

(Mo.), who was then attending Cumberland University (Tenn.), in regard to establishing a chapter at Cumberland, but the latter wrote that good men for the purpose could not be obtained. Besides the idea of having a chapter at Cumberland found no favor with the chapter at Vanderbilt, which is near it.

In spite of anti-fraternity laws,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma \Lambda E$  and  $K \Lambda$  continued at the University of Georgia.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had sixteen members there February, 1877, twelve the following November.

The minutes of Pennsylvania Alpha for May (date omitted), 1878, say the chapter "Resolved that our delegates be instructed to advocate in the Convention the removal of the National Grand chapter to Lafayette." At the Convention at Wooster, Ohio, May, 1878, the Wooster chapter consented to the transfer of the National Grand to the Lafayette chapter.

The Convention of 1875 ordered that certificates of membership should be issued free to members. On page 379 is shown a facsimile of a membership card issued May 23, 1878, to F. E. Hunter, delegate of Indiana Alpha to the Wooster Convention, signed by C. J. Reddig, who the day before had been elected President of the Executive Committee. Probably none of these membership cards were issued before 1878 or afterward.\*

### ALUMNI CLUBS.

An alumni chapter was organized at Indianapolis, in the fall of 1871, and meetings were held during a part of the winter. The Convention, May, 1872, decided that alumni chapters were impracticable. The Convention of 1874, however, adopted a preamble and resolution declaring that such chapters would be beneficial to the Fraternity, and urging alumni in the larger cities to establish them.

The first alumni chapter established after this was organized at the town of Franklin, Ind., by George Banta, of Indiana Delta and Alpha. The minutes of the National Grand (Wooster) Chapter for October 7, 1876, say: "Brother Taylor read a letter from Brother Banta, of Indiana Alpha, concerning the establishment of an alumni chapter at Franklin." November 7, 1876: "On motion, a charter was granted to the petitioners for an alumni chapter at Franklin, Ind." The charter members were: D. D. Banta, Indiana, '55, and the following members of the Franklin chapter: C. H. Hall, '72; J. W. Moncrief, '73; S. L. Overstreet, '75; George Banta, '76; T. C. Donnell, '76; L. U. Downey, '78; O. F. Lambertson, '79; J. C. Smith, '79. George Banta wrote to A. G. Foster, November 18, 1876:

The particulars of the organization of the alumni chapter at Franklin are as follows: While at Indiana University last year, an article in *The Scroll* called my attention to this matter, and I resolved that I would organize such a chapter at

\* See form, written by Robert Morrison, announcing membership in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , page 133. Sections 2, and 3 of Article I of the Constitution of the higher Order of alumni (see page 168) provided for diplomas of membership," but none were actually issued.



Franklin when I returned home. So, about eight weeks ago, I wrote out and circulated among the resident Phis here, a petition praying the National Grand to grant a charter for the Indiana Alpha Alumni and Alumni National Grand. Among the names on our petition were those of two of the professors at Franklin College, the mayor of Franklin and my father. There are in all eighteen Phis residing in or near Franklin who are not connected with a college, and it is my opinion that if in any place there are that many true and earnest Phis who think they can further the cause we all love so dearly by an organization, they ought to have a charter. The simple chartering of the Phis here unites them. We might effect a local organization, but then we would not have convention privileges, etc. I have the charter now in my possession. The Constitution is increased by the addition of "Part III—Constitution of Alumni Chapters." I wrote it myself, and submitted it to the National Grand, which approved and ratified it, with two slight changes. According to its provisions, we are to have the same authority over other alumni chapters that the National Grand at Wooster has over other college chapters. We are also subject to the National Grand and to the National Convention. I am going to see about chartering a chapter at Indianapolis as soon as possible. Cincinnati is another objective point.\*

The Constitution of Alumni Chapters, as ratified by the National Grand, contained the following provisions: The alumni chapter at Franklin was made the Alumni National Grand, with power to grant a charter to the first alumni chapter in each State, which should be the Alumni State Grand. Each Alumni State Grand should have power to charter other alumni chapters in that State. An alumni chapter might be organized upon application of six or more members of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  who had been graduated or had withdrawn from college, and resided in the same vicinity. Alumni chapters were to be entitled in the same manner as college chapters, the word "Alumni" being added to the Greek letter in each case. Any member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  who had been graduated or had withdrawn from college, and who resided in a city where there was an alumni chapter, might be admitted to membership therein, but no alumni chapter should admit any person who was not already a member of the Fraternity. Each alumni chapter should have power to censure, suspend or expel any of its members for violation of the Bond, the trial proceedings to be conducted as provided in the Constitution of Chapters. An appeal might be taken to the National Grand at Wooster. The officers of each alumni chapter should be a President, a Recorder, a Warden, and an Historian. The Historian was required to send reports to *The Scroll*. Meetings should be held at least once every four weeks. Each chapter should have such literary or other exercises as it might determine, and should have power to adopt by-laws, provided they did not conflict with the laws of the Fraternity. Each alumni chapter should send a delegate to each National Convention, and he should be allowed one vote. His expenses should be paid by a *pro rata* assessment on the members of the chapter. An outline of this Constitution appeared in *The Scroll*, February, 1879.

An alumni chapter was organized at Richmond, Va., by G. W. Cone, Richmond, '78. The Alumni National Grand, May 18,

\* An alumni chapter of  $\beta \Theta \Pi$  was established at Nashville, 1868; an alumni association of  $\Psi \Upsilon \Gamma$  at New York, 1872; an alumni association of  $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$  at New York, 1873.



1878, granted a charter for Virginia Alpha Alumni to W. A. Carington, Virginia, '77, and the following members of the Richmond chapter: C. M. Shields, '76; C. W. Tanner, '77; C. H. Chalkley, '78; J. J. Clopton, '79; W. R. Savage, '79. Cone not being a resident of Richmond, was not a charter member.

In 1898, when thirty-nine charters for alumni chapters had been granted, the National Convention adopted a new Constitution, which called alumni organizations clubs instead of chapters.

### THE CATALOGUE—FOURTH EDITION, 1878.

The catalogues of 1870 and 1872 were published by committees appointed by Ohio Alpha, and that chapter intended to issue another edition. Its minutes for October 14, 1872, show that G. F. O'Byrne was appointed "to assist with the catalogue;" and its minutes for January 27, 1873, show that the "resignation of H. R. Buckingham as a member of the committee on catalogue was received," and Z. T. Jones was elected in his stead. The Convention of 1873 adopted a system of Greek letters to be used after names in the catalogue that Ohio Alpha was preparing to publish, but within a few weeks Ohio Alpha suspended, on account of the closing of Miami, and the Wooster chapter became the Grand Alpha Chapter.

At this Convention C. T. Jamieson and F. C. Harvey were appointed a committee on the recovery of lost archives. At the Convention of 1874 a new committee on lost archives and a committee on publication of catalogue were appointed. C. T. Jamieson, E. M. Wilson, A. W. Fullerton and J. H. Gilmore were appointed on these committees, which were directed to co-operate as one committee. Gilmore resigning, the others selected S. W. Carpenter in his stead. Small blank books were issued to chapters with the request that they be filled with proper data for the catalogue and returned. The books were ruled for names, dates of initiation, classes, addresses, occupations, etc.

The proceedings of the Conventions of 1873 and 1874 do not show that the National Grand Chapter was authorized to publish a new catalogue, but September 16, 1874, a printed circular, signed by C. T. Jamieson, President of the National Grand, and beginning as follows, was issued: "It has been the order of the Convention to empower the National Grand Chapter to compile a catalogue of our Order. It is a patent fact that our catalogues heretofore have been inaccurate in chapter nomenclature, in orthography of names and in number of members, and it is our design to produce this year a catalogue that may be shown to a decided advantage."

*The Scroll*, April, 1875, said that the National Grand had received not quite half the reports. The committee on catalogue and lost archives reported to the Convention of 1875 that all materials collected had been arranged for the catalogue. The report, which