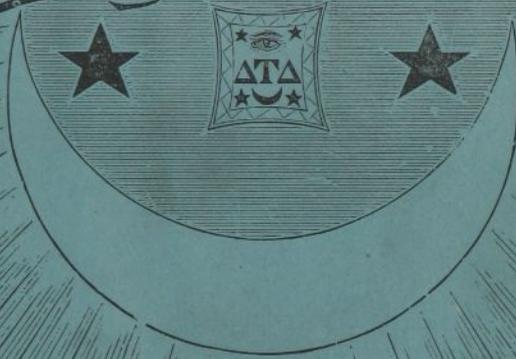


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THE SIZE OF CHAPTERS.

A CHAPTER'S power for good consists in the quality, not in the number, of young men composing it. Five students of strong character and exemplary habits form a band twenty times stronger than five times as many who "flunk" in recitation or carouse at "the witching hour of night."

The ideal fraternity spirit flourishes best in small chapters. All are bound closely in the bonds of brotherhood, external pressure welding them together the more firmly. In large chapters, small circles are formed within the greater, and the fraternal feeling is thereby dissipated. In a large membership, there are likely to be some weak or vicious men and, although a chapter estimates itself by its best students, its rivals invariably judge it by its least worthy. Numbers invite dissension, for, the greater the number of differing tastes and divers interests, there the harder it is to harmonize them. For this reason, chapters have disbanded when apparently most prosperous.

On the other hand, numbers convey an idea of power. Even the most ardent advocates of the small chapter idea will be heard saying, "This chapter is very *strong*; it has twenty members:" or "That chapter is very *weak*; it has only six members." They unconsciously admit that the many are powerful and the few are weak.

Large chapters have one great advantage. They may graduate several members and circumstances may compel others to relinquish their studies, but there will be enough left to begin a new year auspiciously. The loss of a few students may have such a weakening effect upon a small chapter that it may become extinct, or lead, at best, but a sickly existence. When a chapter is reduced to but three or four men, it rarely happens that it can make worthy additions.

Although fraternal feeling is most fervent in a small charge, it is impolitic to have only small ones. The general adoption of the small-chapter idea would result in the loss of chapters. While so many fraternities are

jostling each other within the same college walls, the question of continued existence must be kept in mind.

To have very large chapters defeats the true ends of the fraternity, but we should not fly to the opposite extreme and thereby pursue an unsafe course. To avoid the evils of a large membership and the dangers of a small one, "the happy mean" should be sought. A chapter is in a healthy condition when it commences the year with from nine to twelve good students and ends it with about fifteen. It is not unweildy at first, and is large enough at the close to lose its graduating members. Four months before the close of the year, a chapter should ascertain how many men will not return the following year, and then, before Commencement, make additions enough to leave ten or twelve members to open the new year with. A chapter will never lose its vigor if its members exercise prudent foresight and unsleeping vigilance.

Local causes will modify this plan. If all the fraternities represented in an institution are content to have a small membership, it is safe and best to have a less number than mentioned. If all have a very large membership, it may be well to increase the figures slightly to avoid the imputation of weakness.

This plan also presupposes that first-class students can be obtained. Nothing could be more unwise than to initiate weak or vicious men in order to have a particular number of members. Again, it would be better to increase the figure than to allow some choice material to be appropriated by a rival.

Alpha Chapter should be large, in order that the great amount of work imposed upon it by the fraternity may not be a burden upon individuals. No other chapter, in the writer's opinion, can enlarge its circle to include twenty or more without defeating the aims of the fraternity. If our object was to carry elections in societies, classes, etc., this notion could be permitted, but those who study the constitution and their oath will perceive that our aims are entirely different. Nor is power to be valued too highly. Great power is often a hindrance to action, from the fact that weaker rivals

perceive the strength, fear its exercise, and combine to hamper it. With power comes the complacency that destroys it. In the hour of listless self-satisfaction, rivals insensibly become stronger, and a chapter will be taunted if only a part of its glory has departed. It is as true of societies as of individuals, that "eminence once obtained must be sustained or prestige be lost."

Let our chapters aim to bring within the "Mystic Circle" the best students. By *best students*, I mean such as are distinguished for scholarship, are literary in their tastes, social in their disposition, and genteel in their bearing.

The number should not be allowed to fall below ten nor to be increased beyond sixteen.

GUILLIAMUS S. SEMPER SOLUS.

DELTA FRIENDSHIP.

TRUE friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.

We all know what Deltaism is—we all have felt the influence of good, true, honest, sympathetic Delta friendship. What a consolation it is for one who is a Delta to know that if he needs a friend he can always find not only one but a whole fraternity of them—friends to whom he can tie in every time of need. True friends, I used to think, were like angel's visits, few and far between; but since I have felt the need of honest sympathy and true, earnest friendship, I have come to *know* differently. A frater in any College fraternity is willing to testify to the effect that one's fraternity is a help to him. But they who are not Delta's can not know of Deltaism. Being a "boy of Alpha" I can only speak for a certainty as to the pleasure which a meeting with the Delta boys has given me. I long for Saturday evening's coming, as a thirsty man longs for water. To sit among the boys, to talk to them, to look into their honest faces and to feel that pleasurable excitement which is the result of a knowledge that each and every one of that "trusted 21" would help *me* in *my* troubles—rejoice with *me* in *my* good fortune—and would willingly sacrifice their own personal interests, if by so doing they could aid me in any downfall or misfortune. What a feeling of rest and comfort settles over one as he slams the chapter hall door behind him and walks in among his brothers. One feels—he knows—that he has left the world of avarice, jealousy, and hate behind him, on the other side of the door, and that now he is among friends, tried and true. Here at least is peace and harmony—here at least, and perhaps no where else—one can open his heart and pour forth his complaints or joys, knowing that every word he utters will be listened to with sympathy and respect. It has

been my good luck to meet with Delta other chapters, and to meet with some of the Alumni of Chapter Alpha during vacations. We meet—you know what follows—and then comes that strong, hearty grasp and that word so full of meaning, and a look from Delta eyes straight into Delta eyes so full of friendly interest and true brotherly affection; that one can not help but feel, "Well, I can trust him; he is a Delta." Who can trust a man who does not grasp your whole hand in shaking? O! that true, honest grip that makes one's heart throb with an emotion, which one's tongue can not express. "The eyes are the windows of the soul." Fraters, have we not held each other's hands and looked away back into each other's eyes? And have we not seen some things that tell us "Well, I am loved?" Where is there a more enthusiastic crowd of boys to be found than a chapter of true Deltas? Did I say true Deltas? I meant *Deltas*—they are all true, else they would not have been able to become "one of us." Now, a word of warning. Men are capricious. Fraters very often become impatient with one another and get somewhat vexed at something which another brother has thoughtlessly done or said. Be on your guard, my brothers. Bear with one another's shortcomings. Forgive the offense almost before it is committed. Overlook a brother's faults. Be patient with him. Just think that he has shared your joys and sorrows with you and that, if it were necessary, he would do so again. Would you not help him? I do not doubt but that you would. I know you all, you are Delta brothers, and I know that if I needed your aid I would get it; you would give it to me before I would ask for it. Let us help one another, and remember that if the part be destroyed the whole is injured. What affects my hand affects my whole organization. What happens to any of us in the way of joy or sorrow comes to all of us. We must feel this way. It is right to be an honest, true and faithful frater. Once a Delta, always a Delta, and why? We can never forget that he was "one of us," that he was our friend on earth, who in the time of need would stick to us closer than a brother who is so by the ties of blood. I have felt the need of Deltaism, and now acknowledge my gratefulness to my beloved fraters for their earnest sympathy and heartfelt friendship. Deltas, you all know what I have meant to say, if I have not said it. United we stand and divided we fall. So, therefore, let us be a unit and our success is a certainty. Let us know ourselves and look with confidence and trust upon each other. Bear each other's burdens and rejoice at each other's joys.

"JACK."

The Beta Theta Pi organ has withdrawn from public circulation.

HISTORY OF THE NU.

THE history of this chapter is not a very eventful one, but inasmuch as it has been frequently urged that it should be written, we have concluded to undertake the task, not without a sense, however, of a lack of those qualities which are so essential to the good historian. But knowing that the brethren will overlook the fault of the historian for the sake of the history, we will proceed.

Chapter Nu owes its origin, though not directly, perhaps, to the untiring energy of Modoc Jim, that renowned old warrior of the tribe of Alpha; for no sooner had he brought the glorious CRESCENT to Franklin and Marshall college, at Lancaster, than it was transmitted with all its glory to Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, and put into a "Pr."

The boys of Pi, who have always been noted for their activity in fraternity matters, soon cast their eyes upon Lafayette, and in the fall of 1874 initiated Bros. Griffith and Hileman, the former a brother of Bro. Griffith, of the Pi. This pair went to work, canvassed the college and soon found that Bro. C. A. McSparren, of the Eta, had wandered away from Buchtel and found refuge at Lafayette. He was told of the new enterprise, and it is scarcely necessary to say that no persuasion was needed to induce him to enter into the work with heart and soul. 2 plus 1=3. We now had three men. To this number were added Bros. Allen and Forney in 1875, Bro. Smith in 1876 and Bro. Ballard in 1877. If the historian has made no mistake in his addition the chapter at this time numbered seven men, but to the chapter's great misfortune all but Bros. Forney and Griffith left college before graduating, leaving the new Nu in an almost hopeless condition. These two brothers graduated in 1878, leaving college without a single man on the hill to build up the chapter; but before leaving town they left with a resident Delta the charter and *all the property* of the chapter, subject, however, to the order of Alpha.

In the fall of this year the old spark which was left smouldering in the ashes was fanned into a new flame when Bros. Woodring, Seibert and Walter undertook to once more plant the banner of Delta Tau Delta on the hills of Lafayette. Bros. Bliem and Lambert were soon added to this number, and at the end of the year a fine banquet was held at the Foust House, on which occasion Bros. Rieser and Miller, of the Tau, were the chapter's guests.

G. S. R.

Four chapters of Δ T Δ issue papers, not counting the CRESCENT, which is the general fraternity organ.

PAPERS ON FRIENDSHIP.

PAPER I.—HISTORICALLY CONSIDERED.

THE marked instances of friendship which are borne down on the pages of history are not few. Yet, when considered with reference to the prominence the feeling holds in the breasts of the human race, it seems as if there should be some good reason why there are not more. There is a reason. It is this. The nature of friendship is not to make a display. It courts not the admiring gaze nor huzzas of the crowd, but is modest and retiring, and thus is not marked in the minutes of the World's transactions as prominently as ambition and lust, and revenge and covetousness. Yet history shows some noble instances of the reality of friendship. The story of

DAMON AND PYTHIAS

is too well known to require much comment. The tyranny of Dionysius; the unselfish friendship of Pythias who left his bride on the very day, aye! almost the very hour, they were to be wedded, and hastened to succor his friend; his confidence in Damon's friendship so great that he placed his life as a bond for his friend's return; the honor and unconquerable friendship of Damon who, despite the entreaties of wife and child, and the mistaken kindness of his servant, who had slain the horse to prevent his master's return, dragged a passing traveler from his horse, and with frantic energy reached Syracuse just in time to prevent the immolation of Pythias on the altar of Friendship. All this is too well known to require any comment. It has been sacredly preserved in history and story, in drama and song, to give the lie to the cynic's smile, and already a society of many thousands of members has been formed, a living monument to friendship of such sacred worth.

The story of

ORESTES AND PYLADES

has also come down from the past to record what true men have done in friendship's holy name. Orestes, the son of Agmemnon, saved by his sister from the cruel dagger of his mother, Clytemnestra, and her paramour. Ægisthus, was concealed in the house of Strophius, the King of Phocis. Here he was educated with the King's son, Pylades, and a most inviolable friendship sprang up between them. When Orestes had arrived at his manhood he went with Pylades and revenged the murder of his father by slaying his mother and her paramour. Here we take up the story as related by Euripides, who says that Orestes was plagued by the Furies because he had committed parricide. He went to the oracle of Apolla at Delphi, to seek from the Gods a

cure. The oracle ordered him to go into Taurica Chersonesus and bring into Greece the statue of Diana and then he would be delivered from the persecution by the Furies. This was a very arduous task, for the King of Chersonesus always sacrificed on the altars of the Gods all strangers who came into his country. But Orestes determined to make the trial, and accompanied by his friend, he set out for the Taurica Chersonesus. They were captured and carried before the king who, according to his custom, ordered them to be sacrificed. Iphigenia, the sister of Orestes, unknown to himself, was the priestess of Diana's temple, and it was her duty to immolate the strangers. She, hearing that they were Grecians, became interested in their fate, and offered to spare the life of one of them if he would carry letters from her to her relatives in Greece. This was a difficult trial. Each insisted that the other should be the lucky one, and escape. Never was friendship more truly displayed, according to the words of Ovid, *ex Pont 3, el 2*.

*"Ire jubit Pylades carum moriturus Orestes
Haec negat; inque vicem pugnat uterque mori."*

At last Pylades gave way to the pressing entreaties of his friend, and consented to carry the letters, but as the letters were addressed to Orestes himself the *denouement* followed, and Orestes and Iphigenia became aware that they were brother and sister. Iphigenia determined to save them both, and so the three of them escaped into Greece, carrying with them the desired statue of Diana. The friendship of Orestes and Pylades afterward became proverbial, and they received divine honors and were worshipped in the temples.

Many similar cases are related in history such as "Nisus and Eurvalus," and others, but they all go to show that *amicitia inter bonos*, is a reality such that fear of death itself cannot affect.

It has been said that the stories of Damon and Pythias, Orestes and Pylades, Nisus and Eurvalus are exceptions; that such deeds were more suited to such times and that nothing similar is found in modern days. This is not so. We could tell many stories of Deltaism which although they are not equal to the deeds done of old, yet show that they only needed the circumstances to be as great and noble. The late war bears with it several stories of Deltas on opposite sides aiding one another at the risk of their lives, and but a short time ago one brother on his death bed and with his dying breath initiated several men into Delta Tau Delta to save the life of a chapter.

Yet, as we said above, Friendship is in the main secretive, for, as Jeremy Taylor says, *Secrecy is the chastity of Friendship*, and in considering it historically, we can not do it justice. As those subterranean rivers of the world sweep silently on through the bowels of the earth,

unknown to man yet holding a mighty influence over the world, so the currents of friendship sweep among the affairs of men and influence them for the better. Thousands of kind acts are being done in its name around us every hour—friends saved from ruin by friends—friends lifted from the "Slough of Despond" by the hands of friends—kind warnings, mutual assistances, and encouraging words, these go on around us unmarked and unknown, like the assumed mystic laws of Mesmer and Cagliostro, and their influence raises the moral standard of the world. In the deepest night, in the early morn, in the brightest day, in the darkest hours of sorrow, swiftly and silently its influence sweeps, in the hours of affliction, by the bedside of disease, now brushing away a tear, now smoothing a heated pillow, now pressing with cooling hands an aching brow, now quieting distracted beasts, now rejoicing with one and now mourning with another, silently it sweeps onward. *onward*, ONWARD, as the Wandering Jew, and the angels above look down and smile. It is one of those feelings in the human breast in which God finds an excuse for the continuance of the human race.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

FRATERNITY JOURNALISM.

FRATERNITY Journalism has already become of considerable importance. For several years back it has been steadily increasing and improving until now we know of nothing in connection with college life that is more interesting. There are at present published the following fraternity journals.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly*, a handsome magazine of about seventy-five pages, printed on good paper with clean type. It has a colored cover and is ornamented with a good cut. The cover is printed in scarlet and blue, the colors of the fraternity. The matter is well arranged and is relieved by several cuts. It is published every three months at Reading, Pa.

The *Phi Gamma Delta*, a neat journal of the same form as the CRESCENT. It has twenty pages enclosed in a cover of a bluish gray, which is illustrated on the front by the general fraternity cut. The matter is well arranged and the tone is good. It is published monthly at Delaware, Ohio.

The *Shield*, of $\Phi K \Psi$, is more of a paper in shape and less of a magazine. Its pages are 12x19 in. and twelve in number. It has no separate cover. The matter is good and is marked by enthusiasm. It is published monthly at Philadelphia.

The *Star and Crescent*, of $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$, is similar in size and form to the CRESCENT. It is published on heavy paper

and has thirty-two pages filled with good reading matter. It has no colored cover but the first page is printed in green, as white and green are the fraternity colors. The tone is good. It is published quarterly at New York City.

The Beta Theta Pi, is similar in form to the CRESCENT, but it has more pages. It has a blue cover and is published monthly at Cincinnati. This paper has lately been withdrawn from public gaze.

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm, is the latest arrival in the field. It is published in magazine form with a colored cover ornamented with a cut of a palm leaf. Its first appearance is good. It is issued quarterly at Richmond, Va.

The Scroll, of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, is published in magazine form with twenty-four pages. It is issued monthly at Gettysburg, and is *sub rosa*.

These, with THE CRESCENT, constitute the legitimate field of fraternity journalism. In the main these papers are well edited, and the general tone is surprisingly good for representative organs of societies between which there exists as great rivalry as there is between the different fraternities. We are proud to recognize in most of the papers a dignified tone and an abstinence from maliciousness. A continuation of this manly demeanor must ultimately be of great benefit to all Greek Letter Societies, and show up many absurdities in the arguments of the enemies of the fraternity system. But occasionally there will be a little maliciousness creep out only is it so decidedly humane that one can easily forgive it. Nevertheless, this should not be, for it not only injures those immediately connected with it, but also casts a bad reflection upon the entire fraternity system. There are certain unwritten laws of square dealing that should exist between these different journals, and any journal disregarding these laws should be ostracised. There is, and always will be, a strong rivalry between the different fraternities and the future may be pregnant with bad results unless active measures are taken to bind together the different journals for mutual assistance and protection. Would not a Fraternity Press Association, with annual conventions, be of great benefit, not only to the papers individually but also to the system? We think that much good could be derived from such meetings and such an association, and that the present system of fraternity journalism would be raised in dignity and importance. We propose a convention of the editors of fraternity journals. New York, Richmond and Cincinnati are the flank cities where these journals are published. Pittsburgh or Philadelphia would be central points.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has entered Wittenberg College.



GREEK WORLD.



$\Theta \Delta X$ has entered Dickinson with four men.

Kappa Sigma found a home at Vanderbilt University.

$\Lambda \Delta \Phi$'s chapter at Hamilton is erecting a chapter house.

$\Delta X A$ (ladies' fraternity) have organized a chapter at Beaver, Pa.

$\Phi K \Psi$ held an alumni banquet at Philadelphia on the night of Jan. 23d.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ holds a State Convention at Pittsburgh about the 1st of April.

'Tis said that $X \Phi$ tried Kansas University at the beginning of the year.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's chapter at A. and M. College, Alabama, has disbanded.

Penn'a Beta, of $\Phi K \Psi$, banqueted "Bob Burdette" on the evening of March 17th.

The Shield of $\Phi K \Psi$ has interesting articles on both sides of the "honorary membership" question.

$\Delta T \Delta$. The Cleveland *Leader* notices the appearance of the Chi boys with their badges.

The next congress of $\Delta T \Omega$ will be held at Washington, D. C. The orator will be Hon. John W. Childress, and the poet W. P. Orr, M. D.

The *Mystic Seven*, at the University of Virginia, have adopted a new badge—a jewelled monogram made by placing the letter "E" over the letter "M."—*The Shield*.

One of the two $B \Theta \Pi$'s, at Lehigh, who were expected to unroll the Beta's banner there, has left for Mexico. The other is not one of those energetic men who will build up a chapter.

It is said that $\Psi \Upsilon$ has 62 members at Columbia, and $\Delta K E$ had 51 at last accounts. Whew! We would commend them to a sober perusal of Bro. Eversole's article in this number.

$\Delta B \Phi$ sent an open circular to all the non-fraternity men at Columbia, asking them to meet and co-operate with them in founding a chapter. The scheme did not succeed.

The sixth annual reunion and dinner of the New England Graduate Association of Alpha Delta Phi, was held at Young's Hotel, Boston, on February 4th. About fifty members were present. After dinner speeches were made by Edward Everett Hale, Prof. Thayer, Rev. Dr. Means, T. L. Mead, business manager of the *Star and Crescent*, and others.

ΦΤΔ has been making a hard strike at Pennsylvania University. One of their prominent men went down from New York to Philadelphia, a short time ago, to work the matter up. At last reports the chapter was as good as founded.

The new catalogue of ΑΔΦ will be published at their semi-centennial celebration in January, 1882. A new and handsome steel-engraving will be used for a frontispiece. Talcott Williams, 266 Union street, Springfield, Mass., is editor-in-chief.

The fortieth annual convention of the Chi Psi Fraternity was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, on February 23d. Thirteen chapters were represented. The banquet was held at Delmonico's in connection with the Alumni Association of New York City. After dinner speeches were made by Dr. Tyng, Prof. Seely, Prof. Cochran, General Daviess, and others. Ellridge T. Gerry was elected president for the ensuing year.

OBITUARY.

Bro. Charles W. Abbott, corresponding secretary and CRESCENT correspondent for the Pi, died on the morning of March 19th, at 7 o'clock.

Bro. Abbott was known to us only by reputation, and yet it could only be the work of a life well spent to gain the reputation of a whole-souled, royal good Delta, that Bro. Abbott bore even hundreds of miles away from his personal acquaintances. Although small in stature, he was great in heart and soul. By his decease the fraternity has lost a noble Delta,—one that could only have brought credit and laurels to the brotherhood,—and we have lost an energetic partner of our editorial staff. The CRESCENT sends its heartfelt sympathy to the Pi in its trouble, and to the parents of the deceased in their great sorrow.

At a special meeting of the Pi, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take from this world our dearly beloved brother, Charles Waller Abbott, a member of this chapter; and,

WHEREAS; Having no words to express the great loss which we have sustained, individually, and as members of a common brotherhood; yet, wishing to do honor to our deceased brother, be it

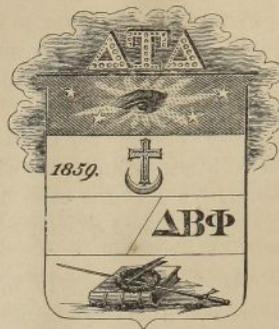
Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their great affliction; and, be it

Resolved, That the members of this chapter wear their fraternity pins inverted and draped for a period of thirty days; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the CRESCENT.

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Chi has been admitted to the *Reveille* of Kenyon College.

LET'S SEE! It's only a few months now before the next convention meets.

THE *Rho Chronicle* contains a very complete register of its alumni undergraduates.

WE see by the *Rho Chronicle* that the committee on fraternity colors are now ready to fill all orders.

RHO is the only chapter that has favored us with copies of its paper. We return many thanks for the same.

WE have not yet received those long coming and anxiously expected letters from PHI, BETA, EPSILON and KAPPA.

THE Greek letter T is pronounced so as to rhyme with *now*, and *not* with *saw*. We wish our poets, particularly, would notice this.

THE Brothers will see by the notes from TAU, that the Delta Tau Delta Polka can be secured by writing Bro. Snyder, and enclosing fifty cents. It was composed by Bro. Max Dumstrej, and was published by TAU. It is a five page sheet and is as exquisite a little piece of music as we ever listened to. We heard a lady express herself the other day that "It was the prettiest heel and toe polka that ever was written, just awfully nice!" and we agreed with her most heartily. All the brothers who have Dulcineas musically inclined should get a sheet of this, and then they could listen to genuine Delta music.

WE do not want the brothers to think that we run the CRESCENT to furnish room for editorial spouts. The editorial department is primarily elastic, and when there is not sufficient matter sent in, there must be enough editorials written to fill up the vacant space. All we can do is to choose the best and most interesting topics, and—and—fill up space.

THE CRESCENT has considerable of a circulation among other fraternity men, besides exchanges with all open fraternity organs. We are an open publication and will receive subscriptions from almost any source. But the chapter correspondents should take this into consideration, and spend more time in the preparation of their chapter letters, for they are read by many outside of Delta Tau, and they will be hardly as kind in criticising as a brother would. You must be especially careful of the manner in which you speak of other fraternities. Let no unkind words enter our columns about any Greeks. We try to be fair and honorable in all our dealings and notices of other fraternities, and we take this desire of other fraternity men to possess our paper as a compliment to us. Let us make the CRESCENT worthy of their patronage.

WE want to call attention once more to the extension of the fraternity. Although not a question of such commanding importance to us as it was several years ago, yet it is now one of considerable moment. The rise of fraternity journalism is inspiring almost all fraternities with new zeal and ambition. Many are spreading their boundaries, and even the old established and conservative fraternities are awakening to the fact that they are falling behind. The ground is gradually being taken up. Every year makes desirable institutions more difficult to enter. Delta Tau Delta has not been idle. Far from it. Let us know of a fraternity that has made as great strides to the front as Delta Tau Delta has in the last few years. But can we stop? Shall we weaken our efforts? Our motto tells, us No! There are many desirable institutions which we could enter and do us honor. We have already an extension committee that is doing a noble work, but their efforts are limited as they are in the North and few in number. Could not our next convention grant the privilege of forming state associations on extension, each state association to look to the founding of chapters in all the prominent colleges of its state. Would not several of these associations do Delta Tau Delta much good? It has already become a very difficult matter to enter a good institution. A chapter must almost always start out with poor men, unless it absorbs a local society. The state associations could, by means of pledging men before they go to college, enter many institutions in good style. Think about it, brothers, for it will be brought up before the next convention.

THE chapel orator, who drops in to see the college, and who, although unprepared, yet condescends to make a few remarks, (much to the delight of the first bell students,) almost invariably takes the privilege of informing the future great men before him that they are now forming their characters; that their minds are in that pliant form which is being moulded for future good or bad. We can not deny the allegation. It is true. And the moulding of these characters for future happiness or misery, good or bad, falls to a great extent upon the fraternities. A young fraternity member, unless he possesses an extraordinary amount of individuality, will be greatly under the influence of the older fraters. Whatever are the teachings of the tutors, and the various societies connected with every institution of learning, the making of the social and moral man lies strictly within the realm of the fraternities. It is the greek letter brotherhood that more, than anything else, can mould these pliant characters into what they should be. How careful a chapter should be in the influence it sways, and how careful a student should be to place himself among those who will throw around him the best influences. But in just what ways should this influence bend? What is the ideal fraternity brother? There is but one answer to this. The manly man is the culmination of fraternity desire. But what is the manly man? To explain this we must withdraw from our position as an expounder of fraternity truths, and fall back upon our own opinions. The expression "manly man" must carry *some* idea to every mind. It is incompatible with everything that is low, selfish, effeminate, dishonorable. It carries with it the elements of courage, honor, good temper, strength, physical and mental. It is frank and open, honest and manly, and is synonymous with the good and true. The true man must be primarily social and a lover of manly sports. He cannot belong to that peculiar class of idiots called text book students. And ah! he must like the ladies and they must like him. A young man of the average age of college students, who does not like the ladies, is an unnatural production. There is something abnormal and unfinished about him. But his mind must not run altogether in that direction. A perfect "ladies' man," (in the modern acceptance of the term,) is one of the most despicable objects imaginable. He must not be one of those peculiar freaks of nature called *gent* or *masher*, but must be a true gentleman. In fact, a "manly man," which all those words imply. Such a one as his friends could say, as Marc Antony did over the body of Brutus, which, although it is brief, is yet the grandest and most complete funeral oration that was ever pronounced:

"His life was gentle; and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, *This was a man.*"

DIONYSIUS.—“Is he thy brother?”

DAMON.—“He is not brother in the kin, nor in the fashion the word puts on, but brother in the heart.”

The scene in the drama of Damon and Pythias, from which we quote above, breathes with the true fraternal spirit, and contains within it the main idea of our organization. To the loyal and worthy Delta it preaches a sentiment worthy of emulation. To him the term “brother” has unusual significance. It does not express a relation which, however disgraceful, he cannot annul, and whose deeds bring the blush of shame. But it is the synonym of friendship. The companion chosen in years of discretion and judgment, and among whose virtues was not one blemish deserving of the exclusive blackball.

A “brother in the heart” is the one tried and true who, with the mantle of charity and the hand of good, will follow the teachings of the fraternity, and is always ready to meet each observing Dionysius with the inspiring and impressive answer. The mission of fiction is not contained within the covers of a book, and in many of our chapters have come up experiences in which the action of a generous and self denying Phthias has perfected ends as felicitous as the dramatic test at Syracuse.

There is encouragement and stimulus in the thought that a group of kindred spirits all “brothers in the heart,” are watching your career with sympathy for your misfortunes and joy for your successes; with a timely word of warning and cheer; to whom your hopes and ambitions may be confided with the assurance of united effort working for their fulfillment; among whom exists the feeling of purest good will and usefulness, and the desire that through individual victories the entire fraternity may be glorified, and that should an occasion demand it a Pythias would appear among them, willing to make a sacrifice with a confidence unshaken and steadfast.

The dramatic scene has another personal application to every Delta. The cultivation of an attractive Cloanthe and the subsequent securing of a charming Hermia are cardinal teachings in our doctrine. Hereditary influences will have not a little to do with the coming history of Delta Tau Delta. But the smiles of Cloanthe, or the tears of Hermia, should be harmless in their efforts to change the purposes of “brothers in the heart.”

Let us, then, as a fraternity, chapters and individuals, so live that when, be it any time, a Dionysius asks, “Is he thy brother?” each one a Damon, may reply, “He is not brother in the kin, nor in the fashion the word puts on, but brother in the heart.”

DISINTERESTED MEMBERS. Yes, every fraternity has them, not frequently among the actives but among the

alumni, and they are the most discouraging persons in the world. When one is doing a “labor of love,” and is working hard for the fraternity’s welfare. There can be nothing in this world that is so discouraging as to run across one of these disinterested members. It fairly sends a cold chill down one’s back. They have joined a fraternity,—taken an oath whose spirit they do not live up to, and when once out in the world they turn their back upon it. The brotherhood that protected them in college, that encouraged their faltering steps, that took them by the hand and gently led them through a student’s troubles, they now discard without a thought, without a pang.

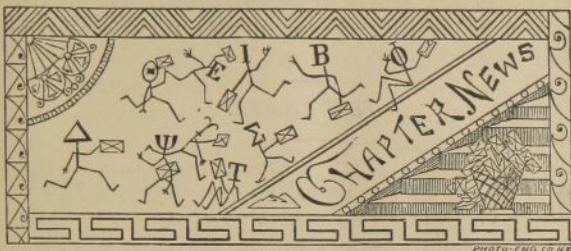
“Blow, blow, thou wintry wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man’s ingratitude.

Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,
Thou dost not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot.”

Delta Tau Delta has a few of these. There is no use denying the fact. Once in a while, in our editorial duties, we run across them, and when we do it makes us think of the fable of Æsop, where two travelers, who journeying together, were suddenly set upon by a bear. One of them being agile and active, quickly climbed in a tree. The other, seeing that he must be attacked, fell flat on the ground, and when the bear came up and felt him with his paws, and smelt him all over, he held his breath and feigned the appearance of death as much as he could. The bear soon left him, for it is said that he will not touch a dead body. When he was quite gone the other traveler descended from the tree, and accosting his friend, jocularly inquired what the bear had whispered in his ear. He replied, “He gave me this advice: ‘Never travel with a friend who deserts you at the approach of danger.’”

“What do the alumni care, my dear fellow? Very much more than you and the majority of undergraduates imagine,” says an alumnus of $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ in the *Star and Crescent*. $\Delta T \Omega$ claims the same as a prominent feature. $\Delta T \Delta$ knows it to be true with itself in all but a very few exceptions. If $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ and $\Delta T \Omega$ will look again, they will doubtless find a few exceptions. It is of these exceptions to the fraternity idea that we write. Geographically considered, it is more prevalent in the West than in the East, for Eastern men are trained to think more of their fraternity and alma mater than those of the West. However, they are, they are.

Greeks! Greeks!! should this be lucky enough to meet the eyes of any of you, may it cause you to blush, not the blush of which Socrates speaks, for that was the blush of innocence; but the blush of shame. Remember that you are untrue; untrue to your lives; untrue to yourselves; untrue to your fraternity; untrue to your God. If not too much given up to the selfishness of your own gains, go back to the chapter, to the font of inspiration, and be again imbued with the noble principles of Delta Tau Delta, that you may be a true laborer “for the Beautiful and Good.”



Alpha Locals.

There are now 20 valiant and energetic Deltas enrolled as Alpha's active members.

Bro. Fish is now pleasantly located at home, his family having recently removed to Meadville.

The circulation of the CRESCENT is constantly increasing, and the business manager is correspondingly elated.

A picture of the members of the chapter will soon be taken as they appeared at the annual "Powwow," in Choctaw costume, blankets, war-paint and feathers.

We stop the press to notify the Brothers of the decease of Bro. G. H. Mosier, who died on the morning of March 28th, at 4 o'clock. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We were most happily surprised by a visit from C. A. Ensign last month. He came over from Newton Falls, where he is at present endeavoring to solve some of Blackstone's weighty problems.

The editor of this department is under obligations to the families of Bros. Richmond and Callum for pleasant favors shown during his recent illness; also to other friends by whom he was remembered.

Several of the boys were in Washington at inauguration and enjoyed themselves greatly. While there they met quite a number of Deltas who, by their actions, indicated that they were true and loyal fraters of the mystic tie.

Saturday night about 10 o'clock a band of Indians were seen on Chestnut street in full war dress,—paint, feathers and blankets. The mighty chief of the tribe raised his noble head, sniffed the air thrice, gave a satisfied "wah," rubbed his bread-basket, and led the way to the Commercial Hotel, where, with fierce yells, with their tomahawks and scalping knives they possessed themselves of the parlors and dining-room. The band was the "Choctaw" tribe, and they came from the Alpha lodge of the Tau Delta reservation on the corner of Chestnut street and Park Avenue.

This is the third time that the Choctaw braves have

captured the Commercial Hotel and held a powwow in it. They have a tradition that every twelve moons they must dig up the hatchet, don their war paint, and hold a grand powwow at the Commercial if they would preserve their tribe, the valor of their braves and avert the wrath of Great Wahnah.

While the palefaces were preparing the feast, the braves held a war dance, sang Choctaw songs,—written in the Choctaw language and set to Choctaw music—sat down on the floor around the council fire and wah-wahed until each brave thoroughly understood the important questions under discussion.

In the midst of a war song a trembling paleface announced that the feast was ready for the ravenous braves, and uttering war cries, they rushed to the dining-room.

Ample justice was done to the elegant repast that was spread. After the viands had been disposed of, the mighty chief, Cussewago, arose, and with a satisfied "ugh," lighted the pipe of peace, took a few whiffs, passed it to the nearest brother, who whiffed and passed it on around the braves. After the braves had all smoked the pipe, Cussewago called upon the braves of the Choctaw tribe who were present for "talks." Warriors Dr. Woodring, Lewis Walker, Ernest Koester, James Doughty, Chas. A. Ensign, Dr. O. F. Nodine, Gil. A. Nodine, W. C. Bear, T. D. Sensor and Elmer Rice, made short and pithy speeches. The Big Medicine Men, Woodring and Nodine, told some of their good stories. Letters were read from those unable to be present. More songs were sung, stories told, jokes and nuts cracked, and the "Chocs" enjoyed themselves as only a band of Choctaws can until the clock chimed out twelve. Then, wrapping their blankets around them, they silently and sadly followed the footsteps of the mighty Cussewago back to the Chapter room, where they laid aside their paint and feathers until twelve moons shall have come and gone. With appropriate ceremonies the warriors were dismissed, each one full of supper and love for his tribe. So ended the third annual powwow of Chapter Alpha of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.—*Republican, Feb. 28th.*

First Grand Division.

NOTES FROM TAU.

Bros. Fred Cook and A. D. Elliott had a fine time in Washington on the 4th and 5th of March. They met a number of Deltas from Gamma and Alpha. Madam Rumor says that Bro. Fred slept on the broad side of a billiard cue, but we don't believe it.

Bro. Field Kennard has been at his home, Lake Mahopac, N. Y., for several weeks, because of ill-health.

He is now recovering and expects to be with us again in a short time.

Can any brother give us the address of Bro. Lewis Cort, T, '78? When last heard from he was in Bellville, Nevada, but of late letters addressed to him there have failed to reach him.

The photographs of all Deltas will be thankfully received for our chapter album, especially those of the alumni of Tau.

Bro. Harry R. Friese is now in North Topeka, Kan., 37 Jackson street,—not in Harrisburg, Pa., as stated in the last number of the *CRESCENT*.

The Delta Tau Delta Polka, composed by Bro. M. F. Dumstrey, and published by Tau, has met with success everywhere. Quite a number of copies have been purchased by the different chapters, but not as many as the merits of the Polka deserve. We still have a few copies which we desire to dispose of, and orders will be filled promptly. It is a five page sheet, price 50 cents per copy. We feel sure that no one will be disappointed in the style and character of the music.

Bro. J. S. Hartzell, '77, is now in the insurance business. He is Actuary of the Keystone Mutual Benefit Association of Allentown, Pa. *

Second Grand Division.

THE MU.

During the last month we have been receiving congratulations over two new men. Bro. Δ T Denman, of '84, was initiated shortly after Mu returned from the Division Conference. Bro. J. S. Vaughn, of '85, is the other man. We take great pleasure in introducing these two men to the fraternity, since we confidently believe they will do honor, not only to themselves, but also to the cause in which they are enlisted. They are now, and ever will be, an efficient means of raising the standard and furthering the purposes of Delta Tau.

We now number eight, but with the influx of next term we expect the return of four Deltas, tried and true. We will then be as strong, in respect to members, as any fraternity here, and will be enabled to flaunt the purple and grey with greater boldness.

The boys of Mu consider the Second Division Conference a grand success in every particular. It transcended all expectations, and will be cherished in our memories as one of the brightest spots of our college life. To every frater who wishes to have a whole-souled, jolly time, we would recommend, above all things, his attendance at a Delta Tau Delta Convention and Banquet.

Allow us to express our thanks through these columns to the boys of Eta, who so kindly entertained

us, and to the Deltas of the Second Division who responded so heartily to the call for a Division Conference. E.

THE THETA.

BETHANY COLLEGE,
Bethany, W. Va., March 14, 1881.

Editor Crescent:—We can give no excuse for the failure of Chapter Theta to appear in the columns of the *CRESCENT*, but can only promise that this shall be the case no longer. If you have not heard from us, it is not because we have been dead or sleeping, for we are just now the liveliest set of boys you ever saw, and we will be sure to come "up to the scratch" after this. Theta has now ten active members, and every one determined to make Deltaism more of a success than ever. We have a handsome hall, and are now engaged in furnishing it and procuring a library, which we hope to accomplish before the close of the term. We sent Bro. Atkins to the Conference of the Second Division. He returned well pleased with everything and everybody there.

With the present state of the weather, the boys do not take many moonlight strolls with their Juliets; but, nevertheless, we will try to let you hear from us often.

Fraternally yours

W. S. W., per H. K. PENDLETON.

Third Grand Division.

THE DELTA.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., February 26th, 1881.

The December and January numbers of the *CRESCENT* were received at the same time, so you see I have not been so negligent of my duty to the Fraternity as some might suppose.

Delta is prosperous, and from reports (outside of our chapter,) is on as good footing as the average fraternity here. Suffice it to say, we do not "take a back seat," unless we have good company.

We are strong in numbers in the literary department, and have a strong support from the Deltas in the professional departments.

Among the latter are W. W. Cook, '80, C. F. Cook, '79, literary department U. of M.; H. L. Slaughter, Evansville, Ind.; J. S. Ricketts, Lindenville, Ohio; S. M. Pense, Urbana, Ohio; F. C. Hamilton, East Liberty, Ohio.

Bro. W. S. Hough, of Iota, from Jackson, called on us a few days ago. This was almost the first visit received from any of our sister chapters. We are always glad to see our Bro. Deltas, and will make their stay with us as pleasant as we can.

We have just gotten fairly started in the work of the second Semester, and with the exception of one week's vacation, about April 1st, it will be a steady "grind" until June 25th.

H. C. A.

Fourth Grand Division.

THE OMICRON.

IOWA CITY, March 19, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—Since our first and only communication we have increased our number to twelve, by three additional men whom we introduce to the fraternity as Bros. S. B. Howard, A. T. Horton and E. J. Wells.

One more man has been secured and we expect to take him in at our next meeting.

Omicron can boast of journalistic influence by virtue of having control of *The Vidette*, the leading newspaper of the University; its editors are Bros. Howard and Horton. We are also represented in the *Reporter* by Bro. J. S. Wicks, as senior editor.

In the recent exhibitions of the literary societies the names of three Deltas were on the programmes, showing Omicron's taste and merit in that direction.

Bro. E. J. Cornish was very recently elected President of Irving Institute, the largest literary society here. Considerable honor is attached to this position, and it is only the select few who attain to it; hence we may be proud of our distinguished brother.

Vague rumors are constantly being wafted to us to the effect that sundry attempts have been made by other "frats" to enter the University. This may be true, but that they have been failures is also pretty certain. Some time ago, one of our newly initiated men was urged by the ΣX , of Hanover College, to start a chapter here. He preferred to join us, however.

Omicron in his present prosperity is well satisfied with herself. We are conceited enough to think that we now stand on an equal footing with our $\beta \theta \Pi$ friends. We flatter ourselves we can cope with them in most particulars, although they have given outsiders to understand that they are vastly superior to us.

Omicron's goat is in a very healthy condition; although he is well broken and has been exercised a great deal, he seems to grow more and more fractious, as our novitiates will testify.

Alumni Notes and Personals.

Wilber Colvin (B, '80,) is wrestling with Blackstone, at Springfield, Ohio.

Bro. D. R. Hamlin (A, '70,) has the handsomest law office in Bradford, Pa.

Dr. F. O. Nodine has removed to Cleveland, where he will enter upon the practice of his profession.—*Index*.

Prof. John S. Copp (K, '69,) is Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, of the National Teachers' Association.

Capt. David Putnam (B, '64,) a descendant of "Old Put," of Revolutionary fame, is managing a large farm in Athens county, Ohio.

Bro. H. A. Axline (M, '71,) has been made Assistant Adjutant General of Ohio, by appointment of Governor Foster. *General Axline* sounds very well.

Mr. David Jameson, a graduate of Allegheny College, and a resident of Warren, Ohio, has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of that State.—*Index*.

Prof. A. H. Welsh (H, '77,) is the author of a new work entitled "English Literature in the Eighteenth Century." The reviewers commend the book very highly. It is published by G. J. Brand & Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. John C. Jackson (B, '70,) is pastor of the Broadway M. E. Church, Columbus, Ohio. His elegant and eloquent sermons have won him one of the best appointments in his conference, although he is a comparatively young man.

C. L. Loos (O, '70,) will read a paper before the National Teachers' Association next summer. Bro. Loos is also a member of the Ohio State Board of School Examiners and Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dayton, Ohio. He is rising very rapidly in his profession.

Herman W. Ray, one of Meadville's best young men, has been for some months a telegraph operator at a small station on the Valley Railroad, near Cleveland. A few days ago he was called to a higher position in the Superintendent's office in Cleveland as a recognition of the value of his services.—*Index*.

Dr. W. H. Minnich (B, '69,) died a short time ago. He was a man of literary taste and great scholastic attainments. After graduating from the Ohio University he studied two years in the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and traveled extensively in Europe. Upon his return, he was appointed Professor of Modern Languages in Kenyon College. He held the professorship two years and then resigned to resume the study of his chosen profession in Cincinnati. He was meeting with flattering success in his practice.

H. N. Mertz, (O, '70,) W. S. Eversole (B, '69,) and L. F. Coleman, (M, '74,) have been granted life certificates to teach any branches whatever in the schools of Ohio. To obtain these professional certificates in Ohio is no easy matter, as applicants must pass a rigid examination in the higher mathematics, ancient languages, history, several of the physical sciences, science of government, English literature, &c. Only about two hundred such certificates altogether have been issued in that state. Several "Deltas" are in this number.



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