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Amicitia nisi inter bonos esse non potest.—CICERO.



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

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MARCHING SONG.

AIR: "John Brown."

UNDERNEATH the Crescent banner
Of the good old Delta Tau,
The soldiers of our brotherhood
Have breathed the solemn vow,
To maintain with life and honor
The beautiful and true,
As we go marching along.
Chorus—Glory, Glory, hallelujah, &c.,
The Deltas are marching on.

We are standing on the summit
Of the ages that are fled,
Heirs of all the treasured wisdom,
All the glory of the dead,
And the light of love and learning
Is upon our pathway shed,
As we go marching along.

We have heard the voice of multitudes
Whose wrongs must be redressed,
The blended tones of millions
Weary, burdened and oppressed,
And we've caught the earliest dawning
Of the day of right and rest,
As we go marching along.

For the spirit of Prometheus
Is upon the sons of men,

The glory of the golden age
Begins to dawn again,
And a mighty inspiration
Fires the tongue and points the pen,
As we go marching along.

And where humanity is struggling
Slowly up the steeps of time,
Tears and blood in every footprint,
Staining every age and clime.
We will give the ring of victory
To their melodies sublime,
As we go marching along.

God grant that in our legions,
Not a brother e'er may yield,
Who enters on life's conflict
Girded with the Delta shield,
May he conquer just behind it
Or come on it from the field,
As we go marching along.
A. J. CULP, Sigma, '79.

SPECIAL TO THE CRESCENT.

VINCENNES, IND., Dec. 2, 1881.

DEAR CRESCENT: David McDougal Weems,
my second son inside of two years, arrived this
morning. He weighs twelve pounds. All do-
ing well. Surely Deltas are increasing.

Yours, etc.,

J. P. L. WEEMS.

PROF. JNO. R. SCOTT,
A. M.

Propt. of Vocal Gymnasium and School of Speaking Voice, 1017 Garrison Avenue, St. Louis.—Special Instructor in Reading and Oratory, Washington University and Smith Academy, St. Louis.—The Poet Laureate of Deltaism.

Bro. Jno. R. Scott, whose picture accompanies this sketch was born at McConnellsville, Morgan Co, Ohio. March 4th, 1843. At the age of sixteen he entered the preparatory department of the Ohio University at Athens Ohio. After finishing the preparatory course he was matriculated as a regular student at Ohio University, where he became a charter member of chapter Beta, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, which was founded in the spring of 1862 by Bro. J. J. K. Warren, (Second A) now deceased. He was twice poet for the annual banquets of the chapter, and it was while at this institution that he designed our general coat of arms, which was first made with the intention of being an ornament for the letter heads, invitations and etc. of chapter Beta, but was afterwards adopted as the general fraternity coat of arms. It was while in his junior year (1863) that he composed our general fraternity song, one of the sweetest poems in the English language. In 1864 he was graduated, being at that time at Barboursville W. Va., with many of his class-mates as a member of company B. 141st O. N. G. in the hundred days service. In the fall of 1864 he went to Marietta Ohio, where he remained in a civil engineer's office as a draughtsman making maps of oil lands &c. till the fall of 1865, when he went to Pittsburgh Pa. and took a course at the "Iron City Commercial College", developing considerable skill as a penman, which induced him to launch out as a Professor of the art of Penmanship. This he pursued with great success till 1871 when his natural tendencies as an Elocutionist led him onto the stage. As an actor, Bro. Scott attained no small notoriety and he was



only induced to quit the profession by his marriage, on March 7th 1872, playing his last character the night previous to that happy event. After his marriage he taught Elocution at several prominent institutions of learning, most interesting among which was Mt. Union College where he met regularly with chapter Sigma, and many are the stories we have heard of the genial presence of himself and meerschaum at their chapter meetings. In the fall of 1877 he went to St. Louis where he devoted himself exclusively to the teaching of elocution and oratory with such great success, that he determined to settle down there for the remainder of his days, and he may now be found at 1017 Garrison avenue.

These, in rather a condensed form, are the prominent events of his life.

We know Bro. Scott personally, and both as a man and a Delta we find in him everything to admire and respect. As an elocutionist, the exhibitions of his powers that we have seen, would surely place him in the front rank; indeed at one time he was a private and favored pupil of the eminent elocutionist, Mr. James E. Murdock, who upon one occasion said to him, "the natural ability you possess and your intelligent study of the vocal principles of our great master Rush, makes me assured of your career of usefulness." The St. Louis Daily Journal says that he "ranks among the foremost Elocutionists of the country," and the Daily Republican says "Mr. Scott has no superior and but few equals." Bro. Scott assisted by his wife—also an adept in the art—frequently give public readings and recitals, which are always largely attended by cultured and appreciative audiences. As an instructor in the art of elocution he has met with the greatest success, and has numbered among his pupils some of the most eminent lawyers and ministers of the West.

As a Delta, Bro. Scott has a record to be proud of: with heart, soul and mind he has always "labored for the beautiful and good," he seems to have carried into practice the sentiment so beau-

tifully expressed in the first song he wrote for the fraternity.

"Though our homes be far dissevered
And our lots diversely cast;
Though the cares of earth beset us,
And its storms beat thick and fast;
Yet everywhere and always,
We'll maintain as firm as now,
The loyalty we cherish
For our good old Delta Tau."

His contributions to the literature of our fraternity have been numerous, and of the highest order of sentiment and composition. Most prominent among them are "The Delta Tau Delta Song," "Our Delta Girls," "Our Vow," and the poem entitled "The College Green." These together with his poem, read before the XXI annual convention at Put-in Bay, form the choicest olio of sentiment and rhyme with which our fraternity is honored. Nevertheless he disclaims all poetical aspirations, as in his convention poem he says:

"Your poet? flat misnomer that!
There was a time indeed,
When I could write smooth versicles,
Which no one cared to read;
Inspid, prosy, boyish thoughts
Were turned to mincing verse,
Poetical as Calculus,
And cheerful as a hearse.
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All this was in the callow days
When I was fresh in College—
The days when "genius" spurns the lamp
And plodding ways of knowledge.
A tragedy or epic then
Were well within my scope;
To live in fame with Shakespeare
Were an easy thing to hope.
Ah! yes, my early, piping muse,
Unfledged but self-reliant,
In splendor blazed, prospectively,
O'er lesser lights—as Bryant,
John Milton, Bryon, Keats, and Burns,
And Pope and Poe and Hood,
While Tennyson and Longfellow
And Shelly were no good.
This frost work dream that glorified
The dawning of my day,
The sadning cares and storms of life
Full soon dissolved away.
My Pegasus came down to earth,
No more aloft he goes,
Clearing the clouds with rhythmic ring,
But jogs along in prose.
Will Shakespeare's muse still sit supreme,
And the smaller fry, God wot
Have we cause to be dismayed
At a second bay-crowned Scott!
I think, I dream, and write in prose,
I've changed my youthful plans,
And when I yearn for poetry,
I spout another man's."

Throughout all his poems we notice an easy flow of words, and the finest touches of sentiment.

His college days form the foundation of most of them as

"O Memory, Angel of the Past!
Brighten my backward gaze,
Disperse the mists that lie between
These and my College Days!
Help me forget all present cares
Of hazard or mistake,
The brown-stone front *in posse*
And the fortune—yet to make.
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Those diamond hours of innocent fun,
Those golden hours of study,
Will bless us still, while hearts are true,
And heart's-blood warm and ruddy.
Ah! happy days! ambrosial nights!
While Memory lives she'll hover
About that scene of rare delight,
And we shall live them over!"

And again:

"Memory put out your tallow dip,
And lay your mirror by!
For, though a smile is on my lips,
The tear mist dims, my eye,
While on the picture bright I gaze,
And dwell upon the scene
Of these happy, careless, student-day,
The loved old college Green!"

His song on the "Delta Girls" is one of the sweetest ones we have:

"Our banquet-board 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!"

Socially Bro. Scott is as genial a companion as we ever met. We never can forget that dark and gloomy night when Bro.'s Scott, Clarence Boyle, Z B, Dick Wetherhill II, A. R. Ginn H, Ranny Baldy, and some twenty others, crossed over the Delaware together. The father of our country himself never out-did the deeds of that night. Bro. Scott is now only thirty-eight years of age, and his life is not half done yet, so we will leave it here for some other biographer to finish, hoping that his muse has rightly sung:

"It is said that time kills pleasure,
And that when a man grows old,
When wrinkles mar his forehead,
Then his heart must needs grow cold,
Not so! one love will linger
In old age as sweet as now;
'Tis the love of each true frater
For the good old Delta Tau."

C. E. R.

*A RANDOM THOUGHT BY A RAMBLING
DELTA.*

"Friendship hath no season: but from the gray dawn of boyhood to the eventide of old age is her summertime."

FLOWERS fade, old age comes apace. Youth looks with eager, hopeful eyes into the future, and little dreams of the toil and heart-ache that must come with that future—The old, old round of life: But the period when boyhood merges into manhood is marked by such an obscure mile-stone that many of us fail to observe it, and I feel to-night that at least in the life of one Delta it has been omitted entirely. (If wisdom comes with the years of manhood, then I have a double proof).

When I ran over the pages of the last issue of the CRESCENT it awakened so many pleasant memories that I resolved to ask its able editor sometime for a little space that I might at least say "How are ye" and "Good-bye" to some of the "old boys." But now as I try to write I have almost a mind to drop my Faber, and leave the space to better brains—for where shall I begin, and what shall I say. Those years of which I would write are so full of all that is pleasant to recall that I can only think—think—think; and it seems that a sort of triangular world, separate from the one of rasping care and business life, is opened to me, and in it I see only true friends in the mystic circle of a brotherhood that has been the strongest rival of my mother in pumping her boy full of good, manly resolutions, and in shaping the course of what little good there may have been in his life. A life so different from the present comes with those recollections of boyhood days that I am wont to go back and live them over again, and a feeling prompts me to ask myself what is friendship? and are these associations that come in and crowd out a world of worry that has proved too sadly real to me, only the flecked sunshine of fun-loving youth? They must be more than this. These memories that come from the bright forenoon of life, and which awaken a better manhood are but the aftermath

of a sowing in loyal hearts that beat responsive to the teachings of *Deltaism*.

It has been said that nothing lives so long as friendship, and to old age it wears the lustre of youth. But we who have quit the lessons in the class-room for the harder lessons of life, and those of us who have felt the chill of a cold, selfish world, can at this distance, perhaps, fully appreciate any institution that has for its object the cultivation of the social element in our nature. Hence it is we cannot forget that which made our school-life much happier, and which, may we hope, has better qualified us to occupy places in the social world—for after all what is life more than an interchange of sentiment, and social feeling and fellowship. As long as a kind word has an office; as long as a helping hand may be extended; as long as a warm grasp may thrill a soul, there is need of the Delta fraternity. Give it the sweep of the universe, and may no star ever disappear from the firmament of its glory.

When the good deeds of this life have all been tallied, and the great family of Deltas enter into that rest which can be nothing more than an eternal bond of friendship, then we shall all know just how much we are indebted to an organization that knows no sterner law than good will, and no harsher requirement than loyalty and fidelity to the right.

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity!—Thou Goddess of a true, noble manhood,—what tribute are we worthy to lay at thy feet? Oh family of true hearts, may it live till the last tear of earth is dried on the cheek of gratitude, and may its fraternal wand be wreathed about our lives and its influence fill us until we all clasp hands in the gray dawn of eternal morning.

Unworthily,

HENRY E. ALLEN.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27th, 1881.

A LETTER FROM MODOC JIM.

RUSSUM, MD., Nov. 18, 1881.

BRO. DELTA:—Your communication received and was much pleased to hear again from old

Alpha. It did me *good* and I have felt *better* ever since. I heartily thank you for your kind recognition of what you gave me credit of doing when an active member in college, but I am afraid you overestimated it.

But you wish me to write something about myself. Now I would much rather leave that for some one else to do. I presume there is not one now in attendance there with whom I am personally acquainted, and I almost decline that part. Some may think that it looks too much like wishing to be mentioned in print, &c. But you have asked as Chapter Alpha, and I therefore will reply to my beloved chapter, hoping that you will sympathize with me in my weakness, if in your judgment my reply shows such marks. After I left College in '75, I spent the summer on the farm at home. In the fall I entered Princeton Seminary, and in the winter of '75-'76 wrote what I could gather and what I knew of *Δ T Δ* Fraternity. In the following spring I attended the convention at Ann Arbor, Mich., which was my second to enjoy, and spent the summer at Midland City, in the same State; came back to the Seminary in the fall, and from there to the Seminary again. The summer of '77 I spent in Pre-emption, Ill., refusing an invitation to go back to Michigan. Returned again in the fall to the Seminary, and the next summer, '78, I spent at Christiana, Del., having graduated from the Seminary, and promising them to supply the Christiana church for six months. In the meantime I was much troubled and embarrassed about a considerable amount of money which I lost by the failure of a prominent merchant at home. Now I had to commence life with nothing but my education. I remained at Christiana for six months, the time I had promised, and there wooed and won Miss Ida Vincent, who is now my partner in life. At the expiration of my time I wished to leave there, besides the people thought they could not support a regular pastor, and having received an invitation to preach at Barren Creek Springs. I came down here in Nov., '78, and have been here ever since.

For a while after coming here I made occasional visits to Christiana. I need not state the cause of the visits, and on October 16, 1879, was married. We commenced house-keeping on the following Christmas, having nothing but what I had earned by my own labor. We have now been keeping house not quite two years and have our house furnished with marble-top furniture, which is our own, and paid for. (House rented, understand). Besides we have our own horse and buggy, and can go and come as my business will permit. Last year I was elected Principal of the High School here, and taught last winter with some success. This year all wanted me to continue teaching, so I resigned my churches, holding my position as Principal of the school. Next year I expect that I shall leave here and go to Wilmington, Del., though I am not certain about that yet. We have a little daughter fourteen months old, which, of course, has been the source of much joy in whiling away the hours, especially when I felt weary or lonesome. Now I have given you a sketch, in brief, of my life since I left college, but during that time there have been many little incidents of which I could not enter into detail. Through it all "Modoc Jim" is still a Delta all over. He is full of the blood yet, and if he were on the war-path he perhaps could stab, or "pin" his victim as well as in former days. Send me the CRESCENT and I will remit as soon as I get my quarterly payment, (soon). I would also like to see one of the latest catalogues. My best wishes to all, and let old Alpha boom.

Fraternally,

JAMES S. EATON.

THE CRESCENT.

REPLY OF BRO. C. E. RICHMOND AT THE BANQUET
OF OUR LAST CONVENTION.

By the request of several brothers present at the convention banquet, we have induced Bro. Richmond to make out for us, as near as he can remember, his reply to the above toast. The

Brother claims that the lonely solitude of his room is not near as inspiring as the joyous scene at the banqueting hall, so that he can only give a rough plan of what he said on the occasion.

Brother Deltas:

My position in replying to this toast is not an enviable one, because I have for the last year at least, been quite intimately connected with THE CRESCENT, and so what I would say about it—for I could only say good—would necessarily seem to contain a great deal of self. So I ask you to forget for a few moments that I ever had anything to do with it; because unless you do, I cannot do justice to a subject I love so well.

The publishing of a monthly journal was the grandest undertaking this fraternity ever attempted. It was the offspring of a master mind nursed by the warmth of fraternal love. Before its existence there was an apathy throughout our entire fraternity; a carelessness among the chapters; a listlessness among the fraters. The chapters knew nothing about one-another, and the brothers knew nothing about the fraternity. The only medium of communication was a meagre correspondence. In fact the fraternity was in a deplorable condition. It was then that THE CRESCENT rose—its beams fell into the darkest nooks of the Delta kingdom. Life sprang up wherever it shone. Energy and determination followed it, and in the five years of its existence the fraternity has made its noblest strides to the front. THE CRESCENT's first light shone upon us a meagre Western fraternity, whose highest ambitions were to win a battle over some brotherhoods just as weak. It put new blood into our veins. It forged new bonds of brotherhood. It led us upward and onward, till we now cross swords with the oldest and best Greek-letter societies in the land, and one thousand energetic followers of the Crescent Knight, with beating hearts and throbbing temples, uphold the flaunting banners of the royal purple and silver grey.

I tell you, brothers, it was an important event in our fraternity when the clanking press at Cincinnati, with travail and groans, gave birth to the first edition of THE CRESCENT. It was welcomed by all good Deltas as the savior of our fraternity. Never did pious Mohammedan in Eastern clime, looking devoutly at the Crescent's silver sheen in the dark vault of the Heavens, see a greater power for good than did all good Deltas as they looked upon the pages of the first number. It bore upon its modest face the Eureka's

stamp of being the one thing necessary for our fraternity's eternal success. It gives us a monthly communication with each other, so that every one can know what the fraternity and the different chapters are doing. It keeps our alumni posted in fraternity affairs and tells them about their old college, mates throughout the world. It furnishes us with a distinct literature of Delta Tau Delta and by means of its songs, poems and literary articles makes good and beautiful our brotherhood. It gives us a chance to inculcate our doctrines and teachings, to exchange ideas, make needed improvements, redress wrongs. It keeps us posted in what other Greeks are doing and as "knowledge is power" it gives us an advantage over them. It gives us a position in Greek World and commands the respect of Greek brotherhoods, and so I might go on all night enumerating the good it does, but it is unnecessary. Its beams blend with the firelight of many happy Delta homes, it lights up the solitude of many a lonely student's chamber, and if its benefits are not evident to all, my voice, from shame alone, will not try to demonstrate them. Brothers I am proud of THE CRESCENT, proud of the object of its being, proud of its appearance, proud of the good it has done, proud of it because the other fraternity journals acknowledge it to be a leader among them. The last number of the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, in speaking of it said, "The Delta Tau Delta CRESCENT is *par Excellence* among fraternity journals." Another reason I am proud of THE CRESCENT is because it is on such a good financial footing; while some other fraternity journals are yearly drawing money out of the general treasuries, THE CRESCENT is yearly paying hundreds of dollars into ours. I know that there is no fraternity paper that is better financially managed than ours, and if our CRESCENT business managers do not some day occupy important positions of public trust, it will not be because they lack the ability. But to reply to this toast without speaking of its founders Bros. Buchanan and Weems would be but illy to perform my duty. To-night as I now look around the banqueting hall,

"Brilliant with light,
And fragrant with beautiful flowers,
And laughter and music and all that that is bright,
Make merry the fleet-footed hours;"

There is one well known face that I miss, a face that was with us at our Akron convention, a face that occupied the head of the banqueting board at our gathering at Put-in-Bay. It is the jovial countenance of Brother Buchanan the father of

THE CRESCENT, that I miss, and here let me say that our fraternity owes Brother Buchanan an everlasting debt of gratitude for his trouble and exertions in starting THE CRESCENT. Brother Weems also claims a share of your good will for taking up the task, also Brothers McClurg, Mitchell and Locke, who are with us to-night, for carrying on the good work. May they always feel proud of their protege.

As for the future of The Crescent I look forward to it as the brightest feature of Deltaism. Its motto is "improvement" and it will go on improving and increasing till, as Brother Buchanan said at the Akron Convention, "it becomes the full round moon."

Our fraternity and The Crescent are now inseparable. They both live or they both die. Neither can now exist alone. Therefore I pray you brothers give it your earnest support, not only financially but also mentally. Make it the leader among fraternity journals. Let its thoughts be true, manly, honorable, worthy of the "Greeks of Modern Times," and if you do, it requires no prophet to see in the near future the constellation of Delta Tau Delta with its bright beaming Crescent circling highest in the firmament of the Greek Worlds.

GREEK WORLD.

A T Q has entered Adrian.

Σ X is making tracks for Stevens Institute.

One lone freshman represents *Φ Γ Δ* at Lafayette.

A Δ Φ has lately been incorporated by the New York Legislature.

A T Q continues her north-ward march, and has entered Muhlenberg.

Φ K Ψ is reported to be in a feeble condition at Franklin and Marshall.

X Φ has withdrawn the charter of the chapter at Mercer University, Ga.

Baird is mistaken in saying that *Z Ψ* owns a chapter house at Lafayette.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* is continued under the same management as last year.

There is not a college in Alabama, which permits the presence of fraternities.

B θ II is endeavoring to establish a chapter at Ohio State University, Columbus.

The wind gently whispereth that *Φ Γ Δ*'s new chapter at Williams has already got into hot water.

A T Q, as foreshadowed in the last Crescent, has entered Stevens Institute. The chapter starts with seven members.

We are glad to notice that *B θ II*, at Chicago took a decided stand against honorary members. Let the good work go on!

It is rumored that two *A Δ Φ*'s of Western Reserve who went to Williams, were refused recognition by their brothers there.

B θ II expects soon to issue her new catalogue. Each chapter list will be headed by its chapter cut. It will probably be the finest ever published.

Delta Upsilon will soon commence the publication of a monthly journal, to be conducted a year, by the chapters in turn. The first number will probably be issued by the Union chapter.

θ Δ X's chapter at Wabash College has surrendered its charter and disbanded. This is the set of men who two years ago deserted from the ranks of *Δ T Δ*, because it was insisted that their dues should be paid.

Two men pledged for *B θ II* at Western Reserve, after going there, renounced their pledge and joined *A Δ Φ*. The *B θ II* chapter is not regarded as strictly first-class, by the other fraternities at Western Reserve.

The next convention of *X Φ* will be held at Atlanta, Ga., under the auspices of the Southern chapters, beginning the first Wednesday of Sept. 1882. The succeeding one will probably be held with the Lambda chapter in California.

The *Ψ Υ Diamond* is still in existence. The October number is a neatly printed paper of twelve pages, published and edited by the Union chapter. The *Diamond* is not cordially supported by the fraternity, some of the chapters being outspoken in their opposition.

The six men who left *Φ K Ψ* at Lafayette joined *X Φ*. The chapter nevertheless remains quite strong. Their action was probably on account of feuds and dislikes existing among the members. The men who deserted are all good men and place *X Φ* in good trim.

"The *A T Q Palm*, supposed to be dead, is still published at Richmond, Va."—*Scroll*, Nov. Evidently *The Scroll* is very blind to what is

happening in the Greek World. The vigor and energy displayed by *The Palm* during the past year show that it is a very lively corpse indeed.

On the evening of Nov. 4th the θ chap. of *B θ II* celebrated its 28th anniversary at Delaware, O., by holding a banquet at the American House. In 28 years 250 men have been initiated in this chapter. Quite an interest was taken in the occasion, and many Alumni were present.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., December 14.—In the Circuit Court Judge Vinton has decided what are known as the "Greek Fraternity" cases, holding that the rule of the Faculty of Purdue University, excluding the members of such societies from the University, was within the limits of their lawful discretion, and that the court could not interfere to set the same aside.

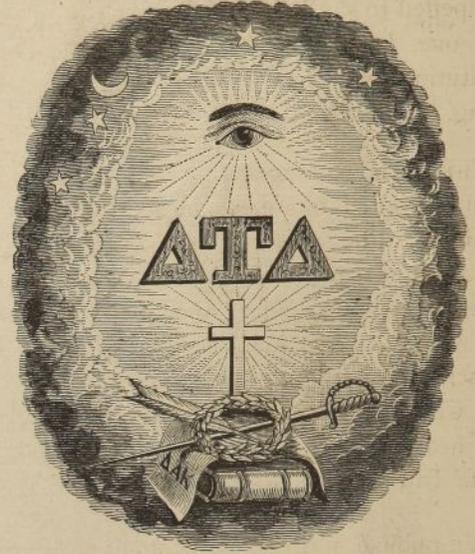
* * * It is now rumored that some boys from this place wrote to *A T A* to see if there was any possibility of obtaining a charter from them, and they replied that they do not establish chapters in such colleges as ours. * * * (*Shield's Cor. from Penn'a Col.*) Right friend as to the fact, but our reply was certainly couched in more polite terms. Pennsylvania College is a good institution, but at present we have no interest there.

The Delaware correspondent for the *Sigma Chi*, states that fraternity spirit at the O. W. U. is on the decline. The conclusion was immature, or the correspondent judged the whole fraternity circle by its own condition. When the faculty passed a law prohibiting fraternities from initiating preps., *Sigma Chi* came to the conclusion that her source of supply was cut off, the silver cord was loosed, the golden bowl was broken, the pitcher was broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern. If *Sigma Chi* will go visiting she will find plenty of fraternity spirit.

We have received the November number of the *A T Q Palm*, which completes the first volume. Though but a year old, it has fully demonstrated that it has a right to live. Carefully edited, filled with matter, interesting not only to *A T's*, but to other fraternities, *The Palm* has brilliantly conquered a place in the front rank of fraternity journals. That it is of inestimable value to its order is evinced by the fact that *eight* new chapters have been founded during the short time of its publication. We congratulate the editors and all *A T Q's* upon their organ, and hope they will freely accord it the hearty support which it deserves.

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OWING to the lack of space quite a number of communications from the different chapters were crowded out of the last issue, but we hope to have them published in this issue if possible.

IF ANY of the Brothers are contemplating sending the Business Manager a Christmas or New Years present, they cannot send him anything that would be more appreciated than a nice new dollar William as payment for the Crescent.

AS MOST of the Colleges close for the Holidays, and a great many of the boys intend spending their vacation at their respective homes, we have published the December number a few days earlier than usual, in order that they may get their paper before leaving College.

AN article appeared in the December number of the *Asbury Monthly*, stating that Delta Tau Delta had entered Denison University. We are compelled to say that the statement is an erroneous one, as we have not entered the aforesaid institution, nor have we so had any idea of doing.

THE financial success of the CRESCENT has been attributed, in a great measure, by other fraternities, to the support it receives from outsiders. We wish to say right here that such is not the case, for upon examining the books for '80 and '81, we find the names of only *five* non-Delta subscriptions; this year there are about eight. The CRESCENT is made a success financially, by the hearty support it receives from good, loyal Delta Taus.

WE publish in this issue a communication from Bro. J. S. Eaton, entitled, *A letter from Modoc Jim*, and fearing that but few of the readers of THE CRESCENT will know who Modoc Jim is, we think it necessary to make a short explanation.

Bro. Eaton entered Allegheny College in the fall of '71, and shortly afterwards was initiated into chapter Delta (now chapter Alpha), where he became a very active worker in the cause of Deltaism. In the year '73, a dissension and ill-feeling arising among the members of chapter Alpha (now chapter Mu), Bro. Eaton was sent as a delegate from Delta to investigate affairs, and upon arriving there, found them in such a bad condition that he immediately demanded the charter and everything that belonged to the chapter, and returned with them to chapter Delta. At the next convention this prompt action on the part of chapter Delta met with such hearty approval of the entire fraternity, that without one dissenting voice chapter Delta was made chapter Alpha, a trust which she has held ever since.

It is proper that the brothers should have some knowledge of the financial condition of the fraternity, and we know of no better way of in-

forming them, than through the columns of the CRESCENT. Although we have not the time nor space to give any statistics, we can only say that her condition is better than at any time heretofore. At present we are free from debt, and have about eight hundred dollars in the treasury. The *Ψ Υ* Fraternity, although much older than Delta Tau Delta, boasts that it has its bills all paid up and five hundred dollars in the treasury, and doubts very much whether any other fraternity can do the same. Delta Tau Delta can boast three hundred dollars better.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Jack. Blair (*I* '81), girl! shake!

Bro. D. S. Rose, (*Σ* '78), is a rising young lawyer at Omaha, Neb.

Rev. Bethards, (*M* '72), has been appointed to the First M. E. Church, Delaware, Ohio.

J. B. Curtis, (*Z B* '81), is studying law with Gordon, Lamb & Sheppard, Irvington, Ind.

Augustus Kleseck, (*Old K* '66), is Treasurer of the Germania Theatre Co., New York City.

Bro. A. B. Christy, (*Σ* '79), is engaged in superintending the Public Schools at Courtland, O.

J. B. Gibson, (*H B* '79), is at present engaged in writing the history of Washington County, Penn.

W. N. Taylor, (*I* '81), is corresponding clerk for F. Hofstott; Iron Commission, 77 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh.

J. N. Study, (*M* '71), is Superintendent of the Public Schools, Greencastle, Ind. Bro. Study is still an enthusiastic Delta.

Bro. Jack. Watson, (*A*. '81), has passed his preliminary examination at the Pittsburgh bar, and is at present studying with his father.

J. A. Scott, (*Old Omicron* '80), is one of the proprietors of the Grand Central Hotel, Greencastle, Ind., the finest hotel in the city.

Bro. W. D. Hamaker, (*I* '80), is attending lectures at the Medical Department of Penn'a University. His address is 3216 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Julio Samper, (Γ '80), is in the firm of Samper & Son, No. 62 Wall street, New York, Commission Merchants.

J. N. McGonigle, (H. B. '71), is pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Oil City. Bro. McGonigle is a very popular preacher.

C. P. Ruple, (Γ '81), is assistant engineer on Missouri River Improvement, Plattsmouth, Neb. He will soon leave this and go to railroading.

E. A. Walling, (Lake Shore Ins. '75), the newly elected District Attorney of Erie Co., Pa., will assume the duties of his office January 2, 1882.

A. Menocal, (Γ '81), is on the Albany and Greenbush, R. R. He will soon pack up his duds and sail for Cuba, where he has not been for eight years.

Bro. O. M. Waddle, one of Σ's charter members, is located at Brilliant, Jefferson Co., O., and is proprietor of the Wellsburg and Brilliant steam ferry.

James Benney (A '77), is a civil engineer, and has charge of the new Smithfield Street Bridge, Pittsburgh, which is being built over the Monongahela at that street.

Bro. Lee Monroe, (Σ '80), is principal of the Public Schools at Dunkirk, N. Y. Lee has always been a successful teacher, and his many friends wish him abundant prosperity.

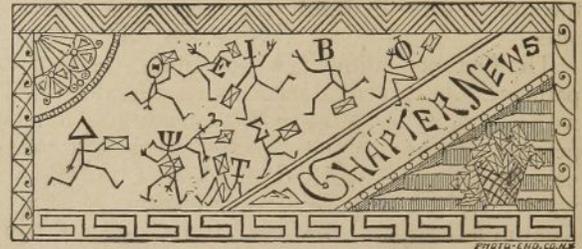
Invitations are in print for the wedding of Park Valentine, (Γ '80) which will come off in January. The wedding trip will be to Florida. The Crescent sends hearty congratulations to Brother Valentine.

C. B. Mitchell, (A '79) and C. H. Bruce, (A '79), are discoursing theology to the inhabitants of Marion Centre, Kansas, in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches respectively. Old Alpha is well represented in that growing county seat.

Geo. W. Loomis, (A '71), is at present an instructor in the Foster School, Clifton Springs, N. Y., and is also a member of the New York Central M. E. Conference. Bro. Loomis has filled stations at Newtown, Long Island, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Fayette, N. Y.

We are glad to announce the marriage of Capt. J. O. Parmlee, (A '69), of Warren, Pa., to Miss Honore Stevens, of Columbus, Pa. The gallant Captain, though skilled in the art militant, it seems was defenseless to the shafts of

Cupid. The happy event, which occurred at Columbus November 23rd, was graced by a large number of guests from Erie, Bradford, and surrounding towns. Among the numerous and costly presents was a handsome uniform from the Warren Company, of which Bro. Parmlee is Captain. The happy couple left on a trip to Chicago, after which they will return and settle down in Warren, where Bro. Parmlee is practicing law. The Crescent sends congratulations to Bro. and Sister Parmlee, and hopes that the flowers of happiness will ever bloom by their fireside.



FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

THE GAMMA.

Dear Crescent:—Again the time has come when it becomes my pleasant duty to write a short letter for our much loved journal.

Gamma's prospects for the future are bright and no cloud obscures the CRESCENT from the constant gaze of fifteen true Delta boys.

We have had an interesting term both in college and fraternity work, but more especially in fraternity work, as we took upon ourselves the responsibility of securing a new hall for Gamma, and the result of our long and arduous labor is a new hall neatly furnished, of ample size, and everything that makes the home of Δ T Δ inviting. This work was no small one as we have been busily engaged at it since September, and have just completed it, with what success, the above explains. We will occupy our new hall on Jan. 1, 1882, when we will welcome all Delta Brothers to our new home.

Our Junior Brothers have provided themselves with the dignified black silk hat and now put on more dignity than any senior dare, to do.

Our Sophomore Brothers are riding the antique "horse" to beat Maud S.'s best time and we have no doubt they will get a record that will surprise the nation.

Freshmen we have none, and but one Prep. adorns our noble band of Delta boys.

Soon we will say good bye to our brothers and part for the Christmas vacation. Wishing every Delta Brother a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am Fraternally Yours, D. M.

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THE UPSILON.

Dear Crescent:—We have been silent, we have said nothing—enough; we are ashamed of ourselves for not having appeared in the October and November issues, but now having elected a CRESCENT correspondent, and if he promise not too much, we will appear in every number hereafter.

The October number, we awaited with much patience. On its arrival its contents were devoured with a voracity too gluttonous to mention. After its perusal we came to the conclusion, as had been concluded by the world at large, that our "luna" was the best fraternity publication existing. Continue thusly to shine, O, "Luna" and you will place our fraternity at the head of the Greek world, and every verdant Freshman will grasp your horn as a drowning man grasps at a straw. (We often heard that drowning men grasp at straws but have ourselves not yet experienced the sensation).

We are glad to hear that mother Rho is entrusted with the publication of the next catalogue. With the matter in her hands, the catalogue will compare favorably with that of the other fraternities.

Without doubt we are somewhat behind some of the other fraternities in not having certificates of membership, and a new seal and charter would be quite acceptable.

The R. P. I. opened with about fifty new men. On the days of the entrance examinations the lardedahs of the several fraternities presented themselves at the Alma Mater in order to rush new men. Our lardedahs captured three, who had been coveted by the Dekes, and by the Chi Phi's, and we take great pleasure in introducing them to the fraternity as solid workers in Deltaism, viz: William Bennet Carey, Salem, O., of the class of '84, Hugo Weber, New York, of the class of '85, and Abram Olin Reynolds, Hoosac Falls, N. Y., of the class of '85. We now number eleven men, ten under-graduates, and one resident graduate. This is but a small number, but consideration must be taken of the fact that here are one hundred and twenty-five men chosen from by seven societies, and also the fact that we are

the youngest chapter here of a fraternity comparatively little known in the east. We have more men than either the Zeta Psi's or the Theta Xi's.

We received the Rho *Chronicle* and the Iota *Chronicle*, both papers indicating that they are being published by live chapters. The question will arise, no doubt, where is the "Upsilon Star?" We made a mistake in calling it a "Star;" it should have been called a "Comet."

We received a photo. from Mr. Reynolds, of Henry Miller Reynolds, our late brother.

Bro. Masses presented us with a complete set of the "Universal Knowledge."

Fraternally Yours,

FRED ROSENBERG, JR.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

THE MU.

Hats off! fraters. Two new men to be introduced before there are any general remarks. It gives me pleasure to present to you Bro. Hayes, of Dayton, O., and Bro. Magruder, of Marion, O., two loyal sons of Mu, possessing those qualities of mind and heart that make noble men, consequently good Deltas. If ever any frater desires to test them as to their sterling qualities, he will find them *at home*.

Mu is not freezing this term. No, she is not even chilly. Many things make her heart glad, and throw light upon her pathway far into the future. She is not without her share of honors in college. A preliminary oratorical contest is to be held at the O. W. U., in December, for the purpose of selecting an orator to take part in an inter-collegiate oratorical contest, in which five colleges are to be represented. Out of the six men chosen from the literary societies, to take part in this preliminary contest, Mu has three men, Bros. Close, Jefferson, and McElfresh.

In fraternity circles it is not always joy and pleasure and banquets. The history of fraternities, like other histories, has its chapters of sadness and mourning. Death has learned all passwords, and enters the most secret organizations.

As the chronicler of events at Mu, I am called upon to write of the death of one of our beloved fraters, J. S. Vaughn. Last year the attention of the Deltas was attracted by the manly bearing, nobility of heart, and strength of mind, of Bro. Vaughn. An invitation was given by Mu, and he accepted; and always proved himself a worthy, noble Delta. Bro. Vaughn intended to

stay out of college this year and teach. Our minds were just recovering from the gloom and sadness thrown over them by the death of President Garfield, when we received a telegram announcing that J. S. Vaughn was dead. We had had no notice of his sickness, and it seemed incredible that the strongest, healthiest frater was the first link to be taken from our golden chain. Two fraters went to his home to attend the funeral, and in every way possible show the high regard in which we held the frater. They learned that he had taught school but a short time, had taken the typhoid fever, and in a few days was dead. Knowing his power for good, and his purposes and plans for the future, taking into consideration his early death, our hearts are wrapped in mystery and sadness. But a ray of light pierces our darkness, when we remember the wisdom and love and goodness of Almighty God, the Father of the living and the dead.

"Peace be with thee, O our brother,
In the spirit-land!
Vainly look we for another
In thy place to stand.
Unto Truth and Freedom giving
All thy early powers,
Be thy virtues with the living,
And thy spirit ours!"

E. C. B.

THE PSI.

Psi still continues steadfast. The retrospect of Deltaism brings us satisfaction and the prospect peculiar delight. We are reaping the richest of fruit from our brotherhood. We feel that we have a firm foot-hold and think that we are able to keep the banner of the purple and grey waving in Wooster University. We can compete in any way with the other fraternities of the college. We have an orchestra within our ranks. Bro. M. A. Yarnell took the second Sophomore prize last June, so also did Bro. J. W. Culbertson take the first prize in the Junior oratorical contest. In the class elections of the present Seniors, Bro. Culbertson was chosen historian and Bro. Gordon valedictorian. I state these things not boastingly but to show that Psi is not composed of the leavings as has been imputed.

Prof. Eversole, on the evening of Thanksgiving gave a party in honor of $\Delta T \Delta$ and $K K I$. It was (to spare superlatives) an enjoyable evening. We should be wanting in courtesy, did we fail to acknowledge our high appreciation of Professor's interest in our good, and also our high re-

gard for his admirable wife whose womanly attainments and culture make her the sunshine of a social gathering. We do not congratulate ourselves more in having Prof. for a brother than we do the Kappas in having his wife for a sister. The $K K I$ has become the formidable adversary of the $K A \theta$ in this place. The Thetas have been mistresses of the situation for the past two years, but this cannot be said at present. We take pleasure in introducing our new brothers, J. M. Fulton class '84; M. C. Fleming, class '85; E. C. Downing, class '85, and W. S. Rockey, class '85.

The storm of examinations comes on apace.

Very loyally,

C. K.

THE THETA.

Dear Crescent:—Your last number for November came in due time, and found five new members awaiting its arrival. Two from Missouri, one from Virginia, one from Kentucky, and one from Ohio. You see from this that we are not dead yet.

Several of our members are also members of the Adelpian Society—the religious society of our College.

We are, of course, looking forward to the Christmas holidays, during which we will disband for a season. All anticipate a pleasant vacation.

Last Thanksgiving day several of our boys contemplated a visit to Gamma, but learning that most of her members would spend the day at home, determined to defer their call until some future day.

One incident has come under our notice which shows how enthusiastic our young members are, and also speaks well for their judgment. One of Mu's latest additions has a friend going here. Being much interested in him, he wrote advising him by all means to join the Deltas, if the opportunity offered itself. His letter found his friend already a "frater," so, I say, his enthusiasm and judgment are to be commended. Let all evince such solicitous interest in their friend's best welfare!

Next Saturday evening the anniversary entertainment of the Adelpian Society is to be held. Pres. Pendleton addresses the society on that occasion.

Yours fraternally,

J. L. ATKINS,

S. A. of Theta,

THE SIGMA.

Dear Crescent:—We are just closing a very successful term of school, and are well satisfied with our work. We have initiated three new men, two of the class of '84 and one of '85, whose names I would gladly give you were we not *sub-rosa*.

On the first evening of November a Delta party was held here, at the home of one of our resident members. It was the first party ever held by Sigma boys at which ladies were present. It was not known by the faculty or students to be a Delta party, but was supposed to be simply a social gathering. Had its true object been known the faculty would never have permitted it. We had a splendid time, however, and every one present voted it *the* event of the season. There were eighteen Deltas present, and these together with their ladies, made a goodly gathering. We have almost a monopoly of the ladies this term; for a recent society election developed the fact that fifteen out of sixteen ladies of that society voted with us.

Saturday evening November 5th, we held a meeting in the Chase House, at Alliance, and, after initiating two worthy men into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta, adjourned to a restaurant and had an oyster supper. After doing full justice to the savory bivalves set before us, we put aside our dishes and enlivened the evening's entertainment with speeches from the newly initiated and other members. The time spent in this manner glided quickly away, and soon we were *en route* for the Mount.

These social gatherings, banquets, oyster suppers, etc., are excellent means for keeping up a fraternity spirit, and enlivening the somewhat dull routine of college life. And in this case it gave to the two just initiated a more distinct and favorable impression of their first night "behind the scenes." As revivals are necessary for the church, so also are banquets and social meetings for the fraternity. They stimulate endeavor, awaken interest, and impart the true brotherly feeling.

Sigma sends her congratulations on the improved appearance of the CRESCENT, and her best wishes for her future prosperity,

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

THE DELTA.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Dec. 12, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—Our notes for last month perhaps arrived too late for publication: at least they did not appear. We shall endeavor to be a little more prompt hereafter.

We have four new men to introduce to Delta Tau Delta, all of '85, and each like the celebrated "Muldoon" a "solid man." They are F. A. Smith, Chicago; F. W. Bishop, Hillsdale; E. J. Ware, Grand Rapids, and A. G. Pitts, Pittsburg, Mich. We are proud of them, every one, and think they compare well with the freshmen of other fraternities.

Owing to the fact that we have not yet been in existence two years, we are not admitted to the *Palladium*, the regular fraternity publication at the U. of M. But this we shall counterbalance in part, if not wholly, by a little publication of our own, of which the CRESCENT and the other chapters of the fraternity have by this time doubtless received copies. As a rule new fraternities here are not very anxious to go on the *Palladium*, because their list of members is often in itself an evidence of weakness. The Beta Theta Pi's held off for a year beyond the required time for that reason. Our action is therefore quite unprecedented. On the whole we think we are about as well off as though we had been admitted to the Board of Editors.

The *Palladium* this year is to appear on time and is reputed to be excellent, though as yet we have not seen it. We shall be glad to exchange with other chapters where fraternity publications are issued. A Chi Psi is managing editor and a Psi Upsilon does the drawing.

By the way a Delta Tau Delta is senior orator this year—Bro. Gallaher. Merit does not always go unrewarded.

Bro. Carpenter of Iota is at the U. of M. taking a post-graduate course.

Bro. H. C. Gould, of the old Upsilon, (Ill. Indus. Univ.) adds one more to the list of '83 in the Literary Department.

Delta is prospering better than the most sanguine could expect. Everything is lovely and our hopes hang high. W.

THE IOTA.

Dear Crescent:—Iota wishes to give to her sister chapters, through the columns of *our dear*

Crescent, a cheerful greeting, and may it be considered as coming from Delta hearts, made larger, than ever before, by the joyous news from those chapters, that have been working so nicely for themselves, and so gloriously for our fraternity.

Although we wish to say much, our time permits of but a word. Iota is not now in session. Her sons are far from each other, yet *how near*; sympathy, friendship, and true brotherly love, seem to have woven a complete network of message wires, by means of which we know that each brother's zeal for Deltaism is as fervid as ever, that each is glorying in the "ever increasing CRESCENT."

The last meetings we had before leaving our Delta home to spend our winter vacation, were those long to be remembered by Iota's actives. The brotherly talks, the interrupted speeches, the glistening tears, the hesitated hand shakings, show to each of us the truth of Collingwood's words, "How dear to the heart are the days spent at College, when fond recollection presents them to view, as we climbed up the steep, rugged pathway of knowledge, what hopes and ambitions, what pleasures we knew. As we think of the days that have passed us forever, the fondest remembrances 'round us will draw, but the dearest and sweetest of all recollections, is the mem'ry of days spent with Old Delta Tau."

A. M. BAMBER.

ZETA BETA.

Dear Crescent:—We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our new men J. A. Hasson and F. T. Ward, of Indianapolis.

We had quite a time here during the election of delegates to the State Oratorical Association. The ΣX 's and we were in combination, but thinking they could do better they "broke" with us and combined with the "barbs." Before the day of election they discovered that they did not have everything their own way. The $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s and we combined and did such good work that the Sigs got scared, and on the day of election tried to "run in" their lady friends, and that, too, after saying they did not intend to do so, unless our combination should do so. By the day of the election every one had been so wrought up that for about thirty minutes it looked as if there were going to be a free fight. But it gradually cooled down, and two sets of delegates were elected, ours being the "regulars," and the others the "contestants."

Here are a few points as to where we are and

how to find us. The College is four miles from the centre of Indianapolis. Street cars leave the corner of Virginia ave and Washington st., for Irvington every hour during the day, and the returning car leaves Irvington every hour, the trip being made in about three quarters of an hour. Besides this means of reaching us, there are two trains each way daily on the Pan Handle, and two each way on the C. H. & I. We will now expect all Deltas, that happen to stop in Indianapolis, to call on us.

The faculty of Purdue University announced some time ago that on account of not being properly represented in the past, they would not allow the students to send a contestant or delegates to the State Oratorical Association. If they can carry this out it will be a hard hit at ΣX .

Bro. McElroy, our grave and reverend (?) senior, was detained at home for some time after school opened. But he is back now, and is supposed to be hard at work.

Bro. Bowen, of Union City, Ind., made us a short visit not long ago. We expect to see "Bony" often, as the "attraction" which once bound him to Union City, has moved to Indianapolis.

Bro. L. O. Phillips went home sick two weeks ago, and is now confined to his bed with a severe case of typhoid fever.

Fraternally,
E. I. PHILLIPS.

IOTA BETA.

DEAR CRESCENT:

Our report for last month was too late in reaching the editor, so we will write again.

Iota Beta's banner flaunts more proudly in Adrian's breezes than ever before. We began the year with ten men, yet we were a host. Our first action was to re-pledge ourselves to Delta principles and hard work. By the class of '81 we lost two men, Bro's Robinson and Morris. After the term was well begun, we all endeavored to fulfill our vows, and I think have succeeded admirably. We have made the requirements for admission to Iota Beta more stringent than ever and he who receives an invitation to join us must stand a crucial test. Notwithstanding the fact that Alpha Tau Omega has established a chapter here, we have been able to secure six of the best men in the college. I will now introduce them while they make their first bow to the Delta world. Bro. John A. Jones, '85, of

Wellsville, Mich., was the first man admitted this year. Jones has already proven to us that we were not deceived in him, for he makes an earnest Delta. The next is H. L. Babb, '84, of Xenia, O. From the evidences he has shown he is worthy to wear the "purple and grey," and will make a valiant knight for the true, the beautiful and the good. Bro. J. F. Cowan, '85, of Grafton, W. Va. We secured him, even though the "new men" offered him inducements to join them. Cowan graces a Delta hat with dignity. Bro. J. R. Chaplin, '83, Adrian Mich. This man is the only married man of Iota Beta's fraters, but this matters not, he is a better Delta for it. Bro. E. T. Howe was our last acquisition. This man preferred the tried path of Deltaism is that of the other, fraternity. We congratulate ourselves in our choice of men this year. They are just the right material.

We are pleased that the new song book is to be issued so soon, and it will supply a need which has been greatly felt.

Iota Beta closes the year of '81 with fifteen members. Wishing all Delta Brothers a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. A. H. L.

THE OMEGA.

Dear Crescent:—Omega has so long been silent it may be supposed we have passed into oblivion. We are, however, alive, but scattered far and wide at present. Our school closed November 9, and will not open till March 1. With no preventing Providence there will be a dozen loyal Deltas to assemble at that time. Nearly all the boys are engaged in teaching school, a few however are taking a course of lectures in other places. Bro. J. C. Hainer, '78, is attending medical lectures in Chicago. Bro. Chas. McGreco, '80, is Supt. of schools in Keokuk Co., Iowa. C. M. Coe, '81, is at Chicago Medical School.

We have no opposition in the way of other fraternities. Those who were unable to "get in," have been trying to give us trouble, but as yet their interference has done us no harm.

Our principal trouble is due to the fact that we have no hall, and being at some distance from town, we are unable to procure a temporary one as other chapters do until they can get a permanent one. Asking all chapters to remember us of the "far west." I remain

Yours frat.,
J. S. DEWELL.

OMICRON.

Dear Crescent:—Omicron sent no delegate to the convention, partly on account of narrow financial circumstances, but particularly because she knew her interests to be well cared for when in the hands of such as Bro. McClurg.

We launched the Delta bark at the beginning of this school year, with a crew of six old members and two Alumni, but already present a front of thirteen regular undergraduate members, with good prospects for several more. Our weekly meetings are frequently cheered by the presence of Bros. Fairall, Swift and Traxler and additional strength is derived from the consciousness that our chapter is watched over by the interested eye of Prof. McBride.

Bros. Horton, Wells and Patterson did not return to school and in them we lose the active support of some of our most enthusiastic co-workers.

We take great pleasure in introducing Bros. J. L. Wicks and E. J. Cornish as the first Alumni of Chapter Omicron.

The members of Omicron were honored a short time ago by a visit from Bros. Saylor, Summers and Vincent from Omega—Bros. Saylor and Summers en route for home and Bro. Vincent to take up a course of studies at the University. We shall always be delighted to entertain visiting fraters as well as we are able, and to extend to them a Delta welcome.

The exhibition programs of both our literary societies are adorned by the names of several Deltas.

Bro. S. B. Howard is President of the I. S. O. A. and in the persons of Bros. Howard and Newcomb we are represented among the chief editors of the *Vidette Reporter*, our spicy little college weekly.

Bro. Seidlitz is our "champion light weight."

The Beta Theta Pi's have a chapter of fifteen men. They are the only ones at I. S. U. who think themselves at all capable of aspiring to the honor of being rivals of Delta Tau. Dame Rumor, however, has it that the ΣX 's and $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s are prospecting on our reservation for a settlement. It is our opinion that the climate of I. S. U. is very unhealthy for both ΣX 's and $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s, and should they be rash enough to locate, we would predict for them a very short existence.

Fraternally Yours,

OMICRON.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 10, 1881.

Since our last letter we have received two issues of the CRESCENT, and cannot forbear from saying that we were gladly surprised by the great improvement. We know of not a single publication that presents a finer appearance. It is just superb. The boys were so well pleased with it, that at our meeting last night, we decided to order a copy sent to the University reading room, believing that we could do nothing else, that would give the faculty and students a better idea of our grand fraternity.

Dame fortune has smiled on us this term so kindly that we now number seventeen first class men. We have taken in the following brethren this term: Robert Perry Davis, Noble Prebble, John B. Ottawa, Elmer H. West, Lincoln Smith, Gay Maxwell Brunson, Charles Liggett, Lawrence L. Bovin, Frank Warren, and Seymour Elwin Parmely. These men are well worthy of the purple and the grey, and rank among the best students in College. Lambda was never in a better condition than now. Every meeting; the "boys" become more and more enthusiastic for good old Delta Tau, and day after day more thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our grand motto, "Labor for the beautiful and the good."

Just before Thanksgiving Bro. John D. Welch left us to engage in the laudable enterprise of teaching the little ones how to grow up and be wise. John was a good student and a splendid Delta, and we regretted his departure, but were consoled by his promising to return the last of next term. Near the middle of the term Bro. Brunson concluded that he could stand it no longer, so he made a visit of a few days to the Fraternal mansion. Judging from his smiling countenance, Gay must have had a pleasant time. Maybe he went home to see *her*.

Bro. Russel Catlin, of Burlington, Kan., stopped a day with us this fall. Rus. is the same jolly fellow of two years ago. He is extensively engaged in the cattle business, and is making money. Come again old boy.

Bro. Root, of last year, was with us Thanksgiving. Ed. is teaching school and gives first class satisfaction. We were glad to see our brother and hope he will come often, for Lambda's doors are always open.

A change, Bro. H. S. Livingston, '80, who was editor of the daily and weekly *Leader* in this

place, has renounced his connection with the daily and become sole proprietor of the weekly, having changed its name to *Knox County Record*. Henry is getting up a good paper and we wish him success.

Bro. James W. Carney met with quite a serious accident a few days ago, having one of his eyes and one side of his face seriously burnt with sulphuric acid, while experimenting in the laboratory. Jim thinks he will be a little more careful the next time.

School closes for this term in two weeks, and then we will have a vacation of ten days. Lambda's sons are looking forward to this time with great expectations, for they are tired and want a rest. Lambda wishes Alpha a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. More anon.

Fraternally, "CAIRO C. NILE".

NOTICE TO CHAPTERS.

Until Jan. 5th, the Corresponding Secretary may be addressed at Aurora, O.

The term reports should be forwarded to Alpha as soon as possible, and all chapters may be supplied with the new ones for the winter term by applying to the Grand Chapter of their division.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

At the regular meeting of Delta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, held December 10th, 1881, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, In the course of business of considerable moment to the chapter, a matter of the utmost importance was entrusted to Mr. J. F. Newman and

Whereas, Feeling under many obligations to him for his promptness in the execution of that trust, as well as many past favors, therefore

Resolved, That we as a chapter take this means of expressing to Mr. Newman our sincere thanks for these kindnesses, and the favors we have received at his hands, and further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of this chapter, a copy be forwarded to Mr. Newman, and that they be sent to the Crescent.

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