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*"May no cloud obscure the Crescent  
Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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## DELTA TAU DELTA SONG.

*Jas. A. Porter Delta 1877*

Brothers, once again to-night we mingle here,  
Where from Wisdom's fountain we may draw  
Knowledge that shall make us each to each more dear,  
And exalt our good old Delta Tau.

CHORUS.—Glory, glory, how we love to sing,  
Glory, glory, let our voices ring,  
While we join in chorus let us gladly bring,  
Tribute to our good old Delta Tau.

Struggling up the hill side, gladly facing storms,  
Pressing on to do our honest share,  
Let us ever labor for the part which forms  
Manhood in its highest, noblest sphere.

Chorus.

When our course is ended, and from hence we go,  
May we not forget our solemn vow,  
But let every word and every action show  
Honor to our good old Delta Tau.

Chorus.

## FRIENDSHIP.

"Nor unremembered is the hour when friends  
Met: friends but few on earth, and therefore dear;  
Sought oft, and sought almost as oft in vain:  
Yet always sought; so native to the heart,  
So much desired, and coveted by all.  
Nor wonder thou—thou wonderest not nor need'st.  
Much beautiful, and excellent, and fair,  
Was seen beneath the sun, but naught was seen  
More beautiful, or excellent, or fair,  
Than face of faithful friend; fairest when seen  
In darkest day. And many sounds were sweet,  
More ravishing, and pleasant to the ear;  
But sweeter none than voice of faithful friend,  
Sweet always, sweetest heard in loudest storm.  
Some I remember, and will ne'er forget.  
My early friends, friends of my evil day;  
Friends in my mirth, friends in my misery, too;  
Friends given by God in mercy and in love;  
My counselors, and comforters, and guides;  
My joy in grief, my second bliss in joy,  
Companions of my young desires; in doubt,  
My oracles; my wings, in high pursuit.  
Oh! I remember and will ne'er forget,  
Our meeting spots, our chosen sacred hours,  
Our burning words, that uttered all the soul;  
Our faces beaming with unearthly love;  
Sorrow with sorrow sighing, hope with hope  
Exulting, heart embracing heart entire.  
As birds of social feather, helping each  
His fellow's flight, we soared into the skies,  
And cast the clouds beneath our feet, and earth,

With all her tardy leaden-footed cares,  
And talked the speech, and ate the food of heaven.  
These I remember, these selectest men;  
And would their names record. But what avails  
My mention of their name? Before the throne  
They stand, illustrious, 'mong the loudest harps,  
And will receive thee glad, my friend and theirs;  
And many friendships, in the days of time  
Begun, are lasting here, and growing still;  
So grows ours, evermore, both theirs and mine."

—Pollock's Course of Time.

## DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY.

BY JAS. S. EATON.

### XI PAPER—CHAPTERS.

The title Omicron, as given to the chapter at Lancaster, Pa., was afterwards changed to Tau by a duplicate charter being granted to it. This is my recollection of it at least, and all will agree with me that it still bears it with credit. Shortly before the close of the year, Dec. 3d, 1874, a charter was granted for a chapter, under the title of Nu, to be established at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., which was done by the members of Chapter Pi at South Bethlehem, Pa. I do not know just who they were or how many. Here again is an oversight of Chapter Nu at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; but perhaps, there were no indications of progress from it, as accounts have been noticed of its being in rather a critical condition in 1875. The appearance of the date, in the last catalogue, of this chapter at Easton, Pa., may not harmonize with the one here given, but it was an agreement of the chapter to give this date 1875, because it came so near the close of the year, when it was established. The former given above is the legitimate date, and therefore it may be given here as belonging to 1874. The succeeding year was one long to be remembered by the members of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity; and especially by the members at that time of our much beloved Chapter Delta. It was during the fall term of college, in 1874 that the event really happened, which marks the following year of 1875.

It was the disorganization of Alpha, at Delaware, Ohio, and the transfer of the papers and other articles in its possession to Delta at Meadville, Pa., where I received them into my own hands. This, of course,

placed Delta at the head of affairs for the time being, to make investigations. Everything was shipped to Delta without any explanation whatever, and entirely unexpected on the part of its members. All that came with the package was a note stating their disorganization, which was a greater shock to us, probably, than to the other members of the fraternity. Immediate inquiry was made of all the chapters that could be reached without too long a delay, as to their satisfaction of Delta retaining the power entrusted to it. Upon their responding in the affirmative, we, who composed the chapter, took it upon ourselves to bring the affairs that had been left to go down, up to a higher standing, before the next convention, which was much desired by the members of Delta to be a success notwithstanding the calamity which had come upon us as a fraternity. The selection of another chapter to assume the responsibility necessarily depending upon an Alpha chapter having resulted in favor of our much esteemed Delta, we discharged that duty temporarily under that name, but still retained the title Delta until the convention of 1875. It was then chosen to act as Alpha proper, when its cherished name, Delta, had to be given up and the chapter was duly authorized with the governing powers of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, which position, I think no member will doubt, it has held with credit to itself and a marked improvement made in the affairs of the fraternity at large. But whatever dependence is to be put in this, it, like others, is liable to vanish; though it is to be hoped that all authority will be given up in due time to some chapter more suitable, with proper and satisfactory explanations, before that happens. It might be a matter of some interest to the fraternity to know something about the personal history and standing of their now authorized Alpha. If this may be incorporated here, will the fraternity indulge me a little, for it is quite natural that I should know more about this particular part of the chapter than I do of the same in others. It is also important to the fraternity at large to be acquainted with the chapter by which they are governed. You will, for these reasons, please pardon me for lengthening my remarks upon this chapter, which have been reserved through all its course as Delta, for this opportunity. Among the many bright and flourishing chapters of our noble order, this one soon found a position. Its individual, personal history, in a certain sense, is short, and perhaps some have lately become familiar with it to some extent, but that is not exactly what is designed. Let all know and have some idea of the chapter they are under. The devotedness it has long exhibited in Delta Tauism is well known by its neighboring chapters, and perhaps the unfolding of a few terms applied to it may remove the barbarous impressions they generally leave, and throw light upon what seems mysterious to those more distant. The contests through which it has passed, have

been quite numerous, but I am happy to say mostly victorious. When defeated, however, it did not put on a gloomy aspect or wear crape as though it was forever lost; but on the contrary, it generally looked on the bright side of things. It has always been composed of that kind of boys who are congenial, jovial, and ready for fun at almost any time that particular element among students affords an opportunity. Good, noble hearted boys, who can always find associations among the entire body of students, as though they did not belong to any fraternity at all. There may be some exceptions to this as a general rule, but I think it must be acknowledged, that it has the widest associations of any chapter of the three fraternities in Allegheny College. It has often been noticed that the congeniality and friendship which existed among its members, caused many to seek their company. Doubtless in some cases it made them feel sorry that they were not Deltas themselves. I say this because other members and myself have been asked by outsiders whether they could become members of our good old Delta Tau. With such a spirit it is not hard to keep up a good live chapter. On one occasion as the members were returning from the Hall and in some degree of mirth, testing their lungs with the usual college melodies, characteristic of all institutions, a phrase with somewhat plaintive accents, was heard to come from the lips of a student, so called "Bloody" Williams, "Listen to those Choctaw whoops," from which sprang the name "Choctaw," and by which we are generally known yet at Meadville. "Tousang" is a term of quite recent origin and originated from a Phi Gamma Delta friend, who persisted in getting it off, on different occasions until it became a by-word for sometime among the entire company of students. Shortly after this it received special attention from the Deltas and became the *nomen* to which more than one was introduced in no less guttural tones than those of Doc Silver. Many of Alpha's members will recognize this, but I forbear further elucidation of this term lest I might disturb poor "Tousang's" enjoyment in reticence among the slumbering, under the dark curtains of mortality.

[To be continued.]

#### THE LATE OPPOSITION TO FRATERNITIES AT FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGES.

BY J. S. HARTZEL.

CONCLUDED.

6. *Loss of personal life.* Reference is here undoubtedly had to the death of Leggett, of Cornell University, who, while undergoing an initiation into the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, about five years ago, fell down a precipice and was killed. It was a simple accident, which occurred because the parties to the initiation were ignorant of the nature of ground over which they trod. Had it occurred on a geological excursion, or while coming home from church, would the cause of

science or Christianity be held responsible? Neither should fraternities have the death of this unfortunate young man unduly added to any responsibilities which they may properly be asked to assume. Where is the harm in this?

7. *The oath is profane and immoral.* Every Delta will know that with regard to our own fraternity, this charge is utterly false. But I wish to defend the character of secret society oaths in general. The "oath" is simply an obligation, a covenant and promise enacted previously to the divulging of the signs, symbols and secrets of the Order, that they shall be forever kept from the knowledge of the world; lest their intent should be thwarted, and their purpose prevented. Now, pray, what harm is there in this? Do you not all, when you have anything of a private nature which you are willing to confide in a friend, before you tell him what it is, demand a solemn promise of secrecy? And is there not the utmost propriety in knowing whether your friend is determined to keep your secret before you presume to reveal it? But, you answer, it is not in this sense that the oath is profane and immoral, but in that you call upon God to witness an oath by which you bind yourself to do all manner of immorality, wickedness and crime. I have already shown that there are *very* few, if any, fraternities, of whatever character or name, that have this object in view. I know of only two, the Mollie Maguire and Ku Klux Klan, and they are washed out of existence. College fraternities are not to be, and do not allow themselves to be compared to these, and classed among them. I need not say any more concerning the object of fraternities. If there was or is a righteous cause beside Christianity, that which the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity embodies and teaches, and which all true Greek societies will espouse, is one.

8. Let me here quote an entire sentence: "What," says he, "what is the evil of general meetings of students,"—these, by the way, are forbidden for the reason that they may lead to rebellion—"to the meetings of these clubs, that meet when they please, where they please, and do what they please, in the dark hours of the night." Human freedom allows all men to meet when and where they please, and do what they please, as long as they are decent and orderly, and observe the civil and moral—and in this case college—laws. Greek societies do not transgress any of these laws. If they are violated, it is not their fault, and the blame should not be laid to them. They rather observe them and teach humble submission to them. And pray, is it not human, as far as right, and proper, and just, to *please* one's self? If they did not meet as aforesaid, in Fraternity Halls in the dead of night, would they—I am speaking of *students*—would they not congregate in saloons or other houses of debauchery? "The dark hours of the night," when detection is not possible, is just the time for such carousals, and students just the

ones to do it. Why, then, forbid them to join a fraternity, forbid them to meet in their halls and be taught "whatever things are true, are honest, are just, are pure, are lovely, are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praises," and there be instructed "to think on these things" and to do them, as all Christians are commanded (where to do them it does not matter) by Paul in Phillipians. Why offer the other inducement, spread vice and corruption, and counteract the good intentions and good influences of Greek societies?

9. *No reference is made in the charter or the constitution about these societies.* Simply because they are "foreign and outside" as the honored gentleman himself claims, as I have explained above. This needs no further attention. I am sure the omission of it does no harm to the charter or constitution; nor is it any cause of regret to fraternities.

10. "The catalogue proclaims to parents that we invite youths into our bosoms for the purpose of enjoying literary and moral training, but who meet on the threshold these irresponsible parties, these boy-traps and perfect nuisances." Good! Fraternities claim the privilege of assisting in giving that training—moral training, and that in a more practical way than the college authorities can give it, whether by lecture or example. Ah! wait a moment. Let us see. It is a well known law in ethics, that the actions which we are compelled to perform against our wishes, and the thought which is forced upon our minds without our own consent, are not our actions; that, when our fellow-men forcibly compel us to do or to hear things which we do not wish to do or to hear, we have no more part in it than if we were brute beasts, or inanimate objects. It is their action solely. Here is the pledge to abstain from all fraternity connections, which each new-comer was introduced to with the polite invitation to sign, or take the other alternative—back out of the door and go to his fond mother. Should they then—can they be held responsible for this act; can they be made accountable for turning away from this one-sided agreement? Can they be punished—is it a moral wrong if they fail or refuse to comply with the stipulations in the pledge? By no means. It is the intention that gives character to the action. But to the point. Is this matter of a pledge, exacted from uncomprehending and unwilling Freshmen, a sound example of morality? Is this the morality these youths are invited to enjoy? Is this the training which they are expected to obtain? It is rather expected that this first specimen shattered all their cherished hopes. Rather entrust them to such sound moral principles as Greek societies enjoin—to such injunctions, for instance, to truth, to honor, and to virtue as the initiatory service of Tau gives.

11. "There are two governments in college, the true college government and that of these secret societies."

This argument against fraternities is cut short by denying that their government is "in college." It is not, and does not desire to be "in college," for the simple reason that fraternities are "foreign and outside institutions." They have things of their own to attend to, and do not interfere with the matters that should exercise the government of the college. I repeat that the latter is the "true college government," and the *only* government that "runs" the college and its affairs, everything else to the contrary, notwithstanding. Where, now, is this argument? But I have no doubt that if that practicability, skill and shrewdness, characteristic of college fraternities, could be transferred to the college authorities—if secret societies would be allowed, and could be made, to govern college affairs, it would be a decided advantage to the college, and a wholesome lesson to the "college government." Many a college that is now dead as a stick, would wake up to new life and prosperity. Where is the harm in this?

12. "It is sometimes said that the pledge is not effective. That is not so." But I will show that it is so—that those members of the Faculty and friends of college that opposed it were correct in their assertions. Figures do not lie, and these I took by an actual count. This shows the number of fraternity men in college during the four years that the pledge was in vogue, which number, as a general thing, was equally divided among four fraternities. For the year '73-'74, 54 fraternity men; '74-'75, 45 men; '75-'76, 40 men; '76-'77, 41 men at the least. This was the last year, for the following, the year '77-'78, the pledge was set aside as a nuisance. This shows a decrease year after year in the number of fraternity men, in that such as were faint-hearted and fearful of consequences could not be enticed into fraternity connections. But examine the same records from which this count was taken; examine the catalogues of the college, and you will find that the number of college students made a yearly decrease of one-sixth the whole number of students for the first year, and about five per cent. for the other years. This shows the injurious effects of the pledge business on the prosperity of the college, and not on that of college fraternities; for it injured the one, and rendered valuable aid to the other, in that it showed who are the more bold and the more fitted for the mysteries of fraternity—who are the more able, and worthy to be in and at the head of a fraternity when danger *seems* to threaten them. It saved the fraternities the trouble of spying out their men, and for this assistance, for this *affectionate regard* on the part of the authors and defenders of the pledge, we give thanks. I hope that fraternities—and especially the Delta Tau Delta everywhere, may be as prosperous as they were at Franklin and Marshall during this onslaught.

### HISTORY OF CHI.

During the spring of 1874, when the Iowa Wesleyan University was enjoying her palmiest days, was Chapter Nu, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, established.

The cause of her organization resulted from oppression of the students who were not members of *secret societies*, by those who were.

For a year Chapter Nu flourished favorably, graduating several excellent men, and she would, without doubt, have survived to a good old age, had not the *sacred* rite of her ballot been violated by admitting into her "mystic circle" students who were not worthy of admission, thereby causing trouble to spring up between the members, which terminated not until it had effected the dissolution of the chapter.

After the downfall of Nu there arose no opportunity for re-establishing the chapter until in the winter of 1877, when an antipathy again sprung up between the "outsiders" and the "fraternity men." This time, however, the "outsiders" were in the ascendancy, and for one term made things exceedingly "hot" for their opponents.

C. W. Meeker, a graduate of the University, who had been a member of Nu, was at this time studying law in Mt. Pleasant, and frequently visited the institution, and observing that among the "outsiders" were enlisted a goodly number of the best students in college, at once resolved, if possible, to rebuild the old Delta Tau chapter. So one day, approaching a group of the non-fraternity students who were engaged in conversation, he broached to them the subject of forming a chapter. At first, being so prejudiced against secret societies, they would not even grant him a hearing, but refused to connect themselves with any secret organization of whatever description. As this was near the close of the term, Mr. Meeker thought it would be best to let the matter drop until the next term opened, and so said nothing more upon the subject until in the early part of January, 1878, the winter term being then fairly under way, when he again urged upon them the merits of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Finally, after having been shown copies of *THE CRESCENT*, and being convinced that the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity had other ends in view than merely a desire for college honors, five of them resolved to accept the proposition made them. Mr. Meeker then applied to Alpha for a charter. The charter was granted, and Mr. Meeker appointed to organize the boys into a chapter. So on the evening of the 15th of January, 1878, C. L. Velde, C. F. Smith, A. C. Kauffman, J. S. Moon, and C. W. Beattie, assembled together in one of the recitation rooms of the University, where the oath was administered to them by C. W. Meeker. Shortly after the meeting of the organization Messrs. L. H. Kauffman, Andrew Davidson, W. A. McCoy, W. O. and N.

E. Carpenter united with the chapter, thus increasing her membership to ten.

Thus was Chapter Chi founded in the Iowa Wesleyan University; and in conclusion would I say that, although she has ever had much with which to contend, she always has been victorious. While she has not been able to wield as great an influence for good over the fraternity as some of the older chapters, she has done what she could. And though she has oftentimes been fiercely assailed by opposing chapters, she can say that her future is yet bright. And that she may become a shining star in the grand and glorious old Delta Tau Delta constellation, that she may be instrumental in doing great good, in working good results, in perfecting those things which are imperfect, is the wish of one who reveres with respect and veneration her sacred teachings.

C. W. BEATTIE.

#### FRA<sup>T</sup>ERNITY LIFE AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

DEAR CRESCENT:—I am sorry that you desired me so early in the year to give you some idea of fraternity life at the University of Virginia. Having been here such a short while, and not being actively engaged in the workings of the "Clubs" (as they call them here), I of course am sensible of my inability to speak of them with that accuracy and precision which I would desire, but even were I to stay here any great length of time, I do not think it would be my desire to have them any more nearly bound to me than as acquaintances. From my observation and also from conversation with members of fraternities here, who have also seen "secret society life" elsewhere, I may safely tell you that the life of all such institutions in this place is nearly "pegged out." They all seem to be conscious of the fact that in a few years they will either die out or certainly change in the character of their members. I trust that Alpha will never suffer a chapter of our fraternity to be placed at this institution, for, in a few years it is bound to die because we have no other chapters in this State and in the South. You will better understand this when I tell you the nature of the University of Virginia. The students are composed almost *exclusively* of graduates, or at least former students, of other colleges, and hence all the best men in the University come here as fraternity men. There is no chance for a society unless it has chapters all over the State, or South, to keep it supplied with material. Let me give you an illustration of my meaning: the *B. Θ. II.* have ten members this year—only *two* of these were here last year, two have been initiated and *six* came here as Beta Theta Pis. This fraternity is quite strong in this State, and this statement may show a very fair average. Very few men are initiated into the clubs.

And then again, the course is so very "tough" here that the majority of the students stay only one year!

Out of 363 in '77-8, 206 were here for the first time, and I believe the proportion is even greater this year. In such a state of affairs as this it is impossible for one to count on anything at all, even a year ahead of time. A few years ago the Sigma Alpha Epsilons had one of the finest chapters here, and now they are dead—died a natural death; *i. e.*, for want of breath—that is also the fate of our own illustrious chapter founded a few years ago with the extraordinary membership of a man named Pipes.

I have been thus lengthy in regard to warning you of this place, from the fact that this is without doubt the finest educational institution in the South, and I think I am not saying too much when I tell you that its standard is the highest in the United States. In the Law Department (the only one in which I am personally interested) 83½ is the mark for graduation. Last year there were 50 or 60 applicants for graduation, and only *fifteen* made it. Can you show me any such standard as that? But for fear, if I write much more, I will run into praising up my college (which of course I have not done yet), or what is worse, get into politics, I will bid you adieu, and in doing so I must tell you that in my opinion the CRESCENT of '78-9 is a grand success. You fellows up there at Alpha certainly know how to run things in style.

Wishing you more than success in your noble work, I am always a true *A. T. A.* THETA ALUMNUS.

#### OUR TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

This number of the CRESCENT is issued just twenty years from the founding of our order, at Bethany, W. Va. During those years the Delta Tau has suffered much, at times has been almost crushed by many opposing circumstances, has been the object of storms of ridicule hurled at her by the older and wealthier fraternities, and laughed to scorn at the idea of the young pigmy that dared to rear its head in their midst and claim its share of attention and recognition; and just at the time when she was beginning to make her existence strongly felt, the war of the rebellion called her sons from her chapter houses to the battle field, and her growth was stunted, and her life almost extinguished. In those trying hours of her struggle, noble sons of the Crescent stood by her, and kept her purple from trailing in the dust. Although our beloved fraternity has seen many dark hours, although at times the black and portentous clouds of opposition and ridicule have blackened her sky, yet, on this her twentieth birthday, her sky is clear, and in the east her Crescent is shining more clearly than ever, dimming the lustre of the smaller constellations, and increasing toward a perfect fullness. Although at one time the giant spectre of entire dissolution stared her in the face, yet, notwithstanding our "perils by false brethren," and numerous other trials, she has passed safely through those

purifying fires, and to-day stands on a firm footing, unencumbered by dead branches and useless dross.

Now, what is the outlook for the coming years? Could we but catch a passing view of our future and see ourselves as we *shall* be seen, the question would be answered. But what we *can* be, if we *will*, is no question of uncertainty. Lord Beaconsfield, when a young man, is said to have uttered these prophetic words to a public assembly: "Man can be what he pleases. Every one of you can be exactly what you design to be. I have resolved to hold a certain position, and if I live, I will." This sentiment is as true of a collective body as of an individual. If we set our aim at the heights of greatness, as a college fraternity, and steadily pursue the course by which she is now characterized, ten years from now we shall have chapters in many standard institutions where at present we have none; and our opponents will then tremble more terribly than they now do when we array ourselves against them.

There is one thing on which we may depend—we shall never succeed unless we stand united. Just as soon as a chapter allows dissension and strife to creep in and gain the ascendancy, factions will arise, and the chapter virtually signs its own death warrant. As long as the welfare of the fraternity is foremost in our hearts we will cherish her councils and love our brothers; but if she becomes a secondary matter, and is used only as a tool for personal power, or as a stepping-stone into some literary society, then quarrels and discords will arise, members will take sides, and in a short time the chapter will be divided against itself. In general, we have been happily free from this trouble, and we mention it here more in the light of a warning against its possible occurrence in the future than of regret for the past.

At present the condition of our brotherhood is extremely flattering. With twenty-five active chapters in some of the best colleges in the United States, each chapter having an average membership of twenty on its roll, and the best class of students who attend these colleges for her members, the fraternity is rapidly taking front rank among those fraternities that were old before we were born. This state of affairs ought to fill every frater with hope for the future. As long as we are animated by the true Delta spirit, and possess the proper conception of the "fraternity idea," there need be no fear for the future.

#### JEFFERSON COLLEGE DURING 1861-62.

THE following letter from one of our pioneers gives quite a good idea of fraternity life at Jefferson college during the earliest periods of our existence.

EAST BRADY, Pa.

DEAR SIR AND BRO. DELTA—The CRESCENT came to hand to-day and I never laid it down until I had read every word of it. I must say I feel proud not to have

been a Delta, but to be one yet. I can hardly realize that the little arrangement which I helped take from the depths, is to-day the giant which is plainly visible from the publication of a monthly. To-day old memories are brought up anew, and as I go back nearly twenty years, I cannot help feeling both sad and joyful.

In June, 1861, I became a member of what was shortly afterwards Chapter "A," D. T. D. I was initiated into the mysteries in a room occupied by R. S. Sutton and S. S. Brown, students at "Jefferson." There was but one other present, James S. McKee, who was the Secretary and took care of the documents, which to the best of my recollection consisted of a sheet of paper and a lead pencil. We four then, Sutton, Brown and McKee for officers, and myself for members, comprised all that I knew under Heaven of the Delta Tau Delta. We could not find any good material to suit us, and concluded to wait until the next term for other students to initiate, and accordingly bent our energies for that purpose. We were on the ground early and snatched enough to make a start and set out with anything but bright prospects. In August, 1861, McKee graduated, leaving three to carry on the work. I believe Dr. H. P. Hugus was the next one taken in, and he would have been in sooner, but we all thought he was a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , until on going home I found he was not, so I *propped* him and he took it into consideration until his return, he having a prop. from some other one. Well we got him, and went to work heartily to get members; for Sutton, Hugus and I would graduate in one year more, and material must be left for the future good of the chapter. Accordingly we initiated, as near as I can remember, about sixteen or eighteen, all new comers, and started out unknown to any but ourselves, holding the balance of power in elections of the literary societies, and though we were supposed to be insignificant, our first ballot brought our enemies to terms, and they came offering the right hand of friendship, for the spell was broken. All went well for that year, and when we three left the college it was on a fair footing. But the war played havoc with the chapter, and I believe every member, except one, shouldered arms and went to the front. At that time (1862) there were, I think, three other chapters; Bethany, from where Sutton and Brown got their papers for starting our chapter, Athens, O., for which I believe I drew up the papers, and I think that J. J. K. Warren came to Cannonsburgh and was initiated and took them away. I am not positively sure about this, nor that Warren was from the University of Athens, but I do know that he got the charter for some chapter and made a good start somewhere. J. J. K. Warren died in Philadelphia in 1864 while attending medical lectures. I was present with Sutton and Hugus, my room-mates, at his bedside when he died. Dr. Hugus kept up correspondence for some years with many of our chapter, and in writ-

ing to me frequently alluded to some of them starting chapters in other places. \* \* \* \* One Sandy Earle came to Bethany, who had formerly been a student in the University of Charleston, S. C., and in my day Sandy Earle held the same place in the D. T. D. heart that Luther does in the Lutherans', or Wesley in the Methodists'. \* \* \* \*

Fraternally yours,

R. ROBINSON.

THE GREEK WORLD.

There are two *K. A.* fraternities, a Northern and Southern. The Northern was founded at Union College in 1823. The Southern in 1855, at Washington and Lee University. It is most likely an offshoot of the Northern, broken off at the time of the war.

Cornell University has ten fraternities, viz.: *A. Δ. Φ.*; *Δ. K. E.*; *Z. Ψ.*; *X. Φ.*; *Ψ. Υ.*; *Θ. Δ. X.*; *A. Σ. X.*; *Δ. Υ.*; *Δ. B. Φ.*; *K. A.*

The *Δ. B. Φ.*, founded at Cornell in the early part of the present year, has already four chapters, viz.: at Cornell, Lehigh, University of Pennsylvania, and Lafayette.

Five fraternities use a diamond-shaped badge: the *Ψ. Υ.*, *Δ. K. E.*, *Φ. Γ. Δ.*, *Δ. B. Φ.*, and *Δ. Ψ. Θ.*

The *Σ. X.* at its late convention, voted down a motion tending toward the establishment of a fraternity journal.

The *B.* chapter of the *Φ. K. A.* has been absorbed by the *A. Σ. X.* fraternity.

The *A. Δ. Φ.* will hold its next convention at Hartford, some time in May, 1879.

The *Σ. X.*'s will convene for their next Grand Chapter at Washington, D. C., in November of 1880.

The *Z. Ψ.* held its annual convention at Troy, N. Y., on the 26, 27, and 28 of December.

The *Φ. Γ. Δ.* and *Φ. Δ. Θ.* have just issued their new catalogues. The *Φ. Δ. Θ.* shows very little taste or experience in such matters.

The *A. Σ. X.* has lost its *Z.* Chapter at Columbia, it having become enamored of the *Dekes.*

The *Ψ. Υ.*'s, of Michigan University, are going to build a chapter house.

The *X. Ψ.* was founded at Union, in 1841. It has eleven active chapters, and has granted about twenty charters. The badge is a monogram.

The *Δ. K. E.* was founded at Yale, in 1844. It has twenty-nine living chapters, but has founded about forty-five, and is about half as influential as the *Ψ. Υ.* which has not granted more than seventeen charters, and has sixteen active chapters at the present time.

The *Σ. X.* has about twenty active chapters, but in

the accounts of the proceedings of their late convention a list of thirty two is given. They go on the principle that numbers show prosperity.

TERM REPORTS.

We subjoin the following taken from the term reports as far as received:

FIRST DIVISION.

ETA BETA PRIME, - - Western University, Pa.	
No. members - - - - -	5, all active.
Condition - - - - -	Moderately good.
No. meetings - - - - -	7.
Average attendance - - - - -	3 4-7.

The loss of four men in June, and the absence of three during this term have interfered somewhat.

THIRD DIVISION.

GRAND CHAPTER PHI - - - Hanover Coll.	
No. members - - - - -	10.
Condition - - - - -	Very good.
No. meetings - - - - -	17.
Average attendance - - - - -	9.
Average age - - - - -	20.

Five men graduated, and two left college last year.

ZETA BETA PRIME - - Butler University.	
No. members - - - - -	8.
Condition - - - - -	Fair.
No. meetings - - - - -	7.
Average attendance - - - - -	6.
Average age - - - - -	18.

The chapter is fighting hard, but it has three long established chapters to work against.

OMICRON - - - - Asbury University.	
No. members - - - - -	3.
Condition - - - - -	Indicates improvement.
No. meetings - - - - -	6.
Average attendance - - - - -	3.
Average age - - - - -	18.

Started this term with but one member, and by constant energy and diligence expect to establish a good chapter at Asbury.

KAPPA - - - - Hillsdale Coll.	
No. members - - - - -	7.
Condition - - - - -	Fair.
No. meetings - - - - -	6.
Average attendance - - - - -	5 2-3.
Average age - - - - -	22.

Do not expect any increase till spring term. Have furnished a hall and are all ready for anything.

EPSILON - - - - Albion College.	
No. members - - - - -	14.
Condition - - - - -	Good.
No. meetings - - - - -	12.
Average attendance - - - - -	10.
Average age - - - - -	22.

Chapter is in a flourishing condition. Expect to initiate some new men next term.

#### FOURTH DIVISION.

OMEGA - - - - -	Ames, Iowa.
No. members - - - - -	16.
Condition - - - - -	Flourishing.
No. meetings - - - - -	8.
Average attendance - - - - -	15.
Average age - - - - -	22 3-16.

Brother Whitney, of XI, is meeting with us and intends to join us formally.

A large number of the reports of the first and fourth division are not in yet, and none from the second; but from those that are in it can easily be seen that affairs are prospering finely.

THE prize badge will be given out soon. Iota is leading, being one subscriber ahead of Tau.

It is an acknowledged fact that the work of running the affairs of fraternity is generally left in the hands of a few. The others are true enough Deltas, yet they are always slow to take a leading part. Now there is but one solution to this; it is, that part of the people came into this world to command, and the rest to follow their lead. Let the brothers think of this, and when some important question comes up for action and they see the brothers around them debating it with an interest worthy of a Delta, let them bring this principle home to themselves and say; that man who is debating the question so eloquently, and who is always ready to go on committees and do the fraternity work, was born to lead while I was born to follow him; and he who will willingly degrade himself into a follower, even in a good cause like ours, is surely without ambition. If he would but push himself forward and vie with the rest for his share of the labor, he would find that what he previously looked upon as a burden is a pleasure, a real genuine pleasure, and one that only fraternity men can enjoy. A worthy ambition should characterize all true Deltas; an ambition to lead, not to follow. If we trust to chance to throw us into important positions and honor in the world we will surely be disappointed. We must set our marks, set them high, and work for them, untiringly, and unceasingly. The brother who displays the most energy, discretion, and business ability in fraternity will also display them more prominently out in the world. The lessons he took in fraternity will be of invaluable aid to him, and the reputation he gained at college he will carry with him beyond the college walls, and should he ever run for office or come before the people in any manner, his college mates, who are scattered over the Union will say "I knew him at college, he was one of the *leading* orators of our society, a man of most excellent ability and good morals," and the man who lives to gain such a reputation has not lived in vain.

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## EDITORIALS.

THE CRESCENT wishes you a Happy New Year.

WE lose a Congressman and gain two by the last elections.

WE return our thanks to Bro. Phil. J. Lamar for his interesting communication in this number.

BRO. CHAS. MITCHELL, the Editor-in-Chief, spent his holiday vacation traveling, and the management of the CRESCENT naturally fell upon the Vice.

WE have lately refused a charter to Muhlenburgh College. There are doubtless some fine young men there, but the college is not of a high enough grade to be honored with a chapter of our Delta Tau Delta brotherhood.

WE publish the history of Chapter Chi in this number. Chi is small in number, but great in energy, and will doubtless make her future history one that the fraternity will be proud of.

THIS number makes its appearance on the birthday of our fraternity, and when we look back on her past life, at her struggles and her victories, we may well be proud that we are one of the component parts of such an organization.

WE have an article from the flowing pen of Brother Hartzell, on "Membership," that will appear in the next number. The remainder of his article on "Opposition to Fraternities at Franklin and Marshall College," appears in this.

AT the present time there is a slight tendency to indulge in personalities in the CRESCENT. This is a great abuse of its columns. It was established to promote brotherly feeling, and an interest in one another, and not to excite jealousies. A slight rivalry between the chapters is good and healthful, but let us be careful not to hurt the finest feelings of any brother.

THE Brothers must not be surprised if we omit the February number of the CRESCENT, as our present financial condition will fully warrant us in omitting two numbers out of the volume of nine, but it will not be done if it can possibly be helped.

WE understand that some chapters have taken in honorary members. We do not know the circumstances under which this was done, but we question the right and policy of it for, if we can not raise honorable men among ourselves, if our alumni when out in the world do not become honorable, then do we not deserve honorable men. The question seems to be new, and we invite a discussion of it through the columns of the CRESCENT.

WE print in another column a notice that Brother Buchanan will publish his Directory of Delta Tau Delta Attorneys. Bro. B. is an enthusiastic Delta, and we only wish that all our alumni would take as much interest in the fraternity as he does. This directory is published in pamphlet form, and will contain about three hundred names and addresses. It is a particular protege of Bro. Buchanan's, and he certainly deserves the everlasting thanks of the fraternity. Let the secretaries lend him their immediate assistance.

THE present catalogue fund is not sufficient to publish a catalogue that would be as good as our last, and that is inferior to what it should be. The first important matter should be to put a more substantial binding on it. This is sadly necessary. If a hundred fraters would pay some extra, we might have a hundred handsomely bound, and it would be something that they would be proud of, and an ornament to any center table. There should also be a new and larger cut of our coat-of-arms for the front or title page. Will some one make a move, or suggest something about these matters? Do not leave everything to Alpha, as she has already as much labor and responsibility as she can well carry.

WE hear active members often lamenting the lack of interest which the majority of alumni have in the welfare of their chapter, and there is a good deal of truth in what they say, but the fault does not lie wholly with the alumni. After a man leaves college, in many cases he does not hear directly from his chapter for years, and of course loses interest. Each chapter should take it upon itself to keep its alumni informed as to its active life, and then if it has cause to fall back upon its alumni for any assistance, it will not find them deaf to its appeal. It would be a good plan for our chapters to have printed at the end of each college year, a history of the principal events taking place during the year, and transmit this to each alumnus. It would not cost the chapter much, \$10 or \$15, which would be july repaid by the enthusiasm of its alumni.

THE ANN ARBOR question seems to be agitating the fraternity mind considerably. The idea that we have seven or eight Deltas there and no chapter is a poser, indeed, until one understands the surroundings; then he will see that it is not as simple as at first supposed. There we come in contact with the best and wealthiest fraternities of the land; they have large chapter houses, buildings costing thousands of dollars, and a wealthy and liberal Alumni, and are ready to fight to the death any good fraternity that attempts to make an entrance there. But a good chapter can be started there. It is far, far from an impossibility. Brother Kendall, of Psi, left Crawfordsville in the middle of the term and went to Ann Arbor especially to look after our interests. We know Brother Kendall personally, and rest assured, brothers, that if anything can be done, it will be done. Kendall, the entire fraternity is watching you.

AMONG the principal faults in all fraternities is that the friendship among its members is entirely too theoretical, and when it rubs on the practical matters of life it soon rubs off. Let us remember that practical friendship is *real* friendship, and when a brother is in need of friends, even be he disgraced and the finger of public opinion scornfully points the way to his abode of sorrow, then, when he is in need of friends, let us throw the sacred influences of our fraternity around him and shield him from the world, again instil into his mind the divine teachings of our brotherhood, assist him until he is able to walk alone; then, and not till then, have we done our duty to our brother. Again, quarrelling among themselves is the great bane of fraternities—one day you will be pleased with a brother and the next disappointed in him. So it will be till the end; and you must make up your mind to it and not quarrel unless for the *very gravest* causes. Your brother, you have found out, is not perfect; nor are you, and you can not expect to get more than you give. You must look for weakness, foolishness and vanity in human nature; and it is unhappy if you are too sharp in seeing them.

### NOTICES TO CHAPTERS.

—Particular notice is requested to the fact that W. C. Buchanan, of Cincinnati, will publish about the middle of January, his revised list of Delta Tau Delta attorneys. Brother Buchanan publishes this at his own expense, and it is a very great convenience and credit to the fraternity. We earnestly request the Secretaries of the different chapters to send to him, prior to the last of January, a complete list of the attorneys at law of their chapter Alumni with their addresses. Let every Secretary see to this, as a chapter is judged by the prompt and energetic way it transacts such business. Send all lists to W. C. Buchanan, S. E. Cor. Third and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, Ohio.

—The Secretaries will please send in their revised list of members and Alumni for the catalogue before February 1st.

—The term reports are due now. Promptness in this matter is creditable.

—The first payment on the CRESCENT is due. All dollars will be thankfully received.

—Let every chapter do what it can to support our advertisements, else next year we will be unable to get any.

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## CHAPTER NEWS.

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### ALPHA LOCALS.

—Happy New Year.

—Now is the time to swear off.

—Bro. Sol. Chryst is growing corpulent.

—Alpha begins the Winter term with twenty-five members.

—Our boys are nearly all back again, and looking well after the vacation.

—Bros. Decker and Wann enjoyed the vacation together at the home of the latter, in Deerfield, O.

—Park Kimmell remained in Meadville during the holidays. He and Gil Nodine put in the time to the best of their ability.

—Charlie Mitchell, our genial Editor-in-Chief, passed a portion of his vacation visiting friends in Pittsburgh.

—Bros. Wann, Decker, Hovis and Bolard, otherwise known as "The Happy Family," contemplate the purchase of a brand new carpet. This will materially improve the appearance of their room.

—Last month we initiated two new men, Mr. W. C. McJunkin, '81, and Mr. Chas. Blair, '82. Both gentlemen are first-class students, and will undoubtedly be an honor to the fraternity.

—The beautiful appearance of the Stone Church on Christmas Eve, was probably owing to the untiring efforts of Bros. Kimmell and Nodine, who were on the Decorating Committee.

—The entertainment given by the Ossoli Society, on the evening of December 17th, was a happy and successful termination of their lecture course. The programme consisted of select readings, recitations and music, followed by a friendly social. Bro. Homer Mosier assisted Prof. Woude in reading a selection from Henry VIII.

—Bros. Chryst and Ensign, while at home during the holiday vacation, saw several old Deltas, formerly from Alpha, and now living in Warren, O. Among them were Frank Ritezel, Lute Fuller, Charlie Chryst, Dave Jameson, and Geo. Briscoe. Bros. Ritezel and Fuller are both rising young journalists, Chryst is a partner

in a large provision store, Jameson is reading law, and Briscoe, who hails from Theta, is studying medicine. The boys are all doing well, and are highly respected by the people of Warren. They all unite in sending the kindest regards to Alpha.

—Alpha extends her heartfelt sympathies to Bro. W. T. Waters and wife, who have just lost their only son.

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## SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

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### THE BETA.

O. U., ATHENS, OHIO, Dec. 13, 1878.

Chapter Beta has initiated two new members this term, and is "watching" two or three other men.

Our number is still small, however. Four of our best men graduated last commencement, and several of our number are out of college this term teaching, but will be back in the spring. But our members are enthusiastic and unswerving in the cause of Deltaism, and are valiantly laboring for "the beautiful and the good." What we lack in quantity we try to make up in quality.

In the programme recently arranged for a home contest, to select representatives for the State contest of the Ohio Collegiate Association, four out of the six contestants are Deltas. Bro. Wilber Colvin represented this college as essayist in the last State contest.

Our chapter is taking active measures towards getting a coat of arms. We have received a very neat and pretty design from Bro. John R. Scott, and are casting about for the "wherewithal" to get it engraved. We expect to have it ready for use next month.

The CRESCENT is a welcome indispensable in our midst; a majority of the members take it. I think it the light of the fraternity.

Our historian is engaged in collecting materials for the history of the chapter for the CRESCENT. The early records are imperfect, some missing, and most of the information must be obtained from old members. This, with the lengthy period the history covers, renders it rather a tedious undertaking. But he expects to have it ready early next year.

John P. Dana, class of '67, is keeping store in Athens, Ohio. He is also Captain of the Athenian Light Guards, Co. F., 18th Regiment, O. N. G.; a crack company by the way.

J. W. Lash, '75, assistant physician in the South Eastern Ohio Hospital for the insane, is just recovering from a severe attack of fever. Joe is a loyal old Delta and likes the CRESCENT.

Chas. Townsend, '61, represents Athens County in the State Legislature.

Wm. M. Tugman, '77, is Superintendent of the Public schools at Aberdeen, O., this being his third year at that place.

H. H. Fuller, '78, has charge of Bartlet Academy, at New Plymouth, O.

R. L. Hooper, '78, our representative in the Convention last year, has just closed a very successful term of select school at Guysville, O. He will teach again this winter.

D. W. Parks, '78, is Sup't of the public schools at Fostoria, O.

F. H. Parker, '78, is attending medical college at Cincinnati.

Fraternally,

WILBER COLVIN.

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### THIRD DIVISION.

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#### THE IOTA BETA PRIME.

ADRIAN COLLEGE, December 15, '78.

*To the Editor of the Crescent:*

Iota Beta Prime has perhaps appeared rather dilatory to those who may have looked through the columns of the CRESCENT for a word from her, but still she is not dead. We began our work with but four members this term. Our chapter was organized near the end of the spring term of last year, with seven charter members. Two of the seven graduated, and a third failed to return to college this year. We who are here have been working in our way, and are now happy to say that we initiated three new members at our last meeting, and that we are growing enthusiastic in the Delta work.

Brothers Crandell and Remington, of Iota, were present with us, and assisted us in the initiation of our new-born brethren. The visit of our brethren of Iota was highly enjoyed, and we hope we may be allowed the pleasure of entertaining them often.

S. W. MARGERUM.

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#### THE EPSILON.

ALBION, MICH., Dec. 14, 1878.

'71. Partner in enterprising drug firm of Brown & Moore, Albion.

'72. S. B. Dickie was candidate for Congress from the 3d District, Michigan, on the Prohibition ticket.

'72. R. E. Clark is one of the law firm of Gould & Clark, Jackson, Mich.

'76. G. L. Bailey met with a severe accident at Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, about the 1st of November, badly fracturing one of his limbs. He has nearly recovered.

'76. E. B. Bancroft is at Boston University.

'76. J. C. Jocelyn is junior partner in a boot and shoe firm of Albion, Mich.

'77. F. E. Clark is agent for the Michigan School Furniture Co.

'77. C. M. Ranger is Principal of the Morenci Union School.

'78. C. H. Chase is teaching at St. Johns.

Hoping to have a correspondence for the next issue of the CRESCENT, I am,

Yours Fraternaly,

ALBERT DE CAMP.

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#### THE IOTA.

LANSING, MICH., December 15, 1878.

Bro. J. P. Finley, of '73, is editing reports at the central office of the Signal Service, Washington.

Bro. Byron T. Halstead, of Waukee, Iowa, is in the Senior class of the Law School at Ann Arbor.

Bro. Kedgie, also of '73, is County Surveyor at Adrian, Mich. Iota Beta ought to have him at many meetings.

Bro. H. A. Haigh, of '74, is prospecting in the West. He was last heard from at Cheyenne. May he find a good place and make a "rising" young lawyer.

Bro. "Bart" Nevins, of '75, is in his third year as Principal of the public schools of Otsego, Mich.

Bro. Breck has done some good work for "honest money" this fall. Put "George" into the political field with an object, and "'tis won, if work will win." May we hope that he, with the boys from Kappa, will revive Delta Chapter next year?

Bro. Strang goes to Oberlin to study theology.

Bro. Robinson is to find business at once in the office of the *Detroit Free Press*. He is to write a history of Iota for the CRESCENT.

Bro. Davenport is poet for Class Day, Nov. 18th.

Yours Fraternaly,

W. W. REMINGTON.

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#### FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

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##### THE LAMBDA.

GALESBURG, ILL., Dec. 12th, 1878.

Four Deltas in the Senior Class; three in the Junior. Bro. Beattie, of Chi, contemplates a visit to Lambda. Our latch-string is out.

Brad. Snyder has got a mustache. He has not been in college this term, but will probably be with us next.

Bro. Brewster will orate upon the "Importance of Thought" on the 19th. Bro. Case, who only recently "rode the goat," will have something to say about "A Day in Chemistry," and the present remarkable class.

Reuben D. Bower clerks in Barry, Ill., and thinks it a little easier than translating the language of the noble Romans of old.

Bro. Bostwick was married on the 19th and not the 18th, as stated last month. He is settling down into a steady domestic man, and is a granger.

The Juniors enjoy the enviable reputation of belonging to the most cowardly chemistry class of which Prof. Stevens ever had charge.

Rome was not built or rebuilt in a day; and that's a fact!

### THE CHI.

MT. PLEASANT, Ia., Dec. 5th, 1875.

DEAR CRESCENT.—No doubt the readers of the Crescent would be pleased to know how CHI is prospering, so I take this opportunity of saying a word in her behalf. CHI has not initiated any member "into her mystic circle" this term; but we have not been idle. CHI is bound to succeed, and though she may never be as strong in numbers as her sister chapters, she does not propose to be behind them in any other respect; not even the chapters of the *First Division*.

CHI has decided to get up a coat of arms.

Every member of CHI has subscribed for the CRESCENT.

CHI will have her history ready for publication soon. The SIGMA ALPHA is now gathering together facts relative to it.

We are now doing what we can toward raising means that we may be able to send a delegate to the Convention.

CHI does not intend to let the TAU bear off all the palms of the fraternity, even though she *does* belong to the *First Division*.

CHI has sent a complete list of her members; it numbers twenty-five including the members of old "NU."

Bro. H. E. Wycoff, our senior member, has been chosen by the Faculty of the University as assistant teacher in one of the departments of the college. The Bro. is a "solid" student and is deserving of the honor.

Bro. Ed. Ingraham, of NU, who for the past two years has been engaged in business out West, has returned to Mt. Pleasant where he will probably remain, since he has accepted a position as teacher in the Mt. Pleasant Commercial College. We are pleased to have the Brother in our midst.

Hon. J. T. Brooks was in town last week looking hale and hearty. Brother Brooks is a success in the legal fraternity. C. W. BEATTIE.

### ALUMNI NEWS.

Lieut. R. G. Heiner, of Alpha, can be addressed, care of War Department, Washington, D. C.

J. M. Landon is spending his holidays with his parents, at Conneautville.

J. M. Walker is superintendent of a large wholesale Terra Cotta works at Pittsburgh.

J. H. Harper, who was obliged to leave Alpha a year ago on account of sickness, has gone to Poughkeepsie

to attend Eastman's Business College, and will probably pay Rho a visit before long.

James D. Wildman, late Auditor of the State of Indiana, is a special agent of the Post Office Department.

James A. Rice, of Gamma, is Mayor of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Will. H. Rowles, of Sigma, class '77, will pay the Alpha a visit the coming year.

Rob't W. Thomas is an attorney at San Jose, Santa Clara county, California.

Hon. Rob't A. Johnson is Judge of Common Pleas, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The CRESCENT sends its sympathy to Brother Tenny Waters and wife, of Watertown, Tenn., for the loss of their child, who died on Tuesday, December 3d.

IRVINGTON, IND., December 12, 1878.

Z. B. Hon. Godlove S. Orth, the orator-elect for the next Delta Tau Delta Convention, spoke on Dec. 11, at the Masonic Temple in Indianapolis, to a very large and intelligent audience. His subject, "Austria and Hungary," was treated in a very original and masterly manner.

Brother Harry Sweet is engaged in the insurance business in Indianapolis.

Brother A. F. Potts, a graduate of the Law Department of Ann Arbor University, is practicing law in Indianapolis. He still takes a great deal of interest in Deltaism.

Brother Chas. E. Boyle, Zeta Beta's only alumnus, is engaged in the lumber business with his father in Indianapolis.

Brother Pax Hay is in the wholesale dry goods business in Indianapolis.

Brother F. M. Morris, one of Zeta Beta's most promising members, was elected President of the State Amateur Press Association, at a recent meeting in this city.

Brother E. W. Denny was elected delegate to the State Oratorical Convention which convenes at Hanover next March. From present indications the Delta Taus will still keep control of the association.

I visited Chapter Psi, at Crawfordsville, last Saturday, and was treated in a most hospitable manner. Chapter Psi is in a very flourishing condition, and stands far above all other fraternities at Wabash College.

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