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## VALEICTORY.

The readers of the present number of the CRESCENT will perceive a change in the editorial management of said paper. The undersigned has resigned the chair of Editor-in-Chief. A hundred reasons have brought about and compelled the change. More particularly, an extended trip, now in contemplation, by the undersigned, is the cause of the change. That the paper will lose nothing in going into the hands of Mr. Weems, we feel doubly sure in prophesying. Under his able, energetic and untiring accomplishments as a Managing Editor, we have no doubts or fears as to the future—the permanency and success of the CRESCENT. We bespeak for him that kindness, appreciation and regard which such a noble and enterprising project is entitled to. In parting with a foster-child a few words to his co-editors and the supporters of the CRESCENT may not go amiss. In our brotherhood there is an apathy and lethargy that should be broken. A want of appreciation of this enterprise may result very harmful to our fraternity. Among the Alumni it is especially true. In the active membership the life and regard is stronger and more active. The success of our fraternity paper can only be obtained and built up like the ocean islands, by each one carrying to it, insect-like, his grain of sand.

Every hand can help—every member can assist in his mite. By the united help of one thousand brothers the structure will be made complete and strong. It's a great work—a hard task for a few. It was conceived with noble aims in view. It will attain them, if properly supported. We have faith in the job and confidence in the artisans.

In severing our connection, we beg to assure our friends we do not leave it. From a lofty and prominent position I shall go lower, only to take up one more lowly, but of equal help. Instead of leaving it, I have passed it into other more experienced hands; but with the full determination that of one, it shall not be said anything was wanting in his assistance. We have pledged ourselves to its support. Let us see to it, that at this time it is well cared for. In this place let me again say to the Assistant Associate Editors that the greatest help can come from you. You are in an active field, where you can work, and

the little labor you spend on it now will not only assist it greatly, but never be regretted or missed by you.

The darkest hours for the paper is its beginning. Afterwards the sunshine that drifts through the clouds keeps up the life-spirit—the soul.

It is worthy of your efforts—it calls for them—and you will only fulfill the calling of your life by giving all you can, freely and at once.

The fraternal spirit that brought forth the CRESCENT was strong, and it was demanded by every one on every side.

It has been a dream for years of Bro. Weems. No man has done more to bring about a fraternity paper than he. Now that we have it let us keep it. Let us nourish and retain it. Let us live for it. A few more months, and every one will feel proud of it. All will want it. It is now our common property—our mutual inheritance—we all own share and share alike in it. Progress it must—it will. To-morrow it will build on the success of to-day. Every one can utilize his efforts for its aid and advantage, and every brother owes it as his bounden duty to the cause to help it.

Many reasons can be offered for its support and continuance. Most of us can more deeply feel them than express what we believe to be true.

None need cavil concerning its permanency and continuance. That is assured.

Hoping, then, that Bro. Weems may meet with the esteem, co-operation and regard to which he is entitled while heading the CRESCENT, I am most obediently its ex-Editor-in-Chief,

W. C. BUCHANAN.

Cincinnati, Oct. 29th, 1877.

#### SALUTATION.

As elsewhere announced, our late and efficient Editor-in-Chief, Brother W. C. Buchanan, has withdrawn from the editorship of the CRESCENT.

No one more deeply regrets his action than myself. For Brother Buchanan, by his marked ability as a writer, his patriotism and devotion to the cause of Deltaism, and his known executive ability, was eminently fit for the responsible and honorable position of Editor-in-Chief of our editorial staff. But since it is made imperative by other engagements that he sever his connection as Senior Editor, we must, though reluctantly, yield.

Bro. Buchanan's withdrawal has made it necessary that another Editor-in-Chief be selected; and since you have chosen me for that position, allow me to say, Brother Deltas, that I acknowledge with due respect the honor conferred upon me, and thanking you for your confidence and appreciation, I accept.

I am not unmindful of the duties and responsibilities that will devolve upon me as Editor-in-Chief, and indeed would have shrunk from the task, fearing that I would be inadequate to it, but since duty appears to dictate otherwise, I yield.

In assuming the position, I assure you, I will use every possible effort to insure the success of our paper. But I shall expect the mutual support of the entire Fraternity; and unless it responds with that spirit and determination which it should, and which the enterprise so justly demands of it, my efforts will not be effective.

Much will depend upon the Associate and Assistant Editors. If they are prompt and faithful in the discharge of their duties, much of the success will be insured.

That the fraternity greatly demands the CRESCENT, must be acknowledged by all who are acquainted with its present needs. There has existed in the Fraternity for some time a demand for some organ of communication; but never has that demand been greater than now. Distributed as our Brotherhood is, over such a wide territory, it is impossible that our brothers keep informed of each others' welfare, and thus secure the necessary fraternal relation and feeling, which our Fraternity so much needs, without a paper published in its interest. Already our brothers who left college are writing that one number of the CRESCENT gave them more information of the Fraternity than they could have obtained by six months' correspondence.

As has been previously announced, the CRESCENT will be non-sectarian and independent in politics. We welcome all communications on whatever subject that may be of interest. We gladly invite full reports and correspondence from other fraternities and bodies. Our best efforts will be used to secure insertion and publication of whatever may be sent us of interest to our own or other bodies.

"Our paramount interest is the welfare of our own society, but we are not selfish, and next to our own have the welfare of others at heart."

To our friends who are not Deltas, and have so kindly responded with their aid, I return thanks, assuring them it will be our desire to give them a paper in every respect worthy of their support.

And to you, brother Deltas, from whom we expect much, allow me to say that Deltaism is a good and noble cause, worthy of your profoundest admiration and love, and your truest and noblest efforts; and in no manner can you manifest that admiration and evince that love than by manly, consistent, devoted interest in behalf of the CRESCENT.

Allow me to subscribe myself, yours,

Fraternally and sincerely,

J. P. L. WEEMS.

Vincennes, Ind., Oct. 31st, 1877.

## ANCIENT MYSTERIES.

BY J. S. HARTZEL, of Tau.

## THIRD PAPER.

VI. *Mysteries of Cotys, or of Cotytto.*

These mysteries were celebrated in honor of Cotys, a female divinity of Corinth and Chio. After having been established at various places in Thrace, they were carried to Greece and thence to Rome, where they were known by the name of *Bona Dea*. They were celebrated at night by females alone, and so secretly were they conducted that we are entirely ignorant as to the nature of their ceremonies.

VII. *Dionysian Mysteries.*

The Dionysian were a mixture of the Egyptian or Osiris and the Cabiri. They were carried from Egypt into Greece and Asia Minor. The chief seat of this branch of mystigogues was at Athens. The object of the ceremonies was to commemorate the murder of Bacchus by the Titans and his resurrection, all of which was represented by the candidate.

The ceremonies commenced with the formation of the world, which was symbolized by the consecration of an egg, in allusion to the mundane egg from which all things were supposed to have sprung. The aspirant was then purified by water and crowned with a myrtle branch, and then in a sort of ante-room prepared for the trials and dangers of the initiation, by being clothed in the sacred garments, and, after the pronouncement of the mystic warning, "depart hence, all ye profane!" exhorted by the conductor to exert all his fortitude and courage in passing through the dangerous portions of the initiatory service. There, then, the same manner of initiation is performed which held so prominent a part in the principal ancient fraternities, and what is more wonderful at so ancient a time, even in the American fraternities, namely, subterranean passages and apartments, dark and gloomy, filled with strange and terrible noises, the howlings of wild beasts, artificial claps of thunder deafen the ear, and flashes of lightning disclose to the eye horrible and fearful forms and apparitions. For three days and nights must he remain in these dark surroundings, and nary word or groan dare escape his lips, nor muscle flinch. Then commences the aphanist or mystical death of Bacchus. Now he is confined in a gloomy cell or postos to reflect, when the rolling of mighty waters suddenly terrifies him. The

god Bacchus was found in the ark, whither he had fled for refuge, and killed, his limbs scattered to the four winds. The air is now filled with lamentations for Bacchus, which continue to reach the aspirant in his solitary confinement until Rhea begins to search for the remains of the god. At a given signal from the hierophant, the scene changes, and joy and gladness take the place; frantic dances, shrieks, and wild lamentations of priests and initiates; the body is found, and the aspirant released from his cell amid the shouts of, "We have found it, let us rejoice together." Then followed the instructions to lead a virtuous life, which, in order to be more firmly impressed upon his heart, were supplemented by his visit to the infernal regions, where he saw the torment and misery of the wicked, and the reward and happy state of those who are good and seek to be perfect. Lectures now followed, explaining the rites and symbols of the order, and the investment of the aspirant with the tokens of recognition and membership. After the lustration he was taken to the holy place, where the new name by which he was then to be known was given to him, which was Epopot, and where the doctrines and creed of the fraternity were expounded. These doctrines were the belief in one God, and the rewards and punishments in a future state of existence, and were represented by a series of significant symbols. The mystic words, *Konx Om Pax* concluded the ceremonies.

VIII. *Druids.*

The Druidical mysteries were the national rites of Great Britain and Gaul. The word Druid is shrouded in mystery as to its origin. Several theories have been proposed, though neither finally or permanently adopted. A clue to its derivation is supposed to be the Greek word *Druidas*; others adopt the Celtic word *Deur*, while still a third, with a great degree of authority claim to find the origin in the Gaelic *Druidh*.

The origin of the nations is also a subject of speculation, and should also be satisfactorily settled before stating the ceremonies, because it will aid us in studying the character of the mysteries. The most plausible theory is that the Celts, the chief Druidic race, came from beyond the Caspian Sea from the central part of Asia, bringing their worship, festivals, and seventeen letters with them in their migration. This view is sustained by the fact that the Druidic rites are somewhat allied to the Indian mysteries of Gymnosophic rites, and also to the Egyptian, which were derived directly from the latter.

Their places of meeting were not always of the same form or shape, as in the majority of mysteries, but always made of earth embankments

and rough stone, and with the clear sky of heaven to roof them, since it was considered an insult to the god to worship him in temples built with metal tools, and to cover with a roof and confine the Almighty within the narrow walls of the lodge room was deemed absurd. Still the form of the place was not planned or constructed at random, or in accordance with the whim of the majority, but always in a shape having a symbolical or religious significance—cruciform, because the cross was emblematic of the regeneration; circular, since the circle represented the universe; winged, since this was an emblem representing the motion of the Divine Spirit; serpentine, because the serpent was the symbol of Hu (the Noah of the Druidic religion); or oval, signifying the egg from which the first parents were supposed to have come, &c.

They had initiations on quarterly periods—the 13th of February, the 1st of May, which was the principal period for the ceremonies, the 19th of August and the 1st of November. May-day, a festival still common in some parts of England and Scotland, is a remnant of these rites.

Every aspirant or initiate was compelled to wear a chain, or be excluded from their ceremonies and secret rites. Their laws and ceremonies were kept *unwritten*. The chief priest, or hierophant was called Archdruid.

The Druids were of three degrees or classes, which, on account of uncertainty as to their order, are variously stated. One way is: 1st, the priests and directors of public worship; 2d, the prophets; 3d, the *Vates*, holy singers, bards or poets. Another, and the best classification, is the one given by Strabo, which makes the lowest class the *Bards*; the second the *Faids* or *Vaids*, and the highest the *Druids*. They were the learned men and teachers of the Gauls and Celts, and the counsellors in church and State.

Much and painful preparation was necessary in body and mind previous to the initiation. In these as in all other ancient rites, the aspirant must be purified before entering the holy place of the initiates. Three sacred colors were thrown over him before entering—the white, the symbol of light, the blue, that of truth, the green, the emblem of hope. After the initiation was over the tri-colored garment was changed to one of green, the color of the first degree; after entering the second the blue was worn, and after overcoming the dangers and painful trials of the third the red tiara and pure white was received. The first degree was begun by the candidate's confinement in the pastos or coffin, and the third ended by his committal to the waves in a small boat and his landing on Mt. Ararat (symbolical). The first represented his symbolical death, and the last his resurrection and second birth to life.

One cannot fail to recognize the scriptural story

of Noah and the ark, represented by the small boat on the waves or deluge and the landing place on the mount. Should the candidate fail to reach the shore either through fear of exhaustion of muscles, death was the consequence; should he despair before making the attempt he was cast out with contempt, and ever after despised and never again allowed to present himself for initiation; but the successful aspirant was hailed with infinite joy, and invested with all the secrets, mysteries and privileges of the fraternity.

The doctrines of the Druids were: The belief in one Omnipotent and supreme God, the immortality of the soul, and the soul's metempsychosis; rewards and punishments in a future world.

There is one thing in these mysteries that must strike us with wonder and admiration, and that is that heathen nations, at so ancient a time, and in an age so replete with polytheism and materialism in the most abject form, should, with the Christian of to-day, believe in one God, and the resurrection of the soul to a new life after death, and the rewards and punishments of the soul according as the life on earth was virtuous or vicious—nations which we know lived beyond the limits of the known world; when revelations fell from prophetic lips; which had their rites and doctrines long before heaven spoke to earth and spirit communed with spirit. Whether the Almighty revealed himself to these nations also must ever remain a subject for discussion, but however it be, it must ever command our admiration.

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#### THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY—ITS ORIGIN AND HISTORY.

BY J. S. EATON.

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#### III. PAPER.

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##### *The Cause.*

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In presenting this subject which I have been endeavoring to write up, a deep feeling of timidity comes over me, occasioned, perhaps, by the want of satisfactory data from which to gather information. But turning our attention to this subject, let us see if we can find any reason why such a measure was undertaken. However, many causes might be cited from which such an organization might arise, there is one in particular to which our thoughts may be directed. We are all more or less acquainted with college life,

and the first causes, as far as tradition and research has proved to me, was the *intolerance* of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. This may strike some rather forcibly, but such is thus far found to be the case, though I do not think there are now any records at command for investigation. If there is any other member of our order who has in store a different cause for the founding of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, I trust it will be presented at the first suitable opportunity, together with the proof of its being correct, if the one I have given does not seem satisfactory when I have finished.

The sources from which information can be obtained at present on this subject are but few. They must be either the primitive founders, of which many are dead, or those who were contemporary members with them. These are so scattered, and the correct addresses of many of them so uncertain, that it makes it difficult to obtain any expression of the recollections which they may still retain. What is here produced was received by personal conversation, from one of the founders, at least we have acknowledged him to be one of that number, and corroborated by others, which seems sufficient evidence of itself. As no doubt they were well acquainted with the affairs existing at that time in the college from which we have traced its origin.

However, let us pass on and give some of the reasons termed intolerance. You are all well aware no doubt, that where one society in an institution gains full power, it is very liable to monopolize things to some extent. Such appeared to be the case here. No honors, such as orations on days observed as national holidays, could be obtained by those who are generally termed "outsiders." Also officers and select performers in the literary societies, "Neotrophian" the name of the one in this instance, were generally from the tyrannizing party. This became a burden to the gentlemen formerly mentioned as founders, of whom Cunningham was one, and much interested in the proceedings of the society at that time, upon which they resolved to make a change if possible, and they did. This may, in the way I have put it, give those who are opposed to such societies some arguments against them, and very likely there is more "truth than poetry" in it, when we consider the liability of domineering parties to become exalted in the opinion of their own supremacy. But the same thing is liable to occur in public societies in various ways and under many other circumstances, which I may have occasion to notice slightly under another division of the course intended in this sketch. Admitting, however, to be cause those gentlemen chose for their motto, "We confer honor justly." A very good one indeed with which to start. Being determined to establish an organization for a cer-

tain purpose, with this as their motto, but with little or no thought perhaps, of its extension to other institutions, it may be easy to derive the name Delta Tau Delta, when it was destined to become permanent. As the mottos of all fraternities are put in some other language than English, and the prevailing one among college fraternities being Greek, it is very natural to suppose that the name sprung from the Greek of the above motto. When translated into Greek we have "*Didomen Timan Dikaos.*" And taking the initial letter of each word we arrive at the present name. This conclusion is plausible, and I think a more just method than taking the letters or name and forming the motto. Besides, in this case the motto seems to have been chosen first, and hence the name D. T. D. This derivation, however, is based somewhat on supposition, but I give it here for what it is worth, and I trust you will pardon me for introducing it under this subject, for I could not find a better place in which to present it.

NOTE.—The present motto and meaning of D. T. D. differs entirely from that given by Bro. Eaton.—*Editor.*

[Written for the Crescent.]  
**The Silent Review.**

BY GEORGE WRIGHT, ALPHA

In the ever silent chamber,  
In the chamber of the soul,  
Where the reason sits as umpire,  
Watching, as we near the goal,  
Mem'ries come, forever passing,  
As if marshalled for review,  
And we sit and muse in silence,  
For they pass, then come anew.

In the race for hol'ow honors  
Having distanced some good friend,  
With the pleasant recollections  
Unkind thoughts too oft' contend.  
Must we always be confounding  
Emulation pure and true  
With those other baser feelings—  
Jealousy and envy too?

Oh! 'Tis sad that dart malignant  
Should the ties of friendship part;  
For the length of years can never  
Break the seal that shuts the heart;  
But in "life's broad field of battle"  
None can tame the lawless tongue,  
Or escape the breath of tattler,  
Till the victory is won.

[For the Crescent.]  
**Another Voice For Put-in-Bay.**

After reading the letter of Brother Buchanan in the first number of the CRESCENT, in favor of holding the annual convention at Put-in-Bay, I cannot refrain myself from sending my heartiest endorsement of every thing he said in praise of the beauty and practicability of that Italy of Amer-

ica. I too, had the pleasure of spending some weeks of my summer vacation on that lovely island, and if there is any one place in the United States that is particularly adapted for holding the convention of our fraternity, it is at Put-in-Bay. Situated as it is, centrally between our Eastern and Western chapters, easily reached from all points at excursion rates, its cheapness, its unequalled beauty, in fact there is absolutely nothing wanting to make this the Jerusalem of all good Deltas. And I look forward expectantly to the summer of '79 in hopes of standing on the beautiful island and fraternally grasping the hands of brothers from East and West; in hopes of seeing the sun of that genial clime glanced back from the bright stars worn on the manly bosoms of Brother Deltas; in hopes of visiting that august body and listening to the words of wisdom dropping lightly from the mouths of the different delegates as they discuss plans for the good of Deltaism and the sending forward of our banner, borne by another Stanley, to shed its radiance over the minds of the uninitiated amid the wilds of intellectual improvement.

C. E. R.

#### Delta Tau Delta Song.

Tune: "Old Rosin the Bow."

'Tis friendship that binds us together,  
And love for our glorious cause,  
On our banner appears in bright letters:  
The symbol for all Delta Taus.

#### CHORUS.

Hurrah for the Delta Tau Delta,  
Hurrah for each separate man,  
'Tis friendship that binds us together,  
Together we always will stand.

Our motives are all the purest,  
We have no selfish objects to gain,  
Our "history" stands out without blemish,  
Our "future" shall be without stain.

#### Chorus.

For riches we care not a tittle,  
But intellect's always at par,  
And a brother must always possess  
True friendship—a thing that is rare.

#### Chorus.

Then shout for American freedom  
Wherever we sail on life's ocean  
We'll always be good Delta Taus.

Will C. Bear, Class of '76, Alpha.

#### Delta Tau Delta Lecture Course, 1877-8.

Finding that there is to be regular series of lectures in Akron this winter, and believing that a number of low priced home literary and musical entertainments would prove pleasant, popular and profitable, the enterprising members of Chapter Eta, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, of

Buchtel College, have arranged for the following excellent course: \*

Nov. 14, Lecture—"Cardinal Antonelli".....  
Rev. W. H. Locke, D. D., Canton, Ohio.  
Nov. 28, Lecture—"The character and Genius of Robert Burns".....Judge S. C. Williamson.  
Dec. 12, Concert.....Akron Male Quartette  
Jan. 21, Lecture—"Dreams and Dreaming".....G. T. Ford, Esq.  
Feb. 6, Discussion—"The President's Southern Policy".....  
Hon. A. C. Voris, affirm.  
Hon. N. W. Goodhue, deny.

These entertainments will take place in the chapel of Buchtel College, and are offered to the public at the extremely low price of 25 cents for a single admission, or 75 cents for the entire course. The project is a worthy one, combining as it does rich literary entertainment with prices within the reach of all, and we bespeak for it a generous reception at the hands of the good people of Akron.—*Akron O. Beacon.*

Note.—The Crescent heartily approves of the above course.—*Editors.*

#### Sunset.

[Descriptive.]

BY J. S. H.

As dusky night is mantling  
Its gray cloak in the east;  
As nature is returning  
To sup its even feast—  
Old Phoebus is reclining  
His hand on Cere's breast,  
Worn out, weary, restless,  
A welcome, willing guest.  
Full many a thousand years  
He stole his weary way  
Along the paths of heaven  
The monarch of the day.  
Full many a thousand years  
Guided the chariot steeds.  
Among the lesser torches  
The hosts of heaven he leads.  
Down time's endless ocean  
He trudged toward the west,  
And hoped among its surges  
At even-tide to rest.  
Lo! see his slender raylets  
Now shooting into space.  
Loath to part a moment  
From his accustomed race.  
Loath to hide a moment  
His face. His auburn streaks  
So fickle yet so lovely  
Among the snow-clad peaks.  
Rest, thou king of seasons!  
Rest, thou orb of light!  
Rest! and when refreshed  
Disperse the hosts of night.  
Open now the earth her bowels.  
Now sinks the sun to ease;  
Draws near the queen of darkness.  
A while, and there is peace.

#### Dissolution of Chapter Chi.

It becomes my duty as senior editor to announce to the fraternity the dissolution of the above chapter. As to the exact time, I have not

been informed, but suppose it occurred about the opening of college year. Nor have I been informed whether the chapter, on its dissolution, complied with the constitution of the fraternity, or not. The gentleman that sent in the notice to the CRESCENT merely stated that the chapter, by unanimous consent, had been merged into an open literary society; and that in so doing they had acted upon the advice of faculty of the college.

In most, if not all *well-regulated* colleges, there are sufficient literary societies; besides, Greek fraternities do not in the least oppose their members taking an active part in literary societies; but on the contrary, encourage them to take such a part. Indeed, the culture, polish, and training their members receive in the fraternity halls, only tend to increase their efficiency in the literary societies, as is fully shown at college exhibitions and commencement exercises. Though some college faculties may oppose Greek societies, yet it must be admitted that it greatly assists to build up the colleges and are ornaments of culture, polish, and true refinement to the institutions in which they are located.

Chapter Chi was located at Franklin College, Franklin Indiana, and was organized five years ago this month, by Bro. J. H. Shadday of Phi. It has generally rated well in the fraternity, and has sent out some good, true Deltas, who, no doubt, will greatly regret, and severely criticise, the late action of their chapter. But *functi omnes; requiescat in paci.*"

It makes our task doubly sweet, brother Deltas, when duty and pleasure gladly meet. Such is my task on this occasion, for it is with heart-felt pleasure that I announce the death of this chapter. Do not, please, misunderstand me. I believe in frankness: say what you mean, and mean what you say. And I make this assertion with all due respect to the members that composed the late chapter. I take it for granted, and trust that they are gentlemen; but that they were not Deltas in spirit—that they lacked that valor and patriotism true Greeks should have, is, from their own action, self-evident.

It is to be regretted, as every true Delta must admit, that there existed in our Brotherhood a chapter so weak, so feeble, so faint, in the grand and glorious cause of Deltaism; but since it appears that such a chapter *really* did exist, let us be thankful that it exists no longer.

Let the weak, feeble chapters wane and drop from the bright constellation of Deltaism. In that beautiful constellation we want only stars of the first magnitude. Those that burn with such a feeble lustre that we cannot tell whether they are stars or not, until we have brought to our aid the telescope, and then to our disappointment

discover they are only nebulous masses, indissoluble, we do not want to encumber our beautiful field of stars.

But when I say "weak, feeble chapters," I do not mean those that are weak in number, and are bravely battling for the dear old cause of Deltaism; but I mean those that are weak and feeble in Grecian patriotism and valor. For those that are weak in number and are manfully contending for supremacy, I have the profoundest admiration and love, and am ever ready to respond to their request for assistance.

Brother Deltas, as "Greeks of modern time," we should not forget the "Greeks of ancient time." It was not their numbers but their patriotism and valor, that cast such a halo of greatness over the sacred land, and stamped it with deeds of immortality. Remember Marathon and Thermopylae.

It is not numbers that we want to build up our Fraternity, but quality—patriotism, fired with a burning zeal, and a heart-felt devotion for the precious cause of Deltaism. Ten patriotic and zealous chapters, knit and bound together by the band of unity and love, are worth far more, and will build up the Fraternity firmer and more rapidly than thirty chapters that are imperfectly joined, and whose patriotism is waning. Dead and lifeless matter builds not up, but pulls down. Bodies that possess no property of buoyancy only serve to sink.

Be not discouraged brother Deltas, at the loss of this frail sister. She will not be sadly missed. It mars not the beauty of "the world of stars," nor injures the hosts thereof, when an aerolite falls from outer space. Though a ripple is caused in the softer elements, the law of gravity is uninjured, the bodies lose not their equilibrium, and the hosts of heaven still revolve in all their grandeur and sublimity.

The glorious constellation of Delta Tau Delta will still proudly retain its position among the constellations of Greek societies; revolution after revolution will be performed, but still growing grander and more glorious by each successive revolution, till at last, let us hope, it will become the Orion of the constellation, the *beau ideal* of the world of stars."

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#### FROM ALPHA.

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#### Notes and Personals.

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It is a well-known fact that Meadville is blessed with many charming young ladies, and consequently is a splendid place to choose a wife; at least many of those who attend college here seem to think so. And some of our Delta Bros. are of the number who have set sail from this port on the "tranquil sea of matrimony." A few years ago Bro. "Jim" Clark, of New Castle, was united in these "holy bonds" to Miss Derickson,

of this city, and are having a pleasant voyage. Last February Bro. W. T. Waters, (*alias* "Tenny") of Tennessee, came north and robbed us of another of Meadville's fair daughters and took her to the "Sunny South." Yet here again is some more "Cupid-ity." On the 4th of October, at 8 P. M., in the First Presbyterian church, by Rev. Dr. Geo. Loomis, of Clifton, N. Y., (ex-President of Allegheny College), assisted by Rev. Dr. Carnahan, Bro. Lewis Walker, of Wellsville, O., and Miss Addie, daughter of ex-Senator Geo. B. Delamater, a reigning belle and a most charming girl in every sense of the word, were made "man and wife." Of the four grooms men, three, viz: James Walker, Will Foltz, Dr. Thomas Silver were Deltas, and formerly members of *our* chapter. After the ceremony a reception was given at the bride's home, where some four hundred or more paid their respects to Bro. Lew and his lovely bride. All the active members of our chapter were invited to both wedding and reception, and those of us who found it convenient to attend were so cordially received that we could not but feel we had *lost* Bro. Walker, but had gained a charming sister. The wedding presents were handsome and numerous.

Are these all? No! We have learned within the last two weeks that Bro. Will. Foltz, of New Castle, who, as stated above, acted second groomsmen for Bro. Walker, "went and did likewise." Not being informed as to particulars, we can only state the fact that he became tired of "single blessedness," and we have another adopted sister.

If we may judge from appearances, we are safe in saying that others of our brothers will soon "set sail from this port," or *very near* here, on a similar voyage. But as the old maid of fifty said, "yes, it's what we're all comin' to."

WILL CARLTON.

As Deltas generally, and many others *know*, we have the privilege of calling "Will Carlton," the author of "Betsie and I are Out," "Over the Hills to the Poor House," etc., a brother Delta. He is now traveling about delivering his lecture on "The Golden Horse," and "Science of Home." Last Friday, Nov. 2d, quite a number from Alpha went to Cambridge, a neighboring city, and heard with great pleasure the lecture on the "Golden Horse," and the following evening he came down to Meadville, with a delegation from Alpha, visited the fraternity rooms and then with warm fraternal feeling all partook of an oyster supper prepared for the occasion.

After which Bro. "Will" et al. made some appropriate remarks, and then parted for the night. While in our city he was the special guest of Bro. Chas. E. Richmond. We may look for something from Bro. Carleton's eloquent pen before long, as he has given a promise to that effect.

Capt. L. L. Davis, of the class of '78, has re-

ceived a furlough for 90 days, which time he is spending in Pittsburgh in the law office where he expects to study his profession as soon as he graduates from college.

Ernest H. Koester, of the class of '76 was admitted to the bar of Meadville court last August.

Will Bemus has been elected President of the senior class of the medical college of Philadelphia.

H. H. Marcy is reading law in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a member of the class of '78.

Chas. E. Mills, of Pittsburgh, who had to leave college on account of poor health, is taking sketching lessons, now, from the best artist in that city.

O. F. Nodine is reading medicine with Dr. Lashells, of this city. We have every reason to think Frank will make a success in his profession.

#### First Grand Division.

This division is generally doing well. The chapters appear to be actuated by a true fraternal zeal, and are pushing forward the cause of Deltaism with determination. This division has furnished the CRESCENT with several articles. We regret that we have not a more complete report from this division; hope, however, to be able to present a more minute report in our next issue.

#### THE SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

From Chapter Theta—The Mother of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Never in the history of our fraternity was Chapter Theta in a more prosperous and flourishing condition than at present. She has been steadily and rapidly on the increase ever since the opening of the session of '74, when her number was then reduced to four, and I can truly say has always been composed of the best and most honorable students of Bethany College. She now stands far above all other fraternities in college.

At the close of last year she had a membership of twenty, of whom six were graduates, all in good standing. Of this number, Mr. T. C. V. Barkley had the honor of delivering the salutatory of his society, and Mr. Sam. Walten that of the valedictory.

This year, the college has opened with an increased number of students, and although opposed by three other fraternities, Theta has not been negligent in selecting from this number her share of the most promising young men, who will hereafter bring honor to the cause. She has initiated into the "mysteries of our brotherhood," and enlisted into her ranks twelve

new members of the *best type* that any college can afford, and now boasts for the first time since her organization of having twenty-five active members, ten of whom expect to graduate in June '78.

In selecting men for our fraternity, some think that we only want *hard students*—men that will take honors in college. Now this is a mistake, for while it is well to have *honor men*, we want men of popularity, men of influence, men of sociability, in other words, *ladies' men*. This is the class of men that compose the present chapter of Theta. It is a great deal to have the sympathy of the ladies—a great comfort to know that so many of the fair ones are watching over us and taking such an interest in our welfare.

We hope our members will always keep this in mind in selecting new members, and recollect that it is not only *hard students* we want, but men of good moral character, men of high intellectual culture, men of sensibility, men of energy, as well as students. This is the class of men that are the pride of the college, this is the class of students that will build up a fraternity, and this is the class of men that will fill important positions in life.

So in the selection of fraternity men, let us be careful and try to procure men of all these good qualities. Then we may expect to have a good and prosperous fraternity. Our members are all well pleased with the CRESCENT, and will show their appreciation by sending you a list of subscribers.

J. H. S.

#### Chapter Theta, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity

The following lecture was delivered to our chapter by Bro. George ("Theta") Byrne, and it is the unanimous request of the chapter that it is sent for publication. Bro. Byrne was named "Theta" after the chapter, having been called that on account of there being at this college another gentleman whose name was George Burns. Thus you see there is a peculiar fitness in his writing upon the subject he has chosen:

*Mr. President and Brothers of Chapter Theta:* When you assigned to me the duty of delivering the first lecture of the year to the fraternity, consisting as it does of old and new members, those who have watched over and cared for the fraternity for the last three years, as well as those who will have the care of it for the next four,

the query naturally arose: "Upon what subject shall I write a lecture?" "What subject can I discuss that will be of benefit to the new members of our organization and interesting as well to the old?" After a great deal of thought as to what would be best suited for the occasion, I could think of nothing so eminently fitting as "Chapter Theta, of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity."

Here in this college is where our fraternity was founded, and it was for some time a purely local society, when it entered the mind of one of its members (bolder and more daring perhaps than his brethren) that it might be well to establish chapters in other colleges, that others might be initiated into her mysteries, take her holy vows, and have inscribed upon their banners of royal purple that beautiful motto: "We labor for the beautiful and good." Little did those who had written their names upon her devoted rolls think that that little brotherhood which they had established in Bethany College would grow and increase in numbers until those who had sworn allegiance to her, and offered up their votive prayers at her pure shrine should be found in every State, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the coast of Maine, where the great blue ocean dashes in fury his mad waves against those rock bound shores, keeping time with a deep and thundering bass to the shrill and mournful soprano and loud-voiced bleak-toned tenor of the winds as they whistle through the tall, waving pines of those snow-covered forests, to that land of perpetual spring, where the silvery voice of the gentle evening zephyrs, and the soft, mellow warbling of the tropical birds, meet in sweet, responsive cadence the rippling murmurs of the Gulf stream as it ebbs to and fro upon the green and mossy banks of ever beautiful Florida.

Chapter Theta has, with most human institutions, met with every variety of fortune, both good and bad. At one time she has had but a few members, struggling along for an existence against all manner of contrary winds, and under the most adverse circumstances. At another, filled with good, true men, large in mind and intellect, and strong in number, she has been able to cope successfully with all opposition, and to more than "hold her own" against all antagonistic organizations. Perhaps at no time in her whole history has she ever been stronger and more prosperous than she is at the present time. Filled with men of ability and integrity—men who are able to have principles and opinions of their own and to maintain them, it is her own fault if she does not increase in numbers, honor and power, making her future more brilliant even than her own glorious past. To you, brothers, who have worked and toiled for the good of our chapter and fraternity in years gone by, I would say, "Your college work for her is almost finished. You will soon leave her dear old halls to appear in them as students never again. But

although you have left college and may have but little opportunity of rendering her any direct assistance, make the chief aim of your lives to so live and let your light shine, that the Theta members, and indeed the whole fraternity may point to you with pride, say: He was a member of this order and to assist in making such men is our intention and our delight." To you, younger brothers, who have but lately become such, I would also say a word. You are soon to have left in your charge the largest and most flourishing of the chapters of a great, growing college fraternity. Those who are now at its head will soon leave it in your hands to be nurtured and sustained even as they have cherished and supported it in the years past. It is now strong in numbers, large in intellect, and popular in the community in which it is situated. You will have left to you a beautiful hall in which to hold your meetings. They have to be attended by no secrecy; you can come here in the open light of day, and do not have to meet in some small, dark room, where the light of the sun is never allowed to enter. And, moreover, equal to all these—aye, superior to them all—her name is pure and bright, her honor clean and unsullied. Though false and malicious slanderers have often undertaken to cast shame and dishonor upon her, she has laughed to scorn all their efforts, and turned with silent contempt her back upon them, knowing that before the strength of her pure character, and the pride of her dignity, those poor groveling worms of the dust would be withered; that, brought to the broad light of day, under bright, warm sunlight of truth they would be consumed, and their ashes scattered by the winds of purity to the four quarters of the globe. "As well might they attempt to pluck the brightness from the sun, or with polluted finger tarnish it." Cherish each towards the other that purity of love that brothers should feel, and thus will you make the Delta Tau Delta fraternity what its founders intended it should be—the bright, shining star of college life, the glory of its organizers, the pride of its members, and a blessing to humanity."

#### Local and Personal.

The members of Theta now meet in their new hall.

Chapter Theta now boasts of twenty-five numbers, all promising young men. Hurrah for Theta!

Read the lecture in another column that was delivered to Chapter Theta by "Theta."

Why don't some of our members who are of a poetical talent, write us some new songs?

We had quite a pleasant visit from Mr. Jonas Cree, a few weeks ago, from Sigma. He was looking well and in fine spirits. Call again, Jim; we are always ready, and like to meet Deltas.

Our hall was lighted up the other day by the happy faces of Misses Fannie Tarr, Maggie Buchanan and Mina Applegate, three of Brook county's most accomplished and charming young ladies. Call again, ladies. We want no better encouragement and will always try and make it pleasant for you.

We are just in receipt of a report from Chapter Eta, Buchtel College, Akron, O., from which we are proud to notice so much improvement. She is now comfortably furnished with a new hall, and her membership is fifteen. Long may she prosper.

Bethany College now has a class of young ladies, two of whom wear Delta Pins.

Read the article in this issue by F. H. Parker, Athens, O. Beta is fastly becoming one of our best chapters, and was the second founded in the fraternity.

Bro. C. P. Kemper, of the class of '77, is teaching a select school near Lexington, Ky. May the richest blessings crown his efforts.

Bros. G. S. and W. G. Walton, of the class of '77, are now at their home in Louisiana. They have both been valuable members to Theta, and have rendered her much assistance. We wish them success in all their undertakings. Their address is: Bougere's P. O., Concordia Parish, La.

We have just received a letter from Bro. Sam. Walton, of Germantown, Ky., from which it is evident that he still manifests that interest in the fraternity which none but a true Delta can have. We wish you success, Sam, in whatever business you may embark. May we hear from you again.

Bro. Tom. Barkley, our jolly good friend of the class of '77, now occupies the chair of mathematics in a female college at Lancaster, Ky. No better man could have been selected.

We are just in receipt of a letter from Bros. Mitchel formerly of chapter Sigma. He will enter the Senior class of Alleghany College next fall, and of course be a member of Alpha. Having personally known Mr. M. for some time as a true Delta, and of the right grit, we highly recommend him to our Brethren of Alpha, and think he will be a valuable addition to the chapter.

Our clever young friend and Bro. Delta, W. E. Kimberling, I am sorry to say, will not return to college this year. He is now in the Clerk's office at Point Pleasant, W. Va., where he will be pleased to hear from all his friends. Many thanks, Will, for your kind donations. No better clerk need be wanted than you.

Mr. James M. Hull, our amiable Bro. and

member of the class of '78, is now in Augusta, Ga., studying medicine. Jim, we regret very much to lose you, and hope you may attain a name second to none in your profession.

Mr. Phil. Lamar, our affable young friend and Bro. Delta of the class of '77, favored us with a pleasant visit last week. His presence in the fraternity added dignity to our meeting, and his remarks were very appropriate and well received.

He was tendered an oyster supper on the 27th, inst., by the officers, who "set it up" to the chapter.

"J. N. Ross is married. He married the charming Miss Adair, sister of Bro. T. P. Adair, of chapter Theta (Bethany). Bro. Ross is engaged in the mercantile business at Carlisle, Ky."

A mistake Bro. Cullop. T. P. Adair was not a member of Theta chapter. It was F. H. Adair, Carlisle, Ky.

If you want to see a live fraternity, lively members, a fine college, the home of Deltatanism, and a nice fraternity hall, where we do things up on the square, come to Bethany and give Theta a visit.

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#### Chapter Beta.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, O., }  
October, 1877. }

The first number of the CRESCENT has reached us. Its genial face seeks admittance. The smile of joy and congratulation which passes around the circle of our chapter is sure testimony of a warm welcome.

The "knowledge of the fraternity at large" which it presents in its columns through the letters from the different chapters, and the fraternal feeling manifested in them cannot fail to engender increased individual enthusiasm in chapters.

Beta chapter was the second chapter established under the name of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Its precedence in point of origin would seem to imply that it should hold an honored position among the chapter of the fraternity. That it has held such position is not doubted. Of this its list of alumni, including men of acknowledged intellectual ability is sufficient evidence. That it has taken a less lively interest, at times, in the fraternity's general welfare than it ought, and has appeared in some respects negligent, is owing, I think, partly to ignorance in regard to the condition of other chapters, and partly to the lack of funds to "back up" our good intentions.

The present status of the chapter is promising. We have a membership this term of ten, besides

two or three who are absent for a short season. There are two other fraternities here: the Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta. The membership of the former is about equal to ours, that of the latter much smaller. The college does not interfere at all with fraternities. Our chapter had but one among the graduates last year, but in *prospectu* for this year four. Out of the six representatives chosen by the two literary societies—three from each society—for the annual contest in June last, three were members of Beta chapter, and it is sufficient to say they did themselves justice. The future appears promising and *Jove pro-vante*, we hope the CRESCENT will meet with the success elsewhere that we desire it shall have among the alumni and present members.

Will have some personals sent soon.

Yours, fraternally,

F. H. PARKER.

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#### In Memoriam.

By the resident and attending members of Chapter Beta, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Again the solemn messenger has invaded our brotherhood and summoned from among us one of our most earnest and worthy members.

Brother C. S. Benner was a member of Chapter Beta, and from the date of his initiation was one of its most faithful and efficient supporters. In his death the fraternity has lost a consistent and influential member; his community a good citizen; the church a worthy representative of a true christian life; his bereaved wife an affectionate husband.

To the brethren of his order, we commend his life as an example.

His afflicted wife we commend to the protection of Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, believing that the removal of our brother was wisely ordained in the councils of Him who doeth all things well.

D. W. PARKS, }  
H. H. FULLER, } Com.  
R. L. HOOPER, }

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#### Letter from Eta.

AKRON, O., November 1, 1877.

DEAR CRESCENT: With each issue we have become more impressed with our need of THE CRESCENT, and we believe as confidently as we hope that it will be a success. Chapter Eta will contribute her share to its support, and more too, if necessary.

Since the opening of college, in September, we

have initiated several members to fill the places of those graduating, and now have a membership of sixteen, all men who rightly appreciate their positions as members of the Delta Tau Delta.

We make it a point, as every chapter should, to live up to the letter of the law in regard to qualifications for membership. We believe that a small chapter of the right kind of men will honor the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity more than a chapter of fifty made up indiscriminately. We will not endeavor to keep up with chapters of larger colleges, who have hundreds from whom to choose, and can, with no difficulty, get fifty men of the right stamp, when it would be difficult for us to get five.

We are often favored with visits at our fraternity hall by the resident Deltas of this city, of whom we have a large number.

We are fast making arrangements whereby our hall will be finely fitted up for the annual convention, at which time we expect to be in our glory, and impart much of it to every delegate who favors us with his presence.

We are glad to write that our college, Buchtel, is steadily pushing forward in rank and attendance; and, despite her youth, has an extended reputation as one of the colleges of Ohio.

More anon.

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#### Notes from Eta.

Chapter Eta rejoices in a Glee Club.

The Delta Tau Delta will be the only fraternity represented in the graduating class of '78 at Buchtel College.

Only one Delta graduates in 1879 from Chapter Eta.

W. L. Kelly, '76, is in the mercantile business at Waterford, Pa.

W. C. Fullington, '76, is in the banking business at Mechanicsburg, O.

A. B. Tinker has taken a wife, and is engaged in worldly pursuits at Mantau.

E. F. Voris and E. A. Prior, '74, graduated in the class of '77 at the Harvard Law School. Bro. Voris will settle in St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. G. A. Peckham, '75, is preaching at Granger, O.

C. R. Knight, '74, editor of the Akron City Times, and O. N. Gardner, C. E., have lately divided the cares of this world with helpmates from the ranks of the fair sex. They have the good wishes of their brother Deltas.

Bro. N. C. Chisnell, who took second honor at the State oratorical contest, at Oberlin, in March, 1877, has gone on the stage. We expect to hear from "Newt." some day.

Lyrus I. Pope is married.

Harry R. Lewis, an old Delta of Chapter Eta, has been admitted to the practice of law in N. Y.

#### Third Grand Division.

This division is in a splendid condition. All the chapters, except the late Chapter Chi, are doing finely.

Chapter Phi, at Hanover, is Grand Chapter.

She was never in better condition. Her members are true Deltas. She graduates five members in the class of '78.

#### Psi Chapter.

DEAR CRESCENT: Psi Chapter was founded January 11, 1877, by Bro.'s Lamb, Shannon and Allen, who were previous to that time, and are now, members of Phi Chapter. Since that time we have experienced various vicissitudes—a thing which, I believe, is incidental to the birth and growth of all chapters. Sometimes Fortune has frowned upon us, and then, again, she has smiled. But, sustained by our love for "the good old Delta Tau," and aided by the kind advice and encouragement of older chapters, we have been enabled to overcome all obstacles and triumph over all foes—Greek, Barbarians, or otherwise—and now are marching on with our standard "full high advanced." Psi received a severe shock in the loss of Bro.'s Lamb, Shannon, Slaughter and Allen, the three former of whom are now members of Phi at Hanover; yet, much as we regret their loss, we can never forget the kindness and noble disinterestedness that marked their intercourse with us. They are all men of sterling worth, and their memory will ever be to us "as the aroma of some lost, though not forgotten flower."

This year we are in an encouraging condition. We have a membership of twelve, with expectations of new acquisitions; and what is better, we have not been "*bit*," but have got *good men* every time. We are also free from that evil which has broken up many a good chapter, viz: Debt. In class standing and college honors we are not behind any fraternity in college, although we have five to contend with. Two of our men have carried off first prizes for oratory, and we will have more before this year is ended. In the literary societies we are strong and popular. In fact,—if you will excuse the egotism,—I believe the D. T. D. has received no mean addition in Psi as it is now.

Psi sends her congratulations to THE CRESCENT. As the newspapers say, "It fills a long felt want." We hope to be able to send you a good subscription before long. Yours,

D. F. K.

#### Psi Chapter Locals.

Bro. Dr. F. Kendall succeeds Bro. Colburn as "quilldriver" for Chapter Psi.

Bro.'s Hord and Stevenson have both carried off the first prize for oratory over their respective classes.

Bro. Hoefgun, '81, has been compelled, through sickness, to lay out one term. Bro. Hoefgun ranks among the best of his class.

Bro. S. E. Wheat, '80, has gone to Ann Arbor, and, as there was no chapter there, and, as he thought, no chance of starting one, he has sent in his resignation from the fraternity. Bro.

Wheat will be missed, for he was an earnest laborer in the glorious cause of Deltaism.

PERSONALS OF ALUMNI MEMBERS OF OLD CHAPTER MU.

Bro. Frazier, '74, is practicing law in Danville, Illinois.

Bro. Nelson, '74, is practicing law in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Bro. Detchon, '73, is practicing medicine in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Bro. Sloan, '76, is farming near Crawfordsville, Ind.

Bro. Welty is teaching school.

Bro. Jennings, '74, is practicing medicine in Iowa.

Bro. Connors, '76, has taken unto himself a *rib*, and is practicing law in Wabash, Ind.

Fourth Grand Division—Notes from Lambda.

For the first time Lambda speaks through the CRESCENT, and must say that the second number only increases the desire for its success. May the CRESCENT, in growing splendor, shine ever upon us!

As the head of the Fourth Division, the chapter has taken a stand, during the past year, which may have caused it to be wrongfully regarded by a portion of the fraternity. Its sentiments were clearly set forth in its letter to the last Convention, and it is only due to say that the members hold to them still. Our motions, perhaps, were wrongly interpreted, but we demanded that only which we considered just and fair. We want to argue this matter in a fair and fraternal spirit with our brothers, and, on the other hand, we want a degree of consideration shown that does not manifest itself in taunting replies or vague insinuations. "Fair play to all alike!"

The news received from other chapters of the division is truly encouraging. They all appear to be in fine working order and in prosperous condition. We infer this from letters received since the beginning of the college year.

H. S. I.

NOTES.

Our brothers will please note the change of the office of publication of THE CRESCENT. It has been removed from Cincinnati to Vincennes.

The location of the latter place is by no means unfavorable for the office of publication. Mail facilities are excellent here, as we have five railroads coming into our city. Besides, geographically, as far as the territory of our fraternity is concerned, the latter place is centrally located.

Our brothers are sending good words of cheer

by almost every mail, showing that they appreciate THE CRESCENT.

We have received the beautiful and tastefully arranged catalogue of Chapter Sigma.

Some articles for this issue are crowded out for want of room. They will appear in the next issue.

If any of our patrons fail to receive any number of THE CRESCENT, they will confer a favor by informing the publishers of the fact, who will at once mail the missing numbers.

Later from Chapter Chi brings the intelligence that the faculty of the college objected to the existence of the chapter in the institution. Still the chapter should not have yielded so tamely. Let every true Delta stand up for his fraternal rights. Unless there are college laws forbidding the existence of a chapter in an institution, the faculty have no right to object to such existence. But Chi is gone! Peace to her ashes.

The chapter at Lansing, Michigan, is making efforts to publish a book of Delta Tau Delta songs. This is something that has long been needed. Success to you, brothers. "Let us sing and be merry."

Those writing for THE CRESCENT will confer a favor on our printer by writing on but one side of the page. Also, please do not use Greek characters, as our printer has no Greek letters. Editors will please send in communications for publication by the *fifth of each month*.

January 1, 1878, will be our eighteenth anniversary.

A very neat and beautiful little catalogue of the members of Chapter Sigma has been prepared and printed, and is now ready for distribution. The author has shown great taste, and his fraternal regard by its preparation. We are not at liberty to print the address of the author at this time, but orders can be filled by sending to the publishing committee of THE CRESCENT. We commend the effort of the brother.

In answer to an inquiry in last month's issue of THE CRESCENT, as to who was the author of the Delta Tau Delta song, we have received a letter from Bro. Boice, of Indianapolis, informing us that Bro. John R. Scott composed the poem. Bro. Scott was a member of Chapter Beta, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Brother Scott's last address was St. Louis, Mo. We feel obliged to call upon Bro. Scott to favor THE CRESCENT with any or many of his poetical effusions, composed since the Delta song. We shall be delighted to receive them.

LEGAL.

Directories containing the names of all the attorneys who are members of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity can be had by inclosing a postage stamp and address to

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

It is proper for each chapter to send in its personals, locals, and all matter of a chapter nature to the grand chapter of its division, these to be arranged in order, and sent in for publication. By this means matters may be greatly expedited, thus enabling us to assign space for each division. We hope the respective divisions will see that this is attended to at once.

It is our desire to allow space to Alpha, followed by the grand chapters in their order.

If the Associate Editors will just remember "order is Heaven's first law," and act upon the subject without delay, it will enable the publisher to give them a far more attractive paper.

If some of our poetical fraters will favor the CRESCENT with some of their effusions, we will be very thankful indeed.

By reference elsewhere, our brothers will see that Brother Buchanan, our late worthy and efficient Editor-in chief, has assumed the role of Corresponding Editor. Our patrons may expect many rich treats from Bro. B.'s ready pen.

We trust our friends and brothers will use their efforts to obtain both advertisements and subscriptions. It is our desire to give them a paper replete with matter, both interesting to Deltas and friends.

Articles on various literary subjects will be thankfully received, reserving to ourselves, of course, the option of publishing them.

Let each chapter take, and keep on file for future reference, a copy of the CRESCENT. Every Delta should do likewise.

The history that is now being published will be found interesting, not only at present, but in years to come.

We have a brotherly request to make of each true frater, who may be so fortunate as take unto himself a help mate, and that is that he send in at once, accompanied with a dollar, an account of his marriage for publication in the CRESCENT.

Our friends in the various colleges will confer a favor by calling on the officers and obtaining an advertisement of their colleges for the CRESCENT. We believe they will find our paper a profitable medium for advertising.

We are desirous of obtaining the address of all Deltas. Our brothers will confer a favor by aiding us in the matter.

The grand chapters will please urge the Assistant Associate Editors to send in their list of subscribers at an early day.

Unless otherwise requested, all subscriptions for the present will begin with the first issue. We do this, believing our friends will prefer to have the volume complete.

An advertisement of Hanover College appears in this issue of the CRESCENT. We hope to be able to call the attention of our readers to the advertisements of other colleges soon.

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