

The Delta Phi Society

THE Delta Phi Literary Society was organized January 14th, 1835, or about eight months after the College was first opened. Since that date, until the present time, the society has enjoyed an uninterrupted existence of prosperity and usefulness.

The College records show that on the 17th of November, 1834, the faculty resolved to recommend to the students the formation of Literary Societies, and adopted conditions upon which they should be organized. The language implies that in accordance with the general custom in Colleges, two such societies were contemplated. The students held meetings for this purpose, but refused to submit to the restrictions which the faculty had imposed.

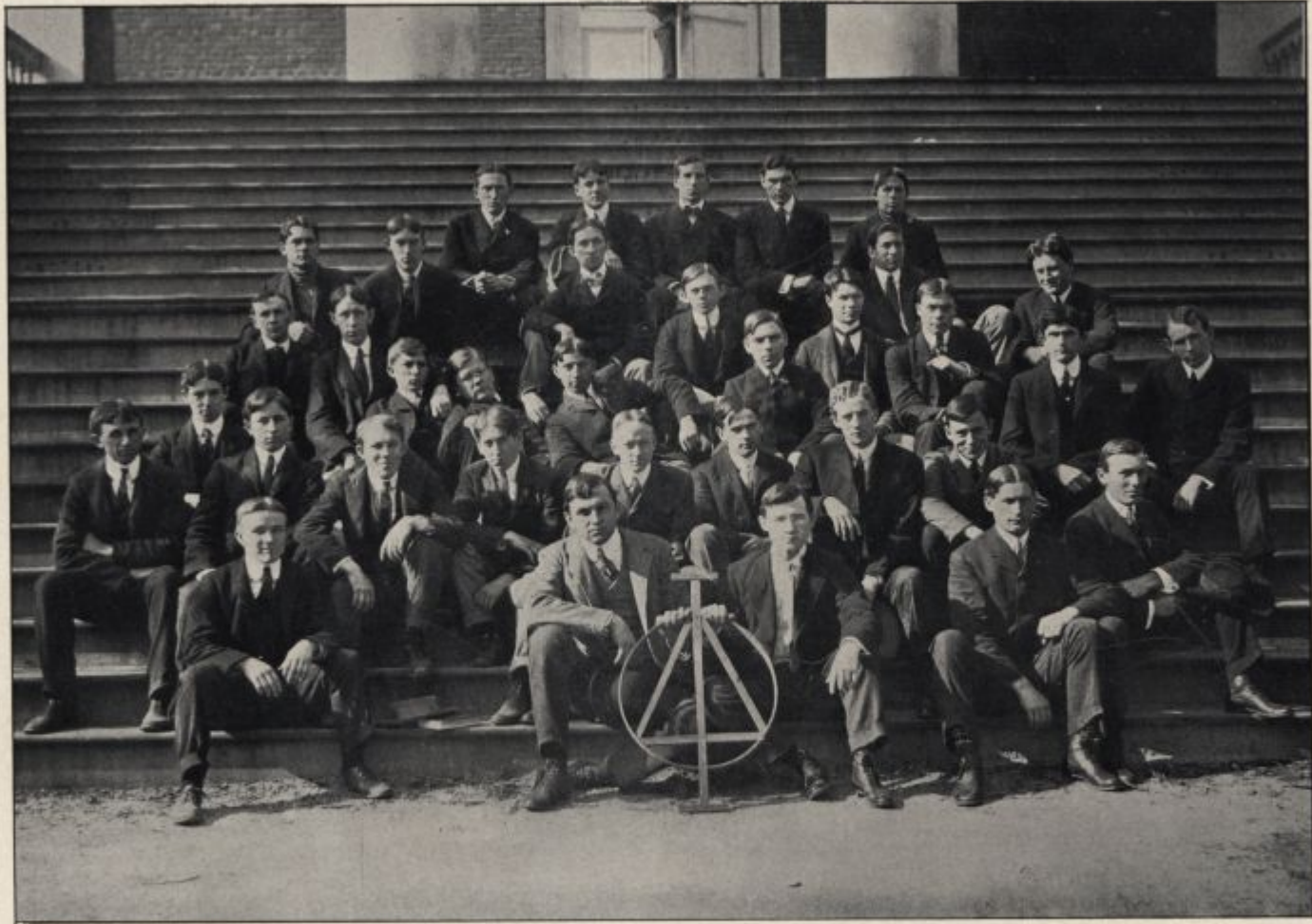
Two societies, the Delta Phi and the Athenæan, were, however, organized and began doing work without the approval of the faculty. This lasted but a short time, when the restrictions were modified, and the societies were regularly organized and became recognized bodies.

During its long and interesting career the Delta Phi Society has had on its rolls men who have since been foremost in State and national affairs, men who have stood highest in their respective professions, men who have been an honor to the society, to the College, and to the State.

The societies hold regular weekly meetings, and previous to the past two years one afternoon each week, usually Friday, has been set apart by the faculty for this purpose. But last year the faculty disregarded this custom and scheduled recitations for every afternoon, claiming that the remainder of the week did not afford sufficient time for all recitations. By untiring efforts on the part of a few of the students the faculty at last consented to give up one afternoon, after 3.30, to the societies. This is not satisfactory, for during the foot ball and base ball seasons many men must be on the athletic field each day soon after this hour, and they are deprived of the privilege of attending the society meetings.

We believe it would be far better to dispense with all recitations one afternoon each week, even though it were necessary to drop some from the regular schedule, for greater benefits can be derived from an afternoon spent in the society halls, than from an afternoon spent in a recitation room or in a laboratory.

We believe the benefits of our societies are indispensable, for here we learn the value of speech, here we are taught to think quickly, here we receive our first lessons in oratory, here is where selfishness of all sorts is set aside and each brother works for his brother's good, here we are taught to love and be loved. Nothing in the College absorbs so much of the student's time, or has a greater claim upon his heart, than the Literary Societies.



THE DELTA PHI SOCIETY.

The Athenæan Society



THE Athenæan Literary Society was founded December 18th, 1834, but its constitution was not adopted until February 4th, 1835. Its rival, the Delta Phi, claims a greater age, being founded and incorporated January 12th, 1835. The society has followed an almost uninterrupted course from its beginning. During the time the College was closed, from 1859 to 1870, the society was kept alive by association of old members. When, however, the College reopened, the society soon regained its former activity and usefulness. The second closing of the society was about the spring of 1901. About that time interest in literary work began to flag, owing to the greatly increased number of engineering students. It is gratifying, however, to know that this year the society has been reorganized, and is again doing good work.

The work done in the society is purely of a literary character, consisting of parliamentary practice in debating, speaking and reading. This constitutes each weekly program.

The society has the names of many famous men on the roll of past members, men who have been prominent in State and national councils. Eminent lawyers and preachers have made their maiden speeches in the society debates.

A cordial welcome will be given to all of her former members who may return to visit her once more.

Young Men's Christian Association

DELAWARE'S Young Men's Christian Association was organized in 1891. From that year to 1899, it may be said, however, that it existed in name only. In 1899 the association was reorganized by J. H. Mitchell, '03. Since then the association has grown steadily in members and influence. An important factor in stimulating the association is the yearly attendance of delegates to the Students' Convention, held at Northfield, Mass. Beginning with two delegates in 1899, the number has increased to six, which attended in 1902.

Delaware's Association is also a member of the Tri-State Department, which comprises the States of Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia. Ten delegates attended the Tri-State Convention, held March, 1903, at Baltimore.

One of the most important departments of the association is that of Bible Study. At present there are three classes, and it is expected to add another to the number in 1903. These classes meet once a week, and are usually well attended.

The Trustees of the College last year provided for the association a large, well-furnished room in the new Dormitory. A small library of "Bible Study" reference books has been begun, and it is expected to be enlarged from time to time.

The officers of the association for 1904 are:

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Northfield.

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Handbook.

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