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Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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THOUGHTS BY THE WAY.

SECOND ASSORTMENT.

J. S. HARTZEL.

When a person becomes of age, he is filled with a feeling of self-hood which he has never before known. Reaching his maturity he looks about for those features which cause his pride and satisfaction, which make him what he was not before, and which place him on a par with other men. So with our Fraternity. Reaching the Day when she celebrates her twenty-first natal Day, she may also examine herself, and compare herself with her rivals. It is the purpose of this article to do this, briefly, that we may the better know what is our true position, relatively, as a fraternity. The authority for the statements made in this article, is the book called "American College Fraternities," by W. R. Baird, just issued from the house of J. B. Lippincott & Co.

1. Of 64 fraternities the $\Delta T \Delta$ stands 11th in point of membership. Of the 13 that outnumber us, several give their membership with an "about" prefixed to the figures. When we remember that, in cases of this kind, persons make it a point to guess "about" as high as they possibly can, a correct count of several may place them below ours, especially since the "about" in the sketch of our Fraternity does not do us justice. A majority of the 13 also elect honorary members, which in real membership would bring them below ours.

2. Of the fraternities established before ours, the following fall behind ours in membership: $\Delta \Sigma \Phi$. (1848), 200 members; $\Delta \Phi$. (1827), 1700; $K A$. (Northern Order, 1825), 870; $\Phi K \Sigma$. (1850), 1400; $\Phi \Sigma$. (1857), 600; "Rainbow," (1848), 400; $\Sigma A E$. (1856), 950; $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$. (1858), 290, $\Sigma \Phi$. (1827), 1800; $\Theta \Delta X$. (1847), 1800. In this connection may be mentioned that $\Sigma \Phi$. (1824) has *only* 2000 members, and $X \Psi$ (1841) "about 1900".

3. Of the fraternities founded in the same year as ours, the following have less members: $A T$, 168 members; ΣA , 800; also the Order of $X \Phi$ established at Hobart College, and Southern $X \Phi$ at North Carolina University, for it must be borne in mind that the present Order of $X \Phi$ is a union of Three District Orders of the same name—the two just named and the Princeton Order (1824.)

4. In number of Chapters our Fraternity stands 5th "in the table, those outnumbering her having the advantage only in the number of years they have been existing before her. Many fraternities which are herseniors by many years, have a much smaller Chapter list; the united order of $X \Phi$. (1824), 23 chapters; $K A$. Northern (1825), 4, to which may be added the 16 chapters of $K A$. (1865), making a total of 20 chapters; $\Delta \Delta \Phi$. (1832), 16; ΨY . (1833), 16; $\Phi T \Delta$. (1848), 20; ΔY . (1834), 15; $\Delta \Psi$. (1847), 9; $\Delta \Phi$. (1827), 5.

5. Our Fraternity was originally a southern order; whilst other southern fraternities founded before the war, were either seriously crippled or killed by the struggle between the States, ours, by her policy, began to rise and spread, West and East, though founded just on the eve of the war.

Such, then, has been the success of our fraternity; such is the position of eminence she has wrought out for herself. Adopting, from the first, a well-planned, living, and progressive policy, the $\Delta T \Delta$ Fraternity has always overcome those obstacles which attend all efforts of extension of this kind, and which have been the Scylla and Charibdis of many a young fraternity,—and coming off the victor, she has always stood out, bold and prominent, the brighter and better for the struggle. And to-day we behold her without a peer in living the true idea of secret fraternity. Should we not then congratulate ourselves on our remarkable triumphal march of our Order? Should it not spur us on to other conquests,—with more formidable foes? What is there now to cause idleness,—what to make us shrink from acting out the motto of our Order? Looking back upon the unparalleled career of our Order, can we be idle or sluggish in our mission, without acting the lie? With the principles of our Fraternity in our hearts and minds and hands and tongues, we should strive, not only that "our Crescent be as bright as now," but that it may continually grow brighter and larger, until the Order has reached the acme of perfection in all things.

CHAPTER PERIODICALS.

To every thinking member of the fraternity the question "How shall we make our meetings attractive?" has often occurred. It is to give one answer to this im-

portant question, one in which every active *frater* is interested, that this paper has been written.

It is now generally acknowledged, and has been for some time, that our meetings should be for something more than the mere transaction of fraternity business and going through certain forms and ceremonies. To perform our part of the regular fraternity work and to go through a service endeared to us all is of course interesting. We know that by so doing we keep up the connection between ourselves and other members of old Delta Tau.

But there must be something more, something that we can carry with us from meeting to meeting, something that we can call to mind and think of between the meetings, and something that we can look forward to with longing and impatience. We want something that we can do individually and alone, and yet it must be in such form as permits our individual efforts being combined in one chapter-result, and these results in one common fraternity work. For forming this combination the best and simplest means is by the CRESCENT. Consequently any plan that is to bring good general results must be such as allows its results to be published in the CRESCENT.

It must be also one that will add to the CRESCENT's usefulness; one that will be of interest to all outside students as well as to ourselves, thereby tending to make it a magazine of more extended circulation.

Nor should the plan be one that will require any great or extraordinary work of any of the officers or any of the chapter members.

These I think will be granted to be a few of the many necessary conditions in this difficult problem. And now for the statement of this particular solution.

It is a matter of general remark that in America every citizen thinks he can edit a newspaper; and strange as it may appear nowhere do newspapers extend a greater and better influence than they do in this country.

Of these two facts I propose to avail myself in the following prospectus or plan for a chapter newspaper. I shall try to so state it that it will be of as much interest to small as to large chapters.

This newspaper is to be different from ordinary newspapers inasmuch as it is never to be issued or printed in its complete form, and will have to pass through many hands and much criticism before it challenges the scrutiny of the general public.

Briefly, then, this newspaper is to be composed of articles and paragraphs from each member of the chapter. All of these are to be received either by the Sigma, or by some other member appointed for this purpose; and by him arranged and read at the next meeting of the chapter. Then such articles or items of interest as seem

fit to the majority of the members of that chapter will be sent on to the grand chapter of that division. The grand chapter will with good taste and much discrimination select from those of the various chapters, certain articles which combined with a selection of its own contributions, will be sent on to the editors of the CRESCENT, and there published in the next number.

I will now go into the details of the plan and give some of my ideas for carrying it out practically. Let some suitable member be appointed by the chapter to receive the contributions and to arrange them together, in good order for preservation, at some convenient time before the night of the meeting. For doing this cheaply and with the least amount of trouble, I would suggest that the articles should be written on one side only of the paper, so as to be attached to the leaves of a prepared scrap-book, which can be obtained at little expense. The separate numbers of the paper will then be always fit for reference and for preservation. Once a month from the contributions of the past month can be selected those for the grand chapter's perusal and criticisms. The copying of these articles will be all the real extra work required, for if the individual chapters send their selections written on but one side of the paper the grand chapter will have only to cut out from the mass those it deems best for publication. If thin paper be used the expenses for postage will be small.

The character of the articles contributed should be local and of such nature as will interest and enlighten the fraternity reader. Chapter locals and college items, private adventures and good jokes or witty sayings, if not admitting too personal or too coarse an interpretation, should all find a place in the chapter paper. Notices of the alumni and extracts from correspondence could be included.

Every chapter should remember that, in the volume of the number of its paper, it leaves behind material for her future historian, and should see that all the statements to be published as true, are true. Each chapter would be proud of its paper and would endeavor to show therein its true state and feelings, thus rendering it much easier for us to determine the true condition and wishes of the fraternity at large—and a new and interesting department be added to the CRESCENT.

PI.

FROM AN ALUMNUS.

Messrs. Editors:—When I received the first number of this year's CRESCENT, I did not put it down until I had gone clear through it, some parts more than once. It was good, very good, and this volume bids fair to excel last year's in excellence. I missed the division notes, and came to the last page all too soon. Advertisements

may be paying contents but they are not particularly interesting reading.

Brother Hartzel spoke with his usual vigor in his article on "Membership," and gave voice to the opinion of the fraternity on this subject. In its childhood days the Fraternity did make some slips as to honorary members, but they were few, and it has always been conservative in this direction, and the action of the last convention makes an honorary member a practicable impossibility. I think, however, that the brother was a little hard on the $\Phi K \Psi$. It is true this fraternity admits honorary members, but so do others. Its constitution, at least, does not take cognizance of their existence; but I have before me a copy of the constitution of the — Fraternity, now in effect, which not only permits such members, but makes special provision for them. Article II, Section IV reads: "The object of this fraternity shall be to promote the general interests of the fraternity, and to hear an oration and poem which shall be delivered by honorary members." I do not mention this fraternity's (?) name because it is foreign to my purpose; but if it can be called a fraternity its object in life is certainly a low one. It is but fair to add that this society includes its graduate members in this catalogue, but it also says that "the honorary members of this fraternity shall consist of persons duly elected at the biennial conventions and initiated by the chapter which proposed them;" and it says further, through its constitution, that "each chapter of this society shall have power to *elect* and *initiate* honorary members of the same." This article is not written for the purpose of dictating to this or any other fraternity. It is older than our own, and is supposed to know what is best for its own existence. I wanted to distribute the burden and relieve $\Phi K \Psi$ somewhat, as others are much greater delinquents. $\Psi \Upsilon$, $\Delta K E$, $\Theta \Delta X$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Sigma$, and ΣX can be mentioned along with the former fraternity. But though it is a minority of fraternities which have taken a stand against this practice, yet it is the true position. The "Fraternity Idea" is not that each fraternity should contend with all the others, to rope in as many prominent men as possible, but to raise them from its legitimate members. If the Delta Fraternity cannot, from her own ranks, raise good men—men who will take prominent positions before the public, she does not deserve them at all. Let each chapter see to its own legitimate members *now*, paying no attention to outside matters, and she will have *honorable* members in time. We are a young fraternity; our list of prominent men is short; we cannot compete with others, some double our age, in this respect; and we will only make ourselves ridiculous in attempting it. The present field of action for the "Crescent" fraternity

lies in college life and with students. After a Delta leaves the Campus of his Alma Mater, it is his duty to aid the fraternity with suggestions and influence, but it is entirely foreign to the fraternity to seek its members among non-college men, even though they be the highest in the land.

Have patience: a young man cannot achieve prominence immediately, it takes time to make a reputation, and all our graduates are young men yet. Take care of the members and the fraternity will take care of itself. Renown cannot be purchased, it must be won.

W. L. McCLURG, A, '79.

A LETTER FROM OUR "CIRCUIT RIDER" IN THE FAR WEST.

COYVILLE, WILSON CO., KAS., NOV. 10, '79.

Beloved Members of Delta Tau Delta:

Since you last read anything from my pen many changes have come to the Editor-in-Chief ("which was"). I have changed from the chrysalis of student life to a full-winged—circuit rider. Only a few months ago I was like as one of you, a boy in College, enjoying all the advantages and associations which such a life entails; but *now*, I am far away, hundreds of miles from the nearest of our "royal sons," and thrown into the active duties of a busy life. A few months ago I might have been seen strolling through the beautiful campus surrounding Allegheny College in company with some friend or brother, or entertaining "the boys" when gathered into my room for a social chat and smoke after supper; but the manager on the stage of life whistled, and *presto*,—the scene is changed. Invisible hands have thrown to either side the delightful scene of college days, and a new landscape opens up before us. Winding hills, covered with craggy and ragged oaks, restrain and guide the course of a small river. Over these sandy and rocky hills up and down the stream for fifteen miles might be seen at almost any hour of the day a lonely traveller on horse-back, and the saddle-bags dangling behind; the saddle is a proclamation to all that gaze on him from their cabin doors that he is the "young circuit rider", and *your* brother and former companion.

I have not gotten so far away that "Uncle Sam's" mail bags cannot reach me. The old stage swings into our little village three times during the week, and I never fail to receive some word from the great world that lies beyond the confines of my rocky circuit. A short time ago I received the first number of Volume III of the CRESCENT, and I eagerly devoured every word in it before I recognized its much improved condition. First of all I must say, "Hurrah for Sol Chryst!" He has done nobly in securing so many "ads." and improv-

ing the exterior appearance of the paper. My oldchum, the Editor-in-Chief, has not proved recreant to his trust in spite of his manifold duties, and I heartily congratulate him on his first number. Go on, Ned, you are doing grandly. I feel that my four long years of toil and patience with you have not been in vain. I have no doubt that Volume III will be far superior to Volume II in every particular. I can easily discern the skillful "HAND" used in the "make-up" of the paper, and am glad that the CRESCENT has such a warm friend in the person of the foreman of the job-rooms where it is published. I always found him with a smile on his face, even after he had a long talk with the "Review Editor" of the *Campus*.

I was particularly pleased with Bro. Scott's Convention Poem. To one who is widely separated from college associations it is very touching. I both laughed and wept while reading it. Long will the memory of "our poet" linger in my mind as I used to meet him in the meetings of the SIGMA. With "specs" on nose and pipe in mouth, he was the centre of our mystic circle. Great rings of smoke would roll forth from those *well-trained* labials, and many a boy grew sick "unto death" in his Herculean efforts to cope with the Poet in that "art of the pipe."

But I must not presume on your valuable space longer than to say that I am happy and prospering in my work. Of course I miss you all more than words can tell, but I can not be with you always and must be about my Master's business. I travel from ten to fifteen miles on horse-back and preach three times every Sabbath. I also preach many times during the week. The change of climate, hard labor, and many hardships, have told on my health. Twice have I been prostrated with the fever and am just recovering from a lingering and severe attack.

Suddenly was my boat wrested and torn from its moorings and cast into the storm of life. My boat is now on the river, and I trust as the stream widens and the valleys stretch out to the neighboring hills, my influence for good shall enlarge, and when I near the river's mouth and catch a glimpse of the broad ocean beyond, I shall look back lovingly and longingly to my old college home, and think of the many *true friends* of my boyhood days.

Fraternally,

CHAS. B. MITCHELL.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CHAPTER BETA.

BY WILBER COLVIN.

(Concluded.)

In 1866 J. F. Lukens was sent as our first delegate to a convention. He says, "during the last week of the college year 1865-6, I was chosen delegate to the first

General Convention of the Δ T Δ ever held. The convention met in Merchant's Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 3d, 1866. Five chapters were represented namely: Alpha, Jefferson College; Beta, Ohio University; Iota, Western Penn. University; Theta, Allegheny College, and Lambda, Monmouth College. In organizing the convention David Nicoll of Lambda was chosen Grand Magister, J. F. Lukens of Beta, Vice G. M., and W. M. Boyle of Alpha, Scriptor." Bro. Lukens was also chairman of the Committee on Rules. His credentials to the convention, an exact copy of which is here given, is certainly an interesting document:

BETA CAPITULUM,

DELTA TAU DELTA,

OMNIBUS FRATERNITETIS FAUTORIBUS SALUTEM DICIT.

Quibus notum sit quod Joseph F. Lukens, legatus Delta Conventioni in Pittsburg, futuræ suffraganti capitulo electus est. Cujus rei testimonio Scriptoris chriographum est datum ex Universitatis Ohiensis Aedibus Athenis die undecimo ante Kalendas Julias annoque Salutis Humanæ, MDCCCLXVI.

JNO. P. DANA, Scriptor.

Late in 1866, by request of Alpha, measures were taken toward establishing a Chapter at the O. W. U. at Delaware, O. Accordingly C. O. French was delegated to Delaware in Dec. 1866, and succeeded in founding a chapter there, which subsequently became the ALPHA.

In Feb. 1868, we find recorded an account of the sending of two cuts to the ALPHA, one representing our pin (the cut now used on our envelopes,) and the other combining the symbols of our Chapter, "that the latter might be placed at the head of our names in the forthcoming catalogue." The latter cut we never saw more. But it became the general Fraternity coat-of-arms, and I suppose we ought to be satisfied. It had been devised several years previously by Bro. Jno. R. Scott.

In 1871, Bro. W. D. Lash was G. W. P.; and in 1872, the convention was to have been held there; but a few months before the time for it to meet, ALPHA was requested to appoint some other place of meeting. Why this change I do not know.

Last fall, when the matter of charter coat-of-arms was agitated, this Chapter took immediate measures toward procuring one. The extent of her success was made known in the new catalogue.

The BETA's latest project was the planting, April 12, 1879, of a row of fifteen young elms, one side of an avenue of elms, in the college campus, by which to perpetuate her name and actions. Just now measures are on foot to procure and fit up a hall for the use of the chapter.

These are only a few isolated events out of many more that might be mentioned if space permitted.

An account of the magnificent banquets, reunions, and rare literary entertainments would fill a small volume. And we can scarcely more than mention a few distinguished names who donned the purple in the BETA, and of whom all Deltas may well be proud. Jno. R. Scott needs no introduction, neither does Gen. T. F. Wildes. Maj. Chas. Townsend represents Athens county in the State Legislature, and is fast becoming one of the first lawyers and most popular orators in the State. Both he and S. H. Bright, of Logan, have been favorably mentioned as candidates for State Attorney General at the coming fall election. J. F. Lukens, Lebanon, Republican candidate for State School Commissioner in 1874, M. S. Campbell, Portsmouth, W. S. Eversole, Wooster, W. D. Lash, Zanesville, and W. M. Tugman, Aberdeen, are among the most popular young Public School Superintendents in the State. W. W. Gist, President of Willoughby College, Willoughby, O.; R. R. Brown, Prof. National Science, Merom, Ind., fairly represent the collegiate department. Dr. R. Gundry, Sup't of Spring Grove Insane Asylum, Baltimore, Md., late Sup't of Central Insane Asylum, Columbus, O., before that Sup't S. E. Insane Asylum, Athens, O., has scarcely a peer in his profession in the United States; while Dr. B. F. Miesie, Chillicothe; Dr. H. M. Lash, Athens; Rev. J. C. Jackson, London; Rev. F. S. Davis, Miamisburg; T. J. Harrison, Oak Hill, member 61st General Assembly; Warren Miller and D. F. Pugh, members of the West Virginia Legislature, and many other names would do honor to the records of any society.

The BETA has a membership of 127; fifteen of which are now active members. Seven men have severed their connection with the chapter; three withdrew and four were transferred to other chapters. Beginning with 1866, she has had representatives in nine annual conventions, twice sending two delegates.

We will say in conclusion, that the prospect for the future is brighter than ever. With such a foundation, with a strength now greater than all opposition combined, morally, mentally and socially, with a true love for and a firm faith in the virtues of the grand Delta Tau Delta, and with entire unity and a fair degree of enthusiasm, the BETA bids fair to continue onward and upward with ever increasing power, laboring for the beautiful and the good.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, O., May 17, 1879.

HISTORY OF THE PRESENT ALPHA CHAPTER.

BY CHAS. E. RICHMOND.

CHAPTER I.

(Continued.)

It was about this time that the character of the boys who should be members of our Chapter was determined

upon by inward universal consent, and we have endeavored to stand up to it down to the present day. They did not take in a man simply because he was a good student and stood a good show for college honors, nor because he wore good clothes; but he must possess a true manly heart, an equitable temper, be a fair student, and a light-hearted, merry good fellow. In fact he must possess all those qualities which a man must have before you can say to him, "brother," in the truest sense of that word; and while we may not have turned out those guiding-text-book-men, who know almost every Greek and Latin root and nothing else, yet it has been our main endeavor to send out men who, in after life, would be educated and refined gentlemen.

In those early pioneer days the meetings of our chapter were held in the rooms of the different fraters, and while returning from one of these late one night our boys were singing some college melodies, a student called "Bloody Williams" threw up a window sash and called them "Choctaws," which name we bear with pride to the present day.

In 1865, our name was changed from Theta to Delta. The chapter still grew and flourished, although strenuously opposed by the other older fraternities; but opposition is frequently beneficial, and in this case it was just what they needed. The "Choctaws" of that day dug up the "tommy-hawk" against the other fraternities, and it was not buried until our rights were assured.

For "many moons" all went merry in the "wigwams" of these "Choctaw" Greeks, and the only event of any importance which took place was in 1867, when they commenced to convene in the "hut," a structure as prominent to the Deltas of that day as the Tuilleries was to the Parisians. The principle exercises during these meetings was the reading of Shakespeare, and sometimes laying out the plans of warfare against the other fraternities, which had now combined against them, and it required all the "Choctaw's" vim and determination to hold their position; but they succeeded, and the combined forces were compelled to retire, disgraced by the reaction of their own slanderous tongue.

During the spring of 1869, the place of meeting was changed from the "hut" to the parlors of the Colt House, and it was here that the first prominent event took place by which our Chapter was connected to the general fraternity history; for, on the 14th of April of this year (1869,) the National Convention assembled with us, which, by the way, is the first convention of which any adequate records are left, and in all probability it was the first prominent one we ever held.

The delegates convened in the parlors of the Colt House. We were represented by Bros. Geissinger and Parmlee, and in the convention minutes a vot.

thanks was given Chapter Delta for her successful entertainment of the visiting fraters. It is in this year, also, we have the first records of a banquet which was held at the Colt House, on Tuesday evening, June 22d, and from that time to this every commencement at Allegheny has found the "Choctaws" camped out around some heavily laden and daintily prepared table of viands.

In the winter of the college year of '69-'70, the "Choos,"—like their namesakes, the wandering aborigines, never satisfied to remain long in one place,—again changed their place of meeting to the parlors of the "Occidental." The exercises during these meetings were the reading of Shakespeare, orations and debates with an occasional initiation, of which we have heard the most ludicrous and extravagant reports, almost excelling the famous stories of Baron Munchausen. But here let me say a few words about the readings of Shakespeare which occupied such a prominent part in the exercises of these meetings. The members of the first ten years of our Chapter's existence, seemed wonderfully fond of the "Bard of Avon," and upon this one fact we could lay the foundation of their successes at college and in after life; for, to young men of the average age of college students, there is no book, except the Scriptures, that will form and mould a young man's character for the highest and noblest ends as the works of the "Gentle Shakespeare," and to those chapters whose business does not take up all their time, there is nothing that would be more beneficial than the forming of a Shakespeare club. But, returning to our history, Bro. Roudebush was our delegate to the convention of '70, and the annual banquet of our Chapter was held at the "McHenry," on the 21st of June. Bro. Roudebush delivered the valedictory and Bro. Hunt the reply.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A TIMELY EPISTLE.

Dear Crescent and Brother Deltas:

The first number of Vol III of the CRESCENT has been duly received. It is no flattery to say that I am delighted with our paper. It has improved in general appearance and in execution; the matter and selections are apropos to the circumstances of our common brotherhood.

We can justly, as a fraternity, be proud of our paper. Its influence is surely being felt upon the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. The standard of our membership has surely risen to a higher degree of excellence.

The influence of the CRESCENT, (if conducted as it now indicates it will be conducted) will be of great good on the general fraternity.

Now, if the CRESCENT is of general good to the whole fraternity (and there is no reason to doubt of it) every effort should be made to increase its usefulness. This can be accomplished by each chapter and every member of the fraternity doing all they can to increase its efforts.

I would impress upon all chapter officers to be active and vigilant in their duties, and urge upon every member of their respective chapters to do all he can to increase the circulation of the paper among the active members and *alumni* of their own chapters.

To my brother *alumni*, and old brother Deltas, I appeal in the interest of the CRESCENT. It is a duty devolving upon you, growing out of your first initiation, to do all honorable means to increase the CRESCENT in its power of usefulness. This is true from both a literary and financial standpoint. Our younger brothers in college who are conducting the business need encouragement. This can be given both in money and kind efforts. With money we can help them in a material view; by kind efforts we can encourage them to increase their labors, thus giving us a good, neat literary paper, that will reflect honor and importance upon the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. This can be best accomplished by promptly sending in your advertisements and subscriptions. This should not be delayed, but attended to at once, and I feel that every true Delta will promptly use all his efforts to increase the CRESCENT, and thus add to his noble brotherhood.

Yours Fraternally,

Vincennes, Ind., Nov. 5, 1879.

J. P. L. W.

GREEK WORLD.

Gen. A. J. Myers, "Old Probabilities," is an alumnus of K A.

A Φ K has recently founded a chapter at the University of the Pacific, San Jose, Cal.

Φ K Ψ. There is a report that this fraternity has entered Northwestern University. It has good chapters at Nittenberg and Wooster.

X Φ at its Convention in Cincinnati, last August, elected as Grand Alpha one of Σ X's former grand officers from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Φ K E and X Φ. It is whispered these fraternities are in a very weak state at Dickinson College; the former, at most, hopelessly so.

Δ Ψ. This order enjoys the reputation of being the most *secret* of all college fraternities. Since its organization in 1847 it has founded eighteen chapters, eight of which are now dead. The EPSILON, at Trinity College, has a \$40,000 chapter house.



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A Merry Christmas
 and a
 Happy New Year.

STATIONED at the helm of the principal publication of the $\Delta T \Delta$, we have been able to look out over the sea of our Fraternity. In the eastern horizon the sun is coming up midst a most brilliant coloring; the mists which had seemed to gather about that quarter are cleared away; the rays of light are shooting themselves over the surface of the deep blue sea, and are reflected by the increasing brightness of the CRESCENT. A brighter and more illustrious day is dawning upon our beloved organization. As we gaze toward the occident the view is not so reviving. Here and there a dark cloud obscures the azure sky—in some places no larger than a man's hand, while in others it assumes a threatening appearance. The bright spots of the west present a more glowing aspect when contrasted with dark, but their brightness is not powerful enough to overcome the surrounding gloom. Delta Tauism is advancing! This year is opening up with brilliant prospects. Some of the sleeping chapters of last year are aroused and rubbing their eyes, surprised to find they have fallen so far in the rear. Occasionally we find a chapter which needs a little nursing—this sort is of no possible advantage to us. We do not want one parasitical chapter in our whole Fraternity, and it is the general opinion of true Deltas that we *will not* have them in the future. These lowering clouds *must* begin to rise soon. We do not want a charter where the true, loyal spirit does not exist. In proportion to our strength the $\Delta T \Delta$ has very few inanimate members. We have now acquired sufficient power and reputation to cut loose from anything which will impede our progress. This *must* be and *will* be the best year of our brotherhood; we are gaining laurels now, and they should rest only on the deserving heads.

THE "History of the TAU" has been received too late for publication.

DELINQUENT Chapters will please stir themselves in regard to subscription lists.

THE boys at the RHO send encouraging words. The true Delta spirit is manifesting itself with some force at Hoboken. We congratulate the RHO and shall always expect it to be one of the beaming and effulgent orbs which surrounds the CRESCENT.

WE regret that Bro. Talcott's communication arrived after the publication of our last number. From the nature of the article it is now too late for it to appear. Correspondents will please bear in mind that all copy should be received by the Editor-in-Chief not later than the twenty-fifth of each month to insure insertion.

BRO. JIM PIERCE, formerly of RHO, is managing a blast furnace at Sharpsville, Pa. We dropped in on him the other day and found him much elated, and in a general good humor, on account of the recent iron "boom." Jim still manifests much interest in the welfare of his old fraternity.

THE Fraternity cap, suggested in our last number, meets with favor and opposition. The ALPHA is desirous of having the opinions of all chapters on this matter. The columns of the CRESCENT are open to all new and novel ideas which will elicit any interest in the general fraternity.

SINCE the publication of the last CRESCENT, the Delta Tau has been able to unfurl her banners with most flattering prospects in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. We extend to our brothers at UPSILON our sincerest desires for abundant success, and we exchange with them the grip which causes the heart of every true, loyal brother to thrill with warmth and delight.

THE last Convention displayed excellent judgment in selecting Bro. D. H. Geissinger (A, '71,) and Bro. A. J. Culp (Σ, '79) as orator and poet, respectively, for the next Convention. Both of these gentlemen are active ministers, and possess brilliant accomplishments, which are making them an honor to their fraternity and a credit to their profession. There is, no doubt, a treat in store for those who shall attend the Convention of 1880.

ALPHA LOCALS.

Bro. Snyder has two handsome pets in his room in the shape of a pair of rattle snakes.

Bro. Koester lately made the College library a handsome present of a complete set of "Waverly Novels."

Bro. Sol Chryst, our business manager of the CRESCENT's interests, has some chromos he would like to dispose of.

Bro. Locke, our Editor-in-Chief, has a "charge," according to the Methodist phraseology. This, together with the CRESCENT and his senior studies, keeps him quite busy.

Bros. Jameson and Bemus were among our Delta visitors for the last month. Bro. Jameson came up from Warren especially to attend our Chapter meeting and to meet our new boys. Warren has some fine Deltas, and we class Dave among the best of them.

Bro. O. P. Sperra, of old Chapter Delta, at Ann Arbor, dropped in upon us rather suddenly the other day. We did not have a chance to see much of him, and when we did he was considerably *dishabile*, but he looks quite natural.

Seven copies of "American College Fraternities," by Baird, were taken by our Chapter. The work is very complete and quite authentic. We heartily recommend it to the brothers who take an interest in fraternity matters, and desire to be well posted about fraternities in general. Each chapter should have a copy in its library.

At the recent select performance of the Allegheny Literary Society the "Choctaws" were well represented, there being four $\Delta T \Delta$'s, two $\Phi K \Psi$'s, and one $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. Of the Deltas, Bro. Snyder read an excellent original poem, entitled "Literary Potpourri," which has received much merited praise as a poetical production. Bro. Locke, our genial Editor-in-Chief, maintained the negative of the debate in his usual eloquent and masterly manner. Bros. Decker and Richmond declaimed the "Quarrel of Brutus and Cassius."

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

THE GAMMA.

The opening of the college year was long and anxiously looked forward to by the members of Chapter GAMMA.

After the long and pleasant vacation had drawn to a close we again found ourselves on hand for earnest work. The active college members were not only interested, but our efficient resident alumni rendered their services as they had never done before during the writer's connection with the fraternity. We found that if we wished to secure any new men we would have to bend every effort in that direction; there being eight fraternities here the competition is remarkable. The following are our new members: Hulbert Agnew, '83, Philadelphia, Pa.; Geo. C. Clark, '83, Schellsburg, Pa.;

Ebner T. Frasher, '83, Wheeling, W. Va.; Charles B. Reid, '83, Steubenville, Ohio; P. P. Lewis, '80, Smithfield, Ohio; Will H. McFarland and Ed. H. McFarland, '84, Bangkok, Siam.

We now number fifteen active members and have a resident alumni of eleven. We have a hall in which we meet every week.

Bro. Will N. Taylor, '79, of this place, took an eastern tour this fall to Norwich, Conn., to visit his brother Rev. E. M. Taylor, F, '73, pastor of the Second M. E. Church of that city. Will was one of our most active alumni this fall in fraternity work.

Bro. Geo. P. Miller, '78, is secretary of the Democratic State Committee. Geo. still shows his appreciation for Deltaism by his attendance at the meetings and his interest in GAMMA's future history.

Bro. Sam Workman, '79, is cashier in the Savings Bank. Sam is the friend of all the boys. But we are afraid that ere long we will miss him in fraternity hall as the attraction elsewhere is much greater.

W. H. Kirk, M. D., of Doylestown, Pa., class of '63 at Jefferson College, was on a visit at this place in September.

Sam. W. Fairall, '83, of Iowa City, Iowa, was sick during the summer and was unable to return this term. He expects to be with us next term.

J. F. Taylor, '76, has been admitted to the practice of law in this place. We predict for Frank a prominent place in the legal fraternity.

Nov. 10th, 1879.

J. F. M.

THE RHO.

CHAPTER RHO, HOBOKEN, N. J., Nov. 22, 1879.

Dear Crescent:—It is now over a year since RHO has been heard from in the CRESCENT. The fact is that there has been nothing, nay, less than nothing, to say. Matters have, however, changed with us here, and we can once more raise our hands and our voices among our brothers and say, we too are working for the good cause. We hold our meetings with regularity, have a very fair attendance, and our whole proceedings are characterized by a harmony and a state of enthusiasm which has, according to the old stagers, never been equalled in the history of the chapter. Two men, good and true, have joined our ranks, and our numbers promise to be swelled by some more in the near future.

Fred Rosenberg, '81, who left us last spring, has gone to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and has been instrumental in helping us to a chapter at that place.

F. E. Idell, '77, is in Chicago. Though lost to sight, his old chapter is still dear to him, and his letters come brimming over with words of advice and encouragement.

A. G. Brinckerhoff has gone into the steam heating and ventilating business.

Our "second differential," Bro. T. F. Koezly, '75, drops us a word semi-occasionally. "Dora" was one of the inspectors of election in New York recently.

Jno. S. Cooke, '79, is at the Danforth Locomotive Works, Patterson, N. J. We hear from him very semi-occasionally.

Joe Pracy, '81, is captain of the Steven's football team. Bro. Bert Elliot, T, '81, spent a few days with us last August. To say we were glad to see him doesn't express it. As one of the boys quoted: (?)

"Now is the summer of our discontent
Made glorious winter by this son of York."

We take a good deal of pride and interest in our new chapter, UPSILON, and propose to do all we can to help it in the thorny path it will travel for a year or so. The reports that come to us bespeak an active and enthusiastic set of men.

Rho holds a reunion on the 26th inst., when it is expected that we will have the pleasure of greeting a number of our alumni and of visiting members.

Fraternally, BRICK.

THE UPSILON.

TROY, N. Y., Nov. 15, 1879.

Brother Deltas:—UPSILON chapter, at R. P. I., Troy, N. Y., at a regular meeting, at their lodge rooms, adopted by-laws and regulations for the government of chapter, founded Nov. 9th, 1879.

It has a permanent organization, bright prospects and general success.

Officers—Park Valentine, W. P.; West Bissel, S. A. and P.; F. Rosenberg, S. and T. (founder); J. Masses, A. and O.; A. N. Menocal, Sa. The above are charter members.

New members—C. O. Ruple, A. E. Deal and E. A. Deal, all of them students at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

THE MU.

In 1875 almost all eyes of the Greek Letter World were turned with wonder toward the Ohio Wesleyan University, some to rejoice and some to lament the sudden fall of the $\Delta T \Delta$ fraternity at that place. For ten years she had held her place with an almost constantly increasing influence. Among her alumni are numbered some of the O. W. U.'s most thorough students and ablest scholars, than whom worthier men were never given diplomas.

Delta Tau Delta again has a home at Delaware, and not only is it there, but there to stay. It is taking root strong and deep. The Mu, with her earnest boys, is a power so strong that the *strongest* do not feel disposed to attempt to cope with her. The best of the seven fraternities she has to contend with, respect her and court her friendship. The others let her alone. Why should they not? For she has men whom older fraternities solicited and earnestly worked for. During her career there—since June of '77—she has graduated three worthy men and added two more to her ranks. Now eight well armored knights of the crescent stand ready to work and fight for the "beautiful and good." In a year she will be second to none at her University.

G.

THE THETA.

BETHANY, W. Va., Nov. 10, 1879.

The THETA sends brotherly love to the CRESCENT and its readers.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of several copies of the first issue of the CRESCENT, as well as the elegant catalogues, convention minutes, etc.

On the 23d of October last, about three o'clock in the morning, the usually quiet little town of Bethany was aroused from slumber by the cry of fire, and, on "turning out," everyone saw the right or north wing of our magnificent college in flames. The loss is estimated at \$9,890, but covered by insurance.

The Neotrophian Literary Society celebrated its fortieth anniversary Wednesday evening, Nov. 5. The orator of the evening, Mr. C. W. Norris, a Delta of Germantown, Ky., acquitted himself nobly. After the performance the Deltas adjourned to the President's mansion, "on the hill," where Mrs. President had in readi-

ness for us one of the most delicious banquets that ever tempted a Delta's palate. If it did not surpass, it surely rivalled the grand Delta banquet at Gill's Palace, Put-in-Bay, although we did not have the songs and "the same old game."

It is with regret that we state that our young friend and brother Delta, John W. White, one of the THETA's active members, will leave us next week for his home in Russellville, Ark. He leaves to take charge of a cotton plantation. "Good bye, John," may your shadow ne'er grow less.

THE ETA.

AKRON, O., Nov. 15, 1879.

The ETA is happy to chronicle the marriage of Bro. E. F. Voris, '75, to Miss Lizzie U. Slade, '76, Buchtel College. The wedding occurred at the residence of the bride's father in Columbus, O., the Rev. T. P. Abell, of the Universalist church, officiating. The presents were numerous and valuable. The boys wish them a prosperous voyage through life's tempestuous sea.

Bro. Geo. A. Peckham, '75, is Professor of ancient languages in Buchtel College.

Bro. A. B. Tinker, '76, was recently elected Financial Secretary of Buchtel College. His predecessor, Rev. H. F. Miller, is also a Delta.

Bros. A. R. Gum, '77, and H. H. Whitmore are attending medical colleges, the former at Cincinnati, O., and the latter at Chicago, Ill.

Bro. F. N. Carter, '78, has charge of the circulation of the Akron *Beacon*.

Bro. D. A. Doyle, '78, is in the senior class of the Law School of the Cincinnati College. Dayton will make his mark in the world.

Bros. N. C. Chisnell and R. P. Burnett are in the office of the Buckeye Reaper and Mower Works, Akron, O., the former as stenographer, the latter as assistant book-keeper.

Blackstone engages the attention of Bros. F. B. Skeels and W. B. King at Cleveland and Ravenna, O., respectively.

Some of the members of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, of Buchtel College, should read the ninth commandment and put it into practice. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Fraternally, J. O. SIMMONS.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

THE OMICRON.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Nov. 19, 1879.

Editor Crescent:

Chapter O received the last number of the CRESCENT and was much pleased with it.

We commenced this year with but four members,

and have added six more up to the present time. The prospects are good, and we hope by the end of this college year to stand on as firm a footing as any chapter in the fraternity.

We have had a great many hindrances to contend against, but the spirit of the true $\Delta T \Delta$ has carried us through so far.

We rejoice with the fraternity that the CRESCENT is in such good hands, and with many good wishes for its future success. I am

Yours Fraternally,

D. H. JACKSON, S. A.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

On the 22d of November we witnessed the departure of our brother Henry L. Livingston. He goes to teach school at Farmer City, Ill., and such persons as desire to communicate with him should note this change in his place of residence. We hated to see him leave, as he is a brother, good and true; but we console ourselves with the thought that it is all for the best, and that he will again be with us in the spring. Success to you, Henry, in your new undertaking.

The Deltas of the class of '79 seem to be making a good start in the world. Bro. Grubb is teaching school at Barry, as was mentioned in a former number of the CRESCENT. Bro. Ed. Webster has taken to the grocery business, and may now be seen in one of the local groceries attending to the wants of customers. Bro. Myers has returned from a short trip westward, and is reading law in Peoria. Bro. Hale, we understand, is of the same mind as Bro. Myers, and will soon begin the study of law.

Bro. Leslie Greenwood, '64, who is at the head of Harper's Agency, in Chicago, recently paid Lombard a flying visit. It seems that he still remembers his Alma Mater, and the "good old Delta Tau," although he is so pressed with business that his stops in the city are usually limited to only an hour or two.

Lambda has elected Wm. A. Parker as first annual historian. He will write up as much of Lambda's history from the point where Bro. McNeal left off, and after this we hope to have an account of our doings and conditions to hand down to the future Deltas of Lombard.

Will Carlton lectured at Ames, Iowa, Saturday, Oct. 24th. The boys of OMEGA turned out in full force to hear him, and we understand were highly pleased with the discourse.

At the close of the college year, Nov. 4th, Chapter OMEGA, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and Chapter

MU, of the I. C. Sorocis, held their third joint exhibition. The exercises consisted of invocation poem, essay, declamation and valedictory, with appropriate music.

NICK.

EXPULSION.

At a meeting of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity of Chapter GAMMA, Washington and Jefferson College, held on the evening of March 24th, 1879, John H. Graham, of the class of '82, was expelled from the fraternity. A notice of his expulsion appeared in the CRESCENT following. Since that time we have learned that he has passed himself off as a Delta Tau Delta on meeting a member from another Chapter. All brothers are again notified not to recognize him as a Delta.

J. F. MARCHAND, S. A.

November 10th, 1879.

ALUMNI NEWS.

F. E. Idell (P, '77,) is in business in Chicago.

A. S. Sprowles (Σ , '77,) has opened a law office in Washington, Pa.

Alfred P. Frautwein (P, '76,) is Superintendent of the Continental works at Greenpoint, L. I.

Albert W. Stahl (P, '76,) is a First Class-man at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

Wm. Kent (P, '76,) is Associate Editor of the *American Manufacturer*, published at Pittsburgh.

Jas. E. Denton (P, '75,) is acting Professor of the Department of Engineering at Steven's Institute of Technology.

Henry A. Beckmeyer (P, '76,) is with the Weston Electric Light Co., Newark, N. J. He was formerly Librarian of Stevens' Institute.

Jno. Rapelje (P, '77,) is with the surveying party which is surveying the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad, to run from Carrolton, Pa.

Rev. D. H. Geissinger (Alpha '71,) the orator-elect for next year's Convention, has received a call to the pastorate of the Church of the Holy Trinity (Lutheran) in New York City.

Brother F. E. Higard (Rho, '76,) who has held the position of assistant supervisor on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad for two years, and who was located at Huntingdon, Pa., has had to resign on account of ill-health. He is at his home in Washington, D. C.

Lewis H. Nash (P, '77,) is Superintendent of the American Water and Meter Co., Williamsburg, L. I. He has invented a water meter so delicate that it will measure accurately the amount of water flowing in a stream only one-eighth of an inch in diameter.

A LETTER FROM GERMANY.

HAMBURG, NORTH GERMANY, Oct. 23d, 1879.

Dear Brother Deltas:

Often have I thought of you, both when I was on the deep blue ocean, and also since I have been enjoying the numerous sights which a traveler on the Continent is constantly drinking in,—by some to be well digested, by others to be slighted. I hope I belong to the former class. So different did I find the ocean from what I had imagined it to be. The horizon constantly seems so near, no objects being visible to help to make a perspective. Fortunate were we that we had good weather, and thankful should I be that no tempest raged. One imagines the sea to be as quiet as a glassy surface, or as rough as wind and tempest can make it. But neither did I find it to be. To some voyagers it is, and perhaps I may yet see the ocean stirred by storm, and its billows angry with tempestuous surgings. One wishes to see it so, and yet I dare not, for it seems like tempting Providence which at all times is kind. The sea is constantly going and coming—rising and falling—ebbing and flowing. It seems ever discontented with itself and wishes to, and actually makes you, at unrest. I must say I found it neither as majestic in serenity, nor as terrible in mad, wild grandeur, as I had expected. As I saw the sea, it rather impressed one as the earth's cauldron, which was cooking well, but not too well done, a meal for all its inhabitants. A wave would seem to come from the north-east, and meeting a wave from the south-west, the two would consult what movement was the better next to make. The Gulf Stream would meet the waters of the mid-ocean, and imparting warmth to them would thence course onward to be tempered by the colder waters of frigid climes. Both the zenith and the horizon seemed nearer than on land,—the sensible horizon, indeed, seems very near. On the ocean one sees verified what all geographers affirm, that first the sails of a ship are seen, and then its main part,—gradually do these distant ships become more and more discernible to the eye. The air is very dense or very clear, so that one sees nothing but the water near the ship, or the water and horizon with any objects dotting it at great distances. Here one is impressed with the spherical shape of the earth, especially when you are sailing toward the rising or the setting of the sun, as we contradictoonly express ourselves. Almost the only companions which the sea in certain latitudes gives one, is a bird something like a swallow, which flies so continuously that you wonder that it does not tire itself. Often one wishes to ask it if it is not weary, and will not alight on the ship. But on and on it noiselessly flies—only making the stillness more intense—for you wonder why it does

not chirp or cry, as some would suppose, for a place to rest its weary wing. At last it becomes a real companion, and a kindly intimacy exists between this love of the sea and the lover of the land. One night the rain descended in torrents, so that the cabins with their little windows had to be doubly protected as I retired. I felt as if I were being put to bed, as children feel on rainy nights. The steward came to my cabin window, and not only closed it, but drew out a shutter that I had not seen before. This was done so as to exclude the intense moisture and rain. I gathered up my feet in the berth, pulled the cover more tightly around me, and knowing that there was no immediate danger, the old childhood feeling came once again,—a delightfully comfortable feeling of security, tinctured with a little fear. Not often does childhood visit its old tenement, but when it does how welcome it is. And thus childhood and manhood, two yet one, slept together till morning-light. In the morning I was asked by the captain of the vessel, whether I would not have a portion of the several flying-fish which the steward had prepared. These had evidently been carried out of warmer climes by the rains, and owing to the darkness of the night a part of their school had in their flight struck the cabin of their ship, and the next morning were found by the sailors on the deck. The flying fish can fly at a considerable height above the water, but immediately their finny wings become dry, they drop into the water helpless. The second officer of the ship presented me with one of their wings, which is the souvenir actual, with the childhood-souvenir ideal, I have of this strangely real night on the sea. In my book do I keep the wing as something rare, for it is not often the flying-fish are caught in these more northern waters.

A veritable romance happened mid-way between New York and Rotterdam. The doctor of the Schiedam became enamored with a fair blonde German Fraulein on her way home to Cologne. The doctor was one of those healthy, happy, jocund persons who seemed indigenous to Holland. In the quaint city of the very Dutch Rotterdam were cultivated those graces which made him very attractive to the Cologne Fraulein. Meeting her for the first time when she came aboard the ship, it seemed indeed like real sentiment and love at first sight. He was very large and dark. She small of stature and blonde. Thus was verified the old idea that opposites attract. One day I was in the cabin saloon, when I saw for the first time unusual glances which meant very much. The Fraulein was tufting the white feather on her pink bonnet, in and out would the knife go, as if she was not thinking of the feather, but of something else. Thus affairs progressed. Many walks on deck were taken—morning, noon and night—

until I thought that something other than the *Ars Medica* absorbed the doctor's mind and time. At last the doctor came one day to me and said: "Mr. Zacharias, I want to introduce you to my Braut;" in such way do the Hollanders and Germans speak of their betrothed. I was much surprised, although not entirely unprepared for such an announcement. Of course I congratulated the Doctor and also the Fraulein when next I saw her. I had known her as long as the Doctor, and he only was doing what was the custom in Germany in wishing to introduce me to her as his Braut. Here the young lady is a Braut when such announcement is made, and when married she is a Frau. Many happy days were spent by the two during the rest of the voyage, and I have no doubt they wished it to be lengthened, as I wished it shortened. But as I told the doctor, it is an ill wind that blows nobody some good; for the voyage was two days longer than usual, and the betrothal took place on the most tempestuous night of the trip. Thus happened the betrothal of a Dutch doctor from Rotterdam, and a German Fraulein from Cologne. Many times did I see them afterwards together, the last time in Cologne, where I had the pleasure of drinking coffee in the house of the Fraulein's parents. The Hochzeit is to be next spring, when I am to be especially invited. This was the Romance of the Schiedam, and it is equally true as it was genuine. Two more are added to the list of happy people, unless the quaint inscription is true which is on the old mantel-piece of the Rath-House Keller in Zuebeck, and which said to the newly married of old who came there to celebrate their bridal festivities:—"Many a man sings loudly when they bring him his bride; if he knew what they brought him, he might well weep." Many were the comments which the Zuebeckers no doubt made upon this very flattering criticism on the marital state.

At the close of the thirteenth day the second officer came to me and said easily, "Look yonder," and with delighted eyes I saw the cliffs of the Scilly islands. We were the first to desery land. Sea-sickness immediately lessened, and returning spirits increased. Little by little did the land of the Scilly islands become more visible. As these receded from view the cliffs of Anglia appeared, and our ship entered the waters of the English channel. Town after town is seen on the near shores of good old England, and ship after ship is passed. The dove-tail color and shaped clouds, which artists love, are seen hovering over the white chalk-cliffs, and one gazes at the latter in the same way as the Phoenicians of old, wondering at their whiteness. The distant shores of France are not visible, and one wishes that Belgium was as near as England. Passing through the Straits of Dover the ship enters the sea, and in twelve hours reaches

the mouth of the Maas. One for the first time now sees the lowlands of Holland. Here the steamer waits until the tide will carry it to Rotterdam. The sand-banks along the coast are ever changing its character, so that what may be a haven and entrance at one time for the Dutch ships may not be at another. The Dutch sailors are therefore often very much inconvenienced by being compelled to seek at different times different exits from the North Sea into the various estuaries which are so numerous along the coast of Holland. In due time the Schiedam enters the Maas, and steers its course to Rotterdam, one-and-a-half hours from its mouth. Here and there can be seen the thatched roofs of the Dutch houses, and as it is Sunday the people come to the Banks to see our big ship pass. The scenery is so different from anything we Americans can think of, that I will tell you good Deltas of its picturesque beauty. Holland constantly suggests to the eye the idea of a land fairly wrenched from the grip and grasp of the sea. Not long does the sea seem to have receded and left traces of sandy beaches, which the untiring energy of an undaunted people has gradually improved so as to be habitable. The North Sea, ever true to Father Neptune, endeavors to reclaim for him what has been wrenched from his ancestral patrimony. A constant jealousy and unceasing struggle is ever maintained between it and the Nederlanders, in which, alternately, success is for the one or for the other. At one place there is a dyke called the Kinder dyke, where at one time was quite a darf. The waters were not able to empty themselves sufficiently rapidly into the Sea, and thus a large tract of lowland was inundated. Sad, sad misfortune came to the little Dorf, and the only trace of its former inhabitants was a babe in a wicker basket guarded by a faithful cat. At this spot there was constructed the Kinder dyke to mark the spot, and also in the future to protect the surrounding country from a similar catastrophe. Here, then, as elsewhere in Holland, the struggle for supremacy between artificial dykes and the recurring inundations is a memorial of Dutch energy and ceaseless activity. Frequently the houses are lower than the banks of the waters, the second story only appearing. But this latter is to be seen further up, as when the Jek is reached. Strange little Dutch houses are seen along the Maas, in which man and beast have accommodations under one roof. But to their credit it must be said, the Dutch peasant is infinitely more cleanly than the same class in the United States. These thatched homes are the places whence come the celebrated Holland cheese, and so attractive and cleanly do they seem, that henceforth when I eat it, thoughts of the quiet, contented, happy Holland faces, and their tiny houses will peer at me. The thatches of these homes are not of straw, but of thrushes, which grow in such abundance along the Rhine and its branches. In immense numbers these are stacked along its banks, and very useful are they to the peasants. Between the mouth of the Maas and Rotterdam I saw for the first time genuine Dutch windmills, but of these I will speak in my next letter, when I will introduce you to the quaint gables and red tiles of Rotterdam.

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

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