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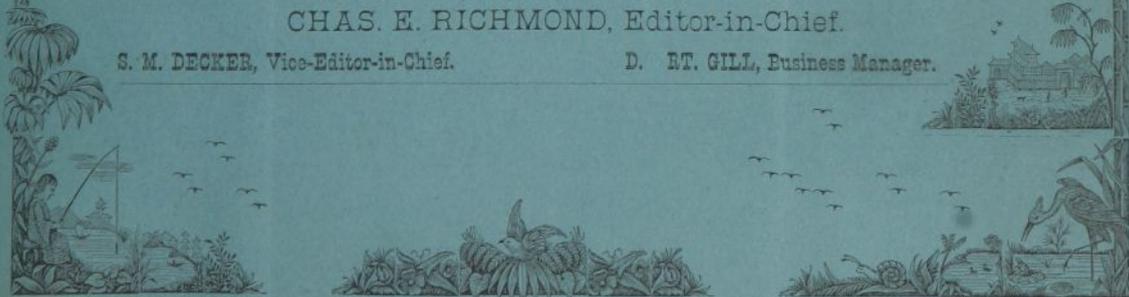
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CAMPAIGN SONG.

JOHN M. HOLMES—ALTERED AND ADAPTED BY J. S. HARTZEL.

Air—Lauriger Horatius.

Fraters of the "Crescent band,
Knit by love's attraction,
Girt with armored purposes,
Now's the time for action.

CHORUS.

Wave the knightly banner out,
Tell the world its story.
Let our song and watchword be
Unity and glory.

Let the fires all hearts possess,
Burning fires fraternal,
Yea, of Friendship and of Love
Worthy and eternal.

CHORUS.

Gather in the Neophytes,
Golden time is fleeting,
Give to each a frater's right,
Give a frater's greeting.

CHORUS.

Let us never swerve our aim,
Cowed by others, NEVER.
Hand in hand, we'll firmly stand,
Victorious forever.

CHORUS.

"MEETING NIGHT."

AS SUNG BY CHAPTER NU.

Air—"In the Morning by the Bright Light."

I'm going away by the light of the moon,
Brothers, Brothers, won't you follow me?
And all the "Deltas" will be there soon,
Halle-alle-alle-lujah.
To our Chapter Hall so gay and bright,
Brothers, etc.
Where all is music, mirth and light,
Halle, etc.

CHORUS.

In the evening,
In the evening by the bright light,
When we gather all together
In the evening.

We all have ridden the "Delta" goat,
Brothers, etc.
And paddle now in the same boat,
Halle, etc.

It will always be our highest aim
Brothers, etc.
To advance our chapter's name and fame,
Halle, etc.

CHORUS.

These pleasant days are fleeting fast,
Brothers, etc.
And when our college life is past,
Halle, etc.
We'll remember oft, and with regret,
Brothers, etc.
Nights when at "Delta's Hall we met,"
Halle, etc.

CHORUS.

"THE NOVITIATE."

AS SUNG BY CHAPTER NU.

Song—West Bissell.

Chorus—Fraters.

Accompaniment—Banjo.

*Air—"My Grandfather's Old Arm Chair,"—BY SOL. SMITH
RUSSELL.*

As going down the street,
A "Fresh" I chanced to meet,
Some country tailor surely made his coat.
Said I, "my pretty man,
Come, tell me, if you can,
Would you like to ride the 'Delta' goat?"

CHORUS.

How they titter! How they chaff!
How the merry Delta Brothers laugh,
When they make the Freshman green
Ride such a goat as was never seen.

He quickly answered "Yes;
Your request you need not press,
For it's exactly what I wish to hear.
The 'Deltas,' you know, are best,
They are the merriest
Of all the college 'Greeks' both far and near."

CHORUS.

He is now a Frater dear,
And no more the "goat" does fear,
To the Delta cause he is a source of pride.
He stands well in his class'
And lets others play the ass.
By his manliness we are all gratified.

CHORUS.

THE LEGEND OF THE BELLS.

BY H. W. COLLINGWOOD, (I).

There's an old and dreamy legend that has often times been told,
Round some pleasant German fireside, through the winter
evenings cold.

But, tho' old and long forgotten, yet its thought still lives to-day,
Cheering many hopeless wanderers on their dark and toilsome
way.

In a mountain-locked, Swiss valley, not many centuries ago,
There a little village nestled underneath the peaks of snow;
And within its walls a workman wrought a wondrous chime
of bells.

Almost heavenly was their music with its soft and gentle swells,
Long, long years he worked upon them, till so perfect they
had grown,

That the very soul of music seemed to dwell within each tone.
And whenever their soft music stole at evening through the air,
Through the calm and mellow twilight, through the valley green
and fair,

As the distant lingering echoes o'er the hills died far away,
Sweet they seemed as angels' voices calling from the moun-
tains grey.

And as through the quiet valley, and far up the mountain old,
When the twilight slowly deepened, sweet and clear the
music rolled,

Then the people paused to listen till far o'er the distant hill,
Slow the lingering night descended, and the last faint note
was still.

In the ancient church they hung them, and from out the lofty
tower,
Where they hung amid the rafters, soft they chimed each pass-
ing hour,

And unto the workman listening to the notes that sought the
skies,
Soft they seemed as music wafted from the gates of paradise.

As he ever listened to them, of his life they formed a part;
And their notes so sweet and tender, twined their memories
round his heart.

But within the quiet valley, fierce and warlike tidings came,
And along the rugged mountain signal bonfires sprung to flame.

For a warlike host descending on the pleasant valley farms,
Filled the air with din of battle, smoke and fire and rude alarms.

Then the village people gathered to defend their native land,
But their untrained ranks were scattered by the fierce invading
band.

Then with wild haste down the valley, like an ever-rushing flood,
Swept the wave of desolation marked by fire and smoke and
blood.

And the wave swept o'er the village where the chiming bells,
were hung,
And above the scene of horror, mute they stood with voiceless
tongue.

Tho' the church and all the village was destroyed by ruthless
hand,
They were saved, for their sweet music was far famed through-
out the land.

When the warlike host retreated, and their work of death was
done,
O'er the hills the bells were carried from the country they had
won.

O'er the rugged snow-capped mountains, never more in future
years,
Could they chime their lovely music for the simple mountaineers.

Then with slow steps up the mountain, toiled the workman,
gray and old:

Caring not how rough the pathway, caring not for winter's cold.
With one hope, with one ambition, with one goal to which to
climb,

And that one to see his dear bells, and to listen to their chimes
held dear,

When the music he had worshipped, came no longer to his ear
Mid the vine clad German valleys, long he wandered far and
wide,

Ever listening for the music till the hope within him died.
Years and years he slowly wandered till at last, one summer's
day,

As the twilight slowly gathered, weary grown and old and
grey,

Through a thick and gloomy forest slow he came with weary
tread,

To a road which round the mountain side far up above him
led.

Sick at heart and faint, he staggered as would one with heavy
load,

And his spirit rank within him at the rugged mountain road.

For through all his disappointments, he had had one hope for-
lorn;

But now, weary, faint, and troubled, every spark of hope
seemed gone.

And he sank beside the roadside, in a terrible despair.
All his hope and spirit vanished far too hopeless e'en for
prayer.

Then a vision passed before him, and once more he seemed to
stand

In that mountain-locked Swiss Valley, in his own dear native
land.

Once again he heard the murmur of the river in its flow,
And the splendor of the sunset, set the wild hills all aglow.

And so softly through the twilight, came the sound he loved
so well

Loud and louder swelled the chorus as from each sweet chim-
ing bell,

For the mellow notes were wafted to the mountains dim and
grey,

And the answering throbbing echoes o'er the hills died far
away.

The sweet memory of his childhood roused his drooping heart
again,

As the fainting flower is nourished by the gently falling rain.

Memories in his breast were quickened that had slumbered
there for years

Till his heart was soft and tender, and his eyes were filled with
tears.

And with patient heart and trustful, and a will and purpose
strong,

He arose and journeyed onward, tho' the way seemed hard and
long.

Slowly toiling up the steep and rugged path, at last he stands
At the top and looks below him, upon broad and smiling lands.

In the valley far beneath him, there a little village lay,
Bright its roofs and windows glistened in the sun's departing
ray.

In the church the bells were ringing sending out a merry peal,
And the mellow notes and tender up the hillside began to steal.

As the weary wanderer listened, from his heart there rolled a
load

And with spirit light and thankful, he is kneeling in the road.

As the music up the mountain stole so soft and sweet and clear,
Then he knew it was the music, he had toiled so long to hear.

He no more may wander blindly, for his sufferings are past,
He has gained his earthly haven, he has found the bells at last.

'Tis a long forgotten legend, yet how true its thought appears
We are all as weary wanderers groping blindly through the
years.

Each one has his heart's fixed purpose, each one sets his goal
afar,

Ever struggling onward to it, 'tis his hope and guiding star.

Brother Deltas, ever striving for the beautiful and true,
Let us never be discouraged, though our goal should pass from
view.

Let us struggle up life's pathway with a loyal Delta heart
Striving ever as we journey, to fulfill our honest part.

May this old and simple story cause us closer yet to draw
To the heart of every brother, to our dear old Delta Tau.

And if heartsick, faint and weary we should sink beside the
road.

Weary with our constant struggle, weary with our heavy load,
When the goal for which we struggle still to us seems far away,
Like some silent lofty mountain in the distance dim and grey,
Down the silent aisles of memory will a whisper softly come,
Bearing to our hearts remembrance of our dear old Delta home.
Ghosts of long neglected memories will around us softly close,
Like some long forgotten music giving to the heart repose.

And with purer hearts and loftier aims again we'll struggle on,
Till the obstacles are conquered, till the victory is won.

THE EARLY DAYS OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Sept., 1880.

*To the General Convention, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity,
Chicago, Illinois:*

Notwithstanding the very painstaking and conscientious manner in which Bro. James S. Eaton of the ALPHA investigated the early history of our Delta Fraternity several years ago, yet to any one who has carefully read his account of the early days of Delta Tau Delta, as published in the first volume of our CRESCENT, it must have seemed but too evident that there are several points in the history of that period of our Fraternity's existence which call for further investigation. Indeed, Bro. Eaton himself seems to have been conscious of this defect and probably regarded his account as of a provisional character, for he took the occasion to appeal to the Fraternity for additional authentic information.

In the early part of the present year it was the remarkably good fortune of the RHO to ascertain the present location of Prof. John L. N. Hunt who, as is well known, was so intimately identified with the earliest days of our Delta Tau Delta's childhood and whom the best efforts of our Fraternity had heretofore been unable to find.

From him we were able to obtain a very interesting account of the origin of our Fraternity. He was able to throw considerable light on the immediate causes to

which Delta Tau Delta owes her existence and more particularly upon the very important question as to who, of the many brothers whom we now recognize and distinguish as our founders, were the originators of the movement of which our Fraternity is the outgrowth.

We were referred by Bro. Hunt for further information and for corroboration to Elder W. R. Cunningham to whom, we were informed, perhaps more than to any other of our original founders the credit of inaugurating our Fraternity is due. Through Bro. Hunt's kind cooperation we were finally enabled to locate Bro. Cunningham at Bates City, Lafayette county, Mo. A letter addressed to him with a request for his version of Delta Tau Delta's origin soon had the desired effect and elicited an account which agreed, in all important particulars, with that already given us by Bro. Hunt. It might be well to remark here that this investigation corroborates, in a general way, the second, rather than the first version, as given in Bro. Eaton's history and for which, we believe, he was indebted to Prof. J. S. Low.

By correspondence with Bro. Cunningham and personal interviews with Bro. Hunt, we are placed in the fortunate position to offer the following account of the foundation of our Fraternity. There can be no doubt as to its entire authenticity and hence we trust that it will prove acceptable to the Convention, for whose use it has been hurriedly compiled:

The immediate cause of the movement which finally culminated in the establishment of our Fraternity, was, beyond a doubt, the intolerance of the Bethany Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, in the conduct particularly of the affairs of the "Neotrophian," a literary society, as well as its very objectionable behavior and interference in college politics. It is but in the natural order of things that several of the best and most prominent students conceived the idea of counteracting this influence of $\Phi K \Psi$ by means of a close organization which would include the most influential and energetic of the numerous opponents of that fraternity. No doubt, too, it was in a measure the natural sequence of a frequent and cordial intercourse which invariably obtains among students having the same tastes and inclinations. The movement first assumed a tangible shape during the latter part of December, 1859, when a preliminary meeting of an informal character was held. There were present at this meeting, in addition to those who were subsequently identified with the Fraternity, a few others, R. H. Alfred among the number, who did not afterwards join the movement. W. R. Cunningham, being the immediate originator of the movement, called the meeting to order and addressed it at some length upon the exigencies of the occasion; J. L. N. Hunt acted as Secretary. Bros. Hunt and Low,

who appear to have been Bro. Cunningham's principal co-workers at that time, were appointed a committee to draw up the constitution and by-laws and they, with Bro. Cunningham, gave the new organization its name and motto, originated the unwritten law of the Fraternity and designed the old square badge.

A few days later the first regular meeting of the Fraternity was held in a room at the "Old Inn," one of the college boarding halls, when the final organization was effected. There were present on this occasion just seven students who, in our estimation, should henceforth be recognized as the founders of Delta Tau Delta, Henry K. Bell, W. Randolph Cunningham, Alexander C. Earle, John Lucius N. Hunt, J. C. Johnson, John S. Low and Eugene Tarr.

The "Old Inn," then, is the natal place of our Fraternity and, the exact day being unknown, our origin should be dated from January 1st, 1860.

Delta Tau Delta at once entered with youthful vigor upon the work before it and, by concentrating the influence of the best element in college, the power of the Phi Kappa Psi was slowly but surely neutralized. It is not definitely known whether any successful attempts were made at this period to establish chapters elsewhere. The fact, however, that our founders devised a complete system of unwritten law and a distinctive badge, leaves no doubt whatever as to their intentions and purposes from the very first: to model the principles and practices of our Fraternity after those of the *chaptered* societies then in existence.

It now appears that active work, for several reasons, was not resumed at once at the beginning of the new college year of 1860-61. Several of the most active of the Deltas had left college and our Fraternity had admirably succeeded in the work which it had undertaken. About the middle of December, 1860, several of the members, unacquainted with fraternity custom and there being nothing in the constitution to prevent them from so doing, became instrumental in establishing the Psi, of Beta Theta Pi, an action which, in the light of subsequent events, is very much to be regretted, whose peculiar results could not then have been foreseen. Not long afterwards Delta Tau Delta reorganized and resumed its work, and on Feb. 22d, 1861, a charter was granted to Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Pa. The exact circumstances under which this chapter, the first branch of our Fraternity, was established now forms the subject of a special research, which, it is hoped, will soon lead to tangible results.

Unfortunately, all records of this period, so far as we have been able to ascertain, were destroyed during the civil war. It appears, however, that the list of the early members of the Fraternity, as contained in the catalogue, requires some revision, since it includes the names of a number of students who never were members of the Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted by

CHAPTER RHO.

A DELTA TAU DELTA MEETING.

DO ANY brethren ever wonder whether their enthusiasm for "Deltaism" will outlive their college days? If there be such, they should have been present at a $\Delta T \Delta$ meeting along the shore of Lake Chautauqua, on the evening of July 7th, 1880. The Ohio State Teachers' Association was in session at Lakewood July 7th, 8th and 9th. After adjournment on the 7th, the writer accompanied Bro. J. S. Low to his room and received from his lips an account of the founding of the Fraternity. He was one of the four founders, and what is more *the one who first suggested that our Fraternity be established.* He acknowledges the fraternity and is proud of it. Other Deltas being present, "Why not have a meeting?" The question was whispered to one after another, and each hailed the suggestion with delight. Every other plan for the evening was abandoned. As soon as darkness would veil our acts, we proceeded to a secluded spot and formed the "Mystic Circle" in the open air. Those present were: J. S. Low, (O, '60,) Supt Public Schools, Shelby, Ohio; M. S. Campbell, (B, '64,) Principal Rayen High School, Youngstown, Ohio; L. F. Coleman, (M, '74,) Supt Public Schools, Mason, Ohio; J. F. Lukens, (B, '66,) Supt Public Schools, Lebanon, Ohio; C. L. Loos, (O, '69,) Assistant Supt Public Schools, Dayton, Ohio; J. E. Williams, (K, '75,) Supt Public Schools, Cambridge, Ohio; H. N. Metz, (O, '70,) Supt Public Schools, Steubenville, Ohio; W. S. Eversole, (B, '69,) Supt Public Schools, Wooster, Ohio.

A warmer meeting was never held in college halls. Devotion to $\Delta T \Delta$ had not abated since graduation. Information in regard to the present status of the Fraternity was eagerly sought. Some of those present had become Deltas in the infancy of the Fraternity. They could recall the time when the chapters were few in number, but composed of the best students, intellectually and morally, in their institutions. It was solicitously asked, "Does $\Delta T \Delta$ still maintain this high mental and moral standard for admission to membership, and is she vigilant to obtain the best material?"

After talking over some subjects informally, it was agreed to embody them in the following resolutions to be published in the CRESCENT:

Resolved, That we recommend alumni to support the CRESCENT by subscribing for it and contributing to its columns; to render aid and encouragement to active chapters; to wear badges that they may be readily known to each other.

Resolved, That we recommend undergraduates to be subordinate to college authorities; to shun "college politics;" to abstain from alliances of every kind with

other fraternities; to use every endeavor to remain in college till their course of study is completed; to endeavor to obtain all college honors that natural ability and close application can win; to make themselves prominent as scholars, essayists, debaters and *gentlemen*; in short, to exemplify the principles that underlie the Δ T Δ Fraternity.

As we disbanded, all expressed themselves as more than pleased with the meeting.

Δ T Δ is largely and honorably represented in the teachers' profession in Ohio. In addition to the eight named previously, the following form a partial list:

W. D. Lash, (B, '71,) Sup't Public Schools, Zanesville, Ohio; C. R. Long, (B, '72,) Principal High School, Zanesville, Ohio; J. H. Grove, (M, '70,) Professor Ohio Wesleyan University; W. W. Gist, (B, '72,) President Wiloughby College; S. S. Ashbaugh, (K, '74,) Sup't Public Schools, Defiance, Ohio; J. A. Martin, (Σ, '76,) Sup't Public Schools, West Salem, Ohio; J. M. Davis, (B, '73,) Professor Rio Grande College; G. A. Peckham, (H, '71,) Professor Hiram College; H. F. Acker, (B, '75,) Sup't Public Schools, New Lexington, Ohio; D. W. Parks, (B, '78,) Principal Academy, Mt. Perry, Ohio; J. A. McDowell, (Σ, '78,) Sup't Public Schools, Millersburg, Ohio; C. B. Austin, (M, '79,) Professor Ohio Wesleyan University; E. B. Wakefield, (Θ, '70,) Professor Hiram College.

This report has been written at the request of those present at the meeting, and with the hope that it may be of interest to the brotherhood.

W. S. EVERSOLE.

The November number of the CRESCENT issued last week, shows excellence in the present editorial management of the paper and the general interest of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. There is no one tie which more unites the scattered members and chapters of a society than a publication of common interest, and the CRESCENT is one of the best of its class.—*Index*.

The CRESCENT for November, the organ of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, has been issued from the *Index* office, and is in all respects a very creditable number. The literary department contains excellent articles on general fraternity subjects while the editorial and local pages are filled with readable and interesting matter. This is the third year that Chapter Alpha, of the above society, has had the supervision of the journal, and has thus discharged its duties with much acceptance. The CRESCENT holds a foremost position among fraternity papers, and from present indications the new corps of editors will maintain the standard which the publication has hitherto held to Greek letter societies.—*Meadville Evening Republican*.

HISTORY OF THE IOTA.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

THE history of IOTA includes so much of pleasure, social advantage, and literary work intermixed with facts, that her historian must be general in his delineations, or risk becoming tedious. Her life, like that of many of our country's most illustrious men, has been from a very humble beginning to a high degree of usefulness; for, whatever may have been the course, her star was allowed to set at Western Pennsylvania University. It had a very humble appearance at the place over which it now radiates its light. Its strange appearance in a forbidden spot, for what end it had arisen, and the time of its final setting, were long the themes of strange conjecture.

There are those, who, already in command of a given position, are strangely and even superstitiously opposed to every new departure—even from old traditions; and it was among such people that IOTA first appeared in Michigan. Her early history was thus, as one, who, having strong enemies, has the more enthusiastic friends,—friends ever ready for an emergency, and eager to promote any interest which they champion. To Chapter KAPPA, of Hillsdale, Michigan, IOTA owes her origin. For sometime KAPPA, alone, had been struggling for the merits of Deltaism in our State. KAPPA knew of Δ T Δ experimentally. She believed in it,—earnestly, enthusiastically. Naturally she resolved in extending its influence, that she in turn might be benefited by its use. To be the first chapter of such a fraternity in a State full of colleges, was indeed an honor, and one that is not afraid of rivalry.

There were times when, to the average western college student, secret societies were held in blind and superstitious disregard, and it was only to men of new views and liberal minds that it was safe to mention the subject of a secret society. Having now determined on establishing a chapter, against a college edict in the Agricultural College, it was necessary to find *the man*. Such a man was found in the person of Bro. C. L. Ingersoll, (at present professor of Agriculture in Peru, Indiana,) by Bro. Geo. B. Smith, whom Kappa has intrusted with the work of founding the chapter. Then to find the ten men willing to enter into such a work in such a time was no easy matter, strange as it seems to us, in the days of broader views and greatest liberty. Ten men who could be trusted were found and made charter members. (We are to suppose that these ten men entered into the scheme very reluctantly, though from what we know of them we are inclined to believe they were pleased with the novelty at last.) In

selecting the men its founders were fortunate in choosing men in whom are united a genial spirit, scholarly ability, moral force and fortitude. Too much credit cannot be given the men whose leader has ever been as regardful of the interests of IOTA, proud of her, ever ready to assist her, and without a selfish motive, with whom Bro. Smith set the gem IOTA.

The first and several subsequent meetings were held in an 8x10 room, occupied by Bro. Frank Gully; but a prying and spying for secrets, too dear even to be guessed at, drove IOTA from room to room, to which several places her loyal sons were wont to come by strangely circuitous routes, to escape the vulgar eyes of curious students. College talk all turned to these mysterious gatherings at unseemly hours. No object was left unsuspected. The facts were real, their cause unknown.

Bro. Carpenter was known to be given to attempts to get music out of an old out-of-tune violin, and to attend one of his concerts was accepted as sufficient reason for the meetings. Many "high-minded" fellows now considered it their duty to remonstrate and tattle. The effect was not perceptible. It was given up. Why should Simonson, with his slim, dignified, scholarly appearance, be seen slipping from clump to clump of evergreens, till he, too, had reached that room? Bro. Chas. Goodwin was so well known as a straight, dare-to-do-right student, that when he was known to be a member they were terribly mystified. Then there was the Youngs brothers who never did anything worse than make game of apples, yet they were of the clan. Bro. Haigh was known to be able to draw laughter out of a rock with his pencilings, and it was concluded that they met to study art from Bro. Haigh. Bro. Gulley outgrew his love for feast-making and became satisfied with college *menus*, and so robbed them of the explanation that they met to feast with Bro. Gulley. Could it be that they all met to remonstrate with Bros. Groner and Shafer, with whom all else was of minor importance to the ladies?

Finally, bothered beyond endurance by these persistent eavesdroppers, and with many misgivings the faculty was petitioned for a room.

HISTORIAN.

Φ K Ψ's chapter at Bethany college is in a comatose condition at present. A short time since there occurred some troubles among the students, in which Φ K Ψ claimed to have been wronged, and as the faculty did not punish the offenders, the majority of the members of this fraternity left college, leaving the charter in the hands of the alumni.

AN HONORABLE ANCESTRY.

To the Editor of the CRESCENT:

IN Mr. Baird's well-known book there is given an interesting account of the growth and rise of diverse American College Fraternities; but since no certain account is given of the first example of this fraternity system I have thought it would not be without interest to the readers of the CRESCENT for me to direct the attention to an ancient brotherhood of philosophers. I refer to the system of Pythagoras, and the Pythagoreans. Since I am assured in my own mind that Pythagoras established a system, not only an example, but an ideal model, of the college fraternity, I shall endeavor to convince those who may draw profitable lessons to the fraternity from this opinion, that it is a just one, and well founded.

Not so very long ago, under the title of Ancient Mysteries, a series of interesting articles were published in this magazine. In these valuable papers the talented writer showed that the secret system of the Egyptian priesthood, and other pagan orders was not wanting in similitude or interest to modern fraternities. I wish to treat of Pythagoras as a pupil, a modifier if you will, of the Egyptian mysteries. The facts to support this idea, not only are sanctioned by many of the highest classical authorities, but are even advanced and enforced by not a few of the critical historians. But, wherever Pythagoras obtained his learning and his doctrines, he, without question, founded a school of philosophy, new to Greece, and established a society of pupils and followers which in virtue and fidelity have never been surpassed.

This league, composed of novitiates and learners, or familiar friends, under one great master had more than one object in view, and served for other purposes than merely to illustrate one principle in the doctrine of their founder, a community of living and of customs. The society of disciples was one of the powerful instruments employed to attain that celebrity in science and theory for which the Pythagoreans were soon so eminent. In addition to the advancement of learning these Pythagoreans had for their aim, in their actions and thoughts as men, to attain to a "perfect blamelessness of life." In both directions they were successful, and their practical and moral effect on their fellow Grecians was apparent and lasting. And these Pythagoreans, pioneers in the march of intellect, groping feebly for the future light, blazed out the track for those who came after; baffled by the ideal, they seized upon the material principle and called it number, abstract or concrete; with mental integrity and true faith they de-

clared their confidence in a supreme Being, and in the power of the human intellect.

The best authorities declare that this ancient and holy fraternity had laws and institutions which were exactly obeyed. The most striking properties of this fraternal association are, that it was secret; that it revered a master, and his —————; that it was a common association of equals; that all candidates were critically examined before initiation as member, and were long kept under probationary discipline, and that in the last extremity, unruly and unworthy members could be expelled.

It cannot be doubted that a further investigation of this philosophical system will be interesting and profitable. I leave to more skillful hands the completion of the curious investigation I have endeavored to promote.

Wishing success and prosperity to the fraternity and her CRESCENT, I am, fraternally, yours,

PI-THE.

GREEK WORLD.

Gov. Porter, of Indiana, is a Β Θ Π.

X Φ has entered John Hopkins' University.

Z Ψ has gone into Columbia College, New York City.

Σ X's last convention was held at Washington, D. C.

Θ Δ X and Σ X have good chapters at Lafayette college.

Φ K Ψ holds another assembly at Chautauqua next August.

Δ K E held its convention at Hartford, Conn., Oct. 21st and 22d.

According to the Indianapolis *Sentinel*, Φ Δ Θ is an "esoteric organization."

Hon. Frank E. Beltzhoover, of *Tribune* noteriety, is a Φ K Ψ,—Penn'a Epsilon, '62.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* appears this year in a neat cover and is much improved.

Wooster University is to have a college paper with an editor from each fraternity.

Fraternities at Harvard are compelled to place a copy of their constitution in the hands of the Secretary of the College.

Φ Γ Δ's last convention partitioned that fraternity into four divisions, to be governed after a plan somewhat similar to Β Θ Π's. Δ T Δ was the first to use this system.

The Delta Tau Delta College fraternity has started a chapter here, with about twelve members, and will occupy the old Phi Delta Theta Hall, that fraternity having passed in its Wooster charter.—*Wooster Cor. in Cleveland Leader*.

The bond of Φ Δ Θ, in which they sign themselves, is an instrument drawn up by Robert T. Morrison, '49,

Miami University. It expresses the objects of Φ Δ Θ and the duties of the fraters.

A wandering Φ K Ψ, in a letter to the *Shield*, writes, "I sincerely hope that I may be sent as a delegate at the establishment of the China Alpha,—the pigtailed of the Chinese will be a very useful appendage in the initiation." The same letter has also a pleasant account of a meeting between the wanderer and Tosui Imadate, a Chinese brother member of Penn'a I, who is a professor in the college at Kioto.

Δ Φ ended up its convention at New York City by a supper at Delmonico's. About sixty were said to have been present. The following toasts were responded to: "The Fraternity," by M. A. Thompson; "Our Mother Chapter," by Mr. A. J. Perry; "Our Sister Chapter," by G. H. Lacombe; "Our Absent Brother," by Mr. Dundas; "Wine, Women and Song," by Mr. S. S. Cox; "The Delta Phi," by Dr. Agnew.

The chapter of Chi Phi located at Hobart, consisting of seven men, having a debt of \$400, in order to get out of paying their debt, disbanded, and requested the Kappa Alphas to take them in. The latter initiated three and left the other four out in the cold. Their chapter there is therefore virtually dead, but efforts are being made to reestablish it. Their method of acting is slightly more ingenious than honorable.—*The Phi Gamma Delta for November*.

Miami (Ohio) University then called the "Yale of the West," was the home of Western fraternities as Union was those of the East. Alpha Delta Phi, an eastern fraternity, established a chapter at Miami in 1836, and their pins were the first of any fraternity seen in western territory. In 1839 an imitation, called Beta Theta Pi, was formed for the purpose of working against Alpha Delta Phi in the literary societies. The badge of the older fraternity was closely copied. The new fraternity was at first very convivial in its character, but it enrolled a great many members for the first eight years.—*Indianapolis Sentinel*.

The Fifty-sixth (?) annual convention of X Φ, at Allentown, Oct. 20th and 21st, was a very successful one; there being, according to the local papers, nearly two hundred members in attendance, representing the following colleges:—University of Virginia, Muhlenberg College, Rutgers College, Franklin and Marshall College, University of Georgia, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Brown University, University of California, Cornell University, Yale College, Kentucky Military Institute, Lafayette College, Amherst College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Lehigh University, and Dickinson College. The following grand officers were elected: Rev. Geo. R. Van De Water, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Os-

car Meyer, Allentown; Luther M. Fine, Easton; E. B. Rogers, U. S. N., San Francisco. Seventy X Φ 's sat down to the banquet, and nearly two hundred ladies and gentlemen were present at the social reception, which reception was said to be the talk of the ladies in Allentown and the neighboring cities for weeks before.

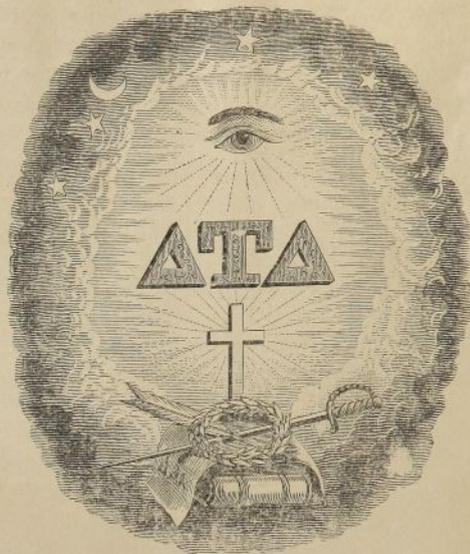
The National Convention for 1880 of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ took place at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, on Oct. 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. We could not learn the exact number of delegates, but it claims to have had the largest number of official delegates ever held by any society. Some of the most important business transacted was the division of the fraternity into provinces after the plan of Delta Tau Delta. The determination to publish an elaborate catalogue in October, 1881, which project was given into the hands of Walter B. Palmer, of Tennessee Beta, Nashville, Tenn., and George Bantar, Indiana Alpha, Franklin, Ind. A movement to make the "Scroll" open was lost. The faculty and different fraternities at Butler University were invited to attend the literary exercises at the Park Theatre on the evening of the 28th. The exercises consisted of Oration, "American Education," Prof. Ellis; History, Judge D. D. Banta Prophecy, Maj. G. W. Grubbs; Poem, A. George Goster. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s next convention will be held at Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the fourth week in October, 1882.

The Thirty-fourth annual convention of $\Theta \Delta X$ took place at the Sturtevant House, New York City, on the 20th and 21st of October. It was under the auspices of the "Grand Charge." About fifty members were present, representing the following named colleges:—Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Tufts, Hamilton, Hobart, Lafayette, Dickinson, Kenyon, Wabash and Cornell and the Boston universities. Among the graduates were those of Union College, Brown University, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Amherst and the Rochester University. The Convention was called to order at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning by the president, Charles C. Kneisly, of Dayton, Ohio, and the principal business of the day was a review of last term's work. Appropriate expressions of regret and sorrow were made touching the recent death of John Goforth, late Assistant United States Attorney General. The closing exercises consisted of a banquet, a poem by the Rev. Cameron Mann, of Watkins, N. Y., an oration by William M. Coleman and a historical address by William L. Stone, of New York. Willis S. Paine, presided.

The September *Shield*, of $\Phi K \Psi$, has quite an interesting report of their reunion at Chautauqua, from which it appears that twenty-seven $\Phi K \Psi$'s "with their lovely Juliets," sat down to the banquet at the Lake View House. Penn'a Beta was the chapter most largely represented.

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WE are indebted Penn'a EPSILON, of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, for several favors.

A DIVISION CONFERENCE is talked of in the Second Division. It is a good idea, if the chapters can afford it.

WE would like to know of any fraternity that can show a greater political prominence in proportion to its age than Delta Tau Delta.

WE have received copies of the *Rho Chronicle* and *Iota Chronicle*. They are both excellent and show that RHO and IOTA are both live chapters, filled with an ambitious fraternity spirit.

WE are delighted to publish in this issue a report of a meeting of Deltas at Chautauqua, and we commend the resolutions adopted to be read and inwardly digested by all undergraduates.

WE are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of catalogues from PSI, NU, IOTA, UPSILON, ETA and ZETA BETA. Also a copy of *Student Life*, an exceedingly neat magazine, from the Washington University at St. Louis. For all of these we return our sincere thanks.

OUR fine air castle was knocked all into a "cocked hat" the other day, when a lady admirer of the CRESCENT sent us a newspaper clipping which said that "no newspaper man ever was President of the United States."

THE fraternity will no doubt be pleased to see in another column evidence that the reorganized Song Book Committee are "pushing things." We would entreat the brothers to give them all the assistance in their power.

THE CRESCENT has the pleasure of noticing in another column the founding of a chapter of Delta Tau Delta at the Iowa State University. The college is a good one and the charter members were chosen under the direct supervision of several Deltas, so we think that the fraternity can congratulate itself upon another success. We gladly welcome our new brothers to our altar and hope that they may live long and "Labor for the Beautiful and the Good."

WE have a suggestion to offer to the fraternity in connection with the next Convention. It is, that all the chapters make a thorough and systematic examination of our constitution and inner workings so that at our next Convention any flaws may be remedied and the fraternity machine put in the best possible order. Then, at the Pittsburgh Convention, adjourn to meet in two years instead of one and devote the money gained by the omission of one Convention to internal improvement or Division Conferences. We offer this suggestion to the thought of the fraternity mind. $\Phi K \Psi$ holds conventions once every three years, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ once in two years and but few fraternities hold them annually.

THE CRESCENT, through its literary department, is constantly building up a literature of Delta Tau Delta, pure in thought, rich in principle and beautiful in sentiment. If we could only feel that the brothers took heed of what our old fraters say; if we could only feel that they were becoming imbued with the true grandeur of the "fraternity idea," if we could only feel that the chapters were improving the suggestions made by experienced Deltas, we could, at the end of our editorial career, lay down the pencil stub and consider this as the most useful year of our lives and in after days, when entangled in the worldly web of that badge of lost innocence, the laws of man, we could look back upon these present days with pride, and as the web feet of memory paddled us backward o'er the stream of time, we could think that at one period of our existence we were at least the indirect means of bettering our fellowmen. But we are afraid that as many congregations hear, endorse and fail to practice the interpretations of

the Scriptures, so many readers of the CRESCENT read, endorse and fail to practice the interpretations of our fraternity idea, as taught by those well versed in Deltaism. The CRESCENT, from its birth, has advocated teachings, principles and sentiments which, if adopted by each of us, would make us that culmination of creative design, the manly man, and which, if practiced by the chapters, would make our fraternity what it should be, the perfection of college life. Brothers, we entreat you with all the dignity we can muster and borrow, that these seeds may not fall upon poor ground.

WE have received letters from two of the Associate Editors asking us to explain their duty. This is an oversight on our part and doubtless accounts for the lack of chapter correspondence in this issue. The duty of the Associate Editors is to write us a letter from their chapter, explaining its doings and condition, etc., together with alumni notes and personals every month, and *never less than one letter every two months*. Also it is their duty to send in to us any items for the Greek World. The latter has been almost universally forgotten by the Associate Editors and we hope that the present staff will give us their best assistance in this particular feature of the CRESCENT, which we know, from letters and remarks, is one of its most interesting parts. Another fraternity man told us the other day that he wanted to subscribe for the CRESCENT because he could learn more in it about his own fraternity than he could in his own fraternity paper. Now we want to call the attention of the brothers particularly to this matter of the Greek World. This is one of the most interesting features of the CRESCENT and must be well kept up. Last month $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ held its convention at Indianapolis, and although we have quite a number of brothers there, none of them thought of sending us the papers containing a report of its proceedings. Under circumstances like this it is quite difficult to keep up a correct and thorough Greek World. We tell you again, for we want to impress it upon your minds, that the CRESCENT must lead the van, and in order to do this we must have the Greek World more thorough, more correct and ahead of any other fraternity paper. We go to press on the 25th of each month and we authorize any brother who is in possession of any important news that he cannot mail us in time, to telegraph us a ten-word message. We want to have reports of other fraternity conventions, etc., before their own fraternity papers have it. We do not wish it understood from this that we want anyone to try and pry into the secrets of other fraternities for we think that *every fraternity should hold the secrets of every other fraternity as inviolable as its own*, but we want all the open news, such as is allowable to be published.

Alpha Locals.

The Alpha boys look fat and greasy from too much Thanksgiving turkey.

Brothers Locke and Fish enjoyed the Thanksgiving vacation at their respective homes.

Bro. "Dave" Jameson, of Warren, recently made a short visit to Meadville, and was present at one of the regular meetings.

Bro. G. A. Nodine, an Alpha graduate of last year, frequently finds time from his duties as a law student in Meadville, to renew old associations and cement the ties which bind us together, in a visit to our lodge room.

If a visiting frater wishes to find a home devoted to the welfare and upbuilding of our beloved order, let him inquire for the Dunn house, Market street, where his desire will be gratified, for here there are no less than five active and faithful Deltas.

We have to chronicle this month the initiation of two new fraters into our Delta family, Brothers Victor M. Delamater and Robert S. Tate. Both of these gentlemen are most desirable acquisitions to our circle, and cannot but reflect credit upon the fraternity.

It may be of interest to alumni and old fraters to learn that the steadfast and firm friend of Deltaism, "Tousaint," is doing his allotted duties at initiations, and under the paternal care of Bro. Richmond bids fair to remain a feature of the chapter for many years.

The boys of Alpha were very agreeably surprised recently by a visit from Bro. Frank S. Chryst, '80, of Warren, Ohio. "Sol." has a very tender spot in his heart for the Delta Tau, and his interest in her welfare and success did not terminate with his graduation.

The following is clipped from the *Campus*, the journal of Allegheny College: "C. E. Richmond has laid down the classical literary quill of the *Campus* to assume the fraternal lead pencil of the CRESCENT, the organ of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. While we deeply regret Mr. Richmond's retirement from our editorial committee, we wish him all manner of success in the new and responsible position to which he has been called, and congratulate the CRESCENT on its acquisition."

Bro. D. A. Gill most hospitably entertained the members of Alpha at his home in the city on the evening of Nov. 11th. An elegant repast was served, after which songs and music were introduced and the evening was passed in an exceedingly enjoyable and pleasant manner. The membership of the chapter is again under obligations to Bro. Gill, who is continually manifesting interest in his fraters, and zeal and enthusiasm for the fraternity.

Second Grand Division.

THE ETA.

AKRON, OHIO, NOV. 14, 1880.

Dear Crescent:—The Eta starts out for the year '80-'81 in as prosperous a condition as she has ever known. We have thirteen active members, all "good, tried, and true," and a strong and interested alumni. All things betoken, a most successful year's work.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity our three new members, Bros. C. V. N. Smith, Edgar S. Rothrock and Harry L. Canfield.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 11, the "boys" in company with the "girls," held a jolly social in our hall. The party was given as a farewell reception to Bro. Smith, who leaves the College for a few months. "Vic" was not aware of the "scheme" until he was ushered into the room, and there found his many friends ready to receive him. The surprise was a most complete one and the evening most enjoyable.

A *Cleveland Leader* special from Wooster, announces the fact that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has gone under there, and that $\Delta T \Delta$ now occupies their old Hall. The chapter here at Buchtel now numbers six men.

Bro. Wilson, '80, is now reading law with the firm of Green & Marvin.

Bro. Seiber is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

Bro. Tinker, '76, is again at his post of duty as Secretary of the College.

Bro. Chas. Baird, '76, was elected Prosecuting Attorney at the late election on the Republican ticket.

Bro. Chas. S. Cobbs, Σ , '77, is now acting as Mayor *pro tem*. Bro. Cobbs is a very enthusiastic Republican, and we may yet have the opportunity to help put him in some important office.

We understand that Bro. Carter contemplates making a serious move. We hope he may not be *Chagrin*-ed at the result.

Bro. Geo. Peckham, formerly Professor of Ancient Languages at Buchtel, is now Professor of Mathematics at Hiram.

Bro. A. D. Billhardt, initiated here last year, is now at O. W. U., Delaware.

Third Grand Division.

THE ZETA BETA.

IRVINGTON, IND., NOV. 22nd, '80.

Dear Crescent:—There was a misprint made in my last letter to the CRESCENT. The name of one of our new men was printed A. L. Boitt, when it should have been A. L. Bair.

H. S. Phillips, of New Castle, Pa., is the latest to enlist under our banner.

Among the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s at the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ convention one sport-

ed a Δ T Δ pin. He had not worn it long however when "Kid" Allen ran across him and then there was a conflict of ability, as it were. The Φ at last concluded that "discretion was the better part of valor" and left.

One of the lady Professors at Butler is waging war upon the lady fraternities here and by so doing is wasting a large amount of time and energy for nothing. It is about time for college Professors to learn that the fraternities do not depend on them for their existence and the sooner they learn it the better it will be for them.

During the Φ Δ Θ convention, in Indianapolis, two colored boys wearing Φ Δ Θ pins and claiming to be from Georgia, made their appearance at Butler. They stayed at the college for an hour or two, and then left. The Φ's now claim that they were two boys from the city and that they were hired by somebody for the occasion. The question now is, "who hired them?"

There are six fraternities represented at Butler. They are Σ X, Β Θ Π, Κ Κ Γ, Κ Α Θ, Φ Δ Θ and Δ T Δ. Κ Κ Γ and Κ Α Θ belong to the ladies.

Fraternally, E. I. PHILLIPS.

Notices to Chapters.

The duties of the associate editors is to write the CRESCENT a letter every month, *never less* than every two months. To send us any interesting items for the Greek World, and last and most important to see that every member of their chapter, and all their alumni, subscribe for it. We ask them to be prompt and conscientious in the performance of these duties.

Brother Deltas:—We have the pleasure of introducing to your circle a new band of brothers, organized at Iowa State University, on the 8th of November. This chapter has been in active process of formation for some time, and Bros. Fairall, of the Gamma, and Whitney and Hysham, of the Xi, have the honor of being the founders. Iota, of the Delta, also had a good deal of influence. The chapter started out with seven charter members, and two have been added since. Its prospects are the best, showing almost a clear field, Β Θ Π being the only rival, and as some of the most influential men of the University belong, there is every reason to expect the Omicron to play an import part in college affairs. G. N. Seidlitz, jr., is the Corresponding Secretary. It is not necessary to remind the secretaries of other chapters of their duties. Let the greeting be cordial.

W. L. McCLURG,
Sec'y Extension Com.

A CARD.

The Delta Tau Delta Song book committee proposes to issue the fraternity song book by June 1st, '81.

It will be printed on thick paper in large type and bound in a rich and durable form; there will be about 75 songs and the original music for some of them will be printed by the Photo-engraving process.

As the expense will necessarily be large it is expect-

ed that the various chapters and alumni will give this work their hearty support in two ways.

Financially, let all the chapters get as many promised subscriptions as they can both from active and alumni members, and forward them at once. Let such of the alumni as desire to do so send in their subscriptions immediately. The cost will be regulated by the number of subscriptions obtained, it is estimated at about one dollar, (not more.)

Second, active support. Of this we shall speak in the next issue of the CRESCENT.

Now is the time, let all interest themselves in the success of this undertaking and in the words of General Grant, "push things."

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Alumni News.

Bro. M. R. Harris A '71 was one of the successful candidates for the Illinois Legislature.

Bro. J. N. L. Hunt, Θ '62 candidate for Congress in the IX District N. Y. was defeated by 1,599 votes in a district where 28,000 were polled. He doubtless owes his defeat in a great measure to the prominence of the opposing candidate Fernando Wood.

Mr. H. T. Lamey, who attended college here in '72 and '73, now editor of a newspaper in Nevada, Missouri, will be married Nov. 11th. to Miss Missouri M. Wright, of that village.—*Meadville Daily Republican*.

The Pittsburgh *Sunday Leader* announces the marriage in that city of Mr. Russell E. McKelvey and Miss Blanche Lewis. "Mac" is an alumnus of Alpha and a Delta of the right sort. The CRESCENT and Alpha send their best wishes and hope that Fortune will shower her kindest blessings upon the happy couple.

MARRIED.

BLAIR—YATES—At the residence of the bride's mother in Columbus, Pa., Oct. 13th, by the Rev. M. W. Dillingham, Mr. John Blair, of Corry, and Miss Mary B. Yates, daughter of the late Judge Yates.

Bro. "Jack" Blair is an alumnus of Alpha and now that he has "gone and done it" we can only steady our shocked Bachelor's nerves and wish our new made sister and old brother all the happiness that the world allows.

And old book called the "Choctaw," was recently found and brought to the chapter hall by Bro. Woodring. This is an ancient possession of the fraternity, and contains a vast amount of information regarding chapter Alpha and her alumni. It had been mislaid for several years, but has at last found its way back to its owners, who welcome it with sincere pleasure as it was a relic too valuable to lose. The book is now in safe hands and will be sacredly kept as a chapter in the pioneer history of old Chapter Alpha.



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