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LOCAL CHAPTERS

Arkansas

- Alpha—Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia.
- Beta—Ouchita College, Arkadelphia.

California

- Alpha—University of Redlands, Redlands.
- Beta—Occidental College, Los Angeles.
- Gamma—California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.
- Delta—College of the Pacific, San Jose.
- Epsilon—University of California Southern Branch, Los Angeles.

Colorado

- Alpha—Colorado Agricultural College, Ft. Collins.
- Beta—Colorado Teachers' College, Greeley.

Connecticut

- Alpha—Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs.

Illinois

- Alpha—Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington.
- Beta—Eureka College, Eureka.
- Gamma—Carthage College, Carthage.
- Delta—Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria.
- Epsilon—Hedding College, Abingdon.
- Zeta—Monmouth College, Monmouth.
- Eta—Illinois State Normal University, Normal.
- Theta—McKendree College, Lebanon.
- Iota—Northwestern College, Naperville.
- Kappa—Lombard College, Lombard.

Indiana

- Alpha—Franklin College, Franklin.

Iowa

- Alpha—Iowa Wesleyan, Mount Pleasant.
- Beta—Central College, Pella.
- Gamma—Des Moines University, Des Moines.
- Delta—Morningside College, Sioux City.
- Epsilon—Simpson College, Indianola.
- Zeta—Parsons College, Fairfield.
- Eta—Upper Iowa University, Fayette.
- Theta—Coe College, Cedar Rapids.
- Iota—Western Union College, Lemars.
- Kappa—Buena Vista College, Storm Lake.

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LOCAL CHAPTERS

Kansas

Alpha—Ottawa University, Ottawa.
Beta—Washburn College, Topeka.
Gamma—Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan.
Delta—Southwestern College, Winfield.
Epsilon—Fairmount College, Wichita.
Zeta—Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia.
Eta—Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina.
Theta—Kansas State Teachers' College, Pittsburg.
Iota—College of Emporia, Emporia.
Kappa—Baker University, Baldwin.
Lambda—Sterling College, Sterling.
Mu—Bethany College, Lindsborg.
Nu—Kansas State Teachers College, Hayes.

Kentucky

Alpha—Georgetown College, Georgetown.
Beta—Center College, Danville.
Gamma—Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester.

Maine

Alpha—Colby College, Waterville.

Michigan

Alpha—Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo.
Beta—Olivet College, Olivet.
Gamma—Hope College, Holland.
Delta—Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing.
Epsilon—Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti.
Zeta—College of the City of Detroit, Detroit.

Minnesota

Alpha—Macalaster College, St. Paul.
Beta—St. Olaf's College, Northfield.
Gamma—Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter.
Delta—Hamline University, St. Paul.

Missouri

Alpha—Westminster College, Fulton.
Beta—Park College, Parkville.
Gamma—Central College, Fayette.
Delta—William Jewell College, Liberty.
Epsilon—Missouri Wesleyan College, Cameron.
Zeta—Culver-Stockton College, Canton.

Montana

Alpha—Montana Wesleyan College, Helena.
Beta—Montana State College, Bozeman.

Nebraska

Alpha—Nebraska Wesleyan University, University Place.
Beta—Cotner College, Bethany.
Gamma—Doane College, Crete.
Delta—Hastings College, Hastings.
Epsilon—Grand Island College, Grand Island.
Zeta—Kearney State Normal, Kearney.

North Dakota

Alpha—Jamestown College, Jamestown.

Ohio

Alpha—Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea.
Beta—Heidelberg University, Tiffin.
Gamma—Hiram College, Hiram.
Delta—University of Akron, Akron.
Epsilon—Otterbein College, Westerville.

Oklahoma

Alpha—Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater.
Beta—University of Tulsa, Tulsa.
Gamma—Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnes.
Delta—Northwest State Teachers' College, Alva.
Epsilon—Oklahoma City College, Oklahoma City.

Oregon

Alpha—Linfield College, MacMinville.

Pennsylvania

Alpha—Grove City College, Grove City.

South Carolina

Alpha—Wofford College, Spartanburg.
Beta—Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton.
Gamma—Newbury College, Newberry.

South Dakota

Alpha—Dakota Wesleyan College, Mitchell.
Beta—Huron College, Huron.
Gamma—Yankton College, Yankton.
Delta—South Dakota State College, Brookings.
Epsilon—Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls.
Zeta—Northern Normal & Industrial School, Aberdeen.
Eta—Augustana College.

Tennessee

Alpha—Maryville College, Maryville.
Beta—Tusculum College, Tusculum.

Texas

Alpha—Southwestern University, Georgetown.

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FIFTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION PI KAPPA DELTA NATIONAL FORENSIC SOCIETY

Opening Session 11:00 A. M., Tuesday, April 1, 1924, at Bradley Hall,
Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Illinois.

Address of Welcome—**Dr. T. C. Burgess.**

This is a bad day on which to make an address of welcome—April 1st—as one is apt to be rather skeptical of anything he hears said to him; but regardless of that fact, I will try to assure you that on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd we extend a most cordial welcome to every member here present at this gathering. I don't know of any organization we would more gladly welcome than the one which is gathered here now.

We have had a healthy interest in debates and oratory since the foundation of the institution. This city to which you have come is one of the largest ones in the state of Illinois—in fact, it is second in size. It extends for a number of miles up and down the river. Its earlier reputation was for the manufacture of a certain article which is now no longer represented in this city. Happily, we have started on a new career.

The chief industry of this city is the manufacture of farm machinery. You will find many large plants engaged in that business, and across the river you will find the manufacture of many other lines. It is a manufacturing city, and yet it is a city of beautiful homes. Nature is not very kind to us this year for the display of beauty, but I hope before you leave you will be able to drive around our city and see one of the finest drives in the country, as you follow the river toward the north. That is regarded as the equal of any drive anywhere in the United States.

The city has about 100,000 population. Bradley is not officially a part of the city school system. Let me briefly sketch its history. Bradley Polytechnic Institute was founded about twenty-seven years ago by Mrs. Lydia Bradley, who left her entire fortune as an endowment for this institution. It was a junior college—it is vocational—a horological school. I refer to the building next to the south of this, which is a trade school teaching watchmaking, engraving, and so on. The students come here from every state in the Union and from foreign countries. We have had graduates from Constantinople—even from Turkey. It is a pioneer school of its kind—the work is entirely separate from the college, with about 550 regular college students. We have this horological school and various vocational lines. Those are housed in the buildings next to ours, and across the street are automobile machine shops, architect shops and many others. We have a conservatory of music. In addition to our day classes we have evening classes of about 600, and have also a summer session for those who wish to hasten their work, or come here for training in the Manual Arts.

This is just a brief outline of the scope of the institution. Perhaps some of you may have a few moments between times—of course, I realize

how busy a session you will have here—but if you have time to see our different buildings and the work of the classes, we will be glad to have you do so, and will see to it that you are conducted about the buildings.

I shall not enlarge upon my function here, but upon our pleasure in the fact that you have deemed it wise to have your meeting with us, and we will do our best to make your stay pleasant. Call upon us for assistance in any way.

Response—Prof. H. B. Summers.

I am sure that I am speaking for all of the delegates when I express our appreciation for the very courteous manner in which Dr. Burgess has extended to us a welcome to Bradley; and I am sure that you will all agree with me that it is not simply the words of welcome that we appreciate, but also the fine spirit shown to us, not only by the officers, but by the members of the Chapter and all connected with the school. I know that upon my arrival in Peoria I was very much pleased to find a representative of the local Chapter in the hotel lobby, waiting for unsuspecting delegates—on hand for the express purpose of acting as a guide! And incidentally through him I am able to get what I wished to get and go where I wished to go. From the very time that we reached Peoria that was the attitude of the local organization and of the administration of Bradley.

I am sure I am speaking for every member when I say that we appreciate most sincerely the very courteous treatment extended to us upon our coming to Peoria, and that we express our thanks to Dr. Burgess for his kind welcome—to the convention officer, Mr. Siebert, and to all the members of the local Chapter. I don't think that along this line anything more need be said. Time is limited, and I think in saying what I have said I have been speaking for all of us—for the 200 or 250 delegates. I am sure that everyone will second my expression of our appreciation of Bradley and of Bradley people.

President Marsh—I want to say just a few words here. I arrived in Peoria a little earlier than I thought possibly might be necessary in order to check up many details that are always important in a convention; but when I came out here yesterday morning I found there was not one item on my list but what had already received attention. And I want to express my own appreciation of the manner in which all details have been taken care of, under the leadership of Prof. Siebert.

Reading of Minutes of Fourth Biennial Convention—**Secretary Westfall**.
Roll Call of Chapters—Total number of delegates responding, 164.

Various Announcements—**Fred S. Siebert**.

Moved and seconded to adjourn—**Carried**.

9:30 A. M. Wednesday, April 2, 1924.

Roll Call of Chapters, showing increase of 17 Chapters over Tuesday.

Reports of National Officers.

President's Address—**Charles A. Marsh**.

President's Address

Since we have a very full program for this morning, I shall endeavor to be brief. One of the outstanding events of recent months has been the publication of the history of the first ten years of our organization. A year ago last January we attained the age of ten years, and shortly after that date there was published in THE FORENSIC an account of the

genesis of this organization and its development for this ten year period. You have all read that history, and so I shall take no time to speak of anything which may have happened prior to the beginning of the present administration.

May I at the very beginning express my great appreciation for the splendid cooperation which the other members of the Council have extended to the president during the past two years? One of our ambitions has been realized, in that we have had a working Council. The members have undertaken the tasks assigned to them by the Constitution, and have carried forward their work in a way that we feel has accomplished very definite results. Pi Kappa Delta has always prided itself on being a democratic organization. Not only has each member of the Council an equal responsibility in promoting the interests of the society, but the membership at large is invited and expected to have a voice in shaping the policies of the organization. It has been our desire to keep in close touch with every chapter, and to consider the wishes of the members in shaping the policies of the organization.

We have constantly kept in mind during the past two years this ideal: That Pi Kappa Delta is something vastly more than an honor society—that it exists for a higher purpose than simply conferring upon a student honor for past achievements. Conferring upon an individual the right to wear the Pi Kappa Delta key is not the real reason for our existence. The Pi Kappa Delta key is a badge signifying that the individual who wears it has been chosen for a particular service. Rather than congratulating ourselves upon honors won, we have been looking into the future and asking ourselves this question: Now that I have attained this key, now that I have gained some proficiency in public speaking, in what way may I be of service to my age and generation? What may I do in a constructive way toward shaping the policies of forensics and placing them on a higher plane?

Pi Kappa Delta, as you know, has always stood for very high ideals. It has already had something to do with raising the standard of forensics in the colleges of the country. I can realize perhaps more fully than can some of you who have not so many years to your credit, the marked change, the transformation, that has taken place in the forensic activities in our colleges within the last decade. There was a time when every college looked upon every other college as its enemy. There was a time when colleges met for the single purpose of humbling their opponents, of defeating them, of being able to glory in victory that had been won. It was considered legitimate to win at any cost. There used to be a great deal of jockeying over the matter of judges—men were subjected to the most careful scrutiny and were objected to on the slightest ground. These conditions have almost entirely changed. Pi Kappa Delta has not only stood for absolute fair play in its relationships with opponents, but it has always recognized the fact that we are not in these activities primarily to win a victory, but rather to offer opportunities for the training of students. So in this way Pi Kappa Delta has already done a great deal to establish higher ideals among the colleges of the country.

May I speak now of one or two matters of administration—one particularly that we feel has made a marked advance in the workings of our organization? Two years ago you will recall an amendment was made to the constitution, which merged the offices of secretary and treasurer. The office of secretary had become a very arduous task. An immense amount of work was required to conduct the extensive correspondence necessary to keep in close touch with all our chapters. It might be well, perhaps, to remind you that the officers of Pi Kappa Delta are voluntary officers—no officer receives compensation. The work is done for the love of doing it. But we felt that it was asking too much of a national

secretary to expect that he should conduct the very extensive correspondence necessary to keep in touch with each Chapter—and do this simply on his own time without any assistance—so at the last convention provision was made for the merging of the offices of secretary and treasurer, and this officer was empowered to employ such assistance as he might need, and the work of the organization was centered largely in this office. It seems to me that this experiment has very fully justified itself in the result of the past two years. Professor Westfall has given very generously of his time in working out matters of procedure and in systematizing the work until he has placed his office on a high plane. We are confident that we made no mistake two years ago when we took this step.

In this connection I might suggest that perhaps the time is going to come in the near future when we shall need to take a further step in this direction. I would recommend that we keep this in our thoughts and look forward, perhaps two or four years from now, to employing a man who will devote his entire time to this work. The office of secretary-treasurer will soon require the full time of one man, and he should be placed upon a regular salary. May I add right here at this point, that I have felt for a long time that Pi Kappa Delta, so far as matters of administration are concerned, has not been giving quite due recognition to that part of our membership which gives a great deal of tone to our organization—the young women of our society. We must in some way or other provide for a larger recognition of the work that is being done in forensics by our young women. Pi Kappa Delta has always been an institution that throws its doors wide open to the young women as well as to the men. So possibly in two years or in four years, when we may have to employ an officer who will devote his entire time to the work, we may select a young woman for this important office. And when that day comes I feel that we should give to this office a degree of permanency. The secretary-treasurer should, if possible, be continued through a long period of years. I am simply suggesting this as something to think about for the future. We are not quite ready for it at this time.

At the convention two years ago impetus was given to an idea which has been in our constitution from the beginning, namely, the forming of Province Organizations. Since the last convention three such Province Organizations have been formed and very successful meetings were held last year. I shall take occasion later to speak more at length concerning these conventions, and in that connection shall call for brief reports from the presidents of these three provinces.

A resolution was passed at the last convention suggesting that we investigate the possibility of establishing a junior forensic honor society in the high schools of the country. After carefully considering that subject and after considerable correspondence among ourselves and investigation of the whole situation, the Council came to the conclusion that the idea did not seem quite feasible. The chief difficulty was the magnitude of the task. The number of high schools is too great and it would be difficult to draw a clear line saying that we should admit high schools of a certain size, because that has been contrary to the policy of Pi Kappa Delta. It would result, if the idea was popular, in an organization so large that it does not seem quite possible that it could be undertaken at the present time. Our chapters should, however, extend in every possible way a helping hand to the high schools in their immediate vicinity. There is one way in particular in which we may be of service, and that is in the matter of furnishing judges for high school debates. I may seem to be a little presumptuous in asserting that perhaps there is no class of people better qualified to serve as judges of high school debates than are the young men and women who are engaged in debating

activities in their own colleges. Those who have had two or three years of this experience are just as well qualified to serve as judges as are the average business and professional men of the community. Here is a very fine field for service. May our local chapters let it be known to the high school in their vicinity that they are ready to assist them in every possible way in promoting their forensic activities.

We are always very glad when individual members of Pi Kappa Delta have undertaken to achieve something worth while. Two such instances have recently come to our attention, which I feel I should bring to you and recommend as worthy of your earnest consideration. A member of our organization, Prof. H. B. Summers, began a few weeks ago what I believe is going to prove to be one of the most helpful pieces of work in the line of solving a most difficult problem, namely, the selection of competent, qualified judges. Professor Summers, on his own initiative, undertook the preparation of a list of judges which shall be national in its scope. When this list is completed it will be of great service, not only to our membership at large, but especially to chapters who may want to schedule debates in widely separate areas. It has been his idea that this list should be national, containing names of men in all states of the Union. It has not been his plan simply to tabulate a list of names, but by very careful investigation and correspondence, finally to place within this list only the names of men who had the confidence of schools who had used these men for judging of contests in the past—men who by their experience had shown themselves to be very ably qualified to serve as judges.

When I learned about this work I communicated with Professor Summers and after some correspondence we reached the following conclusion which we submit for your consideration. We felt that this list should be greatly extended beyond what Professor Summers felt that he, himself, could undertake; that if some assistance from this organization could be given, we might ultimately issue a list of judges that would be of very great service to every college and university throughout the length and breadth of our land. Therefore, I recommend that Pi Kappa Delta assume the financial responsibility of presenting to the American colleges this list of judges, and that Professor Summers should be delegated and intrusted by this convention to proceed to carry out the plans which he has already made, and that this list shall be presented without cost to the colleges of our country. I shall refer to this again a little later and invite your consideration of the matter.

There is another good piece of work being done by one of our members which affords an opportunity for Pi Kappa Delta to become identified with something worth while. Professor Ray E. Untereiner, of Huron College, formerly a member of the California Alpha Chapter of the University of Redlands, has undertaken the preparation of a volume of debate speeches. Work similar to this has been acceptably done by individuals in past years, but there is now afforded an opportunity for Pi Kappa Delta to have a part in a work of this kind. Mr. Untereiner's idea, as I understand it, is this: That there shall be included in this volume the cream of the debates presented this present season by Pi Kappa Delta schools; that there shall also be included the winning orations in the contests held at this convention. Although he is assuming the whole financial responsibility, Mr. Untereiner would be very glad to issue this volume as an official Pi Kappa Delta publication. The very fact that he is willing to do this has afforded Pi Kappa Delta, I think, the opportunity to present to the colleges of the country the work its members are doing. The very fact that Pi Kappa Delta has ample material to issue such a publication is going to do a great deal in giving us even a larger recognition than we have already received. May I

submit this matter for your consideration?

The National Council has adopted the following plan of procedure: Each officer as he appears before you this morning will have some very definite recommendation to make to you. We shall stop at the conclusion of each report for such consideration and action on the recommendations as you may care to take. At this time may I call for a brief statement from Professor Summers concerning the work he has been doing?

Mr. Summers—I think the ground has been very thoroughly covered by Mr. Marsh. Last September I got the idea of compiling this list, and consequently I set out in the Fall to write different colleges and schools for recommendations of men who would be capable of serving. One school would write back and say they had none to recommend, and another would send in fifteen names, but from their own institution! I changed the basis a little bit and asked other people to pass on them. I had a list of names from three to five hundred men from all parts of the country. I selected at least five schools that were in a reasonable vicinity of the location of each one of the men, and sent letters out, asking three questions about the men:

1. Had they ever used him as a judge?
2. Were they willing to use him as one of three judges?
3. Were they willing to use him as a single expert judge?

I received a number of replies—some were discouraging. I had replies from 250 to 350 on the matter of recommendation. I have simply listed what these recommendations have been. I have listed on mimeograph paper which I have, several copies, as to what the rating given each man was by the school who replied. There is a great deal to this, but there is no historic information about them. I hope next year to put out a more permanent list. I would like to include only men who were vouched for as single expert judges by at least three schools, and I would like also to give a little information concerning each person.

I don't know to what extent this list is going to be of assistance, but I think it is valuable. It will meet a big demand coming from all sections of the country, as they have no means of knowing whether the men are good judges or not. In addition, it is an opportunity to know something about the opinions of other colleges as to the ability of judges. The thing has expanded so that it is just about as easy to make a national list.

Just one other thing—I have, as I say, enough mimeograph copies of this list in its skeleton form to supply every school represented here with one copy. If you will see me in the back of this room at the close of the session I will be very glad to see that you get a copy. Thank you very much.

President Marsh—The chair is ready to entertain a motion to the effect that Pi Kappa Delta assume the financial responsibility—you can put a maximum amount that you think should be appropriated for the purpose of publishing this list; and that Prof. Summers be delegated by this convention to serve in the capacity of preparing and issuing this list as an official Pi Kappa Delta publication.

Mr. Pelsma—I move that such resolution be adopted.

Mr. Marsh—Would it be desirable to incorporate a maximum amount that should be appropriated? Mr. Summers has been meeting the expenses of the work that has been done so far and he told me he had sent out between 700 and 1000 letters. Considerable mimeograph work has been done. It is asking too much of any individual or any Chapter to issue the rather extensive publication that it is now becoming. I suppose it will be issued in the form of a booklet, but I believe that should be left to his discretion. (Motion is seconded.)

Mr. Marsh—Any discussion?

Floor—I wonder if it is not important enough to call for a committee, or make another Vice-President or standing committee.

Mr. Marsh—I am not sure that the creation of another Vice-President is the best way, but there might be a committee. We could leave that to Mr. Summers; as he has originated this idea, he is without question the man to continue the task.

Mr. Nichols—I would like to suggest that this be made as far as possible a "Who's Who," and I would like in addition to the list of judges a little information in the shape of a paragraph about each one and his education, and that this be the sort of thing that this will gradually work toward. This will become not only a directory of names, but a real catalog of information about the judges. It will cost more to do that, but it does not cost any more for postage. I think it is what we should work towards, and I believe Pi Kappa Delta can afford to pay for the publication of such a "Who's Who." It could be put into the Forensic as a special number—we could print it, a section at a time, and then put it out separately as a book. I believe there would be a sale for that book outside of Pi Kappa Delta, but I think it should be furnished all chapters free. Since we have already suggested an annual Year Book—undoubtedly that will also have a sale far beyond the chapters.

Mr. Summers—Mr. Nichols has suggested that there may be a demand outside of the chapter, and I would like to take exception to this. I should appreciate seeing this list put out in such form that it might be circulated without any charge being made. It is along that line that I originally intended this. As a commercial proposition, I don't know whether it would be a success in the first place; and in the next place, I don't feel personally that I should care to put in the time to put out a commercial publication for nothing. If the thing is going to be put out for service to Pi Kappa Delta, that is different.

Mr. Nichols—Of course, I meant if there is anything to be made out of it, I certainly think Prof. Summers should have it. Of course, I was quite willing that it be furnished to all schools who cooperate without charge.

President Marsh—The motion is before you that this Convention approve the idea along which Prof. Summers is proceeding, and that he be authorized to issue this publication as an official Pi Kappa Delta publication, and that it be presented to the schools free of charge. All those in favor say "Aye." (Motion is carried.)

It is, of course, understood that in voting, each chapter has one vote.

May we pass to the second question—giving official recognition to the book of Prof. Untereiner?

Prof. Untereiner—As you all know, there is one hand book put out, but the debates contained therein are picked at random. They just send a stenographer to take them down, and then they publish them, and consequently, some of them are perhaps not the best they can get. I have an impression that the debates are not the best held—that there is no effort to try to compile anything of this sort. If we could get the hundred schools of Pi Kappa Delta each to present its best debate, and then weed out down to the best five or six, we could get a book of outstanding merit. I wrote to all the Chapters and asked them to submit material. I hoped that we could go over the material here, but many of the debates were not held until this convention. I have about half a dozen debates, and about twenty-five letters altogether from schools that intend to submit material. If they all carry out their plans, we will have a good many to choose from, and it will all be of a high order. I suppose all

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Chapters have a copy of the letter I sent out. What is wanted is a complete debate—rebuttal, etc.—I should like to have two or three winning orations that are given here. I took this matter up just because I thought it should be started. I don't want to decide for myself, and I don't want simply the official sanction of Pi Kappa Delta—I think it should be published as a Pi Kappa Delta book. I don't mind this first expense that I have been put to, but I don't want to publish the book as an individual. I will go over the debates and call in the assistance of the Pi Kappa Delta faculty at Huron, to pick out twelve or fifteen of the highest order—unless you decide to appoint somebody else to look them over. I want Pi Kappa Delta as an organization to own the book, and for the first year I am glad to do the work and take the financial responsibility. It should be an annual book and it should be of a high order. But I want Pi Kappa Delta to look at the thing as an annual affair. I don't even care whether or not Pi Kappa Delta appoints me to carry on this work, but I am willing to do it. But Pi Kappa Delta wants the book. If you prefer to choose some older man, I would be glad to help all I can to cooperate in the sale of it and make it a real official publication. I think in a very few years it will have a very high place in our order and in debate circles outside of our order.

Mr. Marsh—Perhaps we may continue with an informal discussion, without a motion before us, if there is no objection.

Mr. Finley—I like the idea very much, and since Mr. Untereiner is anxious to have it so, perhaps that would be the best way to handle the matter. I move that the chair appoint a committee headed by Mr. Untereiner, which shall take charge of the publication of the book. It seems to me we should be unanimous in favor of a proposition of this kind.

Mr. Veatch—I think we need such a book as this—I am in favor of it and second the motion.

Mr. Marsh—It has been moved and seconded that a committee be appointed, headed by Prof. Untereiner, to undertake the publication of the book. (Motion carried.)

Mr. Marsh—We feel that we have been greatly honored to have two college presidents present at this convention. One is President Montgomery of Center College, who was with us yesterday, and I now recognize in the audience the president of one of our finest colleges in the northwest—I wish to introduce to you Dr. Kohstead of Dakota Wesleyan.

Dr. Kohstead (Dakota Wesleyan)—I will give you a very fine example of ministerial self-control by not taking advantage of your generosity, and refraining from any remarks. It is a privilege to be here. I thank you.

Report of First Vice-President

At the close of the previous biennial period Pi Kappa Delta numbered 76 chapters, the last chapter to be taken in during that period being Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. During the present biennial period we have granted 18 charters, bringing our total roll up to 94.

The new chapters granted are as follows:

Kansas Lambda, Sterling College, Sterling.
 South Carolina Gamma, Newberry College, Newberry.
 Iowa Theta, Coe College, Cedar Rapids.
 Minnesota Gamma, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter.
 Oklahoma Epsilon, Oklahoma City College, Oklahoma City.
 Minnesota Delta, Hamline University, St. Paul.
 Illinois Eta, Illinois State Normal University, Normal.
 Arkansas Alpha, Henderson Brown College, Arkadelphia.

Connecticut Alpha, Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs.
 North Dakota Alpha, Jamestown College, Jamestown.
 California Epsilon, University of California, Southern Branch, Los Angeles.

Kansas Mu, Bethany College, Lindsborg.
 Nebraska Zeta, Kearney State Normal, Kearney.
 Michigan Zeta, College of City of Detroit, Detroit.
 Ohio Epsilon, Otterbein College, Westerville.
 Oregon Alpha, Linfield College, MacMinville.
 Kentucky Gamma, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester.
 Arkansas Beta, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

At the beginning of this period the national council felt that the time had arrived when the requirements for the granting of a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta could be materially stiffened. It is the purpose of the society to encourage forensics in all the colleges, but at the same time the standing of the organization must not be lowered by granting chapters to very small colleges or to those that do not have high standards of forensic work. In pursuance of this policy charters have been denied to a number of colleges. Had these charters been granted our chapter roll would now number 103. We feel sure, however, that quality should count more than quantity.

During this biennium, then, we have established 18 chapters in strong colleges. We have entered four new states: Arkansas, Connecticut, North Dakota and Oregon. We are now represented in 26 states.

Kansas holds first rank as to the number of chapters with an even dozen, Iowa comes second with eight, Illinois third with seven; then follow Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota with six each; California, Ohio, Oklahoma with five; Minnesota with four; Kentucky, South Carolina with three; Arkansas, Colorado, Montana, Tennessee with two, and Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin with one.

Pi Kappa Delta is now by far the strongest of the honorary forensic fraternities.

Zeta Kappa Psi has six chapters.

Tau Kappa Alpha has fifty-one chapters.

Delta Sigma Rho has sixty chapters.

Pi Kappa Delta has ninety-four chapters.

The future of our organization looks exceedingly bright. What we need now is: First, real life on the part of every chapter, and, second, the right kind of missionary spirit. Keep your own chapter booming and help to establish new chapters of Pi Kappa Delta in worth while colleges in your section.

Five Colleges recommended for charters:

McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill.

Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis.

Western Union College, Lemars, Ia.

Kansas State Teachers College, Hayes, Kans.

Northwestern College, Naperville, Ill.

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First Vice-President.

Mr. Marsh—The first is McKendree College of Lebanon, Ill. What is your pleasure concerning the admission of this college?

Mr. Pelsma—I move that we grant charters to these five colleges as recommended by the committee. (Seconded from floor.)

Mr. Nichols—Is the application from Northwestern the original petition, or is it a new one?