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THE CRESCENT KNIGHT.

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Concluded.

O, weep, thou Muse! for days long sped
Since those of brightest chivalry;
And wake thy lays—once more be led
To sing of noblest bravery.
Far away in Eastern countries,
Has the brave, young Knight been borne;
Where the din of heavy battles,
Heralds forward ev'ry morn.
There among the country's noblest,
He has been in many frays;
And of him, the mighty leader,
He has had e'en single praise.
Long before ten thousand spearmen,
He has rode his charger black;
Till the bloody-handed Moslems,
Dare no more dispute his track.
Far above the battle streaming,
Floats his royal purple plume;
And his dazzling golden crescent,
Flashes back the sun of noon.
Headlong plunging in the battle,
E'en by bold Sir Richard's side;
Gleams that shield with symbols mystic,
High above the battle's tide.
Far ahead in hottest conflict,
Waves his charger's raven mane;
Till before the zealous Christians,
Backward rolls that mighty train.
Though the Moslems late all beaten,
Hold yet one decisive post;
And within their city gathered,
One immense aggressive host.
Forward then the Christian chieftains
Led their braves both one and all;
To achieve upon the morrow,
Their last conquest or great fall.
Now while round upon the green-sward,
They are camping for the night;
Anxiously the mighty leaders
Plan for them the morrow's fight.
Sweetest sleep to ye, bold Christians,
Dream yet once of your loved West;
For the bitter, sad to-morrow
Brings to many their last rest.

And, while from the city shimmer,
Mellow rays on tents of white,
May the angels holy vigils,
Guard in sleep the Crescent Knight.

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Scarce had the morning light been thrown
O'er that rich oriental plain,
When, brandishing their spears that shone,
The Christian heroes forward came.

Straight pushed they for the city's gate,
In serried phalanx broad before;
While with their ram of mighty weight,
They battered down the studded door.

In the front rank the stalwart form
Of stern Sir Richard looms in sight;
While among those who brave the storm,
Close at his side, rides our young Knight.

The morning breeze was lifting high
That flowing plume now known to fame;
While, as before the azure sky,
Gleamed on the crescent of his name.

Now while the anxious Christians wait,
Quick charging down on all before,
Came the fell Moslems from the gate,
Defending fierce the fallen door.

Then in all might the carnage raged,
While loudest shrieks rang on the air,
But such fast strokes the Moslems waged
The Christians bore back in despair.

Quicksprang they downward o'er their dead,
But closed in conflict on the green;
And now the Christians are ahead,
Yet once again repulsed they seem.

So in close ranks all day they fought,
Waving their pennons o'er the field:
Till the brave Christians dearly bought,
The vantage ground where they must yield.

Once more the Christians' foremost rank,
Was led by Richard and our Knight,
Who swore that ere they downward sank,
The Turkish hordes should yield the fight.

Soon 'mid the shouts of eager men,
And hoarse war-trumpet's piercing blast,
Forward those forces rolled again,
In bloody conflict now the last.

Before his trusty braves once more,
Far in the front rides our young Knight,
Hard pressing for the city's door,
Where fiercest Moslems lead the fight.

Twice bore he down with single hand,
The Moslem's foremost bravest three;
And so resistless is his brand,
That wide his foes lay on the lea.

Here fought the Christians long and hard,
The city's gates to open through;
But so firm stood the Turkish guard,
The Christians now no entrance knew.

Our Knight in bold Sir Richard's ear
Spoke but one word,—then forward sprung;
His mammoth charger 'neath that spear
Whose strokes soon at the portal rung.

Amid the Moslem's deadly strokes,
Like lightning flashed his battle mace;
And prouder yet his dark plume floats,
Though murd'rous spears his form embrace.

Though twice before the pond'rous gate,
Beneath him fell his charger black;
The Christians charged in such vast weight,
That last the Moslems waver back.

And now within the city's wall,
Triumphant throngs the Christian band;
Yet mourning countless, thousands fall,
Whose ghastly corpses deck the sand.

But where is now that dauntless Knight
Whose daring charge the conquests made?
Where late the battle raged in might,
Outstretched his senseless form is laid.

Beneath that loyal breast-plate low,
One gory wound is ebbing fast;
And though that true heart yet beats slow,
Ere long one throb must be its last.

The sternest hearts at this sad sight,
Melted and in lone silence wept;
While slow they bore him treading light,
Till on a snow-white couch he slept.

Yet was his youthful form so strong;
All night in troubled dreams he lay,
Till just before the mornings dawn,
He slept till light shone forth in day.

Not long the leaders o'er him bent,
Till quiet he from slumber woke;
And while low sobs the silence rent,
Yet once again to all he spoke:

"In quiet dreams once more I've been,
At my loved home in sunny France,
An artless youth in valleys green,
Where flashing bright the waters dance.

"I stood upon our long loved steep,
Where, o'er the sea the soft winds pour;
And e'er against the beeting reef,
The grand waves wash the rocky shore.

"I saw from off the crested wave,
The sportive sea-gull dart and fly;
Her wings the golden sunset lave,
With crimson beams athwart the sky.

"My native hills in grandeur spread,
Came forth on my enraptured gaze;
Those gentle slopes o'er which we sped
Enveloped now 'mid softest haze.

"The harvest moon, in pale, bright clouds
Threw out mild rays tipped silvery;
Absorbing quick the night's black shrouds,
Clad in resplendent livery.

"Then O! ye grand old mountains there,
'Twere vain to laud in words like these;
You'll e'er be decked with beams most fair,
Majestic, cloud-capped Pyrennes!

"Last came a dear loved female form,
With tend'ring smile upon me bent—
Heaven keep her in calm and storm!
She's virtue's sweet embodiment."

Yet once he spoke: "Let no one mourn
When the great Leader calls his son,
But, let me by my braves be borne—
Father, I rest—'Thy will be done.'"

While o'er the golden landscape bright,
The sun in regal splendor shone;
And ere the shadows of the night
Had yet their sable mantle thrown—

Where lofty palms serenely hem,
A silent tomb from human sight:
'Mid softest wailing requiems,
Was laid the brave young Crescent Knight.

Dear *fratres* of the mystic shield,
While we in life's great battle fight;
May we our swords for virtue wield,
And keep our honor free from blight;

May our lives so reflect the truth,
That when we look last on God's sun—
Like our pure type in this brave youth,
We'll murmur still, "Thy will be done."

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THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY.

BY JAMES S. EATON.

CHAPTER VI.

XIII PAPER.—*The Extent of Territory.*

As this sketch only extends through my course in college, or to 1876, all other advancements shall be left to more special histories of chapters, which I understand are being written. All readers, I hope, will please bear in mind the date and make due allowance for all new Chapters they know to be founded, old ones revived, and others that have become extinct. The theme before us then may be of some interest to us by way of comparison, if in no other respect. It is one of considerable area, as you would naturally suppose from the preceding distribution of chapters among the colleges just related. Taking the most extended point on each of the four sides, of its boundaries, commencing with Michigan on the north, New Jersey on the east, Kentucky on the south, and Iowa on the west; we reach an outline that includes all the institutions of

which we have spoken. Within these limits there are eleven States in which Chapters have been organized, and which form our present territory. In three of these States, namely, New York, Kentucky and Missouri, there are now no Chapters. This, however, does not weaken it any, so long as we take good care of what we have. Distance may lend enchantment to some things, but I think the nearer we are together and the more chapters we have in a small amount of space, the better we can work to the advantage of our mutual interest. There is not much danger of our brotherhood or any other college fraternity becoming so condensed as to infringe upon its existence. On the other hand, it only affords the better facilities for selecting from the constant supply of students that come in from year to year to support the colleges. Again, the chances are in our favor to become acquainted with young men desiring to enter college before they arrive, which is of considerable importance sometimes. For the preservation of congeniality and warm affection toward each other as brothers; a thorough acquaintance with a gentleman before admission to our order is always the safest. I think we can venture to say without harm, that some of the older Greek fraternities have not many more Chapters than ours; but as to their extent of territory or boasting of great institutions, I find no fault. Although we can not boast of a Harvard or Yale, yet we can speak of others of excellent reputation and an honor to any organization of the same age, not originating in such as the above institutions, to have a Chapter within their walls. Not long since a Lafayette student, belonging to another fraternity of high repute, was greatly surprised to hear me speak of a Chapter at the same place. He immediately commenced to interrogate me about the facts of the case, when I, in as gentle tones as possible in order to allay his excitement, was constrained to say, we have a Chapter there. Another young gentleman, for whom I have great respect, came into my room one day while at Princeton, N. J., and related to me in great ecstasy that he belonged to a Yale fraternity. Since that time I have heard him speak of it frequently, but I did not ask him much about it, because I thought he wanted to leave a good impression, but snakes in the grass are not always seen.

But to be more direct to the point under consideration, let us notice briefly each portion of this territory in its regular order as now divided. At the convention held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1874, it was thought proper to make the following divisions, with a Grand Chapter over each to act in conjunction with Alpha for the promotion of this work, which had now become so important. The First Division comprises New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with nine Chapters, two of which (Rho, at North East, Pa., and Tau at Bellefonte, Pa.) were then in rather a critical condition, and now dead. The Grand Chapter of this Division was first Delta, of Meadville, Pa., but in 1875, on account of the

change of Alpha, it was transferred to Chapter Pi at South Bethlehem, Pa., and at the convention of 1878 it was given to Tau at Lancaster, Pa., where it now is in good condition. The second consists of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, with five good, strong Chapters, and one (Alpha, Delaware, O.) lately deceased, of which Theta, at Bethany, W. Va., is Grand Chapter. The third is composed of Indiana and Michigan, including nine Chapters, two of which (Chi, at Franklin, Ind., and Mu, at Crawfordsville, Ind.,) were then supposed to be almost, if not altogether, extinct; but now the latter, and perhaps both are revived. Kappa, at Hillsdale, Mich., was Grand Chapter of this Division until January, 1875, when it was transferred to Chapter Phi, at Hanover, Ind., on account of the inexorable "iron clads" and constant opposition with which Kappa had to contend. The fourth is Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, which has eight Chapters, though two (Zeta, at Monmouth, Ill., and Nu, at Bloomington, Ind.,) were then numbered with the fallen; but now, I believe, are in active service again. Lambda, at Galesburg, Ill., holds the position of Grand Chapter of this Division. This concludes the Divisions and their Chapters separately, but we must not leave it until we attach that inevitable sum-total that follows all bills of long standing. This will constitute the next chapter.

OUR MOTTO.

BY B. F. BAUSMAN, CHAPTER TAU.

There is scarcely any one who does not have some kind of a motto to act as a silent agent upon his actions. It is his ideal, his stimulus, that is ever haunting him, ever acting upon his mind, ever inciting him to the pursuit of the favorite phantom which beckons him onward towards his weal or woe. If it is so of the individual, it naturally follows that a body or society of men is to be guided largely by a motto which expresses their impulse, their individuality.

Happy the moment, happy the mind, that framed our beautiful motto. We can conceive of no fitter sentiment to guide us. Under its potent influence our enemies have trembled and cowered at our feet. Honored in song and in story, the pride of all Deltas, and the bulwark of our grand old Fraternity, it remains ever the same, inspiring and immutable. Tell me the motto of a fraternity and I will tell you its character and principles.

The actions of some of our "beloved enemies" reveal that the spirit of their mottoes is more congenial to darkness than to light. But what that contributes to happiness is omitted in the injunction of our motto? It seems a glorious thing to me that our Delta host of five-and-twenty Chapters moves on under the same banner, governed by the same sentiment, and that its particular members have a mutual feeling of brother-

hood and sympathy for each other. Our motto is the motto of an *entire* Fraternity. The adoption of Chapter mottoes is not in accordance with the proper idea. They do violence to the harmony and union represented by the general fraternity motto, and render it superfluous. I hope that such measures will be enacted at our next convention as will remove all barriers that tend to dim the lustre of our motto. It covers the whole realm of the æsthetical and the ethical. Every time we take it upon our lips we are inspired with increased courage, and incited to new conquests.

Our motto impels to action; its spirit intends that we are to aim high; if failure does result, then surely no *unworthy* position will have been attained. These aspirations should characterize alike our intellect and social advancement. Every frater should endeavor to act as not to bring shame upon his Chapter. His resolve should be not to bring a blush of shame upon any brother's cheek, but rather wish for an earthquake, or for dire calamity than such disgrace. Whatever be our fate then, let us, inspired by our past victories, with strong hopes for the future, march onward and upward in obedience to the divine teachings of our grand Fraternity motto.

LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW.

J. S. HARTZEL.

We are taught somewhere in Holy writ that "Love is the fulfilling of the law." That passage has a special meaning in the sense in which it is there used; but in enlarging upon it we find that it is a deep truth also for us as a Fraternity. In the one whether the Inspired Text, or civil code—Divine law, is meant; what now may be the law in the other? What rule, what formula, what statute, what law, may be prescribed for us, and demanded of us as a Fraternity to fulfill? I answer: The performance of all the inevitable duties solemnly agreed to and sworn to in the oath; the observance of all the requirements in the Constitution and By-laws; the protection and defense of the Fraternity from enemies within and without, and the vindication of her government and organization from all attacks of such of the prejudiced and envious "heathen" as may greedily pick up a stray hint or a circumscribed fact here and there, and draw extravagant conclusions and distortions. These comprehend every phase of the law of the Fraternity to be fulfilled, and fulfilled not merely in the head but in the heart, for there only do they become, as they should and must, the ever active fountains of the soul. These are the laws to be fulfilled, and the fulfilling of them, as in the scriptural parallel, is love—fraternal love.

We do not pretend that we are thoughtless and impetuous school-boys when we come here to link ourselves with this Fraternity, and that, when at matur-

er years or surrounded by other circumstances, we may throw off the tie that unites, and renounce the oath that binds, by the saying of a word. The oath is not merely an agreement between you and me, or between another and ourselves; it is made also between each member of the Fraternity and the Great I am, as he calls upon God and these witnesses to hold him by his deeds and judge him by his sincerity. Here then, in this Fraternity, and by this oath, we enter upon duties to God, not merely as God, but as our *all-seeing eye*; our duties to others not as individuals in our mankind, but as brothers, as members of a particular household, as points in a *mystic* CRESCENT; duties to ourselves, not as isolated men perchance, nor as men who are to take Girard's advice "mind one's own business and grow rich," but as active and equally important factors in this pledged household, as stars of similar magnitude clustering around this crescent, all alike interwoven with the same duties, the same laws, the same rights. But this is just another view of the law, mentioned before, and the fulfilling of this, consequently, is love—fraternal love.

But let us reduce this to simpler theory. Friendship is an attachment; love is the bond, the tie of that attachment. That friendship which is moulded and fostered in the fraternity is an eternal, a pledged attachment; fraternal love is the bond, the tie of that attachment. Friendship wedded with fraternal love, is the living actuary of this Fraternity. With this active principle—the greatest boon of heaven to earth, our Fraternity meets in her various halls from time to time; with this understanding, each chapter gathers in all the unsheltered angels, and on the strength of it clasps them, with the most solemn and binding oath, to her bosom, under her care and protection, into her guiding, instructing, and *humanizing* influence. By this most solemn and binding oath, each one promises something, nay, swears to do something. What? To fulfill these very things which I mentioned before. Violating the oath, disregarding any of the duties, and not fulfilling all the engagements which bind him to the order, is not only bad faith, but perjury—crime against heaven and earth.

What ever happens, never forsake a friend—one whom you have solemnly adopted, and to whom you pledged yourself, at the shrine of *A T A*. When enemies gather, when sickness falls on the heart, when the world is dark and cheerless, then is the time to show your friendship, and the time to test the friendship of others. They who turn from these scenes betray their hypocrisy, and prove that interest only moves them. If you have a friend that loves you (and here in this Fraternity, they are, every one, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is one, if not, he should be stamped as a rascal of the blackest die); if you have a friend that loves you, who has studied your interests, be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his love

was not thrown away. Real fidelity is rare, but it exists in the heart. For, bear in mind, the ties we form at this shrine reach from time to eternity; they must be observed and respected in adversity as well as in prosperity, in sickness as well as in health, with non-affiliated members as well as affiliated.

THE SIGMA.

We received a communication a few days ago from the Corresponding Secretary of the above Chapter, containing news that does our heart good, and also that of every true Delta who has the interests of our order at heart. At one time in the history of the SIGMA it was the largest and one of the most flourishing Chapters in the Fraternity. The past year has been a very trying one to her, owing to the fact that the most of her active membership had graduated, and left very few who were well posted in the intricate workings of the Chapter. In adding to this fact the college, although one of the leading colleges in the State where it is located, has been under a cloud, and hence there were comparatively few new students from which to increase the membership of the Chapter. The brothers of Sigma were not idle, however; her silence and apparent inactivity to the contrary, notwithstanding. The brother writes us that the last term has worked wonders for them, and that new life and vigor has been breathed into their waning Chapter. They have decided to have their names published in the new catalogue, in the face of the fact that their faculty is foolishly and strenuously opposed to college fraternities, and hence are compelled to face danger of exposure by this decision. They have manifested independence, strength of character and true manhood in this particular, and we trust they will experience no inconvenience from the step they have taken. A new list of subscribers was sent us, and an undercurrent of hearty enthusiasm and energetic esprit pervaded the entire letter. We know of no more encouraging news than to hear of the revival of a waning Chapter. Truly in our affairs a Chapter *saved* is a Chapter *gained*. We now number twenty-five active Chapters, and we need no enlargement of that number to insure our existence and true growth. This has been a grand year for Deltaism. Not for new Chapters established, but for a more thorough and complete organization, a revival of interest and enthusiasm throughout the entire Fraternity, and a more intimate and close acquaintance between the various Chapters. We know that the above news in regard to SIGMA will be gratifying to many and relieve any who may have become concerned in her behalf.

RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL COAT-OF-ARMS.

At a stated meeting of Chapter Tau, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, held on Saturday evening, March 1, 1879, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That a new General Fraternity Coat-of-Arms be adopted, to be used on letter headings, on the title page of THE CRESCENT, and on all charters granted by the Fraternity; and also, be it

Resolved, That each Chapter of the Fraternity, through its Grand Chapter, be requested to forward to Chapter Alpha a design for such Coat-of-Arms; and be it also

Resolved, That the above resolutions be published in the ensuing number of THE CRESCENT, so as to enable Chapters to act upon them before the next annual convention, to be held at Put-in-Bay, in August, 1879.

For Chapter Tau,

J. H. GEISSINGER, T. B.

LANCASTER, Pa., March, 1879.

HOW TO RUN CHAPTERS.

It is no easy task to run a good, energetic, enthusiastic fraternity chapter. There is so much work in connection with the curriculum, and also a certain amount of literary work which detracts the attention, that fraternity duties very frequently come in last; and in such a case the result is always a weak, apathetic chapter, one that never does its members any good, and is a clog on the machinery of the Fraternity at large. The members never realize the true enjoyment of fraternity life. Did they but know it, there are pleasures of the purest and most exalted type within their grasp, to clasp which they either do not know how, or are not sufficiently energetic. The success of the ALPHA as a chapter has led some of the members of other chapters to inquire into the reason of it, and it is in hopes that this article may prove in some manner a guide to those who are struggling manfully against opposing circumstances that it is written.

Once while riding on the cars from Pittsburgh to Meadville, I made the acquaintance of a young man, a member of the X. Φ ., residing in Allegheny City. Without letting him know that I was a fraternity man I gradually brought the conversation around to fraternity topics, and told him that I was on my way to Meadville to enter college. I asked him if he knew anything about the fraternities there. He said that he did, giving their names, and said that the Alpha Chapter of the Δ . T. Δ . was located there; that he was acquainted with some of its members, and that the chapter had the reputation in Pittsburgh of being one of the finest fraternity chapters in the States, and he attributed its success entirely to the sociability of its fraters.

This, we think, is the foundation of success in running a chapter. In choosing members the first thing to look to, as we have said in another column, is *social* ability. He should be a young man who is personally agreeable, and one who has control over his temper. Next, and closely following this, is his ability as a student, and as a literary man; but these last two alone,

will not do, and a chapter that looks entirely upon these as the necessary requisites will soon get the name of being "lops," or will be broken and divided by internal strifes. As we look at it, fraternities were not established in order that they might have Congressmen and learned men among their alumni; but that they might be a source of pleasure and profit to their members. A chapter thus founded on true friendship is never in danger of internal eruptions, and the agreeability and sociability of its members will make it friends everywhere.

With this as a foundation, the next to do is to create in each member an interest in his chapter. Every pleasure of life and college should in some manner be connected with the fraternity. In the class room, it should be the impulse to good recitations; on the society rostrum, the knowledge that they are watched by the criticising eyes of other fraternities should make them eloquent; among their fellow students, it should be *its* welfare that makes them polite, kind, agreeable, and preventing them from using low, vulgar language, or perpetrating small, contemptible tricks; finally, when out in the world, the thought of making *it* honorable should make them endeavor to be honorable themselves. In fact, in everything our fraternity should come pre-eminently before self. Now, how to create this all-absorbing interest in the fraternity is the important question. The chapter house is the fountain head for this enthusiasm. Cook says that "well regulated parlors can control the politics of the nation;" and so will a well regulated chapter meeting control and affect materially, for the better, the student, and after life of the fraters that meet there. But in order to effect this there must be something more than simply a roll call and a short literary exercise. There must be something deeper, more enthusiastic, and something that will bring into play their finer sensibilities.

Good music will effect this to a great extent. The song cards just distributed by the ALPHA will do a great good. Rent an organ, buy a piano, or gather up a guitar, some bones, and a mouth organ—anything to create a harmony—and then with hearty voices let the Delta songs break upon the night air, and their melodies ringing in the ear will soften the feelings for days to come. But there must be important business to transact, matters of interest to the chapter and the fraternity at large. One reason why the ALPHA hangs so well together is because she has so much general fraternity business to transact. But it may be said by the other chapters that they have no business. We say, make some! Adopt fraternity hats, neckties, canes; appoint committees to consider *this*, and go in as a committee of the whole to discuss *that*. Form glee clubs, boat clubs, ball clubs, orchestras; go into camp; do anything; only do something *as a chapter*; and last, but most important, have a banquet at least twice a year. Words cannot adequately express the

immense amount of good a well regulated banquet, with its good edibles, songs, toasts, its merry joke, and still merrier laugh, will effect.

Outside of the meetings there is still much to do. Deltas should naturally like each other's society, and it cements a deeper friendship to room together, to go calling together, to do everything together. In walking together on the street, go shoulder to shoulder with linked arms, as though you would mutually support and assist each other. All should have badges, and display them, but not with an air of bravado. Always keep on the good side of the ladies, if there are any handy, for they will prove your best friends. In the literary society vote as your principles demand (and Deltas generally vote the same ticket,) but never, *never* let two Deltas compete for the same office. Never let class feeling come into fraternity matters, and the corresponding secretaries, particularly, should hold their fraternity requirements above their college duties.

But we have been saving up till the last the most important thing of all, viz.: THE CRESCENT. If there is any one thing that will raise the fraternity higher and higher, greater and greater, better and better, it is THE CRESCENT. It is the life, the light, the power, of the fraternity. It is the magnetic bond that brings us into intimate communication with each other once a month. It is a badge of honor that raises us above other fraternities and gives us a position among the foremost. Every brother in every chapter *should* see that all its alumni subscribe for it. When all this is done you will then be worthy the name of a true Delta, one who only lives, breathes, eats, drinks, sleeps, walks, studies, talks, *all*, EVERYTHING, for the prosperity of our good old Delta Tau. God bless her.

THE GREEK WORLD.

$\Delta \Psi$ is the only fraternity which has a patron saint.

$\Sigma \Delta \Pi$, now a local society at Dartmouth, has had Chapters at Cornell and Wooster, Ohio.

$A \Delta \Phi$ has taken to magazine articles; *vide* March *Scribners*. A very interesting article it is, too.

$A \Sigma \Phi$, founded at Yale in 1846, as a Sophomore society, has but one Chapter left—the Δ at Marietta.

$\Sigma \Phi$ held its convention last month with its Chapter at Union.

$X \Phi$'s Chapter at the University of Georgia has been revived after an enforced sleep caused by anti-fraternity laws.

$Z \Psi$'s Φ Chapter has been re-established at N. Y. U. They have lost Chapters at Williams, Princeton, Harvard and Dartmouth.

$\Delta K E$'s catalogue will be issued this year by the B Chapter, Columbia. Thus far their publications have not been a credit to the fraternity.

$\Sigma. X.$ has its $\Pi.$ Chapter at Alabama University, where secret societies are prohibited. The $\Delta. \Pi. \Sigma. Y.$ and $B. B.$ Chapters are similarly situated.

$\Phi. \Delta. K.$ is reported dead at Washington and Jefferson. It was founded from the remnants of $I. A. K.$, which broke up three or four years ago.

$\Delta. \Gamma.$ is the youngest ladies' society having more than one Chapter. It was founded at Oxford, Miss., in 1872, and has eight Chapters in the States of Miss., Tenn. Ind., and Texas.

$K. K. \Gamma.$ is the most enterprising among the ladies' societies, and has placed its first Chapter this year at Franklin, Ind. $K. A. \Theta.$, another ladies' society, claims to have no dead Chapters.

May is a popular month for holding conventions. During that month this year $X. \Psi.$ will hold its convention at University of Michigan, $A. \Delta. \Phi.$ at Trinity College, Conn., and $\Psi. Y.$ at Yale.

$\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ has re-founded its Chapter at Michigan University. It has organized five new Chapters since June of 1877, viz.: at Trinity University, Texas, Trinity College, N. C.; Illinois Wesleyan University, Wofford College, and Lombard University.

The Rainbow Fraternity was founded at Mississippi University, in 1848. It has had Chapters at La Grange, Erskine and Wofford colleges, and the University of Georgia, but is now local at the University of Mississippi. Its colors are the prismatic tints.

$B. \Theta. \Pi.$'s last Chapter is called $A. Q.$, and is at the University of California. This fraternity has had Chapters at Brown, Princeton, Williams and Harvard, but its only active eastern Chapter is in Boston University. Their next convention will be held at Cincinnati during September.

Bowdoin is a flourishing place for fraternities. They claimed last year in the Senior class (78,) the whole class of seventeen men; in the Junior (79) twenty-one out of twenty-five; in the Sophomore (80) thirty-one out of thirty-eight; and in the Freshman (81) forty-two out of fifty-three. The fraternities represented are $A. \Delta. \Phi.$, $\Psi. Y.$, $\Delta. K. E.$, $Z. \Psi.$ and $\Theta. \Delta. X.$ In 1879 they are united as follows: $\Delta. K. E.$ and $\Theta. \Delta. X.$ against $A. \Delta. \Phi.$, $\Psi. Y.$ and $Z. \Psi.$

The forty-sixth annual convention of the $\Psi. Y.$ Fraternity will be held at Yale College May 5 and 6. The occasion is also the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Yale Chapter. At the literary exercises the officers will be: Presiding officer, Governor Andrews, of Connecticut; orator, Benjamin K. Phelps, District Attorney of New York; poet, Dr. J. G. Holland; chaplain of the convention, the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Dexter, editor of the *Congregationalist*; song writer, Francis M. Finch, author of "The Blue and the Gray," and toastmaster at the banquet, Chauncey M. Depew, ex-Secretary of State of New York.

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READ BRO. Hartzel's article in this number. It is an outline of a lecture delivered in the TAU's lecture course.

THE TAU's resolutions on general Fraternity coat-of-arms can be found in another column. Do not fail to read them.

THE Committee on Arrangements for our next convention have decided that suitable accommodations can be had at Put-in-Bay, and arrangements are being made for holding it at that place in August.

THE mighty little CHI of four members, is doing more work than some Chapters of five times her size. Her coat-of-arms is beautiful, and all her work is well and promptly attended to.

THE ALPHA and the TAU have committees at work on amendments to the constitution. Every Chapter should be considering what changes they think should be made and forward the same to the proper authority.

WE have a *very* few words to say about the annual dues. Some of the Chapters are behind in this matter, and not for the first time. For those delinquent in this matter there is a remedy, but it is severe, and we hope that in no case it will have to be applied.

MENTION is made in another column of Bro. Homer D. Cope (Ξ). He ranks among the best elocutionists in this country. We had the pleasure of hearing his rendition of "Damon and Pythias" last winter, when he was making a tour through Kansas.

SOME, in fact all, of the Chapter crests that have been sent in for the new catalogue are very beautiful. Much taste has been displayed, and the fact demonstrates that the artists are not all dead yet, and a few of the surviving ones belong to the Delta Fraternity.

SEVERAL applications for charters have been refused during the past year. Although we have added no new Chapters to our list, the present college year has been one of the most prosperous in our history. The work of seventy-eight and seventy-nine will tell on our future history.

BRO. L. L. DAVIS (A '78) has been elected to fill the vacancy on the corresponding editorial staff, occasioned by the resignation of Bro. W. C. Buchanan. Bro. J. C. Jocelyn (E '77) has also been elected to that staff. We trust these brothers will aid us by contributions from their pens.

THE new catalogue will appear in the Spring. It will be a book bound in cloth, with flexible covers. The pages will be the size of the last catalogue but of a larger number. On the front cover will be embossed the Fraternity coat-of-arms. A much better book will be published this year than formerly, at about the same cost.

WHAT Delta's heart does not swell with patriotism and fraternal love every time he sings that most beautiful of all fraternity songs, "The Delta Tau Delta Song." For fine sentiment, pathos, beauty of expression and rythm, it stands unequaled in fraternity music. We have just cause to feel proud of our song, and should ever be grateful to the gifted brother, John R. Scott, (B. '64) for writing it.

THE ALPHA has had printed and sent to the different Chapters cards on which are printed Fraternity songs to be sung at Chapter meetings. Nothing adds more to the interest and enjoyment of such meetings than good music and plenty of it, and we trust that all the Chapters will take a deep interest in this matter. The tune to the "Delta Tau Delta Song" is beautiful, and every Delta should learn to sing it. The chorus is repeated after each verse.

THERE is no higher quality than sociability to be considered in choosing members for our Order. In making the above statement we do not wish to under-rate mental ability and true moral worth. These are elements very desirable, and when found in connection with high social ability, form the highest type of manhood. We lay stress upon social power, because unless a feeling of congenial sociability pervades the Fraternity there can be no fraternal regard. Many Orders are merely working, human corporations, and void of

all that can render them fraternal. Deliver us from connection with an Order whose members are mental recluses and moral monomaniacs. For the higher and nobler workings of a college fraternity, social ability must characterize each member of that body. Genius and morality are potent factors, and much to be desired; but without social power no man is eligible to membership in the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

As will be seen by looking into our Chapter Reports column, only the First Division and the CHI have sent in any report. This is a sad state of affairs, and does not speak well for the silent Chapters. The Third and Fourth Division are usually prompt and energetic in this matter, but the Second Division has sustained an unpardonable silence during the entire year. If we were compelled to know anything about $\theta, H, \Sigma, \Theta, \Psi, \Omega, E B'$ and $H B'$, the columns of THE CRESCENT would furnish very little information which has been furnished voluntarily by themselves. We will not think that we have a Chapter that has not one member with sufficient ability to write a short communication for its Fraternity journal; but we can not speak for others of an equally inquiring and curious disposition. Do not let another number of the paper appear without every Division being well and properly represented. It will take but little time, and do you and the Fraternity at large much good. We shall always find space for this department.

MANY of our sister fraternities boast of their honorary members. We have no objections to find with those who speak with praise and admiration of those members of their orders who have left their Chapter rooms, have gone into the world and achieved honors for themselves and their friends. But we have no sympathy with those who boastingly flaunt the praises of great men whom they have secured as members since they have become famous, and are termed "honorary members." As we have expressed ourselves in these columns hitherto, we are heartily opposed to this plan of taking into our Fraternity "honorary" members, and then boasting of our great men. This is in direct opposition to the teachings of our Order. If we can not raise from our own ranks men with sufficient talent and brilliancy to take a high standing in the affairs of Church and State, we have no right to initiate into the order such men, simply because they possess enviable reputations, and that their names added to our list might give us prestige with the world. We know that the teachings and principles of the Delta Fraternity are such that tend to elevate and ennoble our membership. We are young; comparatively very young, and hence must not be discouraged because we can not boast of as large an honorary list as those fraternities that were old and well-established before we had an existence. When the men we send from our chapter halls have

been out in active life long enough to achieve brilliant successes, the truth of our statement will be manifested. We would say to our brothers, do not get so anxious for distinguished brethren that you are compelled to *adopt* them.

MARCH witnessed the publication of the long-heralded catalogue of the Psi Upsilon, edited by Charles W. Smiley, of Madison, N. J. Mr. Smiley has devoted much time and attention to his labor as the specimen copies of the catalogue plainly indicate. It is far more elaborate in respect to biographical and statistical details than any similar society list that has ever yet been issued, and a full account of it will be duly presented. "A History of Psi Upsilon," by Prof. Willard Fiske, of Cornell, will probably be published about two years hence. Certain extracts from it were read by the author before the Delta Chapter, of New York University, on Tuesday evening last. Publication will probably be made in April of a society book of more general scope entitled: "American College Fraternities, a Descriptive Analysis of the Society System in the Colleges of the United States, with a Detailed Account of Each Fraternity," by William Raimond Baird, who graduated last summer at the Stevens Institute, Hoboken. Most collegians will be surprised to learn that the author has collected facts from nearly one hundred and fifty different "Greek letter societies," whereof upwards of a third can boast of chapters existing at two or more colleges. The price of the book is not to exceed \$1.50, and several hundred copies have already been subscribed for. All communications in reference to the work should be addressed to Post-office Box 1,838, New York City. The elaborate "Yale Book," in two quarto volumes, which has been so long in preparation, is to be published by Henry Holt & Co., New York, in the course of the spring.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

ALPHA LOCALS.

- Spring term opened April 3d.
- Those mustaches are no more!
- Fletch. White has joined the College Glee Club.
- The Happy Family spent the vacation in Meadville.
- Bro. Andrews is a great admirer of Trigonometry.
- Parke Kimmell has the reputation of being a "persistent youth."
- Bro. "Berry" Harper is the youngest member of Alpha, but by no means the least.
- Never having seen that delightful little village of Sagertown, Bro. Bruce recently paid the place a visit.
- George S. Davis, who formerly boarded at Culver Hall, can now be found at the residence of Frank Fisk.

—We are glad to have Ned Locke back again this term. He is looking well after his winter's vacation.

—Bro. F. Sol. Chryst had a struggle with the ague last month. After a three days' fight Sol came out victorious.

—Stewart Decker was quite ill a few weeks ago, but has since recovered under the tender nursing of his room-mates.

—Miss Emma Harding was the successful competitor at the recitation contest of the Ossoli Society, last term. Her selection was a difficult one, but she rendered it excellently. Accept our congratulations, Miss Harding, on your success.

—And now Alpha has organized a Glee Club. The silvery-tongued vocalists are Bros. Wann, Mitchell, Decker, Locke, White and others. They will soon be prepared to furnish good music on short notice.

—Bro. W. T. Waters and wife of Tennessee, visited Meadville during March. Of course "Tennie" came up to fraternity meeting, where he was warmly welcomed by the boys.

—The great event of last term with Alpha was "The Pow-wow." On the evening of March 8th, at the hour of nine, a weird and solemn procession of Indians of the "Choctaw" tribe, were seen marching on the principal streets of Meadville unmolested. On closer scrutiny and by the application of a little water to their painted faces, one might have recognized in these seeming Red Men the features of the boys of Chapter Alpha. The line being formed with that noble brave, Tall-judd-wann, at the head, the word was given, and the procession moved down Chestnut street to Water street, thence to the dining parlors of Pense Bros., where a long table loaded with imaginary venison, buffalo, and bear meat, awaited the hungry braves. The table was appropriately ornamented in the centre with a tripod of green oak sticks from which a camp kettle was suspended. After an interesting and instructive harangue by Great Chief Winne-moon-a-mitchell, the noble red men fell to and the way they scalped and tomahawked oysters, cold turkey, beef omelet, chicken salad, oranges, ice-cream and cake, would have made Sitting Bull expire with envy at the proficiency of the "Choctaws." After supper the pipe of peace (furnished by Warrior Pykimmell) was passed around, each brother throwing aside his conscientious scruples long enough to take a good whiff. Then followed speeches by several injuns, interspersed with songs and waldances. At eleven o'clock the line of march was reformed and conducted back to the lodge room by Chief W. Everyone had a good time, and we decided that henceforth we will have an annual Pow-wow.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

NOTES FROM CHAPTER TAU.

Sunday, February 23, Brother W. C. Buchanan, of Cincinnati, passed through Lancaster *en route* to New York. A number of the members of our chapter had the pleasure of shaking hands with him at the Depot, for he had written of his coming, but the interview was far too brief to satisfy either welcoming or welcomed. Can't you come again, Brother B., and stop longer?

Mr. D. C. Lichliter, of Woodstock Va., paid our institution a visit last week. He was of the class of '76, F. and M., and a charter member of our chapter, but resigned as a member of fraternity shortly after joining. Now he has intimated that he would like to remove his resignation, and it may be that he will be reinstated as an alumnus by chapter Tau. Mr. Lichliter was graduated in medicine from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, March 13, taking a prize of fifty dollars for an essay on the practice of obstetrical science.

Brother J. S. Rice, of Royer's Ford, Pa., was initiated a member of the TAU, on Saturday, March 1. Bro. Price will be a member of the class of '83 in college, and with the other younger members of our chapter will zealously guard its interests when the present active membership has passed away from Alma Mater. It has been the TAU's policy to look well into the future, and a strong life is now insured the chapter for at least a half dozen years to come.

Brothers R. C. Bowling, of Larimer's, Pa., Max F. Dunstrey, of Berlin, Prussia, and Silas F. Lanny, of Hellertown, Pa., will graduate from the Theological Seminary connected with our institution in May. Of these, Brother Bowling will be remembered as one of the charter members of our fraternity in Lancaster, and in him will pass away the last of the fathers of the faithful here. We are sorry to lose the counsel and companionship of these brothers, but they go forth to a good work, and in it we hope they will always have the blessing of the Great Being whom they serve.

Among the signs of the times at Franklin and Marshall College, we would like to note the paragraph relating to fraternities in the new catalogue for 1878-9. Heretofore, for years, was this published, the former President of the institution, Rev. W. Nevin, D. D., LL. D., being a bitter and implacable foe to Greek-letter societies. President Apple has shown his wisdom in expunging it, and allowing sense to have its free course. The paragraph read as follows:

"College Fraternities, as they are technically called, are not tolerated in the institution. Its character and constitution of course make no provision for them; while they are distinctly excluded, in fact, by the standing rule that students shall not hold class meetings, or formal meetings of any sort, without permis-

sion. These Fraternities, it is well known, are everywhere the bane of College Literary Societies, properly so named, and have in truth put an end to them virtually in many of our American Colleges; as they are plainly at variance also with the right idea of all college order and discipline. No student therefore is admitted into Franklin and Marshall College, except under the formal condition, that he will join no association while in the institution, secret or open, which is not approved by the Faculty."

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE CHI.

MT. PLEASANT, Iowa, March, '79.

Quality, not numbers, make the chapter. "The CHI" has only four members, yet is able to perform her duty. Since "a little band of Spartans withstood a whole army," it is not improbable that the CHI will overcome the many obstacles with which it has been her lot to contend.

The Winter term of the I. W. U. closes March 19th. The spring term begins March 26th, and closes June 18th. Bro's. McCoy, A. C. and L. H. Kaufman, all expect to be in college next fall. If they come back, the membership of CHI will be somewhat augmented.

At a recent election of the Philomathean Society, for performers for the annual spring exhibition, Brother Worth Carpenter was elected Salutatorian, and C. W. Beattie was chosen first debater. The Deltas never fail to get their share of the honors.

A book entitled "History of Henry County, Iowa," in speaking of the Ia. Agr. Coll. says: "The college has two good literary societies, also an "out-law" called the $\Delta T \Delta$, Chapter Omega." The writer who thus speaks of the OMEGA, is evidently one of that class of unfortunates, who, when in college, was never fortunate enough to gain admission into a college fraternity, and when out are continually assailing them.

Bro. H. E. Wyckoff, has been covered with honors while in college this term. On the evening of Sunday, the 22nd, at the request of Rev. J. F. Simmons, Bro. W. addressed a large audience upon the subject of Temperance in Asbury M. E. Church, and on the following Sunday at the request of Pres. Roper, he addressed the Mt. Pleasant Red Ribbon Club on the same subject. Both of Prof. Wyckoff's speeches were highly praised by the many who heard him. The latest honor conferred upon the Bro. was by the Philomathean Literary Society, which recently elected him Valedictorian for June. Last year Bro. N. E. Carpenter was chosen Valedictorian by the Society.

The Superintendent of schools for the County in which Bro. A. C. Kaufman has been teaching during

the winter, in speaking of Bro. K's. work, says: "Mr. Kaufman has done, and is doing, the most efficient work that has ever been done in the school." The CHI congratulates Bro. Kaufman upon his success.

If the *B Θ II* could succeed in establishing a chapter at Ann Arbor, with six Deltas in the University, why can not the *Δ T Δ* also establish a chapter there? CHI would like to have these questions answered.

CHI has a coat of arms at last, and ere these lines will appear in print it will be in the hands of ALPHA. Although we have seen none of the chapter's vignettes, we think that the vignette of CHI will compare favorably with any.

Fraternally,

C. W. BEATTIE.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US.

The New York *World* of a recent date notices the Delta Tau Delta's publication, THE CRESCENT. That society, we believe, generally comes to the front in its undertakings.—*Index*.

THE CRESCENT, the organ of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, issued monthly by Chapter Alpha, is receiving merited praise as an able journal. Messrs. Mitchell and Richmond are the editors in charge this year.—*Crawford Journal*.

The March number of THE CRESCENT lies on our table. This is a monthly journal published in this city under the auspices of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Of the four journals published in this country in the interest of their respective fraternities, this is by far the best managed and most ably edited. The Delta Fraternity should feel proud of its paper. We have noticed several favorable notices of it in the New York papers. It is exceedingly interesting, not only to the members of the Delta Fraternity, but instructive to all interested in general fraternity matters.—*Reporter*.

DEAR CRESCENT:—It had been some weeks since I had received THE CRESCENT, when I received two numbers yesterday. It is needless to say I was delighted. My heart was rejoiced. It afforded me so much joy to know that our dear, good CRESCENT still shown over the fields of Deltaism. May she ever shine with purest and best rays of truth and friendship. Under her softening and ennobling influence our beloved Order will grow strong and durable. Experience has taught us that our Order needs just such a paper as THE CRESCENT has proven herself to be. We must have some means of communication, some medium through and by means of which we can communicate our thoughts and actions. We can thus gain wisdom and strength at each and every effort put forth to strengthen Deltaism. Those that have erred in their efforts stand out as a guide to those who may be following; while those who act with wisdom and discretion, stand as a guide to others that they may act ac-

cordingly. Surely THE CRESCENT is a light and a guide to cheer up and to brighten the path of the "Beautiful and the Good." May that path never lack light, and may the "Beautiful and the Good" under the pure and bright light of THE CRESCENT ever increase in purity and brightness while the firmament showeth forth the glory of God.

No, brother Deltas, we must not tire. Let us keep on and up. Though we may not meet with all the success we desire, let us labor on. We must have THE CRESCENT. If clouds so densely obscure it at times to cause its rays to disappear, let us not weary in well-doing, or be despondent. All will come out right in the end. The next month she will shine and her light will be as soft and pure; her teachings as good and true as ever. With success to THE CRESCENT, and love and friendship for every true and loyal Delta, I subscribe myself, your

EX-EDITOR.

The following is from Bro. Talcott (Σ '77), who is now attending the Yale Law School:

{ 170 George St., NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
March 10th, 1879.

Chas. B. Mitchell, Editor-in-Chief of "Crescent,"

DEAR BRO. DELTA:—I was more than pleased with the March number of CRESCENT. So far as satisfaction is concerned I think the present management ought to be praised. The print is clear and the paper good; but above all the news is right to the point, and so full of interest to all of us that the boys of Alpha have reason to feel a just pride over the enterprise, and know they will be remembered with kindness. I like THE CRESCENT better than any of the Yale or Harvard papers of a similar character, and it is not on account of fraternal regards or interest either, for there is a great deal of merit in it. Regards to the brothers of Alpha.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT L. TALCOTT.

DIVISION NOTES.

Brother Seybert, of NU, writes: "Thus far, this term found NU in a bad condition, not morally, but physically. Several of the members having been very sick, (Brother Lambert being still sick); but we are again putting life in the chapter, and expect to keep it up, too. After considerable deliberation we have decided to drop the matter of coat-of-arms, for many reasons."

THE GAMMA has suspended John H. Graham, initiated in September, 1877.

Brother H. T. Bruck, of RHO, has turned his attention towards Rutgers College, and has strong hopes of doing something for Deltaism there.

Brother T. H. Hardcastle, of PR, has prepared an historical sketch of his chapter for publication.

J. H. GEISSINGER.

LANCASTER, Pa., March, 1879.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Will. C. Bear does the locals for the *Daily Republican*.

"Tousaint," of ALPHA, has changed his residence for a few days.

Bro. H. W. Miller, of Eta, is the financial secretary of Buchtel College.

Bro. H. M. Richmond sports the handsomest "turn-out" in Meadville.

Brother Ed. Peffers contemplates going into business in Oil City. Success "Blonde."

Why don't some fraternity claim the authors of H. M. S. Pinafore as their members?

John E. Adams has become an alumnus, and does the editorials for the *Daily Reporter*.

Bro. Geo. P. Miller (Γ '78), is studying law at Washington, Pa., with his father. George still retains a strong love for the Delta.

Bro. McKinley, of Mercer, dropped in to see us last week. "Mack" has many friends in Meadville who are always glad to see him.

Mr. Homer D. Cope's renditions on Tuesday evening last, furnished a rare treat to a large and intelligent audience. His elocutionary powers are of the highest order.

Bro. Tenny Waters contemplates starting a grocery store in Meadville. The S. S.'s have promised him their trade, but their smiles—Tenny is a married man now.

Bro. L. L. Davis manages to come up and see his Meadville friends quite frequently. Dave, there must be some attraction here besides the boys and the college.

Bro. John D. Swart (Γ '80), will take Horace Greeley's advice and "go west." Bro. Swart has been a Delta for two years. Our best wishes accompany you, "Jack."

Bro. Wm. E. Allen, '75, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tarentum, Pa. He was called to that church last May, and has been very successful, taking in over eighty new members.

We had the pleasure of receiving a letter from Bro. Hamlin of Smethport, Pa., correcting his personal in last month's CRESCENT. He inquires after the "Choc-taws" of '66, '67, '68. We know the whereabouts of but few of them, but will endeavor to hunt them up. Any information in regard to them will be thankfully received.

Mr. James Doughty, principal of the Townville schools, successfully trains the young ideas, sings in the choir, and makes himself generally useful in that community.—*Republican*.

Bro. Jig Richmond contemplates entering business at Bradford, Pa. We wish you as great success in business, "Jig," as you have had with the gun and rod, but what will the pike in the Cussewago, and the squirrels around Delta Hut, do when you are gone.

To our Alumni: Do you intend taking a summer vacation? If so, by far the best thing you can do for pleasure, profit and recreation is to go to Put-in-Bay, the second Tuesday in August, and visit the 21 convention.

We lately received a letter from Brother Homer D. Cope, of XI. He can be found at 192 Lexington Avenue, N. Y. As an elocutionist he seems to be making a grand success, as some of the following clippings will show:

Bro. Jno. R. Scott, of St. Louis, has written and sent to Alpha another of his beautiful Delta songs. The meter is good, and the sentiment is splendid. We owe much to Bro. Scott for his poems and songs, and this should crown him poet laureate of Deltaism.

NOTICE.—Owing to the Spring vacation at Allegheny College, we were compelled to mail THE CRESCENT a week later than usual. We hope the brothers will remember that we are college boys ourselves, and not look too harshly on such unavoidable draw backs.

Bro. Tom Sensor, the principal of the Cochronton Schools, is getting to be quite an important personage in that thriving little city. He is a leading member of the church, of their celebrated literary society, and in fact it is impossible to pick up a newspaper but you will see some flattering notice of his doings. Go in, "Tom," there is always room at the top.

HOMER D. COPE'S PRESENTATION OF DAMON AND PYTHIAS.—At the Opera House last evening Mr. Homer D. Cope appeared in his famous dramatic recitation in which he gave the whole five act tragedy of Damon and Pythias.

It is seldom that our people are favored with an opportunity of hearing such a literary entertainment.

Mr. Cope was particularly happy in his Irish, Negro, and humorous characters. The quaint brogue and darkie lingo, had the mirth-provoking effect of the true genius. His pulpit personation was most excellent, and exhibited the back-woods preacher in all his glory.

"Uncle Daniel's Apparition" can never tire especially when recited by Mr. Cope. "The Vagabonds" by Trowbridge, was given in splendid style, and "The Fall of Pemberton Mill," a most remarkable specimen of prose, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, describing a real occurrence, was rendered with a beauty and pathos unexceptionally good. "Shamus O'Brien" capped the climax, with true patriotic vim.

The Society deserve thanks for the spirited literary entertainment given, and we are pleased to state that they were well patronized.—Salem (N. C.) *Press*, April 19th, 1877.

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