societies that desire rooms together. The rooms on the several floors will be arranged in suites, and will be equipped with every modern convenience. Another donation of \$15,000 has been recently given to the theological department by Mrs. Nicholson, of Nashville.

The base ball team is nearing the close of a very successful season. Only four defeats have been suffered. Three games were lost by only one score, while the fourth was lost by three. Bro. Rice played short stop; Bro. Hardy, first base; Bro. Carlisle, center field; Bro. Carr, right field and catcher. Bros. Cooper, Baxter, Howell and Jones play on their class teams. Bro. Jones, '01, is manager of the sophomore nine.

The next southern inter-collegiate meet will be held under the auspices of the Vanderbilt athletic association May 19 and 20. Bro. C. Nichol is a promising candidate for the hammer throw easily winning that event on class field day. Bro. Carlisle will probably enter for the pole vault.

Bro. Kood won the chess tournament held by the Vanderbilt chess club. Bro. Bradshaw, '99, has been elected editor-in-chief of *The Commencement Chapter*, our daily published during commencement week.

We look for most of our men back next year, and hope to have the strong chapter we have always had.

Yours in the Bond,

GILMER WINSTON.

Nashville, May 11, 1899.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Ever since the opening of the present term Sewanee has been singularly victorious. Her base ball team has won every game it has played, having beaten the University of Tennessee three straight games, the University of Nashville two straight games, the University of Charleston one, the University of South Carolina one, and the Augusta Y. M. C. A. one. Not only on the diamond has Sewanee been victorious, but also on the rostrum. At Charleston, on May 17, she won the oratorical contest held under the auspices of the S. I. O. A. for the fourth time. Nine contests have so far been held, and none of her rivals has won more than one. She also won the annual debate with Vanderbilt, which came off at Nashville on May 19, thus winning the second series, having won the one last year also.

On the eleventh of this month the Hoffmann Memorial Hall was formally opened, and quite an impressive service was held, the R. R. Th. Gaitor, bishop of Tennessee, officiating. In the evening an elegant dinner was spread for the incoming students who are of the junior grade of the university. The hall is a large, handsome structure, built of Sewanee sandstone and fitted throughout with all modern improvements.

The medical department of the university will soon be opened and already there are more students enrolled than ever before. Altogether it is one of the most prosperous years that the university has ever enjoyed, and she has every reason to be proud of herself.

It is with pleasure that we introduce our latest initiate, Bro. E. H. Blount, of Texas. On the ninth of this month we held our annual banquet, which was quite an enjoyable affair; one of the founders of our chapter was present.

Sewanee, May 23, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
WM. LOWRY GILLET.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

We are making a complete success of our new club house. Bro. Robt. Campbell has shown himself an excellent 'kitchen fairy.' Not a better table is kept in Oxford than the one he sets for the boys of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. In the senior class $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ expects with reason this year four speaker's places. In the junior, four have already been awarded to Phis. These junior and senior places are the rewards of good class standing. Freshman and sophomore places are awarded on excellence in declamation. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ plucked her share of these: three in the sophomore and two in the freshman class. This leaves Georgia Beta with thirteen out of the forty-six places. The remaining thirty-three are divided among our rivals and the non-fraternity element. We left an average of five for each of them.

We wish to introduce Bro. Legare Bullard, of Machen, Ga.

The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club house will be the scene of a delightful house party during commencement week. One of the ladies of Oxford has agreed to chaperon us. Our friends will be present, and on Monday evening, June 12, our banquet will be spread. For this we extend a hearty invitation to all Phis who can come, and most especially to Georgia Alpha and Georgia Gamma.

Oxford, May 24, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
W. W. TINDALL.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Our annual, *The Scroll*, is now in press and will be out by June 15. Under the able management of Bro. Owen, '99, it promises to be one of the best issues of the last five years. Our catalogue for the session of '98-'99 provides for the addition of several new courses of study, and it is a delight to the student body that all schedules of recitations have been reduced several hours a week.

The sophomore exhibition was a great success, this being the first time in the history of the university that young ladies were allowed to take part as speakers.

The gulf states inter-collegiate oratorical contest was held here on the twelfth, and we heard some very fine speeches, the medal being won by Moore, of the University of Georgia.

The 'varsity has met some very strong teams on our own campus this year, and considering the difficulties under which it has labored, it is considered by the faculty and students to have played good ball, although we have not been so victorious as in past years. We hope to obtain permission from the trustees to travel next year.

Field day was held on the twentieth, and although no records were broken, some good work was done by the contestants. We were glad to have Bro. Robertson, '01, and Bro. Banks, '95, with us for several days last week.

Our final examinations begin on June 1, and every student is keeping late hours and 'boning' as though his life depended on it. All academic duties will be suspended after June 14, and we will be at liberty to have a 'time' until the night of June 21, when we will have our annual hop in the mess-hall, which is always attended by people from all over the state. After this notable event, which is given in honor of the seniors, we will leave for home.

As usual, Alabama Alpha will be in the fight during the spiking season next fall; we are sure to get some good men, as several Phis have brothers who are coming, and we also know of other good men who will be here.

University, May 31, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,

JOHN D. MCQUEEN.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

Miami has not been as fortunate this year in athletics as in previous years. Foot ball was stopped at the beginning of the season on account of rowdy playing in the game with the University of Cincinnati. The base ball and track teams, however, are very good this spring. The base ball team away from home won the majority of its games, but has been very unfortunate at home on account of the rainy weather. In the dual meet with Earlham, Miami was defeated. On our own grounds we would without doubt have won, because we only lost by a few points.

Ohio Alpha wishes once more to invite all Phis to be with her on the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. Every possible preparation is being made by the various committees to make it a memorable day. We would like every Phi to be with us Tuesday, June 13, and, if possible, to remain during the remainder of the week.

On Wednesday, June 14, the university celebrates the seventy-fifth anniversary of her founding. This will be a red-letter day in the his-

tory of the institution. On commencement day, Thursday, Hon. Whitelaw Reid is to give the address.

With so many attractions it is hoped to bring every alumnus back to his *alma mater*.

An effort has been made to have a reunion of the various classes. Wednesday evening is the Ohio Alpha alumni banquet. Bro. Weidner is to be our toastmaster for the evening.

Yours in the Bond,

Oxford, May 30, 1899.

W. E. STOKRS.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The death of ex-President Payne, which occurred on May 5, at Clifton Springs, N. Y., closes the career of one who for many years has been a faithful servant and helpful friend to the university. He was president from 1875 to 1887, when he was elected by the general conference to the office of corresponding secretary of the board of education. His loss will be keenly felt.

Last week President Bashford announced that \$30,000 has been bequeathed to the Ohio Wesleyan Medical School, at Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of erecting a new laboratory. This will be a valuable addition to the medical department, and the work of building will be commenced at once.

Our chapter now has ten initiates and six pledged men. We take pleasure in introducing Harry Stewart Le Sourd, '99, of Xenia, Ohio. Since our last letter we have pledged W. P. Baird, of Louisville, Ky., who will be ready for initiation at the close of this term.

A joint fraternity entertainment is to be given soon and promises to be the chief event of the term. Great interest is manifested in the undertaking, and a spirit of mutual friendliness exists among the various chapters.

Ohio Beta will lose this year by graduation five members: Brothers Harold A. Pauley, Mason, Ohio; Frank B. Cherington, Delaware, Ohio; Allen B. Whitney, Mt. Gilead, Ohio; Arthur B. Pyke, Tientsin, China; and Harry S. Le Sourd, Xenia, Ohio. Brother Clark, who for the past three years has been tutor in mathematics, will take a graduate course at Harvard.

Commencement exercises will be of unusual interest this year, owing to the fact that the class is extremely large and that several classes have decided to hold reunions at that time. This will probably bring back many Phis and will be a source of great pleasure and encouragement to our chapter.

Yours in the Bond,

Delaware, May 15, 1899.

W. R. BAYES.

OHIO GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Since the death of Bro. Ralph A. O'Brien, '01, which came as the indirect result of injuries sustained during foot ball practice last fall, the college has had no athletic sports of any kind. During the latter part of April a meeting of the athletic association was held, and officers were elected for a base ball team for the spring term and for a foot ball team for the fall term. The outlook, however, is not very bright, as the sad accident mentioned cast a gloom over athletics here that time will scarcely dispel. The first base ball game was played with a local team and resulted in a victory for the college nine.

The editorial board of the college paper—the O. U. *Mirror*—on

which we were represented by Bro. T. H. Sheldon, '00, as editor-in-chief and Bro. Casto, '01, as business manager, has changed, their terms of office having expired. Bro. C. D. Sheppard was elected local editor for the ensuing year.

Prof. Milliman, who is a graduate of Michigan and Chicago, was appointed to take charge of the department of English literature in place of Prof. Willis Boughton (resigned), and will have charge of the athletics next fall and of base ball this spring. Prof. W. E. Anderson, who has held the chair of chemistry here for the past two years, has resigned, the resignation to take effect at the end of this term, and he will accept a position as assistant professor of chemistry at Ohio State next year. Miss Catherine Findley, the elocution instructor, has also resigned. Successors for both shall be appointed at the June meeting of the trustees.

We lose by graduation this year Bro. Newman Hall Bennett, who, after a two years' course in music at Ohio State, will finish his studies in London.

The annual June banquet of this chapter will be held on Tuesday, June 2), at Hotel Berry in this city, and we would be pleased to have all of the brothers who are near here at that time attend this event.

We wish to thank Bro. Zwick, of Ohio Alpha, for his kind invitation to attend the Miami commencement and celebration, and also others of the Phis who have kindly extended invitations of different kinds.

Athens, May 20, 1899.

In the Bond,
DORR C. CASTO.

OHIO ETA, CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE,

Since our last letter the Science chapter has lost two of her senior members. Bro. Edwin V. Cross has left for an advantageous position in Alaskan mining fields, but will at the same time be graduated from Case. Bro. C. A. Gleason leaves for Nevada, to join Bro. Jones in new and profitable mining interests. Bros. Stephan, Gifford, M. C. Gibson and Alexander we shall also miss from our number after graduation day.

We have initiated Bro. George P. Ewing, '01, who is a member of the '01 annual board, and Bro. Homer S. Black, '02, a member of the *Integral* board.

Field day occurs May 25, and under the efficient captaincy of Burtum D. Quarrie, we are confident of a big score against our opponents, Western Reserve University. Under the capable management of Bro. C. M. Nissen, editor-in-chief, our '99 annual was made a most successful publication, being the largest and most complete ever issued at Case. Ohio Eta would be glad to exchange annuals with all Phi chapters. Any book addressed to the reporter, 845½ Fairmount street, Cleveland, Ohio, will meet with a prompt exchange.

Bro. Ralph Braggins, as manager of the Case base ball team, is making a successful record.

Brother Ward, T. G. C., and Mrs. Ward, entertained Ohio Eta on May 3 with a heart party at their delightful home. Their true Phi hospitality on that evening will be long remembered by the chapter among its many delightful social events.

Commencement and its accompanying reception occurs June 8, and we should be glad if any Phis in Cleveland at that time would attend.

Ohio Eta will occupy her present home this summer, and if any

This are to make any stay in Cleveland or wish to take advantage of our summer school, we would be glad to have them make it their home during that time.

Yours in the Bond,
Cleveland, May 22, 1899. HARRY MEREDITH BACKUS.

OHIO THETA, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The long search for a president has ended in the selection of Prof. Howard Ayers, B. S., Ph. D., of the University of Missouri. He will enter on his duties early in July. A president is just what the University of Cincinnati needed most, and it is confidently expected that now the institution will rapidly grow in attendance and in college spirit. The improved facilities for study afforded by Cunningham Hall and Van Wormer Library, also help to make the outlook for the future bright.

Ohio Theta has added a new name to her chapter roll. Albert E. Keller, '01, was initiated on the night of April 15.

As business manager of the annual, Bro. Stovall has shown great ability. Bro. Lange, '00, has been elected to keep up the good work next year. Bro. Burke, '02, is training for field day, and as a consequence certain records are in danger.

After July 15 the chapter will maintain a summer camp on the Big Miami river, near Venice, Ohio. The location is a beautiful one, and a cordial invitation is extended to all Phis to visit this camp. Your correspondent will be glad to give directions to any Phis who may not be able to find the place.

Yours in the Bond,
Cincinnati, May 17, 1899. STUART A. MCGILL.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Our term social will be held the second day of June. Although it will not be an extravagant affair, we expect to make it one of the most enjoyable occasions of the year.

With the graduation of the class of '99 we shall lose six members, Bros. Burbank, Shafer, Gifford, Laughlin, Honneus and Edwards. There will be ten or twelve of us back next fall to begin the spiking season, so we feel no discouragement at our prospects for the year of 1899-1900. We are looking forward with great anticipations to the province convention that is to be held here next fall. We expect many Phis to be present, and we intend to make this an event in the history of Indiana Alpha. Full announcements will be made later.

In the dual meet in track athletics between I. U. and Purdue the score stood 80 for Indiana and 73 for Purdue. Against De Pauw I. U. got 108 points to 20. In the triangular meet, however, the score stood: Notre Dame, 78; Purdue, 34; I. U., 23. In base ball, though, we are still ahead. We have come out twice victorious over Purdue this year and once over De Pauw. Bro. Alsop, who played third base, met with an accident early in the season that has hindered him from playing any more this season.

Yours in the Bond,
Bloomington, May 30, 1899. H. LESTER SMITH.



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INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Indiana Gamma opened the athletic season with the best tennis court and one of the champions in doubles, the captain, assistant manager and two men on the nine, and four members of the track team.

Unfortunately the house in which the chapter resided has been sold, but rooms and use of the parlors in the house have been arranged for. Plans for a still more desirable location for next year are almost completed.

Two visits from Brother Zwick, of Ohio Alpha, were enjoyed by the chapter.

The wounds of the late defeat in debate by Notre Dame were somewhat healed by the memory of the excellent work of Brother Hobbs on the home team.

The best annual ever published by the school is almost completed, under the editorship-in-chief of Brother Hobbs. There are three Phis on the staff of the college paper for next year, one being business manager.

Brother Hobbs entertained royally for the chapter recently.

Yours in the Bond,

Irvington, May 15, 1899.

WALTER A. LYBRAND.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

The faculty has taken steps to suppress dancing, which they have come to consider an evil, so such affairs have to be quietly conducted. On May 2 we gave a very pleasant social at our halls. On May 23 we entertained our friends with a minstrel show, 'refined and first-class in every respect,' and on May 30 with a concert by the orchestra and other members of the chapter. We have also had several informal gatherings and picnics. We gave our regular annual picnic on the twenty-fifth.

In college affairs we have taken an active part. Bro. Covert is chairman of the junior class day committee, and president of the athletic association. Bro. Slack is captain of the base ball team, and Bros. Paskins, Weyl, Wilson and House have places on the college nine. Aroused by the enthusiasm of the Democratic club, the Republicans have organized. Bro. Covert is vice-president of the club, with Bro. Sellers as treasurer and Bro. Proffit as orator.

On May 20 Bro. E. M. Edwards was called home by the sudden death of his father, a prominent Phi in the early days of the chapter. In order to handle his father's business interests, Bro. Edwards has been compelled to withdraw from college for the rest of the term. No one in the chapter could be more widely missed in college and fraternity affairs. Bro. Edwards was president of the chapter and treasurer of the athletic association.

Dr. T. C. Donnell will leave early in June for Los Angeles, California, where he will continue to practice medicine. Dr. Donnell is one of our most loyal alumni, and has been active in fraternity work.

Bros. Lacy, Middleton and Featheringill, on May 23, finished the course in the University of Indianapolis law school.

We lose by graduation this year Bros. F. G. Kenny and E. Munsey Slack, two of our strongest men. We will not, however, lose them entirely, as we are sure that Bro. Slack can not leave the town, and Bro. Kenny's love for the chapter, *et al.*, will bring him back often.

Yours in Bond,

Franklin, May 23, 1899.

JESSE L. HOLMAN.



THE FRANKLIN CHAPTER, May, 1899.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

Early this spring an epidemic of flag raising on the campus broke out, with its consequent 'rushes,' but no harm was done and we have again settled down.

During the past week the college entertained a number of Democratic editors, who were then holding a convention in Madison. Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, was among them, and made a pleasant speech in the chapel.

A few days ago the Phis had planned an elaborate picnic, but the rain spoiled it, and so the party met in the hall, where the eatables were duly disposed of, and in spite of the weather, all had a very enjoyable time.

At the recent annual tournament of the Indiana inter-collegiate tennis association, held on the campus of Butler College, your correspondent and Mr. W. L. Whallon, B Θ II, brother of T. C. Whallon, Indiana Epsilon, '98, won the championship in doubles by defeating the De Pauw and Butler teams, on the latter of which Bro. C. W. McGaughey, of Indiana Gamma, played the star game. In singles your correspondent was also victorious. Our annual will soon appear, under the editorship-in-chief of Bro. F. S. Deibler.

Our prospects look good for next year. Bro. Levy Snyder, '02, who had to leave us last fall, will be back, and there is promise of abundant material, some of it with well developed Phi propensities already. The chapter only loses two men by graduation, Bros. E. A. Ballis and W. A. Oldfather, and their places can readily filled.

Yours in the Bond,

Hanover, May 27, 1899.

W. A. OLDFATHER.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our latest initiate, Edwin House Pritchard, '02, of London, Ind.

Since my last letter a few honors have fallen to the chapter. Bro. Edwards is secretary of the oratorical association. Bros. Thomas and F. S. Cartwright have been initiated into the Skull club. Bros. Edwards and F. S. Cartwright are members of the '01 *Mirage* board. The '00 *Mirage*, of which Bro. Thomas is editor-in-chief, is generally considered the best one issued in recent years. Bro. Thomas has been elected secretary of the athletic board, and our two faculty members, Dr. Stephenson and Professor Walker, have been re-elected. Bro. L. R. Cartwright took second place in the primary oratorical contest. He is the new secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

On field day Bro. Weeks secured the highest number of points, winning the 220-yard hurdles, the quarter-mile run and the pole vault, and taking second place in the 100 and 220 yard dashes and the 120-yard hurdles. Bro. Thomas won the standing broad jump, and Bro. Walker the mile and half-mile runs.

De Pauw's base ball team has won five games and lost two. The games up to date have resulted as follows, De Pauw's score preceding in each case: Rose Polytechnic, 24—0; Indiana University, 1—10; Wabash, 17—7; Notre Dame, 11—14; Rose Polytechnic, 16—4; Indianapolis, 19—0; Nebraska, 14—3.

During the season we have met Bros. Todd, Mull, Shields, Hays, and Bartholomew, of Wabash, and Bros. Cunningham and McGaughey, of Butler.

All Phis are requested to notify us of any desirable men about to enter college.

Yours in Φι κελα,

Greencastle, May 20, 1899.

CHAS. B. CAMPBELL.



Cooke Brown Schlener Case Sturgeon Brown Crawford Keller Alyn Baird Skiles Phelps Wheat
 Mitchell Warfield Buntain Webb Uhrig

ILLINOIS ALPHA, APRIL, 1898.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ALPHA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Northwestern's annual appeared last week, and it is one of the best that has ever been published.

A great problem now before the students is how to choose their inter-collegiate debaters, it being claimed that the present system is unrepresentative.

Northwestern was given third place in the contest of the northern oratorical league, at Oberlin, May 5.

The fraternities here have formed a Pan-Hellenic base ball league. Illinois Alpha has not yet lost a game.

Since our last letter we have initiated two men: Wallace Grayston, Huntington, Ind., and Alfred Lloyd, Oakland, Cal., both of '02. Bro. Lloyd is captain of the tennis team.

Bro. Francis J. Webb, who will be graduated from the Cumnock school of oratory, is a member of the Thalian dramatic club, which, during the summer, will fill engagements in New York, Nebraska and numerous intermediate states.

Bro. C. Center Case has left college, owing to ill-health.

Illinois Alpha expects to open the next college year with twelve active men and four pledged.

Yours in the Bond,

Evanston, May 18, 1899.

FRANK W. PHELPS.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

As but few new students enter the university during the spring quarter there has been very little rushing done by the fraternities. However, we have been able this spring to initiate one man, Brother Ernest W. Miller, who joined us on April 22, and to pledge another. We will close the year with the addition of nine new members, eight of whom are freshmen.

The fraternities here are all in prosperous circumstances, although some are not as strong as they have been in previous years. A Δ Φ and Δ T Δ moved into more commodious houses this spring. Σ X alone now does not occupy a house. An inter-fraternity base ball league was formed this spring, including all the fraternities except X Ψ. The first series of games resulted in victories for Φ Δ Θ, B Θ Π and Δ T Δ.

These winners will play a round-robin series of games for the championship, the winners to be presented with a banner made by the girls' clubs. An inter-fraternity field day will be held in June.

Bro. Dr. Caldwell, of the university, received an appointment as head of the department of botany at the Eastern Illinois Normal School at Charleston, which he will accept.

Brother Calloun will conduct a geological party into the Devil's Lake region, in Wisconsin, the last six weeks of the summer quarter. Brother Breed, who is at present secretary at the University of Colorado, will be back at Chicago next fall to take graduate work toward a Ph. D. degree.

Brother Chase is associate editor on the *Cap and Gown*, the college annual. Bro. Ramsey has been elected secretary and treasurer of the mandolin club for next year. Bro. Brayton is on this year's track team.

Bro. Ernst, of the Columbia debating team, visited us during his stay in Chicago.

Bro. Hay, one of our last initiates, will leave the end of next month for Europe, where he expects to spend the summer. We are pleased to announce that our file of SCROLLS has been completed.

Yours in the Bond,

Chicago, May 18, 1899.

LAFAYETTE W. CASE, Jr.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

By graduation Illinois Zeta will lose but one member in 1899, Bro. Howard E. Foster. Bro. Foster has been very ill with typhoid fever for a greater part of the spring term, but will be able to complete his course.

Since the last SCROLL appeared, the II B Φ girls have entertained their Phi friends in a most admirable manner. The occasion was the annual celebration of the anniversary of the founding of II B Φ , and was commemorated by a progressive supper. The evening's program was a very novel one, and reflected much credit upon the young women.

Yours in the Bond,

Galesburg, May 25, 1899.

FAV A. BULLUCK.

ILLINOIS ETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The last six months of the college year have been thriving ones for Illinois Eta, and our residence during that period in a chapter house has resulted in unexpected success. We have re-leased our very comfortable quarters for next year, and also have a solid house fund started, so that we hope in a short term of years to occupy a home which we can call our own.

Our men have been particularly active in university affairs this spring, and in athletics we are justly proud of all our representatives on the 'varsity teams. Bro. Mills, the best quarter mile runner in the west, has easily won his race against Chicago and Wisconsin in dual meets in fast time, and will undoubtedly win the event at the western inter-collegiate if he is in condition, since he is capable of running the distance in less than 50 seconds. On the base ball team we have three men who have won the 'varsity 'I.' They are Bro. Johnston, as catcher, Bro. Bruce Fulton, at second base, and Bro. Sheean, in right field. This year has been the most successful season the base ball team has ever enjoyed, financially, the credit of which is due largely to the careful management of Bro. Frank T. Sheean. The playing of the team has also been above the average, Michigan being the only team to beat them in a series of games. Bro. Johnston will, without doubt, be captain of the team for next year. He has also been elected president of the students' dancing club for next year.

Commencement is about at hand, and Illinois Eta regrets the fact exceedingly that she will lose five of her very best members by graduation. Brother Hill has been appointed chairman of the senior ball committee; the other graduates are Bros. Frank and Henry Sheean, Mills and Bayard. Brothers Ward and Draper will accompany a party to Europe this summer under the supervision of President Draper, but will return in time for school next fall.

During the past few months we have enjoyed visits from Brothers Duffy, Walker, Hatch and Noble, of Illinois Eta, Brother Neal, of

Michigan Alpha, Brothers Anderson and Jackson, of Wisconsin Alpha, and Brother Lubeck, of Illinois Beta.

We expect to return next fall with about thirteen men and have made all preparations for a good start.

Yours in the Bond,
 W. J. FULTON.

Champaign, June 1, 1899.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Alpha wishes to introduce Bro. Balfour Jeffrey, '02.

The military department of the college was recently organized, and Bros. Crawford, Beck and your correspondent hold the most important offices connected with the company.

Iowa Alpha intends to give on the night of June 12 the finest banquet that has ever been given in the city. A good toast program has been arranged, and the menu will be served in nine courses. Neither expense or time will be spared to make this the finest thing connected with the school year. We want all the alumni of Iowa Alpha to be here, and all other Phis who are able to be present.

The report was circulated recently that our rivals of B Θ II had rented a chapter house. They have simply rented a suite of rooms in a private house, and given up their hall down town. Φ Δ Θ has occupied the present hall for over twelve years, and they make the finest fraternity parlors in the city.

The board of trustees recently held an important meeting, and elected Dr. F. D. Blakeslee, now president of the East Greenwich Academy at East Greenwich, Rhode Island, to the presidency of the Iowa Wesleyan University. He has accepted, and all the friends of the college think that the board have made a wise choice. Dr. Stafford, the retiring president, will enter the ministry. He has made a fine president, and the best wishes of Iowa Alpha go with him.

Yours in the Bond,
 FRANK D. THROOP.

Mt. Pleasant, June 1, 1899.

IOWA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

We have the pleasure of introducing Bro. Hull, '99, and Bro. Townsend, '99. Bro. Townsend will take up the study of dentistry next year. Bro. McBeth, formerly of Iowa Alpha, has returned to be graduated with his law class. Bro. Neal has just returned from Cuba, and looks none the worse for his army service. We will hold our annual commencement party June first.

We have at last started a plan for a chapter house fund. All members of the chapter have signed notes to the amount of \$50.00 each, to be payable after leaving college. All future members will be requested to do the same, and the alumni will also be requested to contribute. At present we have a plan on foot to move into a rented house some time next year.

Athletics have been quite prosperous this year, although there has been considerable rain. Our track team has contested in three dual meets and the state meet. The meet with Minnesota was a defeat for us by five points. The meet with Nebraska was a tie, and the meet with Grinnell was won by a score of 71 to 65. The state meet was held May 26, at Des Moines, and was won by Drake University, of Des Moines, the University of Iowa taking second place, and Grinnell third. The base ball team has lost about as many games as it has won,

and they have three more to play. Iowa Beta has no men in athletics this year except Bro. St. Clair, who is playing third base during the last of the season. The Pan-Hellenic ball games resulted as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$ defeated $\Delta T \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ won from $B O II$, and $\Phi K \Psi$ from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the finals.

All communications for Iowa Beta during the summer may be addressed to the new reporter, Bro. H. G. Huntington, of Onawa, Iowa.

Yours in the Bond,

Iowa City, May 26, 1899.

B. A. SHAVER.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Our chapter is again gloating over a fine Phi victory, the occasion being the awarding of the law thesis prize, the handsomest prize of the year, to Bro. George H. English, over a strong field of competitors. The prize is the Cyclopædia of Law, valued at \$185, and was contested for by the honor men of the senior law class. Missouri Alpha takes particular delight in this victory from the fact that the same prize last year was taken by Bro. Guy A. Thompson, now practicing in St. Louis.

The legislature, now on the point of adjournment, has assumed a more liberal attitude toward the university than in certain previous years, and has made satisfactory provision for its support for the next biennial period, besides appropriating \$40,000 for a new building for the school of mines at Rolla, \$30,000 for a dairy building in connection with the agricultural college here, and \$10,000 to add to the \$15,000 subscribed by Mr. W. L. Parker, of Columbia, to build a hospital to be connected with the medical college of the university. The erection of the hospital is now assured.

The university will soon suffer a severe loss in the resignation of Dr. Howard Ayers, professor of biology, who has just been elected president of the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Ayers has a wide reputation as a scientist and has been one of the leading members of the faculty here. His departure will be deeply regretted by all friends of the university.

We have not been uniformly successful in debate this spring, as of yore, although our defeat at the hands of Kansas University here was a victory according to the unanimous decision of the audience. This is the only defeat we have suffered, the debate between the Kansas City Law School and a law society here, which was won by the Kansas City team, not being representative of the university. Our teams have been successful over the University of Nebraska and the University of Wisconsin, the decision in the latter case being unanimous. The former of these debates occurred at Lincoln and the latter at Belleville, Ill.

Base ball and track athletics have been more prominent here than ever before. Our base ball team has shown surprising strength this spring. In a recent trip through Nebraska and Kansas, three of five games were won, including those with the Universities of Kansas and Nebraska, the strongest teams met. Nebraska, in her return game here last Monday, met defeat again, and the Tigers hope to give the same kind of treatment to the Jayhawkers when they play here Monday next. Inter-class and inter-fraternity base ball played on the quadrangle has been a conspicuous feature of the student amusements this spring. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has shown up strong, defeating ΣX , 17-13; and $\Sigma A E$, 34-12. The field meet occurred on Rollins Field May 9 and 10, gymnastic contests being held in the university auditorium the even-

ing of the ninth. Bro. Henderson was awarded first prize in the tumbling and Bro. Smiley second on the horizontal bars.

Inter-fraternity relations continue as pleasant as possible. ΣX followed the example of our Indiana chapter by giving a smoker to the fraternities at the ΣX house recently. The feature of the commencement season socially will be the Pan-Hellenic dance, given jointly by $\Sigma A E$, $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. It has been the custom for years at the University of Missouri for these three fraternities and ΣN to give each an elaborate dance at commencement, these being the most pretentious social functions attempted by the students during the year. The other fraternities have never given dances of this kind. There has been a movement on foot for the past two or three years to give a Pan-Hellenic dance instead of the four separate affairs. $\Sigma A E$ started the movement this year by inviting the other three chapters to join in a dance of this kind. ΣN was the only one to refuse. The other three are going ahead with the Pan-Hellenic, and it promises to be a great success, and a decided improvement over the old plan. It will occur on June 5, at which time we hope to have a number of our alumni with us.

The movement to establish $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Pi B \Phi$ here have as yet no apparent results. The $\Pi B \Phi$ applicants, however, seem very confident, and we should not be surprised any day to see the new badges. The $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ matter is in the hands of a Fiji member of the faculty and is being pushed by the son of a Phi Gam who was on the faculty here several years ago. The outcome of this movement is doubtful, although it seems from the amount of Fiji propaganda sent on that $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ would like to have a chapter here.

In the recent promotions in the battalion of cadets Missouri Alpha came in for her full share; Bro. Edmunds was made cadet major, the ranking cadet officer; Bro. Ruffner, second lieutenant, Bro. Switzler, first sergeant, and Bros. Peper and Winter, sergeants.

Bros. Ruffner, Wm. F. Switzler and Peper have received elections, to $Q E B H$, the senior society, whose membership is limited to ten, and Bros. Peper and Ruffner have also recently donned the badge of $\Theta N E$.

Missouri Alpha wishes to introduce Bro. James Paris Henderson, of Chillicothe, Mo., who has been initiated since our last letter. Bro. D. E. Broderick, '00, medical, will go next year to Marion-Sims Medical College, St. Louis, as instructor in pathology.

In the Bond,

Columbia, May 20, 1899.

ROYALL H. SWITZLER.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

The board of trustees has at last acted, and has announced the election of John Henry MacCracken, of New York University, as president, and the formal acceptance of President MacCracken has been received. Prof. MacCracken is probably the youngest college president in the world, not yet having reached his twenty-fourth birthday. He comes, however, from a family noted in educational circles, his father being the chancellor of the New York University, and he is himself a professor of philosophy in that same institution. For the past two years Prof. MacCracken has been associated in the management of the affairs of the university, and has developed a remarkable amount of executive ability, and it is believed he will be a most successful man here. The students generally are much pleased with the selection of the board, for the new president is a young man, a layman

and from the east, all of which is of good omen. Although a southern institution, Westminster will have a northern man for its president for the first time in its history, and this will not fail to be of great benefit, as it will attract the patronage of the northern Presbyterians of the state. Prof. MacCracken is now at the University of Halle, Germany, where he will receive his degree as doctor of philosophy the latter part of July. He will assume his presidential duties September 1.

The annual field day was a most successful affair, and Phi took more prizes than either of their rivals. Bros. Caruthers, Black and Yates were the white and blue to victory, Caruthers winning more events than any other man on the field.

The faculty has appointed Bro. Lamkin as one of the three speakers commencement day, and a Phi will speak for the class on alumni day. In the June contest of the societies for the Board's prize, Bro. Scott will represent the Philalethians in essay, and Bro. Lamkin debates for the Philologists.

Our nineteenth annual reception will be held May 26, and thus will close one of the most successful years in our chapter's history. We have been favored recently with visits from a number of our alumni, and also had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Homer Hall, *De Pauw*, '94, who is the representative from Grundy county, and was here with the legislative committee sent to investigate the state lunatic asylum. Bro. Hall was easily the most prominent man on the committee.

Fulton, May 14, 1899.

Yours in Bond,
PAUL BALDWIN.

MISSOURI GAMMA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

When Washington University moves to its new site, Missouri Gamma will go with it. We have greatly increased our chapter house fund in the last year, and our house will go up with the new university buildings.

On the evening of May 2d the chapter gave a euchre. When our guests had climbed well worn stairs past bare walls darkened with soot, and had found themselves in a large and brilliantly lighted room where there were pictures, tinted walls and divans stacked with cushions, they immediately gained interest in all subsequent proceedings, and a good time we had.

Our chapter could not be in a more active condition. In spite of the fact that St. Louis is full of many evening attractions, regular meetings are fully attended by the members, and there is always with us a goodly number of alumni.

This term we lose our senior members, Bros. Adkins, Pettus, Chaplin and Wilfley, and good indeed must be our initiatory material to make up this loss.

St. Louis, May 24, 1899.

Yours in the Bond,
EDWIN F. CARTER.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha still thinks she is doing fairly well. Ordinarily she does not look for pledgelings to be very numerous during the spring semester, but this year finds no fewer than four new wearers of the white and blue—Messrs. Humphrey, Johnson, Lucas and Cramer. The two last are recently of the volunteer service and enter with advanced standing from other schools. Mr. Lucas immediately takes his position of third base on the 'varsity base ball team and finds him-

self the 'phenom' of the season among the 'fans.' Bro. Thatcher will also play either at first or in the outfield. We are expecting great things of our team this spring. Bro. Jewett is manager and has arranged an exceptionally good schedule of games, including a trip to the Universities of Nebraska and Missouri. The inter-fraternity series, which seems to have become a fixture here, is going to command its usual interest -especially to that team which runs up against Kansas Alpha, for we are confident that the pennant will this year be ours.

The in-door meet took place in March with no record-breaking feats worthy of note. Bro. Sayre was unfortunate in badly crippling his knee while in practice on horizontal bar. He is now able to be about on crutches and will probably be sound again in the course of time. We have won three successive cups on the horizontal bar event and regretted very much that Bro. Sayre could not capture the fourth.

Our state legislature was very kind to us at its last session, giving a new chemistry building and largely increasing the current expense appropriation. The faculty will be increased by about twelve and their present salaries increased. The regents have already raised Bro. Franklin to the full professorship in chemistry.

Yours in the Bond,

Lawrence, April 15, 1899.

FRANK E. CASE.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

This is the time when those who are going out, not to return, are reflecting on all the good the four years of fraternity life have done them; how much broader they are in every respect than they would have been without $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Commencement time is never a very cheerful time to the senior, anyway, and particularly when he has made such genuine friends as the life in the chapter makes possible, from whom he knows he must part, losing the accustomed intimacy that constant association produces.

It has been a year full of lessons for Nebraska Alpha, and one of great profit. We have learned that we must work, and we have worked and will continue to do so. We have been active in all branches of the institution as always, and more than ever have we come to learn the value of variety in the chapter roll. Our prospects for the coming year are bright. With three out of five seniors returning to school, and one other being here in town, and with four pledged, and prospects good for more, the chapter should be stronger than ever in September.

During the last few weeks we have entertained at the chapter house all the sororities represented here, have played base ball with other fraternities with more or less success, and have carried on the regular routine work of the chapter.

Bro. Parmelee, '97, and Bro. Stebbins of the class of '99, who did work here last fall, brought honor to the chapter by being elected to $\Sigma \Xi$ at the last election. Bro. Stebbins also gained distinction by being captain of the winning company in the recent competitive drill.

Yours in the Bond,

Lincoln, May 30, 1899.

JOHN T. SUMNER.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The exercises for our coming commencement promise to be unusually interesting and entertaining, as the semi-centennial celebration

will be held then and of course a very large crowd of visitors will attend. Judge A. H. Whitfield, of the supreme court of this state, Judge E. E. Bryant of Arkansas, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of Mississippi, will be the distinguished speakers during the week.

Brother McCleskey will deliver the salutatory address on commencement day. He will be graduated with first honor, being several points ahead of his nearest competitor. His record in the university is truly an enviable one, as he has completed his course in two years and missed the mark of special distinction by only a small fraction. Brother Pruitt was appointed one of the senior orators; he will also be graduated with distinction. Brother Weatherby was announced as one of the five members from the senior law class to contest for the fine set of law books.

The subject of the senior debate is: 'Resolved that there should be an Anglo-American alliance.' Phi Sigma has the affirmative and is represented by Brother McCleskey and Mr. Kimbrough, Σ X; Hermaean is represented by Brother Henry and Mr. Wells, Δ Ψ. Brother Bem Price has been elected as one of the editors of the *University Magazine*, which will be revived next session. Brother Henry is secretary and treasurer of the german club. Brother Venable is president of the press club.

Our base ball team, under the able management of Brother Weatherby, has been very successful. The scores are as follows: vs. Nashville: 7-8, 7-3, 10-7; vs. Tulane: 5-11, 7-6; vs. Alabama: 7-6, 12-6, 5-7. Three games will be played with the University of the South during commencement week.

We have recently had the pleasure of meeting several visiting Phis: Bros. Garnett Jackson, Tennessee Alpha; Baxter Sloss, Alabama Alpha; Anderson Offutt, Georgia Alpha.

Brothers Venable, McCleskey, Henry, Pruitt and Weatherby will receive their degrees commencement. They will be greatly missed next session, as they have proved on many occasions to be true and loyal Phis. Brothers Richmond, Rauch, Stingily and Spann will not return next session. This will leave us slightly reduced in numbers; but we have several men pledged already and quite a number of others in view.

The name and address of our summer reporter is G. L. Ray, Carrollton, Miss., Lock Box 139.

Yours fraternally,

University, May 30, 1899.

GEORGE LATHAM RAY.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Since our last letter the chapter has initiated Bro. Banton Moore, law, '00; Isaac McFadden, '02, and Chester Aurelius Easley, '02. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, however, Bro. Easley was obliged to withdraw from school before he had enjoyed the benefits of the fraternity a month. Besides Bro. Easley, we have lost two other men by withdrawal. Bro. James Seaton Ainsworth, who was initiated last October, is at work on a newspaper in Waco. Bro. Bryan Yancey Cummings has withdrawn from the university and taken unto himself a wife. Through these three withdrawals and the death of Bro. Hardy, our chapter is now reduced to fifteen men.

In a literary way Texas Beta has always stood well. We may almost say the memory of man runneth not to the time when we had not an editor on the *Magazine* staff, and for the past three years a Phi has

been editor-in-chief for at least half of each year. Bro. R. B. Creager is now filling that position, and another Phi, Bro. E. E. Witt, has been business manager for the whole year. Bro. H. P. Steger has been elected to succeed Bro. Witt next year, the business manager not being allowed to succeed himself.

Owing largely to the efforts of Bro. Crozier, the members of the senior class, of whom four are Phis, have adopted the cap and gown for all public occasions.

The work of the 'varsity base ball team this year has established that branch of athletics on a firm foundation for all time to come. Heretofore it has aroused very little interest, most of the attention going to foot ball. But after playing Tulane twice, Louisiana State University twice, and the University of Alabama three times, and winning every game, the team need have little fear of lack of support.

Our chapter is very much interested in the efforts being made to establish an alumni club here in Austin. We realize that besides the attainment of its own ends such a club could be of great assistance to our chapter in many ways, especially in the matter of getting a chapter house. Due credit should be given to Bro. E. H. Eves, *Ohio*, '91, to whose untiring efforts in arousing interest in the subject, the progress made is largely due.

A very enjoyable reception was given in honor of Texas Beta and its friends, on April 21, by Misses Alice Lomax and Jessie Wood, two of our 'sisters.' We are making preparations for an excursion and picnic in honor of Bro. R. S. Baker, '96, who is to deliver the alumni address.

Yours fraternally,

BATES H. MCFARLAND.

Austin, May 15, 1899.

THETA PROVINCE.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Fire destroyed the chapter house of California Alpha on the night of Tuesday, May 16. No one was injured, but the house was wrecked, the chapter library and a considerable portion of the furniture burned, and the personal effects of several of the men lost. The origin of the blaze is a mystery. The fire occurred on the eve of commencement, a single day before the close of the university year; so that all but five of the members living in the chapter house had left Berkeley for the summer. Of these five only one was in the house at the time of the blaze, the others returning to find the fire half over. By the vigorous work of students and other neighbors almost everything was carried out from the two lower floors before the firemen responded to a telephone alarm, but the fire had gained so much headway before it was discovered that nothing was saved on the third floor nor in the chapter room, except the most important of the records, which were kept in a metal box. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, with \$4,000 insurance.

The members of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Delta \Upsilon$ generously opened their houses to shelter the chapter's rescued effects. A number of other fraternities rendered the kindest of services in helping to save the furniture, in offering hospitality, and in lending aid in every way. Much appreciated messages of sympathy were received from Province President W. O. Morgan, from California Beta and from many other friends.

The chapter house is to be rebuilt at once on the old site. The directors of the house corporation, 'The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ of Berkeley,' met immediately, many alumni offered aid, and plans are now under discus-

sion. Bros. G. F. Reinhardt, Duncan McDuffie and Rea Hanna, of the active chapter, remain in Berkeley hard at work in connection with the chapter house. We hope to be established in the new quarters when the university year of 1899-'00 begins, on August 15.

Commencement saw the graduation of three of the Phis—Bro. T. A. Smith, Bro. Albert J. Brown, whose university work entitles him to advanced standing in the law department, where he is to continue his studies; and Bro. Charles Seyler, Jr., who will go into the railroad business. Bro. Seyler alone of a class of 250 received his bachelor's degree after three years' work. He was graduated with the military commission of first lieutenant.

The appointments in the university cadets for the coming year have been announced. Bro. Robert Moulthrop, '00, now adjutant and first lieutenant, is appointed first captain; Bro. McDonald Spencer, '00, first lieutenant and ranking officer of the bicycle corps; Bro. Alva J. Rimmel, '00, first lieutenant; Bro. Victor Henderson, '00, second lieutenant and quartermaster, and Bro. Rea Hanna, '00, first sergeant in the signal corps.

The chapter entertained three hundred guests at luncheon on class day, Saturday, May 12. The guests were served in the house and under a large marqu^e in the garden. A mandolin orchestra played during the afternoon. The hours were from 12 to 6. On Friday, April 21, Bro. Albert J. Brown and his mother and sisters gave a very enjoyable card party for the chapter and its friends.

Bro. Maxfield Taft, '01, has gone to France and Germany for the summer.

Yours in the Bond.

VICTOR HENDERSON.

Berkeley, May 25, 1899.

CALIFORNIA BETA, LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY.

Stanford University has just closed the most prosperous year in her brief history of eight years, the class of '99 numbering 147.

Commencement week as a whole was one of unusual brilliancy. Monday night the senior ball was given. This is the 'swell' social function of the year. Tuesday evening brought the 'promenade concert,' which is a distinctive Stanford affair. For this the inner quadrangle was beautifully lighted and decorated. In the center of the 'quad' was erected a band stand, whence San Francisco's finest concert band dispensed pleasing music. We were glad to have with us Bro. Frank W. Foxworthy, *De Pauw*, '94, who thoroughly enjoyed this novel affair. Bro. Foxworthy reports for duty to General Shafter, and expects to be sent to the Philippines. If he goes our little band of Greek warriors there will be assured of good health and excellent spirits.

California Beta's future never looked brighter. Fortunately, only two of her seventeen members belong to the graduating class. The other fifteen men expect to be back. These, together with two pledged men and one old member returning to finish undergraduate work, insure a goodly number for our busy season in September.

Perhaps the greatest factor in affairs next fall will be our new chapter house on the campus, which we expect to have completed by that time. The plans have already been approved by the chapter and are receiving the final touches preparatory to the letting of the contract, which will be within two weeks, unless the unforeseen happens. The plans call for a three-story house of the mission style, with tile roof,

columns, arcades, and so on, in perfect harmony with the architecture of the 'quad.' The ground floor will be given up entirely to entertaining and dining facilities. On the second floor are seven double bedrooms, and four on the third. A fuller description will be reserved for the October SCROLL.

Ground was broken to-day for the new chapel building, which is to be probably the finest in America, so far as exquisite artistic finish is concerned. The contract price is \$200,000. Work is rapidly progressing on the memorial arch, which will be completed by January next, while Assembly Hall was used for the first time last Sunday for the baccalaureate sermon. The fine new library building will be ready for occupancy next September. Work has not yet commenced on the science building, though it will, in a few days, as the contract has already been let. Thus it will be seen that our university is surging ahead at a rate in excess of the hopes of its most sanguine admirers. Every department of the faculty has been strengthened, beginning with the next college year. Especially is this true of law and economics.

Since our last letter we have initiated Arthur Jordan Edwards, '00. Bro. Edwards is the son of Bro. E. J. Edwards, of Minneapolis, and a nephew of President Jordan, and is proving a valuable addition to the chapter.

A chapter of Alpha Phi was installed May 20, with a charter membership of fourteen. This promises to be one of the strongest sororities in Stanford. Rumor has it that a chapter of Kappa Sigma is being organized among some of the men in the dormitory.

All chapters who are willing to exchange college pennants are urged to correspond with Bro. H. G. Hill, of Redlands, our reporter for next year. We want all we can get for decorative purposes.

Yours in the Bond,

Stanford University, May 24, 1899.

EDWARD T. MAPLES.

PERSONAL.

GENERAL FREDERICK FUNSTON.

It was only a few hours before the last forms of the April SCROLL went to press that Colonel Funston's daring dash over the broken bridge on the road to Calumpit became



GENERAL FREDERICK FUNSTON.

the talk of the civilized world. The exploit which closed our record of the 'Little Colonel's' career to date was followed, however, by another, forty-eight hours later, when he planned and executed the passage of his regiment over the unfordable Rio Grande, in the face of an entrenched army, and thereby gained the brigadier-general's star. The *New York Herald's* correspondent cabled on April 27:

Colonel Funston is the hero of Calumpit. He crossed the Rio Grande this morning with a small force, after a brilliant but unsuccessful attempt last night, flanked the insurgents and drove them from the strong position they held. The crossing was effected under a tremendous fire from the rebel trenches, and was the most daring enterprise of the entire campaign in the Philippines.

On April 28 General Otis cabled to the war department at Washington:

MacArthur reports that the passage of the river was a remarkable military achievement, the success of which was due to the daring skill and determination of Colonel Funston, under the discriminating control of General Wheaton. This morning the chief of staff from the commanding general of the insurgent forces entered our lines to express admiration of the wonderful feat of the American army in forcing the passage of the river, which was thought impossible.

The military experts at Washington expressed the opinion that Colonel Funston's successful undertaking will go down as one of the most brilliant achievements of modern warfare. It is said that Funston gave his superiors no peace until he obtained permission to attempt the crossing, which was planned by himself alone and carried out by the dashing Kansans under his direction.

In the next day's engagement Funston fought so desperately that he was prostrated with the heat when the battle was over. His men went wild when he reappeared among them later that evening.

On May 1 General Otis cabled:

MacArthur strongly recommends Colonel Funston's appointment as brigadier-general for signal skill and gallantry crossing Rio Grande river and most gallant services since commencement of war. I urge appointment; Funston able as leader of men, and has earned recognition.

On May 2 President McKinley announced that Colonel Funston had been promoted to be brigadier-general.

On May 4 San Tomas was taken, and the dispatches reported that Wheaton attacked the left in a daring charge, in which 'Funston again distinguished himself.' He was here wounded slightly. On May 24 he 'again distinguished himself' near Santa Arita. The Americans were fired on, and Funston was sent with two regiments to the scene of action. At the head of his troops he led a brilliant charge on the double-quick, sweeping the rebels from their positions and dispersing them.

During all the month of May the newspapers and magazines vied in presenting pictures and descriptions of the romantic incidents in the stirring career of the hero of Calumpit. *Harper's* and *Leslie's* gave full page portraits and as much more of text. The *Literary Digest* of May 13 had three pages of 'Funston,' and in the *New Voice* of the same date were many hitherto unpublished incidents of his career. The Sunday editions all tried their hand at summaries of his achievements, accompanied by the usual exploits of newspaper engravers.

Among the most interesting bits of this mass of Funston literature have been two articles by that other gifted member of Kansas Alpha, William Allen White, '90. One was syndicated by McClure and appeared on May 20 in the dailies. The other was in *Harper's Weekly* of the same date. From the former we quote.

Fancy a man who hates shams, who jeers at pomp and circumstance, who loves to sit in his shirt-sleeves in the wilderness reading Kipling,

who is impulsive, generous and always kind; fancy a merry heart that takes nothing seriously save the good-will of a friend and the honor of his country—fancy Cyrano de Bergerac without his bluster, and you have a portrait of the happy, courageous, knightly soul of the little Kansas Colonel who is winning fame in the Philippines. * * * He remained at the University of Kansas off and on for five years. He was a round-faced fellow, full of fun, and of the type that instructors yearn to struggle for the levity they breed in the class room. He was a member of the Φ Λ Θ fraternity—the fraternity to which ex-President Benjamin Harrison belonged in Miami University, half a century ago, and which counted among its members Eugene Field, Adlai E. Stevenson and Joe Blackburn. Funston gave more attention to his fraternity than he did to his books, and it is a matter of fraternity record that he broke four chairs learning to waltz with them. * * * During his off years—the years when he earned money to attend the university the next year—he turned his talents to various and profitable accounts, and he accumulated the capital of experience which he afterward invested in glory.

Another interesting fact in connection with General Funston's history is that he landed in Cuba from the *Dauntless*, that troublesome craft for which Bro. J. M. Barrs, *Landerbill*, '80, was



HEROIC DEEDS FOR FUNSTON YET TO PERFORM.
[From the *Minneapolis Journal*.]

so many times called to account in the months before war was declared.

Funston's promotion was universally and enthusiastically approved. Kansas is uncertain whether to make him governor or senator, if he gets back alive. Meanwhile she has ordered a magnificent sword for him. His friends say he will probably prefer to become a Cuban planter, but it is early to prophesy.

Many are urging him for a commission in the regular army.

The dailies are printing a letter from him to his classmate and best man at his wedding, Prof. V. L. Kellogg, Kansas Alpha, '92, now at Stanford, in which he disclaims

political ambitions. It has been remarked, by the way, that Funston is one of those rare men whose letters add to his fame. They are as modest as they are frank, and full of quaint humor. He says that when he orders the 'Fighting Kansas' to charge, 'the trouble is not to get them to come on, but to keep from being run over by them.' Writing of the Filipinos, he remarks: 'The word "independence," which these people roll over their tongues so lightly, is to them a word and not much more. It means simply with them license to raise hell, and if they got control they would raise a fine crop of it.'

It is said that when he joined his regiment at San Francisco he was at first very unpopular with his men because of his severity; they soon came to idolize him. He became a soldier as he took control of the dynamite gun in the Cuban artillery, 'by studying the printed directions', and he has studied them to good effect.

It will not be found that there have been many men in modern history who have, while leading a regiment, so many times and so brilliantly distinguished themselves by deeds of personal daring. General Funston is easily the most conspicuous single figure in all the last year's fighting, a man who does first what he asks his men to do, who finds a way around every obstacle, who can plan as well as do, who has already done enough to make three men famous.

OTHER FIGHTING PHIS.

The following Phi soldiers and sailors have been reported since April. In some cases the data are very incomplete. Reporters please take notice. This brings the total number up to 256.

Anton Pope Wright, *Sewanee*, '88; *Georgia*, '91, color sergeant, Co. B, 2d Georgia, Tampa.

George Lucas, *Kansas*, '02, corporal, Co. H, 22d Kansas, Camp Alger, Va.

Joseph Albert Perry, *Illinois*, '96, ensign, U. S. N., died at sea November 20, 1898.

Charles Pleasants, *Buchtel*, '82, private, Co. D, 10th Pennsylvania, Manila.

Thomas J. Griffin, *Brown*, '99, 1st Rhode Island, Camp Alger, Va.

Edgar F. Viles, *Brown*, '99, U. S. N.

Ernest H. Boynton, *Brown*, '00, New York V. I.

Harvey Kramer, *Kansas*, '00, first sergeant, Co. D., 21st Kansas, Chickamauga.

Captain W. H. Forsythe, *Westminster*, '94, who was for a time surgeon of the 3d Kentucky, is now with the 10th Infantry, U. S. A.

Lombard, '96—The following clipping from the *Boston Transcript* of April 26 shows that Bro. Shinn turned to good account the experiences of his campaign last summer in Porto Rico:

For general excellence in medical work and especially for making the best application of splints and bandages in accident cases, E. L. Shinn, a private in the Boston division of the ambulance corps, M. N. G., was last night awarded the Burns' medal, the presentation taking place at the south armory. The medal is of heavy gold, and originally was won by Colonel H. J. Burns, of California, in rifle competition. When he was in Boston in 1894, he was so pleased with the work of the ambulance corps that he presented the organization with this medal, and, as the corps has no rifle practice, the medal was remodeled into a prize for excellence in medical work.

Henry M. Bankhead, *Alabama, '95*, recently captain in the 5th U. S. V. I., has been appointed second lieutenant in the regular army.

Graham Lee Ligon-Johnson, *Georgia, '00*, was the only one of the four Georgians nominated by President McKinley for lieutenantcies in the regular army who passed all the examinations successfully. He is a grandson of ex-Governor Ligon, of Alabama, and veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, and will wear his grandfather's sword. When appointed he was a student at Athens, Georgia Alpha having won him last fall from her leading rivals after a hot fight, in which Bro. E. G. Hallman, province president, took a prominent part.

Captain F. W. Foxworthy, *De Pauw, '94*, formerly assistant surgeon of the 160th Indiana, has been transferred to the regular army with rank of first lieutenant. He reported to General Shafter, in San Francisco, on his return from Cuba. He will probably be sent soon to Manila.

Joseph Albert Perry, *Illinois, '96*, who is reported among the initiates of the Chapter Grand this month, was omitted from the list of initiates of his chapter in June, 1896, by some oversight. He was a graduate of the U. S. naval academy when he came to the university, as a special student in civil engineering. His home was at Cornell, Ill.

M. M. Case, *Lombard, '91*, was a sergeant in the 3d U. S. V. engineers, and not in the 1st, as reported. He was in camp for several months at Lexington, Ky., and Macon, Ga., being mustered out on February 1, 1899.

Washington and Jefferson—J. R. Bell, '99, stood third in his class at West Point, at the last examinations.—W. E. Ralston, '01, late with the 10th Pennsylvania at Manila,

has returned and will re-enter college in the fall. He was in the battle of Malate last summer, as well as in the engagements with the insurgents in February and March of this year.—Captain F. B. Hawkins, '96, of Co. D, 10th Pennsylvania, has been transferred to the regular service. President McKinley requested General Otis to choose from each of the volunteer regiments now in the Philippines one man distinguished for gallantry for appointment as second lieutenant in the regular army. Gen. Otis named Bro. Hawkins as Pennsylvania's representative, and he headed the list, as it was announced on May 1. A cherished hope was realized in receiving this appointment; Bro. Hawkins was very anxious to enter West Point, but no vacancy occurred in his district during the years he was eligible. He has reached his goal now, however, by a most honorable 'short cut.'

Charles Pleasants, *Buchtel*, '82, late of Co. D, 10th Pennsylvania, has returned from Manila on the *Grant*, leaving there on April 7, in company with Bro. W. E. Ralston, of the same regiment. Bro. Pleasants was honorably discharged at the request of Congressman Griffith, Indiana Delta, '74, in order that he might return to testify in an important law suit. He was present at the Phi meeting in Manila reported in the last SCROLL. It had been hoped, he reports, to assemble all the thirty Phis in that quarter, but the conduct of the insurgents was then so suspicious that all guards were doubled, and only nine could get off: Bros. Thornton, Kemper, Oury, Hawkins, Eicher, Ralston, Pleasants, Weirich and a New York Delta man from the 1st California, whose name has not yet been furnished THE SCROLL. Bro. Pleasants says, by the way, that the enlisted men of the 14th Infantry (and the men in the ranks are reliable critics) speak in high terms of Lieut. James B. Kemper, Ohio Theta, '99, as a man and a soldier. He made a reputation for himself in the fighting on February 5, they say.

A correspondent of the *Chicago Record*, writing from the field before Calumpit on the evening of the day that Funston and his men climbed across the broken bridge, says: 'Captain Russell [Missouri Alpha, '82] of the signal corps has his tent pitched where one firing squad "pumped lead."' Captain Russell is named by General MacArthur in a recent report to the secretary of war at the head of the list of the men in the signal corps who have been conspicuous for bravery and efficiency. Earlier in the war Captain Russell was in the volunteer signal corps, and when those forces were mus-

tered out he was retained with the same rank in the regular service. He was graduated from the military academy at West Point in 1887, and was assigned to the artillery with the rank of second lieutenant. For five years prior to last July he has been on duty as assistant professor of chemistry in the United States military academy at West Point, and was relieved at his own request, for service at the front. His wife, who is the daughter of Colonel A. S. Kimball, depot quartermaster, New York, has devoted much of her time in visiting the sick and wounded at the hospitals at Manila and administering to their comfort. A very interesting article, entitled, 'A Woman in Manila,' published in *Harper's Bazar* of May 13, is from her pen.

Indianapolis, '72—Richard Harding Davis, in the *May Harpers*, in writing of the correspondents that followed the fleet in the late war, after describing their hardships, says that 'John R. Spears, of *Scribner's* and the *New York Sun*,' and three others, whose names follow, 'are perhaps the four who most successfully battled with the waves' off the Cuban coast.

Herbert H. Morrison, *Cornell*, '98, passed the examinations for assistant engineer at the opening of the war and was assigned to the double-turreted monitor *Puritan*. He was later transferred to the *Osceola*, of which he was acting chief engineer until hostilities closed.

Captain Frank W. Foxworthy, *Delaware*, '94, was given charge of the hospital of the first brigade, second division, first corps, at Columbus, Ga., last winter. With him were Lieutenants W. D. Shelby, *Hanover*, '95, and W. H. Forsythe, *Westminster*, '94. They are now just back from Cuba.

Captain Robert W. Dowdy, *Sewanee*, '84, was master of transportation at Montauk Point, L. I., while the troops that had served in Cuba and Porto Rico were encamped there. He was one of the officers whose testimony was taken by the committee which investigated the conduct of the war.

A report of Commodore Philip to the navy department indicates that Lieut. Cyrus S. Radford, [*Sewanee*, '84], of the *Texas*, was an officer who rendered valuable and conspicuous service, both afloat and ashore, in the Spanish war. Lieutenant Radford was at Camp McCalla in the two days' fighting at Guantanamo, and had charge of the funeral escort which was fired on by the Spaniards, his men remaining at parade rest, notwithstanding the Mauser bullets. On

that memorable July 3 he had charge of the guns in the fighting tops and forward and after superstructure of the *Texas*. Commodore Philip speaks in the highest terms of his good work, not only in the battle, but lays stress on the fact that his entire division volunteered for duty in the fire-room during the chase of the *Cristobal Colon*. Lieutenant Radford is one of the best known young officers in the service, and is the author of Radford's 'Handbook on Naval Gunnery,' which is now in its fourth edition, published by the D. Van Nostrand Company, of New York city. He is a graduate of the class of '90, United States Naval Academy, and was appointed from Kentucky.—*Electrical Review*.

THE MORE PEACEFULLY DISPOSED.

Indianapolis—Laz Noble, '90, is with the Marion Trust Company, Indianapolis, Ind.

Pennsylvania—John C. Deal, M. D., '97, is at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

Missouri—Horace B. Williams, '98, is in the office of W. L. Williams, attorney at law, in Dallas, Texas.

Michigan—De Forest Porter, '97, is a writer of advertising at 1012 Mutual Life Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Illinois Wesleyan—Wave Miller, '95, is an attorney-at-law in the Griesheim building, at Bloomington, Ill.

Emory—Walter B. Palmer, '77, was the alumni orator at commencement. His subject was 'The Anglo-Saxon.'

Columbia—H. W. Egner, Jr., '98, has been admitted to the New Jersey bar and has begun the practice of law at Newark.

Knox—R. P. Dexter, '94, of Galva, Ill., was married in Galesburg on March 29, 1899, to Miss Carrie Linderholm, of Galva.

Hillsdale—Harry S. Myers, '95, was married on August 3, 1898, to Miss Mae Ellen Steele, a Hillsdale K K T of the class of '95.

Brown—John C. Swift, '95, is professor of modern language in the Cosmopolitan University, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York.

Williams—Karl E. Weston, '96, who was teaching at West New Brighton, Staten Island, has accepted a good position in Baltimore, Md.

Washington and Lee—Fred A. Bryan, '97, is in business in Chattanooga.—Battle McLester, '97, is attending the Chattanooga Law School.

Mississippi—Firman Smith, '87, is practicing law at Nashville, and lectures on medical jurisprudence at the University of the South at Sewanee.

Indiana—Herman G. Bradford, '73, resides at 344 East State street, Columbus, Ohio, and travels for A. H. Bonnet, wholesale jeweler, Columbus.

Michigan—David Dennis Starr, '00, who has been in Chicago during the past year with the Marshall Field Co., is once more at Three Rivers, Mich.

Texas—Dr. George Perry Rains, '93 (M. D., Texas, '96, and Pennsylvania, '97), was married on April 26, 1899, to Miss Norma Pitts, at Marshall, Texas.

Roanoke—J. L. Argabrite, '79, was chosen justice of the peace at Ventura, California, by an overwhelming majority over five competitors at the last election.

A. E. Howell, *Vanderbilt*, '82, and C. F. Smith, *Mississippi*, '87, are two of the three members of the executive committee of the Nashville public library.

Harper's Weekly for June 3, contains a picture of Wilbur Morse, '00, *Pennsylvania*, '99, who was leader of the debating team which won from Princeton this year.

Mercer—Dr. A. A. Marshall, '74, pastor of the Jackson Hill Baptist church, at Atlanta, has been elected president of the Monroe Female College, at Forsyth, Ga.

Nebraska—Karl C. Randall, '97, has returned from Santa Ana, San Salvador, Central America, where he has been in charge of the electric lighting plants of two cities.

Lombard—S. T. Donohue, '91, is U. S. gauger for the Standard Distilling and Distributing Co., at Pekin, Ill. He is vestryman in the Episcopal church at that place.

Amherst—Geo. A. Goodell, '94, *Columbia*, '97, is now living at 284 St. Nicholas ave., New York city. He was recently married and is tutor in chemistry at Columbia.

Brown—Arthur M. McCrillis, '97, has become a member of the firm of A. B. McCrillis & Son, wholesale flour, hay and grain, with offices at 11 Exchange place and 348 Canal street, Providence, R. I.

Indiana—Thad. W. Rodecker, '97, is business manager of the Pekin (Ill.) *Daily Times*, of which his father is an editor and proprietor. He never neglects an opportunity to boom $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the *Times*.

Sewanee—Oscar Wilder, '98, is at present with the real estate firm of John H. Brand & Co., Louisville, Ky.—Sydney Watson, '98, has been appointed to a clerkship in the U. S. district court at Springfield, Ill.

De Pauw—S. K. Ruick, Jr., '97, and Miss Alberta Miller, A X Ω , were married on May 25, 1899, at Richmond, Ind. They will be at home after September 1, at 2175 North Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Wabash—Gen. John C. Black, '62, was one of the two candidates for commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., for whom the executive committee of that organization cast a tie vote after the death of the late commander-in-chief.

Lafayette—James R. Hogg, '78, a trustee of the college, has decided to erect for the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, of which he is a trustee, a home for nurses. It will be a memorial to his father, who was one of the charter trustees.

Wabash—Will E. Willis, '89, is an editor and proprietor of the Ventura (Cal.) *Free Press*. He has instituted an annual banquet for his correspondents and home force. At the first one Prof. P. W. Kauffman, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '81, delivered an address.

Iowa Wesleyan—E. M. Cunningham, '72, is superintendent of schools of Sterling, Colo.—Franklin Skipton, '82, is county judge of Fillmore county, Nebraska.—Geo. W. Rommel, '97, is a senior at Iowa State College. He is editor-in-chief of the *Student*.

Wisconsin—Frank Sweet, '93, has been at Champlain, N. Y., during the past year as a designer and acting superintendent for the Cranston Printing Press Co. He expects to come west again soon. Bro. Sweet represented his chapter at Indianapolis, in 1894.

Williams—Jacob A. Bohrer, '91, were married at Bloomington, Ill., on May 8, 1898, to Miss Florence Fifer, only daughter of ex-Governor Fifer, and sister of H. W. Fifer, '98. The bride was probably the most popular girl in Bloomington, and an enthusiastic Phi.

Barrumbek—D. S. Ruevsky, '87, is superintendent of public printing of the principality of Bulgaria, with headquarters at Sofia.—H. W. C. Shelton, '87, has been recently appointed president of the board of education of Indian Territory, with headquarters at Talequah.

Paris—Bret Harter, '96, is electrician for the Syracuse Street Railway Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Percy H. Batten, '98, is employed in the Northwestern Railway testing plant at Chicago.—Ray Stoy, '98, is now secretary and treasurer of the Stoy-Moody Carpet Co., LaFayette, Ind.

Westminster—Elmer C. Henderson, '93, formerly with D. L. Auld, and a familiar and welcome visitor to many of our chapters, travels in Nebraska for White, Branch & McConkin, wholesale hatters of St. Louis. Bro. Henderson's address is 807 Washington avenue, St. Louis.

Oak—The Huntington (W. Va.) *Advertiser* refers in a recent issue to Hon. H. G. Armstrong, '74, as 'that sterling Democrat of Jackson county and conspicuous figure in state politics.' Bro. Armstrong's address is Jackson, W. Va.—Dudley W. Welch, '92, is a contract surgeon at Santiago, Cuba.

Franklin—Dr. T. J. Morgan, '61, is the author of a volume on 'The Negro in America,' published by the American Baptist Publishing Society. The *Independent* says that it 'ought to create a new era for the negro in the United States by its expression of truth and its manly appeal to the manhood of the white man.'

Union—Harlow McMillen, '87, who has been teaching at the Westerleigh Collegiate Institute, West New Brighton, Staten Island, has been given charge of the departments of mathematics and natural science in the Richmond borough high school No. 1. His address is Tottenville, Richmond borough, New York, N. Y.

Cornell—Frank G. Gardner, '91, was married to Miss Esther Bogue, of Chicago, April 18, 1899. Among the ushers was George T. Kelley, *Wisconsin*, '94. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner spent their honeymoon in the south, and now reside at 4819 Greenwood avenue, Chicago.—Wells S. Gilbert, '93, has moved his office to 911 New England Bldg., Cleveland Ohio. He reports that the Case chapter is doing well, and that Cleveland people believe that Case has a much brighter future before her than has Western Reserve University.

Allegheny—Crawford A. Peffer, '94, who will be remembered by those who attended the last convention as Miss Field's manager, is with the Inter-State Lecture Bureau, of Cincinnati. His permanent address is 411 Neave Bldg.—F. G. Moorhead is in the office of L. Vernon Ferris, at 85 Dearborn street, Chicago.

Illinois—Conrad F. Kruse, '97, was married on December 29, 1898, to Miss Maud Frances Thompson, at Rock Island, Ill. The three groomsmen were J. E. Hawthorne, *Iowa*, '91; Armin Harms, *Illinois*, '95, and Harry H. Meyer, *Illinois*, '97. Mr. and Mrs. Kruse are now living in Chicago, at 3975 Drexel avenue; he is an architect with Haleburt and Roache.

Hanover—W. B. Barr, '75, contributed an article on 'Railroads and the Law' to the *Railway Journal* for February.—Judge J. B. Swing, '76, was counted a promising 'dark horse' for the gubernatorial nomination in the recent Ohio Republican convention. He was Hamilton county's favorite son. He placed in nomination the winning candidate for lieutenant-governor.

Wooster—Rev. G. N. Luccock, '78, has been called from the Metropolitan Presbyterian church, of Washington, D. C., to the Second Presbyterian church, of Columbus, Ohio. He has been in Washington since 1894.—Arthur H. Brand, '95, and Wm. Chancellor, '96, are seniors at the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.—Emil W. Farwell, '00, is a junior at Princeton.

Ohio State—Fred S. Ball, '88, continues to be as busy as ever he was while treasurer of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. He manages a natorium and a lecture course, engineers real estate deals and gymnasium classes, looks after all Y. M. C. A., C. E. and Methodist enterprises that come his way, and builds up a big practice. We shall count him a recreant Phi, however, if he does not employ the hours saved from writing duns to the chapters in reviving the dormant alumni club in Montgomery.

Among the graduates of the law department of the University of Indianapolis, on May 24, were F. T. Brown, '97, L. B. Davis, '00, J. C. Morrison, '88, F. C. Olive, '97, of Indiana Gamma; T. A. Davis, '96, of Indiana Beta; Will Featherngill, '87, N. M. Lacy, '00, E. L. Middleton, '97, of Indiana Delta; S. K. Ruick, '97, of Indiana Zeta; J. C. Hughes, '99, of Ohio Zeta; T. D. Temple, '96, of Ohio Alpha. Bro. Hnghes was formerly a member of Pennsylvania Gamma.

Indiana—Hon. J. W. Foster, '53, ex-secretary of state, has been giving a course of lectures on the history of diplomacy in the department of political science at Cornell.—Amos W. Butler, '81, is the author of a volume on 'The Birds of Indiana.' *The Independent* of February 23 says of it:

The book represents a surprising amount of the most painstaking and intelligent labor extending over many years. Were a report like this made for every state in the union it would give the basis for a revised, systematic and accurate digest of American ornithology, which is very much needed.

Centre—In a recent review of the publications of the Filson Club, the *Independent* mentions 'The Wilderness Road,' by the secretary of the club in 1886, Capt. Thomas Speed, '61; thirteen volumes relating to Kentucky history have been published by the club.—A. G. Sulser, '97, is in business at Maysville, Ky.—H. S. Hale, Jr., '98, has gone into business at Mayfield, Ky.—W. R. Hugueuly, '98, is in business at Danville, Ky.

Northwestern—Rev. C. C. Albertson, '89, late of the Delaware Avenue M. E. church of Buffalo, has accepted a call to the First M. E. church of Germantown, Philadelphia. He recently declined a call to the Madison Avenue M. E. church of Baltimore, on which occasion the *Baltimore American* said:

Mr. Albertson is a comparatively young man, but for ten years has been the pastor of commanding churches of his denomination, and has won by his platform work the reputation of being, in style, delivery and rare choice and command of language, an orator in the truest sense, ranking among the great speakers of the country.

Mississippi.—Monroe McClurg, '78, is a candidate for attorney-general of the state of Mississippi, and it is predicted that he will win without an effort.—W. S. Hill, '84, the present district attorney of the fifth judicial district, is a candidate for re-election, and will win without opposition.—Lawrence Eugene Thompson, '89, died at his home in Oxford, Miss., January 16, 1899, after a lingering illness.—Percy Ray, '94, was married on February 16, 1899, to Miss Ida Rose of Sunny Side, Miss. Bro. W. M. Peteet was best man.

Auburn—Henry C. Jones, '94, has just received \$100,000 in cash for certain water power property about twenty-five miles from Montgomery, Ala., on the Tallapoosa river. With shrewd foresight he began to buy up the flood lands on both sides of the river a few years ago, and in spite of the opposition of some of the richest and strongest men in Montgomery he will soon see that city lighted with the

power generated by water on that property. He received all his education in electricity at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Washington and Jefferson—Rev. David M. Skilling, D. D., '88, was married April 19, 1899, to Miss Virginia Sinclair, of Charlotte, N. C. The bride is a descendant of the signers of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence. Dr. Skilling is pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, of Allegheny, Pa.—Robert Foster Robinson, '94, of Ben Avon, is a student at the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa.

Washington—Charles Ahiman Bohn, '93, was married on February 6, 1899, to Miss Edna Gertrude Davis, at Leadville, Colo. Miss Davis will be instantly and pleasantly remembered as one of the ladies present at the Philadelphia convention. Mr. and Mrs. Bohn have just spent two months in an extended tour of Mexico, but have returned to Leadville, which will be their home. They promise to be at Louisville in 1900. It may be recalled that Bro. Bohn also happened to be at Philadelphia in 1896.

Northwestern—Chas. B. Campbell, '94, is practicing law in Kankakee, Ill.—Fred Haven, '95, is practicing law in Joliet, Ill.—Wendell P. Ray, '96, has a position in the county recorder's office in Chicago.—Arthur J. Dixon, '96, is with the *Chicago Times-Herald*.—Fred Gillette, '96, has a position with Javene & Co., wholesale grocers, Chicago.—T. Melvin Fowler, '97, is with the *Chicago Tribune*.—Frank McCaskey, '97, is with the Royal Insurance Company, Chicago.—Chas. A. Stewart, '97, is in the real estate business in Chicago.

Pennsylvania—Dr. Damaso T. Laine, '86, was married to Mrs. Dixon, of Charleston, W. Va., December 8, 1898. Dr. Laine had been in Cuba for some time as surgeon of the United States evacuation commission. He is a Cuban by birth and expects to live in Havana.—Henry C. Burr, '93, and Miss Margaret Foster Allen were married in Philadelphia on December 15, 1898. The best man was J. Clark Moore, Jr., P. G. C., a class-mate of the groom, and among the ushers were three other Pennsylvania Phis: E. B. Wilford, H. P. Busch and W. I. Cooper.

Stanford—Paul Helb White, '95, was married on January 24, 1899, to Miss Margaret Patterson Malott, at Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. White traveled through the east and southeast in a private car for several weeks, but are

now at home at 1904 North Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. Mrs. White is a Bryn Mawr girl and is a daughter of Mr. T. T. Mazon, president of the Indiana National Bank and receiver of the Vandalia R. R. Bro. White is superintendent at the factory of the Indiana Bicycle Co., which manufactures bicycles and automobiles.

Randolph-Macon—J. C. Martin, Jr., '88, took charge, on January 1, of the large interests of Silver, Burdett & Co., publishers, of Boston, New York and Chicago, in the Carolinas and Virginia. On his business tours he will visit all the colleges and universities in those states, and the eastern half of Beta province is to be congratulated on its opportunity to form the acquaintance of so enthusiastic a Phi as is Brother Martin. We shall expect him to collect a good many items of interest in his travels concerning our alumni, our chapters and colleges and fraternities in general.

Two of the hopeless bachelors have deserted their old time comrades. Palmer and Miller, and are now enrolled among the Benedicts. Dwight N. Marble, *Centre*, '82, ex-H. G. C., was married on May 10, 1899, to Miss Inez Clair Church, at Manchester, Conn. They are now living at 338 Spahr street, Pittsburgh, Pa. We had barely recovered from the shock of this announcement when we learned that Frank D. Swope, *Hanover*, '85, S. G. C., was married on May 26, 1899, to Miss Jean Wright, of Louisville, Ky. They will reside at 226 East Broadway, Louisville. THE SCROLL extends best wishes and hearty congratulations.

C. C. N. Y.—The marriage of Mason Carnes, '88, of New York, and the Countess Lydia de Bylandt, daughter of the late Count Alexander Bylandt of The Hague, was solemnized on January 19, 1899, at the Church of St. Josseten-Noode, Brussels. Bro. Carnes is a son of the late Lewis M. Carnes. His aunt, Miss Mason, afterward Mrs. Heyward Cutting, was selected to lead the cotillon with the Prince of Wales when he visited New York, and the family has been a prominent one for many years. Miss Annie Cutting, Mr. Carnes's cousin, is the wife of the Count de Vrière of Brussels, a relative of the Countess de Bylandt. Bro. Carnes has lived abroad since his graduation, in 1888.

Gettysburg—Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D. D., '76, is pastor of the English Lutheran church at Webster City, Iowa. He resides at 1108 Des Moines street. He is the author of a volume entitled 'Around the Home Table,' published recently by the Lutheran Publication House of Philadelphia. Bro. Ja-

coby was a charter member of Pennsylvania Beta.—Rev. J. B. Fox, Ph. D., '80, has removed from Newberry, S. C., to Staunton, Va., where he was called to the pastorate of the Christ Lutheran church. His address is 9 Fayette street.—A. E. Linhart, '89, has established a law office at Ponce, Porto Rico.—A. S. Cook, '95, principal of the Reistertown (Md.) schools, was married on December 27, 1898, to Miss Helen Earnshaw, of Gettysburg, Pa.

Wabash—Judge William A. Woods, '59, of the United States circuit court, Edgar W. Olive, '93, now a graduate student at Harvard, and J. B. Garner, '93, now at the University of Chicago, were chosen as charter members of the Φ B K chapter recently established at Wabash.—Fred G. Wishard, '94, who was this year a member of the University of Indianapolis glee club and quartette, has been elected president of the glee club for next year. He is a member of the Plymouth church quartette, in Indianapolis, and director of music.—Roy H. Gerard, '95, was graduated in March from the Indiana Medical College.—Michael E. Foley, '99, was the principal speaker at the Jefferson day banquet in Indianapolis, on April 1.

Vermont—The town of Morrisville is one of Vermont Alpha's strongholds. Bro. C. F. Blair, '99, who will be remembered as delegate to the Columbus convention, was preceded by Bros. W. A. Beebe, '89, F. W. Mould, '91, and T. C. Cheney, '91. Besides these there are Bros. V. M. Dodge, '01, G. C. Gould, '01, G. G. Morse, '02, and L. M. Munson, '02. Only eight miles away, at Stowe, are Bros. J. C. Morgan, '90, and G. H. Dalrymple, '95. Bro. Beebe has been principal of the academy at Morrisville since his graduation, in 1889, and it is doubtless due to his influence and that of Bro. Cheney and others that the region is so rapidly becoming a promising field for an alumni chapter. It may be added that other Morrisville boys, as Bro. E. C. Mower, '92, have been initiated at Vermont, but now reside elsewhere.

Indianapolis—Rev. James L. Parson, '76, who has been pastor of the Christian church in New Albany, Ind., since leaving St. Louis, two years ago, has resigned his pastorate and will remove to Indianapolis.—Benj. Marshall Davis, '90, is professor of biology in the California State Normal College, at Los Angeles.—Emerson W. Matthews, '91, who is now at Harvard, has been made professor of Greek at Eureka (Ill.) College. Bro. Matthews was once affiliated with Ohio Zeta and studied later at Stanford and Chicago.—

Reed Carr, '92, died of consumption at his home in Leipsic, Indiana, in March.—Willis M. Blount, '97, is a student in the Indiana State Normal, at Terre Haute.—Virgil S. Dalrymple, '98, is doing graduate work at Cornell.—Aubrey L. Loop, '98, was graduated in March from the Indiana Medical College.

Missouri—Sanford F. Conley, '90, and Miss Gertrude Broadhead, of Columbia (sister of Bro. G. C. Broadhead, '94) were married at the First Presbyterian church, Columbia, Mo., April 26. Bro. Conley is an enthusiastic Phi and is secretary and treasurer of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Columbia, Mo., and one of the leading spirits in Missouri Alpha's chapter house movement. The following Phis participated in the ceremony: M. R. Conley, W. T. Conley, D. S. Conley, all younger brothers of the groom and members of Missouri Alpha, the latter being a member of the present graduating class; G. C. Broadhead, Jr., and R. H. Switzler.—Richard H. Woods, '97, is now with the First National Bank at Telluride, Colo. He has been since leaving the university assistant cashier of the Bank of Versailles (Mo.). He is treasurer of the Missouri Alpha chapter house association.

Franklin—President W. T. Stott, '61, of Franklin College, has been appointed by Governor Mount one of the members of the Indiana state board of education.—Otis W. Caldwell, '94, now assistant in botany at the University of Chicago, has been elected professor of botany at a salary of \$1,600 in the Illinois State Normal School at Charleston. Bro. Caldwell has been one of the firmest and most valuable supporters of the Chicago chapter from the first, and his absence will be keenly felt. He is in the line of promotion at the University of Chicago, and it is understood that his work at Charleston will be in the nature of a leave of absence, merely.—Harry Martin, '93, was married January 10, 1899, to Miss Estelle Clark, of Lebanon, Ind. Brother Martin, who formerly owned the *Lebanon Reporter*, has been, for the last three years, editor of the *Franklin Weekly Republican*. He will continue to reside in Franklin.

Missouri—Howell Van Blarcom, '94, for three years past director of the manual training department of the west side high school, at Milwaukee, has resigned his position to accept an important post with the McCormick Harvester Company in Chicago. Bro. Van Blarcom was considered one of the best and most capable men in charge of manual training in the west. He had built up one of the most complete manual train-

ing departments in Wisconsin. Before going to Milwaukee he had had three years' experience as a university instructor, and two years as a mechanic in a large machine shop at East St. Louis.—G. C. Broadhead, Jr., '94, has accepted a position with the engineering corps of the Great Northern R. R. He was previously connected in a similar capacity with the Missouri River Commission. He is now at Kalispell, Montana.—John E. Tiedeman, '98, is connected with the Continental National Bank of St. Louis.

Vermont—In a new volume on 'Municipal Monopolies,' composed of 'papers by American economists and specialists' and published by Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., the first chapter, which covers the subject of 'water-works,' is by Moses Nelson Baker, '86.—Capt. F. J. Mills, '86, of company K, 2d U. S. volunteer engineers, is now stationed at Camp McKinley, near Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.—Rev. E. M. Wilbur, '96, is now attending a year's course of lectures at the University of Berlin. He was married June 30, 1898, to Miss Dorothea Eliot, of Portland, Ore.—M. A. Howe, Ph. D., '90, Columbia '98, is associate editor of the *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club* and curator of the Columbia herbarium—T. C. Cheney, '91, was unanimously elected clerk of the house at the recent session of the Vermont legislature. E. C. Mower, '92, was assistant clerk. The *Montpelier Daily Journal* said that no more popular pair of legislature employes ever held these positions.

Vanderbilt—E. A. Price, '82, *Auburn*, was married on December 21, 1898, to Miss Margaret Lynn Shook, at Nashville, Tenn. Among the ushers were L. R. Campbell, '80, and Claude Waller, '84. Bro. Price is city attorney of Nashville.—Senator T. Leigh Thompson, '86, served two terms in the lower house before his people promoted him to the senate. He is the author of the railroad commission law and devoted much time last year to securing its passage. He is strong with his people, winning a hard fight for the nomination by a good majority.—*Nashville Banner*.—E. B. Crockett, '93, and Miss Eleanor Crockett, of Nashville, were married January 15, 1899, at Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Crockett is a sister of J. Vaulx Crockett, '96. Mr. Crockett is connected with the American Tobacco Co., with headquarters at Baltimore.—John H. DeWitt, '94, province president, who is managing the chapter house finances of Tennessee Alpha, has received contributions from Major R. A. Barr, '92, surgeon of the First Tennessee at Iloilo, Philippines, and from Captain H. C. Alexander, '95, of the Fourth Tennessee at Sancti Spiritus, Cuba.

Ohio Wesleyan—Hon. D. D. Woodmansee, '81, of Cincinnati, was the principal speaker on decoration day this year at the Gettysburg national cemetery. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, '84 (this date does not apply to Mrs. Brown, the editor hastens to add), will sail on July 27 for a three months' trip in Europe, visiting London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin.—Prof. Guy P. Benton, '88, of the chair of sociology in Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., has been elected president of Upper Iowa University, at Fayette, Iowa.—J. M. Butler, '91, has been appointed first assistant to the department of law, of the city of Columbus, Ohio, at a salary of \$2,000 a year.—Sam Keen, '95, was married on May 11, 1896, to Miss Juliette Thomas, Ohio Wesleyan, '96, at Zanesville. They went at once to their home in Troy, Ohio, where he is preaching.—F. M. Kline, '97, for two years principal of the high school at Marseilles, Ill., has been elected superintendent of schools there.

Ohio Wesleyan—Rev. Dr. John M. Barker, '74, has been elected professor of sociology in Boston University School of Theology. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan in arts, and of Boston University in theology and philosophy. For ten years, Dr. Barker, as the associate of President Bashford in the splendid development of that university in material equipment and teaching force, has gained close acquaintance with the ideals and methods of university education, and has had the best opportunities for the study of the problems of Christian sociology in our great American cities. Professor Barker has published two books: 'Colleges in America' and 'History of Ohio Methodism; A Study in Social Science.'—Rev. James S. Bitler, '78, has been very successful recently in evangelistic work at Sedalia, Mo.—Rev. Charles E. Schenk, '90, of the Clifton M. E. Church, Cincinnati, enjoyed a much-needed vacation during the past winter at San Antonio, Texas, the expenses of the trip being a present from the congregation.—L. A. Busby, '94, is a member of the newly organized firm of Jackson, Busby & Lyman, at Chicago.

Syracuse—Glen K. Shurtleff, '83, is general secretary of the Cleveland Y. M. C. A. At the March meeting of the board of directors, of which Bro. H. H. Ward, T. G. C., is a member, Brother Shurtleff, as a testimony of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the board and others interested in Y. M. C. A. work in Cleveland, was presented, as a surprise, with round-trip tickets to Europe for himself and wife, a letter of credit for \$500, a vacation of three

months and his salary in advance. Brother Shurtleff was to sail in May. He has been an untiring worker in the association, having gone to Cleveland in 1894. He took hold of the association with a membership of about fifteen hundred, and has built it up until today it has between three thousand and thirty-five hundred, being the second largest association in the world, standing next to that of New York. The association owns property valued at close to half a million, and has a central department and four branches. Bro. Shurtleff has been working so hard that he has not been in good health of late, so this little trip was planned unbeknown to him in order that he might have rest and consult eminent physicians in Europe.

Miami—The dailies of the country on May 6 published an exhaustive syndicated article on the Venezuelan boundary case in which ex-President Benjamin Harrison, '52, is engaged and to take part in which he is now in Paris. The article in question was the result of an interview with General Harrison by Adolph Schmuck, Indiana Gamma, '95. Mr. Schmuck accompanied General Harrison to Paris. The General was decoration day orator at the tomb of Lafayette, and has been entertained by President Loubet. On his way across the Atlantic he presided over the usual entertainment for the benefit of disabled seamen, and his remarks on that occasion seem to have been unusually happy, especially those introducing Mr. Burr McIntosh, who swam ashore at Daiquiri last summer in order to kodak the troops as they landed, and who persisted in taking unauthorized snapshots of General Harrison and his daughter on shipboard.—D. A. McMillan, '68, of Mexico, Mo., has been appointed a member of the board of curators of the University of Missouri for a term of six years by Governor Stephens.—Walter C. Harris, '91, was married to Miss Ethelwyn Sherman, of Richmond, Ind., October 27, 1898. Bro. Harris now one of the leading illustrators in the art department of the New York *Herald*, besides being one of the art contributors to *Munsey's*. The October (1898) number contained a large collection of his views. He is a prominent member of the New York camera club, and is fast forging to the front as one of the leading artists of the metropolis.—George R. Eastman, '95, of Dayton, was married to Miss Nellie Reynolds, of Eaton, Ohio, November 19, 1899. Bro. Eastman was for several years principal of the Eaton high school, and is now principal of the high school in Dayton.

Arthur Ragan Priest was born on a farm near Greencastle, Indiana, in 1867. He attended a few short winter terms of the district school. This, with a large amount of home study,



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enabled him to enter the De Pauw academy at the age of seventeen. He worked his way through the academy and the college, being graduated in 1891. He held a prominent position in college circles. In his junior year he was one of six chosen on a basis of scholarship to take part in an oratorical exhibition. In his senior year he was chosen tutor in Greek; he was editor-in-chief of the college paper, and was one of six elected from the class to $\Phi B K$. After two years spent in teaching in the south, he was called to the chair of rhetoric and oratory

in De Pauw University, to succeed Bro. Jas. H. Wilkerson, '89. Here he remained five years, during which time De Pauw won four state oratorical contests and four inter-collegiate debates. While a member of the faculty Bro. Priest was a loyal supporter of every student enterprise; he was one of the faculty members of the athletic board, and was undoubtedly the most popular member of the faculty. In the summer of 1898 he resigned to accept an instructorship in oratory in the University of Wisconsin. In April of this year he was offered an assistant professorship in the same institution but declined the offer to accept the newly established chair of rhetoric and oratory in the University of Washington. Bro. Priest was initiated into $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at the beginning of his freshman year. He was a most loyal member throughout his college course, and his interest in the welfare and progress of his fraternity has never flagged since his graduation.

C. B. C.

Westminster—Rev. John A. Gallaher, '86, has removed from St. Louis to Belleville, Ill. His address is 225 S. High street.—George Frederick Ayers, '87, remained in Fulton for one year after his graduation from Westminster, reading church history and Greek literature; he then went to McCormick Theological Seminary, at Chicago, and graduated there in 1891. During this period a fellowship for foreign study was founded. Fifty-one candidates from various points in the United States tried for the honor. Over them all Mr. Ayers obtained the first place. He accordingly spent 1891-2 studying in Halle, Leipsic, Rome and London. On his return he found his health impaired by over-study, and he went to Texas. There he taught for a short time, occupying the Latin chair in Daniel Baker College at Brownwood. He then became temporarily supply of the Second Presbyterian church, of Houston, Texas, and was ordained in Galveston to the full work of the ministry. Not improving in health in Texas, he accepted the Latin professorship in Washington College, Tennessee, and preached at the same time in Johnson City. In this interval he married Miss C. L. Heron, of Washington, D. C., whom he had met at Leipsic. Two years later, his health restored, he was elected president of the ladies' college of Kansas City, located at Independence, Mo. Such eminent men as Rev. M. M. Fisher, H. M. Nelson and J. M. Chaney were his predecessors. After three years' hard and successful work there his health gave way, and he was threatened with nervous prostration. He spent a year in rest, chiefly at Eureka Springs, Ark., and now we find him pastor of the Presbyterian church in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

His *alma mater* gave him the master's degree in 1890, and after a two years' special course gave him also the degree of Ph. D. I regard Dr. Ayers as one of the best educated young men of the country, and if life and health be given him, with the consecration to his work that he seems to have, a bright and useful future is before him.

ROBERT MORRISON.



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COLLEGIATE.

A number of the men elected to the senior societies at Yale recently declined the honor.

At California this year the first four places on the honor roll of the senior academic class went to women.

The University of Pennsylvania has established a permanent biological station at Corson's Inlet, New Jersey.

Vanderbilt was winner at the field and track meet of the southern inter-collegiate athletic association this year.

The track and field meet between Oxford and Cambridge, and Harvard and Yale, has been definitely agreed upon.

On the day following the publication of the California annual, the editor-in-chief was dismissed from the university.

The entire freshman class at Wabash has been suspended for decking the chapel with posters in honor of a victory at base ball over the sophomores.

The Pennsylvania inter-collegiate oratorical contest was won by a young woman from Swarthmore; second place went to Lafayette.

McGill University has become affiliated with Oxford and Cambridge, those universities agreeing to give students full credit for work done at McGill.

The University of Mississippi will open its new medical department at Vicksburg in the fall.—The University of Virginia has decided to build a hospital, which the medical department has long needed.

Pardee Hall at Lafayette, which was burned by Prof. Stephens, was rededicated on May 31. Postmaster-general Smith was orator of the day, and received the degree of LL. D. Attorney-general Griggs also spoke.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$250,000 to the University of Birmingham, on condition that the scientific school be made the chief department. Mr. Carnegie has also given Stevens Institute \$50,000 for an engineering laboratory.

Pennsylvania State has won in debate, this year, from Dickinson; Harvard from Yale; Nebraska from Kansas; Missouri from Nebraska; Notre Dame from Butler; Colorado College from Nebraska; Missouri from Wisconsin.

At Ann Arbor there are 161 students from Chicago; in 1893 there were 108.—Adelbert enrolls this year 182 students, of whom 65 are freshmen.—At Gettysburg there are 254 students, 52 being freshmen.—The enrollment in the University of Indianapolis is 683; in Butler College, 216.—Bowdoin enrolls 233.

Mrs. Stanford wishes to limit the number of women students at Stanford University to 500, because they have been steadily gaining on the men since the university was founded, numbering 463 this year, or 40.1 per cent. of the total enrollment. She thinks their increasing number hinders the growth of college spirit.

President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins, does not favor the establishment of a National University at Washington, but proposes an alternative plan—simply to enlarge the operations of the Smithsonian Institution so as to include certain specific courses of instruction and research, open to all persons giving proof of fitness to pursue them.

A new women's college is announced in Boston, to be named after its founder, John Simmons, who died thirty years ago and left a bequest now amounting to \$2,500,000. The college will furnish women 'instruction in such branches of art, science, and industry as may be best calculated to enable women to acquire an independent livelihood.'

At Stanford every student pays an assessment of one dollar a year into the treasury of the organized students, who elect by Australian ballot all officers of the organization and all managers, editors-in-chief and inter-collegiate debaters.—At Rose Polytechnic Institute each student is assessed ten dollars a year for the support of student enterprises.

Yale and Harvard have decided to retire on pensions professors who have served twenty or twenty-five years.—Harvard has established a professorship of hygiene, whose holder will not only teach but treat free of charge all students.—At Columbia, compulsory instruction in swimming has been introduced in the department of physical training. The university has built the largest and most perfectly appointed swimming pool in the United States, if not in the world.—At Harvard and Columbia this year a course of fifteen lectures on life insurance as a social institution will be given.—Chapel exercises at the University of Indiana have been reduced to twice a week.

President William L. Wilson, of Washington and Lee University, was chosen by the regents of the Smithsonian Institution to represent them at the celebration of the centennial of the Royal Society of Great Britain. He is now in London for this purpose. It is an interesting fact that the American institution was founded by an Englishman and that the English society was founded by Count Rumford, an American.

In addition to gifts previously announced, Washington University has received \$100,000 for a civil engineering and architectural building, \$150,000 toward the endowment of a school of engineering and architecture, and \$100,000 for a dormitory.—Franklin College has just added \$75,000 to her endowment fund.—Mrs. Stanford has transferred to Stanford University the bulk of her wealth, to the estimated amount of \$10,000,000. She imposes two conditions: That no building costing less than \$6,000 shall be erected on the campus, and that the number of women students be limited to 500.

The University of West Virginia is making rapid strides under the new administration. The largest legislative appropriation in any previous year was \$74,000. This year it is \$196,300. This includes a salary fund of \$40,800 as against \$19,500 appropriated by the last legislature. The all-summer session and other innovations of the new president were given legislative approval and special appropriations. A library, an armory and a wing of the main building are to be built at once. President Raymond is a B @ II, from the Northwestern chapter.

Chancellor MacLean, of the University of Nebraska, was elected president of the University of Iowa on June 8.—Prof. Arthur T. Hadley was elected president of Yale on May 25. He is the first layman ever chosen for this position, and his election doubtless ushers in a new era at New Haven. It was followed by several resignations. Prof. Hadley was graduated from Yale in 1876, and was a member of Δ K E in his junior year.—The new president of the University of Cincinnati, Prof. Howard Ayers, of the University of Missouri, is a Harvard man ('83), but was earlier at Michigan, where he joined Δ Y.—The California regents have considered twenty candidates, including President Raymond, of West Virginia University, in addition to others already mentioned, but have come to no decision as yet.—President Canfield, of Ohio State, has accepted the position of librarian of Columbia University. He is a boyhood friend of President Low,

who gave \$1,000,000 to build the library.—Rev. F. D. Blakeslee, a graduate of Syracuse, and a Δ K E, has been elected president of Iowa Wesleyan.—Rev. Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, the new president of Brown, is a graduate of that university, of the class of '80, and a member of Δ Y. He is now pastor of a New York church.—During the last college year, Oberlin, Brown, Colgate, Yale, Iowa, Cincinnati, Iowa Wesleyan and Indianapolis have chosen presidents. Amherst will probably choose one this month, and California, Ohio State and Nebraska (if Chancellor MacLean goes to Iowa) will still be seeking an executive.

In *Harper's Weekly*, Caspar Whitney pays a fine tribute to the southern inter-collegiate athletic association, composed of the Universities of Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee and Nashville; Central, Mercer, Furman, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Cumberland, Louisiana State and Southwestern Presbyterian Universities; Clemson College, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Georgia School of Technology and Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Whitney says:

The faculties of these institutions are honestly working for the purity of southern college sport. The undergraduate sentiment is wholesome; rarely is there evidence of even a suggestion of professional spirit. The condition of sport in these institutions is indeed excellent. The association is just closing the fourth year of its existence, with materially increased membership and in greater strength than it has ever enjoyed.

He severely arraigns the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina, of whom he says:

They are the outlaws of southern college sport. Time and again they have been urged to join the southern inter-collegiate athletic association, and as repeatedly the invitation has been declined. They profess purity, and their protestations simply add to their offense, for the subordination of all regard for wholesome sport to their athletic needs continues flagrant and base. One favorite method of these un-sportsmanly colleges is to spring something crooked just before the game, even on the playing field, and trust in bulldozing to silence the protests of their opponents. They have no hesitation in keeping spectators waiting during an hour of wrangling, therefore a self-respecting and sportsmanly opponent often yields out of mere consideration for the public.

The gulf states oratorical contest was won by the University of Georgia. It was held at the University of Alabama and participated in by Mississippi, Tulane, Louisiana State, Georgia and Alabama.—The southern oratorical contest was held at the University of Virginia, and was won by Sewanee for the fourth time in nine years. The other winners have been Centre, Virginia, Washington and Lee

and Vanderbilt (twice). Institutions represented this year were South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Vanderbilt and Sewanee.—The central oratorical league contest at Cornell was won by Ohio Wesleyan. Cornell, Ohio State, Indiana and Illinois followed in the order named. Ohio Wesleyan won last year, also.—In the northern oratorical league the contestants were from Minnesota, Oberlin, Wisconsin, Chicago, Iowa, Michigan and Northwestern. Michigan won.—The inter-state contest of winning orators of the ten west central states was won at Lincoln by Wisconsin (Beloit). Indiana (De Pauw) was second.

HELLENIC.

Σ Φ is about to build a house at Union.

A Δ Φ held her convention at New York, May 11-12.

Π K A holds her convention at Knoxville, June 20-22.

A local fraternity at Buchtel is known as K Σ. Φ P B at Wisconsin, is said to be after A Δ Φ.

The K A lodge at Cornell, which was burned at Christmas, is being rebuilt in larger and more imposing style.

The fraternities that issue certificates of membership, so far as known, are Φ Γ Δ, Φ K Ψ, A T Ω, Φ Δ Θ, Δ Ψ and Z Ψ.

The Columbian chapter of K A is anxious to see the fraternity begin 'a rapid extension throughout the great north.'

Hazing at Alabama has been abolished under the leadership of the fraternities there: Δ K E, A T Ω, Φ Δ Θ, Σ N, K A and Σ A E.

Θ N E has appeared at Vermont, in the medical department.—T Δ O is a new local at Millsaps, where K A and K Σ flourish.

A local society at Columbian is said to be trying for a B Θ Π charter, with small chance of success. Φ Δ Θ refused an application from there last year.

A T Ω has withdrawn from Marietta, where, according to the *Palm*, there are but sixty male students. Φ Γ Δ withdrew two years ago. Δ Y and two local societies are all that remain.

Γ♦♦ is a sorority with chapters at Converse College, S. C., and at Hollins Institute, Va. Southeastern Phi claim many 'sympathizers' among their members.

ΚΚΓ enrolls 420 members this year, two chapters numbering 24 each, and two 8 and 9 respectively. Indiana, with 50, and New York, with 56, are the states most largely represented.

The increased appropriation for the *Record* by the last ΣΑΕ convention is bearing fruit. With its new cover and its chapter letters in smaller type, it is one of our handsomest exchanges.

The ΑΤΩ *Palm's* Muhlenburg correspondent reports that a local society called ΔΘ has appeared. The ΑΤΩ chapter, which has been the only fraternity there for a decade, is 'very glad to have this rivalry.'

The chapters of southern ΚΑ at Virginia, North Carolina and Washington and Lee have been trying to inaugurate a movement for repeal of the law against inter-fraternity societies, but with little or no success.

A member of ΔΥ has offered to give \$1,000 toward a permanent general fund, provided \$3,000 more be raised. He will give \$200 as soon as the first \$1,000 is raised, and \$300 after the second \$1,000 is paid in.

Mr. E. W. Huffcut, the new editor of the *Shield of ΘΔΧ*, has charge of the exchange department therein; it was announced by mistake in the last SCROLL that Mr. Clay W. Holmes would look after the exchanges.

The *Beta Theta Pi* quotes with editorial endorsement an article from the ΘΔΧ *Shield*, in favor of the establishment of a new club in New York city, something like the University Club, members of all college fraternities to be eligible.

The Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta, established in 1888, has 275 students, and has recently received \$35,000 from the state for the introduction of a textile department. The fraternities are: ΑΤΩ, 1888; ΣΑΕ, 1890; ΚΣ, 1895, and ΣΝ, 1896.

A citizen of Galesburg, Ill., who died recently, made a bequest of \$2,000 to Wheaton College, providing that the trustees of that institution shall have charge of the bequest and shall use it for fighting secret societies and the manufacture of intoxicating beverages.

The committee on revision of the ritual of $\Delta T \Delta$ has completed its work and presented it to the arch chapter, as the general officers of the fraternity are called. The revision is based on the ritual prepared by E. D. Curtis, which has been used by chapters for several years.

The honorary scientific society, T B II, founded at Lehigh in 1885 and established also at Lansing, Purdue, Stevens and Illinois, is installing its sixth chapter at Wisconsin. Prof. B. V. Swenson, Illinois Eta, '93, is in charge of the movement, being the only member of T B II on the faculty.

Unless peace is soon declared and further opportunity for distinction thus limited, we fear General Funston may unconsciously lead THE SCROLL to offend once more the nice sense of propriety of Mr. Ade, of the ΣX *Quarterly*, by attracting an undue share of attention to 'the Phi Delt show window.'

Bishop Hartzell in the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ *Quarterly* says: 'At least one college fraternity has its representative in the mission field and supports him. It has occurred to me that possibly there might be among the widespread and noble company of Phi Gams some who would like to have a hand in this blessed work.'

We feel obliged to refer again to that hackneyed subject, subscriptions. Less than 200 subscribers from our 6,000 alumni is our condition— $\Sigma A E$ *Record*. While it is a poor medicine for the editor, it makes us happy to find some one else worse off than we are. Misery loves company, and we condole with our suffering co-worker.— $\Theta \Delta X$ *Shield*.

The editor of the *Journal* thinks that the last few K A conventions 'have been conducted on a scale of wasteful extravagance, ruinous to those responsible for the entertainment and of no lasting or material benefit to those who attend.' It strikes him that 'the convention and catalogue evils are a common affliction—both alike tend to run to excess.'

ΣX now accounts for 132 members in the late war. A cut of the Albion chapter in the last *Quarterly* gives one man from '00, one from '01, and six from '03. The latter may be a misprint for '02, however. One would hope so.—The winning orator in the inter-state contest at Lincoln was a Beloit ΣX .—The next convention will meet at Philadelphia early in September.— ΣX is evidently preparing to give $\Theta N E$ a 'knockout blow.'

Φ Γ is a new local law fraternity at Washington and Lee. The ribbon society 'Δ' is about dead, but there has been a revival of an old ribbon society rejoicing in the title of PAOMLARYE. The last three letters of the name may shed some light on the organization. On the ribbon worn by its members a simple 'Σ' appears.—A ribbon society has appeared at Randolph-Macon.

Φ Β Κ at Yale will hereafter elect all men who have made a grade of 3.30 (in a scale of 5) in the work of the freshman and sophomore years, *and in addition a number from among the first fifty in the class sufficient to bring the membership up to thirty.* All making 3.30 in the work of the last two years of the course will also be elected. The resident graduate members of the chapter oppose strongly the clause in italics and ask that the method of electing members on the basis of scholarship alone be continued.

The Central University chapter of Σ Ν proposes to furnish the next grand chapter (convention) a team that will memorize and exemplify the new three-degree ritual that has been written by Past Regent P. R. Bennett, of Chicago. The following account of an initiation by the chapter at Ohio State University is from the latest issue of the Σ Ν *Delta*:

Our recent initiation was a novel one. Through courtesy the planning of same was left exclusively to the alumni chapter. The initiates were taken blindfolded to a costumer who fitted them out; one as an Italian organ grinder, who carried an organ, and was in charge of another clad as a monkey; still another as an Italian tourist, who had in charge one dressed in the skin of a polar bear. They were then loaded in closed carriages and quickly driven to the home of one of the chapter's lady friends, where the blindfolds were removed, and they carried out the instructions which had been given them. The party was driven to a number of other places, completing this preliminary to the initiation, and then taken to the fraternity hall at the Great Southern Hotel, where the impressive ritualistic work was gone through with, making the 'barbs' full fledged Σ Ν brothers.

The alumni of Σ Ν in Columbus must be a very dignified body to have devised such an initiation. After the ceremonies there was a banquet, and one of the toasts was 'Σ Ν at Large', which certainly was appropriate enough after such a performance, though it seems that it was intended to refer to the wide extent of the fraternity, and not to the events of the night. The *Delta* publishes evidence disproving the statement, which went the rounds of the Iowa press, that the death of a member of the chapter at Iowa City was caused by injuries received during his initiation, the evidence being backed by a certificate from the physicians in attendance.

At De Pauw this year for the first time one of the women students was chosen to speak on Washington's birthday. Last year women were elected to $\Phi B K$ there for the first time. A member of $K A \Theta$ from the University of California has been the first woman to be admitted as student of architecture in the Ecole des Beaux Arts, at Paris. But ten foreign students are admitted each year, and this young woman stood third.

It seems that many of the chapters at Minnesota and Northwestern are beginning to pledge high school juniors, which is to be regretted, though such a practice is not unknown elsewhere, even among Phi chapters. It is reported that the Missouri chapter of $B \Theta \Pi$ has pledged a young man, a resident of Columbia, who is attending a prep. school in a distant state and is three years from the freshman class, who not only does not know where he will go to college, but has not even decided whether he will go to college at all.

Mr. Wm. R. Baird was exchange editor of the *Beta Theta Pi* in 1879-81. From 1881 to 1885 he was a co-editor, having two or three associates. During 1885-6 he was out of the harness. He was a co-editor again in 1886-7 and exchange editor in 1887-89. He practically assumed editorial control in January, 1894, and since June, 1896, he has been sole editor in name as well as in fact. Of the last twenty years, then, he has spent eleven as editor or co-editor, four as exchange editor and five and a fraction as an 'old subscriber.' At Stevens he was a member of $A \Sigma X$, becoming a Beta when that fraternity was absorbed by $B \Theta \Pi$.

The May *Puritan* contains an article on 'College Fraternities for Women,' which gives three pictures of $K A \Theta$ houses, two each of $A \Phi$ and $\Delta \Gamma$, and one of $\Pi B \Phi$. The author thinks that Vassar's establishment of a chapter of $\Phi B K$ indicates that the sororities will soon be admitted to the leading women's colleges. He (we take Spencer Ogden to be a man's name) states that $A \Phi$ built the first women's chapter house in 1889, at a cost of \$10,000, at Syracuse. He thinks that the various sororities may some day 'unite their forces in a fraternity federation.'

A division convention held by ΣN at Kansas City in November decided 'that there are no institutions in our territory which we care to enter save the University of Nebraska, and possibly that of Colorado.' Among subjects discussed was 'The Ideal Frat. Man,' and each member present was requested to grade the following items on a

side of 10. *Merrimac* works, home standing, social standing, *library society* standing, athletics. The statistics that were collected ought to be interesting, but are not reported. Class standing seems to have been overlooked.

Not only the hero of the *Merrimac*, but his younger brother James M. Hobson, Jr., is a member of K A, both of the chapter at Southern University. The latter was this year a plebe at West Point, and the cadets there, who are accustomed to haze the more timid of new-comers, devoted most of their attention to him last fall, the ordeal as related in the *Journal* being as follows:

Copies of papers containing accounts of Lieutenant Hobson's exploits are furnished the younger brother, and he is compelled to memorize the articles word for word. Then he is placed in the assembly hall before the other cadets and required to repeat them. Whenever the name 'Hobson' is uttered, he is required to point to his breast with the index finger of his right hand and say, parenthetically, 'that is me.'

It was proposed last year in the *Journal* that each chapter contribute three dollars to buy the elder Hobson a badge, but the plan was not well carried out. The last *Journal* announces that 'appeals to spontaneity having failed,' the gentleman in charge of the matter has started a 'chain letter,' hoping thus to get the 'Hobson fund' into 'a reasonable position.'

A report in the *Journal* of a banquet of the New York alumni chapter says:

Committee on Lions reported that Brother Hobson had some 'steep score pressing engagements on his kissing list; was, therefore, unavoidably detained; begged to be excused on this account.

The report in the *Daily Californian* of the installation of $\Phi K \Psi$'s California Gamma chapter at Berkeley includes a statement that $\Phi K \Psi$ 'has no so-called honorary members,' mentioning later 'among its prominent men' James Whitcomb Riley and Robert J. Burdette, whom Mr. Baird very properly omitted as honorary, and Bishop Walden, whom he included by mistake, as noted recently in the *Rainbow* of $\Delta T \Delta$. The *Rainbow* very justly criticises ΔY for her initiation of honorary members when installing the new chapter at McGill. $A T \Omega$ has finally decided to prohibit the initiation of outsiders.

Mr. T. T. Hubbard, one of the principal officers of K A, laments 'that so few fraternity men wear badges after leaving college,' and writes in the November *Journal*: 'Our law says that members *must* procure and wear either the

badge or button officially adopted. * * * The primary object of the selection of our badge was that it might be a means of identification between our brethren.' Another member suggests that 'it would be a good idea for us to raise the amount of our initiation fee say \$3 or \$4 more, and purchase a small size unjewelled badge, so that every member could have a fraternity pin.' Φ Δ Θ adopted such a provision in 1896.

The last chapter established by K A was at the University of West Virginia in March, 1897. The editor of the *Journal* thinks that the fraternity could now proceed with further extension 'with the utmost safety and prudence,' and continues:

Would you have me point you where to prospect for new seats of empire? In Virginia is Hampden-Sidney, in Mississippi is the University of Mississippi, in Missouri is Washington University, in Kentucky is Georgetown, and in Tennessee the University of Nashville. The writer is unalterably opposed to the extension of K A beyond the borders of the south and southwest, but he is an earnest advocate of the complete occupation of all territory embraced within those limits. There is not so much danger from being at a standstill as regards the founding of new chapters as there is in willingly refusing to establish new chapters where the field is by inheritance and right of conquest our own. Our one boast, first and last, is that K A is the southern college fraternity *par excellence*. The only other fraternity that makes the same pretension, Π K A, is one that cuts no figure as yet in the struggle for supremacy. What the future of this as yet unformidable rival is to be, we know not, but for the present at least it can make no substantial claim to being the representative southern fraternity. Take up your Baird for 1898 and see what enormous strides in the matter of new chapters have been made by such familiar competitors as Σ A E and K Σ. While we disapprove of such indiscriminate planting of chapters, we must admit that the spirit of progress which it indicates is much to be admired.

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the historic old Transylvania University was celebrated by its successor, Kentucky University, at Lexington, January 1, 1899. Β Θ Π had a chapter at Transylvania, 1842-47. At Kentucky University, which is under the patronage of the Christian church, there are chapters of K A and K Σ, established in 1891 and 1894 respectively, and there have been chapters of Φ Γ Δ, 1860-62; Φ K Ψ, 1865-66; and Π K A, 1887-88. At Kentucky State College, also at Lexington, there are chapters of K A, 1893, and Σ X, 1893. K A having two chapters in the same city, which is also the place of publication of the *K A Journal*, Lexington is considered one of K A's strongholds. The next national convention of the fraternity will probably be held there this summer.

Σ A E. on June 6, revived her chapter at Gettysburg, which was founded in 1883 and once since re-established, dying again in 1895. The revived chapter consists of six seniors, five sophomores and two freshmen. This gives Σ A E 54 chapters once more.—Π B Φ established a chapter at Missouri on May 27, with seven charter members. K K Γ is the only other sorority there and has ten members. There are 132 women in the university.—A Φ established her tenth chapter at Stanford on May 20. There were twelve initiates, one being a graduate.—K A has entered McGill with six charter members. This so-called 'conservative' society now has seven chapters, three of which have been established in the last seven years at Toronto, Lehigh and McGill. At McGill are chapters of Δ Y, A Δ Φ, Z Ψ and K A. At Toronto, are Δ K E, A Δ Φ, Z Ψ and K A. The other four K A chapters are at Union, Williams, Hobart and Cornell.

'The Greek-letter Men of Philadelphia,' published this year, is open to the same criticism as its predecessors, which dealt with the Greeks of Chicago and St. Louis—it is very incomplete. For instance, northern K A is credited with only three Philadelphia alumni, Σ Φ with but eight, and southern K A with none at all. Σ A E, Σ N, Π K A and Φ Σ K are not mentioned. This series bears too strong a resemblance to other volumes issued for the sole purpose of lining the publisher's pockets with profits to make it acceptable as a thorough and reliable review of Greek-letter history and membership. The volume mentioned gives the number of Philadelphia fraternity men as follows: K A, 3; Σ Φ, 8; Δ Φ, 185; A Δ Φ, 57; Ψ Y, 110; Δ Y, 5; B Θ Π, 62; X Ψ, 34; Δ K E, 61; Z Ψ, 227; Δ Ψ, 231; Θ Δ X, 23; Φ Γ Δ, 105; Φ Δ Θ, 92; Φ K Σ, 221; Φ K Ψ, 187; X Φ, 39; Σ X, 56; Δ T Δ, 29, A T Ω, 23; K Σ, 34. The sketch of Φ Δ Θ by Dr. Radcliffe leaves nothing to be desired. The book should have contained pictures of Phi chapter houses. We understand that this defect is to be remedied in the volume now appearing in New York.

From the chapter letters in the *March Rainbow* of Δ T Δ we clip the following paragraphs:

Φ Δ Θ gave a most enjoyable smoker to the [Indiana University] Greeks on February 26. These affairs are always largely attended and go far toward promoting good fellowship among the various fraternity men.

There seems to be a depression of the spirit of things at the University of Georgia, and we have our part of discouragement. It has seemed best that we give up our house. We have eight men this year, four being seniors in the law department, and four sophomores.

There is much discussion in fraternity circles here [at Wabash] over the resignation of one of the most prominent members of B Θ Π.

The spirit now existing between the fraternities at Brown is that of good-hearted, friendly, fair rivalry. It has not always been so. Not only has there been improvement in the manner of rushing, but also in the matter of fraternity combinations at the elections.

All the fraternity chapters at the University of Chicago are increasingly aggressive in advancing their interests. While each chapter is developing its distinguishing characteristics and widening its influence in its own particular sphere, there is still a very direct, and often spirited, competition between the chapters of similar ideals.

At Salt Lake City, on the evening of April 26, a banquet was given by the Pan-Hellenic society, made up of all the Greek-letter denizens of that region, fifty-seven in number. It was an immensely successful affair, and the newspapers made illustrated reports of it a feature of the next day's issues. A live goat with gilded horns was one of the decorations of the banquet hall in the Kenyon. Various fraternities were represented by the following number of members: Φ Δ Θ, 8; Δ Y, 7; B Θ Π, 5; Φ Γ Δ, 5; Φ K Ψ, 5; Σ X, 4; Ψ Y, 4; Δ X, 3; K A (southern), 2; Φ Δ Φ, 2; X Φ, 2; Δ K E, 2; K A (northern), 1; X Ψ, 1; Δ Φ, 1; Z Ψ, 1; A Δ Φ, 1; Σ N, 1; Δ T Δ, 1; A T Ω, 1. The toastmaster was a Σ X. Among the Betas was Senator Rawlins. The members of Φ Δ Θ present were E. G. Rognon, *De Pauw*, '90; W. S. Ferris, *Williams*, '85; D. R. Gray, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '90; O. R. Young, *Iowa*, '86; R. E. Waterman, *Michigan*, '98; B. X. Smith, *Knox*, '90; S. P. Armstrong, *Ohio*, '84; Dr. J. C. E. King, *Minnesota*, '86. Bro. Oscar R. Young was one of the speakers, of whom there were nine. He spoke of 'The Initiate,' and the *Herald* says that 'his remarks caused long and hilarious applause.' His picture (?) appears in the *Herald*, with a Phi badge in place of his body. We are indebted to Bro. W. S. Ferris for copies of the Salt Lake papers reporting this interesting event.

Φ K Ψ—The number of chapters on the roll of Φ K Ψ remained at 40 only five days, as the charter of the Columbian chapter was withdrawn on April 20. 'Local conditions' are assigned as the reason for this action.—But six numbers of the *Shield* will be issued this year, for financial reasons.—Alumni chapters have been chartered at Cincinnati, Toledo and Johnstown (Pa.). Hereafter petitioners for alumni charters will be required to pay one dollar into the general treasurer for each petitioner and one dollar for each member joining subsequently.—The executive council has decided that all petitioners for a charter must be established in chapter houses or give 'satisfactory assurance' that they

will take and keep a house. Every chapter still unhoused is required to take a house by the next convention or give a satisfactory excuse for not doing so.—The annual assessment for the coming college year will be five dollars on each active member.—The West Virginia correspondent of the *Shield* says that BΘΠ is reported to be about to enter there.—The Johns Hopkins chapter recently entertained James Whitcomb Riley, who is an honorary member of ΦΚΨ.—The district councils of the east are strongly in favor of chartering a chapter at a certain university recently 'turned down' by the unit rule. The eastern men favor amendments of the unit rule and New England extension.

The March *Shield* contains an exhaustive annual report from Mr. O. E. Monnette, secretary of the executive council of ΦΚΨ. From the report the following interesting details are gleaned:

With but one single exception, the 39 chapters of the fraternity are in a most flattering and satisfactory condition. One chapter alone merits criticism, and that criticism, as far as can be ascertained, ends with a question concerning the chapter's numerical strength.

The 39 chapters did not include the one organizing at the University of California.

There is no well-settled and clearly defined policy of our organization with reference to the creation of new chapters. The present officers have not undertaken to formulate any policy which should control where the question of extension might be raised. . . .

The executive council expresses very great regret at the defeat of the petition from a certain institution—the leader of its character in the west—and firmly believe it was a lost opportunity. The petitioners have entered a well furnished house, and are still seeking admission into the fraternity in the hope of a reconsideration.

This may refer to Purdue, where there is a set of ΦΚΨ petitioners occupying a house and strongly indorsed by the Indiana alumni.

Tennessee alumni are still nourishing the cherished hope of a chapter at Vanderbilt University, and have given the executive council notice of another application to be made in this behalf.

Of the 39 chapters, 9 own houses, 11 rent houses, 19 rent halls and 2 own building lots.

The chapters are the owners of real estate in the total valuation of \$90,400. This is mortgaged to the extent of \$30,300, leaving a net valuation of \$60,100. The chapters also report their ownership of personal property in the large aggregate sum of \$30,265, which is almost double what it was two years ago.

The 39 chapters have an active membership of 620, or an average of 15.9. Two chapters are reprimanded for initiating preparatory students 'under certain conditions.' The

total membership of the fraternity on December 15, 1898, was 7,967.

All chapters with the exception of two have paid their annual assessment. The one in arrears is for the whole amount, the other for a small balance. Only one chapter has failed to send in any initiation returns, though several have not made remittances large enough to cover all the initiates reported.

Of the 39 chapters, 34 meet weekly, 5 twice a month, and 18 sent out annual circular letters during the year. The alumni associations number 21. The new constitution and by-laws went into effect September 1, 1898. They provide that the councils (conventions) of all districts (provinces) shall be held at the same time, and each chapter is required to send a delegate. This year they were held on April 5th and 6th, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Charlottesville, Va.; Delaware, Ohio, and Lincoln, Neb. The chief objections to this plan seem to be that the same date would not always suit all sections, and that it is impossible to secure the benefit of reduced railroad rates, such as may be attained from holding these conventions at the same places and times as larger meetings. An excellent requirement of the by-laws is that each delegate shall bring the record books of his chapter to the district council for examination and criticism. This plan, which undoubtedly would lead to greater care and uniformity in keeping chapter records, has been endorsed by the *Beta Theta Pi*. The new constitution provides for an annual assessment per capita of 25 cents for the catalogue fund, 25 cents for the history fund and 25 cents for the song-book fund. Mr. C. L. Van Cleve, formerly editor of the *Shield*, is editor of the history and can complete it in a short time, but it will not be issued until the money necessary for publication is in the treasury. The price of the recently adopted certificate of membership is \$1. It was engraved by Dreka, and is printed on parchment, 8x10 inches.

We hear that the $\Phi K \Sigma$ *Quarterly*, for some inexplicable reason, has been claiming that Benjamin Harrison is an honorary member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. We had thought that the fact that General Harrison was initiated at Miami University while an undergraduate had penetrated to even the most remote corners of the Hellenic world. A personal letter to the $\Phi K \Sigma$ editor remains unanswered, but we shall expect a correction in the next issue of his magazine.

THE PYX.

The reporter for the year just closing will please send in name of the reporter for next year and his summer address, as well as a copy of the college annual.

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After the list of initiates of the Chapter Grand was printed we learned that Bro. J. F. Black died on August 24, 1898; that Bro. D. H. Minge died at Chapel Hill, Texas, August 30, 1898.

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The full name of J. W. S. Arnold, *Sewanee*, '85, is John William Schmidt Arnold. This reduces still further the number of names not given in full in the last catalogue. Bro. Telfair Hodgson supplies the desired information.

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Chapter membership committees should not fail to send out circular letters of the form given on page 70 of the new constitution, code and forms.

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The editor is under obligation to many of the chapters and Phi graduates of '99 for invitations to receptions, hops, graduating exercises, house warmings and banquets. Space will not admit of an enumeration.

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The new alumnus button has met with instant favor. Most of the alumni prefer the plainest style, without raised shield.

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In the April list of initiates the following corrections should be made: (*Missouri*) William F Switzler should be Wm F Switzler, Jr.; (*Sewanee*) Herberts Edmund Smith should be Herbert Edmunds Smith; (*Sewanee*) Robert Done Hudson should be Robert Dove Hudson.

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In Ohio Eta's chapter letter, in the April issue, mention was made of a sketch of Bro. A. W. Diebold, which was to appear in that number. After the form containing the letter was printed, the editor decided it was best to save the sketch to appear with others in the Chapter Grand this month.

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Stanford wishes to exchange college pennants for decoration purposes. We commend the idea to all our chapters. See California Beta's letter.—Case wishes to exchange annuals with the Phi chapters. This is another excellent idea.

The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Columbia, Mo., is working at a chapter-house fund with wonderful energy. Why not send in an application for charter as a regular alumni club?

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'Old Fraternity Records' have been crowded out since the Columbus convention by the press of other matter. Their publication will be resumed in the fall. We hope to have another interesting series of a different nature to begin at that time.

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California Alpha's file of THE SCROLL was destroyed when her house burned. Who is willing to help replace it? Write Victor Henderson, 1257 West Fourth street, Los Angeles, if you have back numbers you can spare.

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A 'big meeting' of the Cincinnati alumni is announced for June 17.—At the recent meeting of the Lutheran general synod, at York, Pa., the Phis present held a reunion and banquet at the Colonial hotel. Those present were: Revs. J. M. Killian, Smithsburg, Md.; S. E. Smith, Punxsutawney, Pa.; M. F. Troxell, D. D., Springfield, Ill.; H. Max Lentz, Florence, Ky.; Charles Reinewald, Emmittsburg, Md.; H. H. Weber, York, Pa.; R. B. Wolf, Eureka, Kan.; Albert Bell, York, Pa.; J. F. Seibert, Sedalia, Mo.; T. L. Crouse, St. Thomas, Pa.; H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kan.; W. D. E. Scott, Loysville, Pa., and B. R. Lantz, Millersburg, Pa.—A meeting of the Phis in Vienna, Austria, has been vaguely reported. We hope for a full account soon.—The New York alumni, to the number of sixty-two, dined together on May 11. President Moore, of the G. C., and Case, of Alpha province, were present. Columbia's chapter house was energetically boomed. Rev. J. B. Shaw, *Lafayette*, '85, who was one of the leading figures at the recent Presbyterian general assembly and who is pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in New York, is the new president of the alumni club, and is disposed to push things vigorously.

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President Burroughs, of Wabash College, resigned on June 13, to accept a chair at Oberlin. He leaves Wabash because of the 'conservatism' of the trustees in refusing to introduce co-education.—President Thompson, of Miami, was elected president of Ohio State on June 13, but the Miami trustees have raised his salary and hope to keep him.

The editor is just back from the celebration at Miami, which was an unqualified success in every particular, owing to the indefatigable efforts of Bros. Zwick and Weidner and many other active and alumni members of Ohio Alpha. The attendance of old-time Phis was surprising, the classes of '49, '50, '51, '53, '54, '67, '68, '69 and '70 all being represented by one or more members.

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After the list of initiates of the Chapter Grand was printed we learned that Bro. J. F. Black died on August 24, 1898; that Bro. D. H. Minge died at Chapel Hill, Texas, August 30, 1898.

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The full name of J. W. S. Arnold, *Sewanee*, '85, is John William Schmidt Arnold. This reduces still further the number of names not given in full in the last catalogue. Bro. Telfair Hodgson supplies the desired information.

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Chapter membership committees should not fail to send out circular letters of the form given on page 70 of the new constitution, code and forms.

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The editor is under obligation to many of the chapters and Phi graduates of '99 for invitations to receptions, hops, graduating exercises, house warmings and banquets. Space will not admit of an enumeration.

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The new alumnus button has met with instant favor. Most of the alumni prefer the plainest style, without raised shield.

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In the April list of initiates the following corrections should be made: (*Missouri*) William F Switzler should be Wm F Switzler, Jr.; (*Sewanee*) Herberts Edmund Smith should be Herbert Edmunds Smith; (*Sewanee*) Robert Done Hudson should be Robert Dove Hudson.

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In Ohio Eta's chapter letter, in the April issue, mention was made of a sketch of Bro. A. W. Diebold, which was to appear in that number. After the form containing the letter was printed, the editor decided it was best to save the sketch to appear with others in the Chapter Grand this month.

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Stanford wishes to exchange college pennants for decoration purposes. We commend the idea to all our chapters. See California Beta's letter.—Case wishes to exchange annuals with the Phi chapters. This is another excellent idea.

The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ club of Columbia, Mo., is working at a chapter-house fund with wonderful energy. Why not send in an application for charter as a regular alumni club?

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'Old Fraternity Records' have been crowded out since the Columbus convention by the press of other matter. Their publication will be resumed in the fall. We hope to have another interesting series of a different nature to begin at that time.

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California Alpha's file of THE SCROLL was destroyed when her house burned. Who is willing to help replace it? Write Victor Henderson, 1257 West Fourth street, Los Angeles, if you have back numbers you can spare.

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A 'big meeting' of the Cincinnati alumni is announced for June 17.—At the recent meeting of the Lutheran general synod, at York, Pa., the Phis present held a reunion and banquet at the Colonial hotel. Those present were: Revs. J. M. Killian, Smithsburg, Md.; S. E. Smith, Punxsutawney, Pa.; M. F. Troxell, D. D., Springfield, Ill.; H. Max Lentz, Florence, Ky.; Charles Reinewald, Emmittsburg, Md.; H. H. Weber, York, Pa.; R. B. Wolf, Eureka, Kan.; Albert Bell, York, Pa.; J. F. Seibert, Sedalia, Mo.; T. L. Crouse, St. Thomas, Pa.; H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kan.; W. D. E. Scott, Loysville, Pa., and B. R. Lantz, Millersburg, Pa.—A meeting of the Phis in Vienna, Austria, has been vaguely reported. We hope for a full account soon.—The New York alumni, to the number of sixty-two, dined together on May 11. President Moore, of the G. C., and Case, of Alpha province, were present. Columbia's chapter house was energetically boomed. Rev. J. B. Shaw, *Lafayette*, '85, who was one of the leading figures at the recent Presbyterian general assembly and who is pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in New York, is the new president of the alumni club, and is disposed to push things vigorously.

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President Burroughs, of Wabash College, resigned on June 13, to accept a chair at Oberlin. He leaves Wabash because of the 'conservatism' of the trustees in refusing to introduce co-education.—President Thompson, of Miami, was elected president of Ohio State on June 13, but the Miami trustees have raised his salary and hope to keep him.

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