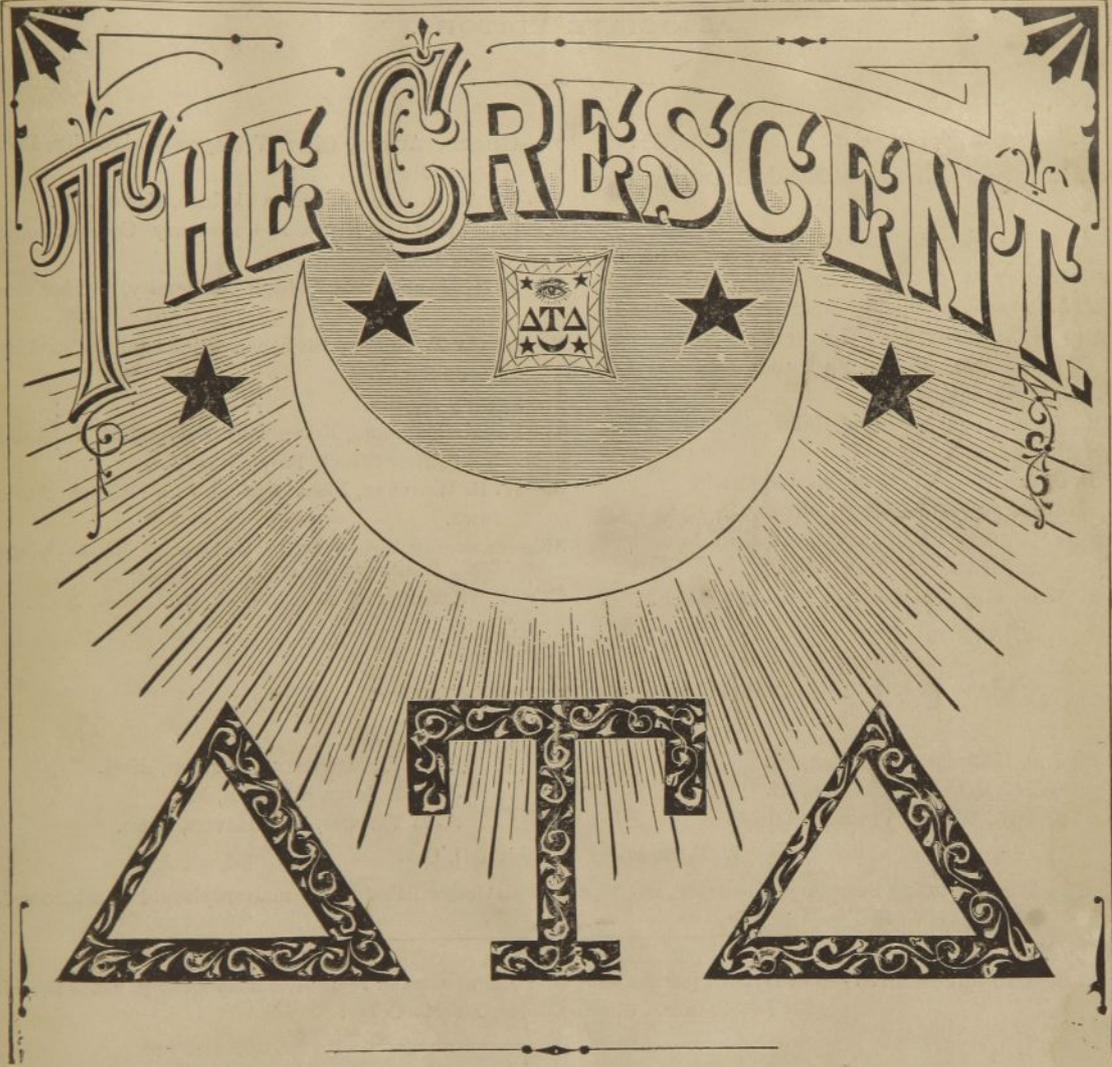


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OUR DELTA GIRLS.

BY JOHN R. SCOTT, B, '64.

Tune—"Many in One."

I.

Our banquet-boards, brothers, is brilliant with light,
And fragrant with beautiful flowers,
And laughter and music and all that is bright
Make merry the fleet-footed hours;
Then lift we our voices both tuneful and strong,
While onward Time merrily whirls,
And make the roof ring as we troll a brave song
In honor of all Delta Girls!

CHORUS:

Yes, we'll sing a brave song for our Girls!
A song for our brave Delta Girls!
For they are the best in North, South, East and West,
Our dainty, our dear Delta Girls!

Oh! bright as their glances, as sweet as their smiles,
May the future that awaits for them be;
No care that embitters, no friend that beguiles,
May ever a one of them see!
We will sing for our Girls, ay! we'll sing for them all,
For each one is worthy a throne,
And that we may sing with the heartiest will,
Let each frater just think of *his own*.

CHORUS.

THE CALL.

BY J. S. HARTZEL.

Dedicated (as promised) to W. G. Mayburry.

Fraters of the mystic tie,
Come, frater true and loyal,
Let us, Crescent Knights, ring out,
Our tribute of love, royal,
As 'round Friendship's shrine we meet
To adore "The Good,"
Let our hearts and minds imbibe
Of its mystic food.

CHORUS:

Then, Glory to our mystic tie,
And the mystic vow;

Glory to the love-knit hosts—
Noble Delta Tau.

Fraters of the mystic rites,
With each other vying
To fulfil the vow that makes
Fraternity undying;
Merry hearts and merry hands
Joining in the lay,
Let us laud "The True and Good,"
"The Purple and the Gray."

CHORUS.

Flaunt the royal banner out
And swell the Delta chorus,
For Love's perfume kindles here
Its magic influ'nce o'er us.
Mystics we, let's keep the thought
In our loyal breasts,
To fulfil, defend, applaud,
Knighthood's solemn feasts.

CHORUS.

DELTA TAU DELTA SONG.

DEDICATED TO THE TAU BY A. D. ELLIOT, T, '81.

Air—"Auld Lang Syne."

Dear Delta Tau, where e'er we be,
In foreign lands or not,
We'll always keep our vows to thee,
Thy teachings, not forgot.

CHORUS:

Then may we all once more resolve,
As every Delta should,
That we will truer Deltas prove,
And labor for her good.
When college days have long rolled past,
And memories oft shall come,
Of times when we as Deltas last
Met, soul to soul, as one.
O, may those memories ever live,
At loyal Delta's shrine.
O, may they often pleasure give,
And kindle love divine.

But though these college doors must close,
 And though no more we meet,
 We still shall love dear Delta Tau,
 And worship at her feet.

Then may her laurels never fade,
 Her stars more brilliant gleam,
 Her sons, forever, Deltas made,
 Her honor, spotless, beam.

THE STUDENT.

BY HENRY S. LIVINGSTON, A, '80.

He wanders oft away from men,
 From worldly cares and busy mart;
 And in some favorite nook or glen
 Enjoys the measure of his art.

His happiest spot, where none intrude,
 His not to see as others see;
 On subtle things his mind would brood,
 And not the harsh reality.

Let worldly men depise his ways,
 By word or gesture at him hurled;
 Deep in the night, far from their gaze,
 He thinks the thoughts that move the world.

—*The Western Representative.*

A WORD OR TWO.

Now that there is such a thorough awakening in the ranks of Delta Tau Delta, and so much enthusiasm evinced, perhaps a word of caution to the chapters may not be out of place.

Don't forget that our Fraternity Idea calls for chapters of small and congenial numbers, rather than large memberships, where the bonds of Deltaism cannot be so securely fixed. A large membership tempts a chapter to enter the arena of college politics, where dignity, and often more than dignity is lost. Let it be a principle with each chapter that no agreement shall ever be made secretly with any other rival chapter. Our fraternity is above such, and no chapter should hold $\Delta T \Delta$'s reputation so lightly as to become a party to any such agreement. If you have a brother who deserves an honor, work hard for him; but do it without any "log rolling." The "Fraternity Idea" points to something higher for Deltas than a scramble with the rabble for college honors, which are of so little real consequence that they have no weight after a man has been out of college two years.

Fraternities, as members of the Crescent Fraternity understand them, are not mere cliques, formed for the purpose of electing their members to honors; $\Delta T \Delta$, at least, is on a higher plane. Let each chapter

strive to obtain men of ability, who will be recognized as deserving. Of course there will always be rivals, who, disgracing the name of *fraternity*, will do what they can to defeat you; but that should not cause you to descend to their level. You have the mental ability, and failure to obtain the desired office will work neither the individuals nor the chapter harm. Though the policy of $B \Theta \Pi$ is by no means dazzling to $\Delta T \Delta$, and in many points the antithesis of ours, yet there is one article in their constitution which is good, and that is the one prohibiting any chapter of that fraternity from entering into an agreement with any chapter of another fraternity, in regard to politics. This article is of little weight with many of $B \Theta \Pi$'s chapters, but still its teaching is good.

Let the policy of exclusiveness be cultivated among us in the future even more than in the past. Perhaps a definite limit of membership would be ill-advised, but the maximum number should be placed at four men from each class. Don't go below freshmen, unless your rivals force it; then, if possible, make pledging do, and never allow a sub-fresh to swing out a badge.

ALUMNUS.

CARELESSNESS.

Perhaps some of our chapters will be surprised to hear it said of them, that in examining candidates for admission they do not consider sufficiently the influence these men will have when in contact with other chapters. Yet history shows such to be the case. In the case of initiations, chapters are apt to wholly lose sight of the fraternity and think only of themselves.

Do not admit any one who may possibly work an injury to the fraternity after leaving the active membership of the chapter, even though he may graduate in a few months, and though he may be able in a manner to benefit the chapter while present.

We know of one chapter, two members of which wrought a great injury to the fraternity some four or five years ago in two distinct sections, yet this chapter's average member is an excellent specimen; but it was careless in these two cases. The same chapter has, through its members, been influential in organizing some half dozen chapters, and through one man aided one of our elder sisters to effectually recover her position at the head in a college crowded with fraternities. We say nothing against the standard of our fraternity that is almost uniform in all parts of the fraternity, but there are individual cases where chapters deserve censure in being too lax, sometimes because of the social qualities or position of a man, sometimes through looking entirely at mental qualities.

HISTORY OF THE SIGMA.

BY ALBERT L. TALCOTT, PH. B.

(Concluded.)

Another event which will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend, was the first of our annual "Alumni Re-unions and Banquets," held on the evening preceding the commencement of 1878, at the "Continental Hotel," Alliance, Ohio, and at which about thirty of our members were present. J. C. Talcott, '76, acted as toast master, and among others the following brothers replied with notable success: James A. Martin, '76; A. J. Woolf, '76; C. S. Cobbs, '77; W. Penn Graham, '77 (our Apostle); W. H. Rowles, '77; and S. W. Ramsey. The singing of Bros. Hale, Pettit and Woodbury, was a prominent feature of the evening's amusement. The eight young men who were to receive their diplomas the next day were in very good spirits, and did their utmost "to drive dull care away" (in songs.)

A second "Alumni Re-union and Banquet" was held the evening before the Commencement of 1879, at the "Chase House," Alliance, Ohio, at which a large number congregated. The features of the evening were the speeches of Hale, Patterson, Locke, Martin, Waddle, and above all the others of "Demosthenes Fominius" McQueen, who came back to us, "loaded to the muzzle" with his peculiar and amusing squibs, anecdotes, etc. Several visitors from distant chapters were also present and contributed their share to the pleasantries of the meeting. The exercises of the evening were opened by a very attractive initiation. The candidate soon recovered in spirit after the ceremony was ended, and seemed to enjoy the banquet heartily.

Two of our most respected and worthy members have been touched by the cold hand of death, and both were members of the first class (1875) that graduated after our chapter was established.

Bro. J. W. Clarke died very suddenly at the residence of his father, Prof. G. W. Clarke, on the evening of the tenth of May, 1877. He had been engaged, since graduation, in the study of law at Alliance, Ohio. Will was taken from friends, kindred and home, almost without warning. Stricken down at noon, he was soon beyond the help of the physicians; and, as the darkness of night sheltered the melancholy scene, it brought an overwhelming grief to the strong father, the loving mother, and the affectionate sister. It was our first loss as a chapter. Deltas were promptly at hand to assist whenever they were needed. Proper resolutions of respect were also drafted and placed upon our records.

Bro. John B. Fleck died on the 24th of January,

1878. Since graduation, he had been engaged in teaching schools in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. At the time of his death he was teaching in a "Classical Seminary" in Pittsburgh, Pa. His widow, Mrs. Lizzie (Kay) Fleck, was formerly a member of the class of 1881. Bro. Fleck was, in every respect, one of the best men ever graduated by the college and we deeply sympathize with his widow in her loss.

I must now bring this sketch to a close. Though it has demanded considerable of my time for a few weeks past in correspondence, etc., it has been a very pleasant task to perform; and I take this opportunity of conveying my gratitude to the members of the chapter for the honor conferred by selecting me to write the same.

Existing under the unfavorable circumstances which have always surrounded us; compelled to exercise the utmost care and watchfulness, lest some ill-timed word or act expose us to the tender solicitude of an all-wise (?) faculty, it has long been a matter of wonderment to me that the chapter has flourished as it has. This can only be accounted for by the fact that so much caution has been practiced in making selections for membership; and if the same degree of importance is attached to this matter in the future, that has been in the past, no one need ever blush at the history of the SIGMA.

Our chapter, whenever mentioned in the publications of the general fraternity, is invariably accompanied by the mysterious words: "Faculty hostile." These words arouse a way down deep in our hearts, feelings of mingled pride and devotion, as memory depicts so faithfully the struggles that we shared, in common with the others of that "little band of Spartans," to rear a landmark by the wayside as we rushed hurriedly through college, that should induce those who follow in our pathway to look upon us the more kindly for having done something for them as well as for ourselves. In conclusion, let me add, for those who founded Chapter SIGMA, or nourished it in early infancy, that they only ask those who are to come upon the scene of action in their wake, to *protect* the "bud of promise" which they so fondly cherish.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Nov. 20th. 1879.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DELTA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, May 25th, 1880.

Editor Crescent, Dear Brother:—Trusting that a short summary of the history connected with the second rise of the DELTA, will be of interest to our brethren who are laboring in a common cause throughout the land, we present the following as our history; which, although so limited in extent of time, we are determined to make of long continuance:

The old Chapter of the MU Upsilon disbanded in 1877, mainly on account of dissensions among its members. From that time, until February of the present year, there was no organized body of Deltas here, although there were always two or three representatives of the fraternity attending the University. During the first two months of 1880, letters were received from several of the friends of the fraternity in Chicago, urging the members here to make a final endeavor to re-establish old Δ, and promising us their assistance in whatever way it was most needed. But even with such strong assurances of assistance, we were very reluctant to enter the scheme, that, however much aid was received without, the brunt of the battle must necessarily fall upon us. Then not only would the difficulties incident to the building up of any organization arise, but there were other difficulties peculiar to this University to be observed.

The students here have for years been divided into two factions,—society men and independents. The feeling between these two bodies has lately been very bitter, and as we had to draw our members from the independents, who were greatly prejudiced against the principle of Greek letter fraternities, the founding of another chapter would be a great undertaking. Besides, we were surrounded by many other powerful fraternities of long standing and influence, who had all the advantages of organization and reputation over us, and who would do their utmost to make our survival an impossibility.

However, after carefully considering the scheme, we decided that there was room for the movement, and so informed our friends at Chicago that we were ready to undertake it, if means were forthcoming. We were promptly informed by Messrs. Read and McClurg, that Δ T Δ was good for it. They promised us all we asked for, and more if necessary.

Accordingly, one of the finest halls in the city was rented, and Δ placed once more among the living. We began work in dead earnest, and in a very short time could compare notes in our favor with the strongest fraternities in the University.

It was plainly to our advantage to remain entirely secret until we were strong enough to take a prominent position. Everything succeeded just as we had planned. In selecting members, instead of making money and personal appearance the chief requisites, as is the usual custom here, we chose men of both marked ability and high social qualities. We made pure grit one of the chief qualifications, and would not take a man who could not be depended upon in "high pressure." Well, the high pressure came, and not in a single instance has our selection proved unworthy of the cause. About six weeks after organization, the affair began to leak

out. The old members were immediately spotted and informed that our scheme could not succeed, and that the other fraternities, as well as the independents, were united to crush us out. Many threats were hurled at our supposed weak and defenseless heads. We objected decidedly to the crushing process, and our opponents soon found themselves in a hornet's nest. Deltas sprang up all around them. They did not dare to trust a single person. Many a time they were badly sold by revealing their plans to supposed independents, who turned out to be stalwart Deltas. Several of us holding offices, they made a grand rally to turn us out; but by skillful manoeuvring we routed the whole gang, by getting them to quarrel among themselves about the spoils, and we still hold the offices.

The society men, however, soon saw their mistake, and that we were too strong to be routed. Accordingly, like true men, they have accepted the situation, and everything is going off smoothly at the present time. We are on good terms with all the societies, and before the year closes shall take the lead in the number of members. We have excellent men from every class in the Literary Department.

Much praise is due Bro. W. W. Cook, orator of the senior class, for the manly way in which he stemmed the storm which gathered about him as the founder of the fraternity. He has proved himself equal to the task of overriding slander and calumny. All of the new members have conducted themselves like old warriors in the fight, and no one need become alarmed for the future prosperity of the Δ, if her friends outside our college show half the zeal in her behalf. We ask our friends in other colleges to exchange greeting with us whenever they have an opportunity.

Will M. Carlton, Michigan's poet, of the KAPPA, now of Chicago, called upon us at our last meeting. He expressed himself as agreeably surprised at our signs of enduring prosperity. He said that he had no idea of finding us so numerous and so thoroughly imbued with the old Delta Tau Delta enthusiasm.

In conclusion, we send greeting to all our brothers, and say without boasting or exaggeration, that Δ T Δ stands in the front ranks of the fraternities of the University of Michigan.

DELTA.

QUALITY AND BEAUTY.

Another college year will have soon passed away, and our successes and failures must soon be transparent to the great order of the past. Our success will remain as golden links in the chain of college life; our failures we would forget, but not their lessons, for these are lights which should guide the Delta mariner in the great voyage of life, and enable him to steer clear of

the shoals and quicksands which endanger the voyage and impede his progress.

Experience is man's best teacher, but this is nothing more or less than success mingled with failure. The ability to do, coupled with a determination to succeed, must surely bring success. So in chapter life. The growth and influence of a chapter can not be based on the number or quality of her members. Members are easy to procure. On the other hand a chapter may number from five to ten actives and boast of *superior quality*; but unless those twelve actives perform the work they owe to the fraternity and to brother actives, we think the quality very poor indeed. There must be something more than fine literary talent to constitute quality in a fraternity sense. The fraternity was established not that it might have noted Senators or learned men among its alumni, but that it might be a head from which the frater could derive pleasure and profit. Those qualities of mind and heart which would naturally make their possessor a leader in society and in business, are quite as essential as literary talent; combine these qualities in a man and you have a frater who will not suffer the fair name of his chapter to be disgraced. In fact, the true frater is he who can make his own interests subordinate to those of the chapter, should the good of the order demand it. In choosing men, the first requisite to be considered is, social ability, and following this are scholarship and literary capabilities. Is he sociable, thoughtful, earnest, temperate in his habits; a man who can love and be loved in turn; who will appreciate true friendship; has he the ability to act and to act wisely and promptly should the occasion demand it; and withal, is his personal appearance agreeable? Such are some of the requirements which every new man should meet, then we care not whether a chapter numbers ten, twenty, or thirty members, she will grow and prosper. Mc.

FRATERNITY WORK.

BY J. F. MARCHAND.

The GAMMA cannot let pass this, the last opportunity, of speaking to the brothers through the CRESCENT. With this issue of the CRESCENT the duties of the assistant editors will expire, and the present volume will close. To the wide-awake, earnest, loyal Deltas, the close of the year's work should be marked by some appreciation of his beloved fraternity. In presenting this to the different chapters of the fraternity, the GAMMA, as a unit, expresses the highest regard for that name, $\Delta T \Delta$, which is ascending higher and higher among the different Greek letter societies. In reviewing the past year, we can proudly and triumphantly

exult in our grand achievements. The interest manifested in the chapters, and especially in negligent chapters, has, beyond a doubt, been unprecedented. To the careful reader of the CRESCENT, there cannot fail but to be seen the stately advancements in every branch of fraternity work, and the foreshadowing of still greater successes in the year '80 and '81. If we can, in this brief article, offer anything that will stimulate any chapter or chapters for more earnest work in the year upon which we shall soon enter, we shall have accomplished the desired object. Just here I would say, that nothing is of more imperative importance than to have plans laid out for Fall work, before the members of a chapter separate for their vacation. Such has been the experience of the GAMMA. When we separated last June, every Delta made a firm resolve to return at the opening of the college year and enter the work in earnest. During vacation, our correspondents were not forgotten; but the interest grew more and more, so that by the time we came back, all the boys were ready for hard, earnest work. Our success, during the year, has been published long since. The whole number initiated is nine. Of these, only one will be absent from college next year. Thus we see what can be accomplished by earnest work. For I can assure every member of the CRESCENT, that in a college where there are eight working fraternities, there is no time to waste, and every exertion must be brought into play. Then let every chapter organize for work next Fall, and enter the field with determination and earnestness, and by so doing success will be sure to crown every effort. In this we would recommend every chapter to carry on a correspondence with its Grand Chapter, and any other chapters in the same division, so that all news current on fraternity matters will be known. The advantages we have received this year by corresponding with the Grand Chapter TAU and RHO, have been many. Everything has been moving quietly in the First Grand Division, and the prospects were never more favorable. Should any Delta know of any person who will enter any institution in which $\Delta T \Delta$ is established, if he should have the qualities requisite for a Delta, by all means give him a letter of introduction to the secretary, or any other member whom he knows. In conclusion, let me urge on a full representation at our next Annual Convention at Chicago, in October. Every chapter should try, by all means, to have at least one delegate present. With this I close, hoping that by the termination of another year, the success of the GAMMA and the fraternity in general will be even greater than in the year which is past.

THE STATUS OF "PLEGDED" MEN.

It has been thought that between a *pledged* man and

a regular initiate whatever difference existed was but apparent. Some, also, have thought that the pledging of men was all to be required, the after initiation being only a troublesome ceremony insisted on by the general fraternity.

But there is another way to look at this subject, and if by this the importance of the subject is increased, a means for its correct appreciation is perhaps added. Briefly, let us consider the man pledged to become a member of this fraternity, as one yet undergoing his test examination.

During the interval between pledging and initiation, let his actions, his sentiments, and his surroundings, be carefully and diligently observed. Let us take care that our initiation and ignorance do not delude us into accepting one unworthy of us. Above all let his allegiance be tried by proper temptations,—the least wavering, the smallest indecision, should meet with its appropriate punishment. If the shadow of a suspicion of his forming a new alliance be not disproved by positive evidence, at once break all connection with a man who will not respect his plighted honor.

Among gentlemen, God and honor are equivalent; the claims of the one can not be made more binding than those of the other. P.

GREEK WORLD.

Β Θ Π lives at Washington and Lee in the person of one man.

Φ Δ Θ expects to gain a footing at Franklin and Marshall next year. The same fraternity is putting forth great exertions to get into Pennsylvania University.

Β Θ Π organized a chapter at Pennsylvania University on the evening of May 17th.

Σ X has, numerically, gone into Wabash College with flying colors, having on the 5th of May chartered a literary society of nineteen members.

Φ Γ Δ held a State convention on the 16th of April of the chapters of Indiana and Illinois. The founding of new chapters in these two States was decided desirable.

Φ Δ Θ claims a chapter at Michigan University.

The faculty of Monmouth are again having trouble with fraternities, though they have prohibited their presence.

On the 31st of May, the students of Allegheny held their Field Day exercises, and out of eleven prizes contested for Bro. Decker won seven and Richmond one. Besides his other merits Decker is a decided athlete, and some of his achievements on that day surpass any reported by other colleges.

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VALEDICTORY.

It is always sad to say farewell; and now it is especially painful, after our intimate acquaintance of the past year, to feel that with the publication of this number of the CRESCENT, our association in our present capacity, with our endeared brotherhood, shall cease. To speak of the editorial duties of the CRESCENT having been oppressively arduous, would be to distort the truth. Notwithstanding the pressure of numerous other duties, the CRESCENT has been prepared regularly, and has been much of the nature of a pleasant recreation.

The CRESCENT has not before been published during a year in which there were as many emphatic successes for Deltaism as during the year just finished. The achievements have been brilliant, and the present indications are flattering. Beside the founding of several strong chapters, new life has been instilled into other organizations in which there were only a few lingering symptoms of vitality. In the advancement of the fraternity, we recognize the fact that the Extension Committee has been a prominent factor. The creation of such a committee reflects much credit on the last Convention.

The discussions which have been carried on in the columns of the CRESCENT have been instructive as well as interesting. We earnestly hope that this feature will be continued in the subsequent volume of the paper. The exchange of views on important subjects, relative to chapter or general fraternity work, enhances the value of our paper as a fraternity organ.

The Historical Department should also receive immediate attention on the part of those who have been somewhat delinquent.

The success of the CRESCENT during the last year has been largely due to the co-operation of the editorial staff with the Editor-in-chief. These brothers will please accept thanks, because they appreciated the fact that it is impossible for those who have the immediate supervision of our journal, to issue an acceptable number without the assistance of the members of the staff. We also feel grateful toward Bro. McClurg, and many other contributors, whose interesting articles have appeared in our columns.

Our neat typographical appearance has been due to the mechanical skill of foreman Geo. W. Hand. Even when much pressed with business, he has always been pleasant and affable; and has proved himself not only a prince of the "art preservative," but a friend and a gentleman.

The Business Department of the CRESCENT, under the management of Bro. F. S. Chryst, never was more satisfactory. We promise the brothers a pleasant surprise when the financial report is made at the Convention.

Under the management of my predecessor the CRESCENT was published by the ALPHA. In the wisdom of the fraternity this responsibility was returned to the ALPHA. We give the CRESCENT back a second time to be disposed of by the coming Convention. The corps of editors will ever be interested in the success of this enterprise. We know it will be given into more able and competent hands in the future than during this year, and we shall always give the CRESCENT our hearty support and encouragement.

The Editor-in-chief is not only about to sever his connection with the CRESCENT, but leaving college, must give up active membership in our beloved brotherhood. The delightful associations of our fraternity have so endeared the few short years spent as a student, that we almost regret that it is impracticable to make Deltaism a feature of real life. The pure and ennobling principles upon which our organization is founded, are the principles of true manhood. We hope they have been so engrafted into our being, that we shall make as great an attempt to be loyal to our manhood as we have made to be loyal to Deltaism.

And now, in conclusion, we want to commend the CRESCENT and all its interests to the general fraternity. Keep our organ alive. Support it well. Look upon it as a thermometer indicating the degree of ardor and enthusiasm. Make it better the next year than it ever has been. Show your devotion to the cause by your interest in the CRESCENT.

We say to the CRESCENT, to each individual brother, to the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, God bless you! Al-

though we shall probably not be able, on account of being engaged with new duties, to clasp your hands at the coming Convention, we feel we know you intimately, and to say good bye is like parting with very dear friends. God speed you. May you realize your high aspirations in life. May you seek to understand the philosophy of life, looking upon nothing as true success which does not recognize the sovereignty of a higher being. May purity of motive be the impelling influence of your lives. Do not permit the generosity and unselfishness of your hearts to make you so devoted to to your friends that you shall forget that there are certain things you owe to yourself; that when friends have passed away,—all earthly ties broken,—and you shall have finished the time allotted to man to live, you will be judged, not by the sincerity of your friendship, but by the real, true, Godlike principles which have governed your lives.

And now, again, farewell. May the brightness of the CRESCENT in the past be only a beam compared with its effulgent rays in the future. And may the brothers, battling with the bare realities of life, have the pathway lightened by a constant reflection from this luminous source.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

ON THE second Wednesday of October our next Annual Convention will be held at Chicago. It promises to be one of the most satisfactory meetings held since the founding of our fraternity in 1858. As the bounds of Deltaism are widening these annual gatherings are becoming more and more a prominent feature. Enthusiastic and zealous delegates will give an impetus to the general fraternity work; let only these be sent to the Convention. The social feature of the Convention will not be the least of the enjoyments; notwithstanding the routine of important business, there will be ample time for friendly greetings. The Eastern chapters will annihilate space and send a large delegation, while the western chapters, being so near Chicago, will doubtless be represented with a double portion of earnest workers. It is hoped that a large number of the brothers, who have not been named as delegates, will arrange their summer vacation so as to be present at Chicago. Let there be a grand re-union of all Deltas who can possibly be present, and let us shout together loud huzzahs for our successful brotherhood. We insist on every Delta straining a point in order to attend the Convention. That the delegates will well represent the fraternity we have no doubt; but there is strength in numbers as well as in union, therefore let every brother increase the number by being present himself.

The chapters must bear in mind that it is a duty which they owe to Deltaism to have one or more dele-

gates. With a universal representation the Convention cannot fail in being a complete success.

All the foremost workers of the fraternity, as far as heard from, have signified their intention of attending the Convention. Let us all, then, come together and congratulate ourselves on being members of one of the most thriving Greek letter societies now in existence.

GET ready for the Convention.

WE wish you all a happy and invigorating vacation.

THE second Wednesday of October will be an interesting time in Chicago.

THE CRESCENT sends congratulations to all our valiant knights who have closed up a successful year of college work.

ALUMNI who change their places of residence will greatly assist in the preparation of our next catalogue, if they will notify this chapter of any change in their address.

We suggest that on evenings when chapters are holding their banquets, that a committee be appointed to solicit both from active members and alumni, subscriptions to the next year's CRESCENT. Earnest work will double the circulation of the CRESCENT. Let it be done. Pass the subscription list around the table when the cooling refreshments and the luscious fruits are being enjoyed,—who could resist? This is a little piece of strategy, but it may prove successful.

THE SIGMA is again suffering uneasiness on account of renewed investigations by the hostile faculty. When will that old antedeluvian principle, which battles so strongly against the modern college secret societies, cease to be the caressed hobby of so many college presidents? Not, perhaps, until all these fossilized and erudite individuals shall have entered a world where there is no necessity of fraternities, and the rising generation, with modernized judgments, shall be prepared to fill the vacant places.

Alpha Locals.

At her last meeting ALPHA chose Bro. C. A. Ensign as her delegate to the Chicago Convention.

"THE ALLEGHENIAN" will be out in a few days, when we will immediately forward a copy to each of our chapters.

We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to a promised visit from Bro. West Bissell, of the UPSILON, Commencement week.

This year the ALPHA will lose, by graduation, seven

members, and two or three will not return to college, yet we will start out next Fall with a chapter of fifteen strong at least.

Homer Mosier, who has been attending Theological School in New York, this last year, has come home to spend the long vacation. Until Fall he will take charge of the Vallonia Mission, which is about a mile from this city.

Brother Gill Nodine, who is the luckiest unlucky man on record, has been seriously ill this last week with a "stitch" in his back. Just what will happen to him next it is impossible to surmise.

At a reception given recently by the alumni of the High School of this city to the graduating class, Bro. Art Gill was "Magister Ceremoniarum," which position he filled with great credit.

Our Banquet will be held at the Commercial on the evening of the 23d, when we expect to have an unusually fine time. Bro's Bruce, Davis, McClurg, Mitchell, Mosier, and many others will be with us.

At a select performance, recently given by the Allegheny Literary Society, Bro. Locke delivered one of the best orations ever given in this college, and Bro. Wann reflected credit upon himself by his masterly debate.

The number of embryo lawyers that the ALPHA will turn out this month is alarming. Behold the solid phalanx,—Chryst, Ensign, Lippitt, Nodine, Shilling and White! To counteract the evil influences that this array of legal lore will undoubtedly bring about, we can only produce one little theologian—Locke. But then we think Ned is equal to the emergency.

First Grand Division.

THE RHO.

HOBOKEN, May 25th 1880.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Here are a few lines from the RHO for the last number of this year's CRESCENT, stating what the boys have been doing during the past year.

For two weary years (1878 and 1879) we had to do so much hoping against hope, that now, were it not for the fact that our visitors have expressed themselves so much pleased with the RHO's present condition, we wouldn't dare venture any expressions of hope for the future. Assuming therefore that what our visiting fraters say of us is true, we venture to say that the sick man of two years ago is fully recovered. We have up to date initiated six men this year, and hope to add a few more to our number before the close of the term. We lose three by graduation, Bros. Bond, Elliot and Lieb. After graduation Bro. Bond expects to go to Hartford; Bro. Elliot to Chicago and Illinois generally, and Bro. Leib expects to stay in or around New York.

An event which made an era in our chapter's history, was the establishment of the *Rho Chronicle*, intended

primarily as a means of keeping the chapter's alumni informed of its movements, and also as a means of furnishing a convenient record of our chapter happenings. We are most happy to say the *Chronicle* has met with complete success; our alumni have taken to the idea most kindly, and now, to a man, are far better Deltas than they were three months after leaving college. Every chapter should try this plan. The expense for copygraph and paper necessary to print an edition of sixty copies need not cost more than five dollars per annum, and it pays for itself a hundred fold.

Thanks to the perseverance of one of our resident alumni, Bro. A. P. Trautwein, P '76, we have discovered the whereabouts of Bro. J. L. N. Hunt, THETA '62, one of the founders of our fraternity. Bro. Hunt had completely lost track of the fraternity since coming East, and expressed great surprise at the gigantic strides our fraternity was making towards a place in the front ranks. During the Easter vacation Bros. Trautwein and H. Brueck had the pleasure of calling upon Bro. H., and received from his lips an account of the conception and inception of Delta Tau Delta. His account agrees substantially with the version of Bro. J. S. Lowe, as given in Bro. Eaton's history. Bro. Hunt is now practicing law in New York city.

We cannot close without acknowledging the pleasure it has afforded us to entertain visiting brothers, and trusting that in the future these visits will be less "few and far between." Fraternally,

H. T. BRUECK.

THE PI.

CHAPTER ROOM OF THE PI, May 20th, 1880.

The past year has been a prosperous one for this chapter. We have added four members to our numbers, and have, we think, relaid the foundations of a permanent and successful chapter.

We have been much pleased to see in all directions that our influence and standing have been benefitted. The chapter has taken possession of suitable apartments in a good location. We have fitted these up in elegant and tasteful style, and now spend most of our time there.

In college our members have obtained honors. In the society of the town they have become popular. They are free from internal strife or ill feeling; in fact, though the Pi is not a model chapter, she feels very well satisfied with herself.

THOS. H. HARDCASTLE

THE TAU.

Six of the TAU's oldest and most enthusiastic Deltas make their exit from F and M. this month, having finished a long, yet we hope pleasant course. They were a noble energetic "six," labored earnestly and sincerely for the interests of their chapter and fraternity; and they and their works will leave upon our minds and hearts a strong and lasting impression. Our boys, I am sure, will, hereafter, indulge in it as a grateful recollection that they have been Brothers with them.

Bros. Hartzell and Dreisbach, seminary graduates of this year, who were ever ready to give encouragement, both by their presence and valuable suggestions, will also leave us.

The anniversaries of the Literary Societies, held at Lancaster Opera House last month, were well represented by our Delta boys. At the Goetheans, the positions of poet, eulogist and orator were filled respectively by

Bro's J. Harry Geissinger, Frank S. Elliot and A. B. Reiser, winning, as 'twas said, new laurels by their admirable compositions. Bro's A. D. Elliot and W. G. Mayburry on the same evening, as well as our Cor. Sec. Snyder, at the anniversary of the "Diags" a week later, acquitted themselves handsomely with white kids, buttnholders, &c., beckoning to the fair ones to take seats where they directed.

Among the numerous testimonials received by them was a souvenir to Bro. J. H. Geissinger, sent from Germany by Bro. Geo. M. Zacharias, which is interesting for its historic associations. It is a crown of ivy and arbor-vitae. On a tablet of ivy is a bust of Goethe, in bas-relief. The ivy he gathered from the historic castle, the Dornburg, in which Goethe lived, and the arbor-vitae from a tree overhanging the mausoleum in which Goethe and Schiller lie buried.

Of those who leave us this year Bro's F. S. Elliot, W. A. Miller and A. B. Rieser will commence the study of law, Bro's Bousman, B. F. and C. W. Levan will enter the Reformed Seminary here, next fall, while Bro. J. H. Geissinger will continue his duty as a member of the Editorial staff of the Lancaster *Intelligencer*.

We have had enrolled, at the beginning of this year, '79-'80, 13 members. At the second meeting we succeeded in "capturing" three more, Bro's Reber, '81, Reiler, '82 and McHose, '83. Unfortunately Bro's Frieze and McHose were obliged to leave college, one on account of the death of his father, the other owing to weak eyes. Bro. W. J. Bousman has also retired from the list of College students, still, however, is enabled to be present at our meetings, since he has his home in the city. Last week two new men were initiated, Fred C. Cook, Hagerstown, Mo., and Field Kennard, Lake Mahopac, N. Y., who, by their congenial spirit, and moral and social standing, will become good Deltas. We close this year with 16 active members.

One often wishes he "were not," especially when he has two sweet-hearts visiting in the city at the same time. So Levan says. But for fear he might waste a pitcher of water, we will say no more.

We are pleased to note that Bro. F. S. Elliot, class of '80, has received second honor of his class. The third honor, valedictory, was given to a non-fraternity man, who is in sympathy with the Deltas, to the grievous disappointment of two $\Phi K \Psi$'s. The first honor was also given to a non-fraternity man.

Bro. Miller, '80, is at home spending part of his Senior vacation.

Our fifth annual Symposium will be held June 17. Invitations have been sent to all the chapters and many of the Alumni. We have "eyes and ears for the time and hearts for the event." We hope to see all the Delta boys present who can find it convenient. Come!

Bro. W. J. Bousman entertained a number of the boys at his home, several evenings since. We spent one of the old-timed evenings, and left *over-flowing*.

Second Grand Division.

THE SIGMA.

JUNE 1st, 1880.

The SIGMA's course during the current year has been marked by progress and beset by difficulties unequalled by no other since her organization. At the opening of the fall term only six of us were present to answer to our names as the chapter roll was called, but within ten weeks five new brothers were received within our mystic circle. In the meantime all irregularities resulting from the unsettled condition of affairs during the dark summer of 1878 were as far as possible correct-

ed, and a hall in which to hold regular meetings procured and partly furnished.

The special winter term found us again small in numbers. The seven active members, however, immediately began work with a will, completed the furnishing of our hall, received our by-laws, and after holiday recess added three more to our little band. We were now all enthusiasm; but "alas for all the deep laid schemes, etc." The investigations of our hostile faculty, noted in a former communication to the CRESCENT, together with the exposed position of the room, led us to abandon our new place of meeting in February.

The spring term opened with brilliant prospects. Fifteen Deltas anxious to labor for the glorious cause were present. As mentioned in the last CRESCENT they at once arranged a new and better place of meeting, which was removed from the close proximity of our unsympathetic student associates and suspicious faculty. A new literary programme was adopted, two new knights donned their armor by the light of the crescent and its glittering constellation, and all went merrily as a marriage bell.

The present term has been in session three weeks with fifteen of us in attendance. We regret to say that our prospects for success are not so flattering as might be desired. An opposing faction, sore from defeat in literary societies, having from some unknown source gleaned slight proofs of our organization, have publicly declared the fact and aroused anew the suspicions of our faculty. The absence of the college President for the past two weeks has prevented thorough investigation of the matter, but with his return this evening Madame Rumor declares that the affair will receive attention promptly. Whatever the result may be, let none tremble for the life of chapter. This, like preceding attempts, will probably prove futile, but even though some of her actives should be brought before the bar of *arbitrary injustice*, and visited with expulsion, it will be impossible to detect us all, and there is an abundance of good material among our non-fraternity friends to repair all breaches made by these onslaughts.

In winning college honors our boys have been eminently successful. In the literary societies Deltas or their chosen friends have, without exception, been victorious. The same discretion which forbids the publication of our active members' names also forbids an enumeration of these honors. Eight weeks yet remain before our college year will be completed. The workings of our chapter during that period will be recorded by my successor in the first issue of next year's CRESCENT.

Mo.

THE MU.

This issue of the CRESCENT finds us past our first anniversary; and we are enabled to look back over our first year's work for ΔΤΔ with no small degree of pleasure that our energies have been devoted to so noble a cause. While we feel proud in the consciousness that we have contributed something to facilitate the onward course of the fraternity, and to enhance her true worth, we, with all modesty, feel that we have a right to claim the greater part of the honor for the change that has been wrought among the various fraternities of our university since the CRESCENT made its appearance here nine months ago.

Previous to that time secret societies had assumed a bad shape at the O. W. U., and fraternal spirit and principles had run riot to such an extent that many inferior, second rate men were admitted into the mystic circles, while superior, first rate were often completely overlooked. This state of affairs had continued so far

that men almost devoid of the first elements of membership became members of well established fraternities, and, under cover of their badges, were admitted to the first ranks of society. Men of true merit began to stand aloof from the organized cliques and to look for something higher. In May of '79, a few of us having intellectual, as well as social development in view, decided, at the solicitation of our alumni, to form ourselves into an association and accept a charter from ΔΤΔ. Accordingly we—six in number—were made acquainted with her mystic rites, June 3d, 1879, through Bro. Wilbur Colvin, of the BETA. We soon took in and graduated three men of '79; but kept our organization in secret until Oct. 18, following. The older orders gave us a friendly welcome and waited for developments, and were not long in discovering that their young rival, in the choice of men, took more things into consideration than were generally supposed to be requisite to a first class fraternity man; that she looked higher than money, or a mere ability to appear well in society; that there would be room for men who were true men, inspired by worthy motives. Our fraternities seem to have wakened up, and as a result, the "ladies' man" is fast giving place to a better type of the *genus homo*, and secret organizations are attaining a much more significant position in the opinion of everybody; by no means the least of these is ΔΤΔ.

We have ten vigorous men, one of whom, Bro. J. E. Scott, class of '82, we initiated recently, and now we wish to introduce to the fraternity a good man and worthy frater.

Our commencement will be June 24th, to attend which we extend an urgent invitation to every wearer of the purple and gray.

We had a pleasant call this week from Bro. W. Gardner, of '70. He had never seen our boys, but was all a Δ, nevertheless.

Bro. T. C. O'Kane is a successful book seller and energetic Sunday School worker at Delaware. He has also acquired a wide reputation as a composer of S. S. music; during the past few years having put out six different works. "Jasper and Gold," the last one issued by himself alone, has already reached a sale of 175,000 copies. "Joy to the World," published by O'Kane, McCabe and Sweney in 1879, has reached 100,000.

Prof. Grove, of '70, is author of Grove's Elements of Latin. It is being used in the O. W. U. and elsewhere with general satisfaction and commendation, and a work that will doubtless supply a want long felt by instructors in the first principles of the language.

C. B. Austin, of '79, is just closing a successful year's work as Tutor of Mathematics at O. W. U. The same position has been offered for another year, and rumor has it, that not long hence he will be made Adjunct Professor in the same department.

A.

THE ETA.

There were twelve active members in the chapter at the close of the college year '78-'79; of these, ten returned at the opening of the college year '79-'80. We initiated during the year seven men, viz.: S. M. Pence, N. A. Stall, M. E. Bourne, F. W. Garber, A. Billhardt, M. D. Culver and D. E. Twiggs.

The following Bro's have left us during the year: G. W. Seiber and S. M. Pence, to pursue the study of law; the former at Akron, O., and the latter at Columbus, O. F. H. Wheeler to pursue the study of medicine at Akron, O.; M. L. Culver to enter Cornell University, where he intends to take a course.

Bro. W. H. Sanford has returned to college after a year's absence.

There are at present fourteen active members. Of these six are in the Classical, six in the Scientific, and two in the Philosophical course.

Regular meetings are held every two weeks, with occasional special meetings; the meetings are well attended.

The number of Deltas in the different classes resembles an inverted pyramid; there is only one in the Senior class, but in following the classes we find the number to increase, so that in the Freshman class there is only one representative of our rival fraternity, the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

The chapter has a good reputation in the college and also in the city. It is gaining strength, and the writer hopes that it may continue to increase and thus add fresh laurels to the glorious brotherhood of $\Delta T \Delta$.

J. O. SIMMONS.

Third Grand Division.

THE KAPPA.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE, May 25, 1880.

We are glad to report that the KAPPA is enjoying a prosperous time.

During the winter, on account of many of our members being out of school, our number was small, meetings few, and interest not quite up to the usual mark. But with the opening of the Spring term with our old members back, and the addition of some new ones, we are strong, vigorous and enthusiastic. The KAPPA graduates this term four, all of whom are men of the first quality.

Fraternally,

E. E. MOSS.

THE IOTA.

Dear Crescent:

The year, slow to close, has been, on the whole, very successful for the IOTA. Nine worthy men were gleaned from the class of '83, not one of whom could the chapter possibly spare. Unity of thought and action appears to have been the watchword of the members, and all seem to have grasped as never before the true fraternity spirit. Our prospects for the future are good.

At a recent meeting Bro. A. H. Voight was chosen Alumni Sec., to succeed Bro. Bamber, and to whom all communications from the alumni should be addressed.

Bro. W. W. Remington, who so ably filled the office of Sec'y last year, has been tendered the principalship of the grammar department of the Grand Rapids High School at a salary of \$1,100 per annum.

The IOTA's sons desire to extend their heartfelt thanks to the brothers of the ALPHA and of the Extension Committee for the very able and energetic manner in which they have watched over the interests of this fraternity. To the ALPHA for the discretion shown in granting and withdrawing charters; in whatever has tended to exalt the fair name of $\Delta T \Delta$; and especially to those brothers who have had the immediate supervision of the CRESCENT. The ALPHA is winning a name that shall never be forgotten. May her future record be as brilliant as the past.

Fraternally,

CHAS. W. McCURDY.

THE EPSILON.

The EPSILON numbers 15 among her active members, seven of whom she will lose by the outgoing of '80.

They are her oldest members, and she will feel the blow severely. Bro's G. E. Bowers and C. C. DeCamp, of '80, were added to our list last term.

Bro's Gulick, Landon, Wilson, Bennet and Hicks have been our other additions during the year.

The EPSILON is making preparations for her fourth annual banquet, which is to be held on June 23d. We expect a solid delegation from our alumni, as the quinquennial re-union of our literary societies at the college occurs this Spring, and these never fail to bring them back. A cordial invitation is extended to every Delta, and especially to our sister chapters of Michigan. Come and see us at that time, and we give you assurances of a hearty reception. Again to our sister chapters of Michigan: IOTA, KAPPA DELTA, and IOTA BETA we extend a cordial invitation. Come. N. B.—*The fair ones will be present.*

Bro. Gulick was recently summoned to the sick bed of an intimate friend at Bristol, N. Y., and will probably not return this term.

We exchanged the grip with Bro. C. A. French, Sunday evening, who was on a short visit to Albin to see his "girl." He is at present business manager of the Grand Rapids Saturday *Evening Post*, in which he has an interest. Charley is an enthusiastic Delta.

Bro. Wilson gave us a flying visit on his way from his home in Canada to Chicago, where he takes a situation as book-keeper in a wholesale dry goods house.

Another victim. Bro. A. L. Welch, of '82, left us a couple of weeks ago for a Sunday visit, and in a day or two we were surprised to receive the cards for his marriage to Jessie L. Morris, at the home of the bride's parents, in Decatur, Mich. We suppose this makes him an alumnus. The EPSILON wishes him success.

R. M. Young, our '80 Bro., is still suffering from his attack of paralysis, and has given up all hopes of finishing school this year. He is one of our charter members, and also a charter member of the Iota, and has greatly endeared himself to all Deltas who know him, and we greatly sympathize with him in his affliction.

R. E. Clark, '82, has given up the law and gone into the hardware business in Jackson, Mich.

Bro's Ranger, Farley, and Chase are closing up successful years as principals of thriving Michigan schools. We expect to see them all Commencement.

Bowen and Gulick are the tall boys of EPSILON.

C. C. DeCamp, '80, is at home in the hardware business, but will return Commencement to graduate with his class.

After graduation, the '80s of the EPSILON will be engaged as follows: One lawyer, one journalist, one physician, and four have chosen active business lives.

The compliments of the TAR for the annual symposium was received this afternoon. Would like to be there.

With my '80 brothers I shall, in a few days, "take my satchel in my hand and journey toward my fatherland" to be initiated again around our banquet table.

Yours Fraternaly,

ALBIN, May 25, 1880,

ALBERT DE CAMP,

THE PHI.

Editor of Crescent:

If silence is an indication of wisdom the Third Division must represent the wise part of our order, especially Chapter PHI. We would rather be seen than heard; if some one would come and see us. Not that we consider ourselves so good looking that we want some one to come and look at us, but we are pining for company.

The PHI's prospects for next year are excellent.

The Deltas here are well represented in the Field-Day exercises.

Chapter PHI congratulates the fraternity at large on the valuable additions she has gained this year. And in turn, we believe every division can congratulate itself on valuable additions. The PHI has been shaking hands with herself all Spring.

We got a look at some of our "foreign brethren" last month. Some of the members of the PHI accepted the invitation of the ZETA BETA PRIME, and attended the banquet given by her on the 14th ult, at the residence of Bro. Boyle, Indianapolis. For a jolly, whole-souled set, or what in "Latin" you would call a "fly set of fellows," we recommend the members of the ZETA BETA. The banquet was a decided success, as you would have thought if you had seen us. We courted Terpsichore until her daddy was about to send Apollo to tell us it was time to "skip."

Our Commencement comes off on the 17th of June, and we are ready to entertain a car-load of Deltas on that occasion.

Bro. Ensign has asked us for our photo. Ye members of the ALPHA please remember, if Bro. Ensign is taken suddenly sick and perhaps dies from some unknown cause, that we have sent him our photo. But we warned him; we told him we were not handsome.

Wishing success to our Seniors, that are already commencing to get scared over their Commencement speeches, I am fraternally yours,

R. B. MILROY.

THE ZETA BETA.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY, May, 1880.

Bro. Jos. A. Kelsey, '81, left, Saturday, May 8th, for Denver, Col., where he will engage in the insurance business. The ZETA BETA gave a social and hop in his honor on the previous evening, at the residence of Bro. Oliver, on College Avenue. Two ladies' fraternities, K K Γ and K A Θ, were represented among the female participants.

The ZETA BETA Chapter in a body attended the contest between the base and foot ball teams of Butler and Asbury Universities, which occurred at Green Castle, Ind., May 15. Bro. E. I. Phillips represented our chapter in the foot ball game, where he distinguished himself for his extraordinary "bucking" powers. Nobody could stand before him. The game resulted 4 goals to 1, in favor of Butler. The first two innings of the base ball game put one in mind of the days of "town ball" and "barn door" paddles. Twenty-two runs were scored. Bro. O'Conner, '82, began to pitch for the Butler nine in the 3d inning. Asbury was able to score only one earned run against him. It is generally admitted that he saved the day for Butler. The game resulted in favor of Butler, 19 to 16. The boys of the OMICRON treated us very hospitably. O'Conner, of "Rich American Blood" fame, surrendered to one of the pretty girl cadets, while the chapter was only saved by a hasty retreat.

This has been a year of unprecedented success for the ZETA BETA. She has placed herself on an equality with two chapters of fraternities that have been established at Butler for twenty years, and almost all of the important offices of the various college associations have fallen into her grasp. She will send a full delegation to the Chicago Convention.

The ZETA BETA is under obligations to the UPSILON for a copy of the *Transit*.

Yours Fraternally,

CLARENCE BOYLE.

Fourth Grand Division.

THE LAMBDA.

As the year draws to a close and we prepare to leave our college halls—some of us forever,—it is but natural that we should look back to and bring to remembrance the joyous meetings which we have had during the past year. May they never be forgotten. Prosperity has attended the LAMBDA. We feel assured of that. Especially this term have the meetings been interesting. The "Budget" has contributed not a little in making them so, and now we are looking forward with eager expectation to the coming re-union when we can meet once more with our older brothers. May that occasion be one long to be remembered.

Some of the LAMBDA's sons had the pleasure of attending, recently, a leap year picnic. They reported a jolly time, although the ardor of one of them was somewhat dampened by falling into the creek.

Bro. Henry S. Livingstone is poet of the class of '80; Wm. A. Parker, orator; while Bro. Wm. Livingstone will officiate as presiding genius.

The LAMBDA will hold her customary annual banquet and re-union on Wednesday evening, June 16th. A large number of alumni are expected to be in attendance, and the occasion will doubtless prove one of unusual pleasure.

It is well for a certain fraternity that her monthly publication is *sub rosa*. Were it open to the eyes of everybody the petulant and malicious reports, which its correspondents thoughtlessly and foolishly make concerning fraternity chapters, would disgrace it even more than they now do.

WM. A. PARKER.

THE LAMBDA.

BY WILLIAM H. PARKER, (A '80.)

Air—"America."

Good Lambda, unto thee,
Grateful thanksgiving, we,
Thy songs, declare;
And as we come to-night,
To dwell in love's delight,
"Long may thy name be bright,"
Shall be our prayer.

Now raise the accents strong,
And each join in the song,
To Delta Tau;
Let love our band unite,
Let each one strive with might,
Under the CRESCENT light,
For Lambda, now.

In thee we do rejoice,
Our love may heart and voice
For thee proclaim;
And when we bid farewell,
To those we love so well,
May recollections dwell,
Upon thy name.

THE CHI.

Messrs. Editors:—The CHI sends greetings to the other chapters and joins them in their desire for the prosperity of the fraternity at large. For sometime they have no doubt thought the CHI nearly or quite extinct. But not so. She is alive and prospering. It is true there was a time when it was doubtful whether or not she would be permitted to continue, when the future look-

ed gloomy; but that time has passed away, and a brighter day has dawned. A new sun has arisen to shed its refulgent rays on the future of our chapter. We have a goodly number of enthusiastic members who feel a great interest in her welfare. Every thing looks flattering. The future of the college, I think as does every body else, is beyond the shadow of a doubt. It has been relieved of many of the embarrassments that have weighed it down in the past. It was thought by many that the death of its honored President, in Feb., would be the signal of its death. But this, disastrous as it was, and bringing with it multiplied misfortunes, served to increase its friends and to reconcile the two conflicting elements which had prior to that time, been arrayed in direct opposition to one another. Those who, before that, should have been its best friends and most ardent supporters but who were really its worst enemies are now giving it their hearty support. Though the loss of our former President is in some respects irretrievable we have an excellent man for President now. Our Professors are all first class and such as any institution might well be proud of. A new teacher will be added to our corps next year, and thus another of the long felt wants will be supplied. The institution is daily growing in favor, and numbers among its friends many of the most influential men in the State. So is there any reason to suppose that the *CRI* will not keep pace with her? Let the fraternity have no fears about our chapter. It is prospering, and will continue to do so for all time in the future.

Yours,

L. H. WILDER.

THE UPSILON.

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OBITUARY.

UPSILON, in this, its early period of existence, is compelled, with great sorrow, to chronicle the death of a brother member, who was initiated into the bonds of the fraternity shortly after the founding of the UPSILON, on Nov 12th, 1879.

Henry Miller Reynolds, late of the class of '82, departed this life on Tuesday, April 12, 1880, at the early age of twenty years.

While an active member of the chapter, he was taking a keen interest in its workings. This, it is to be regretted, did not last long; for in the fall of 1879, he began rapidly to fail in strength, due to a severe affection of the lungs, caused by over work. He left the Polytechnic and went South, expecting by the change of air to be fully restored to health, and to return to his duties after an interval of rest. But "Man propose, and God disposes," he did not improve; in fact he continually grew worse, and his father being telegraphed for, joined him. The morning after his arrival he was called to his bedside. Bro. Reynold's said, "Father, I feel as if my last hour has come, give my love to mother and to my friends. Good bye." At the end of these words he passed into eternity, where, on the day of resurrection, we shall once more extend to him the grip of the fraternity.

His remains were interred at Eagle's Bridge, his home, on April 17, 1880, a number of his chapter brothers attending his funeral.

Our late brother, while South, carried on a regular correspondence with this chapter, showing that he was deeply interested in its welfare. His death left a vacancy which it will be hard to fill.

LOCALS.

Bro. Valentine, '80, will not graduate this year, hav-

ing been sick for six weeks, thus losing the most difficult course in the Polytechnic. This he will not be able to make up as he is still very weak. He intends to go into business with his father, who is engaged in the manufacture of knitted goods. We wish "Val" success.

Bro. Masses, '81, is having a serious time of it, having been sick for eight weeks. He is troubled with Diphtheritic Rheumatism (as the doctor terms it.) He is now rapidly coming too by the nursing of his roommate and Bro. Rosenberg. This sickness, we are sorry to say, will put him back one year.

The R. P. I. and Union College have formed an inter-collegiate athletic association, the sports will take place on June 5th. The Deltas will be well represented.

The R. P. I. *Transit* is out; the several chapters will receive one in a short time.

THE OMEGA.

AIMES, IOWA, May 22d, 1880.

To Our Brother Deltas:

Accidentally glancing at an old CRESCENT, I read that the chapter report department is the most important portion of the paper, and also that it is desired to make it of still more prominence. This struck me with peculiar force, as it suggested that to myself is due the continued silence of this member of the fourth division. In corresponding with our brothers the prosperity of OMEGA has been constantly asserted, and in these lines it is reiterated. Our chapter may not be as strong, numerically, as some chapters; but it can be said of our boys that they are whole-souled Deltas, with hearts as large and full of love for a frater as it is possible that man should feel for man. One of our guiding principles is, that a goodly quantity of "sand" is of vast importance to a man in all stations in life. But here it must not be understood, as some, particularly those opposed to secret societies, may construe, that by this we mean the defying of authority; for such is by no means the case.

Opposition unites and strengthens, gives rise to an increased energy, a greater enthusiasm, and a new incentive to work. And so it is that we are more in earnest this year than we have been heretofore; for although there is no other fraternity in the institution, there are those who are working against us. If it be not to their discredit it certainly is not to our injury.

ON THE DEATH OF A FRATER.

As youth expands into early manhood with bright prospects of a successful and honored life; when one of superior intellectual ability and social qualities, one universally loved and admired by his associates, and esteemed by all who come in contact with him, steps from the busy pleasures of college life to the sterner duties of an active world, all join in looking forward to a successful and happy career; and, if the imagination carries one so far, to a serene and contented passage down the decline of a well spent, active manhood. But when such a one is taken from us by that unconquerable messenger, death, our hearts are filled with sadness and our joyous shouts of pleasure and of happiness are hushed, and in their places are the subdued tones of sorrow.

Bro. Jno. C. Noble, possessing all these manly qualities, universal love and bright prospects, passed, in early February, from this world of labor to that better home beyond. But although we shall never see him more; shall never again hear his cheerful voice and exchange with him the salutations of our brotherhood,

yet we will ever think of him as having been an earnest and true frater, an honor to the $\Delta T \Delta$ Fraternity, and as one whose memory we will ever cherish.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The relentless hand of death having entered our ranks and taken from us our esteemed Bro. Jno. C. Noble; and

WHEREAS, In his death we recognize the loss of a general companion, a worthy friend and a true frater; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the OMEGA Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, extend to the sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy in our common bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the CRESCENT for publication, and a copy to the family of the deceased.

W. B. WHITNEY, }
JAS. S. DEWELL, } Com.

Notices to Chapters.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Bro. Deltas—Alumni, and Active Members :

I take this opportunity, before severing my connection with the CRESCENT, to thank you in behalf of THE ALPHA, for your hearty response to her appeals. I desire to make special mention of several chapters and alumni, that have co-operated with us in making our organ of Deltaism efficient, what it ought to be, and establishing it on a firm financial basis.

Chapter RHO, through the instrumentality of Bro. H. T. Brueck, deserves particular mention for the zealous way in which she solicited subscriptions. Her subscription list fully confirms the above. Also Chapters TAU, IOTA and GAMMA, are equally as deserving, and many other chapters that space will not permit my mentioning, responded nobly. The ardent working of Bro. B. A. Nevins, (I, '75,) proves the expediency of each chapter appointing an enthusiastic alumnus to urge upon her alumni the vital importance of sustaining the CRESCENT. The prompt remittance of the brothers, in the main, shows that they are taking great interest in the CRESCENT. We hope this will continue to increase, and that you will send in your subscriptions unsolicited.

BUSINESS MANAGER.

TO THE CHAPTERS OF THE FRATERNITY.

As this is the last opportunity afforded me to publicly communicate with the Chapters of $\Delta T \Delta$, I will improve it by bidding you each and all a regretful farewell. During the year just passed my official relations

with the fraternity have been extremely pleasant and agreeable. Among my numerous correspondents I have formed friendships and associations that will never be forgotten; and, although I have seen but *two* of the corresponding secretaries, I feel that I know them well, and could grasp them by the hand without the useless formality of an introduction.

Some of the chapters deserve special mention for the promptness exhibited in answering letters from the ALPHA. Through the efficient services of Bros. Snyder, of the TUA; Bruck, of the RHO; McCurdy, of the IOTA; Parker, of the LAMBDA; Milroy, of the PHI, and Van Meter, of the THETA, the above mentioned chapters have made glorious records for '79 and '80.

All letters intended for the ALPHA should be sent to Bro. J. A. Wann, after June 24th '80.

Very fraternally yours,

CHAS. A. ENSIGN,

Gen'l Sec'y of Con.

SONG BOOK.

EDITORIAL SANCTUM OF COM. ON SONG BOOK, }
June 7th, 1880. }

Owing to many reasons, it has been thought best by the Committee on Song Book, to delay the publication of the book until the next college year. We sincerely hope that the chapters will take advantage of this delay and have their chapter songs, and also some general fraternity songs, written by the next college year. What we need most are songs with original music, something purely Delta. These we must have before we can make a worthy publication. Any information concerning the book can be had during vacation by addressing J. H. Geissinger, Huntingdon, Pa.; M. W. Jones, Richland, Mich.; and C. E. Richmond, Meadville, Pa.

Alumni News.

D. C. Badger (Σ , '78,) is practicing law at New London, O.

Jno. S. Wood (Σ , '76,) is attending a Cleveland Medical School.

F. L. Blackmar (A, '67,) was an alternate to the late Chicago Convention.

W. C. Bear (A, '77,) has left Meadville, and gone to Bradford, Pa., to practice law.

Geo. M. Boyd, (Z , '71,) an attorney-at-law at Le Claire, Iowa, made the boys of the Alpha a visit recently.

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